

The Centre Reporter

CENTRE HALL, PA.

THE PERFECT WOMAN.

The perfect woman who has been found among the 400 girl students of Cornell university overturns many old-fashioned notions. She is not a farm girl, but city bred, yet she is studying agriculture for a profession. She does not eat candy. She is 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighs 171 pounds. The young lady of the fashionable novel 50 years ago had a waist that could be spanned with the two hands, meaning some 16 inches, wrought by painful artifice; naturally she fainted at least once in every chapter and had to be restored with smelling salts after cutting her corset strings. Cornell's perfect woman has a 30.3-inch waist and a chest measure 4.3 inches larger, about the proportions of the Venus of Milo. She has never fainted; has never been ill at all. Gone is the girl who used to chew slate pencils to make her face white and was never seen abroad without her veil and parasol. Forgotten is the maxim that "the finest women, like the finest flowers, are raised under glass." The American girl of today, if gifted with the leisure, plays tennis and golf and courts sunlight; the chances are about five to one that she cannot possibly squeeze herself into her grandmother's wedding gown, says the New York World. In this great transformation favorable environment and plenty of food have scarcely had more to do than active habits and the growth of sensible ideas of physical well-being.

Some years ago, in the district of Jalpaigori, Bengal, there was a sudden epidemic of petty thefts and burglaries, says the Strand. The police, completely baffled for some time, finally arrested an individual on suspicion, who, after a preliminary magisterial investigation, was remanded in custody with a view to further inquiries as to his antecedents. On being searched, a police officer, suspecting he had something concealed in his mouth, ordered him to open it, when, embedded round one of his back teeth, was found a hard substance, which, on being extracted, proved to be a small, semi-circular clasp-knife. The suspect, who had hitherto protested his innocence, now made a full confession, and eventually turned out to be a member of the notorious criminal tribe of "Burwars" from the district of Gonda, in Oudh, and had already been convicted of fourteen previous offenses! He admitted that the knife had been specially made for him, and that he used it for cutting open bales of cloth and also for pocket picking.

The death of a young college professor in Paris from an overdose of morphine administered hypodermically has led to a movement for the rigid administration of the law regulating the sale of morphine. The morphine habit is said to be at its worst among the young women frequenters at the night cafes and dance halls in the Montmartre district and in collegiate circles in the Latin quarter. There is a possibility of the arrest on a charge of homicide of a student of the higher Normal college who is said to have administered the drug to the dead professor. All over the world there is a growing use of so-called habit-forming drugs. To fight it effectively is a problem which seems to be everywhere unsolved.

A Parisian judge has decided that a woman must not pay more for her clothes than she does for rent. The way in which masculine wisdom is exercising itself in deciding matters of dress for women is another strong argument why such vital feminine affairs should not be left to men whose minds cannot naturally be disinterested on the subject.

The public service towel has followed the public service drinking cup into banishment. It is about time for some of the sentimentalists to be raising a voice in protest against this persecution of poor germs that are being steadily driven from every possible lodging place and thrown on the cruelty of a strictly scientific and sanitary world.

Dr. Carrel, the surgeon whose experiments have startled the world was held up by the custom house officials and put through a rigid investigation. He is prepared to certify their efficiency as vivisectors.

Now some reformers want legislation in Massachusetts to keep women from smoking cigarettes. One of the favorite occupations of humanity—that of straining at gnats and swallowing camels—has not yet ceased to be popular with freak legislators.

Aeroplanes may be used at sea for the purpose of discovering submerged submarines. Submarines have to come ashore to be safe, anyway.

SCORE PERISH IN HOTEL FIRE

Terrible Loss of Life When Omaha Hostelry Burns.

FOUR BODIES RECOVERED.

The Building, Which Was An Old One, Was a Mass Of Flames Before The Firemen Arrived.

Omaha, Neb.—Fire destroyed the Dewey Hotel, at Thirteenth and Farnam streets, at least a score and possibly more persons losing their lives. The register of the little hostelry was burned, and the names of those who died in the flames probably never will be known. Only four bodies of victims have been recovered. These were of persons who either jumped from windows or who died from exposure or injuries.

