

ETHEL BARRYMORE ON SOCIETY

Ethel Barrymore is of the opinion that the "society element" of New York would never be missed if a plague should wipe it out, says the Oregonian. She finds the woman of this exalted circle to be pigishly engrossed in fleshly delights. How the men occupy themselves Miss Barrymore does not say, but we know all about them from other sources perhaps quite as reliable as she is. Miss Wharton's house of Mirth gives one enticing glimpses of the daily occupations of our male aristocracy. When they are not engaged in highway robbery, according to her, they divert themselves by drinking, gambling and racing horses. To break the monotony of these pastimes they occasionally trade wares with one another. Two or three other authors have given us pictures lately of the upper section of American society, and their agreement with each other is so close that it is hard to disbelieve them. Of course it is possible that Phillips, Sinclair, Patterson and the rest have all copied the same misleading report, but it is not likely. These satirists allege, just as Miss Barrymore does, that the men and women of what is called high society are interested in nothing but more or less vicious self-indulgence.

Miss Barrymore's statement that brains are an incubance rather than a help to a person who wishes to shine in society is probably true. Conversation at gatherings of the rich is inane and foolish. Nothing is discussed which could possibly interest a sensible person. No topic is permitted which could stimulate the faintest ray of intelligence. Millionaire society shuns mental as well as physical exertion. The use of either brain or muscles stamps one as belonging to the vulgar herd. To be thoroughly eligible in this elite sphere one must cultivate a haughty contempt for everything that is useful and a disgust for everything that does not gratify some of the senses. There are species of parasitic animals which by disease have lost all their organs except the mouth and stomach. Our wealthy social parasites are undergoing a similar process of atrophy. With some of them the degenerative change has already gone so far that they can no longer reproduce their kind.

Thus one might continue for hours setting forth the folly, vice and uselessness of our millionaire society, but what good would it do? One might recite the fact that society in England, France, Germany and other countries welcomes authors and artists, placing genius at least on a level with birth and riches, while ours in its stupidity admits none but moneybags with his wife and children. One might quote from that significant story in the Atlantic Monthly entitled "The Flavor of Affluence," where the heroine, just back from Europe and in her social ways, unwarily addressed a sensible remark to her hostess. The woman, accustomed to nothing but semi-idiotic from her guests, was shocked and annoyed. Miss Barrymore is entirely right in saying that American society is gross, vicious and stupid, but we repeat, what is the use of her remark? This extraordinary group of men and women will never mend their ways, no matter how severely they are reprimanded and exhorted, but there is much reason to believe that the spectacle they present, though extremely disagreeable, is only transient.

Evolution is intolerant of useless organs in the body and useless groups in society. Our reverence for vested property rights sometimes enables such groups to exist long after the process of natural selection would have eliminated them, but even this gives them nothing more than a reprieve. Their ultimate fate is certain. We may therefore feel assured that our so-called high society is on its way to absolute extinction, unless it can assume some effective part in the work of the world. When the feudal nobility of England lost their function of military leaders and protectors of the people, they became hereditary governors. Thus they prolonged their usefulness and obtained a new lease of life. One may remark also that the merely wealthy

class in England has never been so utterly functionless as our own. It seeks pleasure of course, but there has been no time when it felt absolved from every duty to the public like most American millionaires. Since our wealthy group serves no purpose whatever in the social organism it is safe to predict that it will presently be aborted or extinguished.

How this will be accomplished nobody can say. Evolution depends upon innumerable factors and their interaction is so complex that the details can seldom be completely traced after it is completed, much less can they be foretold. The socialists will perhaps endeavor to extinguish the useless rich by confiscating their belongings, but it is not likely that society as a whole will admit this measure. One can speculate with more confidence that many millionaire families will vanish from the world through their own sterility. Statistics show that their offspring is falling off both in numbers and in vigor while mentally it verges toward incompetence. Frequently men of great wealth recognize that their children lack the mental power to take care of their property and therefore secure it for them in trusts, but this is a device which American law will not long tolerate any more than British law permitted perpetual trusts in land. Appropriate legislation will ultimately force these enormous fortunes from their lurking places and the feeble-minded descendants of millionaire fathers will rapidly squander them. Deprived of their wealth and unable to earn a living they will then sink into the slums and presently perish. Thus the problem of the useless rich, though annoying, is not really difficult.

STRIKES HIM BLIND.

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 6.—Stricken blind by a dose of 21 grains of quinine and a pint of whiskey that he had taken to cure a cold, L. C. Black, 38 years old, was admitted to the county hospital for treatment. Black's sight is practically destroyed, though Assistant County Physician McCornack says there is a chance that he may be cured.

