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Your Duty to Others. We must all realize that this life is full of sorrow, and if you personally have had the good luck to escape your share of it you are a very fortunate person.

Some French writers have undertaken unitedly to show to the world that their national literature is not truly represented by the coarse and indecent novels that are supposed by many persons to be the most characteristic production of literary France.

If there are not 48 stars on the flag within a year or two it will not be for lack of effort on the part of citizens of Arizona and New Mexico.

The world is not drifting into a sameness of conventionality is proved by a debutante dinner in Detroit, where the guests were entertained by a cock fight, in which the game roosters had boxing gloves on their spurs, and by the offer of a woman in Cincinnati to sell her body to a medical school to raise money enough to buy a bridal trousseau.

A story comes from Philadelphia of a mother who nearly killed her child by making the old mistake of taking a bottle of poison for the medicine which should have been administered.

We have it from an eastern scientist that girls can preserve their beauty for a hundred years by the use of radium. As it only costs about a million dollars a pound the prescription will not be generally followed.

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NO WAR WITH JAPAN

ALL SPECULATION AS TO CONFLICT IS IDLE.

That Country in No Financial Condition to Join Issue with So Powerful a Foe as the United States.

Highly significant dispatches from Japan contain matter that should help to put a quietus on jingoism and alarmists here and in Europe.

Retrenchment is a case of sheer necessity for Japan. National insolvency is the alternative. The limit of the taxable capacity of the people has been reached, and the failure to float the last loan in London shows ominously for the national credit abroad, even at a period of widespread stringency.

Japan's foreign debt now is some 2,300,000,000 yen, bearing a high rate of interest that is eating into the narrow resources of the people annually.

The seat of Japan's anxiety is at home, and the anxiety is primarily financial. The question of comparative fighting ability aside, the sheer financial burden of a war with the United States would crush Japan within a twelvemonth.

The Aldrich Currency Bill. The Aldrich-Allison currency bill may be an admirable measure. It will give to the currency an elasticity which it does not now possess and insures the soundness of any circulating notes which may be issued against security other than that now required of the national banks.

But there is no reason for hurrying its passage. The country does not want congress to swallow any Aldrich bill, bait, hook, and sinker. The senator from Rhode Island said that the finance committee would be glad to have suggestions, amendments, or other currency bills from his colleagues in the senate.

It has not come to our notice that Senator Aldrich has undertaken to consult the middle western bankers. It may be that while his bill is satisfactory to his own financial friends it will not suit Chicago, or Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa or Minnesota.

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Protection Policy Defended. During the campaign we shall hear something about protection and free trade.

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THE LEVEL OF COST.

Prices Have Advanced Throughout the World.

Many persons in our country who have complained of the increased cost of the necessities of life have talked and written as if the condition were peculiar to the United States and affected us alone.

A deputy speaking in the German Reichstag recently on the increase in the cost of living in Berlin, said that it amounted to 33 1-3 per cent. in the last ten years; that the price of articles of general consumption had in some instances advanced over 60 per cent., as, for example, in the case of rye, which had gone up 62.7 per cent., while wheat had risen 45 per cent. since 1901 and flour 34 per cent. since September, 1906; barley had risen ten per cent. and potatoes 12 per cent. since last year; in 1906 the price of beef had risen 36 per cent., veal 41.5 per cent., mutton 50 per cent., and pork 40.6 per cent., compared with what they had cost ten years before; during the last 12 months all these prices, except in the case of pork, the price of which had slightly decreased, had recorded further advances.

Prices of things which enter into general consumption tend everywhere to a common level. Special causes interfere to make the price of some article or some class of articles a little higher here or a little lower there, but in general when the price is high or low in one country it is the same in another and all. There is the important difference always, however, that the purchasing power of our own people is greater than that of the peoples of other nations.—Pittsburg Gazette-Times.

Army Pay.

Secretary Taft in his annual report urges congress to grant higher pay to the enlisted men of the army. He especially wants better compensation to be given to men who have received a specialized training in the service which enables them to earn higher wages outside after their terms of enlistment expire.

The pay given the men was fixed so long ago that it has no proper relation to present economic conditions. Even the pay for men in their first enlistment should be somewhat raised. But the chief raises should go to the skilled men who repeatedly re-enlist and to the noncommissioned officers who make the army their life work.

Under such conditions a judicious increase in the pay of the men is desirable, even though congress should be in its most economical mood. There are plenty of varieties of petty graft and waste which might be eliminated elsewhere if economy is in the air.

That Handy Surplus.

Silly free trade writers are harping on the treasury surplus as one of the causes of the existing situation. They never stop to think that because of this very surplus the government was able to rush \$25,000,000 of currency to the relief of banks which would otherwise have been compelled to suspend payment and close their doors.