The fire occurred at an hour when few persons were in the vicinity, and the interior of the building, which was an old one, was a mass of flames before the firemen arrived. Not less than 50 persons were sleeping in the building and estimates run as high as 75. At least 30 are known to have escaped. Many of them were scantily clad and they were taken either to the Emergency Hospital or to hotels. About a third of the guests were Nebraskaans who had come to the city to attend the automobile show. Most of them had rooms near the two exits and, so far as known, all escaped to the street.

Owing to the inflammable nature of the structure, the heat was intense and the firemen did not get the flames under control for several hours, when the interior had collapsed and fallen into the basement. Here, beneath hundreds of tons of debris, lie the bodies of the victims, and it may require two days to remove them from the death cellar. Until this debris has been removed the number of dead will not be known.

EMIL MADERO ALSO KILLED.

Brother Of The Murdered President Is Also Shot.

Mexico City.—Emilio Madero, a brother of the late ex-President Madero, has been shot and killed north of Monterey, according to reliable information received here.

With an escort of 25 men Madero, it is said, was attempting to join the rebels holding Laredo when he was overtaken by troops sent by General Trevino. The reports do not indicate whether Madero was killed in action or was executed.

The shooting of Madero took place between Villadama and Bastamante. As the rebel leader in the Laredo district, Geronimo Villareal, is a partisan of General Trevino, the government expects that the trouble in that vicinity will soon be adjusted.

Emilio Madero, in conjunction with his brother, Raoul, a few days ago began a counter revolution at San Pedro, in the state of Coahuila, in the expectation of uniting the rebels about Saltillo with those in the Laredo district.

PARCEL POST EXTENSION.

C. O. D. Feature Ordered Into Effect By Postmaster General.

Washington.—On July 1 next the collect-on-delivery feature will be added to the parcel post department of the postal service of the country. An order putting this into effect was signed by Postmaster General Hitchcock.

Under the approved regulations a parcel bearing the required amount of parcel post stamps may be sent anywhere in the country and the amount due from the purchase collected and remitted by the Postoffice Department.

THE CABINET'S SOUVENIRS.

Chairs They Occupied Taken From White House, As Usual.

Washington.—The first actual steps toward the excavation of the White House offices by President Taft and his official family took place, when the chairs were removed from the cabinet room. These chairs, the personal property of their occupants, always are kept by the President and the cabinet members when they retire from office.

\$8,500 TOO SMALL.

Judge Says Salary Is Not Sufficient For An "Only Means Of Living."

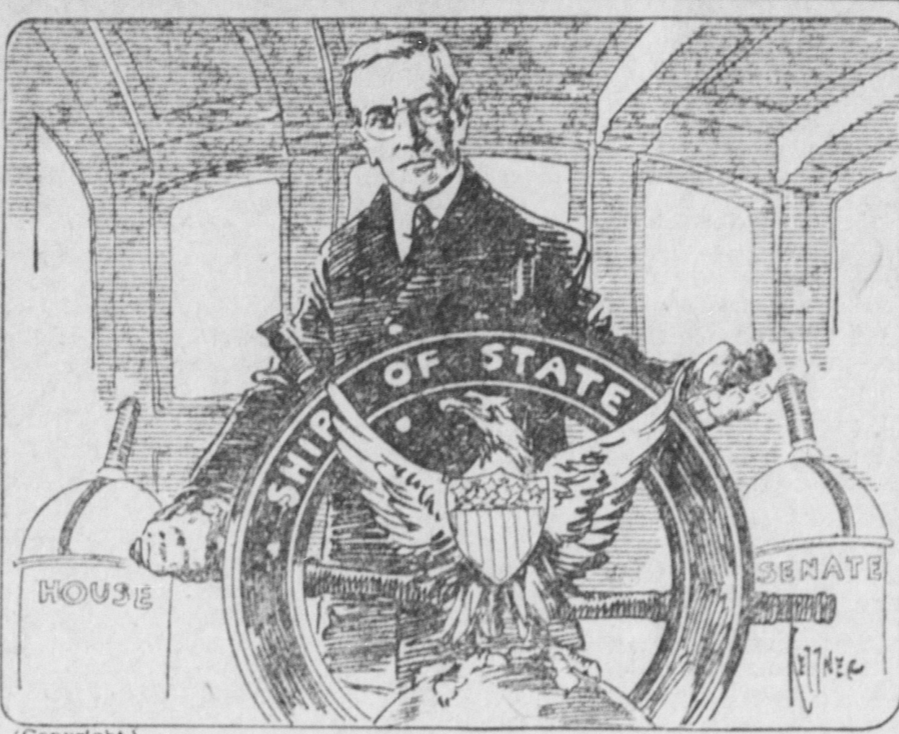
Jersey City, N. J.—Because \$8,500 salary was "too small" to be considered an only means of livelihood, Judge John J. Tracey has sent his resignation to Governor Wilson.

