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New Italian Invention.

A recent Italian invention is the use of a varnish, the principal ingredient of which is ground cork, consolidated with copal and other substances, for protecting the interior of ships from the effects of humidity caused by the condensation of moisture upon the metal walls of the vessels during sudden changes of temperature.

A Chump.

Tess—Mr. Dumley's just the meanest man. He told me last evening he'd teach me how to whistle if I'd pucker up my lips—
Jess—Oh! that old scheme! Then he kissed you, eh?
"No, the stupid thing! He didn't kiss me at all."—Philadelphia Press.

Food for Thought, Anyhow.

"Sire," said the private secretary, "thousands of people are literally starving in Russia."
"Oh, dear, dear me!" ejaculated the multimillionaire. "Why didn't you tell me this before, Julius? Arrange to distribute 24 libraries at once."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

String of Names.

The sixth marquis of Downshire reveals in this imposing string of names: Arthur Willis John Wellington Blundell Trumbull Roden Hill. Before he was three years old he succeeded to seven titles and 127,000 acres of estates in County Down and Berkshire.

Nocturnal Fishes.

The fish of Little Belt, in Denmark, being very shy of light, move about only on dark nights, and this has suggested the curious experiment of lighting the channel bottom with incandescent lamps to prevent migration of the fish to the larger seas.

Royal Athlete.

King George of Greece is an athlete and more than once, under the pseudonym of "George Papadopolus," has taken part in the struggles in the arena and the racing path. He is said to be the most muscular king in Europe.

Rough Schooling.

"Did you never experience the slightest touch of fear in a naval engagement?" "Never," answered the officer, with hauteur; "after a man has gone through the naval academy he isn't afraid of anything."—Washington Star.

Queer Present to Czar.

The last Czar Alexander III. of Russia was once considerably embarrassed by a circus of performing fleas, sent him by Prince Henry of Reuss as a birthday present.

Encouraged.

"Do you know that your attentions weary me?" "Do they, indeed? I was beginning to feel that I had failed to make any impression whatever."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Works Both Ways.

"Revenge is sweet," said Uncle Eben, "but you mustn't forget to figure dat it's sweet to de other feller as it is to you."—Washington Star.

English Tailor's Sign.

From the windows of a British tailor: "We have cleared a Scotch merchant's remains of high-class overcoats at a big reduction."

Houses of Mahogany.

All of the houses in a poorer quarter of Honduras' capital are of mahogany, which wood costs less than pine there.

The Limit.

Knowledge is power until a man reaches the point where he knows it all.—Chicago Daily News.

Radiumized Diamonds.

The value of diamonds as fancy stones can be materially increased by the action of radium.

Queen's Distinction.

Queen Christina of Spain is the only sovereign who has ever made a balloon ascension.

Not Many Reach It.

The golden wedding is celebrated by only one out of every 1,000 married couples.

ARE IN PERFECT UNISON.

The Republican Party and Its Managers at One in Every Undertaking.

In the first week of the first session of the congress which was elected with President Roosevelt, the democrats did some things which they and a few republicans think portend trouble for the president's party. In his annual message to congress the president asked for an appropriation of \$16,500,000 as an emergency fund for carrying on the work of the Panama canal to the end of the current fiscal year, on June 30 next. The house, through the opposition of the democrats and a few republicans who sided with them, cut down the appropriation to \$11,000,000, which is expected to carry on the canal work until April 1 next. In the senate Mr. Tillman proposed a resolution calling on the secretary of the treasury for information as to whether the national banks have been making any contributions to the campaign funds of either of the parties in recent years. A spirited debate took place in each branch on these propositions. Many persons think this means a clash between congress and president, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

But the gossips and critics omit to mention that on the largest issue before congress, that of railway rate regulation, there is a growing harmony between that body and the administration. Several bills hostile to the president's side had been prepared by senators before the session opened. One or two of those have been introduced. It is evident, however, from Senator Elkins' words and acts, that the interstate commerce committee, of which he is the head, which will have charge of this sort of legislation, is lining up on the president's side. Elkins was one of the men who had been counted among the enemies of the president's policy. All the opponents of rate regulation, democrats and republicans, had been relying on Elkins to lead in the attack on the administration's measure, which was sure to pass the house. Present indications are that the bill which has just been prepared by the interstate commerce commission, which embodies the president's ideas, will be passed substantially in the form in which the commission put it. Some of the enemies of rate regulation are already accusing Elkins of "selling out to the administration."

