

The chamber of commerce of Montreal, backed by many financial concerns of that city, has just declared in favor of a law imposing an income tax as a source of revenue to the dominion.

There is distress in the north of Ireland, as well as in the southwest. The Salvation Army is feeding 5,000 destitute people in Belfast, and the Lady Mayoress of the city has appealed for aid.

If the French republic should ever be sick it will not be for want of doctors to look after its health. About one-third of the chamber of deputies and half the senate is composed of practitioners of the healing art. The various ministries have plenty of physicians. The recent appointments of Dr. Gastinel to the ministry of public instruction brings their number up to 60.

Yale college, like many other colleges, has a bureau of self-help, which finds employment for students who have to support themselves wholly or in part. A Yale professor has applied to the bureau for a Yale "man" to be nurse to his (the professor's) children, boys and girls between two and eight years old. This is a new field for student genius. Undergraduates have done about everything else.

The German steamship lines running to New York have been trying a new propeller, which will make their boats from ten to thirty per cent. faster, if its inventor's expectations are fulfilled. On the thrusting face it has concave blades, which throw the water more oblique than the ordinary propeller. The new propeller increased the speed of a boat thirty feet long from ten to thirteen miles.

The size of the Atlantic waves has been carefully measured for the Washington hydrographic bureau. In height the waves usually average about thirty feet, but in rough weather they attain from 40 feet to 48 feet. During storms they are often from 500 feet to 600 feet long and last ten or eleven seconds, while the longest yet known measured half a mile, and did not spend itself for 23 seconds.

England has irrevocably lost Mexico as a market for calicoes and print goods of a cheap and medium grade, and Mexican-made products have entirely displaced foreign importations. Only in the fancy and high-priced line of goods can the Manchester factories compete with the Mexican factories, and this is probably simply because the Mexican factories as yet have made but few attempts to secure this sort of trade.

One of the ways for beautifying the country in the Grand Duchy of Baden without any ultimate expense to the taxpayer is the planting of fruit trees along the government highway. These are cherry, apple, pear and in some places walnut trees. The trees are planted 32 feet apart along each side of the road, and when the fruit is ready for market it is sold at public auction on the trees, the purchaser being obliged to harvest it at his own expense.

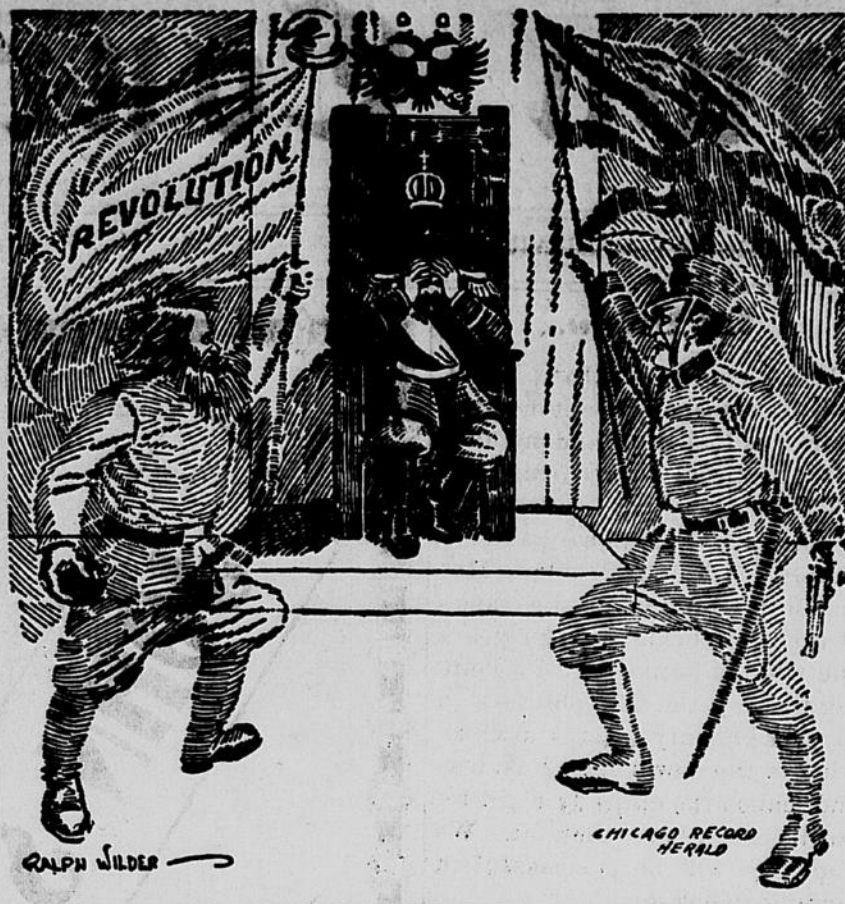
The many disadvantages of the glass milk bottle as now almost universally employed are well known. One of the most serious is the difficulty in securing proper cleansing before it is refilled, with the accompanying possibility of spreading infection. Efforts to secure improvement in this detail of milk service have heretofore been unsuccessful, mainly because of failure to obtain a satisfactory substitute. Recent investigations by Dr. A. H. Stewart indicate that an acceptable container is found in a single service paper milk bottle.

