Promoting the Glad Expression.

"Have you done anything to make life more cheerful?" asked the optimist. "Have you helped anybody to smile?"

"I should say so. I have helped more people to smile than anybody else in the neighborhood. I'm a dentist."—Washington Star.

Explanatory.

The great ocean liner was limping into port.

"You see," lamely explained the captain, "the injury is in the ship's forefoot. It got on the wrong tack."

Scowling at the reporters who had come on board from the tug, he nervously paced the bridge, after the manner of all great captains.—Chicago Tribune.

Horrid Man!

Husband—Holy Moses. What has happened?

Wife—What do you think! The cat has eaten every bit of the meal that I have just cooked!

Husband—The poor thing? But never mind; I will get you another cat.—Fliegende Blatter.

His Deficiency.

A merchant died, leaving to his only son the conduct of an extensive business, and great doubt was expressed whether the young man possessed the ability to carry out the father's policies.

"Well," said the kindly disposed friend, "for my part, I think Henry is very bright and capable. I'm sure he will succeed."

"Perhaps you're right," said another friend. "Henry is undoubtedly a clever fellow; but take it from me old man, he hasn't got the head to fill his father's shoes."—Harper's Weekly.

Illuminating New York.

It took 33,000,000,000 cubic feet of gas to light New York during the last twelve months to say nothing of electricity, kerosene, and candles. The gas passed through 1,086,026 meters, and the electricity through 108,239 meters. For the latter there were 84,474 consumers, and for gas 997,752 consumers. If all the gas was stored in a pipe one foot square in cross section the pipe would go 248,000 times around the world. The meters set side by side would reach from New York City to Washington.

A Preventive.

A Scottish parson, still on the under side of 40, was driving home from an outlying hamlet when he overtook a young woman. He recognized her as the maid of all work at a farm which he would pass, so he pulled up and offered her a lift. Mary gladly accepted his offer and then chatted pleasantly all the way to the farm gate.

"Thank you, sir," she said as she got down.

"Don't mention it, Mary. Don't mention it," he told her, politely.

"No, I won't," Mary obligingly assured him.

Foul or Fair Weather.

Small Wallace accepted an invitation to a party, as follows:

"Dear Louis—I will come to your party if it don't rain" (then, thinking that he might have to stay at home in that case), "and if it does."—Delineator.

Another Knock.

Percy Pickle—Aw—I called on Miss Wose last night and for two hours she played on the piano.

Miss Tabasco—Yes, and she said the music reminded her of you.

Percy Pickle—Of me? In what way?

Miss Tabasco—It was so soft and slow.

Real Machine Made.

Stubb—This paper complains that there are no courtships like those of the olden days. It says there are too many machine-made proposals. What are machine-made proposals?"

Penn—Proposals made in automobiles, I guess.

Not for Ladies.

"Did you present that bill?"

"Yes, sir."

"What did he say?"

"I'll tell you, sir, if you'll request the stenographer to leave the room for a few minutes. If she doesn't mind?"—Cleveland Leader.

FRENCH SERVICE BADLY CRIPPLED

Telegraph Operators Go on Strike and Tie Up System.

Protest Against Methods of Director—Is Under Direction of Postoffice Department—Telephone Lines Are Also in Bad Shape—Electricians Threaten to Go Out.

Paris, March 16.—A general strike of the telegraphers of the postoffice department was declared tonight, following a meeting of the general association of post telegraph employes, at which 5,000 were present. A resolution to strike was voted without a single dissenting voice and orders were issued for the withdrawal of all operators employed in the department.

The resolution says the strike is ordered as a protest against the arbitrary administration, and that the decision was precipitated by an insult addressed by M. Simyan, under secretary of posts and telegraph, to the association officials.

The government put forth every effort to preserve international communication, but the central telegraph station was demoralized today and practically out of communication. The Bourse station, however, was almost normal and there was not much interference with the telephone service.

M. Palaud, secretary of the Electricians' union, who had openly threatened to call out the electricians, made no move to do so.

Both telegraphic and telephonic communication with London was greatly interrupted, not so much on account of the strike, however, but because of a fierce storm which prevailed during the night. Some of the London correspondents are sending their dispatches by way of New York, to which both land lines of the cable remain open.

SHIP YET AGROUND.

Four Steamers Fail to Haul Transport Logan from Reef.

Honolulu, March 16.—With engines running at full speed, and assisted by the winches and propellers of the vessel they sought to aid, the British cruiser Cambrian, the light house tender Kukui and the tugs Iroquois and Intrepid strained for three hours this morning in the effort to drag the stranded transport Logan off the reef on which she had driven 25 feet of her bow while maneuvering to enter her slip last Saturday night.

Several hawsers were snapped by the strain put upon them, but when the position of the troopship was ascertained by measurement it was found that she had been moved only six feet, and the attempt to refloat her was abandoned until high tide comes again tonight.

