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The Elephant's Toilet.

In an interesting little paper upon the grooming of wild animals it says that from every point of view the toilet of the elephant is by far the most interesting performance of the menagerie. It requires at least four weeks to complete the toilet of a single elephant. The operation is very expensive. The assistance of the elephant's valet de chambre must be engaged by the day or week, while an experienced valet—he is known by another name—must be engaged to superintend the work, usually at a large salary. Then, again, the soap used in the process must be purchased by the hundredweight, the sandpaper by the gross, and the oil, an important ingredient, is used by the barrel. The toilet of a single elephant will not infrequently cost as much as $400.

Two Effects.

Mr. C.—What are you crying about, my dear? Mrs. C.—I have just been reading the old love letters you sent me before we were married. Mr. C.—That's funny. I was reading them myself the other day and they made me laugh.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.

Pointed Paragraphs Chronicling the Week's Doings.

Long Dispatches From Various Parts of the World Shorn of Their Padding and Only Facts Given in as Few Words as Possible For the Benefit of the Hurried Reader.

Members of President Roosevelt's cabinet believe that Secretary Hay will never return to his duties in Washington.

Governor Higgins has vetoed the Phillips divorce bill on the ground that it would let down the bars to litigants of that class.

At Viborg a 15-year-old boy shot and perhaps fatally injured the Russian governor, who had been active in the Russification of Finland.

Horace G. Burt, former president of the Union Pacific, has been offered the $100,000 a year task of directing the work of the Panama canal.

Thursday.

General Linevitch is at the Sungari river, directing the retreat of the Russian armies.

The insurance premium tax bill passed by the assembly went through the senate by a party vote, and goes now before the governor.

J. D. Hill of Elmira, a traveling man about 70 years old, committed suicide at the Grand Central hotel at Olean by taking about three ounces of carbolic acid.

A dispatch from Willemstad says that Venezuela has been notified that she must arbitrate the asphalt and Orinoco cases or the United States will proceed to use force.

The steamship Minnetonka, from London, brought news of the drowning at sea of young Andrew Griscom, a nephew of Clement Griscom, a well-known steamship man of Philadelphia.

Friday.

Investigation of the beef trust was begun by the federal grand jury in Chicago.

In the British house of commons a resolution condemning a moderate protective tariff was carried by a vote of 254 to 2.

Ministers of the czar are urging the emperor to hasten peace, and French and German influences are working to the same end.

Ten peasants were killed and 50 were wounded at Lamenta, Russian Poland, as the result of shooting by infantry sent to quell disturbances.

Owing to the failure of the treaty with the United States, a revolution is imminent in Santo Domingo, and European powers are preparing to seize her customs houses, leaving President Morales without revenue.

Saturday.

Before Judge Lafontaine, in Montreal, the trial of John F. Gaynor and Benjamin D. Greene was begun.

Wholesale and retail meat dealers tell the federal grand jury in Chicago of the disparity in prices of beef.

The National Arts club has bought the Samuel J. Tilden house, Nos. 14 and 16 Gramercy Park, one of the most famous dwelling house landmarks in New York.

Minister Bowen cabled the state department from Caracas that President Castro had flatly refused to arbitrate the pending issues between Venezuela and the United States.

General Linevitch faces the grave necessity of continuing his retreat westward toward Lake Baikal, as Harbin is believed to be untenable. The news causes a fresh shock in St. Petersburg.

Monday.

John D. Rockefeller sends a letter to the University of Chicago, which is interpreted as assuring a $50,000,000 endowment for the big school.

C S. Hanover, former Milwaukee alderman and president of the Milwaukee Baseball club, is sentenced two years in the reformatory for bribery.

German press launches a crusade against President Roosevelt and his enforcement of the Monroe doctrine, declaring it is a cloak for imperialistic plans.

In addressing graduates of the United States Medical school who will enter the navy President Roosevelt hinted at possible wars and told them to be prepared to fight the diseases of the tropics.

Russian war office issues a statement that 774,554 officers and men have been sent to the Far East. From this it is figured that the Russian losses up to the present time are about 500,000 men.

Tuesday.

Mr. Dawson's dispatch as to the apprehension of a revolution in Santo Domingo was received by President Roosevelt.

A marriage has been arranged, says a dispatch from Madrid, between King Alfonso and Princess Patricia of Connaught.

Like her daughter, Mrs. James Huestis of White Plains, died in a hospital of gas poisoning, having been in a state of coma 16 days.

Andrew Carnegie, in a public letter, gives arguments for preferring the Pan-American railroad over a big navy for the defense of the Monroe doctrine.

