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SEEDS FOR THE MILLIONS

Uncle Sam Will Distribute Thirty Eight Million Packages for Our Congressman

Washington, D. C. Nov. 22.—As usual the department of agriculture will begin to send out vegetable and flour seeds on the first of December, and everything is in readiness to start the gigantic work of sending out the 38,000,000 packages of seeds which will be distributed in all parts of the country within the next few weeks. It is expected that before planting time the entire amount will be in the hands of the people for whom it is intended. For several years congress has appropriated \$200,000 for this purpose, but a portion of that amount is used for foreign experiments and other kindred matter. The bulk of the 38,000,000 packages is subject to the order of senators and representatives for distribution among their constituents, the secretary of agriculture reserving one-fifth of the entire amount to supply the statistical crop correspondents, the weather bureau and for other purposes. The country has been divided into six sections, with especial regard to climate and soils, and the seeds will be sent only to those localities to which their propagation and growth are believed to be especially adapted. In addition to vegetable and flower seeds the department of agriculture sends quantities of cotton, forage and field seeds to localities to which they are best suited, and from which it is thought good results may be obtained.

Amontia Pipe Exploded.

(Four O'clock Edition.)

Houston, Texas, Nov. 22.—The amontia pipe in the Houston Packing Co. plant, near this city, exploded today, and it is reported that several were killed.

Chicago Markets.

Chicago, Nov. 22.—Wheat, 83%; corn 44% @ 44; oats, 29% @ 29%.

DETAILS OF INSURANCE GRAFTING

New York, Nov. 22.—Tarbell resumed the stand in the insurance investigation this morning, and told further details of the agents' department of the Equitable.

Hughes asked Tarbell to account for the disappointment of policy holders in the size of the dividends at maturity. Tarbell said there were several reasons for small dividends; rates of interest had gone from 6 to 4 per cent, commission expenses had increased and taxes on premiums in the different states were doubled, and labor was higher. Tarbell said: "There have been extravagances which are partly responsible. I think the work of this committee will go a long way to correct this." Tarbell says he always turned in an itemized account of all expenses, and paid the expenses of his own family from personal funds, when he took them with him on inspection trips.

The charges and specifications were read to Meriwether, who pleaded not guilty. James C. Vanderarr, of the second-class, testified that he was one of Branch's best friends. He said: "I sat next to Meriwether at mess upon the arrival of the British fleet. Meriwether declared that he was laying for a chance to soak Branch. A day later he announced that he had received a challenge. Branch had admitted nagging him."

IN BEHALF OF MINERS

Nevada City, Nov. 22.—The California Miners' Association convention, assembled here this morning, and was called to order by President Benjamin. Governor Pardee is present. President Benjamin's annual address was radical, and demanded greater recognition of mining and miners by congress. He said: "The farmers get everything, and the miners nothing."

RESULT OF RING FIGHT

Midshipman Meriwether Court-Martialed for Killing James Branch

Annapolis, Md., Nov. 22.—Upon charges of manslaughter and conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline and violations of naval regulations in engaging in a fight with Midshipman James R. Branch, Jr., Midshipman Minor Meriwether, of Lafayette, La., was placed on trial this morning at the naval academy before a general court-martial. Branch's death, two days after the fight, November 5th, is the basis of the manslaughter charge. The other charges are incidental to this. The judge-advocate is Captain Adolph Marx, who acted in the same capacity in the Maine inquiry. The members are Rear-Admirals Ramsay, McCormick and Barker, retired; Captains Wainwright, and Comly; Commanders Staunton, Pisk and Barry; Lieutenant-Commanders Clark, and Craven, and Lieutenants Jackson, McLean and Conelions.

Staunton was excused from serving, because before he was ordered on trial duty he was heard to say he thought Meriwether should be dismissed.

Midshipman Ralph J. Yeager testified that he accompanied Meriwether to Branch's room, and related a heated conversation between the two. The academy physician gave the medical records of the two men, showing Meriwether weighed 15 pounds more than Branch, and was four inches taller. Neither was sick prior to the fight. Captain Colvocoeris, commandant of the cadets, said he disapproved of fighting, but declared the naval regulations do not prohibit it.

Midshipman McKittick describes the fight. He said: "The fight was to a finish, according to custom, Queensbury rules. The 15 rounds were very even, when Branch began pressing things. The next few rounds Branch had the better of it. About the 20th round Meriwether fouled, hitting in a clinch. He admitted the foul, and offered to forfeit the fight. Branch said he could not take the fight that way, and it was decided to go five rounds more, and call it a draw if both were standing. In the middle of the 24th round it was reported that an officer was on the deck of Bancroft hall. We put out the lights and called the fight a draw. I helped Branch to his room, although he was able to walk. I left him with his room mate, who prepared a hot bath for him."