A calm survey of the situation shows that nothing has occurred thus far to threaten a rupture between congress and president. Nearly all the president's party stands with him, and that party has a large majority in each branch of congress. On the administration's side are lined many democrats. The cutting of the Panama appropriation only means that the \$11,000,000 will be given till April 1, which is the amount that the auditor estimated would be required till that date. A bill furnishing the rest of the \$16,500,000, it is assured, will be passed before that date, and be available for the remaining three months of the fiscal year. It may be stated with all possible emphasis, that Tillman's national bank campaign fund contribution measure does not frighten the administration or any member of the republican party. By the fullest inquiry that any committee is capable of making in this business the administration and the republican party have nothing to lose. The only point worth considering, so far as regards the party and the administration is, was any money expended corruptly in the campaign? Neither bank nor insurance officers have any right to contribute money of their clients to the republican or any other campaign fund, even if, as McCall said when he gave money to the republicans in 1896, the money was intended to aid in staying off calamity to those clients. That, however, is a question which concerns the contributors and not the administration or the republican party. It will undoubtedly be found that the republican party and the republican administration are in harmony, and that they are masters of the situation.

CRITICISM AND COMMENT.

Even the distinguished house leader of the democratic minority has troubles of his own.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Thus far, however, the democrats cannot complain of gag rule in the house. But then Uncle Joe is a genial old soul who likes to see people enjoy their troubles.—Indianapolis News (Ind.)

Whatever the intentions of Germany may be, it is plain that the United States does not intend to be bluffed into granting unreasonable concessions, and Germany will be conserving her own interests by taking cognizance of this fact.—Scranton Republican.

Is the vaunted "Roosevelt luck" deserting the president? Here is Webster Davis (Democrat) saying: "I shall do what I can for the advancement of republican ideas exemplified by Mr. Roosevelt, and expect in time to become active in politics again."—N. Y. Press.

Our foreign trade outruns all precedent in spite of the assurance of tariff smashers that the tariff chokes foreign commerce. Business seems to have only contempt for wrong notions about it.—Buffalo News.

When Democrats fall out in the house of representatives it is fun for the other fellows. John Sharp Williams as a leader seems to have an astounding capacity for making a "billy show" of the minority. It was weak enough without being torn by dissensions. What will become of it now that Democrats are polling one another by the ears?—Troy Times.

PROTECTION IS ENDURING.

Because of the Support of Wise and Far-Seeing Business Men.

It is very difficult for some people to comprehend the possibility that the policy of protection may be supported on broad, general grounds, upon patriotic considerations of the greatest good to the greatest number, and not solely because of benefits directly derived. If the truth were known, a very large measure of the active support received by protection from the business interests come from men not directly benefited. Not many months ago a manufacturer having 8,000 men on pay roll said to the president of the United States, whom he visited upon invitation:

"You ask if I could stand tariff revision and tariff reduction. Yes, I could stand it. Our products are very largely covered by patents, and we have little or nothing to fear from the competition of cheap foreign labor. But could our customers stand it? Would they be able to buy as liberally and pay as promptly under a revised tariff? No, they would not. It is with this fact in view that I urge that the tariff be let alone."

