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Flattery is the current coin that cunning fakery pay to fool philosophers for ready cash.

Mark Twain isn't wearing his new white fluff dress suit this week. He has sent it to be cleaned.

The average daily transactions of the New York clearing house make a grand total of \$555,071,688.

"There's still real whisky in old Kentucky," says Henry Watterson. And still the colonel went away.

It is a great deal better to let other people do your talking than it is to let them do your thinking for you.

They are killing dogs now in Boston to find out if they have souls. The irreverent public will be apt to make the comment on their experiments...

A law providing for the punishment of people who carelessly shoot men who have been mistaken for deer has been passed by the legislature of the state of Maine.

J. A. L. Waddell, a bridge engineer of Kansas City, Mo., has received from the czar of Russia notification that he has been chosen to membership in the Society of Benefices...

Daily cold baths are recommended by physicians to those who have the vigor to endure the shock; but few physicians would recommend the average patient to follow the example of the members of the Polar Bear club...

A trip into the Dismal Swamp is one of the attractions offered by the Jamestown exhibition. A steamboat route has been opened up through the 1,000 square miles involved...

"Commercial Club" suggests to most minds a body of business men organized to promote trade. To a little town in Indiana the words mean a club of women formed for no commercial, political or reformative purpose...

The king of Siam is visiting Italy, accompanied by 12 of his wives, the remainder of his numerous domestic establishment having been left at home.

A talented woman who seems to know what she is talking about says that boisterous, gum-chewing children come from the homes of the vulgar well-to-do because their walls are adorned with crayon portraits of the departed and monstrous masterpieces of amateur art.

The Italian villa that Mark Twain is planning to build on his Connecticut farm is going to have a pergola. It is not known yet whether Mark has learned to play on it.

DUTY OF RAILROADS

THEY HANDLE TRAFFIC BUT DO NOT CREATE IT.

Their Sole Function Is to Transport the Products of Prosperity, and When Prosperity Wanes the Railroads Suffer in Proportion.

That greatest of railroad absorbers, Mr. E. H. Harriman, is quoted in a recent interview as saying that he favors a tariff revision, including the removal of duties on works of art; that steel rails are not works of art, but he wishes they were.

Mr. Harriman is among the foremost opponents of federal and state interference with railroads. He objects to governmental regulation of rates, to laws prohibiting the payment of rebates to favored shippers, to statutory restrictions such as would forbid the buying of a railroad and the immediate inflation of its securities by the issue of stock and bonds three times the amount of the purchase price.

But he would welcome governmental interference when it took the shape of free trade in steel rails. If congress would step in and help the railroads to beat down the price of American labor products, and also the price of American labor, Mr. Harriman would be greatly pleased.

We do not know the length of Mr. Harriman's nose, but should suppose it to be not a very long one. The end of his nose seems to be the limit of his vision regarding economic questions, and the shortness of his vision implies an exceedingly short nose. It is evident that genius for mergers is his long suit, and that the ability to perceive the real source of prosperity and profit making in practical railroading is not among his accomplishments.

Free trade in steel rails would carry with it free trade in a very large number of other articles. Foreign prices, plus cost of transportation (about one per cent. as a general average), would determine prices in this country.

With foreigners supplying the bulk of our requirements American wage paying, wage earning and wage spending must largely disappear. Would that be good for Mr. Harriman's railroads? Would they then carry as much freight and as many passengers as they now carry?

If, as the other alternative, American wages should be reduced 20, 40 or 50 per cent. from their present high level in order that Americans might continue to do the work of Americans, would the American freight bill be as large and the American passenger traffic as great? Unquestionably not.

Take away any part of the tremendous volume of business furnished through meeting the consuming demands of American wage earners and there would be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth among the high finance apostles of our great railroad systems.

Mr. Harriman would then be merging bankrupt railroads, if he merged anything at all. This gentleman and the general body of manipulating magnates will do well to devote attention to their favorite pastime of finding a market for inflated securities so long as the law will let them. They shine in this branch of the business. But they should let customs tariffs alone.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson says the prosperity of the United States cannot be destroyed by Wall Street furies. The people throughout the country are clearly of the same opinion.

