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financial loss is a consequence, even though it may not be suffered directly by owners of the demolished property.

FOOD "SAMPLES" FEEDING ARMIES? From the food companies of this country there have been thousands of cases of samples making their way across the ocean since the outbreak of the war.

There are plenty of agents who want to sell American foodstuffs abroad, and they have been very active in sending requisitions to manufacturers for liberal supplies of samples with which to get things started.

A Chicago packing house, after sending out 10,000 dozen samples of corned beef since the outbreak of the war, and making not a single sale in consequence, states its position as follows:

If we could develop the selling end of the corned beef business in the same proportions as the sample end of the business we would find it necessary to enlarge our plant immediately.

The representative of the packing house goes on to say that if the Europeans can find enough of canned meat producers in this country who are willing to continue submitting samples, they might be able to get enough food to take care of all the armies on the firing lines.

This suggestion is a valuable one, and we are pleased to give it additional publicity in the hope that it may reach some of the battling emperors and kings in Europe and be the means of solving food supply problems which may now be bothering them.

EIGHT INVESTIGATIONS OF SUBWAY FIRE

Now that a great disaster, which everybody knew was coming sooner or later,—has occurred in the New York subway, they are going to "investigate" it. In fact there are, according to the New York morning papers, eight distinct investigations to be made, respectively, by Governor Whitman, District Attorney Perkins, The Public Service Commission, Mayor Mitchel, Coroner Riordan, Police Commissioner Woods, Fire Commissioner Adamson and the Interborough Rapid Transit Company.

With all these inquiries doubtless something will be learned, but nothing that can be learned will result in making the subway a safe place for the great numbers of travelers who now use it daily. The various inquiries may show how and why the disaster of yesterday occurred. They cannot throw any new light on why the subway is dangerous, for everybody knows that now. It is simply that the subway's capacity is 200 or 300 per cent. over-taxed during the rush hour twice a day when a million or more humans are shot back and forth through the tubes.

The only way to remove the danger is to provide more subways or other means of transportation for the throngs that work in Lower Manhattan. Until adequate facilities of this sort are provided there will be constant danger of repetition of accidents like that of yesterday, or even worse ones, and no number of investigations will avail anything.

Now is the time for the skater to be cautious. The Terrible Turks do not seem to inspire much terror in the Russian Cossacks.

Those who think it's a long, long way to Tipperary ought to ride across the Jersey meadows on the Erie.

The fact that there are to be eight distinct investigations made of the disaster in the New York subway rather suggests that official New York is showing signs of hysteria.

If Congressman Palmer can substantiate his statement made to the Senate Privileges and Elections Committee in Washington yesterday the Republican campaign "kitty" in Pennsylvania was a full-grown cat.

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

ONCE ON A TIME. Once on a time, once on a time, Before the Dawn began, There was a nymph of Dian's train Who was beloved of Pan; Once on a time a peasant lad Who loved a lass at home; Once on a time a Saxon king Who loved a queen of Rome.

HARDLY FAIR. "All's fair in love and war," quoted the Wise Guy. "Still it seems silly to kiss a girl behind her back," said the Simple Mug.—Philadelphia Record.

OLD-TIME REMEDY MAKES PURE BLOOD

Purify your blood by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine has been and still is the people's medicine because of its reliable character and its wonderful success in the treatment of the common diseases and ailments—scrofula, catarrh, rheumatism, dyspepsia, loss of appetite, that tired feeling, general debility.

Tongue-End Topics

Warm Welcome for Senator Herbst

Seemingly vigorous, mentally as alert as ever, yet physically incapacitated for much active work, Senator Herbst, of Berks, appeared at his desk on the opening day of the legislative session and met with a very warm reception. Just as the session of 1913 was about to close Senator Herbst was prostrated by a stroke of paralysis at his home in Berks county, and so serious was his condition that it was thought he would never be able to resume his Senatorial seat.

"High License Bill" a Spectator

Among the attendants at the opening of the legislative session was former Representative William H. Brooks, of Philadelphia, who is known the State over as the father of the High License law, and has for years been known in his native city as "High License Bill."

Smaller Saloons Forced Out

It is a remarkable fact that this high license law has never been altered or amended in the least, although numerous attempts have been made to amend it as to remove its "high license" features, but all have failed.

A Fine Record

When the Board of Pardons, as constituted under Governor Tener, held its last session this week, the session being executive, the members—Lieutenant Governor John M. Reynolds, Secretary of the Commonwealth Robert McAfee, Secretary of Internal Affairs Henry Houck and Attorney General John Bell—took a short retrospective glance over the relations that existed in the Board since it first began its work four years ago, and it was found that in all that time, during all of the deliberations over and discussions on the many cases that had come before the members, in not a single instance was there the least friction whatever, and that every conclusion arrived at in the disposition of cases was reached amicably and with the best of good feeling.