\$9,000,000 MINUTE IN SENATE.

Appropriation Bills Hurdled Through At Great Rate.

Washington.—The Senate broke all records for speed in appropriating money, when for 20 minutes it hurried ahead at the rate of \$9,000,000 a minute. The pension appropriation bill, carrying \$180,000,000, was approved with only a few words of debate and without a roll call—and in 20 minutes.

NEW MAN AT THE WHEEL



TROOPS PRACTICE ON THE BORDER

Not Likely That the Army Will Cross Into Mexico.

PLANS OF THE STRATEGISTS.

U. S. Government Authorities Becoming Convinced the Mexican Provisional Government Will Be Able To Maintain Itself.

Washington.—Although the United States troop trains are still rolling southward, converging on Galveston, it is evident that the heart had gone out of the movement, under the influence of the growing conviction that the provisional government in Mexico is going to be able to maintain itself, which seemed to be the general tenor of the reports to the State Department from its consular officers in Mexico.

Neither the Mexican embassy here nor the State Department has heard any information from the Huerta government in Mexico City of its announced intention to send Senor Emilio Rabasa to the United States as ambassador to succeed Senor Calero, who resigned his post early this year.

This circumstance creates no surprise, as the present administration is on the eve of retirement, and it is taken for granted that if President Huerta has decided to send Senor Rabasa here, he will make inquiry later to ascertain if his representative is persona grata to the administration with which he will have to deal.

Sonora Holds Off.

Although quiet reigns in Sonora, that state has given notice that it will not recognize the Huerta regime until it has demonstrated its ability to control the situation throughout the republic. The governor of Sonora, who has that state under full control, was ordered by the state Congress to notify the federal capital that for the present Sonora will remain a spectator, and when a government is established and the state government is officially notified, it will recognize the new order.

As the diplomatic branch of the government has settled down to an attitude of quiet observation of developments in the Southern republic, with little expectation of requiring the services of the Army, except for the purpose of a border patrol, to intercept fugitive bands or raiders crossing the line, the War Department officials have turned their attention to the academic value of the experiment in mobilization of the Army.

Practice Marches.

Already they are planning some practice marches, perhaps from Galveston as far inland as Leon Springs, Texas, and the strategists of the War College have seized with avidity upon this opportunity practically to test their theories of the brigade formation. The Navy, too, is falling back into its old peace routine, as evidenced by the resumption by the captains of the battleships stationed in Mexican waters of their periodic target practice.

WOMAN REFUSED NEW TRIAL.

Mrs. Frieda Trost Sentenced To Be Hanged By Court.

Philadelphia.—Judges Sulzberger, Audenreid and Carr handed down a decision refusing to grant a new trial to Mrs. Frieda Hartmann Trost, convicted of poisoning her husband last August. They sentenced her to be hanged on a date to be set by Governor Tener.

TAX AMENDMENT PROCLAIMED.

Change in Constitution Is Officially Announced To Country.

Washington.—The income tax amendment to the Constitution of the United States was put into effect at noon Tuesday in a formal proclamation by Secretary of State Knox. The amendment, the first since that enacted 45 years ago abolishing slavery, is the sixteenth added to the original Constitution.

WOMEN TERRORS AND LIFE TERMS

Militant Suffragists in England Are Warned.

CAUSE STORM IN COURT.

Prosecutor In London, In Asking That Two Be Committed For Trial, Says They Are Liable To Penal Servitude For Life.

