

CENTRE HALL, PA.

ARE THE STARS FADING?

The opening of the present theatrical season is accompanied by the proclamation of a new principle. For 20 years or more the star has been the idol of the public and the god of managers.

Grindell Matthews, a young English engineer, is believed by his friends to be on the verge of giving to the world a wireless telephone with which conversations may be carried on across the Atlantic.

The New York populace is apt to smile with pitying superiority when it hears a Cockney drop his "h's." It forgets that it is equally culpable in regard to another letter of the alphabet, "r."

When a man holds up his fellow man at the point of a gun and relieves him of his belongings, it is called highway robbery. When a nation does the same thing it is called war.

When a man sues a girl for the money he spent in courting her, it behoves the girl to enter a counter suit for the gas that was burned during the sessions in the parlor.

An Ohio man fainted after he had played a piano continuously for twenty-seven hours. We haven't heard what happened to the people who were compelled to listen.

A Chicago man jumped from the third story of a burning hotel, but the kind that jump a bill on the first floor in the silent night are the kind the hotelkeepers don't like.

One of the esteemed missionaries tells us that China will one day dominate the world. Think, brethren, of being forced to eat all one's meals in a Chinese restaurant!

A telephone girl in Portugal gave warning of a royalist attack and quelled a revolt, proving herself a first-class information operator.

The freshman and sophomore medals are rather rough in their rushes, but after they graduate they will mutilate with more finesse.

Chasing a monoplane with automobiles is a merry sport at which not even the fairy tales of our childhood hinted.

A Boston clergyman advocates the teaching of love-making in the schools. That's where it begins, usually.

COL. ROOSEVELT ON ARBITRATION

Peace Agreements Wicked to Keep

AND SHAMEFUL TO BREAK

Peace Advocates Blind To Recent History—Turkey and China Show Need Of International Big Stick.

New York.—Arbitration of every disputed question, even including questions involving the national honor, as advocated by President Taft, is disapproved by former President Roosevelt in a signed editorial in the last issue of the Outlook.

"It would be not merely foolish but wicked for us as a nation to agree to arbitrate any disputes that affect our vital interest or our independence or our honor," emphatically declares the former President.

"The complete absence of militarism in China, and China's effort to rely purely on pacific measures in dealing with all foreign powers, have not only caused it to lose various provinces to various foreign powers within the last few decades, but have not had the smallest effect in saving it from tyranny, misgovernment and the most far-reaching economic misery at home, and, moreover, have had the effect of depriving it of means even of keeping order within its own boundaries.

"Turkey's treaties with various European powers explicitly guarantee her integrity, and yet all the treaties thus guaranteeing against dismemberment are not worth as much as a single gunboat of the smallest size the minute that it becomes worth while for any serious opponent to attack her.

It Formally Charges Him With Poisoning His Sweetheart. Boston, Mass.—After he had been formally served with the indictment charging him with poisoning his former sweetheart, Avis Linnell, the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson was visited in Charles Street Jail by Attorney John D. Lee, of Lynchburg, Va., a criminal lawyer, prominent in the South, who probably will direct the accused minister's fight for acquittal.

COST \$1,730,526.72.

First Official Statement As To Expenses For "Maneuvers."

Washington.—The cost of protective measures taken by the United States along the Mexican border last spring became known for the first time Thursday with the publication of the annual report of Brig. Gen. J. B. Aleshire, quartermaster-general of the army.

From March 6, when the orders for the mobilization were issued, to the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1911, the total expense was \$1,730,526.72. This is almost the grand total, as by June 30 a large part of the expense had been cut down.

MANY LIVES ENDANGERED.

Explosions At Powder Works Cause Much Damage.

