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With the Populists holding the balance of power in the Senate, the country may yet be forced to admit that the windmill is still a factor of energy in American statesmanship.

A little over twelve months hence delegates to the national conventions will begin to be chosen. Let Presidential aspirants remember that the eyes of the people are on them these days.

It is fortunate for the Democracy that the Congressional elections do not take place this year. If they did less than one-third of the votes of the House chosen last November would be cut down to about a fourth or a fifth of that body.

DISASTER follows disaster on the sea in such rapid succession that a day that passes without a record of calamity more or less appalling is regarded as almost phenomenal. Whether with the closing of the winter a more comforting state of things will prevail, and the long-continued angeriness of the Atlantic be followed by what used to be regarded as its normal condition, or whether these woful disasters are to be repeated, are questions of more than mere passing moment.

A DEMOCRATIC orator said the other day that "our Republican friends turned over to us a bankrupt treasury and the assignee has proved himself thoroughly incompetent to manage the estate." Fifty per cent of this statement is true. The Republicans will show the other half to be absurd when they take hold of the estate and make it shine with prosperity, as they did on a previous occasion. The treasury will be found all right when divorced from a bankrupt party.

The richest man in the next Congress will be Mr. Sorg, of the Third Ohio District, whose wealth is estimated at \$15,000,000 and income at \$1,000,000. He is one of the thirteen Democrats elected from Northern states to the next House. As Mr. Sorg will soon hand in his check for \$30,000 to meet the income tax required by a Democratic law he will hardly feel like accepting the financial activities and shadowy honor of running for Governor of Ohio on the Democratic ticket.

The movement to establish a national park at Appomattox is meeting with much favor in Virginia and elsewhere. It is virtually the place where the civil war ended, and there is no finer instance in military history of the meeting of two great generals who were also gentlemen, one to accept a final reverse in a manly spirit, the other to show equal nobility in securing the fruits of national victory without the slightest feeling of a personal triumph. A group commemorating the grand simplicity of Grant and Lee in that culminating scene of the war would do no harm to the fame of either, or to the pride of American citizenship.

It appears that at a recent dairy exhibition in Pennsylvania a sample of oleomargarine—but not labelled as such—was awarded the first premium over all the many specimens of fine dairy butter in competition. It was not until the award had been made that the fact was disclosed in regard to the character of the mimicry article. There was, of course, no little excitement and the judges were no doubt excited and mortified at the exposure, but the fact goes to show that the spirit of imitation is strong in the United States and that counterfeiting, whether of money, butter, drugs, chemicals and many special articles of daily consumption, is being carried on successfully to an extent that would startle the community were all the facts made known. "Where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise," is an old saw and a very truthful one. It would be safe to assert that not one person in fifty would be able to detect the difference in taste or color between specimens of well-made oleomargarine and dairy butter, nor has science determined that the oleomargarine is any less wholesome than the genuine product of the dairy.

FOR GOD AND THE HOME

The Meeting of the W. O. T. U. at the National Capital.

MISS FRANCES WILLARD'S ADDRESS

In the Absence of the National President of the W. O. T. U. It is Read by the Secretary—The Monster Polyglot Petition Explained by Miss Willard.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal church was becomingly decorated yesterday in honor of the convention of white ribboners. To the rear of the pulpit were suspended two large flags, one the British and the other the American, brought together at the bottom by a silken banner, on which was inscribed the motto, "For God, for Home and Native Land." An ample supply of smaller flags and banners and flowers and ferns completed the decorations.

The principal object of the gathering is to call to the attention of congress and the president as strongly as possible the immense polyglot petition which has arrived in Washington after a long journey around the world, and now, it is asserted, bears the signature of more than 3,000,000 people of all nationalities.

A good attendance greeted the opening session, which began with the singing of hymns, followed by an address of welcome by Mrs. M. E. Griffith, president of the District Women's Christian Temperance union, to which Mrs. Clara C. Hoffman, the recording secretary of the national



union, responded. Then there was a prayer and consecration meeting, and subsequently a noonday prayer. At the afternoon session addresses were delivered by Mrs. Margaret B. Platt of Washington, Mrs. Emily McLaughlin of Massachusetts and Mrs. Matilda B. Carse of Chicago.

