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POLITENESS.

The decay of French politeness has become a subject for passing concern on the part of the French themselves. It has been frequently remarked by visitors to France, who have alleged a change in French manners within the period of their recollection, says the Charleston News and Courier. The same phenomenon is something alleged of the weather in New England. Scientific meteorologists poohpooh this. They declare it to be all put of the question for climate to be materially affected except by imperceptible processes requiring ages to and Telegraph company and the show results. So as to politeness in France; some contend that the change is more apparent than real. Most of those taking part in the controversy insist or admit it to be a fact. These urge that the causes be identified and correctives applied. stood, nobody in financial circles had There is a disposition, of course, to anticipated so frank an avowal of attribute it to women, "especially elegant women whose ill-manners have no limit," as one expert submits. Is the matter worth serious consideration? Or, rather, should not the symptom be welcomed? Is not politeness itself a sympton of decay, like the beauty of old cathedrals, the Kidder, Peabody & Co., and Henry L. mellowness of long-stored vintages, or Higginson of Boston, Henry P. Davithe art of telling the truth? Man in a natural state is not remarkable for good manners and will lie cheerfully. That school which holds that the decadence of a people may be traced by observing its cultivation of the habit of telling the truth would probably reason that the diffusion of poof failing physical and intellectual point. virility. A robust entity does not bother about etiquette.

swift. We live at high tension. The sins of society people have become inured to them. Neurasthenia, one knows, is often the inevitable, though much-to-be-deprecated, result of going tive competition. Competition-agthe pace, says the Cleveland Plain gressive, effective competition-means Dealer. But what is one to think of strife, industrial warfare; it means neurasthenia in the poultry yard? contention; it oftentimes means tak-Comes a publication which devotes ing advantage of or resorting to any of the family sought to soften the ftself to poultry and other topics of the farm. In it a correspondent writes of the symptoms of one of his hens-listless, nervous, indifference duplication of plant and investment. lies that the symptoms are those tion of a nervous disease, and he declares wholly or partially; therefore it from the feverish atmosphere of the poultry yard. This is a withering indictment of present-day civilization. nerves!

The form of Curtiss biplane which travels on the water and land as well as in the air is winning admiration at San Diego. The machine is a standard biplane equipped with bicycle wheels and a pontoon about three feet wide by twelve feet in length placed immediately beneath right angles to the planes. At the deficit. extremities of the lower plane are two small triangular copper tanks, whose function is to prevent the planes the advantages without any of the from cutting too deeply into the water. Mr. Curtiss seems to have thought of everything but a name for his novel craft. The suggestion that it be known as the hydroterroaeroplane shows closer acquaintance with the classics than with the habit of the American people to insist upon cutting long words short.

The February fire loss this year in the United States and Canada amounted to \$16,415,000. While a million more than the February loss last year and \$300,000 in excess of the February loss in 1909 this was five millions below the aggregate for last month, and somewhat below the average monthly loss during the twelve months last past. There is nothing alarming nor is there anything encouraging in the fire loss figures of the first two months of the nificent. Nature is a stingy creature. present year. On account of a heavy She seldom gives a man the double loss in January, they are eight millions in excess of the total for the first two months of 1910, but half a million below that for the corresponding period of 1909.

Because a Chicago man insisten upon being a candidate for trustee of one of the large New York life insurance companies, the company has been obliged to spend about \$50,-000 in having ballots and proxies printed in eleven different languages and mailing them in sealed envelopes to all parts of the world. He is the only candidate on the so-called policyholders' ticket, although 36 trustees are to be elected. It was a wise law which made provision for policy-holders' tickets, but in this instance it has not been advantageous from a financial viewpoint, at least.

FOR PUBLIC CONTROL SIXTY PERISH IN

VAIL FOR REGULATION AS WELL AS PUBLICITY.

Frank Recognition of Public Rights by the President of Western Union and Telephone Companies.

Public regulation of public service corporations has come to stay. It ought to have come and it ought to stay. That is the flat and unequivocal assertion of Theodore N. Vail, president of both the American Telephone Western Union Telegraph company. It came in the form of his annual report to the seventy thousand stockholders of the two great corporations. Although Mr. Vail's advocacy of full publicity in connection with the affairs of such concerns was well underfull public rights in the shaping of their general conduct. It came consequently as a surprise, not only because of its novelty and squareness, but also on account of the unqualified acquiescence of a board of directors comprising such eminent and conservative financiers as Robert Winson of son of J. P. Morgan & Co.; Senator W. Murray Crane, George F. Baer, T. Jefferson Coolidge Jr., Norman W. Harris, John I. Waterbury and others.