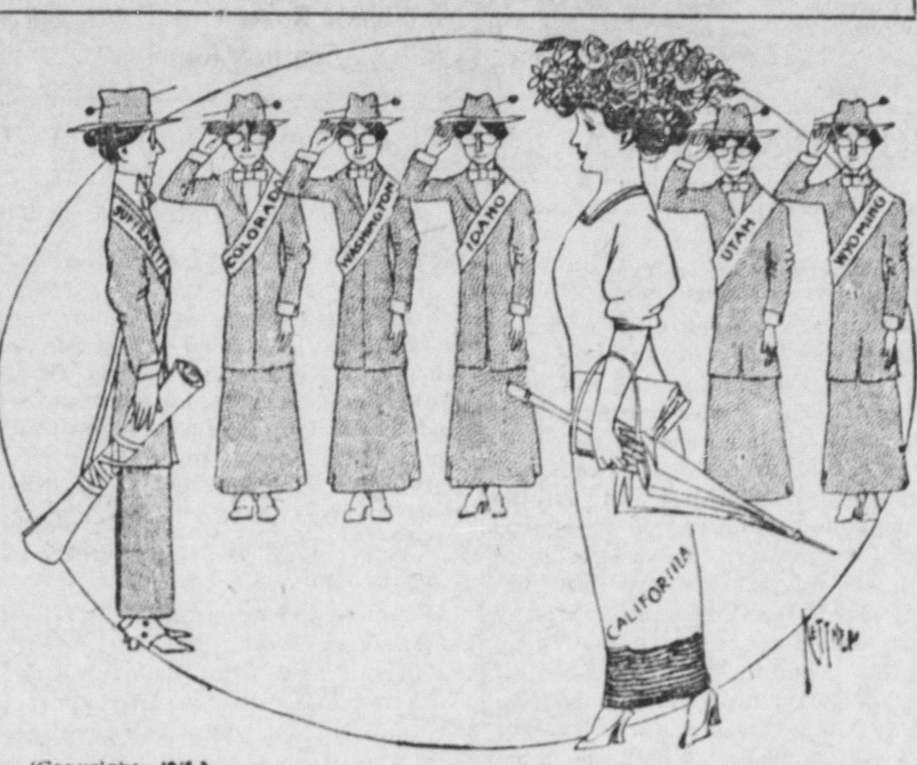
Paterson, N. J.—Three explosions at the Dupont Powder Works at Haskellville caused a loss of about \$60,000 and endangered the lives of about 30 men at the plant. One man, Foreman Edward Brown, was seriously injured and several others were hurled into the Passaic River and had to swim for their lives.

The explosions occurred in the ballistite plant of the powder works and before the fire that ensued was extinguished three buildings, the main plant and two storehouses, had been consumed.

Farmer Accused Of Poisoning Wife.

Whiteville, N. C.—As a result of charges by his wife's relatives that her death a week ago was caused by poison, Edgar Thompson, a prosperous young farmer, is under surveillance, pending the verdict of a coroner's jury. A large number of witnesses testified to Thompson's relations with another young woman living in the house with the family, and to Mrs. Thompson's request that in case of her sudden death the cause be inquired into.

THE LATEST RECRUIT



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TAFT REVIEWS THE BIG FLEET

Greatest Naval Review In America Carried Out With Clockwork Precision—Praise For Seamen.

New York.—Amid an oratorio of cannon firing, as tiny three-pounders roared the 21-gun salute to the Commander-in-Chief of the Navy and Army of the United States, President Taft Thursday reviewed the greatest armada Uncle Sam has ever gathered together.

ITALIANS REPORTED KILLED

Hundreds Of Prisoners Taken At Benghazi and At Outpost Of Tripoli—Other Italian Reverses.

Vienna.—King Victor's forces in Tripoli are threatened with worse than the disaster which has already overtaken them. There is danger of a clash with Austria. An anti-militarist and anti-monarchist uprising is imminent.

POTASH IN THE U. S.

Washington.—The American farmer will soon be freed from the domination of the German potash monopoly, it is predicted by officials of the Department of Agriculture here, who announced that vast potash deposits had been discovered in the United States.

This country now pays the Germans about \$12,000,000 a year for potash products, and restrictions placed about the purchase of potash by foreigners almost led to serious complications between the two governments last winter.

