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PEANUTS AND POLITICS.

It has been decided by the agricultural department that the peanut is not a nut. Like the regular pea, it belongs to the bean family, otherwise known as leguminosae. Down in its native country it is known as a "gober," "pinder," "ground pea," and other names, indicating its doubtful classification. Ground pea is a good name, for it is dug up from the ground like a potato. But there is one thing about the peanut which involves no doubt, and that is its fitness for baseball, the circus and sitting on a dry goods box and talking politics, says the Ohio State Journal. But dropping the peanut glory and coming to a golden memory, the former denizen of a village will remember how the dry goods stores would always put their empty boxes on the sidewalk, on which men would sit, whittle, chew tobacco and talk politics. Those were great tobacco chewing and spitting days, and politics chimed in happily with them. September and October were the best months for whittling up dry goods boxes and settling national affairs, and those were the days, too, of the peanut and plug tobacco—not the scrap stuff that ruins people nowadays, but real old Virginia plug, that was full of politics.

There was a time when the wholesome teachings of our mothers had an influence, when the home influence was felt after the fledglings had left the nest, and there are still some that are considered by many as "old-fashioned" who believe as our revered parents did, says the Washington Herald. Granting that a woman has the same rights as a man, that they can do the same things as man, can smoke, take a cocktail, ride a horse astride, and such things that were once considered as purely in man's province, yet the doing of these things have a tendency to bring the good woman down to the level of the company she is in, to make the telling of a risqué story in mixed company a common matter. We discuss eugenics with our children; they are allowed to read almost any novel they can get their hands on, and are allowed liberties former generations were strangers to. A return to the "old-fashioned" ideas of our mothers, to the time when the conventionalities were observed, might be looked upon as a step backward by the fast set of today, but to the thinking man or woman who still believes in the sanctity of the home and home life it would help to establish a purity that is sadly lacking in many families in this the twentieth century.

Many persons are of the opinion that the wireless system of communication is particularly subject to tapping, but, according to the Scientific American, no telegraph system is absolutely secret. Any one familiar with the Morse code can read ordinary messages entering any telegraph office. At Poldhu, on a telephone connected to a long horizontal wire, the messages passing on a government telegraph line a quarter of a mile away can be distinctly read. It has been shown that it is possible to pick up at a distance, on another circuit, conversation which may be passing through a telephone or telegraph wire. On one occasion an investigator was able to interfere, for a distance, with the working of the ordinary telephones in Liverpool.

The first arrival in New York of specimens of the tsetse fly of the Congo was noted the other day. The flies were dead and preserved in a bottle of alcohol in the possession of A. H. Hale, who was a passenger on the steamship Finland. They will be available for examination by medical scientists who desire to study them at close range. The tsetse fly is the carrier of the sleeping sickness, which is said to have depopulated considerable districts in the heart of Africa. It is a biting fly. Recent students of the stable fly, which is under suspicion in this country, have said that it more nearly resembles the tsetse fly than any other American representative of the fly family. The specimens which Mr. Hale has brought into the country will enable comparisons to put this opinion to the test.

A man in Berlin advertises for a wife with a wooden leg. He must want one with a sound understanding.

A Chicago professor ranks griddle cakes above Greek and lobster salad above Latin when girls are to be educated. A sandwiching of them is preferred nowadays, however.

If the London Chronicle should have its way women would do the wooing, but in that event what should we do for bachelors to make up the armies?

Even a poor man can possess the riches of health.

QUAKE DEATH LIST
PLACED AT 1200

Two Towns Razed in Northern Part of Mexico.

VOLCANO SHAKEN INTO LIFE.

Hundreds Lie Unburied—Fifteen Thousand Homeless and Rebels Threaten To Attack.

Mexico City.—Reports received here by the minister of the interior from the districts getting the full shock of Tuesday's earthquake give the disaster a far more appalling extent than was at first indicated, and the death list is now placed at 1,200.

The towns of Acambay and Timilpa and several villages in the northern part of the State of Mexico were razed. Two churches at Acambay were filled with worshippers at early mass when the quake sent the structures crashing into piles of debris.

