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FEW AMERICAN FLAGS

University Discusses Question Of The Merchant Marine.

CHICAGO, March 25.—"One of the rarest sights to be seen on the oceans of the world today is a merchant vessel sailing under American colors," says Professor John C. Freeman of Wisconsin, in a communication to the Chicago Association of Commerce.

"Only once in the last eighteen years," he declares, "has there entered the port of Copenhagen, the largest on the Baltic, a vessel flying the American flag. That was during the presidency of Grover Cleveland."

"Why it is that our merchant marine, which before the Civil War was the greatest pride of our country, has become so insignificant? One reason is that during the war the Union companies found it wise to put their liners under European management. Since then the ship building states have held Congress by the nose with a law which allows no vessel to carry our colors unless it is built in an American ship yard. There are hundreds of vessels owned by and manned by Americans and carrying American cargoes compelled to sail under foreign colors.

"If we can try the ship subsidy and get away from the old restricting laws we will find that the merchant marine of this country is second to none in the world."

MISS GWIN DEAD

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—Miss Caroline Kiger Gwin, daughter of the late William M. Gwin, First United States Senator from the State of California, died in this city yesterday. While her father was in Washington Miss Gwin was one of the notable members of the little coterie known as the "White House set." Besides her social activities, the late Miss Gwin was widely known as a charity worker, being for many years president of the Maria Kip orphanage.

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THE FINANCIAL ROCK AHEAD OF GERMANY

PRINCE VON BUELOW'S COALITION RUNS ON UNIVERSAL IMPEDIMENT OF NATIONS

BERLIN, March 25.—Prince von Buelow's coalition of the Conservative, Liberal and Radical parties, apparently has reached a fatal crisis over the scheme of financial reform. In the Reichstag yesterday Herr von Normann, the conservative leader on the floor, informed the leader of the National Liberals, Herr. Bassermann, that the Conservatives were determined to carry through financial reform without considering where they would get a majority. This evidently means with the assistance of the clerical party, which the government has taboos since the dissolution in 1906. Herr Bassermann said: "You intend that as giving notice of the termination of the bloc."

Herr von Normann in reply said: "The bloc can remain for other national purposes." The National Liberals, however, held a caucus later and voted to unanimously regard the Conservative communication as serving notice of the termination of the bloc. The caucus also decided to adhere to the Liberal programme that taxes on articles of general consumption cannot be accepted without some taxation aimed especially at the wealthy classes, but the conservative leader's statement included the complete rejection of such a tax, as well as an estate duty on property of deceased persons.

The Conservatives also served similar notice on the radicals. This action caused a great sensation in the lobbies of the Reichstag toward the close of the day's session, when it became known. This means the abandonment of Chancellor von Buelow by his own party to join the Clericals, who latterly have been fiercely attacking the Chancellor because he only half-heartedly defended the Emperor in the November debate. It is also known that the court clique has been moving heaven and earth for some time past to undermine Prince von Buelow with the emperor.

FIRE AT JACKSONVILLE

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 25.—Fire which broke out at 1 o'clock this morning in the three story building on Forsythe Street for a time threatened the entire business district. The fire department was called out in full force and at 3 o'clock had the fire under control, after having confined it to the one building. The loss is estimated at \$250,000 partly insured.

STANDS BY HER SEX

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—In a lecture before the Forum Club of this city Dr. Annie G. Lyle told the members that of all professions medicine is the most essentially feminine. She declared that among all of the primitive races women were the physicians and for centuries women did all the medical work. Dr. Lyle took up the three arguments most often advanced against women in medicine lack of physical strength, inefficiency of intellect and indecorum, indelicacy and immorality—and declared that these objections were founded on ignorance. She asserted that 12 per cent of the doctors of San Francisco are women.

HE WHO ASKS, GETS

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Because Colorado is the "Nation's playground," according to ex-President Roosevelt, Representative Taylor of that state has introduced a bill appropriating \$250,000 for the erection of an executive mansion at Glenwood Springs, Colo. This building will be for the use of the President and his family during the Summer months. Glenwood is near the scene of Mr. Roosevelt's hunting in 1907. Mr. Taylor, who is a new member in the House, is quite liberal with bills that seek to provide public buildings for his district. He wants a Post-Office, land office, forestry service and other federal offices provided with a building at Glenwood Springs. In addition, he wants a monument erected to the memory of General Denver, and an agricultural experiment station. He also has introduced a bill providing for the expenditure of \$300,000 for the erection of monuments over the graves of deceased ex-presidents.