Convention hall was crowded by 3,000 persons at the evening session, over which Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens presided. After devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. Katherine Leate Stevenson, Miss Anna Gordon read Miss Frances Willard's address, the latter not being present. Both she and Lady Henry Somerset were detained in Boston by an attack of the grip, but are expected here today.

The address was as follows: Home protection is the key word of woman's work. Manufacturers seek the tariff for the purpose of protection to industries, adult and infant; trades unions are founded to protect the wage worker from the aggressions of capital, and corporations and monopolies to protect from the encroachment of competition; but ten thousand groups of loyal hearted mothers and wives, sisters and daughters have formed for the purpose of acting in an organized capacity as protectors of the home, the tempted youth and the little child.

For this cause there are bands of ribbon white around the world, and this polyglot petition is but our prayer that tells our purpose of our hearts and has been wrought into a plea before the nations of the world. We expect to present this petition to representatives of every civilized government. This cannot be done in the usual form, because when once received this magna charta of the home would become the property of the various legislatures and parliaments, and our plan requires that it be conveyed from one to another. We are also aware that in a legal and technical sense no government accepts the signature of those outside its own carriers. We have therefore preferred to make our petition a great popular testimonial. We expect that its presentation will give an added impetus to legislation against the liquor traffic, the opium trade, the gambling den and the house of shame.

The Women's Christian Temperance union has circulated many petitions. The number of signatures and attestations secured throughout the world to our different petitions in the last twenty years aggregates not fewer than fifteen millions of names—probably twenty millions. We praise the polyglot petition work because it has afforded a nucleus around which woman may rally. Because we are patriots we have come to the capital of our native land to present this petition first of all in the country in which it originated, and which has sent out all the white ribbon missionaries who have secured its circulation in foreign countries. We present it tonight to members of the United States senate and house of representatives, and we expect to secure a hearing, with the petition for its basis, before committees of those two bodies.

It is fitting that as this petition has been from first to last the work of the world's Women's Christian Temperance union, the president and vice-president of that society should speak at this first of the great meetings to be held in connection with its presentation to the various governments. Our English leader, Lady Henry Somerset, will speak on behalf of the cause in her own land and throughout the world. The greatest number of names, endorsements and attestations has been secured in our country, and next to ours in Great Britain.

So far as we know the largest petition ever presented, except our "polyglot," was that of the British Chartists in 1841, asking for the repeal of the corn laws. This had a million names and it carried its point. The signatures came to hand in fifty languages; they are of all sorts and sizes and were to be trimmed and prepared for mounting as compactly as possible on interminable webs of muslin, one-half yard in width, one edge of which is bound with red, the other with blue ribbon. The work is being performed by Mrs. Rebecca Shuman, of Evanston, Ill., who has already spent two years of steady work. The names are necessarily mounted somewhat irregularly, but they average four columns across, making, in reality, a quadruple petition, with about a hundred names to the yard in each column.

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National Council of Women. WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The formal opening of the second triennial session of the National Council of Women of the United States took place in this city this morning. The council will hold three sessions daily for the next two weeks. Introductory religious services, conducted by the Rev. Anna Howard Shaw, were held yesterday afternoon, while nearly all the leaders of the council preached or lectured in the various city churches last night. Following are the permanent officers: May Wright Sewall, president; Mary F. Eastman, honorary vice president; Frances E. Bagley, vice president; Lillian M. Stevens, treasurer; Rachel Foster Avery, corresponding secretary; Isabella Charles Davis, recording secretary.

Lynched in a Prison Cell. KINGSTON, Mo., Feb. 18.—About 2 o'clock yesterday morning a mob of masked men, supposed to be negroes from Hamilton, surrounded the sheriff's house and jail here, caught and bound Sheriff Goldsberry, whose deputy was away, took the keys from him and gained entrance to the jail corridor, with the avowed purpose of taking out and hanging George Tracey, a negro, who shot and killed his wife at Hamilton, in this county, last month. The mob was unable to get into the steel cell, but began shooting through the bars of the cell door and succeeded in putting six bullets into his body, killing him instantly.

