

Wherever Peary is, he is probably keeping cool.

A Persian parliament suggests Aladdin's lamp fitted with an electric bulb.

In Paris the "man with the muck-rake" is known as the "man with the deuling sword."

The Chicago professor who contends that woman was made before man fails to explain where the rib came from.

Another way of making children good by surgery might be to perform an operation on the skull of an occasional parent.

Some bankers owe it to themselves to take pains to have themselves suspected long before the bank examiners suspect them.

Prof. Thomas need not think to claim originality for his idea that woman does the wooing. Bernard Shaw beat him to it.

A pin which a New Albany girl swallowed nine years ago has been recovered, thus showing conclusively where one of 'em went, anyhow.

"On various occasions," says Ella Wheeler Wilcox, "I have lived for eight weeks on nothing but milk and prunes." A good, cooling diet, too.

The chief of police of Seattle has ordered all prize fighters to leave that town or go to work. Cruel man! Perhaps the poor fighters are too strong to work.

Fewer matrimonial mistakes would be made if everyone had the foresight of the man who executed a prenuptial contract limiting the future alimony to one dollar a week.

It is announced that the lady bathers at Atlantic City now wear socks and show their bare legs from knee to ankle. The doctrine of equal rights appears to be growing some at Atlantic City.

Mark Twain has bought a fine piece of land in Connecticut and will build a \$30,000 house on it. Mr. Clemens seems to be almost as prosperous as he might be if he had written one of the six best sellers.

The gawkier of Baroda forgot the cables, but he will remember them when he meets a number of American ladies in Europe who have a few remarks to offer concerning his opinions of the American woman's grace and beauty.

Government clerks use 1,174,442 lead pencils a year. Each clerk is allowed one pencil every eight days. That's nothing; an ordinary newspaper reporter can use a pencil every eight hours and be ready to tackle a new one next day.

Lighter and brighter shades are in demand for hosiery and trunks in women's millinery, according to local dealers. Prices, though, may be expected to look just as heavy and gloomy to the husbands and fathers as formerly.

Last year the trade of the United States with its cooling possessions reached \$115,000,000. The growth in our exports amounting to 20 per cent. Porto Rico shows up especially well, which proves that the island is getting its share in American prosperity.

Certain Cuban military officers became dissatisfied because President Palma limited their opportunities by keeping the number of insular troops down to the minimum. So they started an insurrection just to show Mr. Palma that he needs more troops.

Booths at the Hoboken ferry boats have caps on top of which in gold letters is the injunction that they must not solicit shiners. This order was made some time ago by the company on complaints of passengers who were annoyed by the young sons of Italy yelling "Shinemy!"

The boys' novel evaded this order, says the New York Globe, by going to each passenger and silently pointing to his shoes as though he ought to be reminded that they were dirty and that the bootblack needed a job. Some passengers have become exasperated at this renewal of a nuisance in another form and threaten suits or reprisals if they are not permitted to peruse their newspapers in peace.

A New York man who is 65 years old plunged into the river and rescued a boy who was drowning in the strong current near Holl Gate. It is said not make Dr. Peary sit up and take notice, what will?

Miss Pauline Cook, of Chicago, followed a man around the world and finally made him marry her. She refused to accept his "Nay, nay, Pauline."

An eastern railroad has just put in service an all-steel, collision-proof, fireproof and largely soundproof car. A thousand of these new cars will be in service when the New York line is completed. The car of the future must be as safe as engineering science can make it, and people who lose their lives in them, if they insist on it, must die of heart failure from fright or shock when the car rolls over an embankment.

One of the serious comments upon the career of the late actor, Toole, is that he could make Englishmen laugh.



LABOR A POLITICAL FACTOR

FEDERATION IS TO CONTINUE ITS ACTIVITY.

Executive Council Announces No Money Contributions Were Accepted from Any Candidates.

Washington.—The executive council of the American Federation of Labor Tuesday adopted the report of the labor representation committee regarding its participation in the political campaign and in that connection, adopted the following resolution:

"The committee is authorized and directed to continue the campaign to its conclusion for the attainment of the largest degree of success in the interest, for the protection and promotion of the rights and liberty of working people and the people generally, and to the attainment of these laudable purposes, the executive council of the American Federation of Labor calls upon all reform forces and public-spirited citizens, who sympathize with the effort to reestablish justice and right in the affairs of our country, to cooperate with our movement, our cause and campaign."

