

# The Centre Reporter

Centre Hall, Pa.

CANDY SALES FALLING OFF.

"This feminine craze for being slender has knocked the bottom out of our business," said the man in charge of a downtown branch of a big candy concern. "Some men who were good for at least \$10 worth of candy each week never come inside the door now, and when I see them trudging past the store with a package of fruit I made up my mind their wives and daughters or sweethearts have taken a stand against candy. One man with a wife and four daughters, who used to be a splendid customer, told me the other day that he'd as soon come home with a viper as with a 5-pound box of candy, although a year ago he used to buy two 5-pound boxes each week, says the New York Sun. We notice the same difference in small sales to women employed in offices. There's not half the number of calls for half-pound boxes, though our sales of sweet chocolate are always big, as lots of business women nibble it instead of taking a regular luncheon. The continual running in of office boys to execute commissions for the stenographers and telephone operators is getting to be a thing of the past, and lemon drops are about the only sweets these business girls will eat. Every mother's daughter seems to be dead set against gaining an ounce of flesh, and until it's fashionable to be plump again I suppose we'll notice this difference in sales."

From Wisconsin has come a wall at the dense ignorance concerning geography with which high and preparatory school graduates come up to the university. Recent tests made by the department of geology in first year physiology classes have developed difference of opinion among the freshmen as to whether the Rhine is in Asia or South America, has developed an astounding lack of information as to the location of such cities as Vienna, Venice, Lisbon and Hongkong, and in trying to tell the whereabouts of the Pyrenees, Caucasus, Himalaya and Sierra Nevada mountains and Mount McKinley, almost half missed two or three out of the five, says the Chicago Evening Post. In fact, in the examination, which included only such questions as any fairly informed person should know, only one-sixth of the 103 freshmen tested were recorded as making a satisfactory showing.

A young woman of Brooklyn broke a promise to her father and tried to pass through the New York custom house seven dutiable gowns she had purchased abroad. Her very foolish action cost the father about four times what the gowns were worth and the young woman was lucky to escape severe punishment for her action. Collector Loeb, who has been making a most successful war on smuggling, has served notice on all men and women alike, that more severe penalties than fines will be imposed for flagrant violations of the law. In spite of this warning women more than men are still taking a chance, and probably will not stop until some of them are compelled to go to prison.

The departure of the United States battleships which are to visit French and English ports is a reminder of the famous cruise around the world. When the fleet is assembled at sea it will consist of sixteen vessels, the same number that made the earlier trip. There can be no doubt of the welcome that awaits the visitors. The one regret in connection with the proceedings is that this showing of superb American warships will accentuate the lack of an American mercantile marine.

A thief who stole a gold spike used to fasten the first rail of a new railroad in Pennsylvania found it was only gold plated. Such base deception as this, resulting in painful mortification and disappointment to a man acting in good faith, is plainly reprehensible and comes under the same category as selling a goldbrick.

The difference of 33,000 between the first count of Tacoma's population and the second is a measure of the mistake of too much enthusiasm in padding census returns. Had Tacoma been satisfied with a modest ten or fifteen thousand inflation it might have succeeded, but this overdoing of things is generally disastrous.

The Washington chief of police believes that wife-beaters should be lashed. Theoretically, this punishment, which exactly fits the crime, is endorsed and recommended on all sides. Practically, it is ignored even where the law has put it on the statute books. Naturally, the wife-beating goes on.

When a man is his own janitor he wastes little time pounding on the pipes.

## ROUNDING UP THE LEADERS

### Mexican Jail Full of Political Prisoners.

#### MEN TRUSTED BY GENERAL MEDARDO.

##### Several Of Them Now Under Arrest—Juan Vaca Captured By Secret Service Officers—He Is Said To Have Planned Attacks Upon Parral and Other Towns—Two Bandits Killed in a Fierce Hand-to-Hand Conflict.