Many shipping men believe that it will be necessary to lighten the Logan of her cargo before she can be freed from the reef. If the effort in which the Cambrian and the three tugs join at high tide proves fruitless, it is probable that the work of hoisting out cargo will be begun tomorrow morning.

SERVIA PLAYS FOX.

Evades Direct Issue in Austro-Hungary Dispute.

London, March 16.—It cannot be said that the relations between Austria-Hungary and Servia have yet reached a point where an outbreak of hostilities is probable. Throughout the negotiations in connection with the delecate Balkan situation the Austrian idea has been to force Servia first to acknowledge that the question of annexing Bosnia and Herzegovina had passed beyond the stage where it could be made subject to a rearrangement; and, second, to take effective steps for demobilizing the troops.

The unsatisfactory side of Servia's reply to Count Forgach's note, referring the Austro-Hungarian government to Servia's previous communication to the powers, is the fact that it purposely evaded these issues, thus tacitly implying that the matter has been left in the hands of the signatories of the Berlin treaty.

Plans Wireless Phones.

Los Angeles, March 16.—Wireless telephones are to be established in Los Angeles, and if the experiment proves to be the success its projectors claim for it, they will be made a permanent institution. William Dubilier, of Newark, N. J., who is chief electrician of a wireless telephone company, arrived today. He says the company has control of an instrument by means of which articulate speech can be sent any distanec without wires. Some of these instruments will be working in Los Angeles soon.

Still But Six Jurymen.

San Francisco, March 16.—With nine weeks of proceedings entered upon the records of the court and but six jurors sworn to try the case, the trial of Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads, who is accused of having bribed municipal supervisors, made little progress today. Walter J. Towers, a former union iron molder, whose examination occupied most of the early part of the day, was excused until tomorrow.

Massacre Stirs Persia.

St. Petersburg, March 16.—A dispatch to the Novoe Vremya from Julfa on the frontier between Persia and Russia, says that 1,000 Persian government horsemen and 500 infantrymen were marching on Julfa from the Persian bank of the Araxes river, devastating the villages in their path and shooting down the people.

Revive Three-Cent Fare.

Chicago, March 16.—The resumption of a 3-cent passenger rate in Missouri on April 10 to replace the present 2-cent rate, declared confiscatory by Judge McPherson, was decided upon today at a meeting here of executive and traffic officials of the interested roads.

Why They Wanted George.

The young wife answered the phone.

"That's another call for George," she said to her mother. "Somebody wants him to come somewhere and play bridge. It's the third invitation he's had this evening."

"That would seem to indicate," said the mother, "that George is very popular."

The young wife sniffed.

"It unquestionably indicates," she said, "that George is an easy loser."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

On the Other Foot.

"On the basis of what you have told me, madam," said the lawyer, "there will be no trouble whatever in your getting a divorce, if you wish. Do you care to sue him for separate maintenance?"

"For what?"

"Separate maintenance."

"Why, of course," said the fair caller, impatiently. "After I get my divorce he'll have to maintain himself separately. I certainly shan't support him any longer."—Chicago Tribune.

Horrors of Minstrelsy.

Bones—Mistah Walkah, kin yo' tell me w'y a waud caucus am like a valise?

Interlocutor—No, George; that's a hard one. Why is a ward caucus like a valise?

Bones—'Cause yo' most jin'ly packs it afo' yo' carries it.

Interlocutor—Ladies and gentlemen, Sig. Jarr de Roofoff, the eminent and popular basso, will now sing the touching ballad, "Think of the Microbes on a Street Car Strap!"—Chicago Tribune.

Tamed.

"Are you happier than you were before you were married?"

"I can't answer that question."

"Why not?"

"Well, you see, I've got so that I have to accept my wife's opinion on all subjects. And when you ask me about this one, you put me in a quandary. I can't very well put it to her, can I? And without asking her, I can't be sure."—Cleveland Leader.

Tactless.

"He's not what you call strictly handsome," said the major, beaming through his glasses on an utterly hideous baby as it lay howling in its mother's arms, "but it's the kind of face that grows on you."

"It's not the kind of face that ever grew on you," was the unexpected reply of the indignant mother; "you'd be much better looking if it had!"—Detroit News-Tribune.

Ignorant, but Careful.

"Ignorance nearly always makes fools of us," said a lecturer. "I remember a man, ignorant of etiquette, who once sat beside me at a public dinner. I noticed that this man, as soon as he was seated, took up one by one the knives at the right of his plate and began to try their edges on his thumb. A waiter behind him leaned forward and said in a hurt tone:

"'The knives are all sharp, sir.'

"'The point is,' said my neighbor, 'I'm looking for a blunt one. Last time I attended a banquet here I cut my mouth.'"

Chinese Schools Copy American.

Dr. Ng Poon Chew, editor of a Chinese paper in San Francisco, said China made more progress in 1907 than in the previous 50 years. He ascribed the remarkable advancement in so short a time to the fact that the schools there are now patterned after those in the United States.

