

The Centre Reporter

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MUSHROOMS AS FOOD.

Professor F. E. Clements, the state botanist of Minnesota, has attracted attention by his estimate in a recent bulletin that the annual waste of mushrooms in the United States equals in value the entire agricultural product of the country, says the Manchester Union. It is easy for an enthusiast in any line of thought or endeavor to lose the sense of just proportion, and it may perhaps be taken for granted that Professor Clements has permitted himself to be carried away by the contemplation of the waste of a natural food product which is more or less abundant everywhere and which has an unquestioned food value. Beginning with early summer and continuing until late fall, the production of mushrooms in woods, pastures and waste places is something enormous, and a large proportion of them are not only edible, but nourishing. In so far as they are not made use of—and a small proportion of them is ever gathered—they of course, represent a loss of possible food supply, but some account must be taken of the cost of collecting and distributing them to consumers, as well as of the danger from some species which are harmful and of at least two which may be classed as deadly. These are easily distinguished, to be sure, by any one who has made a study of the mushroom tribe, but until Americans, as a rule, are much more familiar with the subject than at present, a great proportion of the edible varieties will continue to go to waste.

Basing calculations on the estimate that the number of American tourists in Europe in a season is 300,000 and that the average individual expenditure by these tourists is \$750, some one has easily figured that about \$225,000,000 of American money is spent abroad in the course of a season; and this does not include the cost of steamship tickets. Bankers who handle the letters of credit for wealthy American tourists are quoted to the effect that \$3,000 is a fair average for the value of these letters, says the Manchester Union. Among tourists of the wealthy class, says the report, it is common to place from \$25,000 to \$75,000 in the hands of the bankers, and, as a rule, fully two-thirds of the amount is drawn. Possibly the major premise of this main proposition has been overdrawn; possibly the minor premise; possibly both—and possibly neither. In any event, it must be admitted that \$225,000,000 is a tremendous sum of American money to be taken to Europe and left there in a single season.

An appeal for American-made rubber tires is made by the United States consuls in Germany, who say that a rich market is being overlooked by the people at home. These advance agents of trade point out that in some of the cities on the high road of tourist travel there are for sale but two makes of automobile tires, and those of French and German brands. The use of the bicycle as a means of transportation is reported on the increase, and, as if to add to the field for exploitation, many of the smaller cities are just beginning to awake to the advantage of rubber tires as a part of the fitting of general vehicles.

An ungallant New Jersey farmer dressed up his scarecrows in hobbie skirts and basket hats, and declares that the crows are too panic-stricken by the fashionable frights to come near his fields. Many men will think more of the intelligence of birds after this display of the crows' antipathy to hobbie skirts.

A Chicago teamster has been sentenced to one year in the penitentiary for stabbing a horse to death because the animal would not stand quietly beside a hitching post. No doubt he deserved what he got, but if he had merely killed a man he might be out on small bail.

Since the means of identification by finger and thumb marks, New Jersey burglars are wearing gloves. It is a pity more commendable ambitions are not equally quick to take up-to-date advantage of all the resources of the age.

A Connecticut woman has been cured by a surgical operation of her mania for playing the piano. Demands for similar operations will probably now come pouring in from all parts of the United States.

Blue paint, we are told, will drive away flies. If red paint would do the same a good many of our citizens would be willing to give up their sleep and make the town immune.

Fifteen Philadelphia bakers have been arrested for dyeing their pies. Yet anyone who has tried to eat a Philadelphia pie will realize the necessity for disguising them.

FATALLY HURT AS AIRSHIP FALLS

Audience in a Panic, but Aviator Keeps His Nerve.

STRUGGLE FOR FIVE MINUTES

Birdman Tossed About by Treacherous Currents in Airhole and Losses Control of His Red Devil.

