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The Chicago man who is represented to be in the possession of two perfect hearts is suspected of having stolen one from some overconfiding woman.

While American women are paying fancy prices for "imported Parisian" hats made by skillful milliners in the United States, the Germans are taking very kindly to trimmed hats manufactured in our broad land.

The salary of the president is \$50,000; of the chief justice of the supreme court, \$10,500; of a cabinet officer, \$8,000; of the vice-president, \$8,000; of the speaker of the house, \$5,000. The allowance for the president of France is 600,000 francs salary and 600,000 francs for expense.

Leslie Stephen believes walking to be of all exercises the best for the literary man. It is, he declares, "the natural recreation for a man who desires not absolutely to suppress his intellect, but to turn it out to play for a season. All great men of letters have, therefore, been enthusiastic walkers (exceptions, of course, excepted)."

The growth of United States trade with China is set forth at length in a bulletin just issued by the treasury department. From various ports of the empire statements have been obtained showing decided gains in the receipts of cotton piece goods and other material from America. The total value of American merchandise of all classes entering China is now about \$24,000,000 annually, while the United States imports from the Flowery Kingdom about \$28,000,000 worth.

This is an era of experiments in food. Scientific investigators in Europe, after thorough tests of a horse-flesh diet, say that this sort of meat, when the use of it is continued for a time, tends to lessen the weight of the consumer, whether man or beast. These physiological sages have come to the conclusion that the choicest steaks and roasts from the fattest cows and fillies are inferior to beef or veal, mutton, lamb or ham in sustaining vital force and preventing a decline in strength.

A new industry is promised for North Carolina in the discovery of the matting reed in its river marshes. It has long been said that matting could be made only in China, because the reed suitable for its manufacture was found only in that country. Recently reed has been found growing in the greatest profusion in the water of Trent and Neuse rivers above Newbern, N. C., which experts state is identical with that used in China for making matting. This rush is a hardy plant and a very rapid grower. The stalks are from one-sixteenth to three eighths of an inch in diameter, and grow to a height of three to seven feet. The annual importation of matting into the United States from China is estimated at 300,000,000 yards. The manufacture is said to be a simple and inexpensive process and one in which highly skilled labor is not necessary.

One of the experts at the recent tuberculosis congress in London says the dread scourge of mankind will decrease materially in the United States when the national vice of expectoration is checked. Decency, refinement, health, even life itself, plead for the abolition of this offensive custom, yet, with nothing to urge in its favor, and everything against it, it is one of the hardest social evils to combat. Even now that it is proved to be an actual evil, it has its practitioners, and, what is more astonishing, its advocates. Laws against it, while based on soundest hygiene, affecting the public health, are denounced as an invasion of personal liberty. There is still much work to do in the case, but with the advantage at stake, the missionary efforts by law, reason and persuasion, should be continued till the desired result is attained. A beginning might be made in the schools and the habit nipped in the bud, thinks the Baltimore American.

GRAVE CHARGES AGAINST WOMAN.

Mrs. Witwer, of Dayton, Ohio, Suspected of Killing 15 Persons.

ALL THE DEATHS WERE SUDDEN.

Her Alleged Victims Includes Four Husbands, Five Children and One Sister—The Others, Whom She is Supposed to Have Poisoned, Were Members of Families Where She Was Serving as Housekeeper.

Dayton, Ohio (Special).—Suspected of having committed 15 murders, the police say, Mrs. J. A. Witwer, a widow, living in this city, is under arrest at the instigation of the coroner. The alleged victims are said to include:

Four husbands. Five children. One sister.

Five members of different families in which she was employed as housekeeper. The last supposed victim was Mrs. Witwer's sister, Mrs. Anna Pugh, who died a week ago under mysterious circumstances. An autopsy performed at the request of Mrs. Witwer's mother, who came here from Detroit, is said to have disclosed the presence of arsenic and copperas in the stomach.

Following closely upon the death of her first husband—Fred Schweger—came, according to the Police Department information, the death of two children. The second husband died suddenly several years after the wedding and the children of this marriage died in rapid succession. Her last husband—A. J. Witwer—died last April. In each instance, it is said, the deaths were strangely alike.