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PRINCELY GUESTS

NEW YORK, March 25.—There were rumors here some time ago that Prince Eitel Frederick, the Kaiser's second son, would come to this country next Summer to attend the Sonder class yacht races off the Massachusetts coast. This was later said to be incorrect and it is now reported that the royal visitor will be the third son, Prince Adelbert, who intends to pay a visit to Newport, accompanied by his wife, who was the Princess Dagmar of Denmark. It is said that he will be the guest of Cornelius Vanderbilt.

LUGUNA DAM COMPLETE

Great Arizona Undertaking Is Finally Finished.

YUMA, Ar., March 25, The last carload of rock has been dumped into the apron of Luguna dam and the great diversion weir is being cleared of all its construction equipment preparatory to the opening celebration on March 30 and 31.

Luguna dam extends across the Colorado river and is located about 14 miles above the city of Yuma. It was built by the United States Reclamation service at a cost of more than a million dollars. The dam is not a storage basin, but a diversion weir, which allows the waters to pass through sluice gates on either side of the river into main channels from which many laterals and ditches will extend over about 130,000 acres under the Yuma project.

Work on the dam was commenced in July, 1905. The dam is 4,770 feet long.

CRADLEBAUGH TESTIFIES

DENVER, March 25.—John H. Cradlebaugh of Wallace, now being tried for the murder of Frederick W. Walton took the stand today in his own behalf. Over the objection of the prosecution he related the relations of Walton and Mrs. Cradlebaugh, and of the events leading up to the tragedy.

BURBANK PLAN FAILS

End of Efforts To "Incorporate" Plant Wizard's Work.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—The efforts of a group of local and eastern capitalists to incorporate the results of the genius of Luther Burbank the plant wizard of Santa Rosa, have failed. Some time ago the Law Brothers of this city and Oscar Binzer of New York announced that they had completed plans whereby the products of the noted naturalist were to be handled exclusively by a corporation which they had formed for that purpose. In giving his reason for not ratifying the agreement, Mr. Burbank made the following statement: "The early development did not indicate satisfactory future results either to the world or the parties involved in the transaction. As no corporation had yet been formed and only a preliminary contract executed when the proposition was found to be impracticable, it was mutually agreed that it be abandoned."

HAS CRIMINAL RECORD

Boyle, The Kidnapper, Known To Various Police Forces.

CLEVELAND, O., March 25.—That James Boyle, who with his wife is under arrest here in connection with the kidnapping of Willie Whittle of Sharon, Pa., is not a stranger to the methods of the police is the belief of the Cleveland authorities. Reports from other cities indicate that he has been in trouble before.

Dispatches from East St. Louis tell of Boyle being arrested at Springfield, Ill., about a year ago on the charge of uttering false mortgages. The arrest was requested by the East St. Louis police, but the case was dismissed with no prosecution.

Boyle was born in the vicinity of Sharon, Pa., and has a mother, sister and four brothers living there at present. About seven or eight years ago Boyle joined the army and was sent to the Philippines. He returned after a couple years of service suffering from a growth on the side of his neck. His relatives say that it also affected his mind somewhat and that he did queer things. Boyle came to Cleveland about five years ago to seek treatment for his neck, stopping with relatives here, who wished to help him. For some weeks he took treatment at St. Alexis and the growth was finally removed. It was at that time that Boyle first gained his familiarity with Cleveland and became acquainted with the Ontario Street Saloonkeeper on whom he called shortly before being arrested. A few weeks later he disappeared Boyle says that he met the woman who is now in custody with him, in Salt Lake, and that they were married there.

It Saved His Leg. "All thought I'd lose my leg," writes J. A. Swenson, Watertown, Wis. "Ten years of eczema, that 15 doctors could not cure, had at last laid me up. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured it sound and well." Infallible for Skin Eruptions, Eczema, Salt Rheum, Boils, Fever Sores, Burns, Scalds, Cuts and Piles. 25c at Chas. Rogers & Son, Drugists.

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PREPARE IT FOR YOUR KIDNEYS

SIMPLE MIXTURE SAID TO PROMPTLY OVERCOME ALL DISORDERS OF THE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER.

There are more cases of kidney trouble here now than ever before, while recent reports show that more people succumb each year to some form of kidney disease than any other cause.

