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The Mustache.

There is more than humor in the rise and fall of the mustache, although the country was amused several years ago by a humorous lecturer, who discoursed on the subject. It is contrary to the British army regulations for an officer to shave his upper lip.

If China is awakening, are the western nations awakening to China? Dr. Arthur H. Smith, the well-known American missionary, shows in an interesting book that this country has not followed its missionaries and its ministers of famine relief with any deep intellectual or even commercial understanding of China.

The Rev. George Clark Houghton, the rector of the Little Church Around the Corner, in New York, has given new fame to that place of worship by announcing that no marriages will be performed there hereafter unless the names of the contracting parties are announced beforehand.

In January next a statue of Emile Zola will be placed in Paris near the Palace of Justice. The occasion will be the tenth anniversary of the publication of the famous letter of accusation with which Zola bombarded the war department in behalf, not so much of Alfred Dreyfus, as of the honor of France.

When an intelligent man cannot answer an honest question in a court of law without "incriminating" himself, his confession to that effect may keep him out of jail for contempt, but it ought not to keep him out longer than is necessary to properly convict him of the criminal conduct he pleads in his own behalf.

A church fair is to be held by society women on Long Island which is to be strictly honest, change to be given in all cases and 100 cents' worth of goods is to cost the purchaser no more than a dollar.

The industry of making rubber from the guayule weed having made a bouncing start at Marathon, some hitherto unproductive regions of southwest Texas may be said to have started on the road to wealth with a springy stride.

PANIC SHORT LIVED

VAST DIFFERENCE IN TWO FINANCIAL SHOCKS.

Country Suffered for Years from Effects of Wilson Law—Under Protection Confidence Is Restored in Few Days.

Many have been the explanations of the stock market crash and the runs on banks. President Roosevelt and a majority of the American people are agreed that the financial shock was due to a culmination of abuses by men who have played fast and loose with honest and honorable business principles.

But it has remained for the sapient editor of the Evening Post to discover that the thing to blame for the whole business is the Dingley law, or, since the panic befell us under the Dingley act that no one ever again shall be able to say that the Wilson law was responsible for the bankruptcy, poverty and misery which overwhelmed us at the beginning of President Cleveland's second administration.

There are some facts of sensational difference, of course, in the two events. The Wilson law panic did not expire in 48 hours; it endured for several years. Then, season after season, farmers burned their crops in their stoves for fuel and in the fields to clear them, because it did not pay to send them to market.

In the Wilson law period there was a panic of long duration, not because there was insufficient currency with which to do the business of the people, but because there was no business to provide American bread and butter. Farms were wastes, mills and factories were abandoned. Industry was prostrate. And this misery—the misery of a poverty panic—was long continued.

Yet the jocose free trade oracle tells us, though the facts of the two panics—the prosperity panic and the poverty panic—are different, the principles involved are the same. Wherefore is protection now banished from us as a superstition; wherefore shall this be the end of the American tariff system.

Two Great Questions. President Roosevelt acted with his accustomed decision and promptitude in attacking the financial stringency. He directed the secretary of the treasury to issue \$50,000,000 worth of Panama canal bonds, bearing two per cent interest, and \$100,000,000 of three per cent government notes.

At the same time the president issued a call for a conference of governors of all the states and territories to meet him at Washington early in May of next year to discuss means to conserve the natural resources of the country, which, he says, "are becoming depleted, and, in not a few cases, entirely exhausted."

BRYAN AND THE TARIFF.

Democratic Leader Playing Politics in His Speeches.

Mr. Bryan would have the tariff revised right away. At least he talks that way. Maybe he would talk differently if his party were in power. He would then be obliged to look at the matter in what in politics is called a practical light.

We should see some all-around politics played with the tariff if the Republicans could be badgered into taking it up next month. The Democratic programme would be as plain as a pikestaff, and be followed strictly. Mr. Bryan might be tempted to appear and direct operations from the cloak-rooms of the house. Delay would be the word from the outset.

Mr. Bryan's demand is all the politics that now remains in the tariff issue for his party. Tariff revision is assured at last. The most stubborn of the stand-patters must now concede that new schedules are on the cards.

