

There must be a contest on for story telling, for the reading public are being handed some "lemons" unawares, or, if there isn't, the strangest things ever are happening.

A French paper is conducting a voting contest for the purpose of deciding what in the opinion of a majority of its readers are the virtues most to be desired in women.

Atlantic City is getting very moral. Not content with regulating bathing suits, the solons have now decreed that no oyster may go through the streets without having all its shell on.

Ohio has more colleges than any other state. It requires special endeavor to raise one institution into fame above its rivals, when so many exist.

One man asserts that blondes are going out of fashion and that big feet for women are coming in.

Dr. Wiley, the government authority on pure foods, makes a doleful indictment of the American people. He says we eat too much, drink too much, work too much, sleep too much, loaf too much and take medicine too much.

Strange, isn't it, how the tired business man will perk up and take a brighter view of life in the afternoon as the hands of the clock approach the hour of three—that is, when it is not raining and the baseball team is in town.

It is announced by an English scientist that our winters will gradually get warmer during the next 400 years, but he warns us that after the year 2294 there will be a change for the worse.

A Philadelphia preacher announces that summer resorts are the starting places of disagreements leading to divorce. It is not likely that his declaration will have a serious effect upon the summer resort business.

The automobile mile record is now 25.40 seconds, and the locomotive is distanced. The aeroplane may, however, become a competitor.

One of the feminine moralists advises women to have an aim in life. Who ever heard of a woman hitting anything she aimed at?

No war now in the known earth, unless in the vicinity of Fez. There it is a habit of the Moors who h Europe cannot stop.

Another German dirigible has been wrecked on a tree. It is up to Germany to quit ballooning or cut down its forests.

THE SUGAR MEN AFRAID OF JAIL

As a Result Beet Sugar Company Ended Agreement.

WERE VIOLATING THE LAW.

Agreement Was Made After Trust Had Failed to Force the American Beet Sugar Company Out of Business.

Washington.—Henry T. Oxnard, vice-president of the American Beet Sugar Company, told the Hardwick investigating committee of the House how John E. Parsons, as counsel for the American Sugar Refining Company, had O. K.'d an agreement between the Sugar Trust and the American Beet Sugar Company, which later was abrogated by the beet sugar people because they were advised that it might land some of them in jail for violating the Sherman Anti-trust Law.

"There had been a ruinous cut-throat competition," admitted Mr. Oxnard, "and, in addition, it was cheaper to have our product handled by the brokers of the American Sugar Refining Company."

"When Col. Duval succeeded me as president of the company," he said, "he thought the contract was against the law. I told him we had expert legal advice from officers of the American Sugar Refining Company and from a firm of New York counsel that it was not in violation of law. But Mr. Duval said he would have Mr. Wayne MacVeagh pass upon the legality of the contract. Mr. MacVeagh told Col. Duval that if we did not abrogate it we would run the risk of going to the penitentiary. We conferred with the officers of the American Sugar Refining Company as to Mr. MacVeagh's opinion and of our desire to abrogate it. They reiterated their belief that it was not, in their opinion, in violation of law, but they would agree to abrogate it if we wished to do so. The contract was terminated in October, 1905, after being in operation for about three years. It was to have run until 1912."

Mr. Oxnard mentioned Henry O. Havemeyer and Mr. Parson as having expressed the opinion it was not in violation of the law.

Circus Girl's Awful Punish. York, Pa.—A crowd of 5,000 persons at the Forepaugh-Sells Show here was thrilled with an act not on the program when Lula Hummel dropped from near the top of the tent to the ground and was fatally injured. Miss Hummel, whose home is in Milwaukee, Wis., was hanging to a strap with her teeth and was being spun around like a top, when she lost her hold. Both arms were broken and she sustained internal injuries that will cause her death. Several women among the spectators fainted and had to be carried from the tent.

Postmaster Falls Dead. Newark, Del.—Delaware Clark, aged 54 years, postmaster of Newark, dropped dead on the street. Mr. Clark was on the way from his home, on Quality Hill, to the postoffice about 6.30 o'clock. When crossing the main tracks of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad he was seen to suddenly drop to the ground. Friends went to his assistance and removed him to a nearby store, but he died within 20 minutes. He had been subject to attacks similar to paralytic strokes for several years.