The committee consists of President Gompers, Vice President O'Connell and Secretary Morrison of the federation. The council announced that no money had been accepted by the federation from any candidate for office on any ticket, and it was decided to pursue this course in the future. The council directed Mr. Gompers to appear before the house committee of post offices when it meets next month to consider changes in the postal rates and to protest against any change "which would affect the rights to which the trade union with other publications are now entitled."

PLANS FOR FEDERATION TOLD

Seal of American Labor Body May Adorn Union Made Goods.

Washington.—The regular quarterly meeting of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor began Monday. President Gompers reported on the question of a universal label for all of the international organizations, or for the use of the seal of the American Federation of Labor as a universal design and part of the various union labels issued by the affiliated organizations. A number of organizations were reported favorably disposed and the president of the union to issue the label without any other design. The report will be submitted to the federation convention at Minneapolis in November.

Great Damage by Cloudburst.

Jackson, Neb.—At 7:30 o'clock Sunday morning water from a cloudburst in the northwestern part of Dakota county and the eastern part of Dixon county rushed down the valley of Elk creek, sweeping away hundreds of tons of dirt, depositing huge masses in pens, flooding tracks, washing away railroad tacks, and doing other damage, all of which is conservatively estimated at \$100,000. The wave of water in the creek which struck this town was seven feet high.

Odd Fellows Elect Officers.

Toronto, Ont.—The sovereign grand lodge of Odd Fellows Tuesday elected the following officers: Grand sire, E. S. Conway, Chicago; deputy grand sire, John L. Nolan, Nashville, Tenn.; grand secretary, John B. Goodwin, Baltimore, Md.; grand treasurer, M. R. Muckle, Philadelphia.

Wrecked Crew Is Landed.

Chickston, C.—The Clyde liner large of Odd Fellows brought into port the mate and three seamen of the American bark R. D. Hibber, wrecked off the Frying Pan shoals. The vessel turned turtle and went to pieces.

Allege Men Are Counterfeiters.

Petokey, Mich.—Lee Crown, Harry Williams and Harold Williams were arrested by a secret service officer on a charge of counterfeiting. They are alleged to have slotted lead nickels with which to play slot machines.

TRAIN HOLD-UP MEN ARE FOILED

Resistance by Conductor Causes Bandits to Abandon Their Plans.

Peoria, Ill.—Four masked men attempted to hold up passenger train No. 311 on the Rock Island road one and one-half miles north of Peoria, Friday night at ten o'clock, and but for the presence of the conductor of the men after being struck on the head, the passengers would have been robbed.

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The British river steamer Moorhen is leaking badly, and the French boat destroyer is ashore and two others dragged their anchors the entire length of the harbor.

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Numerous steam launches and lighters scattered an coast of the wooden piers on the water front were demolished.

The military quarters and temporary barracks were demolished and the men quartered in the casemates of the fort.

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Situation at Hongkong.

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Hostile Members of Moqui Tribe Are to Live on by Themselves.

Washington.—In accordance with a recommendation of Superintendent Lemmon, of the Moqui Indian reservation in Arizona, the commission has directed that the hostile members of the Oraibi village be located a few miles distant from the village, where they will be ordered to live on their own. The Moqui are to be separated from the "friendly" Moqui.

Seeks to Acquire Railroad.

Mexico City.—It is generally understood that one of the principal objects of Finance Minister Limasaur's trip to Europe is to bring about the acquisition of the Mexican Central railroad by the Mexican government, and this suggestion is being strengthened to a considerable extent by the fact that Vice President Richards, of the Mexican Central, has also gone to Paris.

Will Pay Frisco Losses.

San Francisco.—According to officers of the National bank, the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance company will pay policyholders who suffered losses in the San Francisco fire 95 cents on the dollar.

Aged Couple Killed.

Goshen, Ind.—While crossing the track of the Winona interurban line, 15 miles south of this place, Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Jones, aged 82 and 85 years respectively, were struck by an interurban car and killed.

SHIPPING IS DAMAGED

HARBOR OF HONGKONG SWEEP BY FIERCE STORM.

LOSS OF LIFE IS GREAT

Gale Drives Vessels Into Collision and Many Are Badly Battered, Several Going to the Bottom of the Ocean.

Hongkong.—A terrific storm broke suddenly here Tuesday afternoon, lasting two hours and destroying innumerable native craft and causing much loss of life.

