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NEW YORK, April 1.—As indication of the determination of women to fight for suffrage and of the wide-spread crusade for the ballot which is being carried on in this country and abroad, comes the announcement that Mrs. Clarence Mackay has engaged the Garden Theatre in this city for Wednesday mornings from December next until the following April. At such times the theater will be used exclusively for suffrage meetings under the auspices of the Equal Franchise League of which Mrs. Mackay is president. Women who style themselves "Antis" through their opposition to women suffrage, will be especially invited to attend the gatherings.

Mrs. Mackay is now on her way to Europe but when she returns to New York in July permanent headquarters for the Equal Franchise League will be established in the tower of the Metropolitan Life Building. Mrs. Mackay takes the matter so seriously that she declares she will spend half a day on Mondays and Thursdays throughout the summer in the office.

TO HELP THE WIDOW

CHICAGO, April 1.—Chief Shippy in an order has asked the members of the police department, about 4,700 in number, to contribute 50 cents each toward a fund for the widow of Joseph Finn, who was shot by Policeman Alexander Scott, recently, being mistaken, Scott alleges for another man.

CUT OUT MUSIC

Chicago Restaurants Agree To Give Meals In Silence.

CHICAGO, April 1.—An unusually quiet summer is in prospect in Chicago restaurants. Music will not be provided with meals in accordance with an agreement entered into by the proprietors of 25 big restaurants and cafes in and near the loop district. Persons desiring to dine and sup to the accompaniment of sweet sounds will be compelled to hire themselves to the summer gardens. The understanding among the downtown restaurants provides that their eating places shall be tuneless from June 15 to September 15, when the season of music and gaiety will be revived, likewise by general agreement.

The decision has not been communicated to the Musicians Union, and something interesting from that body is looked for.

BEAR GUMPTION

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—Although they had been separated for more than two years, when they were accidentally placed in the same cage to permit of some alterations in other enclosures, Nellie, the great grizzly bear and her first born cubs, now almost full grown recognized each other at once and displayed remarkable affection.

As soon as the cubs were taken to

her cage the mother began to emit little squeals of delight and to jump spasmodically into the air, alighting stiff-legged on all fours. The dear children were equally enthusiastic and hardly could restrain long enough to enter the gate. They stuck their paws through bars of the enclosure and attempted to squeeze through at the nearest point. Once they were in side Nellie took first one, then another of her offspring in her arms in true mother fashion and rolled upon the ground, playfully biting and clawing them.

Following the first separation the big animal killed two littlers of cubs which she did, in the opinion of the superintendent, that she might be spared the pain of rearing them and finally being separated from them.

AUTOS MURDER CHILDREN

Third Tragedy in New York City In The Week.

NEW YORK, April 1.—Eugene Koch, a 12 year old Brooklyn boy is believed to be dying in a hospital, today, the victim of what is becoming known as automobile murder. He was struck last night while playing in the street by a red touring car containing two men and two women. After hitting the little fellow the car redoubled its speed and disappeared.

The case attracts more than perfunctory interest in view of the fact that the police still are searching for the chauffeur of the car that killed 13-year old Ingvard Trimble on Saturday. The Koch boy is the third child to be thus run down during the week, but the drivers and occupants of none of the cars have been found.

GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Because of the alleged practice of railroad companies engaged in interstate commerce of delaying the acknowledgment of claims made against them for overcharge, loss damage, or injury to property committed to their care and frequently letting the adjustment of claims run into months and years, Senator Taylor of Tennessee has introduced a bill providing that carriers shall acknowledge all such claims within ten days from their receipt and that they shall pay all lawful claims within ninety days from their receipt.

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NOTED BANK DEFAULTER TO BE RELEASED

SHREWDEST SWINDLER OF NEW YORK WILL SOON SING SING PRISON.

NEW YORK, April 1.—Within the next ten days or two weeks the exact date has not been made known—the great doors of Sing Sing prison will swing open for the release of Cornelius L. Alvord, jr., "the shrewdest bank defaulter New York has ever known." Alvord stole three-quarters of a million dollars from the First National Bank of this city. In 1900 he was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment, which the regular time allowance for good behavior has reduced.

The Alvord defalcation was in many respects the most sensational that Wall Street has ever known. When the old First National Bank, noted for its conservatism, came out with a formal acknowledgement that it had been robbed of \$700,000 by an humble and little-considered note-teller, New York financiers could hardly believe the report. But it proved true. Alvord—the most orderly person imaginable at the bank—was found to have been living a dual life. For months and even years, as the evidence at the trial showed, he had been gambling at Saratoga so rashly as to attract the attention and admiration of the old-timers at that noted resort. He had maintained in a trainer's name, a string of race horses of his own. He had owned motor boats and automobiles and had lived, in short, at an average rate of about \$200 a day on a salary of \$3,500 a year. To do this he had consistently and systematically robbed the bank for a period of about six years.

