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SUFFER BLINDNESS

Electricity Causes People to Lose Their Sight.

EVERYONE WILL BE BLIND

Physicians Predicts that in Near Future the Whole World Will Be Blind Due to Electricity.

CHICAGO, March 1.—Universal blindness is to be humanity's tribute to electricity, is the theory expressed by Dr. H. Preston Pratt, X-ray and therapeutic expert, in the trial of a personal injury suit in Judge Winde's court yesterday. The Union Traction company is being sued for \$50,000 damages in behalf of Ruth Bostrom, who is declared to be partially blind and paralyzed from an electrical current which passed from the atmosphere into her body April 10, 1902. Eye specialists have been the first

to discover the curving effects of the electrical currents being generated by millions of dynamos in every corner of the civilized globe, explained the witness. Day or night we are never free from its influence, he said. The eyes, the most delicate portion of the human body, will suffer first. Dr. Pratt cited the increasing prevalence of fading eyesight. Later will come a gradual sensitizing and burning of the hands. The wavering of the incandescent globe, the sputtering brightness of the arc light, the glaring white of the vacuum tube were specified as the agencies which already have made the American a spectacle and blinking nation. The shock from a telephone battery, the spark of a "jumped" trolley pole, the snap and crackle of the power station dynamo and motor were cited as stronger but less ever-present contributors to the same effect.

The Bostrom girl was standing at a street corner four years ago when a wire fell across the trolley wire, its loose end dropping within four feet of her. She was then 11 years old. Almost immediately she became nearly blind and was paralyzed on her right side, the one traction company asserts that the girl's condition could not have resulted from the current carried by the wire unless it came in contact with her.

ASK APPROPRIATION

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cept this eminently practical doctrine for relief in a large number of places, with plain eagerness. He believes that by next Congress the people will be ready to demand \$50,000,000 annually for rivers and harbors, instead of accepting \$50,000,000 triennially, as at present.

Pure Food Struggle

In the struggle for a pure food bill, eastern interests were much more aggressive than the people of the west. While the senate measure that passed was fathered by Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, and had the support in its essential features of the western men, the real fight was made by interests of the Mississippi valley and western sections. Even this effort was not to prevent federal regulation of food and drink adulteration, but consisted in the main of contentions regarding methods of procedure and the ultimate authority on questions of deleteriousness or wholesomeness of food. In the expert testimony given, the radical difference of opinion suggested some of the troubles the law may beget if it is enforced. Renowned chemists flatly contradicted each other on the point. Enforcement of the law where the manufacturer leans strongly toward economy in using ingredients for coloring or preserving, and the consumer inclines toward absolute purity will have many contests.

Friends of the pure food movement are already urging every community to begin educational work. Cannermen and packers will continue in business, for their industry represents a public need, and the first announcements under the measure which seems assured of becoming law, may interfere seriously with perfectly clean, wholesome products. Friends fear reaction from such conditions, and hope for the educational movement to sustain public confidence while the law is dealing with such aggravated cases as some patent medicines and drink adulterations.

MAGISTRATE DIES.

SHANGHAI, March 1.—The Nanchang magistrate, whose being wounded during a dispute with the Catholic Missionaries, started a riot, is dead.

Eczema, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Itch, Ring Worm, Herpes, Barbers' Itch.

All of these diseases are attended by intense itching, which is almost instantly relieved by applying Chamberlain's Salve and by its continued use a permanent cure may be effected. It has in fact, cured many cases that had resisted all other treatment. Price 25c per box. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

SAILS FOR EUROPE

Richard McCurdy Leaves United States for Europe.

WOULD NOT BE INTERVIEWED

Reporter Tries to See the Mighty Richard, But Coachman Drives Him Out—Coachman Is Arrested for Assault and Battery.

NEW YORK, March 21.—Richard A. McCurdy, president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company and Mrs. McCurdy, Louis G. Thebaud and Mrs. Thebaud, Mr. McCurdy's daughter, left Morristown, N. J., last night and boarded the Hamburg-American steamship Amerika at its pier at Hoboken. Several servants accompanied them. The Amerika will sail today.