To Remove 3,000 Dead. San Antonio.—The bodies of 3,000 soldiers and officers are to be removed at once from the Fort Brown National Cemetery, Brownville, Tex., and reinterred in the Alexandria National Cemetery, at Pineville, La. N. E. Randall, the successful bidder for the contract, had word from Washington that his bond had been approved.

Thompson Must Stand Trial. Washington.—Peter G. Thomson, of Hamilton, O., president of the Champion Coated Paper Company, must stand trial on the indictment returned against him charging bribery of Major W. P. Zantlinger, postal card agent for the Postoffice Department, by sending him \$100 after the agent had rejected certain paper furnished by the company under a contract for postal cards. Justice Wright, of the District Supreme Court, overruled a demurrer filed by Thomson.

503 Vessels Idle. Cleveland, O.—Not in years, vessel owners say, has there been such stagnation in freight traffic on the Great Lakes as during the present season. Local carriers estimate that a total of 500 vessels are in port, none of which has had a cargo since the close of navigation last fall. Ore traffic is reported unusually light. Reports of a bumper crop in the Northwest, however, causes vessel owners to hope that there will be a big increase in freight before the season ends.

BACK TO THE SOIL



NO CONCESSIONS TO MONOPOLIES GAVE BUNDLES OF CASH TO WOMEN

Mexican Reforms Affecting American Properties—No Selling Out of Mexico

Chihuahua, Mex.—Reforms immediately affecting millions of dollars worth of American property in Mexico have been announced. Governor Abraham Gonzales declared that under the new regime foreign concessions which might be regarded as monopolies would not be extended or renewed, and that every legal effort would be made to restrict foreign monopolies now existing in Chihuahua, one of the richest states in minerals and timber. The properties are legally controlled by American, British and German interests. The Americans are the largest holders.

"All Americans who grieved at the downfall of the Diaz administration will find that their grief was well founded," said Governor Gonzales. "We do not intend to take away the riches of any foreigner who legally holds them, but we realize that under the Diaz system the granting of concessions, with their ruinous payments of large sums of money to Mexican politicians, was a virtual selling out of Mexico."

"For years Mexico has been exploited by foreigners until the great body of the people have nothing. We are on the verge of becoming a nation of paupers. Now all special privileges shall cease if we can accomplish it."

"We hope to maintain the friendliest relations with Americans, and we shall invite all foreign capital to come in; but there will be no more selling out of the country by piecemeal. We will invite competition, not monopoly. If American capital wishes to come here, it must be prepared to compete with Mexican capital. No exclusive privileges will be given foreigners."

CHAMP ON EGG EATER

Swallows 54 in Six Minutes for a Bit of \$ 0.0. San Francisco.—Breaking eggs as fast as they were handed to him and catapulting the contents into his mouth at the rate of one in three seconds, Nick Volz, a butcher, swallowed 54 eggs in 186 seconds, thereby refuting the statement of a well-known physician that it could not be done. Volz got the eggs and \$100.

Several days ago Abe Shapiro, proprietor of a butcher shop and who was familiar with the accomplishments of Volz along gastronomic lines, offered to bet Leon Sanders \$100 that Volz could devour 54 eggs in six minutes. Sanders sought counsel of a doctor and received satisfying advice. Then he took up the wager and supplemented it by making a similar bet with Volz.

After eating the eggs Volz took two drinks of whiskey and resumed his work.

Girl Has Too Much Money. Chicago.—Catherine Barker, 12 years old, of Laporte, Ind., who, by her father's will, receives an annual income of \$60,000 for her education and sustenance, has applied to the Circuit Court for permission to divide her income with charitable institutions of Laporte and Michigan City, Ind. Miss Barker received \$30,000,000 as her share of her father's estate, which is held in trust.

Taft's Suit of First Cotton. San Benito, Texas.—President Taft, the King of England and the Governor-General of Canada are to be presented with suits of clothes made from the first bale of cotton of this season's growth. At a meeting of the Commercial Club of San Benito it was decided to trace the cotton, which was raised in this country, to Manchester, England, where it is destined, and have it woven into cloth from which the clothes are to be made.

Died Openly Safe. Washington.—Joseph Durnbaugh, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., an expert locksmith, employed in the Treasury Department, fell dead while attempting to open a safe in the White House offices. Durnbaugh was 70 years old.