Denver For 1912?

Denver.—Whether Denver will be a contender for the National Democratic convention in 1912 will be settled upon by the city's convention league this month. A quiet canvass is now under way, the purpose being to see whether contributors in 1908 will repeat their donations for 1912.

Angora Rabbits Now. Washington.—A new pet for the amusement of society women troubled with ennui has been discovered by Mrs. J. E. Band, of this city, who appeared in the parks here leading a large white angora rabbit by a leash. Mrs. Band says her latest promenade companion beats a post-dog dog.

For Care Of Children.

Milwaukee.—"We insist as much care be given to the breeding and welfare of children as is given to improving stock in horses and hens," declared the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union convention here.

May Abolish Tipping.

New York.—Listen! Under the guiding genius of Joseph Yehling, once one himself, waiters themselves are to abolish the tipping system, maybe. "It lowers the profession," they assert.

NOVEMBER 30 THANKSGIVING

Country Signally Favored, He Says—Calls Attention To "Right Harvests" and Industries Thriving Beyond "Domestic Needs."

Chicago.—President Taft Monday issued his annual Thanksgiving proclamation, calling upon citizens of the United States to celebrate Thursday, November 30, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer. The proclamation reads as follows:

"The people of this land, having long sanctioned and by practice set apart toward the close of each passing year a day on which to cease from their labors and assemble for the purpose of giving praise to Him who is the author of the blessings they have enjoyed, it is my duty as chief executive to designate at this time the day for the fulfillment of this devout purpose.

"Our country has been signally favored in many ways. The round of the seasons has brought right harvests. Our industries have thriven far beyond our domestic needs; the productions of our labor are daily finding enlarged markets abroad. We have been free from the curses of pestilence, of famine and of war.

"Our national consuls have furthered the cause of peace in other lands, and the spirit of benevolence has brought us into closer touch with other peoples to the strengthening of the bonds of fellowship and good will that link us to our comrades in the universal brotherhood of nations.

"Strong in the sense of our own right and inspired by as strong a sense of the rights of others, we live in peace and harmony with the world. Rich in the priceless possession and abundant resources wherewith the unstinted bounty of God has endowed us, we are unselfishly glad when other peoples pass onward to prosperity and peace.

"That the great privileges we enjoy may continue, and that each coming year may see our country more firmly established in the regard and esteem of our fellow nations, is the prayer that should arise in every thankful heart.

"Wherefore, I, William Howard Taft, President of the United States of America, designate Thursday, the 30th day of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and prayer, and I earnestly call upon my countrymen and upon all that dwell under the flag of our beloved country then to meet in their accustomed places of worship to join in offering prayers to Almighty God and devout thanks for the loving mercies He has given to us.

"In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed."

Done at the city of Chicago this 30th day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eleven, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty-sixth. By the President, F. C. KNOX, Secretary of State.

SOCIETY WAITS ON "BUMS."

Silk-Hatted Men Also Serve Food To the Downtrodden.

Chicago.—Society women in costly gowns and capitalists in silk hats waited on bums at the opening of the "ten cents for a meal and a sermon" mission here.

DEVIL'S DREAMER CRAZY.

Man Spent Five Years Composing It As Gift To Taft.

Morgantown, W. Va.—Alfred Carner, 23 years old, who spent five years writing "The Devil's Dream," which he planned to present to President Taft, has been sent to an insane asylum.

DROWNED WITH \$30,000.

Search For Miner's Body Fruitless—Sixty Feet Of Water Pumped.

Mortonsville, N. J.—Sixty feet of water pumped from the Hibernia mine, where 12 men were killed, has not revealed their bodies. Frank Liska, one of those drowned, is said to have had \$30,000 on his person.

KISSES WIN STATION.

Twenty Girls Of Oklahoma Town Trade Their Osculations.

Herrick, Okla.—Twenty of the city's prettiest girls offered kisses to General Manager Kouns, of the Santa Fee, if he would give the town a new railroad station.