Erie, Pa.—Bud Mars, the plucky aviator, was perhaps fatally hurt at 8.30 o'clock Friday afternoon when his famous "Red Devil" biplane fell 100 feet outside the aviation field in upper Peach street, where he was giving flights at the aviation meet held under the auspices of the Erie Dispatch. Mars is now confined to Hamot Hospital, in this city. He is in a semiconscious condition, suffering from fractures of three ribs on the left side, internal hurts and extensive body bruises and lacerations.

A piece of jagged steel projecting from the engine of the biplane made a deep indentation into the padding of the head gear, but failed to penetrate its thickness. The accident was caused by the biplane hitting an air pocket. Mrs. Mars was sitting in the grandstand and saw the biplane fall.

When the crowds saw that Mars was losing control of his biplane when he struck the airhole, all jumped to their feet and ran across the field and shouted words of encouragement to the daring little birdman.

"You'll get him excited by yelling at him," shouted Mrs. Mars, who was cooler and more collected than anyone of the more than 3,000 present. The crowd failed to hear her, however. The police ran on to the field and started to beat back the crowds.

Despite the desperate battle he was having 100 feet above, Mars recognized that the crowd below was panic-stricken. He waved his hand as if beckoning to the people to keep cool. When the police had forced all the people back to near the grandstand, Mrs. Mars coolly walked out over the field and watched her husband. There was not a sign of fear on her face.

For five minutes the aviator fought desperately trying to extricate his biplane from the treacherous air pocket. But suddenly the biplane dipped about 15 feet, then turning on its side began to fall slowly. It was plainly seen, however, that Mars did not lose his nerve.

When he saw that his biplane was falling he tried to right it and guide it under a hundred or more telephone and telegraph wires. As he did so one of the planes of his machine collided with a wire. It shot downward like a bullet, alighting on the ground just outside the canvas wall of the aviation field a mass of wreckage. Three small boys, unnoticed by the police, were standing on the outside of the field peering through a hole in the canvas. The biplane fell directly on top of them, but not one received a scratch.

A moan went up from the crowd. Pandemonium reigned. There was a mad scramble to find out how badly Mars had been hurt. Mrs. Mars, though, was the first person to reach her husband's side. A second later five officials began to lift up the wrecked biplane to remove Mars. It was at first thought he had been caught under the machine. He was still sitting in his seat, the steering wheel forced against his chest. He was conscious, but was unable to speak.

Dr. Broughton issued a statement from the hospital to the effect that the aviator's chest was badly injured; that he had sustained concussion of the brain and suffered internal injuries, while he is also bruised from head to foot.

Judge and Constable Killed.

Burnside, Ky.—Constable W. A. Heath and Justice A. J. Beatty were shot to death in the courthouse here. James Ellis, a former deputy sheriff, is under arrest, charged with the double crime. Officers are pursuing A. Helton, who, it is alleged participated in the affray. No one else was present when the shooting took place.

