

The opening of the present theatrical season is accompanied by the proclamation of a new principle. For 20 years or more the star has been the idol of the public and the god of managers.

Grindell Matthews, a young English engineer, is believed by his friends to be on the verge of giving to the world a wireless telephone with which conversations may be carried on across the Atlantic.

The New York populace is apt to smile with pitying superiority when it hears a Cockney drop his "hs." It forgets that it is equally culpable in regard to another letter of the alphabet, "r."

When a man holds up his fellow man at the point of a gun and relieves him of his belongings, it is called highway robbery.

When a man sues a girl for the money he spent in courting her, it behooves the girl to enter a counter suit for the gas that was burned during the sessions in the parlor.

An Ohio man faints after he had played a piano continuously for twenty-seven hours. We haven't heard what happened to the people who were compelled to listen.

A Chicago man jumped from the third story of a burning hotel, but the kind that jump a bill on the first floor in the silent night are the kind the hotelkeepers don't like.

One of the esteemed missionaries tells us that China will one day dominate the world. Think, brethren, of being forced to eat all one's meals in a Chinese restaurant!

A telephone girl in Portugal gave warning of a royalist attack and quelled a revolt, proving herself a first-class information operator.

The freshman and sophomore medals are rather rough in their rushes, but after they graduate they will mutilate with more finesse.

Chasing a monoplane with automobiles is a merry sport at which not even the fairy tales of our childhood hinted.

A Boston clergyman advocates the teaching of love-making in the schools. That's where it begins, usually.

A New York inventor claims he can take \$2,000 worth of gold from sea water every day. Possibly by watering stocks.

A Chicago man wants a divorce because his wife asked him to thread a needle. Evidently he could not see the point.

Newport's "trial engagement" beats the "trial marriage" in that it does not take a divorce trial to end it.

SLAUGHTER OF THE INNOCENTS

Italian Soldiers Accused of Horrible Crimes.

WOMEN FOUND MUTILATED

English Officer With the Turkish Army Sends a Startling Story Of Italian Brutality In Tripoli—Frightful Scenes.

London.—The agitation against alleged atrocities by Italians in Tripoli which has sprung up in the British press and is supported by a few members of the House of Commons since unlicensed reports arrived here from English newspaper correspondents concerning recent occurrences in Tripoli, received fresh impetus through a telegram received by a news agency from Herbert Montague, a second lieutenant of the Fifth Fusiliers.

"I feel it my duty to send to you the following telegram, and I beg you in the name of Christianity to publish it throughout England. I am an English officer, now voluntarily serving in the Turkish Army here.

"As you know already about the ferocious resistance which the Turks and Arabs are offering the Italians, I will only express my admiration for their bravery and fortitude, which would warm the heart of any Englishman or of any true soldier in the world.

"Imagine my feelings when, on entering and driving the Italians out of Arab houses which they had fortified and were holding, we discovered the bodies of some 120 women and children with their hands and feet bound, mutilated, pierced and torn. Later on at (the name of the town was lost in transmission) we found a mosque filled with bodies of women and children, mutilated almost beyond recognition. I could not count them, but there must have been three or four hundred.

"Even now we are getting news of further massacres of women and children who were discovered on different farms lately occupied by Italians. The idea of the Italians when they slaughtered the innocents obviously was one of revenge for their heavy losses in battle.

"We are at this moment under a heavy shrapnel fire, so you must excuse me if these sentences are somewhat disjointed. There is also an aeroplane circling over our position and directing the enemy's gun fire on us.

Lieutenant Montague's message is dated November 2.

THE NATION'S FINANCES.

Deficit For the Current Fiscal Year Of \$20,180,000.

Washington.—The Federal government's deficit for the current fiscal year exceeded \$20,180,000 when the Treasury opened its doors Thursday. A year ago the deficit was \$13,000,000, while a month ago it was \$16,050,000.

The increased deficit in October was due to the fact that the receipts for the month were only \$58,055,000, while the disbursements amounted to \$60,190,000, an excess of expenditures over receipts of \$4,135,000. Comparing this showing with that of the previous month, the receipts for September exceeded the expenditures by more than \$5,525,000.

