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There is no rain without loss. You wouldn't be stuck up if you heard all other people say about you.

Yet we all know souls for which the weight of one crucifix would be a ridiculous exaggeration.

Maine deplores the increasing scarcity of lobsters. Must have been taxing the summer boarders too heavily.

A 1794 copper cent was sold for \$35.50 recently. After all, that is less than nine per cent. compound interest since it was coined.

Prof. Charles Henderson says the wealthy go from Chicago to New York on their way to heaven, and the journey by easy stages, eh?

The war department wants a balloon which will raise a ton. Doesn't war raise enough gibberna without calling in the services of a balloon?

Count Rom having offered to commit suicide and no objection being heard from any quarter, according to parliamentary usage the motion stands approved.

Champagne drinking in America is on the wane, says a Washington dispatch. And Americans can afford it better than ever before, too. Which makes us feel virtuous.

The Baltimore physician who is trying to convince the world that the wearing of hats is unhealthy will fall in his efforts until he provides something else to talk through.

Is the scientist who thinks women will lose their arms because they have no further use for them unaware of the fact that the price of the holding hands has become obsolete?

The new Swedish minister to the United States, Mr. Lagercrantz, was at one time a worker in the Salvation Army. He and his wife worked for several years in the worst slums of London.

There may be more red tape than there has been in the digging of the Panama canal, now that army engineers have taken charge of the work, but none will be attached to resignations.

With England and Russia in "complete understanding" as to a Persian policy, Persia can save a lot of delay by asking for an international conference at once and settling the thing done with—Detroit News.

The Havana Telegraph reports that the tobacco crop of the province of Pinar del Rio will not be 40 per cent. of the previous season's crop, which was one of the worst crops in the history of the island.

A remarkable report comes from the state insane asylum at Jackson, La., which was partly wrecked. Nearly all the patients were left without shelter, 20 of them being seriously injured. Several cases of acute hysteria are reported to have been shocked into what the physicians declare may prove permanent recovery.

Gov. Blount has rushed tennis and cot from the state military supplies for the temporary housing of the asylum inmates. The governor issued a statement that the damage to the asylum is not over \$100,000.

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LOUISIANA TOWNS SUFFER

Alexandria Has Fearful Experience, Many Dwellings Being Wrecked—Insane Asylum at Jackson Is Destroyed.

New Orleans.—Fully 25 deaths and more than twice as many severe injuries resulted from Friday's tornado through Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. Less than half of those killed were white persons. The tornado moved from west to east, crossing the southern extremities of Louisiana and Mississippi and striking into Alabama for a short distance. Portions of four towns were devastated and damage probably exceeding half a million dollars was done, for in addition to the places in which the tornado manifested fatal violence, the disturbance did general damage to property crops and telegraph wires throughout its 300 mile course.

The tornado began at Alexandria, La., soon after one o'clock in the morning, and killed four persons there, probably fatally injuring three and seriously injuring 13 others. Soon after daylight it killed five Mississippi river, instantly killing five persons, including Secretary of War and Bayou Sara, La., at least a dozen others are reported killed. There was one fatal injury at Jackson. The tornado next appeared at Carson, Miss., where it wrought property damage was done and the last heard of it was about noon near Selma, Ala., where the inhabitants saw whirling clouds rise into the air, after which they were dead and a new wave crossed near Selma, but not confirmed.

Alexandria, a town of about 16,000 inhabitants, had a fearful experience. When the tornado struck the electric lights went out, the crackling of falling buildings could be heard above the noise of the wind, and vivid lightning flashes showed dark sights as they fell from the sky. A train rolling over and over. Immediately after the wind spent its violence a heavy hail storm came on.

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PENROSE DENIES PLOT TALE

SENATOR SAYS HE NEVER HEARD OF ALLEGED CABAL.

Secretary Loeb Declares Roosevelt Learned of Scheme Before Dinner of Conspirators.

Philadelphia.—United States Senator Penrose had this to say Friday about a published report that he told at a dinner in Washington the story of a "rich men's conspiracy" to prevent the selection of President Roosevelt's choice of a successor to himself: "It is absolutely untrue. I have never said any such thing. It is untrue. I have never been a supporter of and believer in President Roosevelt's administration and all its policies."

The senator was asked: "Have you ever in connection with a \$5,000,000 fund to prevent President Roosevelt's naming his successor?"

"No, absolutely not," was his reply. "Have you ever heard of the combination termed the 'rich men's conspiracy' to thwart the president in the development of his policies?"

