

The Centre Reporter

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YOUNGEST EUROPEAN CITY.
Odessa is one of the youngest of European cities. Only 120 years ago, Hdj Bey, a little Turkish settlement, nestled on the cliffs that overlook the harbor and dozed under the sultan across the Black sea, writes Sydney Adamson in Harper's Magazine. The long arm of Russia reached out and took it, and planted there, upon the plateau overlooking the bay, the beginners of a commercial city that now holds between 500,000 and 600,000. The revolution in France soon sent refugees scattering over the world, and noble names came to Odessa, and one may read them still on street corners—Darbas, Richelleu and Langeron. Later Englishmen came and brought ships to carry away Russian grain, and then the Crimean war swept across this friendly relation. But the English staid when the war had passed, and then Germany came, and afterward Americans, with reapers and plows and steam traction engines, to help the Russians to grow more richly the grain that the English and the German ships carried out to the world. Last of all came the Jews, and they cut the business so fine that the English starved and gave up; so the business of exporting today is mainly in the hands of the Jews. A few hardy Germans and English are left.

The Mercury de France has been making some inquiries as to the respective popularity of the various modern languages in the schools of Europe, and it finds that French is still far ahead of all competitors. It says that in England German finds less and less favor, and that pupils who have any option in regard to a modern language always choose French. In France, however, since 1870, German has perhaps secured a preponderance over English in the Lycees, says the Westminster Gazette. In Germany the study of French has progressed to the detriment of English, but the government has intervened in order to develop the teaching of English, which it regards as of great importance in commercial matters. French is now taught in Italy more than ever before, but German is also gaining some ground, especially in the north. In Spain French has more pupils than any other foreign language, and English comes next.

The passion for censorship seems to be on the increase. It may properly be considered as a by-product of the growing paternalism on the part of our government. In the newspaper post office bill we have the first stages of a censorship of the press. There is also a censorship of the moving picture industry, which will doubtless in time be extended to the whole theatrical field. Already this is true in England, says Life. What is really needed, however, is a censorship to suppress the truth. The truth is getting very bold in these days, and unless some measures are taken to curtail her activities, lamentable results will follow.

The governor of Michigan urges a sort of church uniform dress for women, plain and inexpensive, which all can wear. So gulleless a theory ought to be followed up by a proposal that horse races should be conducted with a view of affording artistic enjoyment by the easy grace of horses, with all betting eliminated.

A great joke was played upon President Hadley at the recent banquet for the Harvard football team by the Boston alumni. A student, cleverly disguised, and speaking broken English, was introduced to the "Prexy" as "Herr Baron von Keppel," just over from Germany. President Lowell lent himself to the foreigner's entertainment, recalling other distinguished foreigners who had shown interest in the university. When the stranger asked, "What time do they chase the eats on board?" the president promptly recognized him as a Harvard man by his university English.

At a Lacrosse poultry show a \$200 prize hen swallowed a \$200 ruby, which accidentally dropped into her coop and thus increased her value to \$400. This blue-ribbon poultry-show business is making the hens too vain and high-minded for ordinary uses. A \$200 hen ought to be satisfied with her plutocratic position, but the female mind ever aspires to what is fanciful and dazzling.

It is said that the sultan of Turkey is skilled as a pianist. Most of his victims would prefer to be massacred.

They say that the new \$10,000 bill is a work of art. But only the millionaire collectors can afford to have it framed.

A Seattle boy of twelve has a beautiful crop of whiskers. Wonder if they're the latest style?

SULZER PARDONS FOLKE E. BRANDT

Sentence of Schiff's Former Valet Called Excessive.

SENATORS PLEAD HIS CAUSE

New York Governor Explained That Brandt Had Promised To Lead a Better Life.

Albany, N. Y.—Governor Sulzer has pardoned Folke E. Brandt, former valet of Mortimer L. Schiff, the New York banker, on the ground that Brandt's sentence of 30 years for burglary was excessive. At the request of Governor Sulzer, Attorney General Carmody made a statement, in which he said he favored Brandt's pardon, "not as a matter of mercy, but as a matter of justice." He criticized the procedure through which Brandt was tried and sentenced. Mr. Carmody declared that the Governor's action wiped out a "blot on the judiciary of the state," and showed "that there is nothing that can defeat the ends of justice."