When the carriage containing the McCurdys and the Thebauds arrived at the pier a reporter tried to obtain an interview with Mr. McCurdy.

Beddo was arrested on the charge of doing, hit the reporter, the police say, fact that the German emperor has the assault and battery. He was held in \$300 bail.

At McCurdy's home in Morristown, it was said that enough servants had been left there to keep the place in order and that the silverware and China had been placed in the vaults of a local safe deposit company. The Thebaud place was also placed in the hands of caretakers.

Mr. McCurdy has reserved what is known as the "Imperial Suite" on the Amerika. It gets its name from the Woman Obtains Right to 2000 acres privilege of using it whenever he cares to travel on the Amerika. Mr. McCurdy's health has improved greatly.

FAIR MILLINERY.

The fair millinery store located in the Star theatre building will in the near future open up with a complete line of new and up-to-date goods. It is the purpose of this popular establishment to carry the best millinery stock ever brought to Astoria and even now a few fine hats are on display, having just received direct from the east. Additional goods are arriving every day and it is well worth one's time to inspect some of the beautiful creations and designs now in stock. It is the purpose of the Fair Millinery store to carry a higher class of goods, in daintier effects, together with the most up-to-date styles, than ever before.

Watch for the announcement of the great appearance at the Fair Millinery Star Theatre Building.

BUILD RAILROAD.

Americans Are Constructing a railroad in Australia.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1. Among the passengers who arrived yesterday on the liner Ventura were three young American engineers, who have been surveying for a railroad through some of the wildest portions of Australia. J. P. Whitkeman and L. L. Graham, they are all in the employ of a New York firm.

The purpose of the road is to tap a rich mineral belt discovered long ago by American prospectors and to bring the ores to tidewater. The mines are located at Lilydale in the Gulf of Carpentaria district of Northern Queensland. The railroad, the right to build which has been granted by the Australian parliament, will be 123 miles long and will terminate at a little place called Burketown on the coast.

The railroad will be built by American money and under the direction of American engineers, but the labor will be Australian, the laws of the commonwealth forbidding the importation of foreign workmen.

RATE BILL UP.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The discussion of the railroad rate question was continued in the senate today by Dolliver who spoke in behalf of the Dolliver-Hepburn bill. He said the bill was intended merely to supplement existing legislation and contended for its constitutionality. The five civilized tribes bill occupied the balance of the day.

Your stomach churns and digests the food you eat and if foul, or torpid, or out of order, your whole system suffers from blood poison. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea keeps you well 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Sold by Frank Hart.

DEVELOPMENT HINDERED.

Action of the Cuban Authorities in Revoking Concession is bad.

HAVANA, March 1.—Vested interests depending on municipal concessions, are apprehensive on account of the precedent established by a decree prepared by the secretary of the Interior, Foye Andrade and signed by President Palma, revoking the ninety-nine year concession granted the Havana city council to the Havana subway company, a Delaware corporation, permitting the construction of conduits for wires, etc., throughout the city. The original concession required that the work be completed in two years.

The company failed to fulfill this condition partly because it became involved in litigation with an electric company possessing similar rights. The council recently granted an extension of six months but this the secretary of interior, by the authority of President Palma, revoked and the concessions was declared void. This action has rendered useless much material brought by the company to Cuba since work was suspended and the conduits are left in an unfinished condition. The company had no knowledge of the contemplated revocation of its concession until the decree was issued. The company has now presented the matter before the American legation, in the hope that Minister Morgan's representation may secure it a hearing without formal recourse to the government at Washington.

WHITNEY FOR PRINTER.

Mr. Whitney, who is seeking the nomination for State Printer on the republican ticket, is the present incumbent and is now serving his first term. During his administration he has run a strictly union office. He has also inaugurated the eight-hour day voluntarily, which has made of Salem an eight-hour town so far as the printing trade is concerned. In addition to this he has raised the scale of the foreman in the composing and press departments. He has also earned the reputation of being a most excellent employer. The boys in the state printing office have nothing but good words to say for Mr. Whitney.—Portland Labor Press.

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