A case in point is furnished by Gen. W. F. Draper, of Hopedale, Mass., in reply to the assertion of the free-traders and tariff ripping republicans that he is making large profits out of protection. In reply Gen. Draper points out the fact that the machines produced at Hopedale are patented articles which would meet with no foreign competition under a lower tariff, or even under free trade. Gen. Draper adds: "The only way in which the tariff benefits me peculiarly, so far as I know, is by increasing the general prosperity of the country, as such increase must make a demand for more machinery, as well as for other products. If, therefore, my tariff views are controlled by my pecuniary interests, those interests are entirely along the line of general prosperity, and that is what I am working for."

The two cases cited, says the American Economist, constitute the rule rather than the exception. If protection were indeed a wholly selfish policy, enriching the few while impoverishing the many, as free-traders are so fond of stating; if protection depended alone for its strength and permanency upon the support of those who are its direct and immediate beneficiaries it would not long endure. Protection endures because of the support it receives from wise, sensible, broad-gauge men who know that it is upon the employment given, upon the wages paid, upon the power to purchase and consume that the prosperity of a country must depend absolutely.

PROSPERITY REBUFFED.

Tariff Reform Dreamers Get to the Pass Where They Need Guardians.

No state has a right to be proud of Massachusetts more than the state of Maine. From the time when Massachusetts threatened rebellion against the rest of the country in our early history to the time when Foss hurled thunderbolts at the Dingley tariff Massachusetts has possessed a strong faction of idealists who have done the country much service in many ways, but whose impracticability has occasionally done much harm. The republicanism of Massachusetts is frequently deflected by sudden impulse as well as by nightmares supposed to be visions. Yet we respected the underground railways of Wendell Phillips, but we see no particular reason or rhyme in Fossism or in what may be called the present agitation of a state overworked by prosperity to tinker with the tariff when the only possible results of the present agitation must be injury to the business of Massachusetts in particular as well as the country in general. But when the dreamers in Massachusetts get the hang of what seems to them to be a good idea they not only have the courage of their dream, but the tenacity of their nightmares.

These agitations, says the Lewiston Journal, now shove up to us the statement that unless we "reform the tariff" we shall be up against it with Germany, which is saying that Germany will promote a tariff war with this country, when Germany is more interested in peace in these premises than anybody else possibly can be. The fact is that this country long ago decided, after trying the tariff reform ideas of the democratic party, that it is possible to have a big foreign trade and to protect our domestic trade. Our foreign and domestic trade has been doubled since Cleveland left the White House. A tariff agitation at this time is as unwise, as it seems to us, as would be the placing of a dynamite shell under our shop because our business was so large that it was driving us crazy. In such case the shopkeeper needs a guardian, and his name should not be Foss.

The death of Edward Atkinson will not force the anti-imperialist organization out of existence. There are still three members left.—Kansas City Journal.

Speaking of the revised tariff, it appears to strike most thinking people that this country is prosperous enough with the tariff as it is.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Hon. John Sharp Williams says the country is tired of the republican party and afraid of the Democratic party. Mr. Williams is half right, anyhow.—Chicago Tribune.

There is no storm center in congress after all except among the democrats in the house, who exhibit a fiendish eagerness to hurt the feelings of their own generalism.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

BARRICADES

Built by Insurgents are Being Demolished.

WAR IN MOSCOW.

Thousands of People Slain During Battles Between Revolutionaries and Soldiers.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—There was no further news from Moscow last night. The Associated Press correspondent there succeeded in getting the St. Petersburg bureau by telephone last evening, but he had only uttered "I am going to tell you a horrible story," when he was cut off.

A brief message from Moscow yesterday's date said that troops with artillery were pouring into the city, but that the situation had not greatly changed. The revolutionists hold sections of the Moscow-Kazan road.

Another message from Moscow says that during Tuesday night the artillery worked at destroying the barricades. The revolutionists, this message says, are divided into three "armies. The first, consisting of 800 men armed with rifles and pikes, is operating between Moscow and Perovo, using the railroad which it controls. Artillery and cavalry are being employed against this force.