CONTROL 600 STORES.

New Corporation to Handle Five and Ten Cent Establishments.

New York.—F. W. Woolworth announced that a new corporation is about to be formed under the name of "F. W. Woolworth Company," to take over the business conducted in various cities under the corporate or firm names of F. W. Woolworth & Company, S. H. Knox & Company, E. M. Kirby & Company, E. P. Charlton & Company, C. S. Woolworth, W. H. Moore and W. H. Moore & Son, and also a controlling interest in the English business of F. W. Woolworth & Company, Ltd.

This new company will own and control over 600 five and ten cent stores doing business in all parts of the United States and in Canada, and England. The capitalization of the new company is to be \$15,000,000, 75 per cent preferred stock and \$50,000,000 common stock.

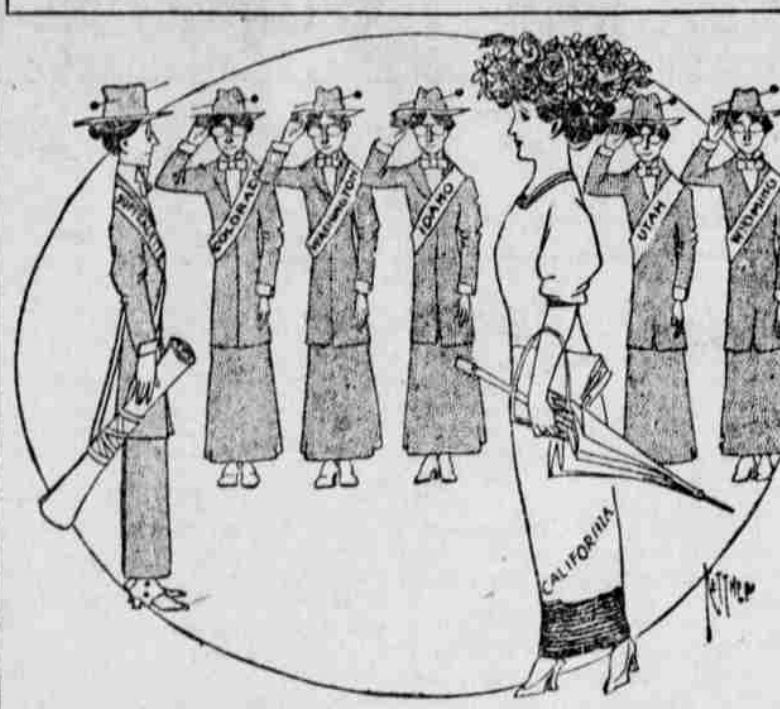
A Wife's Revenge.

Chicago.—Millionaire Lewis A. Bryan, of Gary, Ind., sued his young wife for divorce, charging cruelty and in revenge she has shut off all his income above \$12 a week. His six automobiles likewise have been removed from his control. When Mrs. Bryan, who is 26 years of age, half the age of her husband, heard of the suit, she obtained from Judge Willis McMahon, of Crown Point, Ind., an injunction depriving Bryan of the disposition of his property above the \$12 a week.

'Bob' Taft Wins High Honor.

Cambridge, Mass.—The four brightest men in Harvard University Law School, as determined by the award of the Sears prizes, announcement of which has just been made are Robert A. Taft, son of the President; Charles E. Hughes, Jr., son of Justice Hughes, of the United States Supreme Court; J. C. Buchanan, of Pittsburgh, and F. S. Wyner, of Boston. The prizes, which are of \$375 each, are awarded annually.

THE LATEST RECRUIT



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NOVEMBER 30 THANKSGIVING

Country Signally Favored, He Says—Calls Attention To "Right Harvests" and Industries Thriving Beyond "Domestic Needs."

Chicago.—President Taft Monday issued his annual Thanksgiving proclamation, calling upon citizens of the United States to celebrate Thursday, November 30, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer. The proclamation reads as follows:

"The people of this land, having long sanctioned and by practice set apart toward the close of each passing year a day on which to cease from their labors and assemble for the purpose of giving praise to Him who is the author of the blessings they have enjoyed, it is my duty as chief executive to designate at this time the day for the fulfillment of this devout purpose.