Great fissures opened in the earth and a supposed extinct volcano has been shaken into life and is throwing out lava.

Jocotitan and Jiquipico, in the State of Morelos, were partially destroyed. Hundreds of dead lie unburied and a pestilence is feared.

Fifteen thousand are homeless. There is added danger from the bands of rebels and guerrillas infesting the regions. They threaten to attack any federal soldiers sent for relief work.

WILSON GIVES UP HIS WALKS.

Hangs Basket On Gate To Notify Bermudians He Is "Not At Home."

Hamilton, Bermuda.—President-elect Wilson has been forced to give up his daily bicycle rides and his long walks, in which he took keen delight, and either stay at home or ride in a closed carriage, to avoid the tourists and the natives, who have made it a practice to halt him on his solitary jaunts for the purpose of offering congratulations. Mr. Wilson and his family now remain incommunicado most of the day, hanging out on the gate a basket, which, in the Bermudian custom, indicates that the owner is not at home.

When Mayor Wainwright and his wife called to pay their respects, they were unable to see the Wilson family.

SCHRANK COMMITTED TO ASYLUM

Allenists Unanimously Agree That T. R.'s Assailant Is Unbalanced.

Milwaukee, Wis.—John Schrank, who shot former President Roosevelt here shortly before the close of the national campaign, is insane, according to the report of the board of alienists filed in court here. The alienists were unanimous in their opinion that Schrank is mentally unbalanced. The would-be assassin was committed to the State Hospital for the Criminal Insane at Oshkosh.

PIERCED HIS HEART.

Sad Accident Put An End To A Political Celebration.

Greentown, Ind.—Charles Scherer, 24, was killed instantly here, a piece of iron passing through his heart while he was experimenting with powder in an anvil preparatory to a Democratic jollification here. In an attempt to increase the noise Scherer had placed an iron ring on the anvil and then placed a second anvil on top. He was 250 feet away at the time of the explosion, but the iron ring burst and a piece of the metal passed almost through his body.

CHINA IS IN FIGHTING MOOD.

Sends An Army Into Mongolia To Hold It From Russia.

Canton, China.—The governor general has designated Lieutenant Governor Chanq Wing Ming commander of the Cantonese force going to Mongolia to hold the territory for the Republic. Red Cross societies are preparing to follow the army. "Let us fight and end once for all these foreign invasions," is the war-cry that has been raised in Canton. An anti-Russian society opens headquarters here tomorrow.

KILLS HIS WIFE WITH A KNIFE.

Terre Haute Man Then Tries Suicide With Same Weapon.

Terre Haute, Ind.—George Sage, a retired business man of this city, killed his wife by cutting her throat with a butcher knife and then attempting suicide with the same weapon. He will die. Sage recently retired from business owing to failing health and has been under care of physicians.

JAILED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT.

Assistant Postmaster At Anniston, Ala., Must Serve Five Years.

Anniston, Ala.—Charged with embezzling funds from the money order department of the Anniston postoffice, Major D. Houston Smith, assistant postmaster, was convicted and sentenced to five years in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta. Smith admitted taking \$6,000 from the postoffice. The indictment charged that he obtained \$9,652.

LOOKS LIKE A CLEAN SWEEP



TURKS REJECT ALLIES' TERMS

Nazim Pasha Ordered to Go On With the War.

AWAITING A BETTER OFFER.

Demanding Surrender Of Adrianople and Scutari, Withdrawal Of Turkish Fleet From Black Sea.

Constantinople.—The terms offered by the Balkan Allies for the arrangement of an armistice are "unacceptable" to the Ottoman government.

Nazim Pasha, the Turkish commander-in-chief, has been instructed to continue military operations until more acceptable conditions are offered by the Allies, but at the same time he is entrusted with the further negotiations.

The battle at the Tchatalja lines has been resumed. Cannonading was reopened with great violence and is plainly audible here.

The official announcement of the Porte's decision with regard to the armistice is as follows:

"The Bulgarian premier has addressed to the Ottoman government a document containing conditions for an armistice, which were communicated to the Council of Ministers, and were considered to be unacceptable.

