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HONG KONG KOLUM

My young lady friend says her mother objects to kissing. What shall I say? (Say no wantee kisses mother anyway.)

W. H. Startup is a night watchman at Proctor, Vt.

And, while speaking of names we might record that John Snow slipped on some in Chicago the other day, and is now in the hospital.

Sir: Last night I called on Emma. Emma and I are engaged. I asked her on what grounds she insisted that she always will love me as much as she does now. Emma replied, "because I am never able to cure myself of my bad habits!" I thought this ought to get into print.—Worth.

Perhaps to Recuperate After a Smashup? (From the Liverpool, Eng., Echo.) MOTORCYCLE—New; cheap or will exchange for good bath chair.

Sir: I have named my new launch "Revenue Cutter" because she cuts such big swaths in my revenue (salary.) Get it?—Artie.

Life CHAPTER I. "Glad to meet you." CHAPTER II. "Isn't the moon beautiful?" CHAPTER III. "Oozum love wuzum." CHAPTER IV. "Do you—" "I do—" CHAPTER V. "Da-da-da-da!" CHAPTER VI. "Where the samhill's dinner?"—Chapparral.

Today's Bellringer The latest 4'd joke: A man drove up to an office building in Chicago and entered his lawyer's office. "What do I owe you?" he asked. "Two fifty," replied the lawyer. "All right," answered the client, "my 4'd is downstairs. You can keep that to apply on the bill and I'll mail you a check for the balance."

Says the Girl on the Film Girls! Be suspicious of the man who has his engagement ring ready in his pocket and does not have to visit the jeweler for it.

"Do you mind if I smoke?" asked the uptodate young thing of her caller. "Oh no," he replied, "all my sisters smoke—I'm used to the odor of tobacco!"

A man must be dull indeed when he hasn't the nerve to "cut" an undesirable acquaintance.—N. Y. Times.

Especially rough necks who insist on scrapping acquaintances, eh?

"Uncle," said the hopeful youth to his rich old uncle, "you ought to see that new play at the Comedy. You would die laughing!" The old man registered surprise and then anger. His pen was soon heard scratching the parchment sheet containing his will an hour later.

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THE NEW SHIPPING BILL

FIGHT for a federal merchant marine will be reopened in congress as soon as the holiday recess ends. Private shipping interests proved too strong for such a measure at the last session, but the ensuing loss to shippers from lack of foreign transportation facilities has been so great that much of the opposition from commercial interests has been changed into support of the modified measures drafted by Secretary McAdoo.

Our Washington correspondent sends the following summary of the principal provisions of the new bill:

The government to build in American shipyards. The ships to be of the oil-burning type of size ranging from 3000 to 10,000 tons displacement.

The type to be standardized by government experts so that the vessels shall be specially adapted to use as colliers and auxiliaries to the navy. Ships to be built both in private and in government-owned shipyards; the latter yards to be additionally equipped to do the work.

The government to have power to sell, lease or buy ships. The government to act through a stock-issuing corporation of whose stock the government would hold at least 51 per cent.

The sum of fifty millions to be appropriated as a starter. Regulation of marine freight rates to be attempted through a commission similar to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Regulation of foreign ships doing business in American ports through requiring foreign ships to secure a license before doing business here.

The bill provides for the opening up of semi-abandoned government shipyards, many of which are located on waterways too shallow to float the huge men-of-war now constructed. Their utilization would be a boon to the localities affected. Private shipyards cannot decently object, as all of them are contracted up to full capacity for years to come.

The importance of oil as a fuel is dwelt upon and the prediction made that seagoing transportation is to undergo another revolution which may scrap the steamship fleet, as the added space, speed and economy of operation give the fuel oil ship great advantages. The United States and Mexico are the principal sources of oil supply and the United States could take its fuel from natural reserves within the country's borders.

The navy needs fifty auxiliary ships. In war time they would be used to transport coal and supplies. In peace they could serve as the beginning of an American merchant marine to aid in building up foreign commerce.

Tales of the Town

Eleven years ago I came to Medford And got off the train And went to the Nash. And on the corner I saw a Man. He was immaculately dressed, And clean shaven, And well groomed, And everything. And he had a flower On the lapel Of his coat, And he was talking. And I heard him say: "The d— gratters And parasites, It's all wrong." And I passed on, And I went to Portland And came back, And I saw the Man. He was on the train, And he was well dressed And everything. And he had a flower On the lapel Of his coat, And I heard him say: "It's all d— graft, They're all parasites, It's all wrong."

And years later I passed the Medford hotel, And I heard a Man. He said: "It's nothing but graft And parasites— It's all wrong." And I looked and saw The Man, Who was well dressed And wore a flower On the lapel Of his coat, And yesterday I turned the corner And I heard a Man, Who said: "It's all wrong, It's d— graft, It's d— parasites." And I saw the man Who was well dressed And wore a flower On the lapel Of his coat, And I went to ask "Doc" Keene If it's the same flower I saw Eleven years ago On the lapel Of his coat. A.

STEAMER SEARCHED AND MAIL REMOVED

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The steamer United States, which arrived today from Scandinavian ports, reported that on December 13 she was stopped east of the Shetland Isles by a British cruiser and taken to Greenock for examination. There the British removed 1961 small packages and 930 parcel post packages. The steamer was released on the 18th. Because they were held five days at Greenock, the 200 American citizens aboard the United States drew up a vigorous protest against the action of the British government and will forward it to Secretary of State Lansing.