Mexico City (Special).—The government is rapidly rounding up the leaders and political leaders of the revolutionary movement. In many towns the jails are overcrowded with the political prisoners. One of the most important captures is Juan B. Vaca, who is alleged to have laid the plans for the attacks on Parral and other places in that region. Vaca has been brought here and placed in prison. He is said to have been one of Madero's righthand men, and to have laid plans for attacks on towns all over the republic, but in person supervised the planning of the raid on Parral.

After the plans miscarried and the rebels were thoroughly whipped, Vaca fled southward through Durango up to the capital of the State of Jalisco, where he was captured by secret service men.

Rafael Quiroz Cardenas, another important suspect, and J. Socorro Cervantes, a scarcely less valuable capture, have arrived under guard from Jiquila.

El Paladin, an anti-re-electionist organ, currently reported to have been financed by Madero and his supporters, has been closed by order of the court. Ramon Alvarez Soto, editor and proprietor of the sheet, has been held under charges of fomenting trouble through his newspaper and is now in Belem.

Two bandits were shot dead in a fierce hand-to-hand battle with the employes of the Hacienda Santa Rosa, near Puebla. Ten mounted bandits, heavily armed, attacked the hacienda about midnight, and the manager of the ranch immediately armed his employes and led them in the defense. So effective were their fire that the bandits were forced to flee, leaving two of their number dead on the field.

#### INSANE OVER TOLSTOI.

##### Boston Woman Quit Home, Going To Chicago.

Chicago (Special).—Deranged by the death of Tolstoi and laboring under delusions that unknown persons in Chicago owe her millions of dollars, Mrs. Matilda Hahn, of Boston, is in the detention hospital here. Dispatches from Boston say she left home after writing an incoherent letter to her husband in which she discussed at great length the death of Tolstoi.

#### Wireless On Warships In War.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—A new idea has been worked out in the use of the wireless telegraph on the ships of the Navy, according to the annual report of the chief of the equipment bureau, and a portable apparatus has been devised that will enable the long-distance aerial wires to be taken down in battle and replaced by a short wire running up to the yardarm connected to a set of instruments carried by the operator behind the armor inside the upper-deck. The shore wireless stations of the Navy have been very much improved and communication is now had nightly between Colon and Key West.

#### Never Had a Bonnet.

Denver, Col. (Special).—Mrs. David Goldstein, wife of a wealthy junk dealer of this city, is probably the only woman in the United States who has gone on record as never having owned a hat. This was her testimony Friday in a suit for separate maintenance. Attorneys for the husband declared this was due to Mrs. Goldstein's religious belief, but the woman herself said it was because her husband would not spend the money, although she declares he is worth in the neighborhood of \$150,000 and has an income of \$10,000 a year.

#### Killed By Flying House.

Grand Rapids, Mich. (Special).—A steel-cased house containing dynamite exploded at the plant of the Alabastine Company, southwest of the city. One piece of the building was hurled 200 feet and struck George Munsee, a laborer, killing him instantly. Munsee was 60 years old and leaves a family. No cause is assigned for the explosion.

#### Cupid Worked Hard.

New York (Special).—If busy times in the Cupid Bureau at the City Hall may be taken as an indication of prosperity, Manhattan and the Bronx may be regarded as decidedly on the up-grade. Tabulations just completed for the 11 months of the year 1910 ending with November show that 31,565 marriage licenses were issued during that period, against 31,507 for the entire year of 1909. In December, 1909, 2,806 licenses were issued.

## DIAZ BEGINS EIGHTH TERM

### Seemingly a Happy Termination of Recent Turmoil.

Mexico City (Special).—"It is gratifying to me to say that my heart is full of faith in the progress of the people, who like the Mexican has known how to conquer by its own efforts a place among the lovers of toil, after having proved its valor in patriotic defense of country and that never, as today, could I declare that Mexico belongs definitely to the group of nations assured of stability, because against the firm guarantee of peace which we possess, no influence, tending toward its dissolution can now or ever be able to prevail.

"As to the relations between Mexico and the United States and other friendly nations, never have they been more cordial."