When there is sickness, examine the urine. Rheumatism is only a symptom of kidney trouble. It is nothing more or less than excessive uric acid in the blood, which the sluggish, inactive kidneys have failed to sift out, leaving it to decompose and settle about the joints and muscles, causing intense suffering; frequently resulting in deformity; often reaching the heart, when death ensues.

Pains across the back, frequent painful and suppressed urination and other symptoms of weak bladder are not the only signs of kidney trouble; many cases of stomach disease, headache, pain in the heart, inactive liver, etc., are but symptoms; the cause of which can be traced to feeble, clogged kidneys.

A simple test of the urine is to void a small quantity in a bottle or glass and let it stand over night; next morning, if there is a reddish brick-dust sediment, or white fleecy substance present either consult some reputable physician or take a good vegetable treatment. The following prescription is recommended highly in these cases, and the sufferer can mix it at home: Compound Kargon, one ounce; Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Shake well and use in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bedtime.

Where any of the symptoms enumerated above are present, good results are sure to follow immediately the use of this simple prescription.

OUT OF THE GINGER JAR

The tomato can but will it? The cheaper the shoes the louder the squeak.

The wife of an henpecked husband is usually set in her ways. The man who persistently sits down is sure of become hard up. No matter how well mother may feel she is continually on the mend. It is important to have clear vision. Even the potato must have sound eyes.

Neither a boil nor a cabbage amounts to anything unless it comes to a head. If young Spendthrift would settle down he might soon be able to settle up.

One of the most insidious and unexpected forms of attack, is to tread upon a tack.

You cannot always gauge the importance of a man by the angle at which he wears his hat.

There is quite a difference between the door-jamb and the jam that mother used to make.

"There is the wreck of time!" exclaimed Jones, as his clock fell from the second story window.

There are no stripes on a flagstone, but if one falls on it hard enough he will be likely to see stars.

Some of the neckwear worn by fashionable young men is so loud that you can hear it in the next block. A simple worm went out to play.

Upon an April morning; An early robin chanced that way.

Without a chirp of warning; And that is the end of the story.

Most anybody can retail butter, eggs and vegetables, but we have never met a man smart enough to retail a dog.

Sometimes when a woman throws a brick at an old hen in the garden, it is harder on the scenery than it is on the hen.

The best way to cultivate an appetite is to cultivate a field and then you will have both an appetite and the wherewithal to appease it.

Some folks have rats in their garrets some have rats in their cellars, and while not a few young ladies have good-sized rats in their hair.—Farm Journal.

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Dawson, Of Iowa, Will Again Urge His Naval Bill On Congress.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Continued uncertainty in the re-organization of the Navy Department has led Representative Dawson of Iowa to re-introduce the bill he urged upon the sixtieth Congress for a new distribution of the work of that department.

Under the provisions of the Dawson bill the business of the department would be divided between two divisions, the division of personnel and the division of material. The division of personnel would have in it a bureau of Navigation, a bureau of medicine and surgery, and the office of the judge advocate general of the navy.

In the division of material would be the bureaus of ship construction, or ordnance and supplies and accounts.

In charge of the division of personnel, Representative Dawson would have a first assistant secretary of the navy appointed.

Among the officers of the navy below the rank of captain, the second assistant secretary of the navy, a civilian, would have charge of the division of material.

WILD TALE OF ABDUCTION

Five Los Angeles Boys in a Queer Escape.

LOS ANGELES, March 25.—Relating a wild tale of abduction and a mad automobile ride through Crescent Bay cities, five Los Angeles school boys who disappeared yesterday and for whom scores of relatives and friends searched throughout the city last night were located about midnight in Venice.

The boys, whose ages range from 9 to 11, claim they were taken from the city by two men who asked them if they wanted a ride through the city.

Despite severe cross-questioning by the Venice police, the boys could not be shaken from their statements. They said they had repeatedly asked the men to be allowed to get out of the machine when they saw they were being driven out of town. Their pleadings, the boys say, were answered with threats of violence. It was only when the automobile broke down between Santa Monica and North Point that the boys had a chance to escape. They were found on the Venice Beach and turned over to the authorities.

A NOBLE GIFT

NEW YORK, March 25.—A philanthropist has donated \$500,000 for the establishment of a free sanitarium at Chappaqua, Westchester County north of this city, for sick and crippled children. Announcement of the gift was made last night by the Children's Aid Society. The building and grounds of a former boarding school will be used for the purpose and will be ready by June 15. It will accommodate 300 children. The grounds consist of seventy acres and the society already has expended \$150,000 for improvements and alterations.

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