

Dr. Truman W. Brophy, of Chicago, who is attending the International Federation in Stockholm, has just pleased and highly interested the surgical and dental profession of Sweden by performing a remarkable operation on the mouth of two children at the Seraphimer hospital.

Some of Italy's historic buildings are being put to use for which they were never intended. For instance, the public has just learned with astonishment that the celebrated temple of Pomona, near Ferrara, which contains some of Glotto's finest paintings, is being used as a corn warehouse.

Read birds are a glut on the market at Salem, N. J., already. It is estimated that on the first day of the season more than 2,000 dozen birds were brought into the city, and the price went down so fast that everybody ate birds to their heart's content.

The literal translation of chauffeur is "stoker" or "fireman," derived from the verb chauffer, to warm or to heat, and from the same source we have chauffe, "furnace," and chauffage, "fuel."

The most peculiar interment which ever took place in Orange, N. J., was that of the body of Miss Mary Redmond Martin, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Martin, of Mountain avenue, Llewellyn Park, which was buried in Rosedale cemetery without a casket.

American Medicine has discovered a new need in the public schools. It avers that "the majority of young eyes are hyperopic and astigmatic, and lifelong harm may follow their use at a tender age without spectacles."

"Molten wood" is a new invention, due to M. de Gall, inspector of forests at Lamur, France. By means of dry distillation and high pressure the escape of developing gases is prevented, thereby reducing the wood to a "molten" condition.

London is being pulled to pieces so rapidly that the snapshot of the amateur in the streets has a chance of acquiring a historic immortality. In a few years' time a panoramic photograph of the north side of the Strand, from the Gaiety theater eastward, will have a sentimental value for those of us who loved the "roaring Strand" at the end of the last century, while for the generation which will know only the modern buildings on the famous site it will be an absolute curiosity.

Tears have their functions like every other fluid of the body. Nothing cleanses the eye like a good salty shower bath, and medical art has followed Nature's law in this respect, advocating the invigorating solution for any distressed condition of the optics.

While it is too early to make any definite predictions regarding the apple crop, the indications at present are that the crop the country over will be somewhat larger than last year's, and that, consequently, prices will be lower.

There are employed on the farms near Calumet, Mich., some 300 Finnish girls, who work in the hay and grain fields like hired men. The farmers say they are cheaper than male help and give more complete satisfaction.

NOMINATION IS DECLINED

Speaker Henderson Refuses to Stand as a Candidate for Re-election to Congress.

WITHDRAWAL ANNOUNCED IN A LETTER.

Gives as the Reason for His Action a Conviction That His Views Regarding Tariff Revision and Treatment of Trusts Are at Variance with Party.

Dubuque, Ia., Sept. 17.—Speaker Henderson, finding that his views in respect to the treatment of trusts by reducing the tariff in whole or in part, are not in accord with the views of many of his party in Iowa, has declined to accept the nomination for congress, and has withdrawn from the race.

"My Dear Sir: I have never answered the kind note communicated by you and your associates advising me of my nomination for the eleventh time by acclamation as the republican candidate for congress for the Third congressional district of Iowa. Reported conditions in the public mind



HON. D. B. HENDERSON.

In my district upon public policies, induced me to make this delay. Since my return to the district I have made a careful study as to the sentiment in the district and state, and I believe there is no little sentiment, and a growing sentiment, among republicans, that I do not truly represent their views on the tariff question.

"Dubuque, Ia., Sept. 19.—The republican congressional committee of the Third district met here Thursday and decided to call a convention at New Hampton, Ia., Sept. 25, to consist of the delegates to the convention which nominated Col. Henderson, to nominate a candidate to succeed him. Before acting the members of the committee called upon Col. Henderson and requested him to reconsider his withdrawal. He declined to do so, stating his decision was final.

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 19.—Speaker Henderson's political representative here was asked to get an expression from the speaker as to the report he would resign the speakership at the opening of the present term of congress. In reply the following telegram was received:

London, Sept. 20.—Stanley Spencer steered an airship built by himself from Crystal Palace over St. Paul's cathedral, around Ealing suburb, and against the wind toward Harrow. The trip was 30 miles long and is believed to show a ship can be steered at will.