The above is the authorized message of President Diaz to all nations on the day of his inauguration for the eighth time as chief executive of the Mexican nation.

#### Relief When Over.

Peaceably and seemingly as a happy termination of the turmoil through which the nation has just passed, the ceremonies attending the taking of the oath of fealty by General Diaz and Ramon Corral, recently re-elected to the presidency and vice-presidency, respectively, were conducted Thursday.

There was no discordant note, and if the occasion was shorn of some of its brilliant features of former years by reason of recent disturbances, there was no lack of dignified ceremonial. Notwithstanding a realization that the possibility of any attempt by foes of the Diaz administration to interfere with the inauguration was remote, there was a feeling of relief apparent when the event was concluded.

#### No Cabinet Changes.

There will be no change in the personnel of the cabinet. In accordance with custom each of the ministers submitted his resignation to the chief executive through the Minister of Foreign Relations. Each was asked, however, to retain his portfolio. Following is the cabinet as re-appointed:

Minister of foreign relations, Enrique C. Creel.

Minister of justice, Justino Fernandez.

Minister of public instruction and arts, Justo Sierra.

Minister of fomento, Oligarco Molina.

Minister of communications and public works, Leandro Fernandez.

Minister of hacienda and public credit, Jose Ives Limantour.

Minister of war and marine, Gen. Manuel Gonzales Cosio.

#### A HUMAN SACRIFICE.

##### Mrs. Shunk Killed Herself So She Might Not Infect Others.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—As a humane sacrifice Mrs. Lena A. Shunk, wife of Alonzo W. Shunk, a clerk in the office of the adjutant general of the War Department, deliberately killed herself at her home here by inhaling illuminating gas.

Mrs. Shunk, who was 35 years old, was afflicted with tuberculosis. Every possible means to cure the malady had been resorted to without success. The woman had been to many health resorts and on several occasions had met with difficulty in obtaining accommodations because of her condition. This greatly worried her.

When her husband returned home late Thursday he found his wife seated with a tube in her mouth. Letters to her doctors and her husband revealed the motive for her suicide—the fear that she would be the means of spreading tuberculosis infection to others.

#### KILLED HIS BROTHER.

##### Was Trying To Protect Him Against a Moose.

Montreal, Que. (Special).—In a desperate effort to protect his brother, Fred. Drexel Rodgers, of Philadelphia, from the charge of a wounded bull moose, W. T. Rodgers fired several shots from his rifle, one of which killed the young man.

Mr. Rodgers, grief-stricken over the accident, passed through here en route to Philadelphia. The fatal shooting occurred on the shore of Coulonge Lake.

The body was brought down to Ottawa by Mr. Rodgers and sent to Philadelphia. Fred. Drexel Rodgers was 28 years old.

#### Weds His Stepdughter.

Lewiston, Me. (Special).—Obeying the dying wishes of his wife, Frederick B. Dolley, of this city, has married Miss Mabel Furan, his 20-year-old stepdaughter. He married his bride's mother when the child was five years old.

#### HURT YEARS AGO, HE DIES.

##### Joseph F. Davidson Was Injured In Auto Accident.

Columbus, O. (Special).—Joseph E. Davidson, of Columbus, aged 53, president of the North American Lead Company, which owns properties near Fredericktown, Md., died here, as the indirect result of an automobile accident five years ago in which the company's former president, F. E. Stoneman, also of Columbus, was killed.

## MISS TAFT AS THE DEBUTANTE

### Brilliant Coming-Out Party at the White House.

#### FLORAL DISPLAY WAS BEAUTIFUL.

##### Two Thousand Guests Form the Official Circle, and Residential Society Calls To Make Their Bow To the Daughter Of the President—Mr. Taft In the Receiving Line—Ladies Who Served At the Refreshment Table Wore Fetching Gowns—Brilliant Scene.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The White House was the center of attraction to society Thursday afternoon when about 2,000 guests from official, diplomatic and residential society were invited to the coming-out party of Miss Helen Taft, the young and attractive daughter of the President and Mrs. Taft. Miss Taft is the fourth of the White House debutantes, Nellie Grant being the first.

