Topics of the Times

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What's all that fuss about in Portugal? Same old story : Graft.

Parents should teach their boys when to say "no" and their girls when to say "yea."

South Dakota reports an enormous crop of spelt. May as well familiarize yourself with that word. It has come to stay.

A Cleveland contemporary speaks of the "moral of the Bradley case." The least said of morals in connection with that case the better.

Gold has been discovered in Greenland. We have always thought Greenland must have gold. It is such a disagreeable, out-of-the-way place,

Aunt Carrie Nation announces that she will kiss no man who uses tobacco. Men who neither chew nor smoke should govern themselves accordingly.

A young man of the name of Livermore is reported to have made \$3,500,-000 on stocks and cotton during the past few months. But he is still spec-

stand for a long time, for the reason that the men who sit around the country stores and say they can beat it will pever even try. A French actress declares it to be

Pedestrian Weston's record will

testes to dress on less than \$30,000 a

Dr. Wiley, the government's chemicat expert, declares that the strawberry jam of commerce is made of glucose, hayseed and coal tar. The hay strawberry jam grit.

A New Jersey man hoarded his money in his attic, where squirrels found it, after which they proceeded to carry it away and put it in their nests. But we cannot praise the squirrels They also hearded it.

Gen. Booth of the Salvation Army says he expects a newspaper man to be the first to greet him when he arrives lu hoaven. And the newspaper man's first words, if he has been an interviewer, will doubtless be: "General, www do you like heaven?"

The head and founder of one of the sidest Pittsburg families has forgiven his erring son for marrying the French maid. The boy turns out to be an exwillent football trainer. Was the father looking for assurance that his daughter-in-law would be handled in proper Pittsburg style?

That was an unusual occurrence ical and subtropical products will when the descendants of those who amount this year to at least \$600,000,fought at Lundy's Lane met recently on the field of battle and dedicated a monument to their ancestors, both Beltish and American. That both Gen. Brown's men and Sir George Drummond's left so many descendants is pleasant proof that the battle was no Kilkenny cats affair.

While the rest of the world has been experimenting with dirigible balloons equipped for war purposes this country has done but little in that direction. The sooner that our military authorities inaugurate experiments and provide some form of dirigible military balloon the better, otherwise we will drop hopelessly behind other countries in this newest phase of war prepara-

Ambassadors of the United States to Great Britain are by tacit arrangement professional optimists. They are expected to put the country's best foot forward whenever they have a chance. Whitelaw Reid, the optimistic successor of famous optimists, is doing his share. On a recent occasion he took our national population for a subject of an address after he had proved conclusively that the financial panic was not so much of a panic after all-and pictured a time when the country would be stuffed full of people as the Thanks | scta, known as the wit of the House, drew No. 23, there was a storm of apgiving bird was full of dressing. Refore the end of the next presidential plause that indicated that the members term, Mr. Reid predicts, we shall have as well as the galleries liked the joke. forty-six States and 100,000,000 people. The forty-six States are with us now. and the 100,000,000 people are certainly coming. But it is the getting of them by 1913 that is the test and proof of optimism. Since 1870 our population has been increasing at the rate of 12.-000,000 to 14,000,000 persons per decade. The increase was about 12,000,000 between 1870 and 1880, and the same between 1880 and 1800. Between 1890 and 1900 It was about 14,000,000, and the government estimates for the increase between 1900 and 1907 would work out at the rate of just about that big an increase for the decade we are now in. We had a population of 76, 300,000 in 1900; we have an estimated population of 85,000,000 this year, and we may expect about 90,000,000 by 1910. But to pull that figure up to 100,000,000 by March 4, 1913, will keep the optimists busy. Especially will they have to do hard figuring at a moment when recent immigrants are scur rying to become emigrants. Perhaps Mr. Reid is figuring that the present President's exhortations on the general subject of race suicide will bear their fruit during the term of his successor and send the population skyward by lenps and bounds.

