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The seducer of a young Seattle woman through the most extraordinary manipulation of the law, was married to his victim under the watchful eye of a sheriff at Victoria, B. C. Through the co-operation of the British Columbia authorities a Seattle magistrate was enabled to do an eminently proper thing. The career of the culprit, Collins by name, has been checked. Following his marriage to a Seattle woman he was accused of seduction by a second woman and promptly arrested on the charge. Through divorce proceedings he was saved from the penitentiary and as the law does not permit marriage within six months of the granting of a decree, by direction of the judge, under the surveillance of a sheriff, Collins and the wronged girl were taken to Victoria for the ceremony. In the event that Collins refused to carry out the contract the Victoria authorities were asked to arrest him on the charge of seduction and hold him pending extradition proceedings. All plans were carried out to the letter. The example set by this Seattle magistrate in dealing with one of the human parasites who prey upon believing girls is worthy of emulation in every tribunal in the country. There is altogether too much looseness connected with these sad happenings which result in the ruin of women for life.

The proposed Chino-American treaty, though possessing both virtues and faults, may prove the means of settling the much-mooted question of Chinese coolie labor. Coming from China, whose government is characterized generally with ideas, peculiarly its own, the text of the treaty is surprisingly liberal. One feature which may cause much objectionable comment is that which dictates that after a certain date laborers shall be excluded from both countries. There is hardly a comparison to be drawn between the Chinese coolie and the American laborer. There are now in China many enterprises, financed with either American or Foreign capital, which require laborers of a kind that can not be obtained from among the coolies of this Asiatic country. So far as manual labor is concerned, the clause remains within reason but it will hardly be fair to class the American skilled laborer with the coolie. There is no question in our minds but what this clause will be strongly objected to by this country, and ultimately be removed from the treaty. As a matter of fact, if it is not removed, or at least modified, the enterprises, upon which China is materially dependent for her future progress, will suffer, as vacancies are constantly increasing in number and these must be filled. The action of San Francisco merchants who are already feeling the effects of the boycott, in inviting government participation in its proposed discussion should be productive of beneficial results. With certain modifications we are in sympathy with the proposed treaty and believe its earliest adoption will be of great benefit to our commercial interests.

It grows more apparent that there was inexcusable carelessness in dealing with the first few cases of yellow fever which developed in New Orleans this season. Several years have elapsed since the Louisiana metropolis has suffered a severe visitation of the disease. Yet, every physician there should know what a menace it is, not only to his own community but to the whole Gulf states as well. It is not always easy to recognize yellow fever at the outset, but a mere suspicion should dictate a resort to the necessary precautions to prevent contagion and when the earlier misgivings are realized, prompt notice be given to the local board of health. Perhaps the authorities too were slow in acting. Indeed, it is greatly to be feared that slackness in the performance of duty by individual physicians was accompanied by official neglect. Had every victim been so shielded with netting that no mosquitoes could bite him and thus be enabled to transmit the germs to others, the outbreak could have been effectually checked in the very beginning.

Applying vigorous measures after almost two hundred persons have been attacked, more than sixty of them fatally, does not promise, with certainty to avert an epidemic. With three hot months in which it can be spread yellow fever has a fairly good opportunity to make a new record in the Crescent city. For the unfortunate situation which has resulted a heavy penalty may possibly be imposed. The economic consequences of a few hundred deaths and a few thousand cases of illness, chiefly among the laboring classes, are not to be underrated, but there is an additional price to be paid which will be still more keenly felt in some quarters. The boycott which has been placed on the trade of New Orleans and the partial paralysis of her transportation business which has already set in will together cause a heavy loss if prolonged for several weeks. Neighboring states have instituted rigid quarantines. Inter-state traffic is demoralized. Only now may the harm brought about by this apparent neglect with the first few cases be appreciated. While reports from official circles are, to a certain extent, reassuring those from other sources which may be considered authentic are very contradictory. The real status quo will probably not be divulged for some time.

GENERAL BUMPS BUMPED.

One of Contestants in Motor Boat Race at Cotuit.

Cotuit, Mass., Aug. 1.—The great power boat General Bumps, owned by P. D. Irwin, of Philadelphia, and one of the contestants in the race from Marblehead to New York, arrived in the lower harbor in a disabled condition.

