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A Portland plumber has gone into bankruptcy. Chance for him to make big money if he will get into the exhibition pea with the other freaks.

T. R. will come west this fall and speak for Governor Hiram Johnson. As Californians are getting very tired of Hi, the King Bull Moose has a big man's job before him.

The Commoner's best advertiser is a grape juice manufacturer. As Bryan put the "drink" into grape juice, it is a strictly honorable way of repaying in part a debt of gratitude.

The Dallas Itemizer being "the only democratic newspaper in Polk county" should accept Doctor Smith as the party candidate and quit kicking about it. Party papers are supposed to "line up" and take to all their candidates like a calf to its mother's milk.

Nearly a third of the votes Ben Jones received in Polk county were cast in Independence which leads us to remark that wherever Jones had any newspaper support he did well. Returns from other sections of the district where the same condition existed confirms this statement.

According to some of the administration's critics, the loss of a few lives in seizing Vera Cruz is a very wicked thing—unless the war is waged and many thousands of lives are lost, in which case all blame would disappear. This shows how far logic can go if allowed to run wild.—Salem Statesman. Correct.

One republican paper which said before the primary battle that "Withycombe's nomination would be a political blunder" now declares that he is the "right man for the right place." This marching up the hill and then marching down again that party papers have to do makes an independent paper like the Monitor enjoy living.

Calamity Howler Bill of the "State Bureau of Industries and Statistics" says that "judging from the returns the people are doing their own thinking instead of the slippery politician." This may be true as far as most of the people are concerned but Calamity Howler Bill himself is doing the "thinking" for a portion of them who are editing newspapers.

In a running debate in the U. S. Senate, Senator Lane gave a vivid word picture of the Colorado horror in which even women and children were shot down and burned alive that the Rockefeller millions might be served. A small part of Senator Lane's description follows:

"I am told by persons who have been on the scene that these little children and their mothers retreated into pits which were dug in the ground under the tents in which they lived, and that after they were fired and became ablaze the smoke and gas settled down and began to smother them. I do not know whether you have ever seen or had anything to do with a person who has been smothered to death. As a physician I have. They die a very miserable and unhappy death."

"The small veins on their faces and on their shoulders and necks become engorged and burst under the skin and form ecchymotic spots. These little children, 11 of them, smothering to death, reached up and tried to get out of the trap they were in. Over them was this burning plank floor, and when afterwards they found them dead in the pits—these little children, one a babe 2 months old, and others 5 or 6 or 8 or 10 years old—their little hands were burned off—burned off in trying to claw their way out. They died like rats in a trap. One mother was shot, and after she died her babe was born motherless into the world."

All this came about as a result of favorable legislation in behalf of capital, a puppet governor and a Denver Chamber of Commerce controlled by corporation hirelings as bad as the thugs paid to do the shooting and killing.

THE PILL BOX

YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

The old town is full of merry and happy people, the number we cannot tell, most of them are lady like, a few are raising thunder.

Merry-go-rounds are very nice things and every family should have one in the front yard but say, professor, can't you chloroform the music that accompanies them.

WHEN WE WERE A COUPLE OF KIDS

Tonight as I sit in my cosy den. My mind runs back to the old time when I'd just completed a couple of Junes

And I'd been presented with pantaloons. —Brownsville Times.

Tonight as I sit in my cosy den. My mind runs back to the old time when I was minus shoes and stockings because of heat

And how I would holler about washing my feet.

Personal—The pretty girl who stood across the street all day yesterday waving a handkerchief

at the Pill Box man is requested to call at the Monitor office this afternoon at three o'clock. The Pill Box man's wife desires to see her on important business.

SAD ENDING

Two giddy girls once living in Parkers. Who were gay and lively larkers For some fun afloat Rocked the boat. Their names are on the grave markers.

A little girl will die and go to heaven in Independence next Thursday night.

PINING FOR THAT WHICH IS NOT

If only our whiskers wouldn't grow, how nicely we would look, we'd appear each day sleek and fine like when our "picture's took"; but the hairs are bound to grow so what's the use of kicking, we're off to the barber's now, feel the darn things pricking.

Don't you believe that all women who wear the pants ought to wear the whiskers too?

So do we.

CHARLES S. MELLEN



© 1914, by American Press Association. Charles S. Mellen, Ex-President of the New Haven road, who lays blame for wrecking the railroad on the late J. P. Morgan.

TART AMENITIES EXCHANGED

Antis Take Exception to Being Likened to Polecats.

Washington.—The headquarters of the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage issued a statement which charges that the suffragists called the antis "polecats" in a resolution adopted by the 47th annual meeting of the New England Suffrage Association. In their retort the antis call the suffragists "social revolutionists" and declare there is nothing in common between the suffragist and true feminist.

The antis say the New England suffragists passed a resolution at their annual meeting saying:

"We denounce as a gross slander the charge of the anti-suffragist that equal suffrage means loose morals, and we protest especially against their attributing to prominent women statements which these women have emphatically disclaimed."

"These are the antics of the polecats when badly frightened."

New Bishop to be Chosen.

Portland.—To select a successor to Bishop Scadding a diocesan convention has been called for September 15.

The convention will be attended by members of the clergy and laity. The clergy, by majority vote, select their candidate for bishop, who must then be approved by majority vote of the laity.

MEDIATORS TO IGNORE REBELS OF MEXICO

Niagara Falls, Ont.—The South American envoys, it became known, virtually have resolved to go ahead with their plans for a two-party agreement between the United States and the Huerta government and for the time being ignore the question of rebel representation.

The Huerta delegates expect to receive General Huerta's approval of the essentials of the peace plan, together with his opinion on some of the names suggested for the new government.