United States Senator Knute Nelson, of Minnesota, also made a speech, in which he characterized Brandt's sentence as judicial tyranny. The Governor explained that Brandt had promised to lead a better life if released from prison, and added that Mr. Schiff had declared he would not oppose Brandt's application for clemency unless it was based on "scandalous and malicious statements." Earlier in the day Senator Nelson had conferred with the Governor in Brandt's behalf, and Brandt's counsel had presented petitions from 42 state and national Swedish societies urging Brandt's release.

It was stipulated by Governor Sulzer in pardoning Brandt that he is not to accept theatrical engagements and must not in the future reflect upon the character of anyone.

Senator Nelson volunteered to take Brandt to Minnesota and, at the suggestion of the Governor, Brandt accepted the offer. He plans to accompany the Senator to Washington before leaving for the West.

MONEY TRUST REAL MENACE.

Two Leading Bankers Tell Why It Is Dangerous.

Washington.—Liberty of individuals to concentrate money and power to the limit of their ability was advocated before the House Money Trust Committee by Jacob H. Schiff, of the New York banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.

Mr. Schiff declared that individuals should be allowed to exert their utmost efforts to concentrate fortunes and power until the "laws of nature caused the attempted monopoly to fall of its own weight." He was opposed, however, to concentration through corporations and holding companies. Mr. Schiff could not say whether concentration had as yet reached a point where it was dangerous.

The New York bond financier followed George M. Reynolds, of Chicago, on the stand. Mr. Reynolds told the committee that he had studied the concentration of money and credit and that he believed, at the point it had now reached, it was "a menace to the progress of the country." He said that competition in banking should be revived.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY BILL.

Provides For Road From Coast To Coast.

Washington.—A coast to coast national highway to cost \$20,000,000 or more is asked for in a bill introduced by Representative Borland, of Missouri. The measure provides a national highway commission of six members and calls the contemplated road "the national old trails road."

Beginning at Washington, the highway would pass through Frederick, Hagerstown, Cumberland, Md.; Petersburg, Uniontown and Alexander, Pa.; Wheeling, W. Va.; Columbus, Zanesville; Springfield and Dayton, Ohio; Indianapolis, Terre Haute, Ind.; Vandalia and Troy, Ill.; St. Louis, Kansas City, Mo.; McPherson and Dodge City, Kan.; Trinidad, Col.; Santa Fe, New Mexico; Douglas and Phoenix, Ariz.; San Diego, Los Angeles and El Centro, Cal.

LAUNCH BLOWS UP.

Seven Persons Reported Killed At St. Petersburg, Fla.

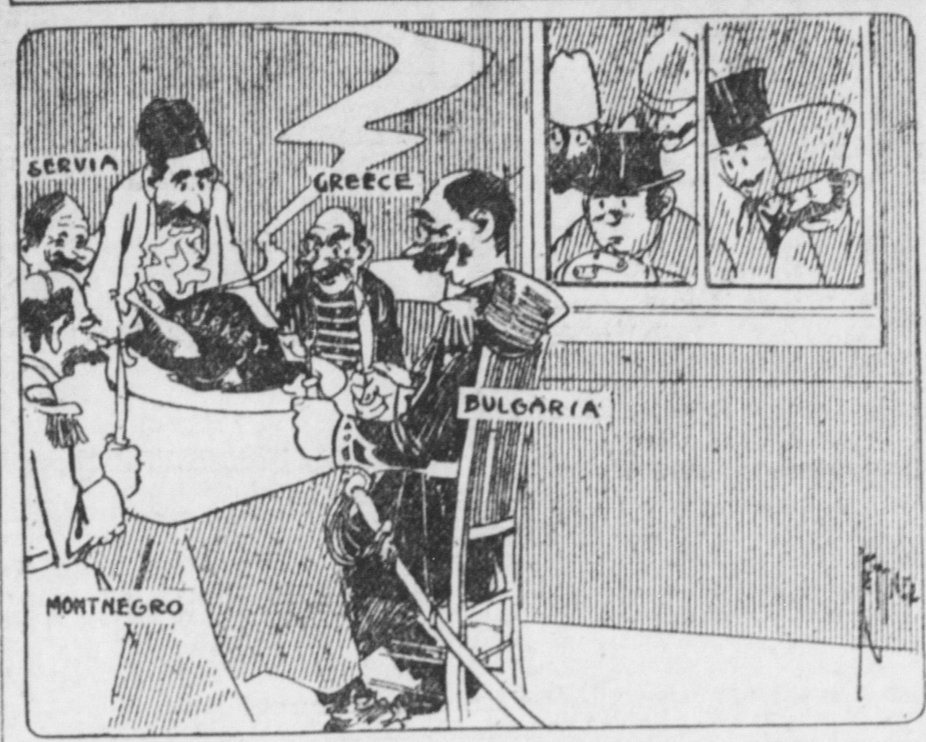
Tampa, Fla.—Seven persons are believed to have been killed in Hillsboro Bay when a launch blew up and sank, according to advices tonight from St. Petersburg, Fla.

