

There are 64 shops in Berlin in which nothing but horseflesh is sold.

Physicians are beginning to recognize worry as a disease, to be prescribed for like any other malady.

Iceland produces most of the world's supply of elderdown, the annual sale amounting to something over 7,000 pounds.

About 1,500 newspapers and periodicals are published in Berlin at the present time. Among these are about 50 political dailies, 30 suburban papers, 32 political and social-political journals, over 60 comic papers and over 40 women's journals with the "feminist" movement.

A recent statement that the present ivory consumption represents the annual slaughter of 20,000 elephants is denied. At last 85 per cent of marketed ivory comes from the cemeteries to which the elephants have long resorted, and much of it may be hundreds of years old.

The total production of wine for 1904 in France is now estimated at 1,743,959,650 gallons. This surprisingly large total, which is larger than any since 1875, with the single exception of 1900, does not include 158,592,000 gallons for Algeria and 4,226,720 gallons for Corsica.

At all times it has been an object with French parents to teach a child to be provident and economical. A child of three can become a member of the Mutualite by giving only two cents a week; one cent will entitle it to getting ten cents a day when it is ill, and the other goes toward getting a pension when it is at a certain age.

The large celluloid combs, which ladies are so fond nowadays of wearing in their hair, will, if accidentally brought into contact with a naked light, burst into a flame of explosive violence. Nor is this to be greatly wondered at, seeing that one of the ingredients of celluloid is gun cotton, while another is camphor, than which is no more inflammable substance known to chemists.

A very useful educational purpose is served by the practice of lending to schools of art in different English cities objects of art from the national museums. As an instance, the government Board of Education has this year sent from the Victoria and Albert museum in South Kensington, London, an interesting loan collection of objects of art for use in the Birmingham Municipal School of Art until the close of the current season in June, 1905.

A nervy Frenchwoman is startling Berlin with the newest fool-killer, "A Leap Into the Moon." She is hoisted to the top of a steep incline, and, after mounting a motorcycle, shoots downward at a terrific rate of speed. A curve at the bottom of the track causes the machine to shoot up into the air. And after a thrilling flight the daring rider shoots into a receptacle suspended in midair. This receptacle is draped and painted to resemble a huge moon.

Among the leaders of the Capital social set none is better known than Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks, wife of the Vice President-elect. As a daughter of the American Revolution she became as much a national figure as her distinguished husband, and her connection with the work of the order makes the library and office room at her beautiful Massachusetts avenue home a much busier place than a lady's room is ordinarily believed to be.

The increased use of automobiles in France during the last few years has been so enormous that the manufacture of motor cars and their accessories has become one of the most important French industries. From a total of 1,850 automobiles in 1898, valued at \$1,602,000, the output in 1904, according to the Chambre Syndicate de l'Automobile de France, has grown to 22,000 cars, of an estimated value of \$34,000,000.

Argentina, or the Argentine Republic, is the second largest country of South America, having an area of 1,113,840 square miles and a population now estimated at 6,000,000. Its capital is Buenos Ayres, the largest and finest city in South America, having a population recently estimated at 1,150,000. Argentina is bounded on the north by Bolivia and Paraguay, on the west by the Andes mountains and on the east by the Atlantic ocean. The country has a coast line of about 1,600 miles, running down almost to Cape Horn.

Light literature will receive a severe blow if the New York legislature passes a bill that has been introduced in the assembly. Its provisions are as follows: "The publication, sale or offering for sale within this state of stories or novels containing narratives of adventure, lawlessness or bloodshed, the tendency of which is to incite a spirit of lawlessness, is prohibited. Any persons publishing, selling or having in possession for sale within this state any such publication shall be guilty of misdemeanor."

NOW FOR SOME HEAVY BLEDDING OF THE SENATORIAL HILL



MICHIGAN MINE SCENE OF HORROR

MAGAZINE CONTAINING 10,000 POUNDS OF DYNAMITE EXPLODES AT CALUMET

Six Men Known to Be Dead—Two of the Victims Blown to Atoms—Fear That Others Have Perished—Cause of Disaster Not Known.