Miss Annie Gosting, superintendent of the District Nurses' Association of Liverpool, England, who is visiting this country and studying American methods of caring for the poor, speaks thus regarding poverty in America and Eng-"There is nothing in this country to compare with London's Whitechapel. It is awful. I have seen hunis of children born in the most abject poverty, a grain sack on the floor WORLD WATCHES THE provided for their entrance into the world, to say nothing of the absence of BIG PACIFIC FLEET. food and medical care." This is hardly

nore saddening than her further state

nent: "But we are improving on the

pauperism to some extent, but neither

poverty nor pauperism is, or is likely

soon to be, an institution in the United

to the titled women of wealth and the

good results expected from the active

interest which they are taking, or going to take, in the inhabitants of the Lon-

don slums, emphasizes the difference

between poverty in England and pov-

erty in this country. To render it less

apparent, less horrible, is the end of

every endeavor in the East Side of Lon

don. The abject squalor, the hopeless

Japan's Emperor has thirty resi-

Gloves were first seen in England

Spanish olives yield from 20 to 24

A Paris insurance company refuses

France is responsible for the game of

dilliards. Devigne invented it in 1572.

Spain on Sundays, and the inns must

The imports to this country of trop-

Tourists complain that Japan is get-

ting to be the most expensive of all

countries to travel in. Everybody con-

The Missionaries' Literature Associa-

tion of England, now in its fourteeath

year, has sent over 450,000 periodicals

The Bible has been translated into 400 languages. Two men spent twenty

years learning the Tahitian language

and twenty more translating the Bible

Alfred G. Vanderbilt has given his

check for \$10,000 to St. Mary's Protest-

ant Episcopal church, in Portsmouth,

R. I., near his Oakdale farm. Half is

The Gallfly.

ly depends on a disease to which the

oak tree is subject and which is caused

Shrinkage of Swiss Glaciers.

Remarkable shrinkages have been

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be closed on week days at midnight.

No wine may hereafter be sold in

lences, each a model of comfort.

during the reign of Edward II.

per cent of their weight in oil.

risks on men who dye their hair.

other side. Our titled women of wealth, numbers of them, are joining Greatest Naval Fighting Strength the active campaign." Poverty we have Under Flag for the Long in this country to be sure, and even Cruise.

States. The reference of Miss Goaling FLOWER OF AMERICAN NAVY.

Movement Is Significant, Marking Transfer of Theater of Action from the Atlantic.

Not since the war with Spain has misery of that district of the British there been such a tense feeling in naval metropolis, is so utterly different from circles as that which marked the preanything that our civilization has parations for the departure of the thrown off as a blood humor that great fleet, under Admiral Evans, for Americans who have not personally in- the Pacific. All the vessels which were vestigated it can neither realize nor to be a part of this greatest naval demunderstand it. Poverty there is hope onstration in our history assembled at less of rising out of itself, has little Hampton Roads.

opportunity of rising out of itself, is | The President's yacht, the Mayflower, looking for nothing and expecting noth- swung into historic Hampton Roads ing from year's end to year's end save bearing President Roosevelt and the that some new philanthropy, some new high officials of the Navy Department. charity something new in the nature Promptly sixteen huge battleships of of settlement work with increased fa- the United States navy dressed ship cilities for the distribution of alms - and began firing the President's salute may be brought forward to relieve the of twenty-one guns each. The Maysituation. The poverty that exists in flower came to anchor in the roadway. the East Side of London is a mental as Gigs and cutters put out from each its representation in the Pacific ocean years. well as a physical condition. It could battleship bearing the flag officers to to the highest place, where the United not exist in this country, where the the Mayflower, where they were receiv- States is now a poor second. Whether at least will visit Puget Sound before minds of men and women, no matter ed on deck by President Roosevelt and "for fun or for frolic," as Rear Ad- returning to the Atlantic coast again what their condition, are free to seek his official party. On their return to miral Robley Evans has expressed it. No plans have been made for the re impossible for a woman with refined and competent to grasp opportunity, their ships the Mayflower hoisted and the battleships upon arrival in the Pa- turn of the fleet beyond the expressed Neither is poverty here, as over there, chor and proceeded down the roads to- cific will do the United States full determination of the President that if year. It may be, however, that she a condition into which people are born ward the entrance. Here the little bonor.

the wrong definition of "refined." and out of which people very seldom yacht stood out of the roadway while The date of arrival at Rio Janeiro rise. Poverty here is not inherited, and the same sixteen battleships passed by is Jan. 11, 1908, and the day of depauperism is not bred by parish soup her, decks and fighting tops dressed parture ten days later. Here the crews

seed, of course, gives it the genuine London look for and accept as a privi- tional airs. This was the farewell to Sand Point, where it is due to arrive up of 3,050 unit tetahedrons, which are three inches from the ground and the in dry sait in a dry place, not having lege or a right, or as a means of deliv- the commander-in-chief of the army on Jan. 31. erance from starvation, marks the and navy to the American battleship Punta Arenas is the last stop before point where American poverty diverges squadrons which then began that

naval powers of the world, but it raises trained in

"GOOD-BY, BOB; TAKE KE'ER YOURSELF."

shall return at some future data.

