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WORLD GLIMPSE.

The King Is Dead—
After a long illness Mutsuhito, "the meek man", left his earthly exaltation to join the subjects of the Kingdom ruled over by Death where all are on a level; for it is an old saying, "Death levels all". Possibly there was something magnanimous and actually regal in his character and reign, but so far as most of us know he was little less than a puppet, a figurehead in affairs national. Japan has a constitutional government copied largely after those of England and Germany. The representatives of the people and some appointed by the monarch are the real rulers of these countries. The King Rooks on.

A Kingdom Unconquered—
No foreign invader ever set foot on Japanese soil. Genghis Khan, probably came the nearest in 1281.

Antiquity of Japan—
A dynasty of twenty-five hundred years is something of which no other nation can boast. The present emperor, Yoshi Hito, is the 124th in unbroken and uninterrupted succession, according to their tradition, some of which may be very legendary. But if this is true, some interesting historical research can be made and things startling be found by comparison. Greece had not yet been captured by Cambyses and made a Persian province; Cyrus had not restored the Jews; Daniel was yet prophet. Such names as Pythagoras, Marathon, Pisis-tratus, Themistocles and Xerxes had yet to appear. Alexander the Great was yet 300 years in the future, as well as the man Demosthenes in honor the word philippics was invented because of the fiery denunciations he made against the great Alexander's greater father. Socrates was not yet born and the age of Pericles had not yet dawned. All the Caesars had yet to be and the Christian era was six centuries away.

Lesson in Mathematical Geography—
Mutsuhito, emperor of the Japanese, died 12:45 a. m., July 30. We had the dispatch and published it July 29 at 4 p. m. How did we get the news of his death the day before it occurred?

Hot Weather Reading—
"Cool reading for hot weather" is a sign in a certain window we may have seen. Some of it may be rather "hot reading for cool weather" too.

Hot Words—
Could not any sort of disputing be called a "heated argument" on such days as we have been having?

New Library—
The coolest place in this city and possessing unsurpassable company is the public library. Have you visited it? Do so and donate a new book.

Popular Diet—
H-u huckle, b-u buckle, b-u huckle l;
H-u huckle, b-u buckle, huckleberry ple.

Wild and Woolly—
The world moves east sometimes as well as west in some things. It will be noticed that instead of "Big Jack" and "Briggie" and other fellows with flood-curdling handles to their names being now in Wyoming, Utah or other points in the west they are in New York City, and the Apaches are in Paris. Let them remain there; we do not need them, and never did.

Valuable Law Enforcement—
That the police were goaded to the rigid enforcement of the law on automobile speed is no doubt a fact. Law is made to be kept, not to be broken. This sort of law protects the luckless citizen who cannot see around a corner and does not know the machine of death is hurtling toward him. Hats off to J. W. Walden.

The Mexican Huss—
How much longer are the Ameri-

cans going to permit the cigarette-sucking greaser to "hammer our people on the heads" to his own contentment and for his own pleasure? There is a point at which forbearance ceases to be a virtue, some one said, once upon a time.

Titanic Disaster Reviewed—
By the findings of the board of Inquiry in England, J. Bruce Ismay (name almost forgotten already) should have gone down with the ill-fated vessel. If that sort of dishonorable verdict had been made in Japan against a Japanese in the days when Mutsuhito went to the throne, he would have committed hari-kiri, a method of suiciding by disemboweling. As compared to our one-time field of honor by dueling, this was one of Japan's highest codes of honor. Happily for both countries both are passed.

A New Wonder—
The eighth wonder of the world was discovered some time since. Now the ninth has come to view. It is that Chicago has begun a reform. The internal revenue figures for the year ending June 30, has it that 35,000 gallons less of beer were consumed this year than last, and that \$13,000 less was spent for cigars. Really this is remarkable when we remember that these figures include the period covered by the convention of steam-rollers.

Notes from the Labor World.

Asbestos workers at Cleveland, O., have a 100 per cent organization. Louisville, Ky., carpenters recently gained an increase in wages from \$3.20 to \$3.60 a day.

Telephone operators in Egypt are required to speak English, French, Italian, Greek and Arabic.

Edwin Lane of Ottawa, Ont., has been elected president of the Steel and Copper Plate Printers' union of North America.

The largest representation of women in industrial pursuits in Germany is in the clothing and allied trades, in which 1,652,000 are employed.

Belgium's lace industry gives employment to about 45,000 women and girls, some of whom begin their apprenticeship when only six or eight years old.

There has been a large increase in the membership of the Amalgamated Society of Railway employes in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The 40th annual report shows an increase from 75,153 to 116,516 during the year.