London.—Militant suffragists connected with the burning of buildings in public parks are liable to "penal servitude for life." This was the announcement made by Travers Humphreys, public prosecutor, in asking the magistrate at the Kew Police Court to commit for trial Miss Lillian Lenton and Miss Joyce Locke. The two were arrested on February 20 for setting fire to a pavilion in the Kew Botanical Gardens.

"I make my charge," said Mr. Humphreys, "under the malicious damage act, which makes it a felony punishable by penal servitude for life for any person to fire a building belonging to the King or devoted to public use."

At the hearing only Miss Locke appeared, Miss Lenton having been released owing to ill health after carrying out a hunger strike. Mr. Humphreys said the prison authorities had reported that she would have died unless released.

The magistrate protested that the procedure was an extraordinary one. Prisoners, he continued, some times are released from prison but not from custody. He immediately issued a warrant for her rearrest.

Miss Locke, who also started a hunger strike while detained, was forcibly fed. She pleaded that she was too ill to conduct her defense, but the case proceeded and she was committed for trial at the Assizes. Bail was fixed at \$5,000 on the promise of the accused that she would refrain from any agitation pending her appearance before the jury.

Mrs. Pankhurst's "hunger strike" will be of even shorter duration than imprisoned suffragettes hitherto have been accustomed to. The home office overruled the Epsom magistrates, and the suffragette leader was released from Holloway Jail on bail pending trial.

HUNDREDS SEE MAN SUICIDE.

Fearing Idiocy, Son Of Hotel Owner Jumps In River.

Lebanon, N. H.—Despondent because of bad health, Maynard Vilas, 28 years old, son of Charles N. Vilas, a New York hotel owner, committed suicide by jumping into the Mascoma River in sight of hundreds of mill operatives. His body was recovered after the river had been dragged four hours. Vilas came here from Newton, Mass., where he had been undergoing treatment at a sanitarium. He left a note which read:

"Dear Father: This is the end. Doctor says no hope. Will be total idiot."

TRIED TO AVENGE NAZIM.

Unsuccessful Attempt To Assassinate Sadik Bey.

Constantinople.—An attempt to assassinate Sadik Bey, founder of the Turkish Officers' League, was made by followers of Nazim Pasha, former minister of war, who was killed a short time ago. The attempt was unsuccessful and Sadik Bey took refuge in the British Embassy.

JURY EXONERATES SNEED.

Texan Who Killed Man Who Eloped With Wife Acquitted.

Vernon, Texas.—John Beal Sneed, a wealthy West Texas ranch owner, was declared not guilty of the murder of Al Boyce, Jr., at Amarillo, Texas, last September. Sneed shot Boyce to death on a street in Amarillo upon what was said to have been their first meeting after Boyce had eloped with Mrs. Sneed.

WINTER HALTS BALKAN WAR

Minor Engagements Only Between Belligerents.

MAY SURRENDER ADRIANOPE

The Montenegrin Guns Said To Be Too Far Away To Do Serious Damage To The Turkish Works At Scutari.

London.—The operations of the five armies engaged in the Balkan War have been brought practically to a standstill by the wintry weather. Snowstorms are frequent and the roads are in a deplorable state.

The daily official dispatches, upon which the world is now compelled to rely for news from the theater of war, repeat the stereotyped statement, "Nothing of importance has occurred."

A dispatch from Constantinople goes a little farther, recording that there has been skirmishing on the front of the Tchatalja lines by Turkish volunteers, who claim to have met with some successes. Those must have been of a minor nature, as the Bulgarians earlier in the week were said to have withdrawn further to the westward. Roads in that neighborhood are so bad that the transport columns find it difficult to keep the troops at the front are supplied with provisions and ammunition.

The news from the neighborhood of Adrianople is conflicting. The Bulgarian War Department says only desultory fighting has been in progress, but a dispatch from a French correspondent inside the city says that since February 3 the Bulgarians have been delivering desperate but ineffective assaults on the fortress and bombarding it cruelly and fruitlessly.

Even less has occurred in the vicinity of Bulair in the Gallipoli Peninsula than at the Tchatalja lines. Here the Bulgarian and Turkish armies are entrenched, patiently awaiting a break in the weather.

ANOTHER BRIBERY SCANDAL.