WHAT THE ROW IS ABOUT.

Washington Post Has the Right Idea About Tariff Tangle.

Shrewdly and correctly the Washington Post estimates the true inwardness of our tariff tangle with Germany when it says: "Germany wants to sell her sugar in our market in competition with the sugar trust. That is what the row is about."

Undoubtedly the chief cause of irritation has been the foolish dicker with Cuba. Prior to the time when we elected to favor Cuban sugar by a 20 per cent. tariff reduction German beet sugar came to this country at the rate of \$10,000,000 a year.

The refusal of congress to lower the duty on refined sugar to correspond with the reduction of the tariff on Cuban raw sugar was an especial offense to Germany. The effect of that refusal was to put many millions of dollars annually into the pocket of the sugar trust and take many millions out of the pockets of German sugar growers.

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INTERNATIONAL GAME.



Uncle Sam—I chip one tariff. Germany—I raise you with my double tariff.

France—I double that raise with a cottonseed oil tariff advanced from \$1.20 to \$5 per kilo (220 pounds).

John Bull—I pass for the present. Just now I've got nothing but not-afraid chips. Perhaps I'll be better fixed one of these days.

Uncle Sam—Hadm't we better postpone this game a few months? When my congress meets next December and passes the McCleary bill I'll be ready to see both of your raises and call both bluffs with a maximum tariff of my own.

"Not Make Tin Plate?"

One of the questions which William McKinley used to ask when he was stumping the country as an advocate of the protective tariff in 1892 was, "Not make tin plate?" Free traders insisted the manufacture of tin plate could never be a success in the United States.

Last year, the importations had been reduced to 127,000,000. Meanwhile tin plate of domestic manufacture is being exported in increasing quantities, more than 1,000,000 pounds of it last year.

Only 48 Per Cent.

The output of the German Steel syndicate during 1906, according to the Iron and Steel Trades Review amounted to 11,079,000 tons of finished and semi-finished products. As this quantity comes very near being equal to the total output of Germany, combination in that country may be said to have reached a degree of effectiveness not attained in the United States.

TERMS IN JAIL

Await Two Chicago Exponents of High Finance.

PAIR OF BANKERS,

One of Them Formerly a Judge of a Court, are Sentenced to Serve Time in the Penitentiary.

Chicago, Ill.—The jury in the defunct Bank of America conspiracy case returned a verdict last night, finding ex-Judge Abner Smith, the bank's president, guilty and giving an indeterminate sentence to the penitentiary and \$1,000 fine. G. E. Sorrow, vice president, suffered the same sentence. Jerome V. Pierce, cashier, was fined \$500 without imprisonment, while F. E. Creelman, a director, was found not guilty.

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President Smith was for several years a judge of the Cook county circuit court. During the trial an effort was made to show that he was a victim of circumstances and had been imposed upon by other officers of the bank.

TRIED TO KILL HIMSELF.

Benedict Gimbel, Rich Philadelphia Merchant, Attempts Suicide.

New York.—Benedict Gimbel, the wealthy Philadelphia merchant who was arrested in this city Thursday on a double charge of exerting improper influence over Ivor Clark, a 16-year-old boy, and attempted bribery of the county detectives who made the arrest, lies in St. Mary's hospital, Hoboken, N. J., unconscious from wounds believed by the police to have been self-inflicted. It is thought that his injuries will prove fatal.

Bleeding from gashes on his throat and severed arteries in both wrists, Gimbel was found last night in a room at the Palace hotel in Hoboken. He was unconscious from loss of blood when he was removed to the hospital, where an examination of his effects made certain his identity.

CENTENARIANS WILL WED.

Man Who is 101 Years of Age Intends to Marry a Woman on Her 100th Birthday.

St. Louis.—Announcement was made Friday that John B. Bundren, who on April 1 was 101 years old, will be united in marriage to Miss Rose McGuire, on her 100th birthday, August 26, 1907, on Mr. Bundren's estate near Tatesville, Tenn.

