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The threatened strike of the shopmen on the Harriman lines to enforce recognition of the newly organized Federation Shop Workers became a reality Saturday. The number of men who quit in the 15 states affected was estimated at between 20,000 and 30,000 by the union men, although Julius Kruttschnitt, vice president of the Harriman lines, says the number is much larger. Reports from most of the points indicate that the men walked out without demonstration and no rioting was reported. Traffic was continued without interruption and the railroad heads say that the shopmen's strike even if extended would not interfere with transportation. However, indications would point to serious interruption of traffic should the strike continue for a long period for the reason that without a full force of skilled labor in the shops rolling stock will necessarily greatly deteriorate in efficiency. The inevitable result will be destructive, especially to the motive power, which will entail loss to shipper and railroad company, through congested freight blockades sure to follow such conditions.

H. F. Wilson and F. D. Bailey of the Oregon Agricultural College entomology and plant pathology departments have been studying the cause of brown and yellow spots in potatoes grown in fields about Toledo. An appeal came from one of the big potato growers there for assistance. He had planted Irish cobbler potatoes brought from a reputable house, and being short of seed, had added two sacks from a neighbor, but failed to examine them for pests. His first shipment brought a price much above market, but two subsequent shipments were refused by the consignee because affected by yellow and brown spots. This is a part of the work conducted throughout the state by the college crop pest experts, who are ready to aid all farmers troubled with crop diseases or insect pests.

Seventy-seven operations on children at the Medical Lake Insane Asylum have corrected defects, transforming the little ones from dunces into normal children. It has been found that many people in the asylum are unable to apply themselves because of physical defects. Throat and nose afflictions are responsible for many mental abnormalities. A surgical operation is usually successful.

The smuffing out of 800 lives at Austin, Pennsylvania, through the breaking of a dam which flooded the town with a wall of water ten feet high, brings vividly to memory the

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Johnstown disaster. Like conditions prevailed in the two disasters. Happening in the same state, with like formations of rock and silt for constructive material, it would lead to the belief that reservoir building there either requires foreign material to strengthen the structural resistance power of the dams, or engineering calculations are at fault. Pennsylvania's toll in human lives to the storage water system is awful, and in estimation is horrifying to calculate.

When taken into consideration the thousands of dollars spent by the Federal government at its experiment stations for the prevention and cure of disease in animals, and not one dollar appropriated for restriction of disease in the human family, there is indeed food for lecture and cartoon on the subject. And lecturer and cartoonist is making much out of the subject. For the white plague alone, the federal government should expend a hundred dollars where it spends one for the eradication of diseases among horses, cows, hogs and sheep.

If public sentiment is sufficiently strong, the battleship Oregon will be the first to pass through the Panama Canal when it is opened in 1915. This matter is being advocated now, in view of the historic record of the old ship in the war with Spain. The Oregon has been rebuilt at the Puget Sound Navy Yard and is once more in commission. Assistant Secretary of the Navy Winthrop favors the idea.

SIGNATURES ON CHECKS.
The Plainer They Are the Less They Appeal to Forgers.
"You ought to sign your check differently, Mr. Blank," said a Chicago bank employee to a depositor whose account runs well up toward \$100,000 a year.

"What's the matter with that check?" asked the customer, nettled that, as he thought, it should be intimate he didn't know how to draw a check.
"You misunderstand me," said the teller. "The check's all right. I was referring to your signature. It is just the kind that a forger takes delight in copying. If you will allow me the privilege of saying so, you're liable to meet with loss in that way at any time. Any good penman could imitate it so cleverly you'd hardly know the difference yourself."
"The plainer the signature the less likelihood there is of a crook trying to imitate it," he continued after the depositor had become interested. "In nearly every big forgery of which I ever heard, or in many of them at least, the signature imitated was that of a man who wrote with a flourish or who had some peculiar type of writing that ordinarily would appeal to the laity as hard to imitate. It is a fact that it is a rare occurrence for a big forger to attempt to imitate the signature of the man who writes a plain hand."

"Not long ago I had occasion to tell a friend of mine he stood a chance of having some forger get a good sized check in on him. My friend changed the style of his signature, and a few days later he was asked by a bank to inspect a check which had been presented for payment and to which his old style signature was attached. He had changed just in time. The forger had been practicing on the old signature, getting it down 'pat,' and had not ascertained that the new signature was being used."—Chicago News.

CAMELS ARE VICIOUS.
They Have Numerous Dislikes, the Chief of Which is Man.

A peculiarity of the camel is his dislikes. Like he has none, save for the minuscule thorn and, perhaps, for dying. He hates red, and when, years ago, some genius of the British army equipped the squadrons of the camel corps with bright crimson saddles the animals so resented the outrage that numbers of them gave up the ghost in pure disgust.
The camel always, of course, hates man and sometimes displays his vindictiveness in no uncertain manner. A dignified and elderly British officer has been seen to foot it all round the camp in blue silk pajamas, with one slipper and a shaving brush, closely pursued by his own animal, with his long neck stretched to the utmost and his savage mouth much too near that sleeping suit to be pleasant. At length a fatigue party was summoned, who, with telegraph poles, young trees, railway ties and such enjoyments, prevailed upon the beast to desist.
As a mount the camel is said to possess distinct advantages. His gait is comfortable when one has learned to ride him, and for really long journeys, which must be made at a slow pace, he is much less tiring than a horse. Besides, he carries with him all manner of things the rider is likely to need on route—canvas buckets of water, in which bottles stand to cool, a writing desk (not necessarily of the office type), but still an efficient substitute; a luncheon basket, rifles, telescopes, a mountain gun, if required, and other needful articles.