In all probability a part of the fle

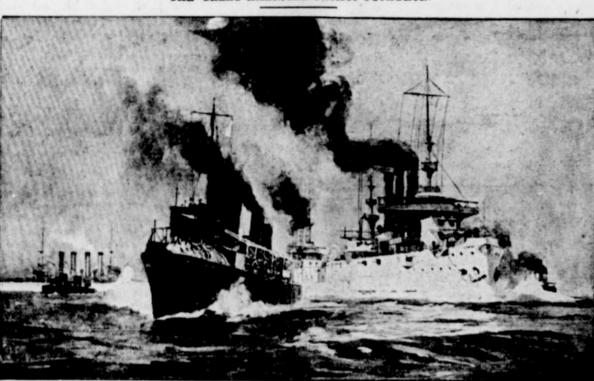
Bell Airship Launched.

houses, county poor houses, or the occasional philanthropy of fine ladies. President's callute.

The very patronage which the poor of Bands aboard ship played the na
Bands ab erance from starvation, marks the and navy to the American battleship point where American poverty diverges squadrons, which then began their rounding the Horn, and five days will length. The several units are covered or from the floor solid and straight up, be passed here in coaling from colliers two of their sides with silk. The total but we find it better to have a per-The torpedo flotilla had already hired by the government. The distance surface thus exposed is over 2,000 square manent bed from floor to top of han-started, as its progress is so much of this leg is 2,230 knots. On Feb. 5 feet. The motor used is of the Curtis dies with semestable side bounds to slip.

THE GREAT AMERICAN PACIFIC SQUADRON.

-Chicago Inter Ocean



The vessels prominent in the picture are the Battleships Washington, Tennessee and Rhode Island, and a Torpedo Boat Destroyer.

their destination-San Francisco.

for the endowment-fund and the other half is to be used for any purpose the ting out the ships. At Brooklyn, New | coal and shore leave. Captain Watt, of the Lasitania, is York, Boston, Norfolk, Philadelphia The last leg of the trip which is fixed not noted for affableness. He maintains that the captain's place is on the and machinists have participated in Callao on Feb. 28 for Magdalena bay, When in the lottery for seats in the for idling by the enlisted men. The San Francisco, Here the fleet will re-The large supply of ammunition is nec- the middle of April or the 1st of May. essary because of the project to have Then also there will be many salutes boat flotilla, which sailed for the Pa-By the laws of England and of to fire and these will eat up thousands France legal documents are required of dollars' worth of powder. Further to be written in ink made from galls, more, in case an emergency should such ink having proved to be prac- arise while the fleet is in distant wattically indelible. The mixture is of ers there will be no lack of ammunibrulsed galls with sulphate of iron and tion. No such emergency is expected. gum arable. This legal ink, at once but the fleet "will keep its powder dry"

the best and oldest in existence, entire | while trusting in divine Providence.

The fleet which Admiral Evans takes by a fly known as the gallfly. The to the Pacific includes all the new gallfly belongs to the same order as battleships and the best armored cruisthe bees and wasps, and when it is ers. It is the flower of the American ready to lay its egg it cuts away the navy, far superior to that which deouter bark of an oak tree twig and de stroyed the Spanish fleet nine years posits its eggs in the hole. From some ago. The Louisiana carries the largest unknown cause the tree immediately crew-950 officers and men. The Conbegins to enlarge about the egg, and a necticut, which is the dagship, is the gall, or oak apple, as it is usualy called. finest ship of the navy, costing \$4,600. is formed. It is this gall which con- 000. Among the other battleships are tains the tannic acid from which the the Alabama, Georgia, Kansas, Virginia, Minnesota, Ohio, Rhode Island, Kentucky and Vermont. In all there are 32 battleships and armored cruisers, besides the flotilla of torpedo boat degoing on among the Swiss glaciers, es stroyers, repair and supply ships. The pecially in the last two or three years. progress of the fleet will be watched rons under Rear Admiral Stockton and The great Rhone glacier, one of the with interest by the whole world, and sights of Switzerland-at least it used will be accompanied by the prayer that to be has lost in the last two years no occasion may arise for a display of no less than 88,250 square feet, and that awful power of destruction which