"Our country has been signally favored in many ways. The round of the seasons has brought rich harvests. Our industries have thriven far beyond our domestic needs; the productions of our labor are daily finding enlarged markets abroad. We have been free from the curses of pestilence, of famine and of war.

"Our national consuls have furthered the cause of peace in other lands, and the spirit of benevolence has brought us into closer touch with other peoples to the strengthening of the bonds of fellowship and good will that link us to our comrades in the universal brotherhood of nations.

"Strong in the sense of our own right and inspired by as strong a sense of the rights of others, we live in peace and harmony with the world. Rich in the priceless possession and abundant resources wherewith the unstinted bounty of God has endowed us, we are unselfishly glad when other peoples pass onward to prosperity and peace.

"That the great privileges we enjoy may continue, and that each coming year may see our country more firmly established in the regard and esteem of our fellow nations, is the prayer that should arise in every thankful heart.

"Wherefore, I, William Howard Taft, President of the United States of America, designate Thursday, the 30th day of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and prayer, and I earnestly call upon my countrymen and upon all that dwell under the flag of our beloved country then to meet in their accustomed places of worship to join in offering prayers to Almighty God and devout thanks for the loving mercies He has given to us.

"In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed."

Done at the city of Chicago this 26th day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty-sixth. By the President, P. C. KNOX, Secretary of State.

RICHESON'S INDICTMENT.

It Formally Charges Him With Poisoning His Sweetheart.

Boston, Mass.—After he had been formally served with the indictment charging him with poisoning his former sweetheart, Avis Linnell, the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson was visited in Charles Street Jail by Attorney John D. Lee, of Lynchburg, Va., a criminal lawyer, prominent in the South, who probably will direct the accused minister's fight for acquittal.

Mr. Lee took up immediately the work of preparing the defense, and conferred at length with former Judge James R. Dunbar, his son, Philip R. Dunbar, and Congressman Robert O. Harris, who have been retained in Mr. Richeson's interest.

Farmer Accused Of Poisoning Wife.

Whiteville, N. C.—As a result of charges by his wife's relatives that her death a week ago was caused by poison, Edgar Thompson, a prosperous young farmer, is under surveillance, pending the verdict of a coroner's jury. A large number of witnesses testified to Thompson's relations with another young woman living in the house with the family, and to Mrs. Thompson's request that in case of her sudden death the cause be inquired into.

Unique Insanity Cause.

Chicago.—Too much counting of money in the Sub-Treasury caused Frederick L. Lathrop temporarily to go insane. It was estimated that in five years he counted \$50,000,000.

Trying To Catch Up.

Middletown, R. I.—The first "drunk and disorderly" this town has had in 150 years was arraigned before Judge Franklin. "Never mind me name," said the prisoner, "just tell 'em I'm makin' up for lost time."

WOMAN POISON SUSPECT

She Has Lost Two Husbands, Two Stepchildren, Three Children and Two Roomers At Her Boarding House.

Chicago, November 1.—Chicago police are investigating into the death of nearly half a score of relatives and acquaintances of Mrs. Louise Vermilya to make certain whether the similar demises constituted only a remarkable series of coincidences, as Mrs. Vermilya asserts. Nine deaths are included in the list with which Mrs. Vermilya's name has been connected, including two husbands, two stepchildren, three children and two roomers at boarding-houses she kept.

Developments following the establishment of police surveillance at the woman's home came from several cities where she had lived. Pending the report of the toxicologists, who are examining the viscera of the last of the persons whose deaths have occurred beneath Mrs. Vermilya's roof, the police have made no arrests. No positive evidence of crime has been uncovered. The following new facts became known:

That while Mrs. Vermilya has said one of the death roster, Richard T. Smith, a conductor, was only a boarder at her home, a former roomer asserts the two claimed previously to have been married and that they lived together as man and wife.