The prisoner is 47 years of age and formerly lived in Middletown, Ohio. She has two sons in the Philippines and a sister, it is stated, in a New York asylum. No motive for these suspected crimes has been disclosed. Drugs which were found in the house occupied by Mrs. Witwer are in possession of the police and will be examined.

The third husband of Mrs. Witwer was William Stowe, who died at Middletown with symptoms, it is alleged, of arsenical poisoning. Mr. Stowe's death was investigated by the coroner, but without result. Shortly after Stowe's death Mrs. Witwer came to Dayton and became housekeeper for Charles K. Keller, a widower. Keller died suddenly, and the information since gained by the coroner concerning Keller's death is said to be that his ailment was similar to that of a person affected by poison. Mrs. Witwer next acted for housekeeper for John A. Wenz, a druggist. In July last year Wenz's 4-year-old son died suddenly and two months later Wenz died. The doctors attribute Wenz's death to blood poisoning, but now tell the coroner they were dissatisfied with their diagnosis at the time.

Mrs. Witwer then went to live with a Mr. and Mrs. Gabler, on Best street, Riverside. These two persons died suddenly, and the coroner now says their sickness was of the nature of arsenical poisoning.

BURNED IN A WRECKAGE.

Four Men Killed in a Rear End Freight Train Collision.

Logansport, Ind. (Special).—Four Panhandle Railroad trainmen met death near Onward, 14 miles southeast of here, in a rear-end collision of freight trains. The bodies of three of the dead were taken out badly mangled, but the fourth was almost entirely consumed by flames which broke out soon after the wreck before the wrecking crew could subdue the fire sufficiently to permit work in that portion of the debris.

During the night Conductor Weaver, in charge of the second section of a train consisting of an engine and two cabooses, left Hartford City for Logansport. In the rear caboose were Galbreath, Brosius and Greeley, who had been working on the gravel train at Hartford City, and who were en route to this city. All were asleep when the train stopped near Onward to make up steam. The flagman was sent out to watch for the third section, and no danger was thought of until the train loomed up too close for any of the men to escape, except Weaver, who jumped and got off uninjured.

The wreck was most disastrous. Six cars were burned from the third section, which, with the two cabooses and the ruined engine, make the loss a large one.

THEY DESPISE CZOLGOZ.

Murderers in Auburn Prison Think Themselves Above Him.

Auburn, N. Y. (Special).—Czolgosz has begun to read and obtains books from the prison library. The assassin is despised by the other occupants of the condemned cells, who consider themselves in a higher class. Egnor, who killed Keeper Benedict, has obtained a picture of McKinley which he has framed and draped in mourning. His cell is between Czolgosz's and the death chamber. He has planned to hang the picture facing outward at the grating of the cell door and to dare the assassin to look at it as he goes past to death.

Warden Mead has given orders to the gatekeeper not to allow any person to enter the prison unless properly vouchered for or having undoubted credentials.

Crushed Under Wire Coils.

Alpena, Mich. (Special).—Two men were killed and three were injured by being crushed under heavy coils of wire at the Page Fence Company's warehouse. The dead are Thomas Bee and Willard Bowen. The injured are Michael Fraley, John Mattix and Frank Wickham. The men were piling wire when one tier of coils toppled over upon them.

Lieutenant Crockett Killed.

Washington (Special).—The War Department received a cablegram announcing that Second Lieut. Allen T. Crockett was killed near Camdebaria, Luzon, Sept. 24. He had been in the army since June, 1900.

Shot Down by a Preacher.

Carbondale, Ill. (Special).—Rev. Jos. McGammish, a Seventh-Day Adventist preacher, shot and killed John C. Brown, who, it is alleged, attacked him with a knife. Brown is said to have been jealous of McGammish's alleged attentions to Mrs. Brown.

SUMMARY OF THE LATEST NEWS.

Domestic.

The House of Deputies of the Episcopal Convention in San Francisco, after a lengthy debate, adopted an amendment to the constitution that special forms of service may be prescribed by canon for certain congregations not in full communion with the Church. The triennial meeting of the American Church Sunday School Institute was held and officers elected.

As to the question of authority over a military prisoner in the Philippines, Civil Governor Taft contends that the power of the general commanding is limited, and that the only tribunal having jurisdiction over a military prisoner is the federal court.