"Consequently and likewise in view of the fact that the commander-in-chief has been entrusted in principle with the task of negotiating conditions with the plenipotentiaries of the belligerents—If these plenipotentiaries are invested with the necessary powers—and has also been directed to communicate the result of such negotiations to us, the commander-in-chief has been instructed to continue military operations with the help of the Almighty, until reasonable and moderate conditions are proposed to us."

It is said that the Bulgarian conditions included a demand for the surrender of Adrianople and Scutari, the withdrawal of the Turkish fleet from the Black Sea and the cessation of the dispatch of troops to Tchatalja and the building of fortifications.

Gen. Shukri Pasha, military commander of Adrianople, has received the title of "Ghazi," which means victorious, in recognition of his splendid defense.

JOSEPH PULITZER ESTATE.

Dead Publisher's Property Valued At \$18,525,116.

New York.—The estate of Joseph Pulitzer, late proprietor of the New York World and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, is valued at \$18,525,116, according to the report of Joseph I. Berry, transfer tax appraiser, filed here. After deductions for expenses of administration and debts the net value of the estate is placed at \$16,843,484. The total tax upon the estate as fixed by the report is \$411,916, upon which the estate has already paid \$410,860.

BANKER HANGS HIMSELF.

William Little, Of Cincinnati, Suffered Nervous Breakdown.

Columbus, O.—Suffering from a nervous breakdown, William Little, aged 61, president of the West Side Dime Savings Bank, committed suicide by hanging himself with a rope made of his bed clothing. Mr. Little had not been active in the bank's affairs for several months.

SUICIDE AMUSED LOOKERS-ON.

Spectators Thought Woman Drowning Herself Was Paying Wager.

Boston.—A well-dressed woman walked deliberately into the ocean at Revere Beach while a number of persons looked on in amusement, believing she was carrying out a dare or paying a wager. When the water had reached slightly above her waist she was seen to throw herself beneath the surface. The police recovered her body.

WILL PENSION EX-PRESIDENTS

Action is Taken by the Carnegie Corporation.

TO RECEIVE \$25,000 A YEAR.

Purpose Is To Enable Former Executives To Devote Knowledge Gained To Public Good Free From Pecuniary Care.

New York.—Future ex-Presidents of the United States are to be pensioned in the sum of \$25,000 each annually by action of the Carnegie Corporation of New York. The grant is provided for with the idea of enabling former executives of the nation to devote their unique knowledge gained in public affairs to the public good, free from pecuniary care. A similar amount is to be paid widows of ex-Presidents as long as they remain unmarried.

The pensions are to be promptly offered to the ex-Presidents or their widows, so that no application will be required from them. Payment is to be continued so long as the recipients "remain unprovided for by the government."

The announcement followed the second annual meeting of the corporation, held at the residence of Andrew Carnegie here and attended by the corporation's eight trustees.

Five of these eight trustees are the heads of the five institutions which Mr. Carnegie has founded—the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Ellis H. Root, president; the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, Henry S. Pritchett, president; the Carnegie Institution of Washington, Robert S. Woodward, president; Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, Pittsburgh, Charles L. Taylor, president; Carnegie Institute of Pittsburgh, William M. Frew, president. The successors of these five men become ex-officio trustees of the Carnegie Corporation of New York. In addition, there are three life trustees—Andrew Carnegie, Robert A. Franks and James Bertram.

FAILED TO DIE; SUES.

Spokane (Wash.) Jeweler Claims \$15,000 From Physician.

Spokane, Wash.—Because he did not die, A. Goldblatt, a jeweler, brought suit against his physician, Dr. G. H. Rohrer, for \$15,000. Goldblatt alleges in his complaint that Dr. Rohrer told him he had cancer of the stomach. Believing that recovery was impossible and wishing to leave his property in cash, Goldblatt states that he sold his jewelry business at a sacrifice he estimates at \$15,000 and waited for death to claim him. Becoming impatient at his continued presence among the living, he consulted other physicians and was told that he was perfectly well.

