

REPUBLICAN NEWS-ITEM

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Thus far it has been a hard year on baby emperors.

At last accounts the man who wrote "The Beautiful Snow" was still in hiding.

Getting cold feet may be slang, but there is more truth than fiction in it these days.

Our idea of a waste of time is to fall in love with the hero of a moving picture film.

The man who kicked on the 100 in the shade weather now sees where his judgment was at fault.

The time may come when a man can be a good and great actor without having more than one wife.

Generally, man proposes and Providence disposes, but this year woman proposes and man hasn't the heart to refuse.

Eastern society woman tells us that the grizzly bear is not as naughty as its reputation. Isn't she the knocker!

Kansas has a citizen who claims to be "the only hog dentist in the world." What's the use of casting gold fillings before swine?

We are informed that Mars is experiencing a hard winter, but, then, there is reason to believe that Mars has nothing on us.

One good thing about the king of weather we have had this year is that it keeps your priceless chunk of butter from melting away.

A leading actress refuses to play in a theater that asks but one dollar for its best seats. This actress will yet be put on the retired list.

A food expert informs us that there is as much nourishment in two eggs as there is in a good sized steak, but eggs were delectable ever.

Mlle. Plaskowetzkakajakale, a Russian dancer, is about to visit us. Lind-type operators are in favor of the exclusion of undrable Russians.

Paraphraser are taking sundry jolts at the man who paid \$27,000 for a Bible and does not read it, but how many paraphraser read the Bible?

One of our financiers tells us that there is a scarcity of \$10,000 men, but in our varied career we have not seen many \$10,000 jobs lying around loose.

Never be in your place of business when a person wants to borrow money of you, because if you are in you will be out, and if you are out you will be in.

Chicago lawyer is responsible for the startling statement that a man will be on the safe side if he obeys the ten commandments. Another Solomon!

The queen of Slam breaks into print with the story that she has been robbed of her jewels. We never knew there was a vaudeville circuit in Slam.

One of the men "who broke the Monte Carlo bank" has been arrested on a charge of fraud. Maybe he spiked the wheel when the croupier wasn't looking.

"A New Yorker was arrested for throwing money away on the streets." Don't be deceived; undoubtedly he was merely trying to entice suckers from the provinces.

Government investigators are trying to find out what has happened, but a respectable family newspaper would not dare to print what the average boarder thinks of it.

New York, we are told, has a murder every thirty-six hours. And yet certain persons would have us believe that baseball is the most popular pastime in that city.

The Turkish fleet has been destroyed again. Either the war correspondents are afflicted with frenzied imagination or the Turkish fleet has a faculty of unscrambling itself.

Franz Lehar, who composed the "Merry Widow" waltz, is coming to this country. Here and there he will no doubt be able to find an old inhabitant who remembers the "Merry Widow" waltz.

We are told that English society women have adopted the fad of being photographed while asleep, but we fall to see how a woman can fall asleep when she knows she is going to be photographed.

Experts in care of infants in New York are warning mothers not to rock or cuddle their babies. But science cannot do everything, or it will have to make mothers over from the original nature plan before it can stop the cuddling of babies.

An office boy in Wall street has been made a partner in the firm. All of which goes to show that there are a few office boys left in the world who do not divide their time between reading detective stories and whistling "Alexander's Ragtime Band."

PLOT TO STEAL \$500,000 ESTATE

Ex-Senator Gardner Accused of Conspiracy Against Recluse.

MAN NURSE ALSO ARRESTED

Nurse Arrested on Charge of Complicity in Conspiracy to Gain Possession of Estate of Old Millionaire Says Testator Was Incompetent.

New York.—The remarkable story of an alleged attempt to wrest from Samuel E. Haslett of No. 138 Remsen street, Brooklyn, his entire fortune, amounting to more than a half million dollars, when the old man lay ill in bed, mentally and physically incompetent, was revealed in detail when the verbatim testimony of George Decker, a trained nurse, arrested in connection with the case was made public. Decker testified the rich man was incompetent when signing the will drawn by Frank J. Gardner, formerly state Senator, who is under arrest on a charge of conspiracy made by John B. Lord, attorney for Haslett.

Decker told of the pitiful weakness of the old man, who, he said, was made to get out of bed to sign the documents and when in such a mental condition he would do anything he was asked to do. The nurse said Haslett knew practically nothing of what was going on when he signed the documents giving Gardner power of attorney and control of his estate.