CORSET SAVES WOMAN.

Husband's Attack With Knife Frustrated By Steel Rib.

New York.—A steel corset rib alone saved Mrs. Esther Levy when her husband attacked her with a knife. The point turned as it struck the corset.

FIRST WOMAN JURY.

It Has Been Called In California To Try An Editor.

Watts, Cal.—The first woman jury in California has been summoned to try Editor A. A. King, of the Watts News, charged with circulating obscene language through his paper.

Smoked In Bed—Dead.

New York.—Edward Fleet smoked a cigarette in bed Tuesday night, fell asleep and burned to death when the bedding caught fire.

SUSPECT WOMAN OF POISONINGS

Circumstances of Death of Family Suspicious.

PROBING BY THE POLICE

She Has Lost Two Husbands, Two Stepchildren, Three Children and Two Roomers At Her Boarding House.

Chicago, November 1.—Chicago police are investigating into the death of nearly half a score of relatives and acquaintances of Mrs. Louise Vermilya to make certain whether the similar demises constituted only a remarkable series of coincidences, as Mrs. Vermilya asserts. Nine deaths are included in the list with which Mrs. Vermilya's name has been connected, including two husbands, two stepchildren, three children and two roomers at boarding-houses she kept.

Developments following the establishment of police surveillance at the woman's home came from several cities where she had lived. Pending the report of the toxicologists, who are examining the viscera of the last of the persons whose deaths have occurred beneath Mrs. Vermilya's roof, the police have made no arrests. No positive evidence of crime has been uncovered. The following new facts became known:

That while Mrs. Vermilya has said one of the death rosters, Richard T. Smith, a conductor, was only a boarder at her home, a former roomer asserts the two claimed previously to have been married and that they lived together as man and wife.

That, while the woman told the police she had assisted an undertaker at Crystal Lake, a former home, in embalming bodies, the undertaker there denies she ever had any such experience. She gave this as a reason why she could discuss the deaths with composure.

That R. N. Brington, a photographer of Peoria, and brother-in-law of Conductor Smith, had made love to the widow following Smith's death so as to investigate suspicions he then had about the reason for his relative's demise, and that the widow had told him part of her matrimonial history, which he desires to give to the coroner.

That Smith died during convulsions and after drinking some substance, whether medicine or not being unsettled, but that the doctors gave the cause of death, from descriptions of symptoms given by the widow, as acute gastritis.

Mrs. Vermilya told inquirers she had never studied medicine, nor sought to become a nurse, as had been reported, but that she had some little knowledge of medicines, that she had acquired to enable her to aid neighbors and relatives. She insisted she was innocent. The deaths being looked into follow: Fred Brinkamp, first husband of Mrs. Vermilya, died on a farm near Barrington, Ill., after a brief illness.

Charles Vermilya, second husband, died after six days' illness of "gastritis," at Maplewood, Ill.

Florence Brinkamp, four-year-old daughter, died at Barrington.

Cora Brinkamp, eight-year-old daughter, died at Barrington.

Harry G. Vermilya, stepson, 35 years old.

Lillian Brinkamp, stepdaughter, 26 years old.

Frank Brinkamp, son, died of pneumonia in Chicago.

Richard T. Smith, reported to be third husband.

To Be Interred In United States.

Washington.—The body of Allen Gard, consul at Ceiba, Honduras, who shot himself last Friday, will be brought to the United States for burial. Acting upon the request of William E. Gard, of South Orange, N. J., the father of the dead man, the State Department telegraphed the necessary instructions to Acting Consul John R. Hicks at that place.

Aid Worn-Out Horses.

Newburgh, N. Y.—Worn-out horses from New York city are to be brought here to recuperate, then to be bled, the blood to be used in making anti-tuberculosis serum.

City Budget, \$189,000,000.

New York.—The city budget for the coming year will be \$189,000,000, according to latest estimates. It may be a trifle over that—by a few million or so.