Richard C. Davis was released on \$25,000 bail in Evansville, Ind., on the charge of embezzling \$10,000 from the national bank of which he was cashier. A. W. Miller, formerly city clerk of Sandusky, Ohio, who is alleged to have embezzled \$100,000 of the city's funds, has been located in Sandusky, Ohio.

Arrangements have been made to run through trains from Richmond to Washington on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad.

J. Q. Adams & Co., of Minneapolis, Minn., one of the largest grain receiving and exporting houses in the Northwest assigned. They were caught in the May corner.

Wardman Bissert, convicted in New York of accepting a bribe from the keeper of a disorderly house, secured a stay in the United States Circuit Court.

Charles Broadway Rous, the New York millionaire, sent a thousand-dollar check for the Shenandoah Valley Agricultural Society fair.

Several rapid-fire guns were shipped from New York for use of the Colombian government at some of the coast towns.

Three prominent Chicago attorneys and a well-known railroad detective have been arrested on the charge of aiding in the escape of a bailiff who was indicted for attempted jury-bribe.

Henry W. Cramp, vice-president of the Cramp Ship and Engine Building Company, died at his home in Philadelphia.

The body of Prof. W. H. Beardsworth, who was drowned while crossing Naked creek, was found near Winchester, Va.

The city of Portsmouth, Va., will seek to have the charter of the Old Dominion Railway Company revoked.

The Virginia Long-Distance Telephone Company, with headquarters at Staunton, Va., was sold.

The large storage warehouses of A. S. Leach & Co., of Philadelphia, were destroyed by fire.

The grain dealers, at their annual convention in Des Moines, Iowa, elected officers.

President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, publishes in the October number of the Federationist a vigorous reply to the charges made by President Shaffer, of the Amalgamated Association, regarding the attitude of Gompers and President Mitchell, of the United Mineworkers, in the recent steel strike.

The Sultan of Jolo refused to receive the Congressional party. A battalion of the Eleventh Infantry, Colonel De Rusey, is on the track of the Filipinos who attacked the American troops at Balangiga, Island of Samar.

Five persons are reported to have been killed by a renegade band of Apaches from the San Carlos Reservation in the Mongolian mountains.

Foreign.

The deficit for the last nine months in the finances of France amounts to 137,000,000 francs. The Temps sounds a note of warning to the government, saying that it must be remembered that a deficit was the immediate cause of the overthrow of the monarchy of Louis XVI.

Pekin advices state that the foreign soldiers continue to ill-treat the natives and commit petty robberies. The legation quarter looks like a fortified city. The court is traveling to Kai Feng Fu in the most expensive manner.

Abdur Rohman Khan, the Ameer of Afghanistan, died at Simla, October 3. His eldest son reported the death to the British agent at Kabul. It will likely result in trouble between England and Russia.

The North German Lloyd steamer Kronprinz Wilhelm arrived at Plymouth from New York, having made the trip in 5 days 9 hours and 48 minutes—a new record for a maiden voyage.

INSTANTLY KILLED RAILROAD WRECK.

Engineer, Conductor, Fireman and Brakeman Meet Death.

TRAIN RAN INTO AN OPEN SWITCH.

Coroner's Jury Decided That Orders to Stop Were Not Obeyed—Bodies Recovered and Sent Home—The Wrecked Train Was the Fast Freight Which Runs Between Philadelphia and Harrisburg.

Reading, Pa. (Special).—Four persons were instantly killed in a freight wreck on the Lebanon Valley division of the Reading Railway, near Hummelstown, Pa. The killed are:

Thomas T. Dolan, engineer, Philadelphia.

William H. McCloskey, fireman, Philadelphia.

Conductor Patrick Kane, Philadelphia.

Brakeman Charles E. Mays, Philadelphia.

The middle man, Charles Dennis, and the rear brakeman, John Ryan, escaped. A derail switch was open, and the

luff. Then, seeing that the Englishman was making a straight race, he broke out his balloon and went across.

Time, Columbia, 11:02; Shamrock, 11:02.

This is official, and not actual, as Columbia went over at least to seconds ahead. Shamrock broke out her spinnaker, going over and Columbia followed. The British boat seemed to have a handicap in not getting over in time, but she pulled up rapidly and soon closed the gap.