A fatalist is a man who thinks that what is to be will be and that somebody else is to blame. About the only place in Europe where there is any "hum of industry" is in the gun factories.

FIRST LINE TRENCHES OF GERMANS ARE REPORTED CAPTURED BY THE FRENCH

Paris, Jan. 7, 2.40 P. M.—The French report given out this afternoon announces the capture of a portion of the German first line trenches in the Woivre district to the northwest of Flirey.

The activity in Flanders and in France still is confined largely to artillery exchanges. In them the French claim the advantage. Mines also have been exploded at two points on the line with successful results to the French troops.

The enemy at Steinbach has not attacked again and the French in this region have retained their positions. They claim also an advance toward Altkirch, in Alsace, south of Steinbach and Muelhausen. The text of the communication follows:

During the day of January 6 there occurred from the sea to the Lys, nothing other than artillery fighting in which we had almost always the advantage. Our batteries put to flight certain German aviators who were coming in the direction of Dunkirk, and they compelled a cessation of the fire of German mine throwers in the region of Zillebeke.

"In the region of Lille we repulsed with success a violent German attack on one of our trenches. This trench, in the beginning lost by us, was recaptured with great brilliancy and by the exploding of mines we demolished a portion of the German field works. Between Comme and the Aisne there has been nothing to report except artillery engagements.

"To the east of Rheims, on the Alger farm, we exploded some mines yesterday evening. This resulted in the stopping of the enemy's field work. In the Argonne, to the west and to the north of Verdun, there were yesterday artillery engagements in which the enemy did not show much activity.

"In the Woivre district the advance made by us to the northwest of Flirey is more important than was at first taken to be the case. We made ourselves masters of a portion of the enemy's first line.

"At Steinbach and at the adjoining heights the enemy has not delivered a counter attack. A persistent rain, together with the state of the ground, made any operations difficult. We have retained all the positions conquered by us in preceding days. There were two attacks on the part of the enemy, one to the west of Watville and the other near Keschlag. Both were immediately repulsed. We have made progress in the direction of Altkirch by occupying the forests situated four kilometers (2.1/2 miles) to the west of this town. Our heavy artillery silenced that of the enemy. During the day of January 6 the enemy bombarded the hospital at Thann."

S. P. C. A. ELECTS OFFICERS

Annual Meeting of Body This Afternoon at Masonic Temple

At the annual meeting of the local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals held this afternoon at the Masonic Temple, reports of the board of managers and of the treasurer were read and officers for the ensuing year elected as follows:

President, John T. Olmsted; vice president, Mrs. David Walter; secretary, Mrs. David Walter; treasurer, J. W. Barker, and new members of the board of managers, Mrs. Charles A. Kunkel, Mrs. Carl B. Ely, Mrs. Catherine Eggle and J. Clarence Funk. The members of the board of managers are elected to serve for three years.

The headquarters of the society will be transferred to the office of the new president, Mr. Olmsted.

The well known fact that gold is non-magnetic probably explains why so few of us attract it.

For Dandruff, we recommend Rexall "93" Hair Tonic. George A. Gorgas.

What We Say It Is, IT IS



No New Diamonds Are Being Put on the Market

Diamond mining and the sale of diamonds in the rough stopped abruptly August 1, but the demand for diamonds did not. Stocks of cutters and wholesalers are being depleted—and it will be a long time after the mines reopen before a new supply is secured.

DIENER, THE JEWELER 408 Market Street

"THE QUALITY STORE" VERY UNUSUAL BARGAINS FOR FRIDAY'S SELLING ONLY

REAL BARGAINS IN FURS—Fur Neck Pieces of Sable, Squirrel, Jap Mink and Fox—all of these are high grade but are odds and ends—small tie effects and stoles—were \$10 and \$15. Very special for Friday at \$5.00

One set of Machedon Cuff and Civet Cat Furs—fancy muff and new shaped tie—a regular \$80 value. Special for Friday at \$35

One set of imitation Mole—fat tie and pillow muff—this was an exceptionally good value at \$20. Special for Friday at \$10

EXCEPTIONAL—One lot of Ladies' and Misses' Coats of tan and black and black and white mixed cloths—made in distinctive platted back model with beautiful belt. Were \$10.98. Very special for Friday at \$5.00

Eiderdown Dressing Sacques made of excellent quality material, values to \$1.25. Special for Friday at 50¢

Black Taffeta Waists—slightly mussed—are good styles but not just up to the minute—splendidly made—worth \$3.50 to \$5.00. Special for Friday at 98¢

9x12 Tapestry Brussels Rugs in new and up-to-date patterns and colorings—regularly \$13.50. Special for Friday at each, \$9.00

Curtain Net—a double thread cable net for curtains—36 inches wide with linen cluny edge—beautiful style and very serviceable—50¢ value. Special for Friday at, per yard, \$30¢

SAVINGS ON CURTAINS—There are some odd lots of curtains in one, two and three pair lots which we are disposing of at remarkable reductions.

