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When the viaduct is made a city instead of a sectional affair it will go through. But it had better be kept out of small-fry politics.

Canal Prospects.

HE various complications which have arisen and which no doubt are likely to arise over the isthmian canal, including the evident unwillingness of many senators to have the government reach any conclusion in the matter, give increased pertinency to the suggestion of Senator Spooner that congress vote authority to the president to continue the negotiations as circumstances shall arise, until he thinks the time is ripe for choosing a

route and making the first move. The objection offered to this proposition is that it would involve an abandonment by congress of one of its functions; but this is not substantial. If congress delegates to the president its authority in these premises he will net as its agent merely. The nature of the task makes it largely an executive instead of a legislative problem. Especially is this true as to the negotiations necessary to be completed before netual construction is begun; and as to a very large proportion of the technical points involved. At best congress would have to remit these things to the executive department. When it is looking after them why should it not at the same time handle the whole problem under general instructions from congress? That, it seems, would be the

common sense way. There is an additional reason why this session of congress should not end without making some arrangement whereby the canal can be forwarded while congress is in recess. The belief is gained footbold that there ar powerful interests well represented in congress and among its lobbies which do not want a canal at all, and which will not hesitate to resort to expedients to secure a postponement of action in reference to it. The power of special interests as revealed in the struggle over Cuban reciprocity convinces many people that it is doubtful if a transisthmian canal will ever be built. The Republican party must disprove this suspicion. If it chall not, it will suffer seriously at the next election,

The Boston strike settlement reads like a case of both sides being afraid of their own consequences. Sometime American grit will get into one of these conspiracies to nullify constitutional liberty and we shall have a fight to a wholesome finish.

No Decline of Faith.

N A SERMON delivered on Sun-

ball. Why? They believe they are has safely been launched into the defying a law which exists because of world. Our growth in population, in the churches, and this mental attitude other words, is due almost wholly to begins with their early childhood and immigration and to the willingness of

lasts as they grow up." Unitke Dr. Lorimer, who viewed with e dismay the disappearance of the sol- eign element, the figures of Dr. Engelemnity once characterizing the first mann show that our boasted republic day of the week, and whose wish was would soon be on the decline from dry that this investiture of the day with sanctity and reverent observance might be preserved. Dr. Rainsford is inclined ation. He wants the church to keep in touch with the people, even though direction that the traditions and cher-

to penal statutes instead of persuasion. it is putting the sword in place of the cross, and is going back, not forward."

has for years made a hobby of the

alleged decline which he professes to think is taking place in religious faith finds in the remark of Dr. Lorimer occasion for new exhibition of his specialty. We do not see this decline. There may be less conspicuous profession than in former years, but this is not the same thing as a decline in religious faith. We guess if you get under the contemporary American's hide and into his heart you will find him quite as good and quite as full of religious faith as his father was before him. Forms and ceremonies, social customs, intellectual standards are changing, and worldly interests are immensely multiplied as compared with the interests of our forbears; but human nature remains unchanged, and faith is an attribute of human nature.

independent and disinterested audit of the books and records of the executive committee of the local street rallway employes' union would be of

Learning a Lesson.

HE Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke company, a corporation owning soft coal operations in a certain portion of the Old Dominion, is in the hands of receivers under the jurisdiction of the United States court. Some months ago two labor union organizers got at work among the employes of this company, and the receivers, going into court, secured from the judge an injunction restraining them from interfering in any way with the men in the company's employ. They have paid no attention to this order of court, but on the contrary have formed armed parties to march among the men whom they wish to enroll and there have been numerous minor disturbances with an underlying tendency to riota

On Monday Judge McDowell at Lynchburg will have these two agttators before him to show cause why they should not be punished for contempt of court; and it is probable that they will discover that contempt of a federal court is something more serious than they have been led to believe. In this case there is no snap judgment. The men were plainly told what the law did not allow them to do. They have knowingly and boastfully defied the law, and if they shall now receive a taste of its discipline there will be no

one to blame but themselves, Those leaders of organized labor like President Gompers, who counsel deflance of judicial injunctions, are responsible for a lot of mischief which falls usually upon their deluded followers.