"No, I have never heard of any such combination and have no knowledge of it."

"Did you attend a dinner of such a character as was mentioned today in the Washington dispatches?"

"No, I never attended a dinner where such a subject was discussed. I could not have done so, anyhow, for I have just returned from the Indian cruise with Secretary McMillan and Senator Flinn of California. I arrived in Philadelphia Tuesday night after a month's trip. During that time I did not follow the newspapers or keep in touch with affairs in the United States."

Washington.—It was stated at the White House Friday that knowledge of the "cabal" alleged to have been formed to defeat the policies of Mr. Roosevelt came to the notice of the president some time before the dinner at which the whole scheme was laid bare.

Periodic reports were made at the White House to obtain the name of the person who is said to be responsible for giving away the information of the combination, but Secretary Loeb declined to make this public.

BIG RAIL STRIKE AVERTED.

Managers and Trainmen at Chicago Reach Settlement.

Chicago.—It was announced at 2:25 Thursday afternoon that the general managers of the 43 western railways and the committee of the union conductors and trainmen had reached a settlement at 1:30 p. m., and all danger of a strike, which for several weeks has threatened to tie up traffic in the west, had been averted.

The proposition on which the settlement was based was put forward by Commissioners Knapp and Nell, President Roosevelt's representatives in Chicago. The managers made a slight additional concession in the passenger service over their recent offer to the men and gained a ten-hour working day in the work-train service. The announcement has been made that the same conditions will apply to a settlement of the controversy between the managers and the locomotive firemen.

MEXICAN EDITOR JAILED.

Said Creel Was Not Eligible as Governor of Chihuahua.

El Paso, Tex.—Because he had urged the Euzebio C. Creel, ambassador of Mexico to the United States, could not be elected the constitutional governor of the state of Chihuahua, Silvestre Terraza, editor of El Correo, a daily newspaper of high standing, published in the city of Chihuahua, is in jail.

The arrest has caused a profound sensation throughout northern Mexico, and is being noted without effect by the agitators against the Diaz government, the so-called "revolutionists," on both sides of the border.

Judge Josiah Turner Dead. Owensio, Mich.—Judge Josiah Turner, for 24 years judge of the Seventh judicial circuit in this state, and a member of the state supreme bench for a time in 1857 to fill a vacancy, died at his home here Sunday night, aged 96 years. Judge Turner was born in New Haven, Vt. He was one of the signers of the call for the convention under the oaks at Jackson in 1854, which resulted in the formation of the Republican party.

Millionaire Dies Suddenly. New York.—Theodore D. Buhl, president of the Buhl Malleable Iron works of Detroit, president of the Detroit and in being struck and without effect by the agitators against the Diaz government, the so-called "revolutionists," on both sides of the border.

Dr. Gatz Honors a Jew-Baiter. St. Petersburg.—M. Pichon, a former professor of the University of Kiev, has been elected a member of the council of empire. He is a noted reactionary and anti-semitic, and is the reputed organizer of the anti-Jewish attacks at Kiev.

Big Blaze in Galveston. Galveston, Tex.—Panned by a high northeast wind, fire late Monday caused the total destruction of three buildings and entailed a loss estimated at \$175,000.

ISLE OF PINES IS CUBA'S

RULING MADE BY THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

Affirm Decision of Lower Tribunal in Case Arising from Importation of Cigars.

Washington.—That the Isle of Pines is not American territory was officially and judicially declared Monday by the supreme court of the United States. The decision was rendered in the famous case of Edward J. Peary vs. Nevada N. Stranahan, collector of the port at New York, and the opinion of the decision was announced by Chief Justice Fuller, who said that up to the Paris treaty the Isle of Pines had been considered as an integral part of Cuba and that it could not be held to be ceded by the article 2 of that treaty which included only islands in the vicinity of Porto Rico.

The case originated in connection with the importation of a few boxes of cigars by Peary in September, 1903, but its hearing by the court was from time to time postponed in the hope that the status of the island might be definitely fixed by legislation or diplomacy. The cigars were made in the Isle of Pines of tobacco grown there and when they arrived Peary refused to pay duty, on the ground that they were of domestic origin. The collector thereupon seized them, and Peary appealed to the United States circuit court, where he secured no relief, as the court sustained a demurrer filed by the government and dismissed the case. He promptly brought the case to the supreme court where the decree of the lower court was affirmed.

The case was number one on the supreme court docket.

DENIES KILLING MRS. GENTRY.