Other affidavits made public by Dr. H. B. Minton and John C. Stapleton, a trained nurse, both of whom are in attendance at Haslett's bedside, disclosed also a story of self-inflicted privation, exposure and poverty endured by the old man, who is rated a millionaire by many of his neighbors. Dr. Minton said Haslett is suffering an illness caused by lack of nourishment and exposure to cold with inadequate apparel.

Samuel E. Haslett is an old Brooklynite, the son of Dr. John Haslett, who moved to Brooklyn years ago from South Carolina. Dr. Haslett was wealthy when he came to Brooklyn, and his money, invested in real estate, greatly increased.

Frank J. Gardner, former State Senator from Brooklyn, was arraigned before Chief Magistrate Otto Kempner, on a charge of conspiracy to defraud Haslett of property valued at upward of \$400,000, and was later released on \$3,000 bail.

Max D. Steuer, the lawyer who defended Gardner when he was tried and acquitted on a charge of bribery in connection with the anti-racetrack legislation, said that Mrs. Gardner who was known to the stage as May Yerba, had communicated with him and asked him to appear for her husband.

ENVOY INSULTS KNOX.

Tells State Department He Would Not Be Welcome to Colombia.

Washington.—The relations between the United States and Colombia, which have not been very amicable since 1903 have been strained to a far limit by an insult offered to Secretary Knox by Senor Pedro Nel Ospina, the Minister to this Government from the Colombian Republic. Senor Ospina, replying to the circular note announcing Mr. Knox's intended visit to the Latin American countries, has, on his own responsibility, made the reply that it would be inopportune at this time for the American Secretary of State to visit Colombia.

In view of the Colombian Minister's note Secretary Knox probably will abandon his proposed visit to Colombia.

UNDER EITHER SIX MONTHS.

Girl Now Reviving—Doctors Failed to Remove Effect of Drug.

Marquette, Mich.—After being under the influence of ether for six months on submitting to an operation on her foot in Chicago, Dorothy Grabow, 16 years old, daughter of a leading merchant of this city, is now reviving from the anaesthetic, and in two or three days it is expected that she will have fully recovered.

BURIAL OF THE MAINE.

Hulk Will Be Towed Out in the Gulf of Mexico and Sunk.

Washington.—Impressive funeral services for the bodies of sailors recovered from the wreck of the battleship Maine and for the hulk of the battleship itself have been arranged by the United States and Cuba.

Shortly after March 4 the twisted mass, which had lain fourteen years in Havana harbor mud, will be towed out into the Gulf of Mexico and sunk.

FISK'S WIDOW DEAD.

Wife of Man Shot by E. S. Stokes Was Practically Penniless.

Boston.—Mrs. Lucy D. Fisk, widow of James Fisk, Jr., who was shot more than forty years ago in the Broadway Central Hotel, New York, by Edward S. Stokes, died of pneumonia in South Boston. She was 76 years of age.

Mrs. Fisk had to pass the last forty years of her life in indigence and died almost penniless. She will be buried at Brattleboro, Vt., where her husband's body lies.

CALL HALT ON ALL WATER JOBS

Impressive Protest Against 18 Schemes to Dam Rivers.

EYES FIXED ON THE CLARION

Two Thousand Residents, as Well as Corporations on the Ground, Give Warning—Most Potent Objector is Pittsburgh.

(Special Harrisburg Correspondence.) Harrisburg.—The tendency to lay hold of streams for commercial purposes seems to be growing in Pennsylvania. Many applications have been made to the Governor for charters for water power companies that propose to dam streams in all parts of the State; but these must pass the close inspection of the State Water Supply Commission, which is more rigid than ever in its investigations and seldom approves a charter unless it is fully satisfied that the proposed company will not construct a dam that will injure the public, now or hereafter. The Austin disaster has made the Commission very wary, and although its powers are not as large as they might be in preventing danger, nevertheless they are exercised to the limit, and it is proposed to ask the next Legislature to enlarge them.

Since last March there have been on file with the Water Supply Commission 18 applications for charters for new water companies, which propose to dam the Clarion River and control the waters of the stream within 75 miles of its mouth. These companies have pre-empted everything in sight in the way of water in Clarion, Jefferson, Forest and Warren counties, so far as the streams are tributary to the Clarion River, and as a consequence the people along the streams have risen in protest, especially those living along the Clarion and Tionesta Rivers.

The Commission now has on file protests from over 2000 people, and from other companies that are now in existence and object to being deprived of their water rights. But the most potent objector of all is the Pittsburgh Floods Commission, which sees in the big dams in the Clarion, which is tributary to the Allegheny River, a menace to the cities and towns along the larger stream farther down, if the dams should burst.