The harbor is literally strewn with wreckage and the streets of the city are blocked with debris.

An unknown steamer collided with the British steamer Strathmore, seriously damaging the latter.

The river boat Fatshang fouled the French mail boat Polynesian.

The British steamer Montague, the German steamer Signal, the German steamer Emma Lakren, the British steamer Changsha, the British steamer Sexta, the Kowloon ferryboat and a water boat were driven ashore.

The American steamer Sorsogon and German steamer Johanne are awash.

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Although the barometer was low Tuesday morning, there was nothing to presage a hurricane. Under ordinary precautions, the usual harbor work was in progress when the storm struck the shipping without warning.

Vessels pitched ashore along the water front and the docks and sea walls were strewn with wreckage. Great numbers of small boats and ferriboats were piled up in the streets and the flooded highways blocked with the wreckage.

The greatest loss of life was among the crew of the river boat Fatshang, which was crushed and driven to the bottom. It is impossible now to estimate the number who perished.

The British government officials immediately started to clear away the debris, and soldiers and sailors are working heroically to save the drowning and succor the hurt. A complete estimate of the damage will not be obtainable for weeks. No Americans are reported to have been killed or injured.

CARS PLUNGE FROM BRIDGE

EIGHT PERSONS DROWN IN OKLAHOMA TRAIN WRECK.

High Water Weakens Structure Over Cimarron River—Several Rescued from Stream.

Guthrie, Okla.—Eight persons were drowned and more than 20 were injured when a Rock Island passenger train plunged from the high bridge over the Cimarron river, three miles from Dover, Okla., at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday morning. It is feared the list of dead will be increased when complete reports are heard from the scene of the disaster, as 20 to 30 passengers are reported missing.

The train was running at high speed. The river was a raging torrent, due to a heavy rainstorm, and the driftwood which was borne down the stream had weakened the supports of the bridge.

The engineer did not notice the condition of the bridge until it was too late to stop the train. He set the air brakes and, shouting to his fireman, jumped from the cab, escaping unhurt. The fireman sustained severe injuries.

When the train struck the bridge the structure collapsed, and the locomotive, tender, baggage and mail cars, the smoker and a day coach plunged into the swift current. The parlor cars attached to the train did not leave the track.

The locomotive disappeared from sight immediately it struck the river, and the day coach and smoking car were submerged all but their very tops. The day coach was whirled down stream by the current and struck against a sand bank. The occupants were rescued through the windows in scenes of the wildest confusion.

The smoking car was carried down stream and struck a sandbar. Four men were seen to clamber through the windows and pull themselves to the top of the car, where they called for help. Those on shore were unable to assist them.

A large mass of driftwood swept down the stream at a terrific rate and carried them with it.

The most reliable accounts procure the number of passengers in the smoker at from 25 to 30. With only a few exceptions they are yet unaccounted for, but messages are dropping in from rural districts stating that men were seen clinging to driftwood miles down the river from the scene of the accident.

When the bridge went down it carried with it telephone wires, which has made communication with the scene of the wreck difficult.

NOTED BRITISH ADMIRAL DEAD

Commander Who Stood by Dewey in Manila Bay Passes Away.

Gibraltar.—Rear Admiral Sir Edward Chichester, who commanded the British squadron at Manila during the Spanish-American war, died here Monday of pneumonia after an illness of a few days. Sir Edward's wife has arrived here from England.

Rear Admiral Chichester was chief of the sea transport service during the South African war. He was in the American in Manila bay at a time when friction between Admiral Dewey and the German navy commander then seemed likely to lead to serious consequences.

CONVICTED OF LAND FRAUDS.

Oregon Jury Returns Verdicts Against Three Prominent Men.

Portland, Ore.—State Senator Franklin Pierce Mays, ex-Representative Willard L. Jones and George Sorenson stand convicted in the Blue mountain land fraud case.

The sealed verdict returned by the jury at 1:45 o'clock Thursday morning was read in the federal court when it opened, finding all three defendants guilty of conspiracy and fraud the government in connection with the creation of the Blue mountain forest reserve.

Counsel for the defendants immediately gave notice to move for a new trial, and were allowed time to do so.

Must Deport Coolies.

Washington.—Chinese laborers taken to Panama for work on the isthmian canal will be required to be detained at the conclusion of their service. To insure their deportation the Panama government will require the contractors who furnish the Chinese laborers to give a bond of \$50,000 for the first 500 Chinese and \$20 each for laborers in any number in excess of 2,000.