Victor A. Du Pont, Jr. Dead. Wilmington, Del.—Victor A. du Pont, Jr., until recently vice-president of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours Powder Company, died of heart failure at his home here.

RECIPROCITY ON ITS WAY

Senate Makes It Unfinished Business—Gore on Middle Ground.

Washington.—The first day of the consideration of the Canadian Reciprocity Bill by the Senate was characterized by several events. In addition to listening to speeches by Senators Curtis, of Kansas, and McCumber, of North Dakota, in opposition to the measure, the Senate made the bill the unfinished business on the calendar, and without opposition changed the regular daily hour of meeting from 2 o'clock to 12 o'clock noon, which is expected to materially assist in disposing of the speeches.

Senator Penrose, in charge of the bill, expressed satisfaction at the outlook, saying he believed there will be general co-operation in bringing the discussion to a close as speedily as possible.

Senator Bristol introduced an amendment reducing the sugar duty. His amendment would strike out the Dutch standard provision of the present law and remove the differential between raw and refined sugar, so that the duty would be 95 cents per hundred on sugar testing 75 degrees and 3 1-2 cents for each additional degree. Mr. Bristol expressed confidence that the amendment would receive a considerable vote.

Senator Gore asked and obtained leave for the printing of a speech made in the Canadian Parliament by J. A. Sexsmith, a member, in opposition to the reciprocity agreement. He said that Mr. Sexsmith was a farmer and declared that he painted an especially dark picture for Canada as the result of the ratification of the convention. For himself, Mr. Gore said he occupied middle ground, believing that ruin would come to neither.

REVOLT BEGINS IN PORTUGAL

Chaves Garrison Near Northern Border, Mutinies.

London.—The threatened monarchist revolution in Portugal is now under way, according to Madrid dispatches.

The garrison at Chaves, near the northern frontier, mutinied and killed the commander, the dispatches say. At Braga, in Northwestern Portugal, monarchist groups sacked the office of the Republican newspaper and are in control of the town.

Madrid dispatches say the government men as rushed to the disaffected sections. Captain Coustos and Commander Coimbra are leading the monarchist movement near Braga, only a few miles from the Spanish border.

WATCH WOMEN BURN

Neighbors Couldn't Force Way Through Door.

Chicago.—Mrs. Mary Brackett is dead and her daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Bechy, an artist, is dying as a result of a fire in the kitchen of their home. The elder woman's dress blazed up when she went too near the gas range and the daughter went to her rescue. Neighbors, attracted by the screams, could not force their way through the locked door and were forced to stand on the porch and watch the women burn.

BREAD TRUST IMMUNE

Cannot be Prosecuted Because Trade is Local.

Washington.—The new \$25,000,000 bread baking trust organized in New York city is beyond prosecution, according to Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, former trust buster of the Department of Justice. Senator Kenyon told President Taft that as long as the concerns in the trust sell their bread in cities where it is made, and do not engage in interstate commerce, they are immune from prosecution.

ACCUSES CUSTOMS MEN.

Alleged in Plot With Tobacco Men at Havana.

Havana.—Charges that customs officers are in league with Cuban tobacco leaf exporters and re-exporters of New York and Florida, to defraud the Cuban and United States governments, were made here by the collector of the port. The collector did not give the details nor did he make known the source of his information, but he said that bonded warehouses were also involved.

Rural Carriers May Blow Bugles.

Washington.—To add to the picturesqueness of country life, rural mail carriers some day may announce their arrival by the blowing of bugles. This suggestion has been made to the Postoffice Department by a citizen of New Hampshire, who adds in his letter that the bugle also would serve a useful purpose in giving country dwellers who might wish to purchase stamps from the carrier knowledge of his proximity.

Cat Hatches Chickens.

Westfield, N. J.—Thomas Tappin, a hard-shelled Baptist in good standing, is authority for the statement that his cat hatched out four chickens and is now caring for them. He will send the outfit to President Taft.

Wanted to be Courted Again.

New York.—In explaining why she wanted a separation of only two years from her husband, Mrs. Charles E. Ethridge told Justice Kapper that she wanted to give him the opportunity of winning her back.