Fredericktown, Md., Sept. 18.—Ohio will soon begin the erection of 12 monuments to its soldier dead on Antietam field, one of them to the memory of President McKinley, for which the Ohio legislature has appropriated \$20,000.

Philadelphia, Sept. 20.—Anthracite coal brought \$14 a ton in the open market Friday when the board of inspectors of the county prison contracted for 75 tons of the ordinary above size at that figure.

Downing, Mich., Sept. 18.—Former Circuit Judge Thomas O'Hara, of St. Joseph, was nominated for congress by the Fourth district democratic convention.

GRIEF FOR THEIR QUEEN.

Belgians Bowled in Sorrow Over the Sudden Death of Marie Henriette.

Spa, Belgium, Sept. 20.—Marie Henriette, queen of the Belgians, died here suddenly Friday night at ten minutes before eight o'clock. Neither her husband, members of her family nor her majesty's doctors were present at the time of her death. She was seated at a table eating a light dinner, when she was seized with an attack of syncope. Dr. Guillaume, who, in the course of the day, had remarked upon certain disquieting symptoms in the queen's condition, was summoned immediately, but her



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majesty was dead before he arrived. Two members of her suite were with the queen during her last moments. Queen Marie Henriette was a daughter of the late Archduke Joseph of Austria. She was born August 23, 1836, and was married August 22, 1853, to Prince Leopold of Belgium, son of King Leopold I, who ascended the throne at the death of his father as Leopold II, December 10, 1865. The queen was noted for her piety and charity, and, in recognition of her devotion to the church, the pope sent her about nine years ago a notable token of his high esteem in the form of the "Golden Rose of Virtue."

LEAVE OYSTER BAY.

President Roosevelt and Companions Start on Their Tour in the West.

Oyster Bay, L. I., Sept. 20.—President Roosevelt left New York aboard the Sylph at 9:30 Friday morning. He will not return to Sagamore Hill until October 9. Mrs. Roosevelt, the Misses Alice and Ethel Roosevelt and Secretary Cortelyou accompanied him. The ladies of the party returned to this place during the afternoon, after bidding the presidential party good-by as they started on the western trip.

Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 20.—President Roosevelt's special arrived here at 7:10 o'clock, and after a five-minute stop proceeded west. Frank P. Sargent, commissioner general of immigration, who joined the party at Philadelphia, left the train at this point. United States Senator Quay rode with the president from Trenton to Philadelphia. A large crowd greeted the president here and gave him three hearty cheers. He responded with a few words of thanks.

Altoona, Pa., Sept. 20.—The president's train arrived here at 10:33 p. m. The president, who had not retired, found several thousand people assembled to greet him. They gave him hearty cheers when he appeared on the platform of his car. The president delivered a short speech of thanks for the greeting and was cheered when he concluded.

FAST TRAIN WRECKED.

Two Killed and Forty-Four Injured in a Serious Disaster at Leesburg, O.

Chillicothe, O., Sept. 19.—The Royal Blue flyer on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern was wrecked at Leesburg, near here, at eight o'clock Thursday night, the train having run into an open switch while running at the rate of 50 miles an hour. The engine exploded and the engineer, Philip Roe, and fireman Charles Studer, both of this city, were killed outright. Every coach on the train left the track. Forty-four passengers were injured.

Two Boys Cremated.

Frankfort, Ind., Sept. 18.—The two young sons of George Trobrough, a prominent farmer living six miles north of this place, crawled into a crevasse in a large straw stack Wednesday afternoon, and while there the straw took fire. Their escape was cut off and the two boys were cremated. The father of the boys saw them enter the stack and when attracted by their cries for assistance ran to their rescue, but too late. It is supposed the fire originated through careless handling of matches by the boys.

Degree for the President.

Chicago, Sept. 19.—The University of Chicago convocation, at which the degree of doctor of laws will be conferred on President Roosevelt, will take place under an enormous tent in which there will be seats for 5,000 persons.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE.