That, while the woman told the police she had assisted an undertaker at Crystal Lake, a former home, in embalming bodies, the undertaker there denies she ever had any such experience. She gave this as a reason why she could discuss the deaths with composure.

That R. N. Brington, a photographer of Peoria, and brother-in-law of Conductor Smith, had made love to the widow following Smith's death so as to investigate suspicions he then had about the reason for his relative's demise, and that the widow had told him part of her matrimonial history, which he desires to give to the coroner.

That Smith died during convulsions and after drinking some substance, whether medicine or not being unsettled, but that the doctors gave the cause of death, from descriptions of symptoms given by the widow, as acute gastritis.

Mrs. Vermilya told inquirers she had never studied medicine, nor sought to become a nurse, as had been reported, but that she had some little knowledge of medicines, that she had acquired to enable her to aid neighbors and relatives. She insisted she was innocent. The deaths being looked into follow: Fred Brinkamp, first husband of Mrs. Vermilya, died on a farm near Barrington, Ill., after a brief illness.

Charles Vermilya, second husband, died after six days' illness of "gastritis," at Maplewood, Ill. Florence Brinkamp, four-year-old daughter, died at Barrington.

Cora Brinkamp, eight-year-old daughter, died at Barrington. Harry G. Vermilya, stepson, 35 years old. Lillian Brinkamp, stepdaughter, 26 years old. Frank Brinkamp, son, died of pneumonia in Chicago.

Richard T. Smith, reported to be third husband. Arthur Bissonette, policeman, roomer, to whom she was engaged. Died of "gastritis" last Thursday.

COST \$1,730,526.72.

First Official Statement As To Expenses For "Maneuvers."

Washington.—The cost of protective measures taken by the United States along the Mexican border last spring became known for the first time Thursday with the publication of the annual report of Brig-Gen. J. B. Aleshire, quartermaster-general of the army.

From March 6, when the orders for the mobilization were issued, to the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1911, the total expense was \$1,730,526.72. This is almost the grand total, as by June 30 a large part of the expense had been cut down.

Indians Keep Children From School.

Washington.—In an effort to induce the refractory Indians in the Hopi villages in Arizona to send their children to the government schools, Col. Hugh L. Scott, Third Cavalry, has been relieved from duty with the General Staff here and ordered to Arizona to act under the instructions of the Interior Department. The Indians have absolutely declined to yield to demands of the government that their children shall be educated, and it is hoped that Colonel Scott, who has a wide acquaintance among the Pueblo Indians and is popular with them, can induce them to yield.

Clark Bans Exclusiveness.

Washington.—Champ Clark refused to allow a private dining-room at the Capitol to be called the "Speaker's dining-room." "No private dining-rooms for me," he told the architects.

Seven Girls Killed In Blaze.

Chehalis, Wash.—Fire which destroyed the powder factory of the Imperial Powder Company here caused seven young women employed in the factory to lose their lives, and an eighth probably will die.

Angora Rabbits Now.

Washington.—A new pet for the amusement of society women troubled with ennui has been discovered by Mrs. J. E. Band, of this city, who appeared in the parks here leading a large white angora rabbit by a leash.

Astor Loses \$50,000.

New York.—John Jacob Astor's personal property has dropped \$50,000 in value since his marriage to Miss Madeleine Force, according to affidavits filed by him with the Tax Board.

Sun Gave Freedom.

New York.—Charged with robbery at night, a first-degree offense, Edward Weber escaped when his attorney proved by the forecaster that the sun set at 6:33 o'clock September 2, while the robbery was at 6:30.

MANCHU TROOPS OUT OF CONTROL

Burn Hankow, Native City and Massacre People.

LIKE BANDS OF CUTTHROATS

Should the Chinese Rebels Ally Themselves With the Mohammedan Element the Movement May Spread Rapidly.

Peking.—The German Legation received a wireless message from the vicinity of Hankow, stating that the imperial forces burned the native city of Hankow, and confirming the report to the Chinese war board that the imperial troops massacred men, women and children during several days' fighting.

Letters from a correspondent at Sin-Yang-Chow, declared that General Yin Tchang's troops were beyond control. They are described as insubordinate, and as having looted the villages north of Hankow.

