

GRIST FROM THE WIRES

Latest Dispatches Ground Down For Hasty Consumption.

WHOLE WORLD IS GLEANED

The Four Corners of the Earth and the Seven Seas Are Made to Yield a Tribute of Interesting News.

Washington

The investigations growing out of the lobby disclosures made in The World by Col. Mulhall last June is resumed before the Senate and House committees, beginning with a cross-examination by the attorney for Representative McDermitt of Illinois.

The House majority caucus, aided by Secretary Bryan, defeated the fees of the Administration's currency bill. The nomination of Francis Burton Harrison to be Governor-General of the Philippines was confirmed.

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Personal

Tears of sympathy were shed by John D. Rockefeller as he stood at the door of the Baptist Church in Cleveland, and shook hands with 200 members of the National Association of the Deaf as they filed past him after the services.

Lord Strathcona, Canadian Highway Commissioner, has signified his intention of resigning. He will probably be succeeded by the Hon. Clifford Sifton.

Mrs. Miller French of Tarrytown, N. Y., met her father, 84 years old, a civil war veteran whom she had given up for dead, for the first time in 50 years. James G. Shepherd, retired millionaire of Scranton, Pa., has sued for divorce in Reno, Nev., on the ground that his wife objected to his going to church.

Sporting

A world's record for 100 miles on a dirt track for a motorcycle was made at Columbus, Ohio, by Harry Goudy of Chicago when he rounded the local mile track 100 times in 52 minutes 34 seconds. The previous record for 100 miles on a dirt track was 55 minutes.

Oscar Egg at Paris broke the world's one hour bicycle record, unpaced, by covering 43 kilometres 280 metres (26.92 miles).

Norman Elberfeld, known as the "Tobacco Kid," who for many years held down the far corner for the Yankees, will manage the Chattanooga team of the Southern League in 1914.

Lord Northcliffe gave \$10,000 to the British Olympic Games Committee and many others, including several American firms in business in London, have contributed.

General

Alleging violation of the live stock transportation law, 16 suits for \$500 damages each have been filed in Chicago against six railroads.

Mayor Gaynor will lead a third ticket in the New York city election, Edward E. McCall having agreed to accept the Tammany nomination for Mayor.

The Public Service Commission of Maryland, authorized the Pennsylvania Railroad to purchase and take control of the Central Railroad of Maryland.

Vernon L. Whitney, Governor of Iowa, was slightly wounded when attacked by two Moros at a camp on the island. He killed both assailants.

Harry K. Thaw won a week's delay in his fight against deportation or extradition from Canada when Justice Coblenz at Sherbrooke postponed hearing argument on the writ of habeas corpus.

John Noonan, sixty-two, a farmer employed for twenty-six years by Thomas Henry Grant, of Middletown Township, near Red Bank, N. J., was gored and trampled to death by a bull on the farm.

The Collector of Customs at St. Paul has unearthed a smuggling plot by which many valuable horses and cattle were being smuggled across the Canadian border annually.

Raymond E. Smith, who is accused of having misused \$358,000 of the funds of the Roseville Trust Company, is believed to be in Canada. Miss Anna McCarrack, to whom he once paid attention, says she has not seen him for months and knows nothing of his affairs.

Representative Murray, of Massachusetts, urged a favorable report on his resolution calling for a joint investigation of the anthracite industry.

Pasquale Sirico and James Mahon were held in \$10,000 bail each by United States Commissioner Hitchcock at New York, on a charge of white slavery.

The Assembly Judiciary Committee decided to push the investigation meant to show Governor Sulzer was the author of the charge that four Republican Assemblymen had voted "through improper influences" to impeach him.

With two Governors the affairs of the State of New York are almost at a standstill.

Fire swept four blocks in Jersey City, destroying eight factories and seventeen dwellings.

The Administration decided to go back to the policy of non-interference in Mexico.

President Wilson went "scouting" with some Boy Scouts in the White House grounds.

Five sticks of dynamite were found outside of Mayor Gaynor's office in the New York City Hall.

Raymond E. Smith, the missing Treasurer of the Roseville (N. J.) Trust Company, was found to be short \$358,000.

Wearing overalls, Governor Major of Missouri and Governor Hodges, of Kansas led an army of 350,000 good roads workers in Missouri.