FRANCE WARNS TURKEY.

Demand Rigid Measures To Prevent Massacres.

Paris.—France notified the Turkish government that she would hold Turkey responsible for any violence against Christians, and asked her to adopt rigid measures to prevent any outbreaks. France took this step in fulfillment of her duty as the recognized protector of Christians in the Orient and as a result of reports that massacres of Christians were possible in different parts of the Ottoman empire.

WEALTHY MISER DIES.

\$30,000 In Securities Concealed Among Her Tattered Clothes.

Philadelphia.—In a squalid room and on a tattered couch, with more than \$30,000 in bonds and mortgages concealed about her miserable clothing, the body of Mrs. Lulu Wastee, 50 years old, was found in the home where she lived alone at 1942 North Eleventh street. The woman was of good family. She died of congestion of the lungs.

A NATIONWIDE FEDERAL RAID

Doctors and Drug Houses Caught in Dragnet.

ENGINEERED BY HITCHCOCK.

Postmaster General Organized Crusade Two Years Ago—All To Be Presented To Grand Juries.

Washington.—A nation-wide raid, involving the arrest practically simultaneously of 173 persons in the principal cities of the country, was made by postoffice inspectors and United States marshals upon doctors and drug concerns charged with misuse of the mail to solicit criminal medical practice or to dispose of medicines and instruments connected with such practice.

The raid—the most extensive and far-reaching ever made by any department of the government—was under the personal direction of Postmaster General Hitchcock and Chief Inspector Robert S. Sharp, of the Postoffice Department. So carefully had its details been guarded that until the first of the arrests were made at Indianapolis practically nothing was known of the government's contemplated action. Working with clock-like precision, the inspection force spread over 22 States, carried out the prearranged plans and, at night the Postoffice Department had received word that practically all of the designated persons had been arrested.

Hitchcock's Statement. Chief Inspector Sharp and a large part of his force of 290 inspectors had been engaged for seven months under the orders of the Postmaster General in working up the scores of individual cases in which arrests were made. Many of those taken into custody were members of prominent wholesale and retail drug concerns or physicians well known in their communities.

The government will prosecute the cases vigorously, according to a statement by Postmaster General Hitchcock. "The work of the postoffice inspectors is the culmination of the crusade instituted more than two years ago against the fraudulent and unlawful use of the mails," said Mr. Hitchcock. "In that comparatively brief time we have wiped out of existence concerns which have mulcted the people of this country out of more than \$100,000,000 by frauds perpetrated through the use of the mails, and the courts have sent many of the promoters of the fraudulent schemes to the penitentiary, where they now are serving time. The wide publicity given to the arrests just made will do more to put an end to this particular sort of criminality than any number of practically unknown prosecutions of widely separated cases."

NEWSPAPER LAW OPPOSED.

Illinois Association Condemns Recently Enacted Regulation.

Chicago.—The Illinois Daily Newspaper Association in convention here went on record in opposition to the recent federal regulations regarding registration of newspaper ownership, stockholders and circulation.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, That this association views with disapproval the growing tendency of the United States government toward paternalism in matters pertaining to the press, and condemns the new law requiring publicity in matters in no wise concerning the general public."

AGED RECLUSE MURDERED.

Coroner's Physician Says Mrs. Anna Notson Was Strangled.

Philadelphia.—An examination by coroner's physicians disclosed the fact that Miss Anna Notson, 78 years old, a recluse, had been murdered. The body of the woman was found in her home here last Monday, and it was believed she died from natural causes. The coroner's physicians said Wednesday, however, she had been strangled. The police said the motive was robbery, as the recluse was reported to have kept a large sum of money in her home.

HEALED BY HER DOG.

Skye Terrier Yields Skin For Mistress' Wounded Arm.

Chicago.—Announcement was made at a South Side hospital of the successful outcome of a case of skin grafting in which a large piece of the skin of a skye terrier was placed over a wound on the arm of Mrs. H. W. Johnson, of Menominee, Wis., which had been left after an operation on a tubercular bone.

McKINLEY'S HORSE KILLED.

Charger Was Favorite Mount Of The Former President.