UNCLE SAM'S CREDIT IS GOOD

Panama Canal Bond Issue Big Success.

IS LARGELY OVERSUBSCRIBED

Comparatively Small Investors Rarely Likely to Get the Entire Issue of \$50,000,000 at Between 102 and 103.

Washington.—The government's new three per cent, \$50,000,000 Panama loan is a complete success. More than 3,000 bids opened Saturday over-subscribed it at least three times and probably more.

Before the opening of bids had been in progress a half hour treasury officials declared that the loan would be entirely taken by comparatively small investors at a price higher than 102 1/2.

The prices bid for the new bonds are taken to indicate that the national credit of the United States is the highest in the world. Securities of England, France and Germany are selling at a discount, and many financiers believed that the new Panama loan would bring little above par. Not since the Civil War has this government issued bonds which did not have an artificial value because of the national bank circulation privilege attached to them. The price of these new securities, available for investment, only, are taken to reflect the credit of the nation.

The National City Bank, of New York, submitted fifty bids, covering the entire issue of \$50,000,000 at prices ranging from 100.5001 to 102.25. Hervey Fiske's Sons, of New York, bid 102.77 for \$20,000,000. There were other large bids at about that figure.

Among the smaller bids prices ran to 105 and higher for small allotments of \$500 and up. Hundreds of bids for sums ranging from \$1,000,000 to \$10,000,000 at prices between 102 1/2 and 103 will take the issue.

INDICT BURNS AS KIDNAPPER

Latest Move in Famous Dynamiting Case.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Detective W. J. Burns and James Hossick, a city detective of Los Angeles, Cal., were indicted on charges of kidnaping John J. McNamara, secretary of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Ironworkers, from this city, and McNamara was indicted on charges of conspiracy to dynamite by the Marion county grand jury.

In all the grand jury returned eight indictments, but named only the three men in the charges. Three of the indictments are against McNamara, who is in jail in Los Angeles. One indictment charges him with "conspiracy to dynamite industrial work of the Peoria and Pekin Union Railroad at Peoria, Ill.," and the other two are said to be for storing dynamite here.

50,000 SUFFRAGETTES PARADE

Their Coronation Demonstration in London.

London.—The British capital, used as it is to spectacular pageants, was jolted out of indifference Saturday afternoon by the wonderful demonstration made by the women of England in connection with the coronation suffrage demonstration. More than 50,000 women, representing every walk of life, trudged through the streets of the capital keeping time to string music. The whole spectacle stirred the city to its depths, and is indicative of the progress already made. For the first time in the history of the movement there was no attempt to interfere with the marchers.

Cooke Acquitted

Cincinnati.—Edgar S. Cooke was declared not guilty of embezzling \$24,000 from the "Big Four" Railway. The jury was out about three minutes less than two hours. Cooke was the last to be tried of those indicted in connection with the \$643,000 shortage of Charles L. Warriner, Cincinnati treasurer of the road.

Ambassador Rockhill's Charge.

St. Petersburg.—Emperor Nicholas received American Ambassador Rockhill, who presented his letters of recall. Mr. Rockhill has been transferred to Constantinople.

Bg New Naval Plant.

Chicago.—Uncle Sam's newest naval training station, located on Lake Michigan, 30 miles north of Chicago, was opened to the public for inspection for the first time Saturday. Rear Admiral Albert Ross, commandant of the station, personally conducted visitors over the plant, which includes the 39 buildings and covers 182 acres of ground. The station will be opened formally on July 1.

Counterfeiters Captured.

Washington.—Secret Service agents reported the capture of three alleged counterfeiters near Leonard, W. Va. R. R. Folen, M. M. Leonard and Jack Wilson were taken with 100 boxes silver dollars and a counterfeiting outfit.

As a result of a 39 days' hunt, one whaling steamer towed 30 whales, valued at \$25,000, into Corral the last of March. They were caught in the vicinity of La Mocha Islands, in the South Pacific.