Bundren went to California and acquired considerable wealth. He returned to Tennessee and bought his birthplace near Tatesville. He decided to hold a reunion of old friends on his estate this year and sent out numerous invitations, including his old sweetheart.

BUSINESS BAROMETER.

Cold Weather Continues to Retard Trade in Many Branches.

New York.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Spring trade developed slowly because of unseasonable weather, but the lost ground will be recovered in large measure when normal temperature prevails.

A Plot to Kill the President.

Newark, N. J.—An alleged plot on the part of Pennsylvania anarchists, who are said to have headquarters at Hazleton, to assassinate President Roosevelt, is being investigated by the United States secret service.

Indicted for Embezzlement.

Muskogee, I. T.—Lyman K. Lane, formerly financial clerk for the United States Indian agent, has been indicted by a federal grand jury now in session, charged with embezzling \$7,800 of government funds.

PEACE CONGRESS CLOSES.

Mr. Carnegie is Honored by France—He Issues a Reply to President Roosevelt's "Objections."

New York.—The first convention of the national arbitration and peace congress came to an end last night after a three days' session, with two banquets, one at the Hotel Astor and the other at the Waldorf-Astoria. The event of greatest interest was the decoration of Andrew Carnegie with the cross of the Legion of Honor by the French government.

Mr. Carnegie, who is president of the congress, gave out a statement as to the results of the congress. Although not so designated by Mr. Carnegie, the statement constitutes a reply to some of the suggestions contained in the letter which President Roosevelt addressed to the congress. Mr. Carnegie quotes these statements as "objections" and answers them as follows:

"Our peace conference has brought three objections clearly before us. "First—Nations cannot submit all questions to arbitration.

"Answer—Six of them have recently done so by treaty—Denmark, and The Netherlands, Chile and Argentina, Norway and Sweden.

"Second—Justice is higher than peace.

"Answer—The first principle of natural justice forbids men to judge when they are parties to the issue. All law rests upon this.

"Nations being only aggregates of individuals, they will not reach justice in their judgments until the same rule holds good, viz: That they, like individuals, shall not sit as judges in their own cause.

"Third—It is neither peace nor justice, but righteousness that shall exalt the nation.

"Answer—Righteousness is simply doing what is right."

A TIMELY CRUSADE.

Hundreds of New Yorkers Are Arrested for Carrying Concealed Weapons.

New York.—While squads of detectives are scouring the foreign quarters, working under the direct orders of Police Commissioner Bingham and picking up all the men they find armed the judicial officers of the greater city are showing evidence of their intention to co-operate with the police in breaking up the vicious practice of carrying deadly weapons.

On Wednesday, in the court of general sessions, Judge Rosalsky gave the heavy sentence of three years in Sing Sing to John Keen, a negro who had been arrested for disorderly conduct. A pair of brass knuckles were found on him.

District Attorney Jerome has prepared 50 cases against men charged with carrying concealed weapons and will present them to the grand jury today. In all 215 men have been locked up. Magistrates and judges all over the city are aroused.

Poisoners are Sentenced to Death.

Monterey, Mexico.—The supreme court of Mexico has affirmed the decision of the lower court in the cases of Hubert, Mitchell and Harle, Americans, convicted of poisoning two other Americans for insurance money in Chihuahua, and the three men have been sentenced to death by the Chihuahua courts.

Fire Destroys a Town.

Toronto, Ont.—Latchford, a mining town in the Cobalt mining district, was destroyed by fire Wednesday night.

Strength Exceeding.

"My new cook says she lived once with you, and that she was sure you could give her a strong recommendation."

"Strong! I should say so! She broke the peace, my husband's spirit and the kitchen range."—Baltimore American.

A Reason for Keeping It.

He leaned over her tenderly. "I would give anything to possess your hand," he sighed.

"Thank you, but I will keep it for myself," she answered.

For she was winning everything in sight at bridge.—Baltimore American.

Not So Easy.

"Some of our popular metaphors are extremely inaccurate as far as fact is concerned. I took candy from a baby once."

"What happened?"

"The baby took the place."—Baltimore American.

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