New Philadelphia, O.—Charger, former President McKinley's riding horse, met a violent death on the farm of Albert Lewis, at Strasburg. He became entangled in a wire fence and strangled. Charger was President McKinley's favorite mount. After his master's death the horse was sent to the Lewis farm. Although 27 years old, he would prance to music.

EUROPEAN WAR CLOUD GROWS

Powers Now Calling Troops to the Colors.

AUSTRIA RUSHING FORCES.

Proclamation Of Albanian Independence Which Closes the Adriatic Against Serbia May Start the Conflagration.

London.—A new war cloud, more dreadfully ominous in its possibilities than the one now hanging lightly on the final efforts of two spent forces, has suddenly reared itself over Europe out of a maze of diplomatic bawblings and jealousies.

Austria, Germany and Russia are calling their men to the colors; Servia's scarred army is in the field, and with it and supporting it are the victorious legions of the Bulgars, the Greeks and the Montenegrins.

The Austrian Danube flotilla—two monitors, two torpedo boats and four gunboats—are rushing down the Danube to Belgrade under full steam. The dispatch of these vessels is shrouded in secrecy, so far as official explanations are concerned, but their mission is plainly a hostile one.

Austria has 400,000 troops on a war footing; 300,000 of them are massed on the Serbian frontier. Reservists are reporting for duty at every military post in the country.

To the Austrian frontier are rushing thousands of Russian troops as fast as they can be mobilized.

It is announced from Vienna that 150,000 reserves have been called out. The Austrian press has taken up the cry of hostility toward Russia; the Russian official organs demand armed action.

Fleet in the Danube.

The departure of the flotilla is reported as creating a tremendous sensation in Budapest. The newspapers of Budapest have been forbidden under the threat of heaviest penalties to publish anything concerning military or naval movements.

In the meantime, Albania, the bone of contention in the imbroglio, has proclaimed her independence. This is really a proclamation by Austria, and it means that Servia's efforts to secure for herself a "window" on the Adriatic have been thwarted by a daring diplomatic ruse. Independent Albania, thus created without the assent of Servia, means Austrian control, shared with Italy. The Austrian press accuses Russia of being behind Servia and of being responsible for the present situation.

A NEGRO BANDIT KILLED.

Former Puts Highwayman's Companion To Flight After Duel.

Romney, W. Va.—Frank Hardy, a negro and former resident of this section, who with another negro boldly attempted to hold up and rob Levi Inskip, a well-to-do farmer living near here, was shot dead by the farmer. The other negro escaped to the mountains, eluding a posse. Inskip was badly wounded in a duel with the negro while he was making a getaway. Mrs. Inskip and a servant, Mary Heath, who were attacked by the negroes while calling for help, also were injured.

FLAGS FOR THE LIFE SAVERS.

Stars and Stripes Will Hereafter Fly From All Stations.

Washington.—Beginning Saturday, for the first time, the Stars and Stripes will be displayed from the Life Saving Stations along the coasts of the United States. Assistant Secretary Allen of the Treasury Department, promulgated the order, after the discovery that no flag was at present flown from any station.

PRIMARY FOR THE POSTMASTER.

Senator-Elect Ollie James Will Support Leading Candidate.

Marion, Ky.—A primary election will be held here January 18 to determine the choice of the community among several aspirants for the postmastership. Senator-elect Ollie M. James, whose home is here, has agreed to endorse the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes.

SPEAKER CLARK'S NEW DESK.

Top Of Extra Thickness To Allow For Necessary Pounding.

Washington.—Speaker Clark's desk has a new double thickness piece of oak now for him to rap on. The splintered remnants of the one he smashed up last year are being divided as souvenirs.

STORMS ON THE HORIZON.

Confirmation Of Taft Appointees Likely To Cause Hot Debate.

Washington.—Staring of more bitter fights in the Senate over several of President Taft's appointments is already being arranged for by interested Senators. Stormy scenes in the secret sessions of the Senate when confirmation of appointments are considered are deemed certain. Most of the cases are of former appointments—renewals of old political feuds.