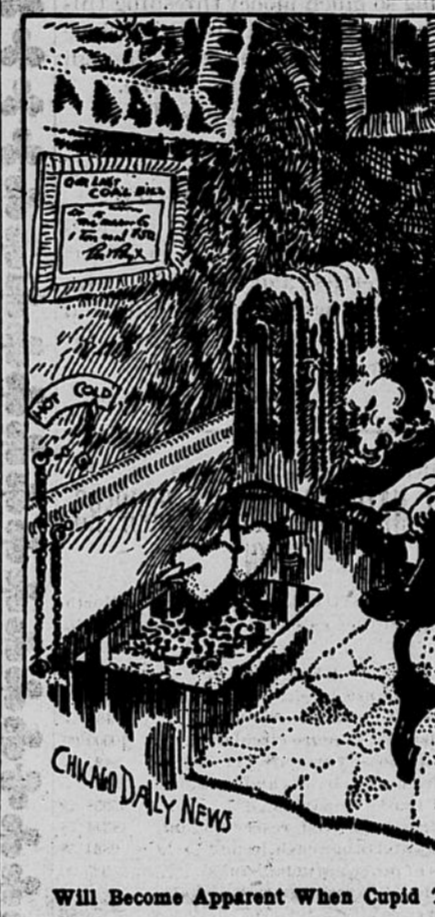
President Roosevelt and Leading Senators Discuss Policies of Republican Party.

CONFEREES SILENT AS TO RESULT.

Decision Arrived at, It is Said, Not to Attempt Tariff Revision at Next Session—President to Maintain Attitude as to Trusts and Cuban Reciprocity.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 17.—Senators Hanna, Spooner, Allison, Aldrich and Lodge and Postmaster General Payne spent several hours with President Roosevelt Tuesday and discussed with him the entire political situation, having special reference to the conditions in the western states which the president is to visit on his approaching trip. The parties to the conference were very reticent after they returned from Sagamore Hill, but it can be stated on reliable authority that it was decided to make no attempt to revise the tariff at the coming session of congress; that the president is to maintain his position as to the trusts, and further, that

THE REAL PATHOS OF THE COAL FAMINE



Will Become Apparent When Cupid Tries to Do Business in Cold Parlors.

he is to insist in his demand for reciprocity with Cuba. It is understood that he will fully outline his policy regarding this latter question in some of the speeches he is to make on his western trip. It also can be stated on excellent authority that the coal strike was not discussed.

Tariff and Trusts Separate.

It was agreed by all that there will be no adherence to the theory that the tariff can be or should be reduced merely because certain articles were produced by trusts or monopolies. The effort will be made at all times to keep the tariff and the trusts as separate questions to be dealt with on their merits. The plea will be made and insisted upon that any revision or readjustment of the tariff should be made by free traders, and the country will be appealed to not to jeopardize existing prosperity by turning the tariff over to its enemies.

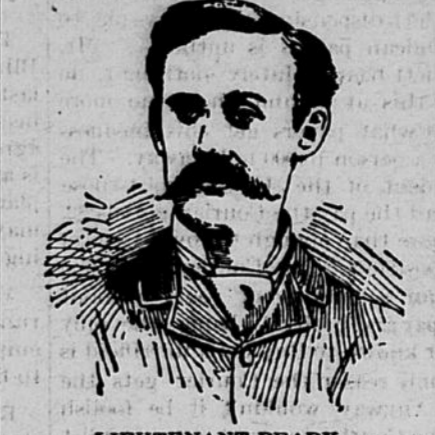
Purpose of the Conference.

The president's purpose in having this conference was to ascertain if there had been any marked political changes in the different sections of the country during the past year.

RETURN OF PEARY.

Arctic Explorer Failed to Reach North Pole, But Is Confident It Can Be Accomplished.

North Sydney, C. E., Sept. 19.—Lieut. Robert E. Peary arrived here Thursday on the steamer Windward from the frozen north. He did not discover the north pole during his trip of four years, but he says that in his last dash with that object in



LIEUTENANT PEARY.

view, he made important discoveries. He says he feels certain that the pole can be reached, and furthermore, that if he were a man of independent means he would persevere until he succeeded. The most north-

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Exit Filled with Dead.

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