The exact way in which he stole was never thoroughly revealed by the bank officials. His speculations, they said, were skillfully concealed by clever manipulation of his "balance books." That was as near as they came to telling. The bank had a surplus from which to make good the losses, and the defalcation caused no embarrassment to the big institution.

It was on Oct. 23, 1900, when bank examiners appeared suddenly at the First National and introduced themselves to Alvord the note teller, who had enjoyed most unusual confidence and privileges at the bank. Mr. Alvord smilingly greeted them, then excused himself and left the bank. He was seen no more until arrested in Boston six days later by detectives of Captain Mc Clusky's staff. He came back without requisition, smilingly admitted his guilt and was shortly afterwards sent to prison.

At Sing Sing he had a clerical position in the warden's office and has not had to mix with the other prisoners. His wife, it is said, has visited him often, regardless of the rules that restrict visitors to other prisoners. He has even had special meals cooked for him by another prisoner assigned to the task, to whom he is said to have paid \$3 a week.

Upon his release Alvord is expected to return to his old home in the village of Stockport to live. Mrs. Alvord has recently had built a cozy home in the hills near Stockport. The villagers hint that Alvord was wise enough to "plant" a considerable part of his defalcation, but this is denied by his wife and other relatives of the man who is now soon to regain his freedom after nearly ten years spent behind the prison walls.

BUGS DESTROYING MUCH GOOD TIMBER

FOREST SERVICE FIND LOCATIONS IN THE NORTHWEST ARE MUCH AFFECTED.

PORTLAND, April 1.—It is well known how enormous is the damage done by fires to the forests of the Northwest, but there are other enemies of the trees of this region. Insects are also active destroyers of live timber.

The Forest Service has lately found that in one locality in Washington a species of barkbeetle-dendroctonus ponderosae, the entomologists call it—has been killing spots of thirty young Douglas fir and doing thousands of dollars of damage. These beetles ordinarily breed only in small numbers between the bark and the

wood of damaged, dying, dead or recently felled trees, but when suitable breeding places become particularly numerous and favorable, they increase so enormously in numbers that they are forced to take up their residence in living trees, which they promptly kill.

The fact that these barkbeetles find such favorable breeding places in old logging works is a strong additional reason, the Forest Service concludes, for burning over slashings after logging. If the beetles become excessively abundant only when they have the unconsumed debris from logging to breed in, and if they will kill valuable timber when they do become excessively abundant, foresters ask why leave this debris to facilitate propagation?

THE FESTIVE GAMBLER

NEW YORK, April 1.—Professional gamblers fleeced passengers on the Hamburg-American liner Amerika from Hamburg out of \$4000, according to news which became current after the arrival of the vessel here last night. The sharpers used bridge whist as their medium of gambling and were active during the first stages of the trip. It was not long, however before it became known abroad that professionals were busy and they were generally shunned thereafter.

NEW YORK LETTER

NEW YORK, Mar. 31.—While tiny patches of snow still linger in the sunless nooks of Coney Island, the great summer playground is today being laid open from one end to the other for crowds that already number well up to a hundred thousand that cover all the available stretches within reach of this metropolis. Even the bathing house men have already managed to entice a few shivering victims into the surf, men are being lavishly spread over the beaches in gigantic preparations to slake the vast thirst for outdoor diversion which Gotham has acquired in the last six months of winter confinement. Every catch-penny contrivance that has ever been devised is being set up in gilt and tinsel along the many miles of plank promenade and. No earlier start of the ocean pleasure parks about this city has ever been recorded within the memory of the amusement authorities. Millions of dollars and thousands of and nothing is now lacking to give the most confirmed beach crank his regular pleasures.

TALK OF TEDDY

able to escape each move of the mighty hunter. Now that the person of Roosevelt has been finally transported out of town in a bedlam rest from the roar of the impending lion hunt. From the hour of the president's return from Washington up to the moment that the big ship bore him to sea, waving a sombrero from its bridge, no one within sight of print or sound of voice has been With the commotion of Roosevelt's embarkation for Africa still echoing in their ears, New Yorkers are today settling down for a good long of uproar that shook the island, everyone has begun to speculate on the future. Popular conjecture here runs beyond the lion hunting season. The biggest of political big game can only satisfy the returned hunter of elephants and lions, it is held by the majority of the wisecracks, while others have already devoted the remaining career of the ex-president to almost every known public post.

AFTER ABDUCTORS

That a bold band of kidnapers, emboldened by the ransom received for little Willie Whitta, are to-day threatening to strike at some home in the heart of this city has just become an open secret at police headquarters. Acting on the immediate information of some of their best sleuths, the captains of the force are preparing to double their watch on certain of the residences of the rich in the hope that they may lay hands on this daring gang of child stealers while they are in the act of catching up their helpless prey. Those who are closest in the secret declare that one tiny son of a certain wealthy banker is to be shadowed constantly by detectives and purposely paraded alone as a bait for the kidnapers. Should one of this ilk be caught in the act of making off with this boy, the public is aroused here to-day almost enough to make it a case of mob law.