The International Association of Photo Engravers, an organization that includes most of the large employers in this trade, has voted to raise \$25,000 and to hold that fund in readiness for use of the members in strike contingencies.

These Hens Diligent.
Mr. and Mrs. George Grout have produced records to show that they have established even a better record than that of Fred King in South La Grande who raised pullets that laid eggs 162 days after the eggs which propagated them were placed in the hatchery. The Grout record is 152 days. Black Minorcas were hatched and are laying. Mr. and Mrs. Grout are very proud of the record set by their hatch.

MILLER-FLYNN FIGHT GO.

Details Agreed Upon and Twenty Rounds to Be Length of Mill.
San Francisco, Aug. 3.—Arrangements were completed today by Promoter Coffroth for a 20 round contest between Jim Flynn and Charley Miller, heavyweights.

Miller who recently fought Al Kaufman to a standstill in a four-round bout here is believed to have a good chance to defeat Flynn in 20 rounds.

Pope Defeats Superstition.
Rome, Aug. 3.—It will be nine years tomorrow since the memorable Sunday on which Giuseppe Sarto, who had been Patriarch of Venice, was crowned Pontifex Maximus of the Catholic church and invested with the insignia of his office in the great Basilica of St. Peter, filled to its capacity with interested spectators from all parts of the globe. Owing to the ex-

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tremely delicate condition of the pope's health, which compelled him some time ago reluctantly to follow the urgent advice of his physicians and to suspend all public audiences and functions, there will be no public observance of the anniversary.

The fact that tomorrow Pius X will enter upon the tenth year of his reign as supreme pontiff partakes of additional importance inasmuch as it proves the superstitious prediction that Pope Pius, who was nine years a parish priest, nine years a bishop and nine years a patriarch, would not be pope more than nine years. Superstitions concerning the probable duration of the reign of popes have always been quite common, but almost invariably their fallacy was shown by the actual facts. During the reign of Pius IX, the superstitious belief was quite general that he would not be pope more than 22 years, two months and seven days, that is, not longer than St. Peter reigned after the establishment of the papal see in Rome. Yet Pius IX disproved the superstitious theory by reigning 31 years, 7 months and 21 days.

There have been but three popes who have reigned more than 25 years. The first was St. Peter who spent the first seven years of his pontificate at Antioch and then came to Rome where he reigned an additional 25 years, two months and seven days before he died a martyr. Next to him came Pius IX, who reigned 31 years, seven months and 21 days, and then came Leo XIII, who was pope 25 years and 5 months. Six pontiffs have reigned more than 23 years; 11 more than 20 years; 300 less than one year and nine less than one month. Of the first 30 popes, 29 were martyrs, all except St. Dionysius who was the 25th. The total number of popes who died martyrs was 33.

In view of the precarious condition of the pope's health and the possibility that he may not survive his anniversary by more than a few months, speculation is rife as to his probable successor in the pontificate. Of course there is nothing definite to form the basis of a forecast, but one thing seems to be tolerably certain—that the successor of Pius X is to be an Italian. The tremendous growth and development of the Roman Catholic church in the United States had given rise to the hope that sooner or later one of the American cardinals would be selected for the papacy. That time may eventually come, but at present that hope is undoubtedly premature.

In the selection of a candidate for the pontificate many things have to be considered and so intricate the conditions which have their bearing upon the choice that few men outside of the church, in fact, outside of the highest hierarchy of the church, can fully realize and appreciate them. A great body, especially a religious one, is necessarily conservative and the Catholic church is no exception. The time has not yet come for selecting a pontiff from outside of Italy. But, even if the church were ready and willing

to go outside, the Italian government is not yet ready to permit this. The Catholic church is not wholly free in its selection of supreme pontiff; hence the agitation, not yet ended by any means, for the sovereignty of the pope. The vatican palace itself, it must be remembered, belongs to the Italian government, and it is exceedingly doubtful that the Italian govern-

ment would consent to the occupation of the vatican by a pope who is an American citizen, an Englishman, an Austrian, a Frenchman or a Spaniard. The choice of a successor to Pius X being thus narrowed down to the Italian contingent of the Sacred College, mention the six cardinals who are considered the strongest candidates for the papacy. First come the leaders

of the three parties in the Sacred college, Cardinal Rampolla, who was a candidate at the last conclave, Cardinal De Lai and Cardinal Maffi and the next in line Cardinal Ferrata, Cardinal Richelmy, archbishop of Turin, and Cardinal Gasparri. It is the general belief in well informed circles that one of these six is practically sure to be selected for the honor.

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