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What a mean thing the fly is, any-

Well, the aeroplane season seems to bave a lively opening this year.

There seems to be just one reliable get rich quick scheme; run an aero

Pretty soon the astronomers will be liberty to get back to the problem

of signaling Mars. It must be convenient to have the Japs to blame when anything goes wrong with drydocks in the Orient.

Exclusiveness can be carried too far. Here's a Cincinnati dude who carries his private street car strap.

That young man who jumped into the river because his girl didn't love him merely carried into effect what thousands have at one time or another threatened to do.

In Mexico City the Mexicans put flowers on the graves of the American soldiers who "licked them to a stand still" at Chapultepec. War develops some queer sentiments.

It is likely that the earthquakes in Costa Rica have an origin like the great earthquake in San Franciscosettling of the earth's crust. No volcanic outburst sufficient to account for the shakes in Cost Rica has been re

The Pennsylvania state department of health is doing a good thing in seeing that dealers in food supplies do not expose eatables to flies. Now that we know the fly for what he is, Now we are bound to consider him more of an enemy than ever.

French railroads are reported to have forbidden kissing in the stations with a view to accelerating train service. O, that's all right. Let the trains pull out. Most of the osculators are not passengers. It's a habit and the station the best place to indulge in it without attracting undue at-

The women of a church in New York are to have a church-going hat. The ungallant men complained of the big hats, which prevented them from seeing the preacher, and the women groundwork whereon he based his letseeing the preacher, and the women agreed to a reform. The men had threatened to quit the church, but the sustaining him, an women countered by leaving them dismissal of Glavis. without a plausible excuse.

A Chicago paper says that it is uncertain whether St. Louis, Boston or Baltimore will prove to be the fourth city in the country in population. As Louis was about 66,000 ahead of Baltimore and 15,000 ahead of Boston, ten years ago, and growing much faster than either, this is a cruel kick from an old-time rival.

Nine thousand men will be employed in taking the census in Canada next year. The department of agriculture does the work over there, and mem bers of the party not in power declare that the census means that a fat slice will be divided among "the smaller type of partisans." Methods of taking the census on this side of the line have much improved in recent years. Probably Canada will follow suit in time.

And now a Japanese spy has been captured in Ecuador. It appears that Japan is offering to help Peru in case of war with Ecuador. The vigilance of our anti-Japanese talkers has evidently foiled the Mikado, and since he despairs of getting a loothold in this country he is intriguing in South America. Since the trouble has shifted to Ecuador, perhaps Mr. Hobson and his fellows will be quiet for a while.

The United States and Mexico have taken the initial steps toward making international regulations for traffic in the air. Certain provisions of the agreement will permit governments to treat as smugglers or pirates those who fly across the border without due regard for the customs laws. Aparently if we are to have airships for usiness and pleasure we must also have aerial war vessels and revenue

The latest cotton report shows conditions distinctly improved as com-pared with those of last year at the same date. The warmer weather pre-valling in the south may be counted vides that the president shall have same date. The warmer weather pre on to hasten maturity and possibly present estimate. Fears of a shortage have had a somewhat serious effect the market, but the slump in prices shows that some speculators at least have overreached themselves.

An Ohio cow has for the last three years worn a wooden leg. She probably does not kick over the pail with her one time facility.

Another peril is threatened by the new era of aviation. A cow choked to death while trying to swallow a small balloon that came down.

The biggest nature fakers of all are the "profa" who tell the seniors about this time what an easy conquest of the world they are going to have.

NEW BUSINESS VENTURE



PEOPLE KNOW TAFT

MUCKRAKERS' USELESS EFFORT TO DISCREDIT HIM.

Latest Attempt, in Connection With the Ballinger Case, Is Ludicrous -The Facts Stated From a Disinterested Standpoint.