There have been a number of hearings, at which the applicants and protestants have been heard; but no action has been taken by the Commission, the opposition being so strenuous. Meantime another company has applied for the right to dam the Clarion and Tionesta Rivers, and against it already there have been lodged protests.

State Loses Pollution Suit.

In a jury trial alleging violations of the act of 1905, forbidding pollution of the waters of the Commonwealth, the State Health Department has again lost out at Bloomsburg. A jury has acquitted Elmer Shaffer, of Briar Creek, of the charge, after three days' trial.

The costs were placed on Dr. S. B. Arment, county health officer, the nominal prosecutor, though the State Health Department had a small army of experts there to testify. It was testified by one of the Commonwealth's witnesses, Inspector Zeigler, who had served the formal notice to abate the emptying of blood and excrement from his slaughter house into Briar Creek, that Shaffer had informed him Dr. Dixon and the whole State Health Department ought to be in hades, and he had concluded it was about time to see whether they could compel him to do as they desired.

Probe Medical Colleges.

Inspection of the medical colleges of Pennsylvania started at Philadelphia by the new State Bureau of Medical Education and Licensure, and two or three days will be devoted to an examination into the methods, courses and business of the medical institutions in that city. The bureau members will go to Pittsburgh, where similar inquiries will be made into the Western colleges which have the right to confer the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Institutions in the other parts of the State will be visited later.

This investigation was authorized by the bureau at its recent meeting, and is intended to establish the standing of each medical institution and to enable the bureau to formulate certain rules to govern the issuance of degrees and examination of candidates for State licenses. It will be sweeping in its character.

Dies in Car Seat Beside Her.

Miss Anna May, of this city, found her sister, Mrs. Sarah Murray, dead in a seat in a Pennsylvania Railroad train just as it was entering this city.

Auditors on Public Waste.

Declaring the payment of \$11,659 to constables and \$6,596 to Aldermen in the city upon discharged criminal cases in the past year to have been a waste of public funds, the County Auditors, in a report submitted to Court at York, recommended that the commissioners be vigilant and refuse payment in "trumped-up" cases. It was shown that less than \$1,000 of the total paid out for discharged cases went to Justices and constables outside the city. Total paid constables and Magistrates for criminal cases is \$30,598.

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM WIN

Supreme Court Refuses to Declare Them Unconstitutional.

GREAT REJOICING IN WEST

The Effect of the Decision is to Leave the Oregon Law in Full and Free Operation Unless Checked By Congress.

Washington.—Only Congress, and not the Supreme Court of the United States, may object to the initiative and referendum method of legislation in the states, so the court itself decided.

That tribunal held that the question of whether a state still maintained a republican form of government, guaranteed by the federal Constitution, after it adopted the initiative and referendum method was a political problem for Congress and not a judicial one for the courts.

The decision was based on the claim of the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Company that a tax imposed on it by the initiative and referendum method in Oregon was unconstitutional. The initiative and referendum provisions in Missouri, California, Arkansas, Colorado, South Dakota, Utah, Montana, Oklahoma, Maine and Arizona hung in the balance. An adverse decision would have affected proposed legislation of that character in many other states.

Chief Justice White announced the decision of the court. None of the justices dissented. The court also gave a similar decision in reference to an ordinance in Portland, Ore., for the construction of a bridge.

The decision in the case has been awaited with vital interest by the states that have the initiative and referendum and there is great rejoicing among many folks from the West. Advocates of this form of government say the Supreme Court's decision will be of great benefit to them in their efforts to spread the propaganda.

PITNEY SUCCEEDS HARLAN.

Chancellor of State of New Jersey Named for Supreme Bench.

Washington.—Mahlon Pitney, chancellor of the state of New Jersey, has been appointed to the vacancy on the Supreme Court of the United States caused by the recent death of Associate Justice John M. Harlan. The nomination was sent to the Senate by President Taft.

Trenton, N. J.—Both the Senate and the House adopted resolutions expressing appreciation at the selection of Chancellor Pitney as a Justice of the United States Supreme Court. The House resolution congratulated the Chancellor and the Senate resolution the President for the choice he had made.

Gov. Wilson, who was a classmate of Chancellor Pitney at Princeton, was doubly pleased over the selection. It is personally agreeable and it gives him the opportunity to appoint a Chancellor, the highest judicial officer in the State.

