

# Barrington Review.

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### The Evil of Easy Credit.

That people of moderate resources are much given to living beyond their means in the effort to keep up with their richer contemporaries is a fact long established. The Massachusetts bureau of labor statistics arrives at this old conclusion by a new route. In so doing, it suggests that to the extensive employment of credit and the installment system moral as well as economic wisdom may be attacked. The bureau has gathered figures to show the uncollectible indebtedness of the people of the state. They are very large figures. A disregard is in evidence, amazing in the aggregate of its results, of the claims of butchers, grocers and other small tradesmen. It is implied in the report that to the spreading of the installment business to an extreme much of this evil is traceable. Credit has become so easy that the responsibilities of debt are more lightly regarded. As against traders, too, who merely keep books an immense advantage for collections rests with dealers who hold contracts with forfeitures of goods as well as the penalties of missing payments. The argument is not against the installment principle. More often than not the system of part payments is a great help. It is a special providence to many young people starting at housekeeping. It has assisted in the building of countless homes. These accomplishments justify its maintenance. But, remarks the New York Press, that the system is abused there can be no dispute. Extravagance loses its warning face when it is represented by a small sum per week or per month, instead of a large sum cash down.

### Dangerous Anti-Fat Treatment.

Fat girls who are inclined to drink vinegar and eat pickles in the hope of reducing flesh may take warning from the fate of Annie Gross, a 25-year-old St. Louis woman. She was "sleut" and had been dieting to reduce her flesh. She ate no meat or heavy food and neighbors gave her information that she had made a practice of eating from a dozen to two dozen sour pickles a day and drinking from half a pint to a pint of vinegar every 24 hours. Sudden death came to her Sunday evening when she had left a part of the day's friends to get a drink of water. At the autopsy physicians found the inner walls of the stomach almost completely eaten away. The cause of death was given as "hemorrhage of the stomach and acute poisoning," due to pickles and vinegar. It is easy, says the Chicago Tribune, to see how such results would naturally come more quickly to a stomach that was deprived of other classes of food. A similar condition has often been found in the stomach of men who were small eaters and habitual drinkers of large quantities of hard cider. The stomach is not a proper receptacle into which to pour quantities of strong acid.

### Last Week Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt

traveled through Connecticut in a motor car. Nothing strange about that; an automobile excursion is without significance; but it happens the lady on this particular car was a centenarian. A very jolly one she must be, for she has gone five years above par, and yet says the motor is her favorite vehicle. But Mrs. Hunt is the "new woman" in the eyes of the old man, in fact, when at the age of 105 she enjoys life as though she were only 50. And who shall say this new note of the day, the woman of 105, is not to be the answer to Dr. Osler's theory? One who doesn't worry of life will subscribe to it, and for the woman incapable of penning with the outlook would be boreome in the extreme. Mrs. Hunt, however, is a living example of the inconspicuous of age.

### With the promise this year of one of the largest grain crops the country has ever known there is room for interest in the reports from other localities. A fair yield is predicted in most of the wheat-growing regions of Europe, but as the output is never large enough for old world consumption it is clear that the prospect is good for heavy importations as usual, and the United States will be the main source of supply. This is the general situation, and it should help to promote stability here, for big grain crops and large exports of breadstuffs are among the influences that guarantee prosperity.

### The predictions on the wheat crop of 1906 range from 700,000,000 to 740,000,000 bushels. These are based on acreage and on condition at the present time, when a large part of the crop is harvested. In 1901 the crop was 745,000,000 bushels. This is the only time that wheat passed the 700,000,000 mark. The yield for 1904 is certain to be next to the largest ever gathered. As corn gives promise to break all records in magnitude, the American farmer continues to be in clover.

# REVOLUTION NEAR END

TURNING POINT OF CUBAN MOVEMENT REACHED.

### LEADERS ARE IMPRISONED

Inhabitants of Pinar del Rio Province Fear Attack by Rebels—Rumors of Fights in That Section Not Confirmed.

Havana.—The indications are that the revolution in western Cuba already has practically reached its maximum. The government and people generally believe the movement has received about all the accessions possible, and that the insurgents will be unable to concentrate in the province of Pinar del Rio upon towns inadequately guarded by small detachments of rural guards, mostly inexperienced in warfare, makes the situation grave, but the insurgents have not assumed any strongly offensive attitude or interfered with trains carrying troops, horses and supplies. It is inferred that they are not prepared to attack Havana or try for control of the territory.

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### Fear Night Attacks.

There have been many rumors of fights at various points in the province of Pinar del Rio, but they have not been confirmed by government or press dispatches. However, night attacks on the city of Pinar del Rio and other towns continue to be regarded as a probability. The government wires are working freely. Pinar del Rio, 20 miles south of Havana, was peacefully occupied Tuesday evening by a band of insurgents. Guinea is the center of the American truck farming industry, but the farmers have not been molested.