Constantine Says He Committed Suicide with His Razor.

New York.—The man arrested in Brooklyn on suspicion that he murdered Mrs. Gentry of Chicago made a statement to the police Thursday, in which he said that he is Constantine, the man for whom the Chicago police had been searching. He said he did not kill Mrs. Gentry, but she committed suicide. He returned to Chicago and explains to the police there.

Constantine said that Mrs. Gentry killed herself with his razor. It was a white-handled razor, and how she got possession of it, he did not know. After he saw a diamond ring, he returned to Chicago and pawned a watch and chain and for \$45. He took the 1:45 p. m. train for New York. He has been in Italy and South America since then.

Will Sue to Recover Mineral Lands.

Reno, Nev.—The department of the interior is to sue the Southern Pacific company at once to cancel all patents issued to the railroad in the White Horse mining district in this state, and a tract on the claim that the land was reserved for the benefit of the people. The land for which the railroad received patents was mineral.

Arrested for Wife-Murder. New York.—Dr. Samuel S. Guy, a prominent dentist of Far Rockaway and for a number of years, until recently, coroner of Queensborough, is arrested on a charge of the murder of his wife in their home Monday night.

Taft and party at Havana. Havana.—Secretary of War Taft and party arrived here Sunday morning on board the Mayflower. The trip from the island was uneventful. All members of the party are well.

Senator Heyburn Much Better. Philadelphia.—The condition of United States Senator W. B. Heyburn of Idaho, who was taken suddenly ill Saturday, was much improved Sunday night. He suffered from an attack of acute indigestion.

Bitlis Quakes Are Abating. Constantinople.—Rev. Royal M. Coile, head of the American mission at Bitlis, Armenia, has announced that the town says the earthquake shocks are abating and the people are getting over their fright.

SHUN HOODOO DESK

CLERKS AT WASHINGTON ARE SUPERSTITIOUS.

No One Cares to Work at Place That Seem Marked Out for Misfortune—Doorkeeper's Post an Example.

A series of misfortunes involving dismissals, resignations and deaths in the executive departments in Washington often develops what is known as the "hoodoo desk," says the Washington Post.

A desk comes under suspicion after the death of one of the clerks in the office or after several clerks die in the office in the course of a year or two. If the desk is the hoodoo desk, and no one in that room cares to do clerical work at it. In a room filled with clerks the hoodoo desk is easily recognized, for it is most generally occupied with the surplus books and general litter of the daily routine work.

The desk may remain unoccupied sometimes for months, until some new clerk is assigned to it and assigned to it, provided there is no other vacant desk in the room. Bureau officials generally avoid assigning a new clerk to the hoodoo desk if it is to be occupied. In fact, the desk is apt to remain without an occupant until radical changes in the personnel of the office cause its reputation to be forgotten.

In one department there is a hoodoo desk from which four clerks have resigned in the last two years, two have died, one has been dismissed and three have been transferred. Therefore, no one cares to occupy it now. A \$1,200 clerk said several days ago, in a half-hearted way, that he would move from his present room and try to get assigned to the hoodoo desk. He said: "I'd rather take \$1,800. He said afterward, however, that he was merely joking.

But there are other hoodoos in Washington. Some years ago a doorkeeper's desk in the war department building came under the ban and it was a source of considerable annoyance to the officials.

At this particular door the first misfortune occurred in the second dismissal, the third holder of the post lost his wife by death and finally fell and broke a limb, and the fourth appointee in succession lost a child and then resigned. He was offered the place vacant for a time, as no one could be induced to take it. The place had to be filled by calling on the civil-service commission for some one to fill the position.

Perhaps the most conspicuous case of a hoodoo desk in any one of the Washington executive departments was that in which a succession of misfortunes caused the resignation of several of the assistant secretaries. Several deaths and other misfortunes made the place deserted.

Unfortunate Twins. There is a colored woman who resides in one of the courts in the northwest section of Washington, and who has a peculiar belief, based upon her children unique Christian names. She has named one of her girls Ambrosia and another Cymeline, while her eldest boy bears the cognomen of Prince Edward. It recently occurred to her that "plekanyan" would make a good prefix for her next girl, and she decided to apply it. When that resolution was made the mother of twin girls, and one of her friends called to see her and queried: "Now, 'Liza, you done got two gals; whatcher gwine fer name 'em?"

"Well, you know I've e'ck on dat name Plekanyan, and I've gwine ter arrange it so's I can gib it to my two twins. I've gwine ter name one ob dem gals 'Plickie' and 'Liza' and de other 'dat' make de whole word 'Plekanyan'."