Black was a saw miller and a deputy game warden near Forest Grove. About a month ago he contracted a severe cold and on the recommendation of a friend took a dose of 21 grains of quinine and a pint of whiskey. The supposition is that the dose affected the optic nerves and so paralyzed them that Black is almost totally blind.

LEFT DYNAMITE CAP.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 6.—Four police officers were injured, three of them seriously, by the explosion of a dynamite detonating cap left by burglars in their hurried departure from the diamond store of Joseph H. Deschamps, at Seventh and Chestnut streets. Reserve Police- man Beaumont and Detectives Williams, Brown, Long and Kelly, of the city force; Moffatt of Camden and Sharp and Campbell, from the Burglar Alarm company's offices, went to the building.

While examining the burglar tools Beaumont satisfied his curiosity as to igniting battery worked by connecting the positive and negative wires. The cap exploded, blowing out the officer's right eye. Detective Campbell's tongue was split from end to base and his teeth were blown out. Moffatt's nose was lacerated and his face cut, as were the faces of the others.

PORTLAND SUNDAY CLOSING.

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 6.—The arguments on the demurrer filed by District Attorney Cameron in the injunction proceedings restraining him and the other county and city authorities from enforcing the antiquated Sunday law, which has been a dead-letter for a half century, were heard by Judge Gantenben in the equity department of the state circuit court today. The court took the matter under advisement.

SARAH BERNHARDT IS WELL.

PARIS, Oct. 6.—A rumor that has been in circulation here to the effect that Sarah Bernhardt, who is making a tour in Southern France, was ill or dead has been dispelled by the receipt by Mme. Bernhardt's son, Maurice, of a dispatch from his mother, dated Nimes, and saying that she was in excellent health.

ASKS FOR DIVORCE.

BOSTON, Oct. 6.—Frederick Norton, attorney for Mrs. Peter C. Hains, has announced that papers would be filed in the Queens county court at Brooklyn asking for a decree of divorce for Mrs. Hains from Captain Peter C. Hains, U. S. A., slayer of William E. Annis. She will ask for alimony and the custody of her children. Mrs. Hains does not expect to be present in court, as she is not required by law to attend.

OFFICER AND HIMSELF.

MANILA, Oct. 6.—A tragedy occurred at Camp Jessman Saturday night, resulting in the death of Lieutenant Edward J. Bloom of the Fourth Infantry, and Private Suttles, Company K of the same regiment. Suttles for some reason shot Bloom and then cut his own throat. Suttles died immediately, but Bloom lingered until Sunday night. An investigation of the affair is being made by military officials.

TOTAL VALUE IS IMMENSE

Sources of Oregon's Wealth.	
Annual shipments—	
Leading products.....	\$ 75,000,000
Manufactures.....	20,000,000
Miscellaneous products.....	5,000,000
Total.....	\$100,000,000
Annual consumption—	
Products.....	\$ 50,000,000
Manufactures.....	30,000,000
Total.....	\$ 80,000,000
Grand total.....	\$180,000,000

Seventy-five million dollars is a conservative valuation to put on the Oregon products that will be marketed outside of the state during the current shipping season, says the Oregonian. In other words, this amount of capital, and more, will be brought into Oregon by the sale of raw material produced by its farms, ranges, forests, rivers and mines. This, too, in a year when the buying capacity of markets in other states and other countries is adversely affected by unusual business conditions. When normal conditions are fully restored elsewhere, the output of Oregon will also have increased.

In the list given below are enumerated only the leading products that will be shipped out of the state. Aside from lumber, cereal mill products and a few other articles that might also be classed as manufactures, the list is made up entirely of raw materials.

Figuring quantities on a carload basis, though a large proportion of the shipments are made by the water route, the output amounts to no less than 101,475 cars. These cars, if in one solid freight train, would extend from Portland to Sacramento, or, in the other direction, from Portland to a point beyond Shoshone.

The leading products of Oregon that are this season bringing wealth into the state from other sections, the quantities that are being moved and their values are also given. In addition to the leading articles listed, which represent a worth to the state of over \$75,000,000, minor products aggregating fully \$5,000,000 in value will find markets in other communities.

The total value of Oregon's manufactures this season is estimated at \$85,000,000, of which about \$35,000,000 comes under the head of lumber, cereal and creamery output. Of the remainder, \$20,000,000 worth will be shipped to outside points to swell the wealth of the state, bringing the total income in this busy shipping season to a round \$109,000,000.