President Vail's declaration is heralded as the first recognition by those in high corporate authority of the justice of the demand that the public be regarded as virtual partners in all liteness is in the same way signifi- matters that pertain to the common cant, if a less important barometer welfare. He goes directly to the

"Public coatrol or regulation of public service corporations by permanent commissions," he says, "has Modern life is complicated. It is come and come to stay. Control, or regulation, to be effective means publicity; it means semi-public discussion and consideration before action; it means everything which is the opposite of and inconsistent with effecmeans that the conscience of the contestants or the degree of the enforcement of the laws will permit.

to food and society. And the editor The ultimate object of such competithat the only cure for the hen is the means either ultimate combination on rest cure in some quiet retreat, away such basis and with such prices as will cover past losses, or it means loss of return on investment, and eventual loss of capital. However it results, all costs of aggressive, un-A neurotic hen-think of that! A controlled competition are eventually debutante of last season, no doubt, borne, directly or indirectly, by the who should now be in the full feath- public. Competition which is not ager of glorious youth a victim of gressive, presupposes co-operative action, understandings, agreements, which result in general uniformity or harmony of action, which, in fact, is not competition but is combination, unstable, but for the time effective. When thoroughly understood it will be found that "control" will give more of the benefits and public advantages, which are expected to be obtained through such ownership, and will obtain them without the public burden of either the public officethe aviator with its long axis at holder or public debt or operating

"When through a wise and judiclous state control and regulation all disadvantages of state ownership are secured, state ownership is doomed."

"If Mr. Vail is right," says Harper's Weekly, in a concise summing-up, "then it seems pretty plain that we are entered upon a new era in both economics and politics. And it is high time we did if evolution is to supplant revolution as an efficient force in the development of civilization."

Unreliable Physiognomy.

I am a profound disbeliever in physlognomy. Features are false witnesses. Stupidity frequently wears a mask of intelligence. I know business men who look like poets and poets who look like business men. Men of genius invariably look like idiots, and if you pick out the man who looks most eminent in a party you are sure to find he is a nobody. I always distrust men who look maggift of being great and looking great. She took care to lame Byron and deform Pope and disfigure Johnson. But the crowning example of her jealous parsimony is Shakespeare. I have always been disappointed with Shakespeare's face. It does not live up to his poetry. It is dull, heavy and commonplace.-Adventures in London.

Vegetable Fancy Work.

Little Mrs. Bride had almost everything to learn about housekeeping, but she was so enthusiastic in her interest that every one was glad to help her. "I have some particularly fine asparagus," the marketman told her one day, and he displayed a bunch for her

admiration. "Picked not three hours Mrs. Bride looked at it with unaffected amazement.

"Does it grow like that?" she asked. "I always supposed the cook braided the ends of it."-Youth's Companion.

BIG MINE FIRE

SAYS BOTH HERE TO STAY Four Hundred Men Stampede in Race-With Death.

EXITS SHUT OFF BY FLAMES.

Fire at Foot of Shaft of Pancoast Colliery, Near Scranton, Pa., Causes Explosion and Fills Mine With Smoke.

Scranton, Pa .- One of the most serious mine disasters which has ever visited this section of the mining country occurred at the little village of Throop, a short distance from this city, when the lives of between 50 and 60 men and boys were snuffed

Among those known to have perished are Joseph Evans, who was in charge of the United States mine rescue car; Isaac Dawe, a fire boss, and Walter Knight, a foreman.

Evans' death was the result of a defective oxygen-charged armor. Charles Enzian, the noted expert in general charge of mine rescue work for the Federal government, was also overcome and is said to be

in a critical condition tonight. stumbled over three bodies. One of Company, art patron, clubman and these was Joseph Evans. He was society man of prominence, shot and head. It had evidently failed to Rittenhouse Square. work. Evans was carried to the The wound which killed Mr. Lipopen air as quickly as possible, but pincott was self-inflicted, it was adhe had inhaled so much smoke and mitted in a formal statement made gas from the burning coal that he by officers of the publishing concern died within a few hours. Enzian's and confirmed by Coroner Ford in an experience was similar to that of interview.