A little red button worn by some 300 women, old and young, married and unmarried, among the leading social sets of the City of Mexico, marks a new departure, or rather a new step, in progress. This little, round, red button signifies membership in what is known as the Anti-Kissing League. Members of the league take solemn plights not to kiss each other, in public or private, but put it on the ground that kissing is contagious, or rather the means of conveying contagious diseases from the lips of one person to another.

Until 1887 there was no public telephone service in Japan. The first city systems were installed in Tokio and Yokohama in 1890, and these were followed shortly by others, until at the end of 1901 there were 179 public stations, with 25 city systems and 25,000 subscribers. At the same time 25,000 other persons were demanding telephone service. The telephone and telegraph apparatus in Japan is of the most modern type, as progress elsewhere is followed closely. In fact, there is no line of modern activity in which the Japanese is outdone.

Perhaps one of the severest of etiquettes in Japan is that of smiles. When you have lived in that land of smiles you will learn in time that when you can understand a Japanese smile you may hope to understand the people. A daughter-in-law must always present a smiling face to her mother-in-law; the servant must smile when his mistress dismisses him. But the news of a death must be told with laughter. Laughter is reserved for very special occasions and has no relation to joy. It may be called an art and nature study combined.

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FAILED TO KEEP DEATH COMPACT

ELOPING COUPLE AGREE TO DIE TOGETHER IN MILWAUKEE HOTEL.

Woman Takes Poison and Keeps Her Word—Man's Nerve Fails Him When Crucial Point Arrives—Tells of Companion's Last Moments.

Milwaukee, Jan. 25.—Arthur Henry Milligen, alias E. S. Terry, alias Arthur Henry Smith, alias Arthur Henry Brown, with whom Florence O. Groves agreed to commit suicide at the Hotel Blatz, and who disappeared after she had fulfilled her agreement Monday morning, was arrested at the residence of Robert Barlow, at Racine, by Chief of Police Fred Pfister, of that city, Tuesday night.

After his arrest Milligen calmly detailed the story of his life and the incidents of the woman's death. He said that Florence Groves took carbolic acid in his presence at the hotel after she made three attempts to kill herself. Milligen was not married to Florence Groves. The couple left the Groves residence at Chicago and eloped with the intention of marrying, but lack of time prevented the carrying out of their plans.

Was Eager to Die. "Florence Groves knew what the end would be when she decided to elope with me, and she was eager to die with me," Milligen said. "She was engaged to a school teacher, Clyde Brown, of Orlando, Ill., but she loved me better. I told her that the day she married him I would kill myself, or else would take my life on her birthday, January 27. Every day that we were at the hotel we planned to kill ourselves. Finally we set Monday morning as the day. Sunday morning she tried three times to kill herself with poisons I had purchased. She drank oxalic acid, iodine and wood alcohol in turn, but they acted only as emetics. She did not take the acid until Monday morning, because she realized its horrible effects.

Wanted to Go First. "She begged and implored me not to go first, as she did not want to see me die. She asked me to pour out the acid, and I filled a wine glass with it. As her last request she asked me to hand it to her, but I refused repeatedly. At last she nerved herself, snatched the glass and swallowed the dose at a single effort, dropping the glass on the bed beside her. She lay back gasping, as she did so.

His Nerve Failed. "I seated myself by the bed and watched her through what seemed to me like hours. As I watched the terrible convulsions that racked her form, the foam that specked her lips, the agonized setting of the eyes and the mortal pain expressed in her every movement, my nerve failed me. I didn't have the courage to follow her.

Florence's death had unnerved me to a great extent and Monday afternoon I decided to go back to Brooklyn, where I live, and face the music, if prosecution followed my offenses. I wrote letters to my mother, Mrs. A. F. Milligen, and sisters, Mrs. H. R. Conklin and Edith Milligen, No. 244 Putnam avenue, Brooklyn, asking them for money to defray expenses of the trip and explaining my purpose.