36-in. Wash Silk, white grounds, with blue, pink, black, and wisteria stripes—\$1.00 quality. Special for Friday at, per yard, 69¢

31-in. Corded Wash Silk, white grounds with pretty colored stripes, 50¢ quality. Special for Friday at, per yard, 35¢

\$1.75 Comfortables filled with clean white cotton and covered both sides with attractive designed chintz—large size. Special for Friday at, each, \$1.39

89¢ Black Petticoats made of an extra good quality of mercerized satine—deep pleated dounce and trimmed with neat pin tucks—very special for Friday at, each, 49¢

\$1.25 Large Double Bed Size Spreads with neatly finished hems—very attractive Marseilles patterns. Special for Friday at, each, 98¢

\$1.50 Longcloth, 12-yard pieces, fine nice even cloth with chamois finish, 36 inches wide. Special for Friday at, piece, \$1.19 (Note—these are 12-yard pieces.)

38-inch Unbleached Muslin, fine even cloth of medium weight. Special for Friday at, yard, 5¢

15c Duckling Fleece in a beautiful pattern and color range—all new styles. Special for Friday at, per yard, 12 1/2¢

63x90 "MOHAWK" Bleached Seamless Sheets—perfect in every way and hand torn. Very special for Friday at, each, 55¢

"BATES" and "TOILE DE NORD" Dress Gingham in waist and school dress lengths, sells for 12 1/2¢ everywhere. Special for Friday at, per yard, 8 1/2¢

36-in. Soft Finish Bleached Muslin—splendid cloth that will not turn yellow—9c value. Special for Friday at, per yard, 7¢

50c Brassieres trimmed with wide lace and insertion. Special for Friday at, each, 39¢

Lot of Men's 50c Negligee Shirts—slightly soiled and some dark colors, not all sizes. Special for Friday at, each, 25¢

Men's 75c Muslin Night Shirts with military collar—slightly soiled—all large sizes. Special for Friday at, each, 45¢

SPECIAL FOR FRIDAY \$1.75 Silver Mesh Bags, 98¢ \$3.25 Silver Mesh Bags, \$1.98 \$4.50 and \$5.00 Silver Mesh Bags, \$2.50 \$1.25 Vanity Cases, 50¢ All Party Cases at HALF PRICE.

Small lot of Holiday goods, values from 45¢ to \$1.25. Special for Friday at, each, 19¢

Kewpie Dressed Dolls with unbreakable heads—were \$1.00. Special for Friday at, each, 59¢

One Old Brass Cigar Stand—regular price \$12.50. Special for Friday at, \$5.50

Cigar Jars—only three of these left—worth \$5.00 and \$5.50. Special for Friday at, each, \$2.19

L. W. COOK

CUBA TOBACCO CROP RUINED

Torrential Downpour Completes Destruction Over Whole Island

Havana, Jan. 7.—The heavy, unseasonable rains of last week, which culminated in a torrential downpour last night, completed the destruction of the tobacco crop in almost all sections of the island.

The sugar cane also was injured seriously, being so saturated with water that in many localities it is yielding only about half the normal proportion of saccharine.

Many sugar mills have suspended grinding while awaiting the drying out of the fields. This postponement of the grinding season, it is feared, will result in a large part of the crop remaining unground when the regular rainy season begins.

Perpetual Motion

Alderman Curran, of New York City, worked his way through Yale college. During his course he was kept very busy by the various jobs he did to help with his expenses.

"After some months of life in New York a friend met him and said, 'Henry, what are you doing?' 'I have three jobs,' replied Mr. Curran. 'I am studying law, I am a newspaper reporter and I am selling life insurance.'"

"How do you manage to get it all in?" said the friend. "Oh," replied Mr. Curran, "that's easy enough. They're only eight hour jobs."—Youth's Companion.

Advertisement for Guardian Mechanics Trust Company, featuring a building illustration and text: "3% PAID ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS" and "CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$600,000.00"

Advertisement for Guardian Mechanics Trust Company, featuring text: "GUARDIAN This company in acting as Guardian for children is not affected by sentiment nor influence in any way by family differences, but carries out faithfully and to the letter all of the instructions of the testator with the skill and judgment which experience only can furnish."