Toward the historic mansion of the presidents a long line of carriages and automobiles was tending as the sun went down in the clouds of the West and the lights on the avenue and those that outlined the esplanades and gateways of the White House came into view. The November weather furnished just the contrast that was needed for the warmth and brightness of the interior, where the gay music of the Marine Band was heard floating through the upper corridors when the incoming guests laid aside their wraps in the dressing-rooms below.

The receiving line was formed at the door of the East Room and passed from the entrance to the south windows, where the President and Mrs. Taft with their daughter stood. Never was a debutante more liberally showered with bouquets and floral designs of every sort and conceit. The large gold-covered piano, which was one of the first things the guests saw as they entered the room, was piled with bouquets of roses, lilies, orchids and chrysanthemums. American Beauty roses filled the huge vases of Haveline ware, the gift of the French government to the White House some years ago.

In all the state apartments there was the same luxury of flowers and fragrance.

#### BITTEN BY A FISH.

##### Vessel Carries All Sail To Port To Save Man's Life.

Boston (Special).—Favored by a gale of wind, Captain Nelson, of the fishing schooner Reliance, was able to land Thams Key, a member of his crew here, before the sailor bled to death from a wound made by the bite of a fish. While the Reliance was on the George Banks, an angel-fish, a species of shark, which had been caught in a trawl, bit Key's right hand, the sharp teeth almost severing it at the wrist.

Captain Nelson set sail for Boston, and when a physician went aboard at "T" wharf, Key was in a state of collapse, due to loss of blood. The fisherman will recover.

#### JAIL FOR BIG DEFAULTER.

##### Man Who Took Million and Half Gets Moderate Sentence.

Louisville, Ky. (Special).—August Ropke entered a plea of guilty to five counts of the indictment charging him with embezzlement of the funds of the Fidelity Trust Company. The total of his defalcations was \$1,490,000. The amount was reduced by recoveries to \$1,190,000. Ropke was given a sentence of ten to eighteen years in the Penitentiary, this penalty covering all his offenses. Ropke was secretary of the company's banking department.

#### Hatpins Stir Philadelphia.

Philadelphia (Special).—In an effort to curtail the long hatpin evil in this city an ordinance was introduced in Councils providing that no person upon the public streets or on conveyances shall be permitted to wear a hatpin the exposed point of which extends more than one-half inch beyond the crown of the hat. A fine of \$50 for each offense is provided. Councilman Schumacher, who introduced the proposed measure, declared that the lives of persons on street cars and pedestrians on crowded streets are imperiled.

#### Forgot Dynamite Cap.

York, Pa. (Special).—Trying to repair an electric bell with a piece of wire, without noticing a dynamite cap attached, Adam Hoffman lost the tips of two fingers and the thumb of his right hand when the cap exploded. Henry Della, who was watching the operation, was cut about the face by flying splinters. The explosion tore a hole an inch deep in a hickory board.

#### RAILROAD STATION ROBBED.

##### Robber, Who Knew Combination Of Safe, Got \$700.

Orange, N. J. (Special).—The railroad station of the Lackawanna Railroad was robbed of nearly \$700 by someone who evidently knew the combination of the safe. The night station agent, who was on duty until midnight, may be able to aid the detectives in locating the robber.

## PENSIONS BY STEEL TRUST

### From Fund Not Contributed to By Employes.

New York (Special).—Judge Elbert H. Gary announced Monday that, beginning January 1, 1911, the United States Steel Corporation will pay three classes of old-age pensions to those of its employes who have served with the parent company or its subsidiaries for 20 years or more. The income for these pensions will be derived from the United States Steel Corporation and Carnegie joint fund, to which no employes contribute, and the division into classes will be as follows:

First—Pensions by compulsory retirement, granted to employes who have been 20 years or longer in the service and have reached the age of 70 years for men and 60 years for women.