others have been shortened by any- lies within its guns. where from twenty feet to forty feet. The significance of the transfer of Among sixty-three instances, fifty-three the battleships stamps the event as an recessions were discovered, one glacier epoch in the history of the United remained stationary and nine had States. It transfeds the theater of acslightly increased. The conspicuous tion of the navy from the Atlantic to gain was made by the Eiger glacier, the Pacific Ocean for the first time since which lengthened itself 114 feet last the United States became a nation. It year, but observers say that these in- reduces the naval representation of the creases are not permanent,-Westmin- country in the Atlantic from second place to the lowest place among the

slower than that of the battleships that the fleet will round the Horn, regarded type, four cylinders, 20 horse-power. It was tested, and after eliminating, as two weeks more will be consumed than by all naval officers as the most danby the latter in the journey toward gerous point in the trip, and Feb. 28. it is due at Callao, Peru, 2,850 knots All the navy yards of the Atlantic from Punta Aretas. Another stop of coast have been busy for weeks in fit- ten days will be made at this point for

and Charleston painters, carpenters as to dates calls for the departure from bridge, not in the saloon, and he be- the great activity. High up on the Mexico, where the United States has lieves that he best serves his passen- smokestacks the paint brushes were maintained a target practice station for gers' interest by insuring their safety moving back and forth and the sound several years. Magdalena bay is on rather than by looking after their en- of hammers and saws has been cease the peninsula of Lower California, 3,012 less. Nor has there been any chance knots from Callao and 1,000 knots from House of Representatives at the open- powder magazines have had to be filled main at least a month engaged in target ing session, J. Adam Bede of Minne- and the quantities which have been practice. Upon the completion of this taken aboard have caused some specta- work it will sail for San Francisco, crees of the Roman emperors, this policy substance by the trees toxic to wheat. tors to wonder what it is all about, where it is expected to arrive about On the journey around the Horn the target practice on the long journey. battleships will pass the second torpedo

if not at Magdalena bay, it will be joined by the armored cruiser squad-Sebree, consisting of the cruisers Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland and Colorado and the California, South Dakota, Tennessee and Washington, the later two ships now nearing their destination after a trip around the Horn. In addition the battleship Nebraska, which has just been commissioned, will join the fleet as well as the protected cruisers Charleston, Chicago Milwaukee, St. Louis and the gunboat

Yorktown. Battle drill will occupy the time of

weighs 120 pounds, which brings the total a cause of injury, such factors as reweight of the ship up to 200 pounds moval of plant of food or water by the Owing to a snowstorm in progress at the tree roots, it seemed that the roots of time of launching, no attempt was made the latter had some direct effect on the to fly the machine. While Dr. Bell has growth of the wheat, which suffered in great faith in the success of his invention all the experiments. The seedlings were e does not assume to have entirely solver the problem of aerial flight.

Christianity and National Life In a contribution to the Contemporary Review of London, Sir W. M. Ramsay on the supernatural, illustrating his ar that, while the Christianity of Paul was crushed for the time being by the deof repression and massacre proved the destruction of the empire, while the re igious principles which had been so bit

Are Voting Machines Legal? The Supreme Judicial Court of Massa ointed out, on the other hand, however, to be uniformly full of fruit buds, pointed out, on the other hand, however, that this does not necessarily follow, as the fundamental law of Massachusetts it peculiar in its reference to the method is peculiar in its reference to the method is the votes shall be cast.

Jews to Protect Their Rights. throughout the world. Delegates to the ureau will be in proportion to the population.

White Slaves in Panama. Rose Johnson, a missionary, who has spent several years at Colon, stated to the National Purity Congress, in session at Battle Creek, Mich., that girls are be length is 2,036 miles and the cost of at Battle Creek, Mich., that girls are be tained with official collusion.