The latest attempt to discredit the president of the United States is perhaps the lowest which has yet been ventured by his enemies or by the muckrakers whose only object is to make money by selling slander and defamation of character. It is a story told by a stenographer in the interior department, for what inducements is not definitely known, about the preparation of a statement of the Glavis case—the Glavis part of the Ballinger ter to Ballinger, acquitting him and sustaining him, and authorizing the

Taking the Kerby story as it stands, the charge made is easily boiled down to an assertion that the president was given a draft of a letter which he might have adopted as his own, had he so desired, and sent to Ballinger, and that he did, in fact, make it the base of his letter, differently worded. It is like saying that a judge took a carefully prepared brief submitted by a lawyer, looked it over, considered it week or so, and then adopted its

views as substantially his own. There is nothing mysterious or sus picious about such a transaction. is the kind that takes place constantly among men busy with large affairs. It adds nothing of importance to the Ballinger case. As for the story lurid-ly "played up" in yellow papers, about the burning "at night"—in the eve-ning—of discarded drafts and unused notes pertaining to the statement submitted to the president, it may add, for the hour, to the gayety of the nation, but it has no bearing upon the merits of the Ballinger case

As for that grave matter, the posttion of the country—of every honest man and decent newspaper—is still that the truth, the whole truth and the truth only, must be brought to light and made the basis of the popular and official verdict. It is relatively unimportant who may be hurt of benefited, or what the political conse quences may be. Truth, right and justice are the vital actors in the Nothing else should count.

The New Commerce Court.

There will be general approval, we believe, of the action of the house of Washington in amending the adhistration railroad bill in respect o the manner of appointing the pro-

posed interstate commerce court. The measure as presented by Mr. Taft's cabinet provided for the apnembers of the court with power to pass upon appears reasonable commissor the interstate commerce commissor propower to appoint five additional cir-cuit judges and that the justices of the supreme court shall select from all the circuit judges of the country five who shall make up the personnel of the commerce court.

The first natural and desirable remove the commerce court from poll tiles and make it what the country wants it to be, a judicial body the se-lection of which is not made on ac-count of political service or political prominence of its members. The mendment unquestionably strength ens the bill.

The people asked for postal savings banks, the Republican party promised them, and President Taft asked con-gress for them. Now that we are to have them, let us turn in and give

AS MEASURE OF ECONOMY

President Taft Wise in Asking Con gressional Sanction for Employment of Experts.

president asked Chairman Cawney to secure the insertion in the sundry civil appropriation bill of an item for the employment of business experts to overhaul the operations of the executive departments. Secretary MacVeagh, upon assuming charge of the treasury, enlisted the aid of sev-eral Chicago business experts, who served without compensation, and as a result of their efforts in one section of the department considerable economies were effected. This led the president to believe that the extension of that inquiry might be equally valu-

There have been other attempts to overhaul the departments, notably the Keep commission, named upon the suggestion of President Roosevelt. That commission, however, consisted of ficials and it savored somewhat of the blind attempting to lead the blind, although some good was accomplished. The introduction of business methods by experts uninfluenced by experience in political service may accomplish more. The experiment of the secretary of the treasury suggests that it might be worth while and the economies secured by the postoffice depart-ment indicate another probably profitable field for their researches

Deserves Support of Voters.

Attorney General Wickersham, speaking from his own knowledge of the splendid leadership of President Taft and of the faithful and earnest efforts of the national administration to restrain monopolies and to preserve the people's rights, draws the un-avoidable inference that it is the duty of all Republicans to fall in line behind the president and to support him in his conscientious and indefatigable labors. This is the right course not only because it is for the interest of the people, but because the Republican party can in this way alone maintain the standing which has come to as a national factor from taking t. lead in regulating corporations and in suppressing excesses. This is a case where emphatically in union there is strength, and union should be effected on a practical basis, which is by keepng all the forces of the party together behind the one man who is in sition to accomplish something that s really effective. The Republicans in congress may well take the hint. be dissipated by the chasing of rain-

Tariff Properly Revised.