Second—Pensions by retirement at request, granted to employes who have been 20 years or longer in the service and have reached the age of 60 years for men and 50 years for women.

Third—Pensions for permanent incapacity, granted to employes who have been 20 years or more in the service and have become permanently and totally incapacitated through no fault of their own.

No pension of more than \$1,200 will be allowed and none of less than \$12 a month. Between these extremes 1 per cent. of the regular monthly pay received during the last 10 years of service will be allowed for each year of total service. For instance: An employe who has been 25 years in the service and for the last 10 years has received a regular monthly wage of \$60 a month will receive a pension allowance of \$15 a month.

The United States Steel Corporation has a pension fund of \$8,000,000, and the Carnegie fund, established in 1901 by Andrew Carnegie, amounts to \$4,000,000, so that the joint principal available will be \$12,000,000. This fund is entirely separate from the voluntary accident relief plan, put into effect on May 1, 1910, which provides for injured employes and the families of those killed in the service of the corporation.

#### DEATH TOLL OF HUNTERS.

##### Hundred and Thirteen Killed in Twenty-Three States.

Chicago (Special).—The hunting season of 1910, which just closed, cost 113 lives, according to statistics from 23 States collected by the Tribune. This is considerably more than were killed during any previous season of which there is a record. The loss of life in 1909 was 87, in 1908 it was 57, in 1907, 82, and in 1906, 74.

The number of injured this season, however, is less than a year ago, only 81 having been hurt this year, against 104 for the season of 1909. It is likely the death list this year will be considerably increased later by reason of the fatal termination in the cases of many of the injured.

"Mistaken for a deer" and "shot by a companion" continues to lead as the reason for the shooting of hunters. Michigan heads the list, with 27 killed.

#### JEALOUS SUITOR'S MAD ACT.

##### Murders Neighbor Because Girl Refused Him.

Aberdeen, S. D. (Special).—Gus Banick, homesteader, who lived near Davidson, in Perkins county, is dead from a bullet wound through his left lung and Arthur W. Lowry, a neighboring homesteader, is under arrest charged with the murder.

Miss Lizzie Walrath, who also lived on a neighboring claim, had been receiving the attentions of Lowry until recently, when she told him that Banick was her accepted suitor. A bullet fired through the door of Banick's shack killed him, and it is alleged that Lowry fired the shot.

#### RACING MEN SPENT \$264,000.

##### To Defeat the Antibetting Legislation At Albany.

New York (Special).—Eight racing associations seeking to defeat the anti-betting bills at Albany contributed \$264,000 to the Jockey Club for legal expenses, according to M. Linn Bruce, counsel of the legislative investigating committee. During the session of the committee Wednesday Mr. Bruce ran over the various contributions which have been admitted in testimony and used them as a basis for his statement.

#### Rabbits \$86 Apiece.

Warsaw, Ind. (Special).—Five Pennsylvania trainmen were laid off for a month as a result of stopping their train to hunt rabbits. They bagged five rabbits, but while they were at it a through freight crashed into their train.

#### Man Has Kissing Mania.

Boston (Special).—James May was adjudged insane in court here and sent to an asylum. He was obsessed with the kissing idea and had tried to kiss strangers in the streets. Several women have driven him off, recognizing his condition. He got into trouble when he tried to kiss a local policeman. That convinced the court that he was insane.

Since 1902 there have been 45 deaths due to balloons, steerable and nonsteerable.

To Put It Mildly.  
"They say he has a swelled head."  
"I must admit that he seems to appreciate himself very much."

Constipation causes many serious diseases. It is thoroughly cured by Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. One a laxative, three for cathartic.

The man who thinks more of his pigs than he does of his wife and babies is the devil's idea of what a husband and father should be.

For COLDS and BRUISES.  
"Blick's" CAPSULES is the best remedy—relieves the aching and feverishness—cures the cold and restores normal conditions. It's liquid—effects immediately. 10c, 25c, and 50c. At drug stores.