The second "army" is armed especially with bombs and revolvers and is composed of a thousand persons, in whose ranks are many women, who display not only bravery, but ferocity. It has built many barricades to prevent the passage of troops and is operating in small groups and is attacking patrols. When pressed these revolutionists disappear into alleys and houses. Artillery, cavalry and infantry are used against this body.

The third and largest army is operating in the region between the Brest railroad station and the Triumphal gate. It also has many barricades and is engaged in guerilla tactics, making it difficult for the troops to enclose it. Some of the barricades were battered down by artillery, but they were re-erected by the survivors.

Moscow, Dec. 25.—The revolutionary leaders had given the signal for an armed rising of the proletariat at 6 o'clock Saturday evening, but Governor General Doubassoff discovered their plans and acted quickly. He massed 25,000 troops in Red place, under the walls of the Kremlin, mounted machine guns in the towers of the old Chinese wall, posted artillery at intervals encircling the Tverskaia boulevard and placed heavy detachments of artillery at strategic points.

The first scene of butchery occurred when the troops and the cannon, which were loaded with grape, fired into a procession of workmen carrying red flags and singing revolutionary songs as they swung into the boulevard. Since then there has been almost continual fighting somewhere in the city.

London, Dec. 26.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at St. Petersburg in a dispatch dated at 6:45 p. m. December 25, says: "At an early hour this morning the casualties at Moscow were estimated at 5,000 killed and 14,000 wounded, with the fighting still proceeding.

BURNED LIKE KINDER.

A Hotel in Los Angeles Is Destroyed by Fire—Loss \$200,000.

Los Angeles, Dec. 25.—The Van Nuys Broadway hotel, located in the heart of the business district, was almost completely destroyed by fire early Sunday. One hundred and ten girls, most of whom were in bed when the fire broke out, escaped in their night clothes. Some of the guests were precipitated into the basement and suffered more or less serious injuries. Fire Chief Lippis was seriously cut by broken glass. The total financial loss will approximate \$200,000.

T. H. Benton, ex-state auditor of Nebraska, wife and daughter occupied rooms on the fourth floor and barely escaped with their lives, losing all their valuables, baggage and money, estimated at \$5,000.

Mrs. P. S. Hanich, of Chicago, escaped from her room on the fourth floor, but lost effects valued at \$4,000. Several other individuals are losers.

Preparing for a Big Celebration.

Rome, Dec. 28.—Preparations are already going on to celebrate in 1908 the jubilee of the pope's ordination as a priest. Being asked if he desired the festivities to be similar to those witnessed on the occasion of the priesthood jubilee of the late Pope Leo, when an international exhibition was held in the Vatican, the pope answered: "Certainly not. I wish the celebration to maintain a strictly religious character." Committees will be organized all over the world with the object of presenting the pope with large offerings during the jubilee mass which he will celebrate in St. Peter's in the presence of pilgrims from all countries.

Automobile Wreck Caused Death.

New York, Dec. 25.—James E. Martin, prominent in New York society, was instantly killed near Flushing, Long Island, when his automobile plowed into a strip of loose dirt on the side of the road and turned completely over. Stacy Clark, who was in the car, was seriously injured.

Eight Miners Killed.

Ironwood, Mich., Dec. 25.—Eight men were killed Saturday by a fall of 1,600 tons of iron ore from a slip on the 1,300-foot level of the Newport mine in Ironwood.

NO ACCOUNT

Was Kept of the Thousands He Spent.

A SECRET SERVICE.

Mr. Hamilton, Legislative Agent for Insurance Companies, So Describes His Work.

New York, Dec. 28.—Andrew Hamilton, the ex-legislative agent of the New York Life Insurance Co., who, according to testimony, has been entrusted with hundreds of thousands of dollars by the company and has not accounted for \$235,000, has been heard from by the legislative insurance investigating committee, but has declined to make an accounting.