The Wheelmen's Annual Meeting. NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—There is a great deal of lobbying at the annual meeting of the League of American Wheelmen, which met in this city today, over the place for the next annual meeting. The contest is between Massachusetts and New Jersey. The result of the election of officers is regarded as a foregone conclusion. The friends of Archie C. Willson, of Cumberland, Md., says that he cannot be beaten for the presidency. A. E. Morganthaler, of Ohio, is the only candidate for treasurer in the field, and George D. Gideon, of Philadelphia, it is believed, will be the next chairman of the racing board.

Delaware's Peach Crop Safe. BRIDGEVILLE, Del., Feb. 18.—Grave fears were entertained for the Delaware peach crop during the recent blizzard, but the buds have gone through the storm unharmed, except in a few varieties.

Explosion Boiler Kills Two Men. BRADFORD, Pa., Feb. 18.—James Frazer and A. B. McQuestion, of Rixford, Pa., twelve miles from here, were killed by the explosion of a boiler at an oil well a quarter of a mile from Rixford.

A War Veteran Frozen to Death. EASTON, Pa., Feb. 18.—Martin Johnson, a veteran of the late war, was found frozen to death in his bed. He lived alone in a little two-story house.

Firemen Fall a Hundred Feet. ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 18.—The two upper stories of the six-story stone building occupied by the R. T. French company, spice manufacturers, were gutted by fire last night, causing \$50,000 loss. While two firemen were standing on the extension ladder, holding a line of hose, the truck which supported the ladder upset, throwing the men to the ground, a distance of 100 feet. One of them, Patrick Conway, received injuries which will result fatally. The other, William Nolan, was quite seriously injured.

Ohio Miners May Join the A. S. U. COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 18.—As a result of labor organization secessions, which were aimed at the Ohio miners' convention here, it is the general opinion that the miners of this state will withdraw from the United Mine Workers' union. They refuse to say what they will affiliate themselves with, but they are known to be very friendly to the American Railway union. Thus it really appears that Debs may yet control an organization embracing all classes of laborers.

A Youth Charged with Murder. CANTON, Mass., Feb. 18.—John Fleming, the 18-year-old newsboy supposed to have been shot by Everett Ellison, his 17-year-old comrade, on Saturday, died yesterday. During the night Fleming recovered consciousness, and when asked how the shooting was done he replied: "Footing." On being asked if Ellison did the shooting he replied in the negative. Ellison will be taken to Staughton, where he will be given a hearing on the charge of manslaughter.

Miss Vanderbilt May Wed a Title. NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Society gossips say the chief reason why Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt and her daughter, Miss Consuelo, are going abroad soon is that arrangements have been completed for the betrothal of Miss Vanderbilt with a young English nobleman of highest rank, and that this will be announced shortly after Mrs. Vanderbilt and her daughter reach the other side.

Fatal Fight in a Boarding House. READING, Pa., Feb. 18.—Jealousy is supposed to have started a fight which occurred here in a boarding house. Frank Branno stabbed Julia Maganot in the arm and breast and cut Francesco Desozuki four times. The latter's injuries are serious. Branno is in jail.

THE JAPS' VICTORIES.

Official Confirmation of the Fall of Wei-Hai-Wei.

SUICIDE OF CHINESE COMMANDERS.

Admiral Ting and Two Other Officers the Victims of Self Destruction—Japan is Having Two Modern Warships Built to Increase Her Naval Power.

YOKOHAMA, Feb. 18.—An official dispatch from Wei-Hai-Wei, bearing date of Feb. 13, has been received here. It states that in response to the offer made by Admiral Ting, the Chinese naval commander, to surrender his vessels if conditions of amnesty were granted, Admiral Ito, commander of the Japanese forces, demanded that the naval station be thrown open this (Wednesday) morning. The Chinese messenger who conveyed this demand returned to Admiral Ito and informed him that Admiral Ting had committed suicide on the night of Feb. 12, and that his responsibility had been transferred to Captain McClure, formerly the master of a British merchant vessel, who had been appointed by the Chinese government as assistant to Admiral Ting. Admiral Ito, at the time the dispatch was sent, was conferring with Captain McClure.

A dispatch dated Feb. 14, from Field Marshal Oyama, who is in command of the Japanese military forces at Wei-Hai-Wei, announces the complete surrender of the Chinese on land and sea. He also announces that Admiral Ting and two other officers committed suicide after addressing a letter from the Chinese flag-ship accepting the Japanese demands. The Chinese soldiers garrisoning the forts on the island of Liu Kung Tao, the last of the defenses of Wei-Hai-Wei to hold out against the Japanese, and the sailors of the Chinese fleet were to be taken beyond the Japanese lines and liberated, while the captured officers and the foreigners will be conveyed away by ship before they are given their liberty.