Alleged Briber Pardoned.

Milwaukee.—Michael Dunn, former building inspector, private secretary to former Mayor Rose, who was convicted and sentenced to 18 months in the house of correction on the charge of receiving a bribe from the Pabst Brewing company, was pardoned by Gov. Davidson.

Noted Educator Dead.

Raleigh, N. C.—President Charles N. Melver, of the North Carolina Normal and Industrial college at Greensboro, dropped dead of a heart attack on Bryan special just after the train left Durham Monday.

New Ocean Cable Opened.

New York.—The opening of a new cable route to Rio Janeiro, Montevideo and other South American ports was announced by the Postal Telegraph and Cable company Monday.

WOMEN'S NEGLECT

SUFFERING THE SURE PENALTY

Health Thus Lost Is Restored by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

How many women do you know who are perfectly well and strong? We hear every day of suffering or serious ailments. "I do not feel well; I am so tired all the time!"



More than likely you speak the same words yourself, and no doubt you feel that you cannot help suffering or a serious ailment. The never-failing remedy for all these symptoms is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Miss Kate McDonald of Woodbridge, N. J., writes:

"Dear Mr. Pinkham: I have had health so much to me that I cannot help from telling. I am the wife of a man who is a doctor. For a long time I suffered until agony with a female trouble and irregularity, which made me a physical wreck, and no one thought I could ever be cured. I tried Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and made me well and strong, and feel it my duty to advise suffering women what a splendid medicine it is."

For twenty-five years Mrs. Pinkham, daughter-in-law of the late Dr. M. M. Pinkham, has under her direction, and since her decease, been advising sick women free of charge. Her advice is free and always helpful. Address: Lynn, Mass.

Hinky Dink and Barrie.

H. G. Wells of England, the forecast-novel man and sociologist, met an interesting person in Chicago and in a magazine article tells all about the experience. "I made," he says, "the acquaintance of Alderman Kenna, who is better known I found throughout the states as 'Hinky Dink,' and who is a very interesting person. He has two saloons in Chicago, and something of the Chinese quarters about him. He is a compact, upright little man, with iron-gray hair, a clear blue eye and a dry, cracked nose. He wears a bowler hat through all our excursions in company and kept his hands in his jacket pockets. He filled me with a ridiculous idea, for which I 'voilage, that, had it fallen to the lot of M. Barrie to miss a university education and keep a saloon in Chicago and organize voters, he would have looked over a brother to Mr. Kenna."

Habits of Wild Bees.

There are about five thousand species of the wild bees, with interesting ways of their own. Among them is a species whose females are veritable amazons, and carry more and better weapons than the males. There are the "cuckoo" bees, who deposit their eggs in the nests of others, the progeny of both living peacefully together until maturity, when they separate. Then there is the tailoring bee, which cuts a hole in her neighbor's leaf jaws, and fits a snug lining of the leaf material into her cave-shaped nest.

Baptists Do Not Cuss.

Senator Clay, of Georgia, was telling Senator Cullum, about an unfair, brooding and insolent federal judge in the south. "He is — he is —," he said, Senator Clay, hesitating for a word. "I understand you perfectly well, senator," Senator Pettus said. "You are a Baptist and your religion does not furnish the words necessary properly to describe such a man."

WELL PEOPLE TOO

Wise Doctor Gives Postum to Convalescents.

A wise doctor tries to give nature its best chance by saving the little strength of the already exhausted patient, and instead of wasting energy with simple but powerful nourishment.

"Five years ago," writes a doctor, "I recommended to my patient in my own family (and it was so) I was so well pleased with the results that I had two grocers place it in stock, guaranteeing its sale."

"I then commenced to recommend it to my patients in place of coffee, as a nutritious beverage. The consequence is, every store in town is now selling it, as it has become a household necessity in all homes."

"I'm sure I prescribe Postum as often as any one remedy in the Materia Medica—in almost every case of indigestion and nervousness I treat, and with equally good results. "When I once introduce it into a family, it is quite sure to remain. I still continue to use it and prescribe it in families where I practice. "In convalescence from pneumonia, typhoid fever and other cases, I give it as a liquid, easily absorbed diet. You may use my letter as a reference as to how to get it. It is sold by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville" in "Pops"—There's a reason."