Calumet, Mich., Feb. 9.—Ten thousand pounds of dynamite stored underground in a magazine at the eighth level No. 3 shaft of the North Kearsarge branch of the Osceola Consolidated mine exploded Wednesday, killing several men, six of whom have been accounted for, and injuring many others. The force of the explosion was felt for miles around, and men working in other portions of the mine some distance from the scene of the explosion were knocked down by the concussion. The cause of the disaster is shrouded in mystery and may never be discovered, as William Pollitt, Jr., the man who was in charge of the powder, was probably blown into thousands of pieces, no tangible trace of him having been found.

The scene beggars description. The terrible force of the explosion tore out plates in shaft No. 3 at the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth levels, twisted the shaft rails and tore them from the stringers and raised havoc in general. Startling stories of hairbreadth escapes and heroic rescues are related by men. Barich, a trammer, was blown 200 feet by the force of the explosion, and fell in a shaft, going down 200 feet. He escaped through the workings adjacent to No. 1. Gus Donald, surface foreman, and Ben Orchard, head blacksmith, organized the first relief party. Supplied with ropes and struggling against gas and smoke, they and others penetrated the workings near the explosion and succeeded in rescuing a number of men. Donald fell a victim to gas and was carried up, recovering after doctors worked over him for four hours. At the sixth level several men were found overcome with gas. Their last act of self-preservation was to lock legs and arms around the ladders, and it required two men to release their holds.

Pioneer Jurist Dead. Chicago, Feb. 10.—Former Judge Henry Williams Blodgett, early pioneer of Chicago, and for nearly a quarter of a century a prominent figure on the United States district court bench in the district of northern Illinois, died of old age Thursday at his home in Waukegan. His health had been failing gradually during the last two years. He was 84 years old.

Disaster at Sea. New York, Feb. 10.—After having collided with and sunk the Norwegian steamer Lelf Erickson off Cape Romano, Fla., in a dense fog on February 4, the Standard Oil company's steamer City of Everett returned to this port Thursday, bringing 20 of the crew of the sunken steamer. The other two members of the Erickson's crew were drowned.

Nebraska Man Made Judge. Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 11.—State Senator E. A. Tucker, of Humboldt, Neb., Friday received a telegram from Congressman Burkett to the effect that President Roosevelt had agreed to the appointment of Senator Tucker as federal judge of Arizona. Senator Tucker was not an applicant for the place, and the appointment came as a surprise to him.

Indictment Quashed. Chicago, Feb. 10.—Judge Kersten Thursday quashed the manslaughter indictment against Will J. Davis, owner of the ill-fated Iroquois theater. The decision was made on the ground that the indictment contained vitally defective flaws.

Many Men Laid Off. Independence, Kan., Feb. 11.—The Standard Oil company has curtailed its output in the Kansas field, laying off 900 men indefinitely. The action is said to be the result of antagonistic measures passed recently by the Kansas legislature.

STATEHOOD BILL PASSED.

Oklahoma and Indian Territory to Be One State and New Mexico Another—Arizona Eliminated.

Washington, Feb. 8.—After a continuous sitting of almost nine hours, the senate at 8:45 o'clock Tuesday night, passed the joint statehood bill. As passed, the bill provides for the admission of the states of Oklahoma, to be composed of Oklahoma and Indian territory, and New Mexico, according to the present boundaries, with Arizona eliminated. An amendment was adopted prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in the new state of Oklahoma for a period of 21 years. The bill originated in the house and will go to conference.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The senate and house in joint session Wednesday formally counted the electoral vote cast last November and Theodore Roosevelt and Charles W. Fairbanks were officially declared to be elected president and vice president, respectively, for four years, beginning March 4, 1905. President Pro Tem. Frye, of the senate, presided and delivered the announcement of the result of the count, which showed that Roosevelt and Fairbanks received 236 electoral votes and Parker and Davis, 140. The whole proceeding consumed exactly 15 minutes, thereby establishing a new record in counting the electoral vote.

