

The Centre Reporter

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MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

The question of divorce could be solved if the more important question of marriage were properly settled first. There would be as few divorces in the United States as there are in Europe if the same safeguards which protect marriage in the older countries were thrown around marriage in this country. A uniform marriage law is more needed in the United States than a uniform divorce law. It is the essential preliminary to any effective handling of the divorce problem. Divorces in this country would be reduced in number by two-thirds; if, as is the law in England, no marriage could take place until the banns have been published for three weeks—if no girl could marry without her parents' consent until she was twenty-one years old. The causes allowed for the granting of divorce in Illinois are all reasonable, says the Chicago Tribune. Incurable insanity should be a cause for divorce. Certain diseases should be sufficient cause, as well as incurable diseases concealed before marriage. The English divorce commission has recommended the recognition of these three causes. If the Illinois commission on uniform divorce and marriage laws will take the Divorce Beast by the horns and not by the tail there will be a much better chance of mitigating the divorce evil.

It is natural that a people as scrupulously regardful of their attire as the Parisians should be the first to set themselves seriously to the solution of the problem of preventing the bespattering of pedestrians by automobiles. Flying mud mixed with motor oil makes a stain that never comes off. A series of experiments has been held at Versailles to determine the comparative value of different devices intended to act as mudguards for the protection of people walking in the streets as well as of the occupants of the automobiles to which they are attached. The world at large is concerned in the result of these experiments, for undoubtedly when the most effective mudguard is discovered and demonstrated it will come into use throughout the world at large.

A New York hotel, one of the prominent ones of that city, has a scheme which it has just put in operation by which it hopes to solve the tipping question. The management has decided to make a reduction of 10 per cent. on all checks of more than 50 cents, a reduction supposedly equivalent to the average tip. This act will relieve guests of the necessity of paying twice for service. This probably is the best scheme yet presented as a solution to the tipping evil. It is sane, and while assuming that a majority of guests would resent a request not to tip waiters and recognizing that it would be an impossibility to enforce an order to prevent waiters from accepting tips, the management has taken the dignified way out of the difficulty.

The building of "biggest" steamships having passed the size where the docks at New York are too small for them has now reached the dimensions where the Clyde is too small to launch them. The Cunarder Aquitania has been held on the stocks until they could deepen the river enough to float her. Which indicates that we are approaching the limit.

A judge in New York told a man arraigned before him for sentence for abduction that he was unfit to live and immediately sentenced him to a maximum term of seven and a half years in prison. In matching what is with what ought to be the law sometimes makes itself something of a farce.

Ladybugs are being gathered in California to save the cantaloupe crop by devouring the insects which prey upon the latter. At least, this is one instance where masculine ingenuity has turned to advantage the feminine instinct for destructiveness.

A woman authority on the question says there cannot be an ideal husband without an ideal wife. This dictum will probably go far toward settling the vexed question, as it makes the argument too personal to be pleasant.

Brainless people never are insane, says a scientist. On the basis that whatever happens, they don't mind.

Columbus, O., farmers are trying to secure a law enforcing all pedestrians to carry lanterns on their coat tails after dark as a revenge against autoists who demand the same of moving vehicles. Making light of the subject all around.

It is announced that China needs money. Outside of a very few the sole oppression of whose lives is the fear of dying rich, China but shares the universal need.

SEVEN PERISH IN HOTEL FIRE

Wooden Structure at Malone, N. Y. Burns Like Paper.

SEVERAL WOMEN INJURED.

Firemen Had Little Time To Effect Rescues, As the Flames Spread To All Parts Of The Three-Story Building.

Malone, N. Y.—Seven or more persons were burned to death, several women sustained injuries from which they may die and a score of persons were rescued by firemen in a spectacular fire which destroyed the De Wilson Hotel, an old three-story wooden structure here.

The building burned like paper and the firemen had little time to effect rescues. An explosion caused the fire.

More bodies are believed to be in the ruins. Most of those injured were hurt by jumping from the third story. One woman jumped to a lumber pile and sustained injuries which may cause her death.

John Rhoades, a clerk in the office of the American Express Company, 160 feet away, was working over his books when the fire started. He heard an explosion outside and, running to the door, saw the hotel ablaze. He turned in the alarm. When the fire department reached the burning building the third story was a pillar of flame and rescues were impossible. All who were trapped there perished, with the exception of the two who jumped.