### Skirmish Near Havana.

There was some fighting Tuesday in Havana province and more is hourly expected. A detachment of rural guards encountered a portion of Handera's band, with which shots were exchanged. One insurgent was killed and the others scattered. Fifty rural guards are in pursuit of the main band.

### TAFT WANTS TO BE PRESIDENT

Secretary of War to Decline Place on Supreme Bench.

Washington.—William H. Taft, secretary of war, will formally communicate to the president in a short time that he does not desire the honor of an appointment to the supreme court bench. He will send notice in time for the president to make a selection before the fall term of the supreme court opens in October.

### Tammany Favors Hearst.

New York.—Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall Tuesday said he had not observed any sentiment in Tammany for the nomination of District Attorney William Travers Jerome for governor by the Democratic state convention.

### Disastrous Tornado Sweeps Tunis.

Tunis.—A violent tornado swept over this city Tuesday night. It was accompanied by a terrific hailstorm and lightning, which killed eight farmers and hundreds of head of cattle. Landslides destroyed the railroad.

### Rebels Kill Police Chief.

Warsaw, Poland.—The chief of police of Siedlice, 55 miles southeast of Warsaw, was killed Tuesday by a bomb. Two constables and a woman who were near the chief were wounded. The assassin escaped.

# COST OF RUNNING NATION

MONEY APPROPRIATED BY THE LAST CONGRESS.

### Nearly a Billion Dollars Spent by Lawmakers—Big Sum for Panama.

Washington.—According to a statement issued by Thomas F. Cleave and James C. Couris, chief clerks, respectively, of the senate and house committees on appropriations, congress, at its last session, appropriated for the fiscal year 1907, \$779,459,155.16, representing an increase of \$59,404,550.20 over the sum appropriated the last session of the Fifty-eighth congress for 1906. The largest item is contained in the appropriation for the post office department, the amount allotted being \$191,055,998.75. The next largest sum was given for pensions, the money appropriated amounting to \$149,245,000, or nearly twice as much as was allowed for the support of the army and over forty millions more than was granted for the navy establishment.

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# G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT ENDS.

### R. B. Brown is Elected Commander in Chief.

Minneapolis, Minn.—The Grand Army of the Republic completed its fortieth encampment late Friday and adjourned to meet in Saratoga, N. Y., in 1907. The encampment, after an exciting debate, decided that a protest against the erection of a statue to Henry Wirz should be sent to Gen. S. D. Lee, the commander of the Southern Veterans' association.

### MINERS KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Heroic Collier Meets Death Trying to Rescue His Corade.

Mahoning City, Pa.—By an explosion of gas in the West Buck mountain gangway in the fifth level of the Vulcan colliery of the M.H. Creek Coal company, Tuesday, September 18, 1906, aged 25 years, and John Haruka, aged 20 years, were instantly killed, five persons were probably fatally injured and about a dozen were overcome by after-damp. Stukus was killed by the first explosion and Haruka was killed as he was preparing to carry the body of Stukus to the gangway.

### Visible Supply of Grain.

New York.—The visible supply of grain Tuesday closed August 19, as compiled by the New York Produce exchange, was as follows: Wheat, 21,949,000 bushels, increase 226,000; corn, 2,710,000, decrease 875,000; oats, 4,818,000, decrease 147,000; rye, 1,250,000, decrease 47,000; barley, 869,000, decrease 248,000.

### Fire in New Brunswick.

St. John, N. B.—Forest fires are raging in various parts of New Brunswick and Quebec provinces. The village of St. Charles de Caplan, in Quebec province, and another village near by have been destroyed.

### Onion Inspects Packing Houses.

Omaha, Neb.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson visited in South Omaha Tuesday and visited the packing houses. Secretary Wilson, after a brief inspection of the several plants left the town.

# HUNGRY PEOPLE BATTLE FOR FOOD IN VALPARAISO

Thousands of Homeless, Famished Refugees Fight in Effort to Get a Few Morrels to Stave Off Death by Starvation.

Valparaiso.—Chaos rules in Valparaiso and martial law is unable to keep order. The scores of thousands of homeless, famine stricken refugees fight in the streets for food.

The army and navy officers are working heroically to bring order out of chaos, but they are fearfully handicapped. The injured are still without adequate medical care, in spite of the tireless energy of army, naval and private surgeons and nurses.

Food supplies are insufficient, but are being ordered all ships in Chilean ports to proceed to Valparaiso with food and bring away refugees. A regular relief shipment has been established. Cattle shipments are on the way. Frontier train service has been established from Talca. Supplies of meat and milk are arriving regularly but not in quantities sufficient to prevent hunger.

### Estimate Dead at 3,000.

Estimates of the number of dead still remain between 3,000 and 5,000. Twenty-eight bodies were found Tuesday under the stairway of the telegraph office.