A statement by Mr. Hamilton was read for the record yesterday. It was presented by Secretary John C. McCall, of the New York Life, who went to Paris to secure an accounting from Hamilton. In his statement Mr. Hamilton says he is unable to produce any books or accounts because he undertook the legislative matters for the life insurance companies with the express understanding that he was to make no accounting. Absolute secrecy was necessary in retaining assistants; therefore no checks were used in making payments.

Mr. Hamilton went into an exhaustive explanation of the reasons for organizing this confidential service, as he characterized it, covering his methods of work, and citing a number of legislative bills in which he had been interested. A list of expenses from 1899 to 1904 was appended to the statement. The sum of \$235,000 unaccounted for, he says, would be greatly reduced by his running account still unsettled and open, and as a matter of good faith, pending a settlement, he offers to deposit \$100,000 with the company.

Louis F. Payn, former superintendent of insurance of the state of New York, was called to the stand and explained a large number of appointments of confidential examiners on the ground that an unusual number of examinations were made during his tenure of office. Mr. Hughes produced a list which showed that in 1897 two examinations were made and in 1898 two more were made, while in 1899, the last year of Mr. Payn's administration, the number had not been brought out when adjournment was taken.

AFTER FORTY YEARS.

Heirs of a Confederate Officer Sue the Government to Recover the Value of 25 Boats Seized During the War.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Secretary Shaw and the United States treasurer are defendants in a suit instituted in the federal court here yesterday to recover from the government the value of 25 steamboats alleged to have been taken from James E. Montgomery during the civil war by men representing themselves to be military officers of the United States. Mr. Montgomery, who is now dead, was a prominent steamboat owner and lived at St. Louis. The suit is brought by the trustee of the Montgomery estate, who seeks to recover \$250,000 for the heirs.

The petition states that Mr. Montgomery opposed secession, but was compelled to cast his lot with the Confederacy, as his property interests were chiefly in Mississippi. He became a commodore in the Confederate navy, but was the first Confederate officer to take the oath of allegiance to the United States after the war. He took the oath in the presence of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, his neighbor, who was the first federal officer to congratulate Commodore Montgomery on his return to the support of the Union.

GAVE UP STOLEN GOODS.

A Prominent Business Man of Scranton, Pa., Confesses to Robbing a Jewelry Store.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 28.—Frank A. Tisdell, who is in partnership with his father in Scranton's leading gun shop, was arrested yesterday on suspicion of robbing Kilberg's jewelry store last Thursday night, and after being taken to police headquarters confessed. He returned five watches and some silverware, but denied all knowledge of a bag containing \$500 worth of diamonds which Jeweler Kilberg alleges was taken with the rest of the plunder.

On the night of the burglary an overcoat belonging to Assistant City Controller Morris was taken from an adjoining tailor shop. Yesterday Morris recognized the coat on Tisdell. He notified the police, with the result that they found the coat and the other booty in Tisdell's store. Tisdell offers no explanation of his conduct. He has hitherto been looked upon as an upright citizen and a reputable business man.

A Fatal Explosion.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 28.—While the two-masted schooner Emma was coming into Darling's wharf at Hampton Creek yesterday an explosion of the gasoline tank of the auxiliary engine occurred. Capt. Nottingham was instantly killed. The explosion was of such force to tear a hole through the vessel.

Sworn in for Another Term.

New York, Dec. 28.—Mayor George B. McChesin was yesterday sworn in as mayor of New York City for the next four years.

25 DROWNED

The British Bark Pass of Melfort Foundered.

ALL HANDS LOST.

Big Ship Ran Ashore Near Victoria, B. C., and Is a Complete Wreck.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 29.—About 25 men, it is believed, drowned when the British bark Pass of Melfort foundered on the rocks off Amphitrite Point Tuesday night.