The imperialists had the advantage in troops, but they were poorly provisioned. No prisoners were taken. Rebels captured alive were shot or decapitated. It is learned that the most barbarous outrages were perpetrated on innocent persons in the villages. An officer of Yin-Tchang's staff explained that the outrages were committed by only 40 men of the Hu-Peh division.

Gen. Ying-Tchang refused permission to the correspondents to proceed to the front and placed them under the strictest surveillance. At headquarters all telegrams undergo the strictest censorship.

The staff officers, says the correspondents, are quartered in an express train, with engine attached for immediate service. The chief of staff, Colonel Yih, is now at the front directing operations.

The general staff consists mostly of German and Japanese trained men but the campaign does not reflect much credit upon them, as they are seemingly ignorant of the country. The soldiers are not bothered by their officers and do as they please. Coming from the northern provinces they have no sympathy with the rebels.

TAFT REVIEWS THE BIG FLEET

Greatest Naval Review In America Carried Out With Clockwork Precision—Praise For Seamen.

New York.—Amid an oratorio on cannon firing, as tiny three-pounders roared the 21-gun salute to the Com-mander-in-Chief of the Navy and Army of the United States, President Taft Thursday reviewed the greatest armada Uncle Sam has ever gathered together.

With the Presidential pennant snapping in the chill morning air, the trim yacht Mayflower steamed through the mighty fleet, that President Taft might be assured, as Secretary Meyer was the day before, that the navy he commands is second only to that of England—and second then only in numbers. From the moment the Presidential flag was broken out on the Mayflower until the armada received the order to "up anchor" and pass in review, there was a constant barking of small guns as the customary courtesies were passed. New York hasn't heard such a cannoning since the days of the revolution.

MANY LIVES ENDANGERED.

Explosions At Powder Works Cause Much Damage.

Paterson, N. J.—Three explosions at the Dupont Powder Works at Haskell's caused a loss of about \$60,000 and endangered the lives of about 30 men at the plant. One man, Foreman Edward Brown, was seriously injured and several others were hurled into the Passaic River and had to swim for their lives.

The explosions occurred in the ballistite plant of the powder works and before the fire that ensued was extinguished three buildings, the main plant and two storehouses, had been consumed.

Smoked In Bed—Dead.

New York.—Edward Fleet smoked a cigarette in bed Tuesday night, fell asleep and burned to death when the bedding caught fire.

For Care Of Children.

Milwaukee.—"We insist as much care be given to the breeding and welfare of children as is given to improving stock in horses and hens," declared the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union convention here.

Denver For 1912?

Denver.—Whether Denver will be a contender for the National Democratic convention in 1912 will be settled upon by the city's convention league this month. A quiet canvass is now under way, the purpose being to see whether contributors in 1908 will repeat their donations for 1912. The convention in 1908 cost Denver \$112,000. Of this sum the city contributed \$25,000. Whether this can again be raised appears doubtful.

Death Follows Party.

Philadelphia.—Her hair accidentally ignited from a gas jet while dancing about the parlor, Mrs. Mary Herd, wife of Policeman Robert Herd, was so severely burned that she died at St. Joseph's Hospital several hours later. Mrs. Margaret Wilson and Joseph Adams, a boarder, are being held as witnesses. The police charge that wines were too freely indulged at the merrymaking.

ALL OVER THE STATE TOLD IN SHORT ORDER

Mountville.—The estate of Andrew L. Lane has sold to Elmer Lane, a farm in Manheim township, containing 128 acres and 107 perches, for \$147.50 an acre.

Allentown.—Rev. Robert H. Kilne, rector of Grace Episcopal Church, was chosen foreman of the Lehigh County Grand Jury. There are several clergymen on the petit jury.

Reading.—Stricken with apoplexy while on a trolley car on his way to work, Cyrus W. High, of Shoemakersville, died before medical aid could be summoned.

South Bethlehem.—Miss Florence Vogel, of Allentown, committed suicide by drowning in the Lehigh River here. The act is said to have followed a quarrel with a young man of this place.