Up to a late hour nearly two-score lishing house is as follows: of bodies had been piled at the botand here were congregated hundreds fected by Mr. Lippincott's death." of women and children, relatives of years clinging to the skirts of their as follows: mothers, while older male members and boys.

"Aggressive competition means None of the bodies recovered was been caused by inhaling flames and PRSOS

To those familiar with the conditions in the Pancoast Colliery the finding of the bodies indicated that there was practically no hope for the other imprisoned miners. A great majority of the missing men and boys are foreigners, Foreman Walter Knight and Fire Boss Alfred Dawe being two Americans who are thought to have perished.

The fire started in an engine house from the surface. There were 400 ings into which the slope led. These 60 were at work in a 'blind' tunnel at the end of the slope.

AIMED AT THE CZAR

Resolutions in House to Abrogete the Treaty With Russia.

Washington, D. C .- Representative Sulzer, of New York, introduced in the House a joint resolution directing the President to terminate the treaty between the United States and Russia because of discriminaion against American citizens of Jewish origin Similar resolutions also have been introduced by Messrs. Harrison and Goldfogle, of New York. The resolutions were referred to the Foreign Affairs Committee, of which Mr. Sulzer is chairman. Resolutions on this subject which were introduced last session failed of passage. A favorable report is predicted this session.

Makes 146 Fire Dead.

New York .- Death claimed the of the Triangle Waist Company holocaust Friday, when 16-year-old Annie Miller succumbed to injuries received in jumping from the burning Asch Building. The girl died in St. Vincent's Hospital after being unconscious for more than two days.

Government Seizes Rifles.

Campaign Publicity Bill.

Washington, D. C .- Representative McCall, of Massachusetts, reintro- fore 'Squire Cheatham, of Chesterduced in the House a bill providing field county, for peddling oil, the bition in Alabama was given a knockfor the publicity of campaign contri- Standard Oil Company, National Oil out blow when both branches of the butions in congressional elections Company and Richmond Oil Com- Legislature adopted the Smith liquor prior to the election. Mr. McCall's pany were fined \$250 each for the bill last year passed the House, but sale of oil from their wagons and was amended in the Senate to provide the driver of each was fined \$100 per cent. of the votes of a county may publication after the election. As additional. Appeals will be taken. campaign publicity is one of the Democratic plans for the extra session, it is likely that the McCall bill will be laid aside and a similar bill the army canteen was introduced by given full power to regulate its liquor introduced by a Democrat passed.

LIFE'S DISAPPOINTMENTS



OL. ROOSEVELT

AS PEACEMAKER

rectos in Mexico.

THEY WANT A COMMISSION.

a Man Named by Diaz, One

Named by Insurrectos and

Third an American.

aged man discouraged, but on the con-

carry out the pledges of Diaz. It is

This commission is to be composed of

This would virtually mean a triple

T. R. Lays Corner Stone.

and laid the corner-stone of the new

club house of the Multinomah Athletic

Club, speaking on the development of

amateur athletics. The Colonel re-

Swallowed Steel Points.

stomach of Instructor T. J. Williams,

who had placed the points in a

Plans to Prevent Deadlocks.

is to prevent deadlocks in elections.

Hits Prohibition Blow.

regulation bill. This provides that 45

petition for an election to determine

whether liquor shall be sold in that

county, either by saloons, dispensary

Montgomery, Ala.-State-wide prohi-

Washington, D. C .- A bill provid-

viewed 30,000 school children.

He will probably recover.

and reformer of Mexico.

outsider.

CRAIGE LIPPINCOTT A SUICID!

Prominent Publisher Shoots Himself in Philadelphia -- III Health as Motive.

Philadelphia. -- Craige Lippincott 64 years old, president of the pub-As rescuers entered the mine they lishing firm of the J. B. Lippincott seen to wrench his helmet from his killed himself in his home, 218 West

The statement issued by the pub-

"During a period of temporary tom of the shaft, but it was thought aberration Craige Lippincott, presiadvisable not to bring them to the dent of the J. B. Lippincott Company, surface until the crowd had dwin- shot and killed himself at his residled. A temporary morgue had been dence in this city. The business of erected at the opening to the mine, the publishing house will not be af-

The statement made by Coroner the men and boys who had been so Ford after he had received the resuddenly snatched from them. Their ports of his investigating physician insurrecto-chief and he has not been grief was pitiful, children of tender and Deputy George McKeever was

Coroner's Statement.