Netherland ports are to be benefited by the widening and despening of the North Sea canal, so that large vessels will be able to move at all stages of the tida almost completely absent. Inside the has added a Spanish uniform to his harrier there appears as yet no trace. the fleet for some days, no complete sole to move at all stages of the tide barrier there appears as yet no trace stock of clothes, has the biggest ward-fleet of the American navy having been of hy electricity.



Low Down Harrow for Capacity. The drawing shows a low down barow in sufficient detail to enable any the feeding alleys, the stable, the lawn a string placed through the bock, in a and the garden there is hardly anything | cool, dark smokehouse. that will take its place.

For the framework get two pieces of smoke from hickory chips, smothered ardwood two by two inches will with sawdust, during the day. Keep in roject to form handles on one end a cool place, and before spring examand for the wheel frame on the other. | ine to see that no insects have deposited At front end of box in rear of wheel eggs. Dust a little cayenne pepper, piece of the same dimensions is mor- then cover with coarse muslin to fit the sed into the frame to hold it rigidly ham exactly and stitch tightly. Give and to make the front end of box a coat of whitewash or chrome yellow, frame. Pieces 1%x1% inches are also and hang in a cool, dark, dry place. mortised into the bottom of the legs, For curing in pickle, to one gallon of both front and back. These form the



foundation for the floor, which should The successful launching of Dr. Alex be of three-quarter-inch boards. The so disposed as to make the ship itself one rear ones securely braced, as shown in any part exposed or touching each

> dies, with removable side boards to slip on for use in handling bulky stuff.

Heavy material, such as bags of fertilizer, large stones, etc., are easily handled with this type of barrow, as they may be loaded between the handles directly from the ground.

Fruit Trees and Grass.

Extended experiments recently conducted in England have shown clearly that fruit trees suffer very materially, and are often killed outright, when not tear the clothes. For bars the size grass is allowed to grow under the tree as given above the rods need to be of and close up to the trunk. Various the following lengths: Four rods 4 feet probable reasons for this effect, such long; 2 rods 4 feet 2 inches long; 2 as the removal of plant food and of reds 3 feet 10 inches long, 1 rod 4 feet water by the grass, also the supposed liberation of carbonic acid, which might prove injurious to the roots of the trees, were respectively demonstrated to be outside the primary cause of injury, and, finally, after seven years' work, it was concluded that the injurious effect could only be due to some polsonous substance formed in the soil by the roots of the grass.

On the other hand, it is a well-known fact that in many instances considerable difficulty is expressed in obtaining growth of grass under trees. There is distinct evidence that plants produce toxic conditions in the substance in which they grow; as a rule the exretions given off by the roots of a cer tain plant are more toxic to the same or a nearly related plant than to plants not so closely related. The effect of tree-seedlings on the growth of wheat placed in plant pots, hence the roots of of food. the tree and those of the wheat plants were in close contact.

Trees of various kinds were used in the experiments, and the retarding inmakes the contention that a nation cannot fluence, although noted in every in- or prove fatal, ive without some real and profound hold stance, differed in degree; cherry was least active in checking growth, pine into consideration often have animals gument by reference to the Pauline the most so. The conclusion arrived at logy and the Roman Empire. He reason: was that the effect of trees on wheat appears to be due to the excretion of

The Peach Crop of 1908. The fruit crop the past year was erly antagonized became important fac light, but it brought a very good price, the man who is not is not only unfit to fors in the political life as soon as free and the prospects now are that Okladom of thought and action began to home may have an excellent crop in 1908, says a bulletin issued by the State. The drought during the summer prevented excessive growth, and the husetts has recently decided that the use f voting machines is not permissible unler the constitution of the commonwealth that were well cultivated have now This decision has aroused no little com- passed into winter quarters in good nent, and has led to the assertion that condition. There is a great variation f the machines are unconstitutional in in the number of fruit buds set on the Massachusetts they must be also in New different varieties of peaches, and in and perhaps other States. It is different orchards, but the plums seem

trees do not require as much pruning as do the peach trees. Peach trees may Representative Hebrews from all parts be pruned any time from the first of country met at New York to or December to the middle of March, The ganize a committee or central bureau te branches should be cut back to about which applications for relief or interven one-half of the length of last season's tion may be sent by any members of their growth. This form of trimming will race whose civil or religious rights may thin the fruit and keep the tree from have been interfered with in any country growing tall. This is a distinct advantage in gathering the fruit and in to four parts of carbohydrates or heat epraying the trees.