Moderator Gladden of the Congregational church in a sermon in Columbus, O., denounces John D. Rockefeller as chief of plunderers and says the acceptance of his $100,000 gift would merit the scorn of honest men.

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ROCKEFELLER'S $100,000 OFFER.

Statement of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners For Missions.

Boston, March 28.—Dr. James L. Barton, secretary of the American board of commissioners for missions, declared that the recently proposed gift of John D. Rockefeller to the board, which has recently caused wide discussion, was unsolicited and spontaneous, originating in an impulse of Mr. Rockefeller to further the work of the board.

Dr. Barton said: "The initial step toward the gift to the board now under discussion was taken by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., some two years or more ago when he, unsolicited, asked a secretary of the American board to drop into his office at any time when in New York for a conference over matters of mutual interest. This conference was held and the work done by the American board was inquired into most carefully.

"Some months later a secretary of the board spoke upon its work in the church of Dr. Amory H. Bradford at Montclair, N. J. In the audience was the confidential secretary of John D. Rockefeller. At the close of the service the two secretaries were introduced to each other by Dr. Bradford, and further questions were asked in regard to the work of the American board.

"Supbsequently I was asked to present a list of objects which were in immediate need of support and which could not be supported by the regular receipts of the board. Such a list was prepared. Still later, an interview was requested for conference regarding this list as well as the general policy of the board. This conference was followed in time by the promise of $100,000.

"So far as I know no person sought an interview with Mr. Rockefeller or any member of his family or any member of his staff or secretaries and no letters were written to bring influence to bear upon him in these matters. I believe that the gift was a spontaneous one given from his own impulse for the purpose of work carried on under the American board."

Entitled to Recover Lost Wager.

New York, March 28.—By the decision of Justice Blanchard and his associate justices of the appellate term of the New York state supreme court Harry Mendoza is entitled to recover $100, which he lost in betting on a horse race. Mendoza placed the bet with Joseph Rose, a bookmaker at the Sheepshead Bay track, in 1902. When he lost he brought suit against Rose to recover the money under the anti-gambling law. The city court gave a verdict in his favor and the appellate term affirmed the decision.

How to Deal With Castro.

Washington, March 28.—It has been decided to await the reception of the exact text of President Castro's refusal to accept Minister Bowen's arbitration proposition before proceeding further with the negotiations. The disposition is to move circumspectly, and unless President Castro chooses to force an issue by another move at Caracas it is believed some time will be consumed in reaching a settlement.

MARKET REPORT.

New York Provision Market.

New York, March 27.

WHEAT—No. 2 red, $1.15¼ f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, $1.16¼.

CORN — No. 2 corn, 54c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow, 54¾@55c.

OATS—Mixed oats, 26 to 32 lbs. 36@36½c; clipped white, 36 to 40 lbs., 38@40c.

PORK—Mess, $13.37½@13.75; family, $14.50@15.00.

BUTTER — Creamery, extra, 30@30½c; western factory, 18@22c; state dairy, common to extra, 20@29c.

HAY—Shipping, 60@67½c; good to choice, 77½@85c.

CHEESE — State, full cream, small choice, 14c.

EGGS — State and Pennsylvania, 19@19½c.

POTATOES — State and western, per bbl., $1.00@1.15.

Buffalo Provision Market.

Buffalo, March 27.

WHEAT—No. 1 northern car loads, $1.16¼; No. 2 white, $1.13 in store.

CORN—No. 3 white, 52c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow, 53½c.

OATS — No. 2 white, 35c f. o. b. afloat; No. 3 white, 34c.

FLOUR — Fancy blended patent per bbl., $6.50@7.25; low grades, $4.50@5.00.

BUTTER — Creamery western, extra, 31c; state and Pennsylvania creamery, 28c; dairy, fair to good, 24@26c.

CHEESE—Fancy full cream, 14c; good to choice, 13@13½c; common to fair, 8@12c.

EGGS—Selected, fancy, 18½c.

POTATOES—Per bu., 38@40c.

East Buffalo Live Stock Market.

CATTLE—Best steers on sale, $5.50@5.75; fair to good butcher steers, $4.50@4.90; medium half-fat steers, $3.85@4.20; common to fair heifers, $3.25@3.75; choice to extra fat heifers, $4.75@5.15; good butcher bulls, $3.50@3.90; choice to extra veals, $7.75@8.00; fair to god veals, $6.00@7.00.

SHEEP AND LAMBS — Choice lambs, $8.40@8.60; fair to good, $7.75@8.10; handy wethers, $6.50@6.75; mixed sheep, $6.10@6.35.

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