A dispatch from General Nodzu, commander of the first Japanese army in Manchuria, dated Feb. 16, says that 15,000 Chinese, with twelve guns, attacked Hai Cheng from the Lao Yang, New Chwang and Jinkao Roads. They were repulsed, leaving 100 dead. The Japanese loss was only five killed or wounded. A dispatch from Tientsin says that Li Hung Chang, who has been appointed a peace envoy to Japan, will go to Peking on Feb. 21 to confer with the emperor. He will return to Tientsin in two weeks, and will then proceed for Kobe.

Advices from Seoul are to the effect that the king has refused to accept the resignations of the ministers. It is reported that the anti-reform ministers instigated another attempt to assassinate Prince Pok.

JAPAN'S NAVAL STRENGTH.

It Is to be Increased by Two New Modern Warships.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The Japanese seem to have solved for themselves the question as to the relative merits of the battleship and the cruiser, which is now agitating congress in connection with the proposition to provide for the construction of three new battleships. While their cruisers, owing to superior strategy in their management and great wariness in attack, supplemented by the indispensable torpedo boat fleet, have managed to obtain victories over the Chinese fleet in two cases, the battleships of the Chinese, with inferior management and personnel, have given such a good account of themselves as to make it apparent to the Japanese that if ever they hope to meet another naval power in combat with chance of success they must themselves possess some of the great battleships.

It is regarded as a foregone conclusion that they will acquire the sunken Chinese battleships Chen Yuen and Ting Yuen (if the latter can be raised) by conquest. But the Japanese government is not content to rest there, for advices received by the navy department show that they have placed contracts for building two great ships in offensive and defensive power. One of the contracts has been placed with the Thames Iron works, of Blackwell, England, and the other with the Thames Iron Shipbuilding company, of London. The battleships will be of 12,500 tons displacement, 370 feet long by 73 feet beam. An armor belt 18 inches thick will extend for 220 feet along the sides over the vitals of the ships, which will be propelled by engines of 14,000 horse power and carry each two 12-inch guns, ten 6-inch guns and a great number of smaller machine guns. It will require fully 5,000 tons of nickel steel Harveyized armor for these ships.

Nantucket's Ice Blockade Ended. NANTUCKET, Mass., Feb. 18.—For the first time in nearly two weeks the ice blockade, by which this island has been cut off from the main land, was broken yesterday and the steamer Island Home, after slowly pushing her way through the ice packs in this harbor, made her dock here and landed a large number of delayed passengers, considerable freight and three days' mail. Her arrival was greeted with enthusiasm by the people of the island. It is believed that the blockade is permanently broken.

Lynching Talk in Pennsylvania. GREENSBURG, Pa., Feb. 18.—A tramp assaulted Mrs. Albert Rupert, of Penn township, near here, knocking her down and rendering her unconscious by several heavy blows with a club. The husband was absent, but on returning and revivifying the woman he learned her story. He organized a posse of neighbors, who are now hunting for the villain. They say they will lynch him if he falls into their hands.

An Election Conspirator Sentenced. CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Donald H. Chipman, Democratic challenger in the Thirty-fourth ward, found guilty of the charge of conspiracy to prevent legal voters from exercising their rights of franchise at the general election, Nov. 6 last, was sentenced by a jury in Judge Tukey's court to one year and six months in the penitentiary.

Evidence of Foul Play. ASHLAND, Pa., Feb. 18.—The dead body of Steve Kolsky, aged 25 years, was found in a clump of bushes about half a mile east of Mahanoy City. His pockets were turned inside out and there was an ugly gash on his head, indicating foul play. The deputy coroner is investigating.

The Pope's Health Improving. ROME, Feb. 18.—The health of the pope shows improvement. Yesterday his holiness received 400 Italian pilgrims and spoke to each of them. The reception lasted an hour.

A Prudent Man

weighs well his words before uttering them; and they are doubly convincing from his caution. Sufferers from Dyspepsia can take heart; there is that which, if theory in manufacture, and practical workings in actual life, and count for anything, will surely give relief to their daily distress. It is

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