Largest Diamond Ever Found. Johannesburg, Transvaal, Jan. 28.—The largest diamond ever discovered has been found near Pretoria. The stone weighs 3,032 carats, and is said to be a pure white diamond of good quality. It is locally valued at \$3,500,000 to \$4,000,000.

In Fight to Stay. Denver, Col., Jan. 28.—Former Gov. James H. Peabody denied a report that he intended to withdraw his contest for the governorship, or that he had been approached with any proposition for a compromise.

DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

Senate Takes First Step in Swayne Impeachment Proceedings—Business in the House.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The senate on Tuesday took an important step in the impeachment trial of United States Judge Charles Swayne of the Northern district of Florida. The organization for the trial was perfected by the swearing of the senators for that purpose; the managers of the house were received for the purpose of formally presenting the articles of impeachment, and a resolution summoning Judge Swayne to appear was adopted. The Bacon resolution of inquiry concerning the agreement between the United States and Santo Domingo was referred to the senate committee on foreign relations.

The District of Columbia appropriation bill again occupied the attention of the house of representatives Tuesday. Washington, Jan. 26.—In connection with the consideration of the army appropriation bill there was an animated discussion in the senate Wednesday of the assignment of Gen. Miles to service in charge of the Massachusetts state militia. Some 200 pension bills were passed.

The house of representatives passed the District of Columbia and the military academy appropriation bills. Washington, Jan. 27.—The senate on Thursday passed the army appropriation bill after modifying the provision concerning the assignment of retired army officers to active service with militia organizations. The effect of the change is to relieve Gen. Miles from its application.

The agricultural appropriation bill was considered in the house, but the debate turning principally on the topic of restricting railroads in the matter of freight rates, the Hepburn bill forming the basis of the discussion.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Through his counsel, consisting of former United States Senators Anthony Higgins and John M. Thurston, Judge Swayne on Friday appeared in the senate to make answer to the summons in connection with the impeachment proceedings against him as a judge of the United States for the Northern district of Florida. They obtained a week's time to make a complete response, and the time for the beginning of the real trial was fixed at February 10. The debate on the staidhood bill occupied the rest of the session.

The house passed the agricultural appropriation bill without material amendment.

LA FOLLETTE ELECTED.

Governor of Wisconsin Accepts the Senatorship Under Certain Conditions.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 26.—Gov. Robert M. La Follette was on Wednesday in the joint legislative assembly elected United States senator to succeed Joseph V. Quarles. The governor received 101 votes out of 133. The democratic contingent gave their complimentary vote to Martin L. Lueck and the social democrats voted for Victor L. Berger. The occasion was dramatic in the extreme. In a carefully worded address, which the governor read from manuscript, he acknowledged the high honor and signified his acceptance as a response to the call of duty, but said that unless the legislature enacted into laws the measures for which so many contests have been fought, he would tender back to them the honor, and they would have to choose some other man.

Fatal Collision. Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 28.—A south-bound passenger train and a north-bound freight train on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad met in collision Friday, near Tullahoma, Tenn., killing four persons and injuring several passengers.

Death of a Veteran. Providence, R. I., Jan. 25.—Col. Theodore A. Barton, formerly senior vice commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, died at his home here Tuesday. He was 62 years of age.

Would Stop Football. Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 26.—A bill absolutely prohibiting collegiate football and making it a felony was introduced in the Nebraska legislature Wednesday.

FRIGID BLAST SWEEPS COUNTRY

EFFECT OF THE COLD WAVE IS EXPERIENCED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

Much Suffering Results, and Several Deaths from Freezing Are Reported—Blizzard in Many Sections Worst for Years.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Practically the entire country was in the grip of the storm or cold Wednesday, and in many cities the severest weather of the winter was reported. From the northwest, where the lowest temperatures were reported, the frigid winds penetrated as far as Kentucky and Tennessee and freezing temperature was predicted for Florida and along the gulf coast. Traffic of all kinds almost everywhere is badly delayed.

From Cincinnati and the surrounding country extreme cold was recorded. Neighboring towns in Kentucky experienced the severest weather in years. St. Louis is suffering in the coldest snap of the season, the thermometer registering several degrees below zero. From Kansas City came reports of bitter cold throughout the southwest. Iowa also shivered in a strong northwest blast with light snow and low temperature. At Sioux City the thermometer registered 22 degrees below zero. A cold wave spread over all Wisconsin. Further west in the Missouri valley minimum temperatures of 25 and 30 degrees below tell of extreme conditions. West of the Rockies the skies are cloudy with rain in Oregon and Washington and California.