PICTURES BY TELEGRAPH.

Can Be Sent In Four Minutes By Portable French Apparatus.

Paris.—A French physicist has devised an improved photo-telegraphic apparatus which, it is announced, transmits photographs and drawings over telephone wires in four minutes. A feature of the apparatus is that it is easily portable, weighing only a few pounds, and can be adapted instantly to any telephone.

ENVY



INAUGURAL BALL CUT BY WILSON COMMONS PASSES HOME RULE BILL

President-elect Considers it an Unnecessary Expense. Fate Seems Sealed in House of Lords.

A LOSS TO THE GOVERNMENT. VOTE STIRS ENTHUSIASM.

His Letter To Chairman Eustis Asking That the Ball Be Omitted. Still No Word About the Cabinet.

Redmond Says Measure Will Become Law During the Lifetime Of Present Parliament.

Princeton, N. J.—In a letter to William Corcoran Eustis, chairman of the inaugural committee, President-elect Wilson called off the historic inaugural ball, which heretofore has been the important social function in connection with the inauguration. It has been represented to the President-elect that the ball is always a source of great unnecessary expense to the government. It has been declared that the ball has cost the government no less than \$85,000 in loss of services of clerks, etc., in the Pension Building who have to be laid off while preparations for the ball are being made. The President-elect cannot see, therefore, where the ball serves any useful purpose. Moreover, it will save \$5 each to the persons who would have attended. The President-elect's decision in this matter is in keeping with his desire to make the inauguration as simple as possible. Already, at his request, the inaugural parade has been greatly contracted in length. It will be recalled that he has also determined to cut out the daily receptions at the White House and devote his time to the business of the government.

His letter to Chairman Eustis follows: "My Dear Eustis: After taking counsel with a great many persons and learning as well as I could general opinion in the matter, I have come to the conclusion that it is my duty to ask you to consider the feasibility of omitting the inaugural ball altogether.

"I do this with a great deal of hesitation, because I do not wish to interfere with settled practices or with reasonable expectations of those who usually go to enjoy the inauguration, but it has come to where the aspect of a sort of public duty, because of the large indirect expense upon the government incidental to it, and because these balls have ceased to be necessary to the enjoyment of the visitors.

"I hope most sincerely that this request will in no way embarrass you and that I have not too long delayed in making the suggestion.

"With cordial regard, sincerely yours, (Signed) "WOODROW WILSON."

WALKED WITH BACK BROKEN.

Man Goes To Hospital After Fall On the Ice.

St. Louis.—John Buchold, 33 years old, fell on the ice, walked to the city dispensary and complained of severe pains in his back. An examination revealed that his back was broken. He is in a serious condition.

JACK ROSE IS BANKRUPT.

Informer Against Becker Files Petition In District Court.

New York.—Bald Jack Rose, whose testimony convicted Police Lieutenant Becker for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, filed a petition of bankruptcy in the United States District Court, here, showing liabilities of \$11,618 and no assets.

TO CUBA DIRECT BY TRAIN.