Added to this sum that will be poured into Oregon the producer will also have the benefit of the home demand for his wares. The home consumption of the natural products can be conservatively placed at \$50,000,000, and of the manufactures at \$20,000,000, or a grand total of \$180,000,000 for this one state in one year. And this takes no account of the gain by merchandising in the cities and towns, by financial operations, by transportation, or of the still more valuable asset of labor.

HUGHES GIVES REASONS.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 5.—"Mr. Bryan did the country a great service by being twice defeated, had he would not be a candidate now, but would have gone down in the disaster of his own fallacies." In a speech here tonight Governor Hughes, of New York, thus summed up why he was working for the defeat of Bryan. He said he was supporting Taft because he was a "cool-headed, warm-hearted man of achievements."

MME. SURCOUF A BALLOONIST.

PARIS, Oct. 3.—Mme. Surcouf, wife of a well-known engineer, is an enthusiastic balloonist, and has just accomplished her 18th aerial voyage. When sailing through the air she acts as her own pilot. Stormy weather and brought her balloon down safely at Chateau-Thierry. A woman friend was to accompany her, but at the last moment, in view of the bad weather, she remained behind, and Mme. Surcouf was accompanied only by M. Baudry, an experienced aeronaut.

They had only 150 kilos of ballast, and the covering of the balloon was so drenched with rain that it was with difficulty they arose from the ground. But the sun happened to shine shortly afterwards, and as the envelope became dry the balloon rose until it reached a height of 6000 feet. The air at that altitude was much calmer, and they drifted along for two hours with a magnificent view of the landscape below.

On reaching Chateau-Thierry, Mme. Surcouf came down, and landed in a stubble field with the help of peasants, who caught the guide rope. She returned to Paris by train the same evening.

Mme. Surcouf says that she much prefers a spherical balloon to a steerable one. Last year she made a trip in the Ville de Paris, but found it far less agreeable. She says, one feels absolute rest; it is noiseless, and one does not notice the wind. In a steerable balloon, on the con-

trary, all this comfort is absent absent. The whole frame vibrates with the motor, which makes a disagreeable noise, and when going against the wind the discomfort increases.

The greatest enthusiasm has been aroused in France by the formation of the new Aerial League, and subscriptions are pouring into headquarters in the Rue des Mathurins. The efforts which this organization proposes to do to encourage the science and art of aviation will be materially assisted by the regulations issued by M. Lepine, prefect of Police, with regard to the parade ground at Issy-les-Moulineaux. For the present the ground is to be open to experimenters and closed to the public.

SHOT DEAD IN QUARREL.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., Oct. 5.—William Reynolds, aged 23, was shot and instantly killed this evening in the public road near Pondsville by his brother-in-law, Charles Kline, a young unmarried man about 22 years old.

Reynolds, who had been drinking, had driven home from Smithburg. When near home his buggy broke down, and while repairing it Kline came along. He had been hunting and carried a gun. He and Reynolds at whose house Kline had been living, had not been on good terms for some time, and he is alleged to have upbraided Reynolds for drinking. A quarrel started, and Reynolds' wife rushed to the scene.

Kline is alleged to have taken deliberate aim and fired, the charge entering Reynolds' forehead. He fell on the road and expired. Reynolds' wife was so close that some of the shot entered her face. When Reynolds fell Kline fled, running through the woods in the foothills of South Mountain.

Justice Ferguson, of Smithburg, went to Pondsville and summoned a jury of inquest. After the jury examined the corpse they adjourned to meet tomorrow in Smithburg. Ragan Alsip, son of John Alsip, was the only witness except Mrs. Reynolds. He was walking along the road when he heard the report of the gun and saw Reynolds fall.

Sheriff George W. Earnshaw and several deputies are tonight scouring the mountains for Kline. Reynolds was the son of Oscar Reynolds, of Crystal Falls. He married Kline's sister, Mary Kate Kline, about eighteen months ago.

GUN GOES OFF.

M'INNIVILLE, Or., Oct. 6.—Benjamin F. Bunn, Kelso, Wash., died instantly as the result of his gun being discharged while he was going through a fence while out hunting near Carlton yesterday. Bunn was accompanied by his 12-year-old brother, who makes his home with the Perkins family at Carlton.

Bunn had laid his gun on the fence preparatory to going over it, when the weapon fell, discharging itself. The charge passed through the jugular vein and carotid artery. Death was almost instantaneous.

Bunn was 18 years old. He leaves a half brother at Tillamook and a sister near Sheridan.

HER FATHER'S CHAUFFEUR.

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 5.—Miss Silvey Speer, 18 years old, prettiest and richest heiress in Atlanta, eloped with Russell Thomas, her father's chauffeur, and was married by the Rev. Dr. Atkinson, in the latter's study, only a few blocks from the Speer home. The marriage took place about 11:30 this morning, and half an hour later the couple were on the Southern limited, bound for Washington.