The Panama Canal.

The testimony with regard to the Panama canal before the house committee is exceedingly interesting. It is given by those who know whereof they are speaking, and also who are frank and candid in expressing themselves. There has been too much hesitation heretofore concerning the facts—hesitancy that really accomplished no good purpose, and often creates suspicion.

Is Worth the Cost.

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BIG STICK FALLS ON STILLINGS

THE PUBLIC PRINTER IS SUSPENDED FROM OFFICE.

The Action Is Taken in Order to Aid the Investigation of the Government Printing Office.

Washington, D. C. — President Roosevelt on Wednesday temporarily suspended as public printer Charles A. Stillings and appointed William S. Rossiter temporarily to fill the duties of that office.

Just as the president's action in suspending Mr. Stillings was being announced, a committee of labor leaders of this city called at the White House and presented to the president resolutions adopted by the Central Labor Union here charging Mr. Stillings with violations of the eight-hour law in the government printing office and adding: "It is difficult at this time to get witnesses against Mr. Stillings, for the reason that many of them are employed in the government printing office and directly under his charge. We hope, however, to follow up our oral statement by way of affidavits if necessary."

Resolutions by numerous labor organizations in various cities charging violation in the government printing office of the eight-hour law, discrimination against veteran soldiers and the widows of soldiers and violation of the civil service law have been submitted to congress and the president.

Mr. Stillings is from Boston and was appointed public printer in 1905. He had been general manager of his father's printing firm in New York and at various times manager of the printers' board of trade of this city and of New York. Mr. Rossiter also came from Massachusetts and had business connections in New York and Washington before assuming office in the census bureau in 1890.

THEY DIED TOGETHER.

Two Women, Friends for Years, Froze to Death While Sitting Near an Empty Stove.

New York City. — Two women were found dead Wednesday in the kitchen of a house at No. 351 West Seventy-first street, of which they were caretakers. They were Mrs. Margaret Bertie, 70 years old, and Mrs. Margaret Kelly, 40 years old. For many years they had been friends.

There was a little coal in a bin in the cellar and 17 cents were found in a cupboard. The police think the women set by a stove, in front of which their bodies were found, to keep warm and fell asleep before the fire went out and were frozen to death.

Coroner Harburger said the women had been dead more than 24 hours. Each of the women had a heavy wrap about her shoulders.

Pawn tickets which showed that during the last two months Mrs. Bertie had pawned 18 articles of dress and jewelry were found.

While the policemen were in the house preparing to remove the bodies to the morgue a collector for a stone cutting concern called. This concern built for Mrs. Bertie a small monument over the grave of her son, Capt. John W. Bertie, who served in the Spanish-American war.

TRAINS ARE SNOWBOUND.

Michigan Is in the Grasp of a Blizzard that Paralyzes Transportation.

Detroit, Mich. — With upwards of a dozen passenger trains snowbound in various parts of the state and indications of zero weather, Michigan is in the grasp of a blizzard that has paralyzed transportation in many sections and threatens to cause serious distress. On the Flint division of the Pere Marquette railroad a passenger train has been stalled since Saturday and with the railroad closed a number of small towns are shut off from their chief source of food supplies. So far as known the passengers on all snowbound trains have been carried on bob sleds to nearby towns or farm houses.

Last night the wind reached a velocity of 50 miles an hour at Detroit. Henry Laros, of Menominee, was frozen to death Tuesday night while trying to walk to a lumber camp near Cedar River, in the upper peninsula.

Sues Match Trust for \$25,000.

Toledo, O.—A motion was argued in common pleas court on Wednesday to compel the Saginaw Match Co. to exhibit all its books for inspection, to show if it has sold out to the Diamond Match Co., known as the match trust. James Klutz, a match salesman in whose behalf the motion was presented, claims \$25,000 damages from the Saginaw company for breach of contract.

Congress.

Washington.—On the 5th Mr. Beveridge made a speech in the senate in favor of his bill providing for a non-partisan tariff commission. The day in the house was devoted to speeches on tariff revision and the president's recent message to congress.

Four People Burned to Death.

Preston, Minn. — Four lives were lost when the house of Thomas Yeast, four miles southwest of here, burned to the ground Tuesday night. The victims are Mrs. Yeast, Charles Engle, wife and baby. Mr. Yeast escaped.

Earthquakes in Connecticut.

Danbury, Conn. — Residents of Lanesville and points in the Housatonic river valley between Brookfield and New Milford were startled Wednesday by two distinct earthquake shocks and several large cracks appeared in the earth.

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