Six Members Of North Dakota Legislature Are Involved.

Bismarck, N. D.—Names of six members of the North Dakota legislature were mentioned in the trial of B. J. Ness, charged with contempt in connection with alleged attempts at bribery. That Senators Hookmay and Lamore received \$1,000 and \$1,200, respectively, two years ago, and that Hookmay was to receive \$1,000 this year, A. M. Thompson \$500, and that three other members were to be rewarded was testified to while Representative River, informer against Ness, was on the witness stand. Ness had given him these names and amounts, according to the witness.

GOVERNOR WILSON RESIGNS.

Will Attend Inauguration Of James P. Fielder, His Successor.

Trenton, N. J.—Woodrow Wilson has resigned as governor of New Jersey, to take effect at noon Saturday, March 1.

"For three days," said the President-elect, "I will be a private citizen, and I feel as if I'd like to turn a handspike to celebrate the fact that I will have no dignity of office to maintain."

The president of the New Jersey Senate, James F. Fielder, will automatically succeed President-elect Wilson as governor.

CAPTAIN ROSTRON GETS MEDAL.

Taft Presented Testimonial To Rescuer Of Titanic Passengers.

Washington.—A gold medal of honor and the thanks of Congress was presented to Captain A. H. Rostrom, commander of the steamship Carpathia, who rushed to the rescue of the passengers who survived the sinking of the ill-fated Titanic. Captain Rostrom drove his ship at full speed through a sea of floating ice, and saved hundreds of lives. The presentation of the medal was made at the White House by President Taft.

GRANT TO MARSHALL DECLINED.

Vice-President-Elect Refuses Reimbursement For Rent.

Indianapolis.—Thomas R. Marshall, Vice-President-elect, refused \$4,800. That amount was carried in the regular appropriation bill to reimburse Mr. Marshall for money spent for house rent, light, heat and water during his four years as Governor of Indiana. The former Governor said he did not believe the appropriation constitutional and sent word to the conference committee to strike out the \$4,800.

WOMEN WIN IN JERSEY.

House Concur In Senate Resolution To Submit Suffrage To Voters.

Trenton, N. J.—The New Jersey Assembly, after hours of debate, concurred in the Senate resolution providing for an amendment to the State Constitution giving women the ballot right. The House passed the measure by a vote of 46 to 5, but only after several of the members had engaged in bitter denunciation of each other.

COMMERCIAL

Weekly Review of Trade and Market Reports.

Dun's Review says:

"In volume of distribution business continues on a very liberal scale, although the spirit of conservatism which has characterized the situation for so long a time still continues."

"While there is a notable absence of speculative activity, the principal trades and industries show a steady expansion, as compared with the corresponding period a year ago, although in certain lines, and especially in some localities, there has been lately some slowing down in the business advance."

"The heavy railroad purchase of equipment continue to constitute the chief feature of the iron and steel industry. The retail demand for the leading textiles displays activity, and both the manufacturers and the distributors report a seasonable business, but the clothing strike and the tariff uncertainty make for considerable conservatism."

Wholesale Markets

NEW YORK.—Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red, 109 1/2c elevator and 11c f o b afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 101 1/2 f o b afloat.

Corn—Spot steady; export, 56 1/2 c f o b afloat.

Butter—Creamery extras, 36c.

Cheese—Steady; receipts, 2,232 boxes. State, whole milk, held white, specials, 17 1/4 @ 17 1/2c; do, white, average fancy, 16 1/4 @ 16 1/2c; state, whole milk, winter white, special, 16 @ 16 1/4c; Wisconsin, whole milk, twins, fancy, 16 1/2 @ 17.

Eggs—Fresh gathered checks, undergrades, 10 @ 12c; refrigerator ferts, 16 1/2 @ 16c; seconds, 14 @ 15c; thirds and poorer, 8 @ 13c; state, Pennsylvania and nearby hennery whites, good to large size, new laid, 26; do, selected whites, defective in size or color, 22 @ 25c.

Dressed—Fresh killed Western chickens, 14 @ 15c; fowls, 15 @ 17c; turkeys, 14 @ 24c.

PHILADELPHIA.—Wheat unchanged.