Heading for the mark Shamrock turned at 12:48:46 and stood away on starboard tack to keep the weather berth. Columbia swung around much quicker 49 seconds later and threw about on port tack.

The Columbia now began to show her old form in wind-jamming. She stood well up to it and held along for several minutes and then came about on the starboard tack, with the Shamrock to leeward but well ahead. They stood along for some minutes and then came about to port tack, the Shamrock first and Columbia following, having stood well over to windward first.

Then happened the greatest sailing in the history of racing. Columbia flattened in her sheets and jammed her nose right with the falling breeze, which had fallen to less than six knots.

Shamrock could not point up as high and Sycamore held along blanketing the Columbia, feeling sure now of an easy victory. But the Columbia is a faithful and reliable ship. She poked her nose into the last puff, and luffed almost through Shamrock's lee, with that brass boat close enough to jump aboard.

The line was only a few fathoms distant and, with falling headway and shaking headsails, both yachts luffed over the line, the Columbia a boom's length behind. Such a race never was sailed before and it was a fitting climax to the series.

FLEETING ARMY AMBUSHED BY INDIANS.

Vanguard of the Routed Venezuelans Annihilated—Lost 600 Killed in Recent Battle.

Willemsstad, Curacao (By Cable).—News received up to September 29 indicates that General Davila's first flight at Curogoa was an absolute rout. Five Venezuelan battalions of 400 men each were engaged and the Colombians are estimated at the same number. It is now known that General Echeverria was killed on the battlefield, and not shot by the Colombians. The battalion called the "Sacred Battalion," composed of gentlemen volunteers mounted, was the first to break and retreat before the Colombians. After General Echeverria was killed, General Davila, Clodomiro Castillo and Ermilo Castro, a brother of President Castro, fled the field.

About 600 were killed of the Venezuelans, including 30 minor officers. The Indians ambushed General Davila's retreating vanguard, composed of 200 men, and annihilated it. Clodomiro Castillo, who is a Colombian, now commands the Venezuelan forces at the front on Guajira Peninsula, and Ermilo Castro now commands the "Sacred Battalion."

An unconfirmed rumor reports that General Uribe Uribe, the Colombian Liberal revolutionist, has been killed.

When the Venezuelans first entered the peninsula they robbed the Guajira Indians of their cattle and generally maltreated them. The Indians are now retaliating, cruelly mutilating and murdering many of the fugitives who have been straggling since the defeat over the waterless, burning flat peninsula in an effort to reach their lines or the coast.

Venezuela seems determined, if possible, to retrieve her fallen fortunes at Guajira. If she fails in this present endeavor it is believed, even among army officers, that the Colombian government forces, allied Guajira Indians and Venezuelan revolutionists opposed to President Castro will unite and march on Maracaibo, with good chances of capturing the place. Such action would probably also mean the capture of San Carlos Fort and the liberation of the Venezuelan political prisoners.

FEUD ENDS IN FOUR MORE DEATHS.

Mortal Battle at the Big Springs Baptist Church, Tennessee.

Knoxville, Tenn. (Special).—A bloody fight occurred at the Union Baptist Church, at Big Springs, Tenn., 10 miles from Tazewell, Tenn. Services were being held at the church and 600 persons had gathered. Just before the services began "Tip" Chadwell went to the spring 50 yards from the church. Rush Morgan was at the spring and began firing at Chadwell. Both factions immediately gathered and the fight lasted half an hour. The killed are: "Tip" Chadwell, John F. Chadwell, Rush Morgan, Henry Morgan. Mortally wounded: John Morgan, Asa Chadwell.

Wounded: Jones, leg broken; Neabley, flesh wound; Sheriff James Brook, slightly. Sheriff Brook attempted to arrest one of the Chadwells, who resisted.

The feud between the Morgans and Chadwells has existed for a long time. Last Christmas they met at Walnut Hills, Va., and a pitched battle ensued in which several were killed. Eighteen months ago they met near the Hancock line. Fighting followed and one was killed. Both the Chadwells and Morgans are prosperous and influential and have large families. More trouble is feared.

Suicide Carried Diamonds.