In Distress.

The beautiful maiden was suffering from loneliness. In a voice scarcely above a whisper she spoke through the telephone:

"C. Q. D.!"

Her Dearest understood.

He Came Quickly.—Chicago Tribune.

GOVERNMENT AT THE FAIR.

Large Sum Expended to Make Exhibit Most Complete Yet Shown.

Uncle Sam is taking a larger interest in the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, which opens in Seattle on June 1, than in any other exposition ever held.

At the World's fair in St. Louis the United States government exhibit covered an area of 126,496 square feet. At the Lewis and Clarke exposition in Portland it covered 75,364 square feet. At the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition the government buildings cover an area of 137,390 square feet and there are five of these magnificent exhibit palaces

Here are some of the things the government will have done by the day the exposition is thrown open to the world:

Expended $250,000 for exhibit buildings; $200,000 for general government exhibits; $100,000 for Alaska's exhibit; $25,000 for the Philippine exhibit; $25,000 for the Hawaiian exhibit (Hawaii has raised $25,000 additional); provided historical exhibit from national museum; provided exhibit showing principal administrative functions of the government and their educational value in connection with the development of commerce in the countries bordering on the Pacific ocean; expended $50,000 for War department exhibits.

Features of the government's exhibit will be:

Life saving station, fully equipped, daily demonstrations; native bands from Hawaii and Alaska; celebrated Philippine constabulary bard which won the world's championship at the St. Louis World's fair; one or more dirigible balloons; complete mint and assay office in constant operation; revenue cutter service and marine hospital service exhibits; plate printer experts from bureau of printing and engraving will make genuine bank notes daily; data affecting commerce and labor from department of commerce and labor; entire museum of the United States postoffice department; state and judicial documents relative to the early organization of the government from the departments of state and justice; models of all battleships and cruisers, the dry dock Dewey, guns and ordinance equivment; models of every type of gun made for the navy since the organization; relics of the ill-fated Maine and Dewey's entrance into Manila harbor; biggest battleships in the navy will be stationed in Seattle harbor during exposition; biograph show, free daily, showing army and navy in action and government operations of every kind.

Not less than 100 freight cars will be required to carry the government's exhibits from the national capital to Seattle.

ROSEWOOD BED NETS $11.

Auction of Executive Mansion Furniture Brings Total of $400.

Albany, N. Y., March 15.—Levi P. Morton's rosewood bed sold for $11, and Benjamin B. Odell's revolving bookcase went begging at 15 cents at an auction of discarded furniture from the executive mansion today.

A settee, which for many years was one of the conspicuous adornments of the reception room, and which has probably been sat upon by every prominent Republican state leader for 50 years back, went to a second hand dealer for $6.

The state of New York was vendee, and the $400 realized will go into the state treasury. It is the first auction of executive mansion furniture ever held, and while much of the stuff was of solid rosewood, worth far more than the prices paid, the net sum realized was more than had been expected. The lowest price was 5 cents, for which sum a job lot of Levi P. Morton's pictures was handed over to a veteran state employe who owed his appointment to Morton when governor.

IMMIGRATION INCREASES.

Thousands of Aliens Flocking Back to United States.

New York, March 15.—More than 25,000 immigrants are expected at this port this week, which is considered a good sign of returning prosperity. Twenty-six trans-Atlantic liners will arrive from various European ports, bringing back old working hordes, which, when work was slack, went abroad for economy's sake. Various steamship offices in this city report that bookings at European offices—especially for the steerage—are nearly filled up to May 1.

Steamship officials say that the number of immigrants during the coming eight months will probably exceed any previous record in the same time. The inclination of aliens who went abroad to return to America was first seen last month, when in one week 12,000 came in through Ellis island.

Jap Cruisers for Fair.

Seattle, March 15.—The Japanese association of Seattle is making arrangements for the reception of the officers, cadets and enlisted men of the two Japanese cruisers which are to spend a week in this port at the opening of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, and $5,000 will be expended in the festivities. Both day and night fireworks will be a feature of the entertainment. The vessels, which have left Japan, are the cruisers Aso and Soya, captured from Russia during the late war.

Cuba to Plead for Reciprocity.

Havana, March 15.—A bill was introduced in congress today providing for an appropriation of $25,000 to pay the expenses of a commission to go to Washington to fight for a renewal of the reciprocity agreement. Cuba will not fight for special favors in the new tariff bill, which the special session of the American congress will frame, but will confine her efforts to securing trade concessions and tariff reductions through treaties.

Stampede to Gold Strike.

Phoenix, Ariz., March 15.—A rich gold strike is reported here from the neighborhood of Bouse, five miles north of Vicksburg. Owners of a group of mines there made the strike and it is reported that assays show values as high as $1,000 a ton. There is a great rush of prospectors to the vicinity.

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