Corn—Lower; demand light. No. 2 mixed in export elevator, 54 @ 54 1/2c.

Live Poultry—Weak; offerings ample. Fowls, 15 1/4 @ 16 1/4c. Dressed poultry firmly held; turkeys, nearby, choice, 24 @ 25c; do, Western, choice, 23 @ 24c.

BALTIMORE.—Wheat—No. 2 red spot and February, 108 asked; March, 106 1/2 asked; April, 108 1/4 nominal.

Corn—Contract, 53 1/2c; steamer mixed, 51 1/2c; no established grade, 48 1/2c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 39c; standard white, 38; No. 3 white, 37; No. 4 white, 35 1/2 asked.

Rye—No. 1 rye, domestic, 70 @ 74c; No. 2, Western, do, 67 @ 70; No. 3, do, 63 @ 64; No. 4, do, 61 @ 62; bag lots nearby, as to quality, 55 @ 65.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$18.50 @ 19; standard timothy, \$17.50 @ 18; No. 2 timothy, \$17 @ 17.50; No. 3, do, \$14 @ 15.50; light clover mixed, \$16 @ 16.50; No. 1, do, \$15.50; No. 2, do, \$12.50 @ 14; heavy, do, \$12 @ 14; No. 1 clover, \$13 @ 13.50; No. 2, do, \$11 @ 12.50.

Straw—No. 1 straight rye, \$17.50 @ 18; No. 2, do, \$16.50 @ 17; No. 1 tangled rye, \$12.50 @ 13; No. 2, do, \$10 @ 11.50; No. 1 wheat, \$8.50 @ 9; No. 2 wheat, \$8 @ 8.50; No. 1 oat, \$9 @ 10; No. 2, do, \$8 @ 8.50.

Butter—Creamery, fancy, 36 @ 37; creamery, choice, 34 @ 35; creamery, good, 32 @ 33; creamery, prints, 36 @ 38; creamery, blocks, 35 @ 37; ladles, 22 @ 24; Maryland and Pennsylvania rolls, 20 @ 22.

Cheese—18 1/2 @ 19c per lb for jobbing lots.

Eggs—Maryland, Pennsylvania and nearby ferts, 20c; Western ferts, 20; West Virginia ferts, 20; Southern ferts, 19. Duck eggs—Nearby, 35c; Southern, 30. Recrated and rehandled eggs 1/4 @ 1c higher.

Live Poultry—Chickens—Old hens, heavy, 15c; do, small to medium, 15; do, old roosters and stags, 10; do, young, choice smooth, 18 @ 19; do, rough and stagg, 15 @ 14. Ducks—White Pekins, 19 @ 20c; do, muscovy, 17; do, puddle, 17. Geese—Nearby, 14 @ 15c; do, Western and Southern, 11 @ 12; do, Kent Island, 16 @ 17. Turkeys, choice hens, 21 @ 22c; do, young gobblers, 19 @ 20; do, old Toms, 18; do, rough and poor, 10 @ 12. Guinea Fowl—Old, each, 30c; do, young, 1 1/2 lb and over, 55; do, young, smaller, 20.

Dressed Poultry—Turkeys—Choice, 21 @ 22c; fair to good, 20; old toms, 18. Chickens—Young, 18c; mixed, 17; old hens, 16; old roosters, 10 @ 11. Ducks, 18 @ 20c. Geese—Nearby, 16 @ 17c; Western and Southern, 11 @ 13. Capons—Seven lbs and over, 22 @ 23c; medium, 20 @ 21; small and slips, 17 @ 18.

Live Stock

CHICAGO.—Cattle—Beeves, \$6.75 @ 9; Texas steers, \$5.20 @ 6; stockers and feeders, \$5.50 @ 7.90; cows and heifers, \$3.15 @ 7.40; calves, \$7 @ 10.35.

Hogs—Light, \$8.10 @ 8.35; mixed, \$8.05 @ 8.25; heavy, \$7.85 @ 8.30; rough, \$7.55 @ 8.05; pigs, \$6.25 @ 8.15; bulk, \$8.25 @ 8.30.

Sheep—Natives, \$5.10 @ 6.65; yearlings, \$6.50 @ 8; native lambs, \$7.40 @ 8.85.