SENATOR BURTON'S TRIAL

(Four O'clock Edition.)

St. Louis, Nov. 22.—Burton's attorney today is trying to show an agreement by which the defendant was employed by the Bialto Grain Co., made as to work in Illinois, but extended to cover Missouri.

CONFESSED TO MURDER

Townsend, Mont., Nov. 22.—May Stevens, a woman of the lower world, confessed to the murder of John C. Black, who was stabbed to death in a saloon Monday night. The woman says she stabbed Black in the back, because he attacked another woman, accusing the latter of robbing him of \$50.

The Spa

If you want a good assortment of candies to select from, remember we carry the most complete line in the city and a larger assortment than ever before, and also a very fine line of Lowrey's.

W. T. STOLZ. F. G. MEYER. 352 State Street.

MENELIK DISCOVERS AMERICA

African Hotentate Sends Letter to the President, and Also a Present

(Four O'clock Edition.)
Washington, Nov. 22.—El Hadjie Abdallah Pasha, minister of commerce of Abyssinia, called upon the President today, and presented a personal letter from Menelik, also a gift.

HELD UP THE PAYMASTER

(Four O'clock Edition.)

Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 22.—George H. Wiley, paymaster for the construction company, was held up at the door of the office of the construction camp at Cudahy, Wis. His personal effects were taken, and the keys of the office and safe were stolen. The safe was entered, and about \$3000 in cash and negotiable paper were taken.

RUSSIA'S PITIABLE CONDITION

(Four O'clock Edition.)

London, Nov. 22.—Russian dispatches say that the peasant uprisings are growing steadily. A million and a half persons, 80 per cent of the population of the Baltic provinces, are said to be starving. Half a million peasants are following the false czar. Agitators are urging the peasants to burn all estates.

MINE OWNER'S UNION

Chicago Nov. 22.—Representatives of the coal operators of all Western bituminous producing states organized a national association for the protection of their interests today. Operators represented the control of 50 per cent of the output of the entire country. W. C. Perry, of Kansas City, chairman of the meeting, announced their purpose to present a united front to the miners in January, when it is expected increased wages will be demanded.

Postoffice Scandals.

New York, Nov. 22.—Robert J. Wynne, consul-general at London, and former postmaster-general, arrived today, en route to Washington to testify in the investigation of the postoffice scandals.

A King High Affair.

Paris, Nov. 22.—King Charles, of Portugal, arrived today to visit President Loubet. He was accorded imposing military honors, and will remain three days.

PANAMA CANAL SQUABBLE

Engineers Dissatisfied With Roosevelt's Minority Report Against Sea Level Canal

Washington, Nov. 22.—Secretary Bishop, of the canal commission, today intimated that the President and members of the commission, who have to review the report of the consulting engineer, will probably recommend to Congress its adoption. There will be a minority report, signed by five American engineers, which recommends the construction of the canal with locks, at an elevation of 30 feet. The foreign members are very much hurt at the reported dissatisfaction of President Roosevelt with the recommendation of the sea level canal.

Let Him Off Easy.

(Four O'clock Edition.)
Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 22.—A. T. McCormack, former alderman, pleaded guilty to bribery this morning, and was fined \$350 and costs.

TELEPHONE FRANCHISE

People will talk and today they are talking about the new telephone franchise. Next we want more country phones to enable our farmer friends to talk to us. They can do some trading by telephone, but they can't get their dental work done that way, so the next best thing is to come in and consult Dr. B. E. Wright. He will tell them about those two elegant gold watches he is about to give away, and give them examples of how and why he can do better dentistry without pain, and at less cost than others. Call at his office in the Steusloff block, Salem.

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\$1.25 values Wednesday only	98c	\$1.75 values Wednesday only	\$1.35
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\$1.35 values Wednesday only	\$1.05	\$2.00 values Wednesday only	\$1.48
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Challenge sale 23c

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Desirable shapes and designs.
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Of this season's style. Long coats that are so stylish—skirts that are round length, properly tailored. All desirable colors are represented in our showing. Reduced One-third.

MERODE
(Hand Finished) UNDERWEAR
Warm Underwear—Cold, prying winds demand heavier clothing. Readiness is preferable to being caught unprepared. We can be of great help to you, Ladies' and Misses' dependable garments during this sale much less than regular prices. Choose now.
CHALLENGE SALE PRICES

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THIS IS CORRECT. Correct in style, correct in fabric, correct in fit, at less than regular. All the new style wrinkles are worked into these garments—values that cannot be bettered anywhere. Here you can choose from the entire line at **CHALLENGE SALE PRICES.**

GORDON HATS.
Strictly this season's style. Regular \$3.00 values. Challenge Sale Price \$2.35