"Craige Lippincott killed himself that he can go to his son's camp in a anguish of the distracted mothers with a .32-calibre revolver. It was very few days that he declined to leave and sisters of the unfortunate men a new pistol, evidently purchased for San Antonio and Monterey, to atespecially for the deed. Only one tend his father's funeral. shell had ever been discharged from The real snag upon which the nego-None of the bodies recovered was shell had ever been discharged from mutilated, death doubtless having it, and that was the shell which killed Mr. Lippincott. He shot himself the insurrectos for a commission to been before it as they were before while lying in bed. The powder marks show that the revolver must understood that Francisco I. Madero to the man's temple."

SOUGHT BY THE JAPS

12,700 Square Miles of Magdalena Bay Now For Sale.

Tacoma, Wash .- The practical comat the opening of a slope leading pletion of arrangements for the sale 12,700 square miles on Magdalena Bay, governor of Nebraska, who is one of the owners. The land is owned by a syndicate of Eastern men.

The land is said to have been sought third party. by the Japanese government for a coaling station recently.

Two foreign and one American syn- Mexico, with Diaz a mere figurehead the purchase. One of these syndicates into execution. As the American memhas an option; which one is not an- ber would hold the balance of power, nounced

El Paso, Texas. - Regardless of ly stated that the massing of Ameri- will be held. As soon as an answer can troops on the Mexican border was on this subject is definitely received for precisely the purpose stated in the senior Madero and his party will these despatches recently. The troops leave for the camp of President were massed as a warning to Japan Madero. that it must cease its pressure on Mexico for a coaling station; it served also as a warning to Diaz that he might do well not to consider such a proposition and as an assurance that he need not be frightened about turning down the yellow man's proposal. This comes from a man as close to the Mexican foreign office as any American in the United States, a man who one hundred and forty-sixth victim has many social autograph letters from Enrique Creel, Jose Yves Limantour and even Porfirio Diaz.

Spells 2,500 Words.

Bowling Green, Mo. - "Seppulcher," spelled Miss Margaret Pat. swallowed the capsule by mistake. terson and the two P's ended the longest spelling bee ever held in Missouri, with Miss Ruth Crenshaw, the Douglas, Ariz. - Two cases of winner, still standing. The Pike Springfield rifles with bayonets, con-county court house was filled with ing for the election of United States signed from a St. Louis firm to El friends and relatives of the contest- Senators by a plurality vote of State Paso, and thence to this city, were ants, who for 17 hours, with only an Legislatures was introduced in the confiscated by A. H. Thompson, spec- occasional intermission, had with- Senate by Senator Root, of New fal agent for the Department of Jus- stood the bombardment of words un- York. The purpose of the measure til 10,000 had been given out.

Oil Peddlers Fined.

Richmond, Va.-In test cases be-

To Restore Canteen. Washington, D. C .-- A bill to restore or otherwise. Each county is thereby Representative Bartholdt, of Missouri, traffic.

TAFT'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

Reciprocity Only Question Taken Ud by President--Considered it His Dnty.

Washington, D. C .- The President sent to Congress his message asking the passage of the Canadian Reciprocity Agreement. The document is short and concerns itself only with the trade pact. Mr. Taft explains be thought his "utmost efforts" included calling the special session. He said: To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I transmitted to the Sixty-first Congress, on January 26 last, the text of the reciprocal trade agreement which had been negotiated under my direction by the Secretary of State with the representatives of the Dominion of Canada. This agreement was the consummation of earnest efforts extending over a period of nearly a year on the part of both governments to effect a trade arrangement which, supplementing as it did, the amicable settlement of various questions of a diplomatic and political character, that had been reached would mutually promote commerce and would strengthen the friendly relations now. existing.