Senator Jones, of Washington State, introduced a bill setting aside a space near the Capitol for erecting statues and memorials to women.

George W. Griggs, missing millionaire bachelor and grain dealer, was found in the Mississippi near St. Paul. The police say suicide.

Robert C. Ogden's will was filed. His two daughters and his brother get the bulk of the estate, which totals from \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000.

Too intense interest in the Thaw escape drove Freeman Lylarger of Kertown, Pa., insane, and he is now confined in an asylum.

The explosion of a soda fountain in a drug store in Providence, injured five persons, including Mr. and Mrs. Hugh T. Kennedy, of Boston.

An edict has gone forth from Suffrage headquarters in Washington calling for a boycott of theatres which permit stage jokes on the cause.

John Boden, formerly prominent in newspaper work and as Secretary of the State Racing Commission, died at Spring Valley, N. Y.

Christopher Gsanger of Brooklyn at one meal ate thirty-nine lobsters, six green peppers, nine potatoes, two loaves of bread and drank ten bottles of beer.

Preston C. McGowan, of Oklahoma, nominated as Minister to Venezuela, will be allowed to answer charges before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Assemblyman Arthur A. Quinn, of Perth Amboy, was chosen president of the New Jersey Federation of Labor in annual convention at Trenton. The convention adjourned to meet in Newark next year.

The body of Nan Secor, who was drowned from the yacht of her father, George F. Secor, a New York broker, was found not more than a dozen feet from where the accident took place.

Judge Bell of Yonkers, ordered a chicken placed at nightfall midway between the coops of two claimants. "The coop it enters will decide ownership," he said. The chicken roosted on a fence.

Harry K. Thaw announced he would start a campaign of newspaper publicity, believing that people outside of New York do not know the merits of the case. His lawyers in a long conference decided to make a fight against deportation.

James L. Gay of Kentucky, a director of the American Saddle Horse Breeders' Association, has been appointed by Secretary Houston of the Department of Agriculture as saddle horse representative on the department's committee to assist in the selection of stallions.

Katherine Packard, the ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Packard, was drowned in Seneca Lake, N. Y., while bathing. She sank without being seen by her younger sister and a nurse nearby on shore.

The Senate committee rejected the President's Currency bill.

A sheriff's jury assessed damages of \$100 against Sigmund Greenberg, a house owner, because the disposition of a little daughter of one of his tenants was spoiled when the janitress accidentally threw an ash can on her.

Foreign

The Pope received in private audience the Rt. Rev. J. M. Laval, Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans.

The King and Queen of Roumania were shot at while automobiling near Sinai.

King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Elena of Italy will visit Montenegro in September.

President Poincare, of France, celebrated his 53d birthday at his country home at Sampigny.

The first woman judge to be appointed in Norway is Ruth Sorensen, 36 years old, of Christiania.

"Jack" Johnson, the American colored pugilist, has arrived in London. He declares he will fill his music hall engagement despite the protest of the Variety Artists' Federation.

Dr. Piacenza, the Italian Alpinist, scaled the summit of Mount Numzum, a 20,000 foot Himalayan peak, in India.

London Music Hall artists refuse to perform if Jack Johnson is allowed to appear at that theatre.

Pegoud, a French aviator, made a successful 900 foot parachute drop. Three men were killed and five others seriously injured when a naval gun exploded while being tested at Pola, Hungary.

Lady Constance Stewart-Richardson is booked to sail on the Olympic from Southampton September 3, arriving in New York September 9, to begin her first tour of America with the Hoffmann-Polair-Richardson company, from an aeroplane at Paris.

The novel sight of an airship towing a disabled companion was witnessed at Aldershot, England, when the Army airship Eta towed a disabled naval airship to the factory for repairs.

THE BETTER BABIES CAMPAIGN.

The "Better Babies" show has at last reached New York, and awakened the greatest interest. This is not confined to the East Side Mothers whose babies were contestants for the prizes awarded, nor to physicians and specialists who most fully realized the educational importance of such shows. The general public eagerly pursued the news of the new form of baby contest, where all are measured up to the same scientific standard and mere prettiness scores few points. Pictures of the winning babies and their mothers, were printed, and interviews reporting the methods used presented prominently in all the leading papers.

