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He spotted Ma's scheme. W. Harry Ely of Buffalo, the president of the American Street Railway Association, was talking at the convention in Philadelphia about motor-men's and conductors' adventures. "A conductor came to me with a smiling face the other day," he said. "He wanted to tell me what had happened on an incoming car. It seems that a middle-aged woman and her little son, a lad of 6 or 7 years, got on the car, and as soon as they were seated the woman took a half-dollar out of her pocket and handed it to the youngster to pay the fare with. The boy held the coin in his small, fat hand, and examined it closely and solemnly. The conductor appeared for the fare, and the youngster gave him the half-dollar with a solemnity. The money was pocketed and 40 cents in change was put in the small, extended hand. As soon as he got this change the boy laughed, wriggled in his seat and shouted gleefully. "Oh, ma, he's taken the bad hair dollar!"

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DISSECTING A BILLION.

Its Arithmetical Symbol Simple, Says Henry Bessemer. One billion. What is it? Its arithmetical symbol is simple and without much pretension, says London Amusement. Let us briefly take a glance at it as a measure of time, distance and weight. As a measure of time, I would take one second as the unit and carry myself in thought through the lapse of ages back to the first day of the year 1 of our era, remembering that in all those days there were 86,400 seconds of time. Hence, in returning in thought back again to this year of grace 1905, one might have supposed that a billion of seconds had long since elapsed, but this is not so for it takes just 31,687 years, 17 days 22 hours, 45 minutes and 5 seconds to constitute a billion of seconds of time.

Let us try in imagination to arrange a billion sovereigns for inspection. Let us put one on the ground and pile upon it as many as will reach twenty feet in height; then let us place numbers of similar columns in close contact, forming a straight line and making a sort of wall twenty feet high. Imagine two such walls running parallel to each other and forming, as it were, a long street. It is not until we have extended our imaginary street to a distance of 2,586 1/2 miles that we shall have presented for inspection our 1,000,000,000 of coins.

Or, in lieu of this arrangement, we may place them flat upon the ground, forming one continuous line like a long golden chain, with every link in close contact. But to do this we must pass over land and sea, mountain and valley, desert and plain, crossing the equator and returning around the southern hemisphere through the trackless ocean, retracing our way again across the equator, then still on, and on until we again arrive at our starting point, and when we have thus passed a golden chain round the huge bulk of the earth we shall be but at the beginning of our task. We must drag this imaginary chain no less than 703 times around the globe. Such a chain would require for its transport no less than 2,325 ships, each with a full cargo of 3,000 tons. Even then there would be a residue of 447 tons, representing 64,081,520 sovereigns.

For a measure of height, let us take the thin sheets of paper on which these lines are printed. If laid out flat and firmly pressed together, as in a well-bound book, these would represent a measure of about 1,323 of an inch in thickness. Let us see how high a dense pile formed by a billion of these thin paper leaves would reach. We must, in imagination, pile them vertically upward, by degrees reaching to the height of our feet against the wall, where the pile must still grow higher, topping the Alps and Andes and the highest peaks of the Himalayas. Still pile on your thousand and millions of thin leaves, for we are only beginning to rear the mighty mass. Add millions on millions of sheets and thousands of millions on these, and still the number will lack its due amount. When our one billion sheets are superimposed upon each other and pressed into a compact mass they have reached an altitude of 47,548 miles!

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It is confidently stated that the shocking cruelties of the steel trap in common use for catching rabbits can readily and cheaply be prevented by twisting a few turns of copper or brass wire closely around each jaw, below the teeth, where the spring fits up, so as to insure the teeth being always fixed a full quarter of an inch open when the trap is sprung. Rabbits are thus caught with equal ease, and when taken out of the traps are found unharmed. To complete their purpose the traps must be placed far down in the holes and be regularly visited early and late. These modified traps are most successful, with advantages relative to food, white dogs, cats and birds derive proportionate freedom from suffering when trapped by mistake.

The less a man knows the smarter he thinks he is.