Those on the first and second floors, awakened by the fire engines, fled to safety in the streets. The work of the firemen was hampered by a coating of sheet iron on the outside walls, put there six years ago when the building was remodeled. With this exception the construction was wood throughout.

SUICIDE PACT, HE SAYS.

Father Killed Child By Holding It In Front Of Train.

Seattle, Wash.—C. N. Johnson, a stationary engineer, was found guilty of murder in the first degree for causing the death of his 5-year-old child by standing with the boy in his arms in front of a speeding passenger train last December.

Johnson, on the witness stand, told of making a suicide agreement with his little son after Johnson and his wife had quarreled. Witnesses of the killing said the child pleaded with his father not to destroy him. The boy was killed by the train and Johnson received a broken leg and a cut on the head.

Sentence will be imposed later and may be either death or life imprisonment, as the Anti-Hanging law passed by the last Legislature does not go into effect until June 14.

BODIES HANG FROM POLES.

Federal and State Soldiers Both Executing Prisoners.

El Paso, Tex.—Bodies hang from nearly every telegraph pole along 50 miles of the Mexican Central Railway below Chihuahua city, report refugees arriving here. Both the federal and insurgent state troops are said to have participated in the execution of prisoners. In a quarrel over the disposition of silver bullion stolen from a train last week Juan Dozal, a former Orozco chief, was executed by order of Pachuco Villa, whose men held up the train west of Chihuahua city. Dozal had joined Villa in an expedition against the federals.

JAPANESE WANT TEST.

Officials Insist That Settlement Of California Case Can Be Forged.

Tokyo.—Members of Parliament called upon the Premier to make stronger representations at Washington against the California alien land title bill. It was urged upon the Premier that a friendly settlement could surely be arranged if the proper steps were taken. Popular clamor was renewed for a test case to be carried to the United States Supreme Court to show that Japanese are not Mongolians and, therefore, are eligible for naturalization in the United States.

PRESIDENT A BOY SCOUT.

Also Accepts Membership In Columbia Country Club.

Washington.—President Wilson accepted the honorary presidency of the Boy Scouts of America. He expressed interest in the work and promised his active support. President Wilson accepted an honorary membership in the Columbia Country Club. Senator D'Gorman and a committee from the club presented the invitation. Some time ago the President declined an honorary membership in another club here.

WAR IN BALKANS CEASES.

Ten Days' Truce Arranged Between Bulgars and Turks.

London.—A 10-day truce has been arranged between the Bulgarian and Turkish commanders, according to a Constantinople dispatch to the Daily Telegraph.

FROM BAD TO WORSE



DROP FROM SKY TO THEIR DEATH

Terrible Aeronautical Accident at Noisy Le Grand, France.

A BIG BALLOON COLLAPSES.

The Gas Bag Had Successfully Passed Over Paris Before It Met With the Accident, the Cause Of Which Is Unknown.

Noisy le Grande, France.—One of the most terrible accidents to spherical balloons in many years occurred here. The military balloon Zodiac collapsed at a height of about 650 feet and fell to the ground with its five occupants, all of whom were killed.

The Zodiac, which has a capacity of 1,600 cubic meters, was inflated with ordinary gas and left the Aero Club Park at St. Cloud with the military aeronauts Captains Clavenad and Denoue, Lieutenant De Valselot and Artilleryman Rechy and the civilian pilot Aumont Thievillo aboard. Propelled by a strong wind the balloon passed rapidly over Paris and arrived at Noisy Le Grande. Observers suddenly saw it shrivel up and fall. Laborers working in the fields ran to the assistance of the aeronauts, but had difficulty in extricating them from the vast mass of silk.

Three of the men—Clavenad, Rechy and Aumont, Thievillo—were killed outright. Denoue and De Valselot were still breathing. They were placed in an automobile which happened to be passing along the high road and rushed to the military hospital at Vincennes. Denoue died on the way; De Valselot died at the hospital.

The exact cause of the accident remains for the present a mystery. The collapse of the balloon was due to a tear in the cover, which apparently was made intentionally. The theory is that something went wrong with the valve and that one of the aeronauts lost his head and cut the cover, causing the immediate deflation of the balloon.

The log aboard indicates that the Zodiac passed over Paris at an altitude of about 2,500 feet, after which it dropped and then ascended above the clouds.

MORGAN'S BODY LAID AT REST.

Impressive Services Held At New York and Hartford.