### VIEW OF WATER FRONT OF VALPARAISO, NAPLES OF SOUTH AMERICA, DESTROYED BY EARTHQUAKE.

### Boundaries of Ruined Area.

From the Plaza de la Victoria as far as the plaza in the section called Las Delicias, four-fifths of the houses are completely destroyed and the remaining fifth are badly damaged.

### Fire Loss Greatest.

Many buildings were destroyed by the earthquake. The destruction by fire, however, was infinitely larger and probably 60 per cent of the commercial houses were ruined.

### Cold and Rain Feared.

The south wind Wednesday was not so strong as it has been most of the time since Thursday, but cold and rain are feared as the entire population of Valparaiso is sleeping in the open air. Tents are scarce. Including the suburb of Vina del Mar, some 200,000 people form a colossal encampment.

### Ask Wage Scale Conference.

Chicago, Ill.—A committee from the United States Window Glass Manufacturers' association, in session here, called upon representatives of the Amalgamated Window Glass Workers to confer on the wage scale.

24 hours, the last one late Tuesday night, being so heavy that a panic broke out among the frightened inhabitants camping on the hills.

The number of dead and wounded in Valparaiso cannot be less than 5,000. There was a slight earthquake at three o'clock Tuesday morning and the inhabitants are getting alarmed. At Hichacho there was an earthquake lasting five seconds and a bright sun was suddenly hidden by clouds and fog.

Disasters there in earthquakes, state that the telegraph office in that town are besieged by anxious persons who have friends in Valparaiso and Santiago. Many families have children in Chilean colleges and are awaiting news with great anxiety.

### Murdered by Insane Man.

Batavia.—Driver James by the heat in which he had been working, Emil Berner soon early, killed his brother-in-law, Ernest Franzen, with a razor while he slept, fatally wounding his wife and then cut his own throat. Berner's daughter, Sigma, and a boarder in the house jumped from windows, thus escaping the rush of the insane man.

### Leaves Standard Oil Service.

Peoria.—Wellington A. Jones, city harbor master and city salesman of the Standard Oil company, has resigned his position with the Standard because the local manager demanded that he drop the prosecution against the Swain Packet company for non-payment of duties, because the prosecution was injuring the business of the Standard with the packet company.

### Old Settlers Gather in Whiteside.

Sterling.—The annual picnic of the old settlers of Whiteside county was attended by 6,000. The special attraction was a parade of the Standard Oil company, of Prophetstown, and a ball game. Ten thousand people of Ogle, Lee and Whiteside counties attended the first annual meeting of the Modern Women of America of the three counties.

### Severely Injured by Horse.

Girard.—Herbert H. Vanman, a prominent farmer living on a farm one-half mile east of this city, was severely injured by a horse. He went into the stall and the horse crowded him against the partition, tearing the ligaments of his right arm and severely injuring him about the head and shoulders.

### Blow in Fiat Fatal.

Lacon.—In a saloon brawl at Varua, ten miles east of here, Nick Smith, a saloonkeeper, knocked John Parsons of Magnolia off the sidewalk. In falling Parsons broke his neck and died immediately. Parsons was about 35 years old, and is survived by a wife and family. The coroner's jury exonerated Smith.

### Socialists in Jail and Out.

Peoria.—Rudolph Pfeiffer, candidate for constable in Whiteside county, and his colleague, Dr. S. A. Knopfke, were put into jail at Brimfield for creating a disturbance. They subsequently were released.

### Death of Wealthy Farmer.

Litchfield.—John Slowman, a wealthy farmer living in Honey Point township, died here Tuesday. He was 75 years old and had resided for 50 years on the farm where he died.

# NEWS OF ILLINOIS

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST FROM ALL OVER THE STATE.

### PEARLS IN AMBRAW RIVER

Regular Search Being Made Along the Stream for Valuable Shells—Many Fine Specimens Have Been Found.

Charleston.—That pearls abound in the Ambraw river two miles east of this city, in sufficient quantities to pay to organize a regular search for them, is the belief of the majority of people along the stream. Recently parties frequenting the river have found a number of fine specimens in the mussel shells that line the banks of the stream and are easily accessible at low water. A stock company is being talked of to find and deal in these valuable products of the mussel shell.

### Mrs. Catherine Corkins Dead.

Sullivan.—Mrs. Catherine Kivler Corkins, 82 years of age, of her daughter, Mrs. J. R. McClure, aged 81 years and 20 days. She was married to Veranus C. Corkins March 23, 1844. She was the mother of seven children, three of whom have preceded her in death, as also has her husband. Her surviving children are Frank Corkins of Clinton, John Corkins of Columbus, O.; Mrs. Clara Tassett of Buffalo, N. Y., and Mrs. J. R. McClure of Sullivan.

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