Havana Engineer Will Have Conference With Flagler.

Havana.—Robert Orr, general manager of the United Railways of Havana, has gone to St. Augustine, Fla., for the purpose of conferring with Henry Flagler regarding the installation of regular ferries between Key West and Havana. The object in view is the transportation of entire trains on the ferries.

THE DIVORCE EVIL GROWING FAST

Startling Statistics Compiled for the Year Just Passed.

100,000 GRANTED IN 1912.

Legal Separations Have Increased Three and One-third Times As Fast As the Population, in the Last 40 Years.

New York.—The urgent need of uniform marriage and divorce laws in all the States of the Union to check the ever-increasing divorce evil, which, as it is pointed out, has increased three and one-third times as fast as the population in the last 40 years, was discussed by the New York State Marriage and Divorce Commission at the Aldine Club.

The conference was presided over by Bishop Charles Burch, and among those present were Bishop David H. Greer, Dr. Felix Adler, of the Ethical Culture Society; Rev. Dr. Sidney E. Goldstein, assistant rabbi of the Free Synagogue; Mrs. Anna Garland Spencer, of the executive committee of the American Vigilance Association; Rev. Francis M. Moody, who has been leading the agitation for uniform divorce laws in the West, and representatives of the International Council for Patriotic Service.

It was announced that Bourke Cockran who had previously said that he could not join the commission in its work without the consent of Cardinal Farley, had since given assurance of his co-operation, thus apparently indicating that the movement met with the approval of the Cardinal, as well as the religious leaders of other faiths.

Rev. Mr. Moody outlined the conditions that made necessary the passage of uniform divorce laws throughout the country.

"The Pacific Coast," said he, "has been the greatest divorce center not only of this country, but of the entire world, and in that belt of Washington, Oregon and California, the divorce center has been San Francisco. In the year 1912 alone there were granted in this country over 100,000 divorces. More than 70,000 children, mostly under the age of 10 years, were deprived of one or both parents by divorce. In the 40 years alluded to 3,700,000 adults were separated by divorce in the United States, and more than 5,000,000 persons were affected by these cases.

"The bulk of these cases in that period have been in the Middle West—Northwestern and practically half of all the divorces in the country. Illinois alone provided 120,000, and for this reason we have deemed it wise to make the beginning of our movement in that State, where we now have a commission on marriage and divorce, striving to bring about reform of the marriage and divorce laws and work for country-wide uniformity thereof. Pennsylvania had 55,760 divorces the State of California 50,000, and that of New York 44,450.

THE FARMERS' PROFITS.

Prices For His Products Shown By Federal Statistician.

Washington.—The farmer was sharing the profits of the increased cost of living as far as the prices paid for meats on December 15 last compared with those of a year ago, according to figures announced by the Department of Agriculture. At the same time the farmer was receiving less for his staple crops than he did a year previous.

Average prices received by producers on December 15 last showed hogs selling at \$6.89 a hundred pounds, an increase of \$1.17 over the same time in 1911; beef cattle at \$5.33 was 96 cents higher; veal calves at \$6.88 and 90 cents higher; sheep at \$4.21 was 50 cents higher, and lamb at \$5.70 was 77 cents higher. Hogs, veal calves and sheep were lower than in 1910.

TUBERCULOSIS SERUM.

Report On the Cure Discovered In Germany.

Washington.—In response to a recent resolution by Senator Gore, President Taft sent to the Senate a report on a new German tuberculosis serum forwarded to the State Department by Consul General Thackara. Mr. Thackara stated that up to November Dr. F. F. Friedman, one of the principal exponents of the new cure, had treated 1,182 cases, most of them successfully. Dr. Friedman, according to the report, is not yet able to furnish the serum to physicians and does not know when it can be supplied in America.

SPECIAL TUB FOR TAFT.

It Will Be Installed In His Apartments In New Haven.

New Haven, Conn.—President Taft will make his home here next spring, for a time at least, at the hotel bearing his name. The entire sixth floor front is being set apart for Mr. Taft. It will make an apartment of nine rooms. The only remodeling is the installation of a special bath, which will be three feet wide, six feet long and four feet deep.