Hartford, Conn.—The body of J. P. Morgan is at rest. It was buried Monday on the crest of Cedar Hill Cemetery, the sixth of the house of Morgan to find resting places here. His grave is to the west of the great monument of red granite that marks the family plot. To the east lie his father, Junius Spencer Morgan, his mother and a brother who died in boyhood. To the north are the graves of his grandparents, Joseph and Sarah. Like the others, the grave of the newcomer will be marked by a small brown headstone, inscribed John Pierpont Morgan, 1836-1913.

BRYAN TO MAKE ADDRESS.

Will Attend Induction Of President At Washington and Lee.

Washington.—Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan accepted an invitation to make an address at the exercises at Washington and Lee University, at Lexington, Va., when the new president, Henry L. Smith, will be officially inducted into office. The invitation was extended by Harry St. George Tucker, of Lexington.

FIRECRACKER DISCHARGES GUN.

One Of Two Brothers Playing With Old Weapon Killed.

New York.—John Miller and his brother Lawrence, 11 and 7 years old, respectively, found their father's old shotgun and to make it more realistic stuck a lighted firecracker in the muzzle. When the firecracker went off it exploded an old charge in the gun. The shot entered Lawrence's side and he died in a few minutes.

CHIEF MOORE IS DISMISSED

Bureau Head Charged With Irregularity.

HAD PREVIOUSLY RESIGNED.

Action Of President Wilson Follows An Investigation Of Moore's Alleged Efforts To Become Secretary Of Agriculture.

Washington.—Prof. Willis L. Moore, chief of the Weather Bureau since 1895, and an appointee of the Cleveland administration, was summarily removed from office by President Wilson. His resignation recently had been accepted, to take effect July 31, but, after an investigation of his alleged efforts to become secretary of agriculture in the present cabinet, grave charges of irregularity were preferred, and the President withdrew his acceptance of the resignation, dismissing Professor Moore. Later he referred the subject to the Department of Justice for inquiry.

Secretary Houston, of the Agricultural Department, conferred with the President before the removal of Mr. Moore was announced. The Secretary then issued the following statement: "Immediately after the resignation of Professor Moore, of the Weather Bureau, was submitted to the President and accepted by him charges were filed with the Secretary of Agriculture called upon the Department of Justice for an investigation.

Facts Warrant Action. "The investigation is still under way, but the facts so far secured and laid before the President were sufficient to warrant him in deciding to withdraw his acceptance of Professor Moore's resignation and remove him summarily, which has been done. The President has also directed the Secretary of Agriculture to suspend Mr. Charles T. Burns, an employee of the Weather Bureau, pending a further investigation of his case, and take such disciplinary measures as he may deem necessary with such other employees of the Weather Bureau as may be found to have been unduly active in using the public service for private and personal ends."

YOUNG MAN SHOOTS FATHER.

Farmer Was Threatening His Son With Knife When Wounded.

Cape Charles, Va.—In a quarrel at Daugherty, Va., a small village two miles from Accomac, Dorsey Chambers, 22 years old, shot and mortally wounded his father, W. A. Chambers, a prosperous farmer. It is said the father had thrown the son to the ground in a scuffle and was threatening him with a knife, when the son drew a revolver from his pocket and fired, the ball entering the father's neck and passing through his cheek. His recovery is doubtful.

LIGHTNING STRIPS MAN.

Horses Killed—Eyeslets Of Shoes Burned Off—Clothes Ripped.

Rayne, Miss.—Lightning played a peculiar prank, when it struck Pierre Dessee, a farmer, driving along a road with a load of cottonseed, painfully but not seriously injuring him. The lightning tore his hat, clothing and shoes to shreds, melting the eyeslets out of his shoes and tearing the soles off. His trousers were torn as though slashed with a knife again and again. His two horses were both instantly killed.

EXTRA SESSION CALLED.

New Jersey Legislature To Meet On May 6.

Trenton, N. J.—Governor Fielder issued a proclamation calling the New Jersey legislature into special session on May 6 to take up the subjects of jury reform, of calling a convention to revise the constitutions and of providing municipalities with smaller boards of freeholders.

ARIZONA BORDER AN OPEN HOUSE

War Department Asks the State About It.

MEXICAN FEDERAL REFUGES.

Entertainment of Mexican Federal Refugees Who Have Crossed Over to Escape Capture By the Rebel Army.

Washington.—The War Department asked the State Department to decide how long the United States should continue to keep "open house" on the Arizona-Mexican border for the entertainment of Mexican federal refugees who have come into the United States to escape capture by the rebel army.