The agreement, in its intent and in its terms, was purely economic and commercial. While the general subject was under discussion by the commissioners I felt assured that the sentiment of the people of the United States was such that they would welcome a measure which would result Suggestion From the Insurin the increase of trade on both sides of the boundary line, would open up the reserve productive resources of Canada to the great mass of our own consumers on advantageous conditions and at the same time offer a broader outlet for the excess products of our farms and many of our industries. Details regarding a nego-Propose Commission Be Made Up of tiation of this kind necessarily could not be made public while the conferences were pending. When, however, the full text of the agreement, with the accompanying correspondence and data explaining both its pur-El Paso, Texas .- Peace efforts have pose and its scope, became known to ot been dropped by the father of the people through the measure Francisco I. Madero, neither is the transmitted to Congress it was immediately apparent that the ripened trary, he has confidence in eventful fruits of the careful labors of the success. The death of his 83-year-old commissioners met with widespread father, Evaristo Madero, at Monterey, approval. This approval has been was a severe blow to the father of the strengthened by further consideration of the terms of the agreement active in his peace negotiations, but so in all their particulars. The volume firm are his convictions that he will of support which has developed have arrangements so far concluded shows that its broadly national scope

The House of Representatives of the Sixty-first Congress, after the full the American people, passed a bill confirming the agreement as negohave been held at very close range is willing to let Diaz remain in office tiated and as transmitted to Congress. This measure failed of action in the Senate.

is fully appreciated and is responsive

and that the insurrectos are willing provided that the reforms which Diaz

to the popular will.

has promised to grant are carried out In my transmitting message of the under the guidance of a commission. 26th of January I fully set forth the character of the agreement and a man named by Diaz, a man named emphasized its appropriateness and by the Maderists and a disinterested necessity as a response to the mutual needs of the people of the two coun-This outsider the insurrectos have tries, as well as its common advanmentioned as possibly Theodore Roosetages. I now lay that message and from the Diamond vein, 750 feet of the Flores-Hale estate, comprising velt and possibly President Taft, but the reciprocal trade agreement as inmore likely Roosevelt, because the offitegrally part of the present message men in the mine when the fire start- on the penisula of Lower California, cial position of Taft would make it before the Sixty-second Congress, and ed, about 60 of them in the work- was announced by Ezra P. Savage, ex- rather indelicate for him to act. The again invite earnest attention to the insurrectos are known to have proconsiderations therein expressed. posed such a commission with one of

I am constrained in deference to these two men as the chairman or popular sentiment and with a realizing sense of my duty to the great masses of our people whose welfare dictatorship or government head for is involved, to urge upon your consideration early action on this agreedicates have have been figuring on until the promised reforms are put ment. In concluding the negotiations, the representatives of the two countries bound themselves to use he would practically be the dictator their utmost efforts to bring about the tariff changes provided for in the If Limantour and the Diaz cabinet agreement by concurrent legislation Washington denials it can be positive- will agree to this, the peace meeting at Washington and Ottawa. I have felt it my duty, therefore, not to acquiesce in relegation of action until the opening of the Congress in December, but to use my constitutional prerogative and convoke the Sixtysecond Congress in extra session in order that there shall be no break of Portland, Ore .- Theodore Roosevelt | continuity in considering and acting upon this most important subject. arrived in Portland from California,

The White House, April 5, 1911. (Signed) WILLIAM H. TAFT.

Against Woman Mayor.

Hunnewell, Kan .- After winning the Mayoralty in a fair fight and with a heavy handicap, Mrs. Ella Wilson has been counted out and the Ithaca, N. Y .- Surgeons removed certificate of election goes to her op-16 steel compass points from the ponent, O. M. Akers, city clerk. Her prompt action in hiring an attorney to protect her interests, however, capsule for safekeeping and then may cause a reversal of the procedure by which her successful vote was annulled. She has convinced the city attorney of the error.

> Women to Wear Suspenders. Philadelphia .- Dr. Moses Stearn. many times candidate for Mayor of Philadelphia, sees in the harem skirt the moral uplift of the human race, the physical betterment of womanhood and the reduced cost of living.

Full Time In Pittsburg Mills. Pittsburg.-Orders have been issued this week in practically all the wire and nail mills of the Pittsburg district to place those plants on full

time, owing to the overcrowding of

business for the spring season.

Another Hero Fund. Stockholm, Sweden-Andrew Carnegie has donated \$230,000 for a hero fund for Sweden, it is an-