The first the girl's parents knew of the marriage was when a note came from her stating, "I am Russell's wife, and happy." Miss Speer owns several thousand dollars. She is the only grandchild of the late John Silvey, who acquired a fortune here and willed it to her. Her paternal grandfather is an ext- treasurer of Georgia.

Russell Thomas is 21 years old, and came here a year ago from a country town in Georgia. Some months ago he was employed as chauffeur by the Speers. From the first the girl seemed fond of him, and she told some of her friends that the man who could handle an automobile as Russell Thomas could would make a good husband.

THE AUTOMOBILE RACE.

BRIGHTON BEACH RACE- TRACK, Oct. 3.—Amid the wildest scenes George Robertson, driving a Simplex car, No. 8, flashed across the finish at 10:20 tonight, the winner of the 24-hour automobile race of the Motor Racing association. Harry Cobb, the driver of a 50-horsepower Losier machine, second and Montague with a 72-horsepower Thomas, third. Six cars finished, all American. The foreign cars, two French and two Italian, were out of the contests by accidents, as were three American cars.

One dead and five injured and half a dozen mostly racing automobiles smashed into a worthless mass. There was the greatest excitement from start to finish. Hardly an hour went by without an accident happening. In the last half of the 24 hour race, driven by Gratteneje, dashed through the outer fence and turned turtle. Gratteneje's partner sustained a broken leg and possible internal injuries. Gratteneje escaped with slight bruises.

BRYAN NOT LIKE LINCOLN

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Oct. 3.—Jan. S. Sherman, Republican nominee for the vice-presidency, delivered an address here yesterday. Mr. Sherman said in part:

"I shall not abuse my privilege by imposing upon your patience or claiming your attention for more than a brief period. I am advised that it is permissible to speak as a partisan. I am told that this is Republican day, and my theme shall be something of a comparison of the early leader of Republican thought and action with the present dictator of so-called Democratic declarations and professed intentions.

"In so far as he has a party behind him, Mr. Bryan is the candidate of those who malign and ridiculed the first and greatest president of the Republic and party has given to the nation. Mr. Bryan relies for support on the forces which at every step opposed Lincoln, which obstructed the measures of war and peace of that savior of the union, and pronounced the proclamation of emancipation a monstrous crime.

"In his earlier campaigns he counted most of the states which elected Lincoln 'the country's enemy.' He has never accepted the principles and policies which glorified the administration of that martyred patriot. What proofs can he offer that he is a disciple of the President who struck down slavery, who signed the Morrill tariff, who stood steadfastly for protection and made possible the present grandeur of the United Republic?"

"In 1900 the states which elected Lincoln cast all their influence against the candidate who now reaches for the dignity of that hallowed name.

"Why should any citizen who admires Lincoln, believes in his teachings, wishes his principles and policies—betrayed, tolerate for a moment the preposterous claims of this self-assertive candidate? Could two men be more different than these?"

"Mr. Lincoln was the champion of unity. He declared the Union could not live half free and half slave. His great achievement was to fuse the warring states into a nation, one in freedom. His great heart took in all men, all creeds, all races, rich and poor, high and low, in every part of the land. His generous soul had charity for all, malice for none. Mr. Bryan on the contrary preaches the crusade of dissension; he aims to create divisions where there are none, his appeals are to prejudice and to hate, to envy and malice. Discontent and suspicion are his constant company. Despair seems in his train. The appeal for Bryan in the glamor of Lincoln is as wicked as it is absurd.

"Mr. Lincoln would accept President Roosevelt's assurance that when in doubt over serious problems he always asked what Lincoln would do under the circumstances. To that rule the present administration owes much of its success. That has been the spirit, too, in which Mr. Taft has trained himself to be a most efficient and most successful administrator; trained himself until today he approaches the presidency better fitted to meet and discharge its varied and every duties and responsibilities than ever did a candidate before first approach that lofty position."

GIRL KILLS HERSELF.

DES MOINES, Ia., Oct. 3.—Unable to stifle the love she had for Bert Willets, an employe on her father's farm, and unwilling to become the wife of a man she believed to be a drunkard, Miss Lucy Handley, living near this city, wrote a pathetic note to her parents and then drank carbolic acid.

She was missed three days before her dead body, the empty bottle and a note by her side, were found in an empty corn crib.

It was believed at first she had eloped as Willets disappeared the day after she died. He was arrested in Des Moines, to be held pending investigation. He contends that he never made any protestations of love to the girl.