VAUDEVILLE BILL AT THE VINING THEATER

O. T. Bergner, new manager of the Vining theatre in Ashland, was in Medford Monday. He has arranged to put on the fall Empress vaudeville bill once a week, provided it will pay. The first bill will be put on Thursday, December 30, and following is the criticism from the Portland Oregonian.

A mental mystic, who divines your thoughts, locates all your missing friends and relatives and at the same time creates mirth and curiosity, is "rescott," of the master mind, who reads this week's Empress bill, with his co-worker, Selman Fraser.

The whole of their act is unusual and weird. By mental telepathy they tell the names of a number of persons in the audience, answer questions and give advice. The blindfolded man on the stage receives his mental messages and gives reply with astounding accuracy. Fun and song feature an act by Hylands and Dale, and which a clever girl is made up as a handsome man

NOW CZAR NICHOLAS WILL SEEK BIG LOAN

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 28.—Confirmation has been received here that Russia is to negotiate a loan in the United States for \$50,000,000 for the purpose of paying for supplies ordered in that country. The loan is being arranged by Olaf Aschberg, a Stockholm banker, with the Guarantee Trust company of New York.

Announcement was made in the latter part of November in New York that a \$50,000,000 five per cent loan to Russia was in negotiation with the Guarantee Trust company. The report had it that the arrangement was to be purely a bank transaction and that no securities would be offered to the public.

JOHN A. PERL UNDERTAKER Lady Assistant 28 S. BARTLETT Phones M. 47 and 47-32 Ambulance Service Corner

THEDA BARA AND RUSSIAN WOLFHOUND GIVEN BY COUNTESS



Theda Bara, who is known all over the movie world as the sensational vampire woman, and star of "The Serpent," owns a full blooded Russian wolfhound, the present of Countess Schwyzel. The dog is called "Galloper" and is one of the most valuable of its kind. It is three years old and was reared in the famous Petrouksti kennels in Moscow. "Galloper" is a dog above the ordinary "hot potato" of the canine world, and is unable to stand the summer heat of this country. Therefore he spends his mid-year vacation in Russia.

PAN-AMERICANS TALK REGULATIONS PUBLIC UTILITIES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Eminent scientists, historians, economists, statisticians, archaeologists, geographers and others discussed problems of world-wide interest at a score of conventions held here today in connection with the second Pan-American Scientific congress.

Members of the congress which opened here yesterday with a joint session, separated today into nine groups to carry on the deliberations of the gathering.

The question of highest importance that remains to be answered here is the success of government regulation of public utilities can be affirmed, according to Charles A. Proudy, director of the division of valuation, inter-state commerce commission, who spoke before a division of the convention, on the regulation of public utilities, is whether private funds can be obtained under the governmental regulations of these utilities. He said it was certain that the rate of return must be very much in excess of the rate at which the government could borrow money for providing the same utilities and the question might finally be "can the people afford to regulate their utilities, or is it better that the government furnish the service at first hand?"

DEFENSE LOSES DISMISSAL MOTION NEW HAVEN CASE

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Judge Hunt denied the motions of the defense to dismiss the case against William Rockefeller and ten other former directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad on trial charged with conspiracy to monopolize the transportation traffic of New England.

Judge Hunt also denied the motion to strike out the testimony relating to the Metropolitan Steamship deals, which involved Edward D. Robbins.

Robbins was formerly general counsel for the New Haven. In rendering his decision regarding the Metropolitan testimony, the court said that the motion was denied without prejudice to its being submitted again at a later stage of the trial.

Judge Hunt rendered his decision of the resumption of the trial today after spending the holidays in studying the arguments on omneltling the arguments on the motions made by both sides last week.

The defense then began the presentation of its side of the case.



Government expert, engineers of Packard and Ford companies, and other authorities, declare oil from asphalt-base crude has greatest efficiency. And it was an efficiency that Zerolene, the oil made from California asphalt-base petroleum, was awarded highest competitive honors, San Francisco and San Diego Expositions.



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KING OF ITALY REPORTED WOUNDED

BERLIN, Dec. 28, by wireless.—A report that King Victor Emmanuel of Italy has been wounded by an Austrian grenade and is in a hospital, was given out today by the Overseas News agency, which describes the report as a "sensational rumor."

The news agency adds: "There is a general dislike of the war in Italy and it is said that if only the right man were at the head of the government it would make peace in spite of the London agreement."

"Another sensational rumor is that a general who is an intimate of the king has been shot for maintaining relations with the enemy."

208 SURVIVORS OF FRENCH LINER

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The number of survivors from the French steamship Ville de la Ciotat, whose sinking in the Mediterranean by a submarine was announced yesterday, is given in a Rouler dispatch from Malta as 208. The dispatch confirmed previous advice that eighty persons lost their lives. The steamship was off the island of Crete when sunk.

Survivors landed at Malta corroborate the statement that the steamer was torpedoed without warning.

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Edna Mayo and Bryant Washburn

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Six acts with an all-star cast. No child admitted under fourteen years of age. Be sure and see this wonderful subject. Every mother, father, son and daughter should not miss it. This will be shown but one day only, today. The admission for this extraordinary feature will be 25 cents to all.

An special invitation is offered the women of this city by the management of the Star Theatre to attend some performance of "The Blindness of Virtue," which is to be shown today. This play has been adapted by the Essanay Company from the English play which stirred the country. It has a distinctive moral which every woman who has a daughter should witness. It illustrates the harm subjected to young girls thrown out on the world without any knowledge of self or sex. Edna Mayo takes the lead and Bryant Washburn supports her.

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