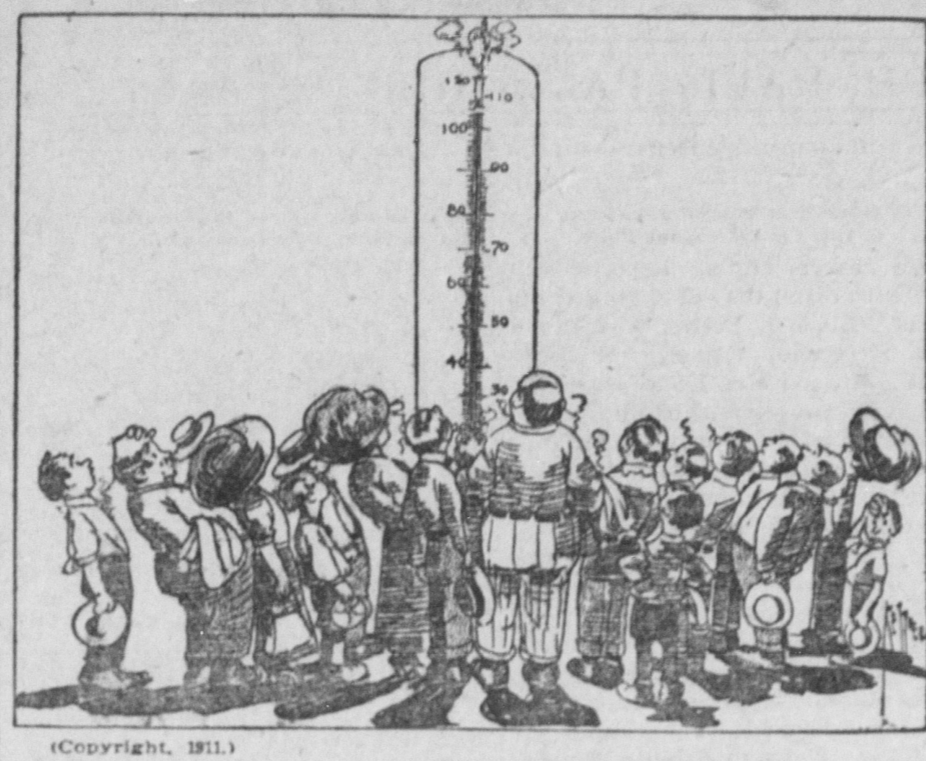
Hit Men in Stable.

New York.—Hiding for nearly a month in a hay loft, her only food being horse fodder, Vera Trevor, a heat-crazed Australian girl, was discovered by the police nearly dead from starvation.

Four Boys Lost on Lake Huron.

Black River, Mich.—During the high wind Tuesday four little boys were carried out into Lake Huron in an old boat and were lost. Three of them were sons of Joseph Marquis—Alfred, George and Jean, aged respectively, 9, 7 and 5 years—the other being William, the 7-year-old son of John Lalonde. The children had been forbidden by their parents to go near the water, but slipped away, found the old boat at the mouth of the river and started for an island.

"GOING UP"



"DRY" NATION JULY 4, 1920

Christian Endeavors Enlist Entire Membership in Fight Against Saloon.

By Champ Clark.
The Christian Endeavors are doing a good work, as an institution halfway between the Sunday School and the Church. It is an organized body which is the best way of getting results. This is the first time I have ever attended one of their national conventions and it impressed me as a most enthusiastic rally.

By Dr. Floyd Tomkins.
The convention has been a blessing to all who attended. First, by bringing them nearer together as Christians. Second, by making them more eager to work. Third, by impressing them with the reality and power of Christianity. The results will be carried to many cities and homes and churches. A growth will result in all good things.

Atlantic City.—"A Saloonless Nation" by the Fourth of July, 1920, the 300th year from the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, is to be the slogan of the Christian Endeavors of the world, and of all sects and all organizations interested in the United States, according to a remarkable resolution unanimously adopted by the Christian Endeavor Convention on the Million Dollar Pier.

This resolution, sweeping and stringent as it is, however, is only one of a number of unanimously adopted resolutions, which express the whole spirit and trend of Christian Endeavor. The comprehensive liquor resolution declares that Christian Endeavor is an uncompromising foe of saloon endeavor and insists upon the abolition of the liquor traffic, in every one of its phases, local, State, National and International. As a grand climax to the nine years country-wide liquor campaign, it is proposed to work for the amendment of the Constitution of the United States, to the end, that results of the campaign may be made irrevocable. Liquor is branded as "America's Greatest Curse," and an appeal is issued for a united, but bloodless, because legal, and moral revolution, for a new declaration of independence.

CASTRO THE MYSTERIOUS

Venezuelan Plotter Seems to Have Again Disappeared.

Washington.—The Castro mystery has deepened. Apparently the earth has opened and again swallowed up the world's most "undesirable citizen."

American Minister Garrett cabled from Caracas that he could get no confirmation of Castro's supposed return to his native land and that the Venezuelan government itself had been unable to find anyone who had seen Castro or had heard of his being near Columbia or Venezuela within the past year.