The salvage steamer Salvor, maintained at Esquimalt by Lloyds' agency and the Canadian government, has started for the wreck, from which wreckage is still coming ashore. The greater portion of the wreckage, all of which is much broken, is washing on the rocks in a small bay a quarter of a mile east of Amphitrite Point.

Settlers from Ucleulet, the nearest village, about seven miles from the wreck, have started a systematic search for bodies. The bodies of the three men already found were buried yesterday. Capt. Gaudin, agent of marine, who is waiting advices from Ucleulet, has instructed Capt. Harris, of the steamer Salvor, to spare no effort in the endeavor to recover the bodies of the bark's crew.

A torn piece of paper, which seems like part of the log-book of Capt. Cougal, was found on the beach with the name "John Houston" on it, and not far away was a water-soaked photograph of 15 seamen and apprentices of the Pass of Melfort.

A whistling buoy was recently placed off Amphitrite Point, but it disappeared in a gale two weeks ago. Two days before Christmas the government steamer Quadra was sent to look for the missing buoy to replace it, but the steamer failed to find it.

ODELL IS SARCASTIC.

He Makes a Statement in Regard to Political Affairs in New York State.

New York, Dec. 29.—Ex-Gov. Odell, chairman of the republican state committee, made a statement Thursday concerning the contest for the speakership of the assembly in which he is backing E. A. Merritt against J. W. Wadsworth, jr., who has the support of Gov. Higgins. Mr. Odell said:

"The gentleman up at Albany who is doing so much yelling just now has had some starch injected into his backbone by Roosevelt. He never had any before. When you hear him talk these days, the voice is the voice of Jacob Higgins, but the hand is the hand of Esau Roosevelt. Few persons are deceived by the talk about Roosevelt not interfering in politics in this way in other states. The fools may be taken in, but you can't catch the old birds by throwing salt on their tails. It is entirely clear that Roosevelt is back of Higgins in this speakership contest and so-called inspired denials do not count."

"This is going to be a fight to a finish. I tried in every way to avoid factional trouble, but it has been forced on me, and when a fight is so forced, I am not a quitter."

REFUSES TO RESIGN.

Indiana's Secretary of State Declines to Obey the Demand Made by Gov. Hanly.

Indianapolis, Dec. 29.—Daniel E. Storms, secretary of state, has not resigned and he will not comply with the demand of Gov. Hanly for his resignation. It was reported yesterday that Mr. Storms had retained counsel and would contest the demand of the governor that Storms resign. Mr. Storms takes the ground that he has not violated the law.

It is understood that in addition to the situation disclosed by the secretary of state placing his affairs in the hands of a trustee, a committee that has been examining the records of his office has reported that Storms did not turn into the state treasury a fee of \$25,000 paid by the Vandavia Railroad Co. until several months after it was due; that while the entire salary of the foreign corporations clerk was drawn from the treasury, a less amount was paid him; that an error of \$1,000 had been corrected later and that an appropriation for an extra stenographer was anticipated by Mr. Storms.

Will Establish a New Capital.

Cape Haytian, Hayti, Dec. 29.—The greater part of northern San Domingo is said to be in favor of Gen. Morales, the fugitive president of that republic. It is understood here that Morales left the capital in order to join his partisans in the north and Gen. Rodriguez, the governor of Monte Cristi, with his followers have gone to meet Morales. It is claimed that Morales intends to establish a new capital at Monte Cristi and will use that place as a base from which he will endeavor to suppress the uprising of the Caeceres party.

Holdup Men Got \$3,000.

New Brunswick, N. J., Dec. 29.—Armed men are searching the woods near here for five robbers who stole a satchel containing \$3,000 in cash yesterday. On a main highway and in broad daylight paymaster William Schieck, of the Delaware River Quarry and Construction Co., was robbed.

Collision Was Fatal to Three.

Mahanoy City, Pa., Dec. 29.—Three persons were killed Thursday in a collision between a Lehigh Valley freight train and a trolley car on a grade crossing at Girardville, Pa.