As a result it is probable the State Department will give instructions to release the several hundred Mexicans now interned on the border and being fed from the stores of the United States Army maintaining the border patrol.

Many of these refugees have been cared for at Nogales, Ariz., ever since their flight from Nogales, Mexico, a few weeks ago. When the number of alien boarders was increased by about 300 through the recent flight of General Ojeda's forces from Naco, Mexico, into Naco, Arizona, the commander of the American forces at Naco decided to ask for instructions as to how long the refugees should be fed from the government larder.

DANVILLE VOTES DRY.

Liquor Element is Defeated By a Majority of 68.

Danville, Va.—The four wards in this city entitled to vote on the question of liquor cast a majority vote of 68 against the saloons. The total vote was 1,314; wets, 623, drys, 691.

Not a speech was made during the campaign, which had been waged during the past month. The surprise came when the vote of the First ward was announced, giving a dry majority of 36. It had been expected to break even or go wet by a small majority.

The opposing forces were at the polls early, vehicles of all kinds being kept busy during the entire day bringing out the voters. The wets confidently expected victory, while from all reports the drys kept fighting gamely until the close of the polls and expected to lose out by a small margin.

HUGE INHERITANCE TAX.

Between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000 Will Go To New York State.

Albany, N. Y.—New York State will receive between \$2,000,000 and \$4,000,000 in inheritance tax from the estate of the late J. P. Morgan, according to preliminary estimates made by attaches of the state comptroller's office. The estimate is based on a report that the total estate will be about \$100,000,000.

WRECK HURTS FIVE.

Shifting Engine Crashes Into Two Cabin Cars at Butler.

Preeprot, Pa.—Five railroad men were severely injured at Butler Junction when a shifting engine crashed into the two cabin cars in which the men were riding, pushed the cars over the end of the track and down an embankment. The cabin cars toppled over.

STILLWELL IS VINDICATED.

Charges of Extortion Against State Senator Not Sustained.

Albany, N. Y.—The Senate decided that the charges of attempted extortion preferred against Senator Stillwell by George H. Kendall, president of the New York Bank Note Company, have not been sustained. The vote was 21 in favor of sustaining the charges of 28 against.

BOY KILLED BY BATTED BALL.

Sphere Hit By Brother Strikes 9-Year-Old Over Heart.

Lawton, Mich.—Paul Murphy, 9 years old, was killed here by a baseball batted by his 13-year-old brother Joe. Paul tried to catch a high fly, but the ball slipped through his hands and struck him over the heart. He died instantly.

BRYAN FIVE TIMES GRANDPA.

Former Ruth Bryan, Wife of English Lieutenant, Has Son.

Washington.—Secretary Bryan received congratulations upon the birth of his fifth grandchild, Reginald Bryan Owen, at Elpham, Kent, England. This newest grandson of the Secretary of State is a son of Lieut. Reginald Owen, of the Royal Engineers, and Mrs. Owen, formerly Ruth Bryan.

CHINA GETS \$60,000,000.

Russia Said To Have Promised Im-mense Sum To Republic.

Berlin.—It is reported here that Russia has given China a loan of \$60,000,000.

COMMERCIAL

Weekly Review of Trade and Market Reports.

Dunn's Review says: "General trade is quiet for the time being, many railroads and industrial centers not having as yet fully recovered from the effects of the Western floods. Satisfactory progress, however, is reached at many points. The readjustment of the tariff, now in progress, produces more or less hesitation in some trades, but in spite of these two unfavorable factors, there is no indication of a permanent setback in business."

Bradstreet's says: "Trade is irregular, ranging from slow to active according as points of primary or final distribution are considered. For this, weather irregularity, effects of past or prospective overflows and last, but not least, tariff agitation are varying responsible. "Wheat, including flour, exports from the United States and Canada for the week aggregate 4,190,384 bushels, against 2,613,286 bushels last year."

Wholesale Markets

NEW YORK.—Wheat—spot easy; No. 2 red, 112½c elevator and 114 f o b afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 103 f o b afloat. May, 99½c; July, 97½c; September, 96c. Bonded wheat—May and July, 100½c.

Corn—Spot steady; export, 61c f o b afloat.

Oats—Spot firm; standard white, 40½c; No. 3, 39½c; No. 4, 39c; natural white, 38c.

Butter—Creamery extras, 25c; firsts, 24½c.