Rumor Busy With Carlisle. The Hon. John G. Carlisle, who has an intermittent residence in Washington with his daughter-in-law and granddaughters at his handsome home in "Ship to Alaska," sailing from Seattle for Manila after his return. Maj. Willis P. Richardson of the quartermaster general's department is making the effort to have the secretary of war make the Alaska visit, Mr. Taft would like to go very much and it is merely a question of time. When he has seen Alaska the secretary of war will have visited every dependency of the United States with the exception of Samoa.

Will See All of America. Secretary Taft may visit Alaska next fall. He is going to leave Washington for the Philippines about Sept. 1 and it is very likely that he will make a side trip to Alaska, sailing from Seattle for Manila after his return. Maj. Willis P. Richardson of the quartermaster general's department is making the effort to have the secretary of war make the Alaska visit, Mr. Taft would like to go very much and it is merely a question of time. When he has seen Alaska the secretary of war will have visited every dependency of the United States with the exception of Samoa.

Mrs. Longworth in Society. Mrs. Alice Longworth is taking her place as a hostess at Washington society and her Tuesday at homes are becoming one of the weekly features of the capital. It is an open secret within the city that Mrs. Longworth has political ambitions for her husband and, perhaps, she is not far wrong in believing that one of the open doors to political preferment is to be found in the social observances for which she is so well fitted.



ON TRAIL OF TRAIN WRECKERS.

Pennsylvania Railroad Officials Determined to Catch Them.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Officials of the Pennsylvania railroad have settled down in earnest to run to earth the gang of train wreckers which in the last two months has made several attempts to destroy the fast passenger trains on the company's lines. Rewards aggregating \$10,500 have been offered for the capture of the wreckers. The emergency brakes have been called to Pittsburgh every divisional superintendent east and west to discuss measures for safeguarding the lives of the company's passengers and to lay elaborate plans for the capture of the wreckers.

Alliance, O.—An unsuccessful attempt was made early Monday to wreck a fast freight, on the Cleveland and Pittsburgh branch of the Pennsylvania company within 500 yards of the station here, when the engineer of the train saw the signal for a clear track suddenly throw to red. The emergency brakes were applied and the train brought to a standstill in time to avoid crashing into the open switch. A man who evidently opened the switch ran from the track and disappeared. It is suspected that the would-be train wrecker is one of the gang responsible for the derailment of the Cleveland-Pittsburg flyer at Hudson, O., Saturday night.

NO DEFENSE AT PUERTO CORTES.

Hondurans Thought War Was Over—American Marines Guard Ceiba.

New Orleans.—Without fighting and that about 1,500 Honduran soldiers abandoned the port two days before the Nicaraguan troops appeared was the information brought here Monday night by the steamer Anselm from Puerto Cortes.

The Hondurans did not desert their post through cowardice, according to these dispatches, but decided that the war was over.

United States marines closed all saloons in Ceiba after the abandonment of the port by the Hondurans. Puerto Cortes, Honduras, via New Orleans.—An authoritative statement of great moment in the relations of the United States to Central American republics has been given out here. It is to the effect that bombardment of coast towns cannot be permitted during the frequent wars and revolutions in Central America states.

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INDICTED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT. Assistant Adjutant General of West Virginia Is Accused.

Charleston, W. Va.—The military board of survey which has been investigating the accounts of the assistant adjutant general of this state, appeared before the grand jury Friday afternoon and secured the indictment of Col. A. S. Hutson, who has held that office since 1899 during three state administrations, on the charge of embezzlement of \$500. A warrant was issued and he was arrested.

The indictment covers but one specification and, while the state official is both of survey and collector, it has been generally understood that the trouble has extended over a period of years and that the amount may reach or exceed \$30,000.

Ex-Merit of Guatemala Slay. Mexico City.—Ex-President Jose Barrios of Guatemala was assassinated in this city Sunday night at the house of a common by a young Guatemalan named Cabrera, 18 years old.

Ex-Mayer of Lincoln, Neb. Dies. Lincoln, Neb.—Ex-Mayor A. H. Weir died of heart failure in the automobile of a friend late Monday afternoon. Mr. Weir, who was the head of a large lumber firm, was twice Democratic mayor of this city.

Greek Consul In Arrested. Lowell, Mass.—Michael Istros, the Greek consul in this city, was arrested Monday night by United States officers on a charge of conspiracy in connection with the importation of Greeks into this country.