Washington, Feb. 10.—After nearly four days of discussion, the house on Thursday, by a vote of 326 to 17, passed the Esch-Townsend bill providing for the regulation, by the interstate commerce commission, of freight rates. The senate devoted the day to debate on the agricultural appropriation bill. The senate committee on appropriations reported the diplomatic and consular bill, carrying appropriations aggregating \$2,158,017, an increase of \$50,970 over the bill passed by the house.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The senate on Friday heard the first witness called in connection with the impeachment proceedings against Judge Swayne, of Florida, and thus entered upon the real work of the trial. The senate decided to devote the time between two and five o'clock each day to the Swayne inquiry. After maintaining its record for the rapid disposition of private pension bills, 433 being passed in an hour and a half, the house on Friday considered for a short while the bill providing a government for the Panama canal zone.

Negro Family Murdered. Marion, Ark., Feb. 9.—Albert Boylan, his wife, Ann Boylan, and son, Rush Boylan (negroes), were murdered two miles west of this place Tuesday night by an unknown party. Their heads were severed from their bodies with an ax. Robbery is supposed to have been the motive, as they were supposed to have had about \$500 in the house.

Death of a Philanthropist. Muskegon, Mich., Feb. 11.—Charles H. Hackley, who has given to Muskegon a manual training school, grammar school, library, hospital, soldiers' monument, parks and various statues of civil war heroes, representing a money value of \$2,000,000, died here Friday. He was ill three days with heart trouble. His wealth is estimated at \$15,000,000.

Must Go to Prison. Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 10.—The Iowa supreme court Thursday affirmed the decision of the lower court, which sent ex-Deputy United States Marshal W. A. Richards to the penitentiary for 18 years for complicity in the hold-up of Peter Sullivan and wife at Hamilton, Ia., two years ago.

Hock to Be Extradited. Albany, N. Y., Feb. 8.—Gov. Higgins has granted the requisition of the governor of Illinois for the extradition of Johann Hock, the alleged bigamist who is under arrest in New York city.

Set Date for Chadwick Trial. Cleveland, O., Feb. 10.—The trial of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick in the United States district court has been set for Monday, March 6. She will be tried before Judge R. W. Taylor.

Acquitted. St. Louis, Feb. 9.—John J. Ryan, charged with the embezzlement of \$900,000 in a "get-rich-quick" scheme here, has been acquitted.

ACTION IS URGED UPON PRESIDENT

REQUESTED BY PEACE ADVOCATES TO USE HIS INFLUENCE TO END THE WAR.

Government Not Likely to Take Any Steps Until Assurances Are Received That Its Effort Would Not Be Unwelcome.

Washington, Feb. 10.—President Roosevelt was urged Thursday to take some action looking to the termination of the Russo-Japanese war. The request was made by the Inter-Parliamentary union through the president of the organization, Representative Bartholdt, of Missouri. Dr. Bartholdt explained to the president that the consensus of opinion among the members of the union and among European parliamentarians with whom he is in correspondence was that the president of the United States was the one man, with the possible exception of the emperor of Germany, who indicated no disposition to try to bring the war to an end, who might be listened to on the subject with favor by Russia.

Not Likely to Act. The president gave Dr. Bartholdt no definite assurances beyond promising to consider the matter with Secretary Hay. It is known to be quite unlikely that this government will take any action looking to mediation until some assurances have been received from both parties to the pending conflict that such action would not be unwelcome. The president told Dr. Bartholdt that the date of the proposed second conference of The Hague would depend entirely upon the termination of hostilities between Russia and Japan.

Russia Ready for Peace. St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—The grand ducal party, it is stated on good authority, has decided definitely in favor of peace at the best terms obtainable. This decision is the result of a meeting at which a vote was taken. The general talk for peace is accompanied by a discussion of the terms Russia would be willing to accept. First of all, it is considered impossible to meet any demand for a cash indemnity. It is conceded, however, that Russia must retire from the whole Liaotung peninsula and consent to Japan's occupation of Port Arthur. Manchuria, of course, would be returned to China.