The tragic death brought to a sudden close a romance the girl was writing, based upon her own life and emotions. Fifty pages of the manuscript were found in her bureau drawer. The story was to be entitled "Meadow Brook Mystery."

COMMERCIAL CONGRESS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 5.—Thronging corridors of the leading hotels and viewing the massive creations of steel and concrete that have replaced the desolate areas of two years ago and participating in the enthusiasm in the conferences preliminary to the nineteenth trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress, nearly one thousand delegates to the five-days session of that organization tonight await the call to order. J. B. Case, Abilene, Kansas, will wield the gavel tomorrow at the opening session and his introductory address is expected to sound the keynote of a conference where at the western half of the United States, through its commercial and promotion organizations, will voice not only its demands upon Congress, but

the policy of its numerous membership upon the conservation of the natural resources, irrigation and scientific care and cultivation of the soil; improvement of rivers and harbors; need of a merchant marine and a fleet to make possible its advent; trade relations with the Orient and the balance of the Western Hemisphere; and a score or more sectional issues considered of sufficient importance to affect the welfare of the West.

The congress is expected to include the representatives of eighteen states, four territories and dependencies and six foreign countries. While many districts will be represented by the officers of their foremost commercial bodies Utah, Washington, Colorado and California will send governors or official representatives and Roosevelt's representative will be William R. Wheeler, assistant secretary of commerce and labor.

Tomorrow's session will be confined to organization and a cruise about San Francisco Bay.

ELEVEN KILLED.

NEW YORK, Oct. 6.—Eleven persons were killed, more than a dozen injured, and 30 more escaped death by the narrow margin, in an incendiary fire which wrecked the tenement house at 71½ Mulberry street, yesterday.

That a deliberate attempt was made to destroy the house and its occupants as well, the police and firemen do not doubt. Three barrels stuffed with rubbish, soaked with oil, were blazing fiercely in the lower hall, cutting off the escape of the 50 or more persons who were sleeping on the upper floors. Some of these died in their beds, overcome by smoke and then caught by the flames. Others who had been aroused too late, fell unconscious before they could reach a window and were burned to death, scarcely an arm's length from safety. Many were injured jumping from upper windows to the street or by being crushed as they fought for positions for safety on the choked fire escapes.

Several of the injured, who were taken to hospitals, are in a critical condition. That so many persons were killed or seriously injured was due to the carelessness of the inmates of the house themselves and their disregard of the rules that the fire escapes must be kept clear of obstructions at all times.

When the frightened men and women rushed from their rooms ahead of the flames, they found the platform covered with debris which could not be quickly removed. Mothers and fathers with children in their arms, the smoke pouring out of the windows behind them and the crackling of the flames in their ears became panic-stricken and tossed their children to friends in the street. Fully a dozen children were tossed from the second and third floors and were caught by men standing in the street. The men and women were later carried down by firemen on ladders.

HASKELL'S ALLIANCE.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—No matter what may be said of other corporations, it has been demonstrated beyond all question of doubt that the Standard Oil company, the most flagrant violator of state and federal statutes, has supported and is still supporting William J. Bryan in his fight for the presidency. It had not been the purpose, either of Mr. Bryan or the Standard Oil officials, to make public this fact, but through the exposures of William R. Hearst, and the attacks of President Roosevelt, the whole scheme has been laid bare.

In three important and doubtful states the Standard Oil company is very powerful politically—in Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia. In each of these states there is Republican discord, growing out of local issues, and therefore the influence of the Standard Oil company becomes of double importance. That this influence will be thrown against the Republican ticket cannot be questioned, and that this influence will affect thousands of votes is to be denied. Whether the Standard Oil company will be able to swing any of these states remains to be seen.

Even had Haskell not been chosen as treasurer of the Democratic national committee, the Standard Oil company would have given its support to Bryan, for the attitude of the Roosevelt administration and the loyalty of Taft to the Roosevelt policies made it impossible for the Standard Oil company to support the Republican ticket, or even remain neutral. But with their good friend Haskell holding the sack and standing high with the Democratic leader, the Standard Oil had every reason to entice over Bryan, for in the event of his election it could look to Haskell to call off the administration if Mr. Bryan should undertake to continue the prosecutions begun by President Roosevelt.

But the Standard Oil's support of Bryan was not to be entirely financial. It was and still is to use its influence with its employes in states where it is strong, in the hope of getting its vast army of men in line for Bryan. The Standard Oil has thousands of employes in Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia. The same is true of Pennsylvania, but Pennsylvania is so overwhelmingly Republican that not even the Standard Oil can swing it for Bryan. Now

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
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