ARCHBALD HOME, GOES TO WORK

Ousted Judge Laughs at the Idea of Being Heart-Broken

WAS IN A CHEERFUL MOOD

Accompanied by Wife, Who Was With Him in Washington—Will Begin Practice of Law at Old Home—Says He is a Martyr.

Scranton.—Former Judge Robert W. Archbald reached his home city from Washington, D. C., accompanied by his wife, who was with him during his trial and conviction before the United States Senate. Instead of going home the former judge and his wife went to the Hotel Jermy and took a room for the night. Later in the evening several friends, learning of his whereabouts, went to the hotel, and he greeted them all affectionately. Capt. Ben Green, court crier, wept when he shook hands with Mr. Archbald; others in the group were former Judge Harold McClure, of Lewisburg, Pa.; B. Moses, a retired merchant, and John W. Peale, of New York City, member of the coal-selling firm whose suit with the Bolands before Judge Archbald led to the bringing of charges against the judge. Judge Archbald seemed to be in a cheerful mood. Shown a dispatch from Philadelphia, in which it was stated that he was "heart-broken," the former judge said, genially, "heart-broken! Do I look it?" The same dispatch stated that the former judge, when in Philadelphia, had said his life was "shattered." Mr. Archbald laughed at this, too. Pressed for a formal statement, he said: "I have returned to Scranton, where I have lived all my life, to practice law. I shall open an office as soon as arrangements are completed." He said he thanked his fellow-citizens here for their expressions of confidence.

Dog Derails Trestle Car.

Pottstown.—The lives of more than 100 passengers on a Pottstown & Boyertown electric car were endangered when the car struck a dog which had wandered out on a trestle at Ringing Rocks Park. The trestle is 60 feet high, and when the dog was struck his body became wedged in the wheels and the car was almost thrown off the trestle, a guard rail alone preventing its plunging into Ringing Rocks Lake. The body of the dog was so tightly wedged in the front truck that the car had to be jacked up to remove the carcass.

To Make Assessors Hustle.

Sunbury.—Owing to the allegation of Northumberland County Commissioners that some assessors delay work in order to increase their fees, it was arranged that court, assessors and commissioners should confer with Representatives in the State Assembly and endeavor to have a bill passed regulating the number of working days and amount of pay of assessors.

Bereaved, He's a Suicide.

Stroudsburg.—On being informed by the nurse in charge that his wife had died from an operation, M. M. Hubbard, a well-known Mt. Pocono man, committed suicide by shooting immediately afterward. A short time before the sudden death of his wife, Hubbard was talking to a friend, and apparently in good spirits.

Robs Her Most Politely.

Lancaster.—While Mrs. R. B. Pickett was returning home a footpad held her up on Charlotte street, the scene of three other recent similar hold-ups, and relieved her of a reticule containing \$62. The robber politely requested her to stand and deliver, and before she could give the alarm he disappeared.

Has a Mole Cut and Dies.

Reading.—John F. Steinhilber, a well-known farmer of Hereford, had a mole or birthmark on his back, which became sore, and, fearing cancer, he had an operation performed. Then he had serious pains in his head, which increased until death ended his suffering.

To Confiscate Air Rifles.

Darby.—As the result of a valuable horse being killed, a young woman being accidentally shot and several narrow escapes of residents at the hands of boys, Burgess Dawson has ordered the police to confiscate all air rifles found in possession of boys.

One More Dies of Smallpox.

Chester.—Edward Hulise, assistant to Deputy Coroner White, died from smallpox, making the fourth death from this disease since it made its appearance in this city about six weeks ago. Hulise was taken ill two weeks ago. He was 32 years old.

Arrests for Cigarette Sales.

West Chester.—William Bartholomew, A. W. John, Pietro Moffi and Joseph Pagnetto, merchants, of this borough, have been arrested and held in \$300 bail for trial at court on a charge of selling cigarettes and tobacco to minors.

New Death Before Funeral.

Locust Gap.—Mrs. Anna Delaney went upstairs at her home to prepare to attend the funeral of a neighbor, when she found her daughter Anna dead in bed of heart disease.