IN THE NATIONAL HALLS OF CONGRESS

Monday, Jan. 8. Washington, Jan. 8.—The senate today gave attention to the Panama canal, the situation in Santo Domingo and the merchant marine shipping bill. The canal bill question came up in connection with a message from the president, in which, among other things, he invited the closest scrutiny into all that had been done by the government in the isthmus of Panama. Gorman made that utterance the text for a speech, in which he criticized the salaries paid for work in connection with the canal, and urged congressional inquiry. He said that the president was not so much to blame as congress for its assumption of control on the isthmus, and that the chief mistake had been made when congress released its hold upon canal affairs. He agreed with Gorman in urging the rights of congress in connection with the canal, and said that, while congress had delegated the matter of the president, he had practically had referred the whole matter back to congress. The senate took up the merchant marine shipping bill and Gallinger spoke in support of it. Quoting the utterances of Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt on the importance of building up the merchant marine, he urged congress to heed those admonitions by passing a law that would relieve the situation. Gallinger estimated that the aggregate expense to the government for the entire ten years of the proposed subsidies would be \$40,000,000, and that the amount being devoted to the encouragement of irrigation is many times larger. The senate then, at 4:15 P. M., went into executive session, and at 4:20 adjourned.

CONGRESS RESUMES.

House Takes Up Consideration of Philippine Tariff Bill.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The cause of the Filipino was advanced on the floor of the house by the Republican leader, Payne, for nearly four hours today. He represented the views of the majority of the ways and means committee on the Philippine tariff reducing the duties on sugar and tobacco to 25 per cent of the regular rates, and admitting other products of the islands to the United States free of duty. Before and following Mr. Payne's speech brief discussions indicated that there is to be a protracted debate on the measure, and that the Republican opponents representing the case and best sugar interests of this country will speak and vote against the bill.

Washington, Jan. 8.—

With over an hour devoted to the District of Columbia, there was left but a half-hour to be devoted by the house today to tariff discussion. This was utilized by Sullivan, of Massachusetts, who spoke strongly for tariff revision from the Democratic standpoint.

HILL ON PHILIPPINES.

Occupies Attention of House Three Hours Telling What He Knows. Washington, Jan. 6.—In a session of five hours today, the house placed on record a speech in favor of the Philippine tariff bill, one against it, and a 20 minutes' talk for tariff revision according to the Republican demand of Massachusetts. Hill, of Connecticut, occupied three hours, and was listened to with the greatest interest in detailing the knowledge he gained from two visits to the Philippines, the last as a member of the party of Secretary Taft last summer. He paid particular attention to the tobacco feature of the measure, and explained away much of the misapprehension as to the enormous products that might be expected from the islands. Their territory, he said, was small, and the fertile lands still further limited.

Clark, of Missouri, Occupies House Floor for Three Hours.

Washington, Jan. 5.—"Champ Clark Democracy" was expended to the delight and entertainment of the house for three hours today by Clark, of Missouri, and constituted the feature of the debate on the Philippine tariff bill. Clark's speech took a wide range, and he labeled his political beliefs as above.

Will Defeat Statehood.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The Republican "intruders" of the house now contend they have formed a combination that will defeat the statehood bill with it. They say they have 70 Republican votes which will be supported by a united minority, to defeat a rule prohibiting any amendment to the statehood bill. They will amend this bill, they say, by admitting Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one state and leaving Arizona and New Mexico out for the present.

Eastern Roads to Submit.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Through a committee representing the traffic managers of the Eastern trunk lines, which came here yesterday, assurance has been given the Interstate Commerce commission that the roads have indicated a desire to comply with the law in respect to the granting of rebates and other special privileges. Following a conference of the traffic managers with the commission, some days ago, this committee has been at work securing pledges to this end, and the announcement is just made.

Britain Expects No War.

London, Jan. 6.—Official and unofficial circles in Great Britain do not consider the Franco-German situation as serious. It is true that the reports emanating from France had a slight effect on the stock market, but this was only temporary. The British government is in no way concerned with the arrangements of the Moroccan conference, and while it is admitted that Germany might raise questions which might cause irritation, it is not believed that this will prevent a conference from arriving at a settlement.

Bills to Decide Old Claims.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Senator Fulton today introduced bills referring the claim of the state of Oregon for money paid volunteer troops for service during the Civil war to the court of claims for adjudication, referring certain claims—claims of Waukiakum and Meeker's ranch back to the United States Indians, Chehalis Indians and Wheelapa band of Chinooks. The claims are on account of lands taken from them by the government.

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RAILROAD RUNS A LOTTERY.

Scheme Tried in Mexico to Keep Conductors Honest. George W. Hibbard, who recently resigned as general passenger agent of the Detroit, South Shore & Atlantic Railroad to take a similar position with the national lines of Mexico, writes of a novel method adopted by one of the street car companies in the city of Mexico to protect itself from loss through the dishonesty of its employees, says a dispatch to the Chicago Chronicle. Mr. Hibbard says that it is estimated the company has been losing \$1,000 a day by reason of the failure of the conductors to turn in all the money collected. The plan now to be experimented with to stop the practice is a lottery ticket scheme.