Lord Methuen's release is the unkindest cut of all. He will not have the opportunity to hide his blunders in an epidemic of sympathy.

A Childless America?

UCH HAS been said, hu-

George J. Engelmann, M. D., presi-Journal and since reprinted in pamphlet form, Dr. Engelmann presents a. mass of vital statistics collected from the most reliable sources which fully austain his assertion. There are six states, and there ought to be more, which keep a complete record of such matters-Connecticut. Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Rhode Island. The average birth rates for these six states for 1900 day last by Rev. Dr. Lorimer the was 22.1 per thousand population, which opinion was expressed that "at is lower than in France, where the figthe present rate at which we are ures for the same time were 22.4. But fiving in fifty years we shall have no this is not all. The figures for these Subbath." Somewhat in the same vein six states included both native and imwere some remarks made before the migrant inhabitants. It is not possible, Nineteenth Century club of New York Dr. Engelmann informs us, to give a on Tuesday evening last by Rev. Dr. comparison between native and immi-W. S. Rainsford. He declared that grant fecundity in all of these states; there are multitudes in this land who but in Massachusetts, where the birth dislike the Christian churches and do rate is the highest of the six states, not dislike the Christian religion, and | there are only 17.03 births per thousand he gave his idea as to the reason why, of population among the native ele-"The facts are," said he, "that the | ment to 52.16 among the foreign-born. Christian churches are all reckoned as In Michigan the comparison is 12 to having made point after point against 37.2. From deductions made in his own The liberal observance of the Lord's day, practice Dr. Engelmann estimates that Who publicly opposed the opening of the average birth rate among native museums on Sunday? The churches. Americans is only a fraction over 14 Who opposed the running of Sunday per thousand of population while that trains and street cars, the only chance of our foreign born citizens is about athat New York has got to get fresh 50, or more than three times as large, dent." And yet we see no sign that esir on one day of the week? The From census returns it is seen that in he wants to throw up the job. Schurches. Who today opposes the many communities inhabited by the games of boys and girls on the Sab- native American element almost exclubath? The churches. You will see the sively the birth rate does not suffice New York boy on Sunday concealing a to overcome the death rate; and this Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, base ball but under his cont and and in face of the fact that the advances other boy concealing the ball in his which have been made in obstetric pocket, and with their friends, all look- and gynecic science equat the advances Ing like so many criminals, they sneak made in those branches of medical scieinto a vacant lot to play a game of ence which tend to prolong life after it

Into the discussion of the causes of this striking avoidance of parentage to take a cheerful estimate of the situ- by those families in the community which in worldly circumstance are usually best fitted to rear children the people do not always move in the comfortably it is hardly within the province of a daily newspaper to enished beliefs of the church approve, ter, further than to say that it rests "The business of Christianity," he upon a vicious view of social and famiwent on to affirm, "is to raise the ly obligation. Dr. Engelmann refutes standard of moral obligation step by the notion that the welfare of women step, bit by bit, as the great Master is promoted by this tendency; and it peaks to some protection of the Philippine behavior. But when Christensky puts legal enactment in the welfare of society at large is grievously 200,000 yea, of \$75,000 to \$100,000. I stinuity puts legal enactment in the welfare of society at large is grievously 200,000 yea, of \$75,000 to \$100,000.

these newcomers to have offspring in

abundance. But for this saving for-

place of suggion, when it has to resort | injured by the surrender of child-bearing to economically inferior groups Sooner or later this supposedly delicate but really serious question will force A writer in the New York Sun who itself upon public attention and compel the consideration it deserves.

> His refusal to form a new ministry in Spain means that Sagasta's sagacity is with him still.

An Interesting Experiment.

mittee of the City club of New York is considering the feasibility of establishing in that city a cheme of saloons modeled after the famous Central Public Trust association of London, which aims to place the drinking of intoxicants in moderation on a wholly respectable basis. The general plan of the London organization, which has the endorsement of many of the leading citizens of Great Britain, is to conduct saloons with restaurants attached, in which only the best of liquors are kept for sale and the utmost endeavor is made to prevent violation of the law or indecorum. to any person who is a habitual drunk-

Of course, in a matter of this kind there can be no pleasing of all. To many the very name of a saloon is acursed; and these will oppose whatever | butness. Yet it is notable that public in the direction of what might be called Howard Crosby was almost martyrized parasites. erence to hypocrisy and back-door selling with blackmail attachments. Tosome of the most eminent ministers in the American pulpit, are not whispering for more liberal excise legislation but openly demanding it and defending it on grounds of public morality.