Increased Export of Manufactures. An interesting and important phase of the statistics of our foreign trade is the largely increasing share which manufactured articles bear to our exports.

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NEARLY 400 MEN ENTOMBED

AN APPALLING CATASTROPHE AT MONONGAH, W. VA.

Explosions Wrecked Two Mines and of 380 Men Employed Therein, Only a Few Escaped with Their Lives.

Monongah, W. Va.—Twenty charred and blackened bodies lying in the improvised morgue prepared near the entrance to the mine, five men hovering between life and death from the awful bruises sustained and the deadly gases inhaled, in a temporary hospital into which one of the company buildings has been transformed, and 300 men imprisoned by tons of coal, rock and mine debris in the depth of the hills surrounding this mining town, with the chances all against a single one of them being alive is the most accurate summary obtainable of the results of a mine explosion Friday which in all probability was attended by greater loss of life than any former disaster in the history of the bituminous coal mining industry of America.

Six dead bodies had been taken from mine No. 6 at midnight and 65 others were piled up in the entry, awaiting the completion of facilities for bringing them to the surface. From mine No. 8, at the same hour, 14 bodies had been removed and a number of others are ready to be brought out as soon as arrangements can be completed.

The explosion occurred shortly after 10 a. m. after 380 men had gone to work in the two mines affected. These mines are Nos. 6 and 8 of the Consolidated Coal Co., located on opposite sides of the West Fork river, at this place, but merged in their underground workings by a heading and on the surface by a great steel tippie and bridge.

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Ever Hear It?

Julius Tannen, the cleverest monologist on the vaudeville stage (we get space rates for this), sprung this one on us the other day: "Two uncles of mine from Chicago came to New York the other day, and I showed them the town. I had a date on the top floor of the Flatiron building, and they stayed below while I went up. When I finished my business I looked out of the window to see if they were waiting for me. Finally I spied them—but you know how small people look from such a height? Why, my uncles looked like ants—"

A Terrible Shock.

Great Editor's Wife—I regret to say, sir, that my husband is sick, and cannot see anyone.

Caller (sympathetically)—What seems to be the matter? "I don't know; he has not uttered a word since he came in; he has received some terrible shock."

"Ah, I see. He probably ran across some man who never heard of his paper."—N. Y. Weekly.

What Stung Him.

Mrs. Wayback—I notice these here submarine torpedo boats are named after stinging things mostly.

Mr. Wayback—Ye don't say? Wonder if any of 'em are yet named "Soap Agent," "Portrait Solicitor," "Rheumatiz Specialist," or "Patent Churn Peddler."—Puck.

THE FOOTBALL SCRIMMAGE.



Gladys—I thought you said Horace was very popular.

Evelyn—So he is—one of the most popular men in college.

Gladys—That's funny. Everybody seems to be down on him now.

Great Turn.

He turned up his trousers, he turned up his hat. Ere he started away to propose; But the sensible maiden snubbed him flat—

When she fully turned up her nose. —Chicago Daily News.

Good Catch.

Eva—If a young man should come down the road? Katharine (with camera)—I should snap him.

Eva—Suppose a real handsome young man should come down the road? Katharine—Oh, then I should snap him up.—Chicago Daily News.

Just a Hint.

Reggy Sapp—Yeas, weally, while I was in New York I spent much of my time in the subway and the river tunnels. Big bores always interest me, you know.

Miss Tabasco (glancing at clock)—Well, er—big bores don't interest me! —Chicago Daily News.

Sampled Things.

Patience—Did you ever attend a cooking school? Patrice—Oh, yes; I've had that kind of dyspepsia, too!—Yonkers Statesman.

Somewhat Sarcastic.

Miss Upson—My ancestors came over in the Mayflower. Did yours? Miss Cutting—No; I have the advantage of you there.—Chicago Daily News.

Always Strong.

Church—They say the human voice is stronger in the morning than it is at night. Gotham—I can't see any difference in baby's!—Yonkers Statesman.

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