Several Deaths Reported. Several deaths were reported as a direct result of the blizzard at low temperature. At St. Louis a man was fatally frozen and many others were severely frost-bitten as a result of the extreme cold. At Wilmington, Del., a man blinded by the snow, was struck by a trolley car and killed. Raino Vatalizo, an Italian, was found lying dead in a snowdrift in Brooklyn. His death was caused by exhaustion and exposure. Near Bellefontaine, O., William Cooper aged 60, a veteran of Kenton, was found frozen to death in a cornfield.

Three Perished. Baltimore, Md., Jan. 27.—Three persons died in and about Baltimore as a result of the severe cold. Patrolman Matthew Boone was found lying in the snow by his round sergeant. He died shortly after being taken home from heat failure, superinduced by the intense cold. Frank Zapp, aged 55, was found dead in a snow drift. Henry Schienhals, a Baltimore & Ohio brakeman, numbed by the cold, while attempting to get on a tender at Locust Point, fell to the track and was run over and killed.

JAPS REPULSED. Russian Forces are Victorious in Recent Fighting in the Far East.

Russian Headquarters, Huan Mountain, Manchuria, Jan. 28.—After three months of quietude the Japanese have resumed activity, attempted to force back the Russian right wing. A stubborn fight began Wednesday and continued Thursday, which may be a curtain raiser for the spring campaign. According to report, the Japanese attack was repulsed and a Russian counter attack was so energetically pressed that a village within the former Japanese lines of some strategic importance was taken. It is rumored that several Japanese guns were taken. There was no fighting at the center or on the left flank. The Japanese advance is believed to have been inspired in part by the news of the Russian internal troubles, intelligence of which reached the Russian army at dawn January 25.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 28.—Gen. Kuropatkin reports that Russian troops, at seven p. m., on January 26, after a desperate fight, occupied the village of Sandepas, which had been strongly fortified by the Japanese.

Gen. Kuroki's Headquarters, Jan. 28, via Fusan.—Regular Manchurian weather prevails, intense cold, without winds and swirls of snow. Soundings of battle were heard at intervals along the entire front Friday morning. The Russian artillery was feeling the whole Japanese line. It is uncertain whether this will bring on a general engagement or not. The Japanese guns refrained from replying to the Russians, except on the left, where the fighting, which ceased at dark Thursday, was renewed Friday morning. The clouds and snow made it impossible to see more than a few hundred feet away. The Russian gunnery fire was largely guesswork. Early in the afternoon firing ceased.

Three Men Killed. Terre Haute, Ind., Jan. 26.—Three men were killed and one fatally injured in a boiler explosion that wrecked the engine rooms of the Standard Wheel company's plant Wednesday afternoon. The dead are: Levi Whittaker, Thomas Patterson and Horace G. Colvin. Fatally injured: George Davis. The victims were all firemen employed in the boiler room.

Death of a Veteran. New York, Jan. 28.—A cablegram announcing the death of Gen. Christian T. Christiansen, of Brooklyn, at Copenhagen, Denmark, was received Friday. Gen. Christiansen served throughout the civil war, and participated in the first and last battles of that long struggle. He was 73 years old.

COL. BECKWITH SAYS: "I Take Pleasure in Commending Pe-ru-na For Coughs and Colds."



Colonel Paul E. Beckwith, Lt. Col., retired, 1st Reg. Minute Men, in a letter from 1508 Vermont avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., writes: "From the unqualified endorsement of many of my friends, I take pleasure in commending your remedies for coughs and colds."—Paul E. Beckwith.

IN FIELD OR BARRACKS PE-RU-NA IS EFFICACIOUS.

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FACTS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

The first newspaper advertisement appeared in 1652. The first balloon ascension was at Lyons, France, in 1783. The box or cabin in which a telephone is placed is called in England a "telephonum" or "phonium." The tallest inhabited building in the world is the Park Row building, in New York, which is 390 feet high. Since the outbreak of the war cable messages to the amount of about \$250,000 have been sent from Japan every month. The strangest flag under which men ever fought is that of the Macedonian insurgents. It is red on one side and black on the other. Santiago de Chili, the third largest city in South America, has now a population of 262,000. The largest is Buenos Ayres, followed by Rio de Janeiro. Russia, with a population of 127,000,000, has only 18,334 physicians. In the United States, with a population of about 75,000,000, there are 120,000 physicians. It has been found that false teeth were used by the people who lived in 1000 B. C. These teeth were made of ivory and fastened to an ivory plate by means of a fine gold wire.

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