The feature which is of greatest interest to the public is that duplicate numbers of the ticket or checks issued by the conductors to passengers are to be placed in a lottery to be drawn under government supervision at the end of each month. The holders of the fortunate numbers are awarded cash prizes which range in value from \$250 to \$100. Tickets in the drawing are given free to passengers, the only stipulation being that they shall preserve them until the end of the month. Notices to this effect have been posted in the cars and in addition the company is distributing a pamphlet printed in Spanish, French and English, describing the operation of the scheme.

Mr. Hibbard says that it is quite certain all passengers will insist upon getting from the conductors a ticket representing the amount of the fare paid. Many patrons of the tramways are providing themselves with small card cases in which to preserve their tickets, and it is expected that the business of the company will show a considerable increase as a result of the general desire to secure all the chances possible.

The greater part of the patronage of the cars comes from people of the poorer classes and those of moderate means. It is, therefore, quite probable that the larger number of prizes, which are 200 in number, will be distributed each month among people to whom the money will come as a real benefactor.

He Hasn't Improved.

Mother—Hiram writes from college that the football team will be going to Father—Well, maybe so, but he's been on it for two years now and I don't see no appreciable improvement in his nose or in his Orléans Times Democrat.

Unconventional.

"Be studious, my son," said the habitual adviser, "and you may have a tablet in the Hall of Fame."
"Yes," answered the cautious youth, "and be pointed out as an example of what ordinary people get in while real genius is excluded." — Washington Star.

Dead Right.

"What did you quit that good job for?"
"The boss called me a fool."
"But he didn't fire you? You quit for that?"
"Yes, sir."
"Then the boss was right."—Cleveland Leader.

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"Yes, yes, yes."
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A Way Out.

"I cannot accept your affection," she said.
"And yet I don't feel I could part."
"In that case," he answered, "I'll be satisfied."
"If only you'll kindly return it." — Baltimore American.

A Good Guess.

"I understand there is no eminent humorist in the Hall of Fame."
"Well, I guess the humorists are not trying to get there."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

BLOOD POISON THE BLACK FLAG

The black flag is an emblem of horror and dread. When it is hoisted by an army, the order has gone forth that "no quarter" will be given, everything must be destroyed. Helpless women and children, as well as opposing soldiers meet the same fate, and a trail of desolation, suffering and death is left behind. Contagious Blood Poison is the black flag of the great army of disease. This vile disorder is known as the blackest and most hideous of all human afflictions, overthrowing its victims and crushing out the life. It is no respecter of persons; no matter how pure the blood may be or how innocently the disease is contracted, when this awful virus enters the circulation the hideous, hateful and humiliating symptoms begin to appear, and the sufferer feels that his very presence is polluting and contaminating. Usually the first sign of the disease is a little sore or ulcer, but as the blood becomes more deeply poisoned the severe symptoms are manifested, the mouth and throat ulcerate, the glands in the groins swell, a red rash breaks out on the body, the hair and eyebrows come out, and often the body is covered with copper-colored spots, pustular eruptions and sores. In its worst stages the disease affects the nerves, attacks the bones and sometimes causes tumors to form on the brain, producing insanity and death. Not only those who contract the poison suffer, but unless the virus is driven from the blood the awful taint is handed down to offspring, and are its innocent victims. Blood Poison is indeed a "black flag." Never cure and Putash, so often used, merely cures the symptoms away for awhile and shuts the disease up in the system, and when they are left off it returns worse than before. This treatment not only fails to cure blood poison but without the delicate lining of the stomach and bowels, produces chronic dyspepsia, loosens the teeth and frequently causes mercurial rheumatism to add to the patient's suffering. S. S. S., the great vegetable medicine, is the conqueror of this vile disease. It goes down to the very root of the trouble and cures by cleansing the blood of every particle of the poison. S. S. S. does not hide or cover up anything but cures the entire circulation of the virus and puts the system in good healthy condition. It cures safely as well as certainly, because there is not a particle of mineral in it. We offer a reward of \$1,000.00 for proof that S. S. S. is not purely vegetable. When the blood is purified and strengthened with this great remedy all symptoms pass away and no sign of the disease is ever seen again; nor is there left the least trace to be handed down to posterity. Special book with instructions for self-treatment and any medical advice desired will be sent without charge to all who write.

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