Taft to Open in Bay State.

Boston, Mass.—President Taft will deliver his first political speech in Massachusetts when he becomes the guest of the Essex County Club at its outing to be held on August 24 at the home of Congressman A. P. Gardner at Hamilton. Governor Bass, of New Hampshire, will be another guest of the day.

Will Colonize Drunkards.

New York.—From now on a card index will be kept of the records of all male persons arrested in New York for intoxication, an investigation made of what persons are dependent for support upon the offenders, and a hospital and industrial colony will be established for the care and treatment of such cases as are deemed "habitual drunkards." This work was ordered by the Board of Inebriety which was authorized by an act of legislature in 1910.

WILEY CONFIDENT FACING CHARGES

Wickersham Recommends Pure Food Man's Resignation.

TAFT GIVES DEFENSE CHANCE

Will Not Act Until He Has Heard the Other Side—Like Balinger-Pinchot Controversy.

Washington.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the famous chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, who has been battling against tremendous odds for the fearless and impartial enforcement of the Pure Food law, is again under fire.

His resignation has been recommended to the President on the basis of a report formulated by inveterate enemies within the Department of Agriculture, who charge him with evasion of the law and irregularity.

Attorney-General Wickersham has endorsed the recommendation for the resignation of Dr. Wiley, the dismissal of Dr. Rusby, and the reduction of Dr. Lyman F. Kebler, chief of the Division of Drugs.

In advising President Taft to oust Dr. Wiley, Mr. Wickersham holds that "condign punishment" should be meted out to Dr. Wiley for the salary arrangement under which Dr. Rusby was employed.

It is charged against Dr. Wiley that he permitted an arrangement to be made with Dr. H. H. Rusby, a recognized pharmacologist of Columbia University, New York, for compensation in excess of that allowed by law. It is asserted that the arrangement was to put Dr. Rusby on the payroll of the department at \$1,500 a year as an employee of the Bureau of Chemistry, an agreement being made with him that he should be called upon to perform only such service as this salary would compensate for at the rate of \$20 a day for laboratory investigations and \$50 a day for attendance in court.

Attorney-General Wickersham held that the law permitted the payment of only \$9 a day, this sum later being increased to \$11 a day.

The record in the case was before President Taft for action, but he recognized the incompleteness of the case and the papers are now all before Dr. Wiley, who is preparing his defense against the charges which were filed against him by an assistant who was running the Bureau of Chemistry during the famous chemist's absence.

These charges and insinuations of irregularity and evasion of the law were never submitted to Dr. Wiley. He was merely called before the Committee on Personnel in the Department of Agriculture, asked about the fixing of the salary of Dr. Rusby without any intimation that "a case" was being made against him, and on this record furnished Attorney-General Wickersham with the excuse to recommend the official decapitation of Dr. Wiley.

"Worse than the inquisition or anything in the third degree," is how the friends of Dr. Wiley, familiar with every stage of the fight against him, within and outside the department, characterize this attempt to "get his scalp."

Lost \$1,000,000 Speculating.

Chicago.—By speculating on tips Jacob Henry Leshner has lost \$1,000,000 in the last four years. He has also lost his wife and must pay her alimony.

Fire Wipes Out Maine Town.

Biddeford, Maine.—Fire practically wiped out the village of South Waterboro. The hotel, railroad station, all of the stores in the village and more than two-score dwellings are in ruins. Estimates of the loss in South Waterboro placed the figures at upward of \$100,000, while the timber loss already sustained is many thousands more. Thirty families, nearly one-half of the population of the village, were driven from their homes.

MANY DEAD IN FOREST FIRES

Entrapped Miners, Cut Off From Escape—Big Property Loss.

Toronto.—The loss of life in Porcupine district from Thursday's fires is known to be several hundred, and the property loss will reach several millions of dollars.