Consideration of an agreement between the Huerta government and the United States was temporarily interrupted when Juan E. Urquidí, a representative of General Carranza, laid before the South American envoys a note expressing surprise that the mediation negotiations were continuing with the constitutionalists unrepresented.

After a long debate the mediators decided not to permit Urquidí to present the communication from his chief. Then after a conference with the American delegates, the mediators decided to admit the note carried by the Carranza emissary.

Leavenworth Has Fire.

Leavenworth, Wis.—Fire destroyed the west end of Front street at 2:30 Sunday morning from the Overland Hotel building to the bridge.

This was the largest fire ever occurring here and only by hard work was the Great Northern depot and water tank saved.

THE MARKETS

Portland.
Wheat—Club, 86c; bluestem, 89c; red Russian, 86c.
Hay—Timothy, \$16; alfalfa, \$18.
Butter—Creamery, 27c.
Eggs—Ranch, 21c.

Seattle.
Wheat—Bluestem, 89c; club, 86c; red Russian, 86c.
Hay—Timothy, \$17 per ton; alfalfa, \$14 per ton.
Butter—Creamery, 26c.
Eggs—24c.

Purpose of Knowledge.
All knowledge is lost which ends in the knowing, for every truth we know is a candle given us to work by. Gain all the knowledge you can and then use it for the highest purpose.—John Ruskin.

Blotbs—Blotbs is the most unheky fellow at cards I ever met. Blotbs—Then I suppose he is lucky in love. Blotbs—I suppose so. At any rate, he has never been married.—Philadelphia Record.

CAPTAIN IS BLAMED FOR SEA DISASTER

Responsibility for Sinking of Steamer Empress of Ireland Placed on Anderson

Rimouski, Quebec.—Responsibility for the deaths of nearly 1000 persons who perished when the collier Storstad rammed and sank the great Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Ireland, was placed squarely on Captain Thomas Anderson of the collier, by Captain H. G. Kendall of the lost vessel.

Captain Kendall, testifying before a coroner's jury declared failure of the Storstad's captain to observe whistle signals caused the collision. Neglect to hold the Storstad's nose in the hole in the Empress killed the last hope of rescue.

Captain Says Proper Signals Given.

Captain Kendall in substance testified that he had taken all possible precautions against a collision. His ship had been stopped, he gave the requisite signals when the Danish collier Storstad, which dealt the blow which sent the Empress to the bottom, was still two miles away, but the collier had kept on through the fog which settled down soon after the two vessels sighted each other, and had rammed the Empress of Ireland when the latter vessel was virtually motionless.

Then, despite his plea to the master of the collier that he run his engines full speed ahead to keep the hole in the liner's side plugged with the Storstad's bow, said Captain Kendall, the Danish vessel backed away, the water rushed in and the Empress sank.

Crash Occurs Near Shore.

The crash occurred not far from the shore off Father Point, 150 miles from Quebec, and 10 miles from this point on the St. Lawrence. In reality, therefore, although the liner was heading for the sea and the collier coming in from it, the disaster was not one of the ocean, but of the river.

Accounts agree that in the brief space of time—not more than 14 minutes—between the shock of the collision and the sinking of the liner, there was little chance for systematic marshalling of the passengers.

Captain Stood on Bridge.

Captain Kendall stood on his bridge as the ship went down. One of the boats from the liner picked him up and he directed its work of saving others until the craft was loaded. The captain was injured in the crash and suffered from exposure, but his speedy recovery is expected.

Few women were among the saved. The lists make it appear not more than a dozen.

"It all happened so quickly that we did not really know what was going on and nobody had time to cry 'Women first,'" one of the passengers told Captain Bellinger, of the rescue boat Eureka.

Of the 1387 persons on board only 418 are known to have been saved, making the probable death list 969.

ANDERSON DENIES CHARGE

Empress Blamed for Vessels' Separation After the Collision.

Montreal.—With her bows crumpled in and twisted and a gap showing on the port side only a foot or so above the waterline, in mute evidence of the tragedy in which she figured, the Norwegian collier, Storstad, docked here and a few minutes later a warrant of arrest, taken out by the Canadian Pacific railway, was nailed to her main mast.

According to the captain and officers, contrary to what had been said by the captain of the Empress, the Storstad did not back away after the collision. On the contrary, she steamed ahead in an effort to keep her bow in the hole she had dug into the side of the Empress.

The Empress, however, according to the Storstad's officers, headed away and bent the Storstad's bow over at an acute angle to port. After that the Empress was hidden from view of the other ship, and despite the fact that the Storstad kept her whistle going, she could not locate the Empress until the cries of the victims in the water were heard.

Colonel Roosevelt Starts for Madrid.

New York.—Colonel Roosevelt sailed on the Olympic for Southampton, whence he will go to Madrid to attend the wedding of his son, Kermit, and Miss Belle Willard, United States Ambassador Willard's daughter.

Radium Cures One Man.

Baltimore.—It was announced here that radium had effected a complete cure of cancer of the throat, for which A. L. Glass, a railroad official of Gainesville, Fla., came here for treatment two months ago.

Portland Gets Swedish Conference.

Tacoma.—Portland was chosen as the next meeting place of the Pacific Northwest Swedish Mission Churches at the conclusion of a ten days' conference held here.

Julius Luning Smith tells a story of two eminent K. C.'s who happened one day to see a serious street accident. One of them seized the other by the arm and hurried him away.

"Come away quick!" he exclaimed. "We mustn't stop, or they'll make us witnesses in the case instead of sending us briefs to conduct the action for damages."—Pearson's Weekly.

With a String.
"Do you trust your husband implicitly?" "What a question! Why, of course I do—to a certain extent!"

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