Eggs—Fresh gathered, extras, 21c; fresh gathered, storage packed firsts, 20c; State, Pennsylvania and nearby henney browns, 20½c.

Dressed Poultry—Steady; fresh killed Western fowls, 16½c; frozen turkeys, 15c.

PHILADELPHIA.—Wheat—No. 2 1.04@1.08; No. 2 red, 98@1.02; No. 4 red, 86@94c; No. 2 hard, 93½@95c; No. 3 hard, 91@94½c; No. 1 Northern, 92½@93½c; No. 2 Northern, 91@92c; No. 3 Northern, 87½@90c; No. 2 Spring, 90@91½c; No. 3 Spring, 86@88½c; No. 4 Spring, 80@85c; velvet chaff, 86@82½c; Durum, 89@96½c.

Corn—No. 2, 56½@57c; No. 2 white, 57@58c; No. 2 yellow, 57@57½c; No. 2, 53½@55c; No. 3 white, 56@57c; No. 2 yellow, 54½@55½c; No. 4, 52½@53½c; No. 4 white, 54½@55½c; No. 4 yellow, 52½@54c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 37½@38½c; No. 3 white, 35½@36c; No. 4, 32½@33c; No. 4 white, 34@35½c; standard, 36½@37½c.

Butter—Steady; creameries, 27@24c.

Eggs—Steady; receipts, 28,707 cases; at mark cases included, 17¼@18c; ordinary firsts, 17¼@17½c; firsts, 17½@18½c.

Potatoes—Unchanged; receipts, 31 cars; Michigan, 45@47c; Minnesota, 43@47c; Wisconsin, 40@48c.

Poultry—Higher; dressed turks, 18c; live chickens, 18c; live springs, 18c.

BALTIMORE.—Wheat—No. 2 red, 109½c; No. 3 red, 107c; steamer No. 2 red, 101½c; spot and April, 109c; May, 110½c.

Corn—Contract, 56½c; steamer mixed, 54½c; no established grade, 53½c.

Oats—White—No. 2, 41½c; standard, 40½c; No. 3, 39@39½c; No. 4, 36½c asked.

Rye—Western Rye—No. 1, 70@71c; No. 2, 66@67c; No. 3, 62@63c; No. 4, 60@61c; bag lots nearby as to quality, 55@65c.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$17; standard timothy, \$16.50; No. 2 timothy, \$16; No. 3 timothy, \$12@14; light clover mixed, \$15.50; No. 1, do, \$15; No. 2, do, \$11@12.50; heavy, do, \$11.50@13; No. 1 clover, \$11@12; No. 2, do, \$9@10.

Straw—No. 1 straight rye, \$18; No. 2, do, \$17@17.50; No. 1 tangled, \$11@12; No. 2, do, \$10@11; No. 1 wheat, \$8; No. 2, do, \$7.50@8; No. 1 oat, \$9@10; No. 2, do, \$8@8.50.

Butter—Creamery, fancy, 35c; creamery, choice, 33@34c; creamery, good, 31c@32c; creamery, prints, 34@36c; creamery, blocks, 33@35c; lard, 25@27c; Maryland and Pennsylvania rolls, 22@24c.

Cheese—New flats, 16½c; old flats, 18c.

Eggs—Maryland, Pennsylvania and nearby firsts, 17½c; Western firsts, 17½c; West Virginia firsts, 17½c; West Virginia firsts, 16½c; duck eggs, near by, 21c; do, Southern, 19c. Recrated and rebounded eggs, ¼@1c higher.

Live Poultry—Chickens—Old hens heavy, 17c; do, small to medium, 17c; old roosters and stags, 11c; young choice, smooth, 22@25c; do, rough and stagg, 12@15c; winter, 2 lbs and under, 28@30c; spring, 1 to 1½ lbs, 40c. Ducks—White Pekings, 18c; Muscovy, 17c; puddle, 17c.

Live Stock

CHICAGO—Hogs—Bulk of sales, \$9.05@9.25; light, \$8.95@9.30; mixed, \$8.85@9.27; heavy, \$8.65@9.20; rough, \$8.65@8.85; pigs, \$6.90@9.20.

Cattle—Boeves, \$7.30@9.20; Texas steers, \$5.80@7.90; stockers and feeders, \$6.10@8.10; cows and heifers, \$3.80@8.40; calves, \$6.75@9.

Sheep—Native, \$6.25@7.40; yearlings, \$6.75@8.50; lambs, native, \$6.75@9.25.