Only three of the 84 employees of the West Dome Mine have been accounted for and 200 miners, muckers, etc., in the Dome mine have been suffocated. The mines burned include the Dome, North Dome, Preston, East Dome, Vipond, Foley O'Brien, Philadelphia, United Porcupine, Eldorado, Porcupine, Standard Imperial, West Dome and Success.

Among the dead are Robert Weiss, manager of the West Dome, and his wife and child.

The Philadelphia Mine's loss is about \$50,000, United Porcupine loss \$20,000; Eldorado Porcupine all buildings destroyed; Standard, about \$40,000; Imperial, about \$35,000; Success, probably destroyed; West Mines about \$75,000.

All reports give but a vague idea of the loss of life as well as property in Porcupine Camp, which probably will total millions of dollars and hundreds of lives.

Two Towns Destroyed.

In four short hours, commencing at 12.30 noon, the fire swept from the Standard Mines through the shores of Porcupine Lake, where it ate up the towns of South Porcupine, Pottsville and part of Golden City, as well as many small buildings along the lake front.

While some loss of life occurred in the vicinity of Porcupine Lake, the greatest havoc was wrought around the main mines, notably West Dome and Big Dome. There the entrapped miners, cut off from escape, were forced to take to the shafts for safety and, penned in by flames, perished. This was notably true at Dome and West Dome mines. At Preston East Dome an untimbered shaft gave shelter and none perished.

The streets of South Porcupine were strewn with dead persons, horses, dogs and cattle. Along the mine roads are the charred bodies of those overcome trying to escape.

NEW YORK FOR INCOME TAX

Ratification, However, is Out of Question This Year.

Albany, N. Y.—New York state went on record in favor of a federal income tax, when the Assembly, by a vote of 91 to 42, passed the resolution ratifying the proposed amendment to the federal Constitution authorizing such a tax. The measure passed the Senate on April 19.

New York swings into the list of states that have ratified the proposed federal income tax and brings the total up to 31. Tabulation shows the necessary 35, or three-fourths vote of the states, is out of the question this year. Fifteen states have either defeated the amendment in one or both Houses, have adjourned without taking action, or having endorsed the measure in one branch, have gone into adjournment with the other branch unrecorded.

BRYAN NAMES AVAILABLES

Without Expressing a Preference or Anyone.

Lincoln, Neb.—William J. Bryan has made up his list of availables for the Democratic Presidential and Vice-Presidential nominees. Without expressing a preference for anyone, Folk, of Missouri; Wilson, of New Jersey, and Speaker Champ Clark are indicated probabilities with an extended list of possibilities.

The list is remarkable in that the name of Governor Harmon, of Ohio, nowhere appears. Mr. Bryan says that no one questions the availability of Folk, Wilson or Clark, but that aside from these there are many availables.

3,000 STRAY DOGS KILLED

Work of Gentlemen Dog Catchers of Boston.

Boston.—Three thousand stray dogs have been killed during the past 12 months by Boston's official dog-catchers. The official dog-catchers are Huntington Smith, Julian Codman and Dr. Frank J. Sullivan, all wealthy citizens. They are officers of the Animal Rescue League and volunteered their services. The dogs have been picked up by the league employes.

Oil Trust Split Begins.

Columbus, Ohio.—Apparently the reorganization of the Standard Oil Company, ordered dissolved by the Supreme Court, has begun. Secretary of State Gray has received notice, as required under the Willis law, of the increase from \$18,000,000 to \$50,000,000 of the Texas company, a subsidiary of the corporation, with offices at Beaumont.

Germany Protests

Havana.—Germany, through her minister here, has officially protested to the Cuban State Department against "the growing insecurity of the government and its failure to protect foreign lives and property." The German note cites the case of Karl Meyer, a wealthy German planter, who was recently held up, robbed and left for dead on his place in Santa Clara Province by the bandit Solis Alvarez.