The General Bumps came up to the wharf this afternoon and was hauled out on the ways to undergo necessary repairs. On Sunday noon the General Bumps was the second boat in the race. She left Cottage City at one o'clock that afternoon, but was disabled at Nantucket sound, and forced to seek shelter in one of the little coves some distance below this town.

NEW YORK GIRL VICTIM.

Allertown's Chief of Police Dismissed Over "White Slave" Case.

Allertown, Pa., Aug. 1.—Mayor Alfred L. Yost today dismissed from office George L. Smith, his chief of police, who confessed to taking a bribe to settle a "white slave" prosecution directed by the mayor.

Two weeks ago John Balliett, of this city, hired Rosa Bogner, an Australian girl only 15 years old, as a nurse. He obtained her through William R. Ryan's employment bureau, near her home. He brought her to a disreputable house here, where she was drugged and assaulted and then held prisoner. Managing to escape, she told her story to the mayor, who directed Chief Smith to bring prosecution. When Smith reported the case as baseless, the mayor investigated and found that Balliett had paid \$449 to quash the case, Smith keeping the difference after buying the girl a ticket to New York.

Mr. Ryan was here today getting evidence for prosecution.

SUICIDE IN FERRY HOUSE.

Relative of County Clerk Shoots Himself Today.

New York, Aug. 1.—Arthur F. Mount, 45 years of age, superintendent of the Arthur building, at 41 Broadway, who lived with his wife and three children at Bayside, Long Island, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself in the head while in the lavatory of the Pennsylvania Railroad Ferry station at West Twenty-third street.

A bootblack and an employ of the rail road were in the lavatory, heard the shot and found Mount lying on the floor with a bullet wound over his right temple. He was taken to the New York hospital, where he died. word was at once sent to his wife and his brother-in-law, George Sloan, a clerk in the Bank of the Metropolis. The latter said that Sloan had been ill for two weeks and had been despondent. The police say that they understand that the suicide was a relative of Thomas L. Hamilton, county clerk of New York.

GIRL CATCHES THIEF.

Chases Man Several Blocks and Effects His Capture.

New York, Aug. 1.—Hannah Davis, 12 years old, according to the police of Harlem, is the greatest thief catcher of her age. Yesterday afternoon Hannah, while standing in front of the house, was approached by two men, one of whom asked her if there were any furnished rooms for rent. Hannah told him that she thought Mrs. Pauline Riebmuller, who lives on the third floor, had some, and the men went inside.

Hannah forgot all about the men until they suddenly ran out of the door, Mrs. Riebmuller following them to the door, crying that they had stolen her pocketbook. Hannah ran after one of the men who started down the street.

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Policeman McCarthy appeared on the scene and the fugitive was taken to a police station. Later he was arraigned in the police court and held in \$300 bail for trial. The police say that he had five pocket books in his clothes when he was searched. His accomplice got away.

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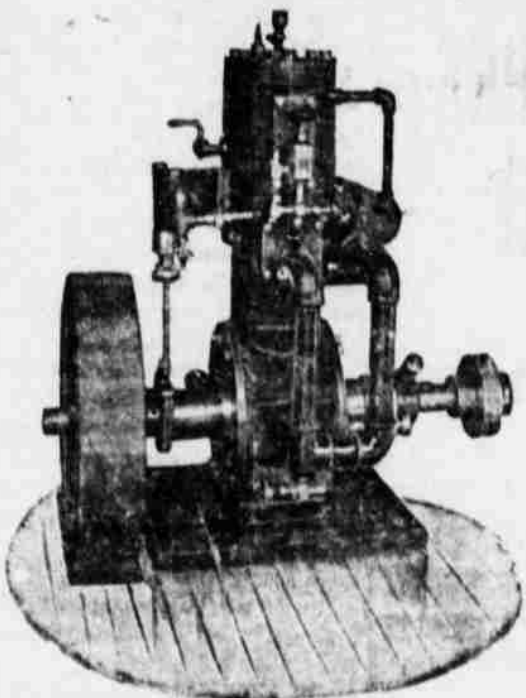
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