Whether this is a temporary oscilcountry and materially change the relationship of the saloon to the social is that while there is something spasmodic in it and that while it is greatly accelerated at this time by temporary local conditions in New York city, It has some elements of permanency. In our large cities at least the knowledge is gaining headway that the saloon question is a condition, not a theory, and that to handle it, proper account must be taken of the fact, so strongly presented by Rev. Dr. Rainsford, that the saloon at present fills a place in the social life of the poor which will continue to be filled by it, no matter what laws are passed, until something

morously and in serious better is substituted. We know there are those who conselvein, about the decline of which has attrined such marked proportions that the statesmen of that country are trying every possible means best of liquors to patrons of known which has attained such marked pro- managed saloon, which does not viocountry are trying every possible means best of liquors to patrons of known to encourage a more wholesome state, sobriety, is a worse menace to society of family life. But is is surprising to than the most disreputable hole-in-thehear the statement made by one speak- wall. These persons will not sympaing with authority that the avoidance thize with the City club committee in of parentage in native American fami- their wish to elevate the standard of lies already more than equals that in the saloons of Gotham. On the other glance at the map will show." Nothing short of France and threatens far to exceed it. hand, there are many who take the torture shall force me to write that a glauce The man who makes this statement view that if the saloon in some form is inevitable, it is to the public interest dent of the Boston Obstetrical society, and he also proves it. In a paper contributed to the Philadelphia Medical ment proposed in New York would certainly be interesting.

at the map." Perhaps we are not so much wor-than our uncestors. Thickeray and Scott bot The fact that in eight months our ex- abound in the abuse of "and which," and I think ports have fallen off nearly \$22,900,000 that I once found five "whiches" in one set compared with the same period last of a nearlest of the set of the se year should admonish the Republican longer "an elegant famile," for example, leaders at Washington that President body even then would have written "Heavy McKinley knew what he was talking about when he advocated reciprocity with or Jeane d'Are as "an unfortunate for male." The works "elegant" and "genteel" wer as necessary to the holding of the foreign trade alreday won. genloss Mr. Milton," critics des. Mr. Swinburne," never write about "the linguidous Mr. Swinburne," The adverb "vastly" was also overlone, people that adverb "vastly" was also overlone, people with a constant of the consta

Mr. Bryan hastens to announce that his visit to Washington had no political significance. It seems impossible for Mr. Bryan to recover from the hall-lucination that some political party is a large significance of the facts and deduction of the f

In spite of some of the exclusion arguments, there is a suspicion that the average Filipino would prefer to sit under the spreading palms and let the Chinese coolie develop the country,

Prince Henry is out of range of trest Perhaps a hely was not the sinner; it was American cookery, but it is probable that the exchange of compliments will keep the cable warm for several weeks

A number of magazines are beginning to feature "Our Overworked Presi-

TOLD BY THE STARS.

The Tribune Astrologer.

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Astrolabe Cast: 2.34 a. m., for Saturday, March 15, 1002, A child born on this day will notice that the extensive vocabulary of many a man has been rendered ineffective for want of proper steering

apparatus. It takes two to carry on a quarrel, but the man who remains at looke meeting too long sometimes finds that his wife can keep up the excitement with very little assistance upon his tract.

A good word spoken for a friend which does t cot you a cent will often put dollars in his It is better to lay a stone wait or carry the mod from build contles in your mind.

All men save the lucky ones believe in Inch The fallure of many a man can be directly at-ributed to the indulgency of his parents, It is unfortunate that in nearly all cases genice accompanied by a loose cog.

BUY GUNBOATS FROM JAPAN.

From the Chicago Daily News.