CIRCUS CHARM

Now that its dead walls and fences have blossomed forth with the gay colorature of the circus poster, Gotham is glad; for these signs of spring are always as pure as the buds

FARM SOCIETY TO BE ACTIVE IN POLITICS

PROJECT TO BRING THE FARMERS IN ACTIVE TOUCH AND PARTICIPATION

CHICAGO, April 1.—A farm society that shall be active in politics and represent the rural population in the affairs of the nation is declared to be the great need in the United States by Norval D. Kemp of Dayton, Ohio, former secretary of Roosevelt's farm life commission in a communication to the Chicago association of commerce Mr. Kemp pictures country life as a neighborhood community a few years ago, and declares it has been much disturbed by manufacturing progress.

From this community, he says, "came the men and women of the United States and they were strong and upstanding." "City life has not replaced on the farms the community life that centered in them, the quiltings and the husking bees and the barn raising. There is no longer any such thing as a true rural society founded on the life and work of the country and embodying high, constructive and realizable ideals.

"Shall we not, then, in simple justice, devote ourselves to reconstruction? Shall we not try to learn where lies the heart of both city and country interests, replacing the misunderstanding and opposition with understanding and co-operation? Our country life is the Nation's purest source, for it is there that we renew our blood."

on bush or branch. The summer sunlight never strikes to the heart of the youngsters of this town till the sawdust rings are spread up at Madison Square Garden and the whirl of the time-honored show is on. This year new faces and new names appear in the operation of New York's annual peanut carnival, but the besieging army of eager children proclaim it bigger and better than ever before. Big boys and girls are flocking to renew the old associations they first formed under the big canvas top, and finding them all tucked under the dome of the garden. The circus is this year giving a welcome touch of youth to the metropolis as it seldom fails to do.

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I speak for all an' tal of eet. Today es com' een deesa street Deeg, stronga man for deeg da tranch. You t'ean' es mebbe Dootch or Franch. Dees granda, beega, stronga man? Ah, no; eet es Estalians! He no can speaka 'Merican. But, oh, da way he drive da peck An' awesung da spada, so strong, so coochee. Eet mak' us proud as we can be—Antonio, Gregorio An' me.

You t'ean' es lazy man dat weel so work from earla morn' ontell da stars es shina from da sky. He pile seek honora spede'ful high. Bayside da tranch w'en he es through—Eh? How I know dat dees es true? Ha, now is where I catcha you! All day right here es deesa street We esot an' w'atch heem doin' eet! Wan w'otness? No; here es es three—Antonio, Gregorio An' me.

Her Fatal Error.
 He was supposed to be a poor but otherwise honest young man, while she was admittedly a thing of beauty. "Will you marry me?" he asked. "No," she answered. "You are very short," he muttered. "Ditto," she replied. "That's why there is nothing doing in the matrimonial line."
 "Oh, I don't know," he sneered as he extracted an obse bill book from an inside pocket and displayed a number of \$1,000 bills. "I'm not so short." Whereupon the unwary maid tried to fall upon his neck, but he gracefully sidestepped, and she fell to the floor in a faint.—Chicago News.



The New Farm Hand.
 Grumpy Farmer (engaging a man)—Well, you'll do. Start right away. Farm Hand—I think I'll please ye, sir. I've had a lot to do with pigs.

Again Those Immigrants.
 Little Eleanor's mother was an American, while her father was a German.
 One day after Eleanor had been subjected to rather severe disciplinary measures at the hands of her paternal ancestor she called her mother into another room, closed the door significantly and said, "Mother, I don't want to meddle in your business, but I wish you'd send that husband of yours back to Germany."—New York Life.

Hurried Call to Arms.
 Like a flash of lightning from a clear sky came the proposal. "You take me by surprise," she exclaimed, sparring for time. "It doesn't matter how I take you," he rejoined, "just so I get you."
 He was a man of dollars, and she proved that she was a maid of sense by letting it go at that.—Detroit Tribune.

The Saddest Words.
 Said a poet to an unfortunate speculator, "Don't you think that the opening lines of Tennyson's little poem, 'Break, break, break,' are plaintive and sad?"
 "Yes," was the melancholy reply, "but I think that 'broke, broke, broke,' is a good deal sadder."—Current Literature.

Not Explicit.
 "Remember," wrote the instructor of the correspondence school of journalism, "to write only on one side of the paper."
 And by return mail came the following inquiry from the new pupil: "Which side shall I write on?"—Judge.

A Doubtful Epigram.
 "Kind hearts are more than coronets," said the young man who quotes poetry.
 "Perhaps," answered Miss Cayenne, "but you don't find kind hearts figuring in the same class with coronets in the matrimonial news."—Washington Star.

Facts in the Case.
 Her Mother—Mabel, dear, do you ever feel timid about asking your husband for money?
 The Bride—No, indeed, mamma, but he seems to be rather timid about giving it to me.—Chicago News.

So Careless of Him.
 "Barker and his wife never got along well together. He had no sense of the proprieties."
 "I should say not. When he came to die he did it in the living room."—Browning's Magazine.

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