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### EPISCOPAL PRELATE CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

Pittsburg, Jan. 26.—(United Press)—Bishop Cortlandt Whitehead, the highest Episcopal prelate in the United States, today celebrated the 35th anniversary of his elevation to the Bishopric. The Rt. Rev. Boyd Vincent, of the diocese of Southern Ohio, will make the principal speech at the reception.

### New York a Manufacturing City

Figures have just become available of the output of the city of New York in 1914. According to this compilation, there were in the city 585,279 workers in 29,621 establishments, earning in wages \$357,498,000 a year, and producing from raw materials worth \$1,229,155, furnished products worth \$2,292,832,000. Women's clothing headed the list, employing 104,834 persons and turning \$180,778,000 worth of raw material into \$340,000,000 worth of merchandise. The men's clothing industry employed 56,853 persons and producing goods worth \$192,112,000 from raw materials worth \$95,144,000. Next to the clothing business, the printing and publishing business is the greatest in the metropolis, employing 48,348 persons in 3,185

establishments, turning out a product worth \$215,571,000 from raw materials worth \$56,186,000. The meat business turned \$97,457,000 worth of materials into \$110,707,000 worth of products. Bakeries employing 19,870 persons made 80,056,000 worth of bread and cake from \$42,550,000 worth of material. Fifty-three establishments, employing 6,283 persons, turned \$15,887,000 worth of good materials into \$56,312,000 worth of beer and liquors. Materials worth \$12,799,000 were turned into \$30,156,000 worth of patent medicines and druggists' preparations. And these are only the principal industries of the greater city, which includes, besides the manufacture of machinery, brass, bronze and copper products, brushes, buttons, railway equipment, chocolate and cocoa products, roasted coffee and ground spices, confectionery, copper, tin and sheet-iron products, corsets and cotton goods, flavoring extracts, food preparations men's furnishings, hats, caps, hosiery, ice, printing ink, jewelry labels and tags, leather goods, mirrors, musilage and paste, pianos and other musical instruments, optical goods, paint and varnish, fountain pens, ships, silks, soap, stoves and furnaces, typewriters and supplies, umbrellas and canes and undertaking goods.—The Christian Herald.

### And a Member of the Family Too

Helen, aged seven, was feeding the cat at the dinner table. Her father told her that the cat must wait, whereupon the small girl answered, "I think it is a shame, just because she is a poor dumb animal, to treat her just like a hired girl."—The Christian Herald.

### Worked Both Ways

"Madam," said the conductor during the recent infantile paralysis epidemic, "you cannot travel on this train unless you have a health certificate for your child."

"The law does not require a child of sixteen to have a certificate," said the mother as she tossed her head and entered the car.

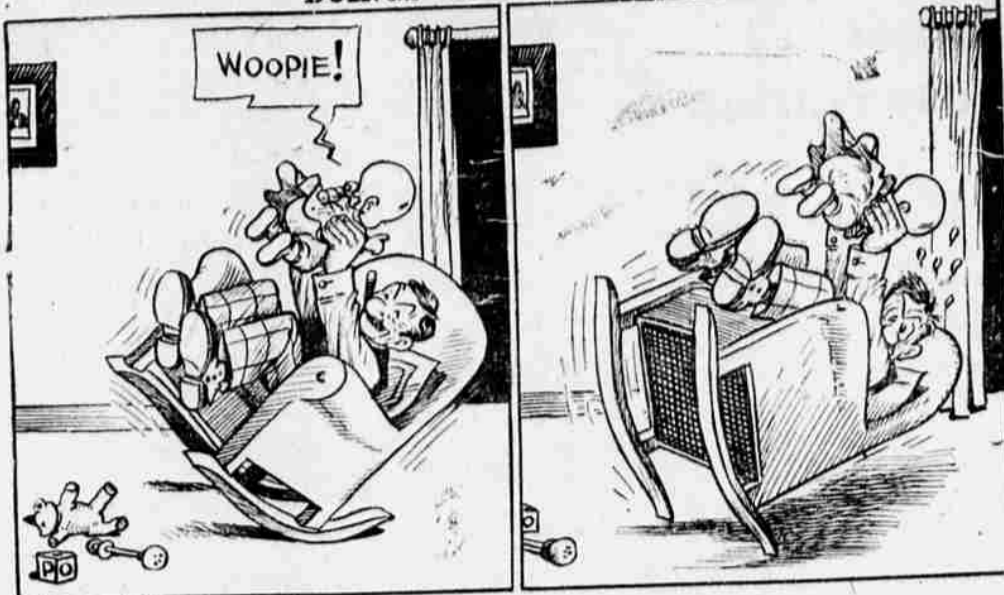
When the conductor again confronted the haughty mother he returned to her a half-fare ticket which she had just tendered for the child, making this observation:

"But the law does require that children over twelve years of age pay full fare."

The woman's eyes flashed fire, her bosom registered her emotion, her hands clinched her feet tapped—but she said.—The Christian Herald.

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### DOINGS OF THE DUFFS.



### Legal Tangle Involves Suits From Eastland Disaster Which Cost 812 Lives

Chicago, Jan. 17.—(United Press)—Although more than a year and a half has elapsed since the picnic steamer Eastland turned turtle at her dock in the Chicago river here and snuffed out the lives of 812 men, women and children out for a holiday, compensation for their deaths has not been made and the suits growing out of the disaster today are in a bad legal tangle.

Surviving relatives of the 812 wage workers who met death on the Eastland are, in many instances, poor people who depended on the earnings of the victims of the disaster. Many of those have had a hard struggle to live since the ill-fated afternoon of July 24, 1915.

Interest in the situation today centers on the question of whether 373 suits for damages, in federal court, shall be consolidated and all tried at once, or tried separately. Federal Judge Landis must tell the United States Supreme court today why he consolidated the cases and why he thinks they ought to be tried together.

Should the Supreme court order the cases tried separately, as the owners of the Eastland demands, it is estimated that the trials will last fifteen years, allowing a minimum of two weeks for each case. Surviving relatives of about 300 of the victims have not sued at all, while others have brought suit in Illinois state courts.

There is a bill before Congress to give the United States court of claims jurisdiction in the cases. This would open the way for the surviving relatives of victims to make claim against the government. Many of them blame the government, through the Federal Steamboat Inspection Service for the disaster, but as the government cannot be sued they have no way of recovering damages unless the Court of Claims is given jurisdiction.

### Spannel, Who Shot Major Butler to Death in Fit of Jealousy, Goes to Trial

San Angelo, Tex., Jan. 17.—(By United Press)—Harry J. Spannel, who first said he was "glad" and later that he was "sorry" he shot his wife and Major M. C. Butler, U. S. A., to death as they rode through the streets of Alpine in an auto last July, went to trial for murder here today. Strong feeling against Spannel for bade his trial in Alpine.

Jealousy caused by the friendship between Mrs. Spannel and Major Butler is alleged to have led the former music teacher to murder both of them during an auto ride he had invited the army officer to take with them. Spannel, driving, with Major Butler and Mrs. Spannel in the tonneau, suddenly drew an automatic, whirled about and emptied it, first into his wife, then Butler. Both died instantly.

After an army commissioner investigated and reported that Butler had been "killed in the performance of his duty," he was exonerated by the government and elevated on the army record to the rank of Colonel, so his widow and daughter might have a larger pension.

### "The Town Hall of the United States"

Chicago, with many years of precedence as a convention center, took this motto as its own. For 1916 New York claims to have captured the conventions if not the motto, the total for the year being 663, of which 111 were convention of manufacturers, 46 dog, cat and chicken shows, 45 fraternal organizations, 41 educational bodies, 30 religious conventions, 31 scientific, 34 professional organizations, 32 sports, 18 civic, 16 jobbers', 15 general commercial, 14 transportation, and 14 philanthropic.—The Christian Herald.

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