THE NEWS OF PENNSYLVANIA

West Chester.—Several weeks ago while Carroll Taylor, aged 11 years, of Toughkenamon, and Barton Deltz, aged 6 years, with other youngsters, were playing "Wild West," Taylor, who was armed with a revolver, shot the Deltz lad in the back, the bullet entering his spine. He was totally paralyzed and his death is expected in a Philadelphia hospital. The matter was called to the attention of the county authorities, who caused the arrest of Taylor, and he has been committed to the House of Detention, at Embreeville, in default of \$2,000 bail.

Stouchburg.—The late Miss Sabina Yeagley had no faith in banks and used every nook and corner as a hiding place for hundreds of dollars in her home. This was revealed to her neighbors when she fell downstairs, causing her death. The fall caused a pool of blood on the carpet, and under the same were found hidden \$10 bills. After her death a thorough search was made and many five and ten-dollar bills and gold pieces were found sewed in stockings, sleeves of dresses, hidden in heaters, drawers and cupboards and in a dozen other places. A dozen bills were found hidden in old books.

Berwick.—Awakened to see a masked burglar standing over her, a revolver pointed at her head, and hearing him exclaim "If you cry, I'll kill you!" Miss Sarah McAfee, residing with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crisman, of Berwick, fainted, while the burglar fled. The burglar got a watch and chain valued at \$200, the property of Mr. Crisman, who, with Mrs. Crisman, was occupying another room, while the burglar overlooked Mrs. Crisman's jewel case, placed alongside the watch, in which were a number of diamonds, another watch, as well as other jewelry.

Shenandoah.—Two men were killed and another man so badly burned that he may die from his injuries at the mines. Joseph Godbar, 33 years old, was crushed to death under mine timber he was unloading from a railroad car at Gilberton Colliery. Matthew Chowisky, 43 years old, was crushed to death under mine cars at Maple Hill Colliery. Andrew Idukos, aged 37 years, was burned about the head, face and chest at Shenandoah City Colliery, and there is little hope of his recovery.

Mahanoy City.—Two huge boilers of a nest of six blew up at McTurk's washery, just outside of Girardville, fatally injuring two workmen and reducing the boiler house and several smaller adjoining buildings to splinter. The two workmen were Italians employed as firemen. They were scalded by steam and hurled many feet. One of the boilers was blown far up the mountain, telephone and telegraph communication with the town was cut off and Reading Railway traffic held up by the wreck.

Pottsville.—The charters of eight new electric light and power companies, with a total capital of \$80,000, were recorded here, and the companies will go into business at once. The incorporators are: W. A. Lathrop, of Dorrance; R. K. Wilbur, St. David's, and E. F. Baker, Germantown. The new companies will distribute light and power over forty square miles in the country districts of Schuylkill County.

Gettysburg.—A macadam highway from Gettysburg, to Washington, built by Pennsylvania, Maryland and the District of Columbia, is planned by State Highway Commissioner Bigelow. Mr. Bigelow says that he expects the necessary co-operation from Maryland and the District, each paying for the portion of the road within its territory.

Joanna.—Lightning played some queer pranks at the large barn of Christian W. Stoltzfus, tearing three large holes into the roof, shattering six rafters, then tore a board from the side of the barn, carrying the same across the street through a second-story window of a house, depositing the splinters on a bed in the room.

Carlisle.—Action to recover \$10,000 damages for the loss of his son was brought by Henry M. Nickel against Charles W. Strayer, a well known contractor, who on June 19 struck and killed Nickel's son, Earl, who crossed the road in front of Strayer's automobile.

Boyetown.—This town will have another industry, a glove factory, which will start with thirty employes in the former canning factory building.

Harrisburg.—Matthew Lindsay, one of the wealthiest farmers of Cumberland County, was killed by a wagon which backed out of a barn and rolled over him. Mr. Lindsay was the owner of a number of farms and prominent in affairs in the Cumberland Valley. He was about 60 years old.

Reading.—Trapped into a confession by County Detective Merkel, Charles Hicks, 48, a farmer of Flush Valley, admitted the theft of hundreds of chickens from his neighbors and was committed to jail.