DIPLOMATIC CHARGES.

Ambassador McCormick to Be Transferred to Paris and Meyer to St. Petersburg.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The president has finally arranged for the transfers in the high European diplomatic posts which he contemplates putting into force March 4, or soon after. In addition to those already announced, Ambassador McCormick, now at St. Petersburg, will be transferred to Paris, to succeed Ambassador Porter. George V. L. Meyer, ambassador to Italy, will replace Mr. McCormick at St. Petersburg. Henry White, secretary of embassy at London, will be made ambassador to Rome. Henry L. Wilson, at present minister at Chili, will be made minister to Belgium, succeeding Lawrence Townsend, of Pennsylvania, who retires from the diplomatic service.

BANK ROBBED.

Dynamite Used on Vault of Institution in Oregon—Nearly \$9,000 Stolen.

Lebanon, Ore., Feb. 9.—The Bank of Lebanon was blown open and robbed of almost \$9,000 in coin and currency. One hundred barrels of cascar bark from a nearby warehouse were used to deaden the sound of the explosion. The door of the vault was blown completely off by a charge of nitroglycerin. All the cash in the vault was taken.

Protocol Signed.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Minister Dawson has called the state department from San Domingo that the new protocol providing for the responsibility of the United States was signed Tuesday. The document is expected here early next week, and will be submitted immediately to the senate.

Disaster in Mexico.

Laredo, Tex., Feb. 11.—In a collision on the National Railway of Mexico, which occurred on the San Luis Potosi division between the towns of Carlesos and La Ventura, 258 miles south of this city, three persons are known to have lost their lives, and perhaps many others are dead or injured.

Fatal Collision.

Marshalltown, Ia., Feb. 10.—A fatal rear-end collision occurred on the Iowa Central railroad between two freight trains between New Sharon and Moore Thursday morning. Conductor Bargdell and brakeman Penn, both of Oskaloosa, were killed.

Acquitted.

Menominee, Mich., Feb. 10.—After being out but ten minutes, the jury brought in a verdict freeing Charles Erickson of the charge of murdering his brother-in-law, Gust Adams, at Nathan, September 30, 1903.

Another Coasting Disaster.

New Brighton, Pa., Feb. 11.—A man and three boys were killed, one boy is dying and three more were slightly injured as the result of a bobbed carrying 16 boys dashing into a train Friday night.

DANGERS TO BE AVOIDED IN FEBRUARY.

Extreme Cold Brings Catarrh.



Winter Scourge in the North.

February is a month of severe storms and intense cold.

Even in the South where the prevailing temperature is much above wintry latitudes, February brings sudden changes of temperature.

Mercury sometimes drops 30 degrees in a single night.

Therefore, the following health hints are applicable to the whole of North America:

Ventilation. The sleeping rooms should be well ventilated, but so as to avoid direct currents of air.

Bathing. Those in vigorous health should take a cold water towel bath every morning before breakfast. Those in feeble health should take a brisk dry-towel-rub every morning.

Diet. The diet should be a generous one, including meat, and occasionally fresh vegetables.

Sunbathing. The nights being long and the days short, as much sunbathing as possible should be let into the house during the day.

Clothing. The head should be kept cool at all times. The feet should be kept warm and dry, day and night.

Precautions. When unavoidably exposed to cold or wet, a few doses of Peruna will avert bad consequences.

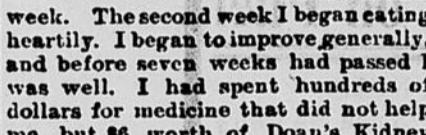
Precautions. When seized with a chill, or even slight chilliness, a dose of Peruna should be taken at once.

A number of water-wagon passengers are already using their transfers.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

FACE LIKE RAW BEEF.

Burning Up with a Terrible Itching Eczema—Speedily Cured by Cuticura.