Long Arrow Flights.
There was a marvelous archery feat performed some years ago by Sir Ralph Payne Gallwey on the links at Le Touquet. Shooting with a Turkish bow, he covered a distance of 367 yards with his best arrow, thus breaking all records achieved in recent times. This performance, however, seems to have been exceeded with the old national weapon of yew. Needs, a famous archer under Charles I., states that the ordinary range of the bow was from 320 to 400 yards. The longest shot authentically recorded in England is that of a secretary of the Turkish embassy, who in 1791 shot an

arrow 463 yards with the wind and 415 against it in the presence of several members of the Royal Toxicophilite society, who measured the distance and preserved the arrow.—Pall Mall Gazette.

The Usual Motion.
To a judge at St. Joseph, Mo., an old negro once applied for a marriage license. It was not the province of the judge to issue such a paper; but, knowing the applicant's history, he asked:
"Ephraim, were you ever married before?"
"Jes' once, judge," was the reply.
"Wasn't that enough?"
"Mebbe, judge, but I want a new trial."—St. Louis Republic.

Sarcasm by the Way.
"Look out," said the woman with the determined look, "for that dog will bite a piece out of you."
"Well," replied Flooding Pete, "rememberin' dat handout you passed me last week, I wouldn't blame de pup fur goin' in desperate fur a change of food."—Washington Star.

Pessimist.
Optimist—A gran' mornin'! the morn'! Misanthrope (grudgingly)—It's no' a'thegither ill—(brightening) but, eh, mon, think o' the national debt.—London Sketch.

MAYONNAISE.

The Way the Genuine Dressing is Prepared by French Cooks.
Housewives concoct all sorts of dressings—cooked and uncooked—which they call mayonnaise, but which are not properly entitled to that name. The genuine mayonnaise as prepared by French cooks is made by combining olive oil, egg yolk and vinegar without cooking in such a way that the mixture will not curdle. The proportion of these ingredients and the method of putting them together may be varied, and mustard and similar seasonings may be added, but fundamentally the real mayonnaise is always the same. The following rule will be found a good one:

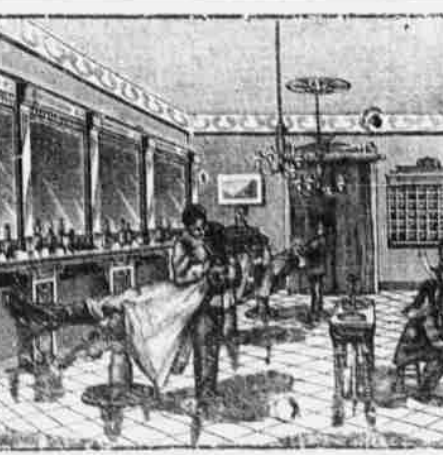
Have ready one egg yolk, one scant cupful of olive oil, three teaspoonfuls of vinegar, a saltspoonful of salt, a saltspoonful of sugar, a titch dust of cayenne and a level half teaspoonful of powdered mustard. Break the yolk with a fork, beat the mustard, salt, pepper and sugar into it and when a smooth mixture has been formed begin adding the oil, drop by drop, until the whole begins to look like creamed butter. Then pour in the oil faster until all is used. While the oil is being added the dressing should be beaten constantly with a fork. Last of all, pour in the vinegar very slowly, beating the dressing rapidly while doing so. Set it on ice to stand until wanted and add it to the salad the last moment before serving.

It is well to have everything very cold when making this dressing, although excellent mayonnaise has been made without the use of ice, but the oil must not be so cold that it has begun to thicken. It is sometimes stated that the drop by drop method is unnecessary, but while success may be obtained by putting the ingredients together more quickly it is always risky to do so. The drop by drop method practically insures success. If desired lime juice may be substituted for the vinegar.—Exchange.

Arrows and Big Guns.
In the days of mailed knights and battleships there was safety at a distance of 400 yards. That was about as far as the best archers could shoot an arrow. Needs, a famous archer under Charles I., states that the ordinary range of the bow was between 320 and 400 yards, though it is on record that one man was shot a distance of 463 yards with the wind. Compared with this is the latest naval gun with a range of fifteen miles.

Dangers are light if they once seem light, and more dangers have deceived men 'Pan forced them.—Bacon.

Notice to Creditors.
In the Matter of the Estate of A. J. Willaby, deceased:
Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that Clyde Willaby has been appointed administrator of the estate of A. J. Willaby, deceased. All persons having claims against the said estate are required to present them, with proper vouchers as required by law to the said administrator at the law offices of Peterson & Wilson, his attorneys, at Athena, Oregon, or Pendleton, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.
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