Chicago (Special).—With \$15,000 worth of diamonds in his possession, D. W. Dickie, a jeweler, who lived at the Kimball Hotel, committed suicide near the Grant Monument in Lincoln Park. A park policeman heard a pistol shot in the direction of the monument and after searching 20 minutes in the darkness came upon the body of Dickie lying on a bench just south of the statue. Dickie was about 55 years old. It is thought he had not been long in Chicago. The directory only states that he is a jeweler, but does not tell his place of business.

THE KIDNAPPING OF MISS STONE.

Probably Soon Be Released.

Consistent With Their Conduct, Decline Absolutely to Discuss Miss Stone's Case for Publication, but It Is Evident From Their Manner That They Are Feeling More Hopeful.

Boston, Mass. (Special).—From the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Maine to Florida, this country has been aroused by the story of the capture of the American missionary, Miss Helen H. Stone, by brigands in Southern Europe and by the appeal for funds with which to pay the ransom. Thousands of dollars are being received here as a result of the appeal of the American Board of Missions, and it is known that mails from the Far West are bringing additional thousands.

The firm of Peabody, Kidder & Co., which is caring for the contributions as they are received, reported that over \$50,000 had been received. This is nearly half of the amount, \$110,000, necessary to pay the ransom demanded for the release of the American woman.

Three Governments, Bulgaria, Turkey and the United States, are putting forth every effort in behalf of the unfortunate missionary. Bulgarian and Turkish troops are in pursuit of the brigands, and if the latter are captured they will be killed without the formality of a trial.

The United States Government has also been aroused by the news of the kidnapping, and President Roosevelt is urging the State Department to do everything in its power to secure Miss Stone's release. The President has been in consultation with the delegates of the Missionary Board at the Capital, and whatever can be done will be done, but this is not a case for fleets or armies—at least not now. The Government must move with extreme caution, however, lest it cause the loss of the life it would save. It is the practice of these brigands in the Balkans to kill their captives immediately on the advent of any government into the negotiations. After Miss Stone is restored to her friends the campaign of punishment may be prosecuted, but such a course is now deemed inadvisable.

KRUGER SAID TO BE FAILING.

Mentally and Physically, It Is Declared, He Is Weaker.

London (By Cable).—A dispatch from The Hague says: "A. D. W. Wolmarans, one of the Boer envoys, who has been visiting President Kruger at Hilversum, Holland, found the mental condition of the President by no means satisfactory. Mr. Kruger is slowly growing weaker physically and mentally. His reaching a decision on important questions is found to be a serious matter to those working in Europe in behalf of the Boer cause. The slightest question regarding the health of Mr. Kruger exhibits intention and vehemently denies that anything is wrong. The approach of winter causes anxiety, as he is leaving Holland."

Brussels (By Cable).—Le Figaro states that Mr. Kruger has been visited by President Roosevelt in the exportation of horses and mules to South Africa. It also declares that never contemplated sending a mission to the United States Government for mediation.

MISS HELEN H. STONE.

Daughter of Secretary of the Navy.

Hingham, Mass. (Special).—Miss Helen Long, youngest daughter of the Secretary of the Navy John D. Long, was found at her home, in Cottage street, in a state of consumption.

Miss Long had been suffering from pulmonary trouble since the summer of 1898. During her father's first term as Secretary of the Navy she was obliged to enter somewhat irregular functions of the capital, of delicate health of Mrs. Long's own health became impaired.

In November, 1898, eminent physicians advised her to seek the climate of Colorado, which she did. She remained there for three years, and her health improved so much that Secretary Long's permanent residence for several years ago she was Secretary, with her sister, her grandmother, physicians at Colorado Springs, of climate might have been beneficial. She arrived at Hingham with nervousness and her health into decline.

FOUR MEN KILLED.

One Man Killed in Accident.

Mahoney (Special).—An accident occurred in an automobile in and about John O. Mahoney's place, near Draper, Ky. Mahoney's companion named Mahoney, was killed.

Joseph Molinofsky, both arms broken by same mine. Martin Kirby was shot cut by the mine crawling under a car at Mahoney's place. The horse was crushed. The horse cannot recover.

Frank Koopman, Miners' Hospital, skull fractured, coal at Gilberton.

Wireless Telegraph.

London (By Cable).—The Company and the stations of the world are to be telegraphed.

Help.

Atlanta, Ga. Turner, of Reconstructor in the branches of the Georgia committee.