Mahlon Pitney's father, Henry C. Pitney, was vice-chancellor of New Jersey. His mother was Sarah Louise Haisted. He was born at Morristown, N. J., on Feb. 5, 1858. He was graduated from Princeton in 1879. He was admitted to the bar in 1882 and he practiced in Morristown. In 1891 he married Florence T. Sheldon of Morristown. Chancellor Pitney is a Republican in politics, is home in Morristown.

125,000 IDLE MEN IN CHICAGO.

Mayor Will Appoint Board to Inquire into the Problem.

Chicago.—Chicago has 125,000 men out of work. They will do almost anything, according to officials of the United Charities and the Illinois Free Employment Bureau, yet scarcity of jobs compels them to be idle. Their alternative, according to officials in close touch with the situation, is to enter the field of criminal activity.

Mayor Harrison will appoint a commission to investigate.

PICKED TEXT FITTING DEATH.

Avis Linnell Killed After Copying Sermon for Richeson.

Boston.—Avis Linnell, the Hyannis choir singer, who was murdered with cyanide of potassium by the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, formerly her pastor, chose for her sweetheart the text of a sermon he preached just before he killed her. The text was from the book of Job—"Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him." The sermon, just found, is in the girl's handwriting.

LONE BANDIT ROBS TRAIN.

Gets \$1,000 in Cash and Much Jewelry from B. & O. Sleeping Car. Baltimore, Md.—Flourishing a revolver in each hand, and his face covered with a handkerchief, a man boarded the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad passenger train, No. 1, eight miles west of Piedmont, West Va., and compelled the passengers to surrender their valuables.

The bandit obtained more than \$1,000 in cash and considerable jewelry.

NO AINSWORTH COURT-MARTIAL

Adjutant-General of Army Retired by Own Request.

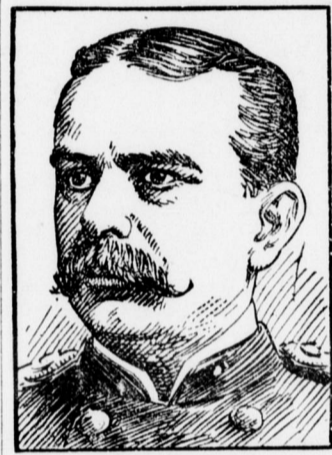
HAD CRITICISED SUPERIORS

Accused of Impugning Motives of Secretary of War Stimson as Well as of Chief of Staff Wood in Various Memoranda.

Washington.—Hopes of Washington sensation lovers that the Wood-Ainsworth controversy would be aired in a court-martial of the former Adjutant-General of the army following his relief from office were blasted by the announcement that Gen. Ainsworth had applied for and received retirement from active service in the army.

As far as the army is concerned this action ends the whole matter. Gen. Ainsworth is now a retired officer and no longer under orders from the War Department. He will not be tried by court-martial and no charges are pending against him. He will retire with the rank of Major-General, with pay of \$6,000 a year instead of with the rank and pay of a retired Lieutenant-General, as was the Hay plan.

General Ainsworth was removed by Secretary of War Stimson in obedience to an order by President Taft.



MAJ. GEN. FRED C. AINSWORTH.

Col. H. P. McCain, acting Adjutant General, was placed in charge after Gen. Ainsworth's dismissal from that office.

The charges against Ainsworth were the outcome of a long smoldered ill-feeling between the adjutant-general and his former fellow army doctor, General Leonard Wood, chief of staff. Stimson and Wood, both Republicans, are violently arrayed against the Hay bill for the reorganization of the army. Ainsworth, a Democrat, has been doing his utmost to secure its passage.

Ainsworth's intimation that Stimson, General Wood and other men high in authority in the army are "incompetent amateurs" particularly enraged the Secretary of War, and he comes back with language almost as intemperate as that he quotes from the Adjutant-General.

RESPIRE THREE MINUTES LATE.

Four Men Hanged in Chicago Just Before Court Granted a Stay.

Chicago.—Five murderers were hanged in the county jail here while arguments which ended in the grant of a respite for four of them convicted of murdering one man were being heard in the Superior Court.

Ewald and Frank Sablowski, Philip Summerling and Thomas Schultz were hanged for the murder of a Polish laborer.

The four men were executed in pairs. Three minutes after the first two had been pronounced dead a bailiff rushed into the jail with a summons for the jailer to go to the court. The jailer accepted the service, but refused to delay the executions.

When the respite was granted the four were already dead. They were convicted of murdering Fred Guilgow, Jr., a farmer, in order to rob him.

Thomas Jennings, a negro, the first man ever convicted of a murder on finger-print evidence in Cook County, was hanged on the same gallows. The five executions took place within two hours.

ENDS SUFFERING OF DYING.