Fence 2,000 Miles Long. In West Australia, after five years'

at Battle Creek, Mich., that girls are be length is a systematically stolen from American lits erection has been nearly \$1,215,000. will lay one course 80 feet long. When homes and sent to Panama as recruits It is furnished at intervals of five shingles are exposed 4 inches to the for the white slave market there main miles with systems of traps, in which hundreds of rabbits are captured and feet; 5 inches, 132 square feet; 6 inch-

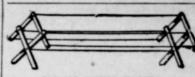
old all through, the hams and shoulders should be cured. They should be placed on a table in the cellar, skin side down. Then for every 100 pounds of meat make a mixture of four pounds of the best fine salt, two ounces of powone to make a similar one. We think dered saltpeter, and four ounces of that next to the low down cart it is brown sugar. This mixture should be the handlest thing around the buildings well rubbed into the hams all over, and and garden that we have, says a writer some pushed into hock end around the in Farm and Fireside. Its capacity is bone. Keep on rubbing until the meat nore than double that of the ordinary will take no more; then let them rekind, and the load is much more easily main on the table for a week, when the out aboard. It has the advantage of remainder of the mixture can be rubbed tetting into close quarters where the in. Allow them to lie for about two art would not go, and for use about weeks altogether, and then hang up by

For two or three days keep up a good

water take one and a half pounds of salt, half a pound of sugar, half an ounce each of saltpeter and potash. In this ratio the pickle can be increased to enough to cover any amount of pork. Boil together until all dirt rises to the top and is skimmed off. When cold pour it over the hams or pork, which may be pickled in this way. The meat must be well covered by it, and should not be put down for at least two days after killing, during which time it should be slightly sprinkled with saitpeter, which removes all the surface

blood, leaving the meat fresh and clean. A good way to keep hams is to pack

Bar for Drying Clothes. If your wife wants a clothes bar so she can dry her clothes in the house, then borrow a %-inch auger, a plane and a saw if you have none. Get some light pine lumber 2 inches wide and 1 inch thick, cut 8 bars; 4 bars 3 feet 11 inches long, these are for the lower ones. The 4 bars for the top are 1 foot 11 inches long. You can make it as wide as you wish and 8 rods are needed to go crosswise for holding the bars together and to hang the clothes on. Dress the rods to about 1 inch square and make them smooth so as to



BAR FOR DRYING CLOTHES.

3 inches long this is the center rod and must project 3 inches at one end: cut another rod 4 feet 4 inches long. use it for the top and have it to project 2 inches so as to receive the piece shown in the engraving to regulate the height. You can shut or open it to any width you want it.-Exchange

Winter Shelter for Stock. With the approach of the cold months, as the farmer is making preparations for his comfort, he should not forget to similarly provide for the animals on the farm.

Especially young stock demand good, warm shelter, and this should be provided for them before the real cold weather sets in. Warmth to a young animal is equal to a moderate amount

Animals exposed to the frosts and storms of winter are almost sure to catch cold, if not contract some other disease that will either enfeeble them Farmers that do not take this matter

take sick and more, and, perhaps, die, without the fact for a moment being taken into account that their sickness is due to the cruel exposure to which they have been subjected. Truly it has been said that the mer

ful man is merciful to his beast, and have the care of animals, but deserves to lose them.

Study of Mushrooms.

A singular and very interesting and useful institution has been established in the little city of Tarare, near Lyons, France. It is a mycological bureau where expert judgment is furnished concerning mushrooms, many of which are poisonous. Since the establishment of the bureau nobody buys mushrooms which do not carry its ticket of identification and guarantee, and all the country people from miles around bring their mushrooms for examination. One surprising result has been the discovery of scores of edible mushrooms, which before nobody dared to touch.

Quarters for Fowls. When comfortable quarters are pro vided for fowls, says Prof. Watson, the nutritive ration of the food should be about one-fifth; that is, one part protein or muscle-producing compounds and fat-producing compounds.

Roof Shingles. weather 1,000 will cover 107 square es, 160 square feet.