York.—Henry Wagner, of North Hopewell, reports a yield of four hundred bushels of unshelled corn raised on two acres of ground. Some of the corn is 17 1/2 inches in length and 5 1/2 inches in diameter.

Bradford.—Because her mother refused to allow her to celebrate Halloween with a party of boys and girls here, Mary Hays, aged 15, ran to her room and shot herself through the head. She lived only a few minutes.

West Chester.—While clambering over a fence with a loaded gun William Harrison, of Glen Moore, was killed by the discharge of the gun, the top of his head being blown off.

York.—A. B. Farquhar has given to the Park Commissioners an additional plot of ground of five acres, valued at \$10,000. The ground is adjacent to Farquhar Park and will be utilized for an artificial lake.

Pine Grove.—The sight of harvesting hay, the second crop in November, is to be observed in Wayne township, where several farmers who through lack of help and wet weather were unable to harvest it at the right time.

South Bethlehem.—John L. Koch, a prominent Hellertown merchant and a Civil War veteran, died in fifteen minutes at his home when he swallowed a dose of carbolic acid in mistake for medicine. He was seventy years old.

Bethlehem.—While Annie Holben, the thirteen-year-old daughter of James Holben, was driving a colt from pasture to the barn, she got too near the animal, which gave her a violent kick on the jaw, fracturing it in two places.

Chester.—Hugh Martin, fourteen years old, an orphan, of this city, was struck by an automobile driven and owned by James F. Dougherty, of Lehighville, here. The lad, who was seriously injured, was removed to the Chester Hospital.

Allentown.—G. Tilghman Reichard, aged eighty-two, died from injuries received in a fall from an apple tree while he was picking fruit, several days ago. For fifty-eight years he was bass soloist of St. Peter's Church choir at Rittersville.

Reading.—Investigation is being made by Coroner Wagner into the circumstances attending the death of Edward Summers, aged sixty-nine years, who was found lifeless in bed at his home. Mr. Summers was fully dressed and lay across the bed.

Coplay.—Frank Kollar, aged thirty, an oiler at the Coplay Cement Mill, was caught in a shaft. He was whirled around several hundred times a minute by the swiftly moving machinery and by the time the engine could be stopped he was dead.

Macungie.—An old Indian tradition indicates that the coming winter will be a severe one and that there will be sufficient snow to cover up the wild flowers, known as Indian posies. They are already higher than they have grown in years.

Pittsburgh.—Henry J. Ruslan, a clerk, has petitioned court to change his name, because people call him "Ruzzielamb." He says the embarrassment on the street caused his girl to turn him down, and he also had to quit his job.

Lewisburg.—The plant of the Lewisburg Chair Company was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$100,000. An automatic extinguisher had the fire practically under control when the fire department attached a hose to the same main, which proved insufficient to support both.

Slaton.—Just before a heavy blast was set off at the Washington State Company's quarry at this place, eight men rushed to a nearby shed for shelter. While they were in the shed, a huge boulder crashed through the roof of the building and almost instantly killed Steve Bolga, and seriously injured his seven companions.

Huntingdon.—Joseph Morland, a well-known acrobat of this place, while hunting wild turkeys was shot by a fellow-hunter, who mistook him for a turkey. Morland was using an artificial call to lure a turkey to him, which resulted in his receiving a lead of large shot in the thigh.

Williamport.—The first day of the hunting season in Lycoming county was productive of a fatal accident. While George Warner, of Mill Creek township, and his hired man, John Hall, were hunting rabbits, the latter accidentally shot Mr. Warner, blowing his face away and killing him instantly.

Norristown.—Hamilton Kile, son of a former sheriff here from gunshot in the hospital by Alvin Haines, a prominent farmer of Plymouth township. Before his death Kile admitted that he was in the act of stealing chickens from the farmer's hen roost when he was shot. It was after he was taken to jail that it was found his body was pierced with 100 shot.

Haines, when he heard that Kile was dead, surrendered himself but District Attorney Larzelere did not think he was warranted in holding him for the man's death.