Doctor Chloroforms Trainman Pinned Under Wreck and Roasting.

Portland, Me.—Pleading of Harry Corliss, a trainman on the Grand Trunk Railway, that something he done to relieve his suffering while pinned under tons of burning wreckage at Yarmouth, caused a doctor to chloroform him.

NEW ZEALAND SENDS BUTTER.

Canada Imports It From Antipodes to Check High Prices.

Ottawa.—High prices of butter caused, so dealers say, by a shortage have brought about an unprecedented condition here in Montreal and in Toronto. One thousand packages of butter, imported from New Zealand and shipped across the continent from Vancouver reached Montreal and were offered for sale there below the prices asked for Canadian butter which has reached 40 cents a pound.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 25.

BAPTISM AND TEMPTATION OF JESUS.

LESSON TEXT—Mark 1:9-13; Matt. 4:1-11. MEMORY VERSES—Matt. 4:3-4. GOLDEN TEXT—For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted.—Heb. 2:18.

Three things deserve special notice in connection with the scene of the baptism of Christ: The baptism itself, the descending dove, and the heavenly voice.

The baptism of Christ is connected with the fact that Christ was thirty years old. This was the age when Levitical priests were set apart and consecrated to their office. The baptism, therefore, has reference to the priestly office of Christ. By submitting to baptism Jesus identifies himself with the world's sin.

Christ's baptism then was not personal—for he himself was sinless. The lesson tells us that while others, after their baptism, stood confessing their sins in the Jordan, he immediately went out of the water, for he had no sins to confess—but official and representative. Christ submitted to the same baptism which the generation of vipers had received, not because he was one of them, but because he was their representative, and had come to take upon himself their sins.

Christ, in submitting to John's baptism, set his seal upon the divinely appointed ministry of John as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecy. He recognized in John's baptism God's plan for him, and he submitted to it without questioning. If any man in his own right did not need baptism, it was Christ. By this act, Jesus set his seal upon the rite of baptism, a rite which may be abandoned only when it no longer teaches any truth. Rebellion against customs and rites for rebellion's sake is vicious individualism.

The descent of the Holy Spirit indicates Christ's equipment for his service. In his sermon in the synagogue he referred to this truth when he said, the spirit of the Lord God is resting upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel. Even Christ could not accomplish his life work without the aid of the divine spirit. Nor can we.

The voice from heaven could scarcely have been heard by Christ without his associating it with the identification of himself with the servant of the Lord in the prophecy of Isaiah (chapters 42 to 60).

The temptation is closely allied to the baptism of Christ; indeed, it is based on the proclaimed sonship of the baptism. From this we learn that the greatest temptations ofttimes, indeed generally follow the greatest blessings.

The temptation was a real event, and not a mere mental or soul struggle. The personality of Satan is as evident as the personality of Christ in the narrative. Nor is there anything in the story to indicate that it is an allegory, but everything predicates a reality.

All of the temptations were along the line of Christ's intention to establish the Kingdom of God in the world. Satan's suggestion to Christ was to take a short cut to the obtaining of the Kingdom. The adversary did not ask Christ to do a single wrong thing; he did suggest doing right things in a wrong way and with wrong motives. There is nothing wrong in being hungry and satisfying hunger, but it is sinful to use wrong measures to satisfy even so natural an appetite. Nor is it wrong to trust in the word and promises of God for deliverance when we find ourselves in places of danger, but it is wrong to unnecessarily place ourselves in compromising positions because of the temptations of the evil one, and then presume to rely upon the promises of God to extricate us from a position into which we have thus been brought. Such is not an act of faith, but of presumption—it is tempting the Lord God. Nor is it wrong to engage in the act of worship, but it is sinful to worship anything or anybody other than God.

Christ's method of victory is significant. He does not resort to dazzling inventions or manifest any attempt at shrewdness in his answers. He does not even try to be original. He goes to the quiver of God's word, and takes out an arrow that had been polished by much use, and hurls it at the adversary. He exemplifies the psalmist's expression: "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." No doubt Jesus quoted from memory. Herein lies the blessing of learning gospel texts, and of storing the memory with scripture.

Jesus was tempted in all points like as we are. We must not think that these three temptations were the only ones Christ endured, even in the wilderness. The narrative says that "When Satan had finished all the (whole cycle of) temptations, he left him for a season." This implies that there were other temptations, and that his whole life was beset by temptations. There is not a single note in the great organ of our humanity, which, when touched, does not produce a sympathetic vibration in the mighty scope and range of our master's being except the jarring discord of sin.