A Japanese paper reports that the United State erument has ordered six symbouts to be built

MOSQUITO PESKINESS SCIENTIFICALLY PROVED

T IS ANNOUNCED that a comsrious experiments that succeeded in fastening appleion on the positionous insect, an account is suspicion on the pasilierous insect, an account is immune individuals subjected to the bitter of in given of some laters-ring tests made for the pur-

> Some infected measurates were allowed to bite disease. a man in Rome, and he soon developed the ma-laria parasite in his blood. The skepties, how-jections of blood from yellow fever patients, four ever, insisted that be might have been infected in some other way or had a latent infection in his blood all the time. Dr. Manson, therefore, wish- cans who slept every night in the "infected clothing to make the proof striking and positive, de-vised two crucial tests, which were carried out no sunlight ever came, engaged in the morning

physicians, Drs. Sambon and Low, to live in a boxes in order to obtain articles for their both very malarial district on the Roman Campagna and clothing for their bodies. Sleeping in the (Ostia) during the most malarious season of the very beds and garments just vacated by yellow year, their only protection from the disease be-ing mosquito netting. No quinine or other post house at the end of the experiman perfectly The managers and assistants of these British public houses are paid a commission and salary and are made responsible for the proper conduct of the places. They are not permitted to sent mosquito-proof. Here they stayed all summer, and while the work whole and contracted the disease.

The "infected mosquito building," divided into two comparements by a wire screen partition, was mosquito-proof. Here they stayed all summer, and while the work whole and while the stayed all summer. live in perfect lealth in an extremely malarious

tends to continue the name or the bust- | For the second experiments some laboratory building," for twenty-one nights, and had the mesquitoes were reared from ergs in Rome, pas- been kept in strict quarantine thirty days long opinion in this country, or at least in London. Here they were permitted to bite a London. Here they were permitted to bite a healthy man whose blood had been examined and hours developed a well marked case of yellow away from the intense Prohibitionist shown to be free from the malaria germ. Dr. to the service. He will marked case of yellow once in quite general vogue and Manson's son volunteered for the service. He These experiments appear to leave no possible was bitten freely by the mosquitoes, and in a doubt regarding the ability of the mosquito to short time he not only developed in the heart cause yellow fever, and also point strongly to

for venturing to advocate the opening of the saloon door on Sunday in prefbrave volunteers from the United States army gave themselves freely for the experiments, which were made under the direction of the Yellow New York, says: day a large section of the religious before made under the direction of the Yellow Fever commission in Cubz. Camp Lazear, where the commission is experiments were carried on, of mosquitoes that had been pastured on yellow are justified in changing our quarantine regula-fever sufferers. The equipment of the camp in-thought to sweep over the cluded two frame buildings, one of which, known proceeding is just and reasonable, particularly as life of our people is a matter not yet known as the "interest clothing building," was the future shows that there are other means of to be determined. Our own judgment purposely so constructed as to exclude anything infection, it will then be time enough to add

Dec. S. One of the volunteers, Kissinger by name, had been bitten by five mosquitoes which had proviously been allowed to bite a yellow fever utilitarian point of view, few achievements in

Andrew Lang in London Morning Post,

clean cut expression tresh from the mint, We throw down the old smooth, obliterated

phrase, such as "is eminently calculated to," or

"curious to say," or, if we are novelists, "here a strange thing occurred." They all use that

diche; one would be grateful to a novelist who

if he can invest nothing fresher, would leave the

the map will show anything. But what else are you to say? "The student who consults the char-

satisfactory-we must not write "none of these are satisfactory" but I cannot endure "a glance

recworked in the early nineteenth century "ingenious" was in the eighteenth, "The in genious Mr. Milton," critics used to say, but we

instantly trotted out by admitting reviewers of

ndecent novels. You cannot call them "man-y," so they are called virile. Lately, in a liter-

ary journal, I read that something "arrided" somehody. The context showed that the write (a lady, no doubt) thought that to "arride"

meant to irritate, exasperate, or (as the fa-eviewer would probably put ii) to "aggravate.