The nation as a whole is coming to the realization that there has been revision of the tariff downward. gressman McCall, quoted by Mr. Sherman, declares it is the greatest cut nade at any time since Washington signed the first tariff bill. The advan age on the side of the defenders of the bill is: First they have the facts with regard to its good points; and secondly they admit, as the president admits, that some improvements can yet be made. They are working against the barnstormers, who are They are working weak in two ways. They are not in-ormed on the bill itself, and they are not big enough to admit its good

The people are coming to see, also, that the Taft administration has made good in every way. Mr. Sherman's words for the administration will each a public that has refused to be nisled with regard to the man who was raised to the presidency by the orce of popular demonstration

In the course of two speeches he world's missionary conference Wiltam J. Bryan said the world's only yellow peril was the lust for gold.

Mr. Bryan's own bust for "gold" is only equal to his lust for speech, and he seems insatiable of both.

"AIR KING" HAMILTON NEW



In these days of startling feats in the air the people are prepared for almost anything. A few days ago Glenn Curtiss boarded his biplane in Albany and in a remarkably short time landed his craft in New York city. He broke some rec-ords and amazed thousands with the ease with which he safled through the air and kept up with a fast train.

Then came Charles Hamilton. This daring aviator got up early one morning stepped into his aerial buggy and enjoyed a little drive over to Philadelphia. Thousands were out to see him start from Governor's island, but more thousands in Quakerdom saw him step nimbly from the aircraft after circling around the aviation field and cutting up several didoes.

After he had delivered a letter from Mayor Gaynor to the mayor of Philadelphia and a letter from Governor Hughes to the governor of Pennsylvania Hamilton enjoyed luncheon in Philadelphia, tightened up a few bolts on his buggy shafts, gave the air horse a drink of gasoline, bowed to the Philadelphians and started on his return to New

The return trip wasn't as easily accomplished as the one going, but after surmounting some unexpected difficulties Mr. Hamilton reached the starting point and accomplished one of the things that has been predicted for airships in the last few years—an inter-city flight.

Hamilton made one of the fast engines on the Pennsylvania railroad that was pulling a pilot train hump to keep up with him and smashed a few more records. This aviator has just recently come into prominence among those who are now engaged in flying the skies, but those who know him say he promises to be a leader in the sport. He has the courage and the necessary nerve and has made a study of the game.

Before autumn has passed there are to be flights between New York and Chicago and St. Louis, for which big prizes have been offered. Hamilton's admirers say they will back him to win the race in which he is entered.

HEEDS CALL OF THE STAGE



Which would you rather do, darn socks, mend your husband's shirts, sew on buttons and attend to the duties of a nice home, or appear on the stage in a great play and hear the applause of hundreds as you scored a big hit?

It is safe to say that nine out of ten women would prefer the stage. Margaret Illington was confident seven months ago that she would like to darn socks. She already was a great actress. She said she didn't like it. She was an Illinois girl, and when she went on the stage used Bloomington, her birthplace, and Illinois in making up the name "Illington." She was married to Banjal Frohman one of the great men in the to Daniel Frohman, one of the great men in the theatrical world. They just agreed to disagree and Mrs. Frohman went to Reno, Nev., now more famous because of the Jeffries and Johnson fight,

procured a divorce and two minutes and thirty-eight seconds after obtaining the decree was married to Edward J. Bowes, a wealthy real estate dealer.

Mr. Frohman didn't want a wife to darn socks; he wanted a great actress.

With Mr. Bowes the actress thought she would be able to enjoy the home life she craved, and if reports are true Miss Illington would not be returning to the stage but would keep on darning socks. It is the husband who shoulders the blame. He says it was too great a waste of talent for

Miss Illington to wield the darning needle.

"Socks, eh!" exclaimed Mr. Bowes. "That's right; she can darn 'em.
Nary a hole in these o' mine. And when she goes out on the road I'll go Nary a hole in these o' mine. And when she goes out on the road I'll go along when I can. She'll have her own private car and can take the socks Haw, haw, haw."

Mr. Bowes will spend about \$50,000 in launching his wife's new venture. That much cash would pay for darning the holes of a whole lot of socks.