What is now known as the "Better Babies" movement began in agricultural regions, as a feature of state and county fairs, and was inaugurated to induce farmers to see that their children were reared at least as scientifically as their live stock. Well known physicians were the judges, and the scores employed for marking points were similar to those used for passing on prize horses, cattle and dogs.

When a farmer's baby scored lower than his live stock his pride rose in arms, and the child was placed under the care of a baby specialist, and brought up to standard. Granges discussed child life, and better babies began to count at items in the farmer's standing.

Physicians and agencies that deal with children in the cities at once saw the value of this movement for the education of city parents, and it is being used with telling effect in many centers of population. Municipal authorities, pure milk committees, child welfare associations and woman's clubs all co-operating in holding better baby contests where all classes and conditions are judged by the same standard.

THE DENVER SHOW.

Early in January of this year a Better Baby show was held in Denver under the auspices of the National Western Live Stock Association. Three hundred babies were entered representing many walks of life, and many different nations in the ancestry. The show lasted five days, and five thousand persons turned out to do homage to the winners, when Col. Cody ("Buffalo Bill") rode round the open arena of Denver's famous stock yards with the two prize winners perched on the saddle in front of him.

Beneath all the ceremonies ran a mighty undercurrent of parental pride and anxiety. The wife of the White Wing was just as anxious to secure a practical education in motherhood as the wife of the lawyer, civil engineer or shopkeeper.

"Better Babies" had become a slogan alike on farm, ranch and in city dwellings, though the more intelligent mothers entered their children for the purpose of securing a score card and profiting by the advice of experts rather than for honors and prizes.

IN NEW YORK.

Realizing the value of the wide interest excited by the New York Better Babies Show, a prominent department store arranged a reception for the winning babies and their mothers where all who were interested were welcome and throngs of people took advantage of the opportunity to see what experts pronounced a perfect baby.

One of the most encouraging features of this movement for better babies is that children counted out as unfit for entrance at one contest frequently qualify as winners later on when intelligent care and feeding have developed the lacking points. The need for a standard score card, uniform everywhere, has at last been supplied by the co-operation of leading specialists.

ESSENTIALS.

Cleanliness of surroundings, fresh air and food that properly nourishes the little growing bodies, are the primary essentials for babies as they are for other young animals, coupled with constant intelligent care. That many luxuries are unnecessary, or even harmful, and that nothing takes the place of motherly, human coddlings, is proved by the fact that the majority of the prize winners come from plain homes. Institutions filled with every scientific appliance, and run by trained experts, have shown such an appalling mortality, that other means of caring for their charges has been found necessary. Placed in the care of poor mothers, under a certain amount of supervision from the nurses of the babies thrive. Italians proving especially successful in raising the "bambinos" entrusted to their care.

As summer advances, and the milk in some form must be given to the youngsters, is so easily contaminated that only the most careful and scientific handling make it fit for the child's use, all the various agencies in the cities co-operate to reduce that appalling slaughter of the innocents which results from every hot wave. Mothers in all circumstances are apprehensive at this season of the year.

Cows milk, while the nearest thing to the natural food, needs to be properly modified, pure, perfectly fresh, and to be obtained only from inspected healthy cows. Condensed milk of the best grade is favored by leading specialists, as a safe baby food that has many points in its favor. No preservatives are employed for the best brands of this product, and only the purest high grade milk goes into the condenser, as any taint would result in ruining the whole product. The natural fluid is heated in a vacuum, which makes it perfectly sterile, and carries off the extra water, leaving the thick, creamy residuum, which sealed in air tight cans, remains sweet and wholesome under all climatic conditions, fit to nourish the most delicate digestion either at the tropics or the poles.

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This farm motor is mounted on a heavy truck so it can be readily hauled from place to place about the farm where its services are needed. Connections are made, at suitable points, with an overhead transmission line by a long, flexible cable. Electricity is secured from a nearby central distribution station which makes a practice of supplying electric current to farmers in that section. When it is desirable to irrigate the fields the motor-wagon is backed up to the bank of the stream and belted to a six-inch centrifugal pump which raises the water from the stream level to the irrigation canals.

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