And this was in a journal devoted to belles let

a male author who wrote about "furnishing a lit-

back of a new royel is blazoned "The Happenin of Elizabeth," or some other herotic; about b

name I am outertrin, "Hoppenings" is at I as "belong with." "Helong there," "Belong the upper shelf," all the wrong "belongs,"

wonderful to see low a really reliens needle

s very annoying. Were Mr. Gladdone still all me would probable breatled "The Hig Old Man

Dr. Johnson, I (book, apposed "big" from th first, but the Big Doctor fulled. Of course, some

words get a kind of brevet sank. Mr. Lettelto

orites about a "first rate scholar," "First rate

go. But now it is a first rate expression, Trush" things has come into a novel by a ver-

such extermed female—to relater into an olde

principles of the second penals of the control of t

spectable lineage for the word in this acti

Our English is ecrospied, of course, not only

cas thought as much a piece of slang as "atmi-ing," "a stanning scholar," not so very long

SOME INSTANCES OF

values in Medicine. In the new faute of Applications, Annual Cyclopaedia (1901), a compressionative review is given of the part played by week-from Dec. P. to Dec. In four of the yolin teers who had T.T. went themselves to be lifted by the infected monquito-a developed well marked uses of yellow fever. And of the fourteen no your of completing the chain of evidence against tracted yellow fever, the attack always following

in the summer of 1990, ami the results have left the fair-minded skeptic detenseless.

The first of these consisted of sending two fever patients, and at night unpacking these same

and while the whole corrounding population of immune man, Moran, was placed in the room. On natives was down with malaria neither of the one the other side of the partition were two other acclimated experimenters ever showed a trace of non-immines. Moran was bitten freely by the it. This proved that unacclimated people could mosquitoes and soon developed a sharp attack of region, where even the acclimated natives are other side of the screen remained perfectly well serious sufferers, by simply avoiding mosquita. The next experiment was on one of the non-The next experiment was on one of immunes who had occupied the "infected clothing

liberalism. This is certainly true of New York city. Not many years ago by the Sound to be swarming with typical the absence of any infection due to simple contained by the absence of any infection Along a mewhat similar lines experiments have tem of quarantine now in vogue against the dis-

quite unnecessary,
Dr. A. H. Doty, health officer of the port of "These experiments have not conclusively shown that there may not be some other means than the mosquito by which yellow fever is transmitted. But when the experiments are conwas about a mile from Quemados, Cuba. Three than the mosquito by which yellow fever is sets of tests were carried out. First, the attempt transmitted. But when the experiments are conwas made to infect non-immune individuals by sidered in connection with the results of cur exposure to intimate contact with infected clothing and bedding by what are techically known as the disease is not contracted by personal contact. fomites; second, by the direct injection of blood gion or through the medium of clothing, bedding, from cases of yellow fever; and third, by the bites cargoes of vessels, etc. Therefore, I believe we of mosquitoes that had been pastured on yellow are justified in changing our quarantine regulaas the "infected mosquito building," was divided near the middle by a permanent wire screen partition, and had a good ventilation. The other, upon to limit the extension of yellow fever. It like efficient ventilation. Both houses were pro-vided with wire screen doors, so that mosquitoes could be kept without or within the build-that we are not only offering full protection to The first mosquito infection was obtained on lief from unnecessary and unreasonable

patient. On the date mentioned he came down modern medicine have equalled in value the r with a marked case of yellow fever. He had sults of these experiments.

I ticed, constitutes what is now called style. W

There is a vigor about Harper's Weekly thes

days that it never had before. George Harvey has evidently injected the clixir of life into it co-

The novelette in the April Smart Set, "The

Ambition of the Baron," by Marvin Dana, is on of the eleverest yet printed in that exceptionally

steresting periodical. In fact, the whole number

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her first notable success, has converted the pl

into a novel which is published by Laird & Le-

William Allen White's blood red biography of

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of inhumanity which have been brought against

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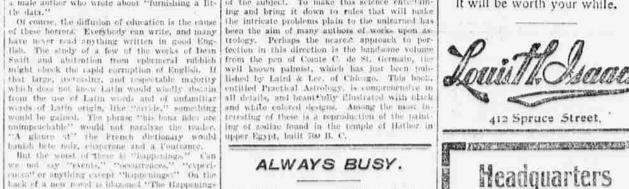
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