PREDICTS MONEY HEPTARCHY



Thomas Fortune Ryan of Virginia and New York, who has a few dollars stored away for a rainy day himself, has divided what he regards as the present financial monarchy of America, if not of the world, into a heptarchy, which means that the world of money is to be gov-

erned by seven kings.

He declared J. Pierpont Morgan to be supreme monarch of the existing money empire, and said that the monarch will have no successions. sor, but that his kingdom will be divided among seven young financiers now in training in New York city. The men he named to form the heptarchy are

J. Pierpont Morgan, Jr., and Henry P. Davidson, of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co.; Otto H. Kahn and Mortimer L. Schiff of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.; John B. Dennis of Blair & Co.; George F. Baker, Jr., of the First National bank, and James Stillman, Jr., of the National City bank, all of New

Mr. Ryan made this prediction as he was about to sail for Europe, a

lapse, but for pleasure mixed with business. Some time ago Mr. Ryan withdrew from many of the corporations in which he was interested and since then he says he has slept like a baby and hasn't seen his physician for four Just at present he says he is more interested in the Kongo development

than anything else.
"I expect to give a great deal of attention to it," he said. "It is not at

all unlikely that I shall make a visit there. The mines in which I am interested are just north of those known as King Solomon's mines. The outlook for gold there is probably unsurpassed anywhere in the world."

PARR GETS A BIG REWARD



How would you like to earn a reward of \$100, Don't you think it would be a pleasure to you if Uncle Sam would place in your hand ten crisp \$10,000 bills and say: "Here, my good and faithful servant, is a reward for a duty well done?" Pretty nice, eh?

This is what will befall Richard Parr, a customs deputy at New York, who assisted the gov-ernment in recovering \$2,000,000 in the sugar underweight frauds. Parr hasn't received the money yet because the fund out of which Uncle Sam pays such rewards wasn't large enough. But he'll get it. President Taft and Secretary Mac Veagh have promised it and that's enough for Parr.

Parr discovered the secret spring on the docks of the American Sugar Refining company, by which the underweighing practise was carried on. The final discoveries of fraud were made in 1907, since which time the government has been engaged

In collecting the duties out of which it had been defrauded.
"A hundred thousand dollars is not much money in New York, but I am grateful just the same," said Parr when informed of his good fortune. "I shall invest the bulk of the money in real estate. I have a wife, two sisters,

two nieces and two brothers and we shall be glad to own our own home. There will be no extravagance: I have planned that.

"My plans include a vacation in the mountains and then perhaps a trip to Europe. I have been working every day for two years and am on the verge of a nervous breakdown. The vacation is more to me than the money.

I shall not give up my present position."

Which shows that Richard Parr is a pretty sensible sort of a man and just the kind of a person who would be able to dig up the exidence necessary to bring a great trust to its knees.

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The suffragette meeting was in full blast. Enthusiasm was rampant and every remark the distinguished leader made was cheered to the echo.

"And now we come to personal courge," cried the speaker, excitedly; "our masculine enemies try to deride us with such allusions as 'frail fem-ininity,' or 'weaker vessels,' but we can show more bravery than men."
"Aye, aye, sister!" echoed a mighty

"When it comes to real danger we fear nothing."

"Aye, aye, sister!"

"Now, take sister Horn, our worthy fighter and vote getter of this district. She fears nothing. Two nights in succession sister Horn came home from one of our enthusiastic meetings and found a man under her bed."

There was a short pause. Then a little emaciated chap who had crept to the front unobserved arose and stretched his arms. "H'm!" he ejaculated, with a deep

"I'll bet a dollar agin a plug of tobacco that man was her husband

And when the little emaciated chap finally recovered his bearings he on the sidewalk minus hat and collar,

Authority on Soup.

A little boy, promoted to company dinner at the family table, enjoyed his oyster cream hugely until he came to an unrecognized object at the bottom of the plate.
"What is it? Oh, just an oyster,

dear," responded the child's mother, sharply appealed to.

"Why did Dora put it in?"
"Oh, to make the soup good." "She can leave it out next time," the tiny epicure decided. "The soup's

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