THE NEWS OF PENNSYLVANIA

Reading.—Flag Day was fittingly observed here with the unveiling of a Hessian camp marker at the entrance of Mineral Spring Park, under the auspices of the members of the Berks County Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Prominent members of the D. A. R. were present from Lancaster, Pottstown, Easton, Allentown, Norristown and other places, the historical and patriotic organizations of Berks, Lancaster and Montgomery Counties having been invited. It was one of the banner events in the history of the local chapter. The exercises took place at the entrance to Mineral Spring Park, at 3 o'clock. The tablet was presented to the city by Mrs. de Benneville R. Keim, regent of the Berks County Chapter, and was accepted by Mayor William Rick.

South Bethlehem.—Dr. H. S. Drinker, for the Board of Trustees of Lehigh University, announced the list of promotions among the members of the faculty, as follows: Ralph J. Fogg, S. B., instructor in civil engineering to become assistant professor of civil engineering; H. R. Howarth, Ph. D., instructor in mechanical engineering to become assistant professor of mechanical engineering; Edgar T. Wherry, B. S., Ph. D., instructor in mineralogy to become assistant professor of mineralogy in the Department of Geology; Joseph Daniels, S. B., M. S., assistant professor of mining engineering to become associate professor of mining engineering; Vahan S. Babashian, A. M., Ph. D., assistant professor of chemistry to become associate professor of chemistry.

Bangor.—Volunteering to remove an incandescent lamp cord, which was afire in the basement of the Bangor House, one of the local hotels, Charles M. Drake, vice chief of the Lehigh & New England Railroad, was instantly killed. The wire was heavily charged with a cross on the arc light wire system. Drake picked up a burlap foot mat at the foot of the cellar stairs and grasped the sputtering wire and was thrown ten feet across the cellar. Clarence Snyder, a volunteer fireman, dashed to his aid at the risk of his life and tore away the wire. Two marks on the ankles of the man were the only outward signs. Probably 500 volts were in the fatal shock.

Seranton.—The first man to be accused of embezzling the postal savings banks funds, Miles E. Strap, formerly assistant postmaster at Palmyerton, was lodged in jail here. He was arrested in the State of Wyoming recently charged by the Postoffice Department with appropriating funds entrusted to his care. He is accused of having secured from Wall Fusesse, \$50 on October 21, 1910, and a like amount from the same man on November 25, 1910, by assuring him that the Palmyerton post office was a United States depository and with later having converted the money to his own use.

Allentown.—What is supposed to have been an attempt to dynamite the home of Charles H. Yeager, secretary and treasurer of the L. H. Yeager Company, was frustrated by the discovery by a plumber of an infernal machine. Only a half-hour before the spot had been cleaned up and there were no explosives there then. There was a stick of dynamite 20 inches in length. A party of children were playing near it, and had the dynamite exploded several lives would have been lost.

Pennsburg.—While bathing in the Palm ice dam near here, Samuel Good, a student of Perkiomen Seminary, whose home is at Quincey, Franklin County, was drowned after his two fellow-students who had accompanied him had left the water. Young Good tried to swim across the dam. About midstream he turned back and when near shore he sank suddenly and failed to rise.

Allentown.—As a result of conditions created by the recent cyclone in Allentown, a fourth victim met death, when William Hartman, of 827 North Second street, Reading, a ground man in the employ of a telephone company, was electrocuted. The fatality occurred near the Allentown Hospital. In order to repair storm damage the company ordered a large number of its men from other cities.

Bloomburg.—Mrs. William Hartman proved again that necessity is the mother of invention when she found the mother hen, killing the first two peeps that she hatched out. Taking the remaining thirteen eggs, about to be hatched, from the mother hen, she placed them in the stove and every one hatched.

Berwick.—It was a ticklish situation in which Fred Hagenbuch, a local bee fancier, found himself when a swarm of bees took it upon themselves to swarm upon the top of his head, covering his pate to a depth of eight inches and with the entire top of his head covered. Afraid to move he remained quiet for more than a half hour before he succeeded in getting them to arise, but gently stirring a stick in the swarm. For a second time they swarmed, alighting on his neck. It was several hours before he finally got out of personal danger.

State College.—In his speech here upon "America's Part in the Relief of China," delivered at the commencement exercises at the Pennsylvania State College, Chang Yin Tang, Chinese Minister to the United States, made the assertion that China has been chiefly dependent on America for the progress in the last century and that she will always be more indebted as the years roll on. His Excellency was profuse in his thanks to the influence of the Stars and Stripes in the Orient and looked forward to still more friendly relations between the two countries.