"The Cuticura Remedies cured me of a terrible eczema from which I had suffered agony and pain for eight long years, being unable to obtain any help from the best doctors, and trying many remedies without success. My scalp was covered with scabs and my face was like a piece of raw beef, my eyebrows and lashes were falling out, and I felt as if burning up from the terrible itching and pain. Cuticura gave me relief the very first day, and made a complete cure in a short time. To my very great joy, my head and face are now clear and well.—Miss Mary M. Fay, 75 West Main St., Westboro, Mass."



Doan's Kidney Pills. An idle rumor only awaits a chance to get busy.—Chicago Daily News.

ACHED IN EVERY BONE.

Chicago Society Woman, Who Was So Sick She Could Not Sleep or Eat, Cured by Doan's Kidney Pills.

Marion Knight, of 33 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Orator of the West Side Wednesday Club, says: "This winter when I started to use Doan's Kidney Pills I ached in every bone and had intense pains in the kidneys and pelvic organs. The urine was thick and cloudy, and I could barely eat enough to live. I felt a change for the better within a week. The second week I began eating heartily. I began to improve generally, and before seven weeks had passed I was well. I had spent hundreds of dollars for medicine that did not help me, but \$6 worth of Doan's Kidney Pills restored me to perfect health."

A TRIAL FREE—Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all dealers. Price, 50 cents.

Strawberry and Vegetable Dealers

The Passenger Department of the Illinois Central Railroad Company have recently issued a publication known as Circular No. 12, in which is described the best territory in this country for the growing of early strawberries and early vegetables. Every dealer in such products should address a postal card to the undersigned at ST. LOUIS, MO., requesting a copy of "Circular No. 12."

DANGERS TO BE AVOIDED IN FEBRUARY.



As much sleep as possible should be obtained in the forepart of the night.

Catarrh of Head. Mr. Frank Cobb, 178 Summit Street, Deering, Me., writes: "I was troubled with catarrh in my head. I wrote to Dr. Hartman for advice and he prescribed Peruna."

Mr. J. Ed. O'Brien, Pres. American Pilot Ass'n., Pensacola, Fla., writes: "I heartily give my endorsement to Peruna as an effective cure for catarrh and bronchial trouble."

Frank Battle, Jr., 111 N. Market St., Nashville, Tenn., writes: "Peruna has cured me of chronic bronchitis."

It is the greatest discovery of the age for the throat and lungs.

Mr. A. C. Danforth, St. Joseph, Mich., writes: "I contracted a severe cold which settled on my lungs. I was threatened with pneumonia."

Peruna gave me relief within a couple of days. Three bottles saved me a large doctor bill and a great deal of suffering."

Thousands of Testimonials. We have on file thousands of testimonials like the above. We can give our readers only a slight glimpse of the vast array of unsolicited endorsements Dr. Hartman is constantly receiving.

Advertisement for CREMO 5-CENT CIGAR, featuring the text: "WHAT'S THE USE OF SAYING 'GIVE ME A 5-CENT CIGAR,' WHEN BY ASKING FOR A 'CREMO' YOU GET THE BEST 5-CENT CIGAR IN AMERICA."

Advertisement for TOWER'S FISH BRAND SLICKER, featuring the text: "WET WEATHER WISDOM! THE ORIGINAL TOWER'S FISH BRAND SLICKER. SLACK OR YELLOW WILL KEEP YOU DRY. NOTHING ELSE WILL TAKE NO SUBSTITUTES."

Advertisement for 10,000 Plants for 16c, featuring the text: "10,000 Plants for 16c. New gardens and farms are planted to the glory of the plants of America. There is no other place to get over 1000 seeds for the production of our guaranteed seeds."

Advertisement for UNITED STATES IMPORTING CANADIAN WHEAT, featuring the text: "UNITED STATES IMPORTING CANADIAN WHEAT IS NOW A FACT. Get a FREE HOME-MADE IN WHEATERS CANADA, or buy some of the best wheat lands on the continent, and become a producer."

Advertisement for PATENTS, featuring the text: "PATENTS. 8 page book free. The patent reformer. F. J. MERRILL & CO., Box 8, Washington, D.C."