Some Consolation.  
Mrs. Gramercy—My husband is anxious to get rid of me.  
Mrs. Park—Don't cry, dear. In that case he won't haggle over the alimony.—Smart Set.

TO DRIVE OUT MALARIA AND BUILD UP THE SYSTEM.  
Take the OLD STANDARD GILBERT'S PATENT CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking. The formula is plainly printed on every bottle, showing it is simply Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out the malarial and the Iron builds up the system. Sold by all dealers for 25 cents. Price 50 cents.

Skied.  
"How does Dobber rank as a painter, anyhow?" asked Wilbraham.  
"Pretty well, I guess," said Lollerby.  
"At the last exhibition they hung his picture higher than any other in the place."—Harper's Weekly.

SPOHN'S DISTEMPER CURE will cure any possible case of DISTEMPER, PINK EYE, and the like among horses of all ages, and prevents all others in the same stable from having the disease. Also cures chicken cholera, and dog distemper. Any good druggist can supply you, or send to Mrs. 50 cents and \$1.00 a bottle. Agents wanted. Free book. Spohn Medical Co., Spec. Contagious Diseases, Goshen, Ind.

The Big Show.  
The personally conducted tourists were viewing the Egyptian pyramids. "Goodness gracious!" ejaculated Mrs. Newrocks, "it must have cost a pile of money to build them."  
"Surest thing you know," said Mr. Newrocks, "but don't imagine for a moment that any one tourist agency stood for all the expense—it was probably a jackpot affair!"

Triumph of Optimism.

"How are you feeling today, uncle?" asked the robust nephew of his aged and feeble kinsman.  
"Pretty well, pretty well!" quavered that incurable optimist, "my rheumatism is bothering me a good deal and my erisipellis is worse than it was yesterday, I've got a slight headache and I went down to the dentist today and had all but two of my teeth pulled, but thank heaven those two are opposite each other!"

Benny on Benevolence.  
Benevolence is a great thing. When you have benevolence you cannot rest until you do something to make other people feel grateful to you. The other day my mamma went up into the attic to find a lot of old clothes to give to poor people who could not afford to buy any clothes for themselves. While she was hunting around she found a gold-headed cane worth \$25 that grandpa had put up there 18 years ago, and forgot all about it. Thus we see, dear friends, benevolence brings its own reward.—Benny.

Admitted.  
"Women already do a lot of governing," said Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, the brilliant suffrage leader, in an interview in New York. "Men, if they are observant and frank, admit that."

"An editor, about to marry, was asked by a friend:  
"What prompted you, old man, to propose to Miss Dash?"  
"The editor, who was, like all editors, extremely observant and extremely frank, answered:  
"Well, to tell you the truth, I think Miss Dash prompted me more than anybody else."

#### THEY GROW

##### Good Humor and Cheerfulness From Right Food and Drink.

Anything that interferes with good health is apt to keep cheerfulness and good humor in the background. A Washington lady found that letting coffee alone made things bright for her. She writes:  
"Four years ago I was practically given up by my doctor and was not expected to live long. My nervous system was in a bad condition.  
"But I was young and did not want to die so I began to look about for the cause of my chronic trouble. I used to have nervous spells which would exhaust me and after each spell it would take me days before I could sit up in a chair.  
"I became convinced my trouble was caused by coffee. I decided to stop it and bought some Postum.  
"The first cup, which I made according to directions, had a soothing effect on my nerves and I liked the taste. For a time I nearly lived on Postum and ate little food besides. I am today a healthy woman.  
"My family and relatives wonder if I am the same person I was four years ago, when I could do no work on account of nervousness. Now I am doing my own housework, take care of two babies—one twenty the other two months old. I am so busy that I hardly get time to write a letter, yet I do it all with the cheerfulness and good humor that comes from enjoying good health.  
"I tell my friends it is Postum I owe my life today."  
Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."  
Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.