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FRAGMENTS.
Russia is said to want war with China in revenge for the alleged killing of M. de Giers in Pekin.

At Rock Springs, Wyo., a number of outrages have been committed on Chinese residents. Militia has been called out to protect them.

Chicagoans are boycotting Chinese laundries because of the feeling that Chinese in the United States are in sympathy with the Boxer movement in China.

The state department at Washington denies that any plan is under consideration to have Chinese officials attempt to deliver Minister Conger to Admiral Remy at Taku.

President McKinley has signified his willingness to mediate between the Chinese Imperial Government and the powers, but only upon conditions which first must be met by the Chinese Government.

In reply to the demand of the Belgian Government, the Chinese charge d'affaires at Brussels says he has telegraphed indirectly to the Tsung Li Yamen with a view of placing the Belgian minister in Pekin in communication with Belgium.

CONSULS AT PEKIN

To Be Sent to Tien Tsin Under Escort.

Sheng Says the Imperial Government Has Protected and Fed Them.

Washington, July 24. — The Chinese minister received a dispatch from Sheng, the director of railroads and telegraphs at Shanghai, stating that the foreign ministers were to be sent from Pekin to Tien Tsin under escort; also that the imperial government has not only been protecting them, but has supplied them with food.

A WARNING.
London, July 24. — Some of the Shanghai correspondents continue to warn the public to distrust all Chinese assurances, and they declare that all the so-called imperial edicts will be repudiated later, when it suits the purpose of their authors.

In connection with this matter it is asserted in Shanghai that there is evidently a dual government in Pekin, each having free access to the world through couriers.

A VETERAN GONE

Death of a Kent Country Centerman and Life-Long Liberal.

Chatham, Ont., July 24. — Chas. Colby, of Harwick township, died Sunday evening at the age of 100 years, 5 months and 15 days. He had hardly known a day's illness, and death was due to old age. He was born in Maine Feb. 7, 1800, and emigrated to Harwick with his wife in the early thirties, settling on the site of the present Colby homestead. In his day Mr. Colby was the leading spirit of Harwick district, and it is due much to his untiring efforts that Harwick is what it is today, the leading township of Kent. In politics he was a life-long champion of the Liberal party. His remains will be buried in the family lot on the farm, at his own request.

THE FILIPINO WAR.

Manila, July 24. — It is reported that Aguinaldo will summon his advisers for the purpose of replying to the answer of Gen. MacArthur to the amnesty resolutions adopted by representative Filipinos recently.

It is officially announced that 200 insurgents were killed last week and 130 surrendered or were captured, while 12 Americans were killed and 11 wounded.

NEW COMET APPEARS.

Geneva, N. Y., July 24. — Dr. William R. Brooks, director of Smith observatory, discovered a new comet this morning in the eastern heavens. Its position was right ascension 2 hours 42 minutes 40 seconds, declination north 12 degrees 30 minutes with northerly motion. The comet is in the constellation of Aries, has a bright stellar nucleus and a broad tail. This is the twenty-second comet discovered by Dr. Brooks.

JAIL FOR LIFE.

Ottawa, July 24. — It is understood that an order-in-council has been passed, commuting the death sentence passed upon A. Bourassa, of Montreal, to imprisonment for life. Bourassa killed his wife and was tried and sentenced to be hanged on Aug. 24. He is, however, an epileptic of unsound mind, and therefore comes under that class which the law says cannot be executed. The prisoner was a laborer, who worked in the C. P. R. shops.

The lord mayor of London wears a badge of office which contains diamonds valued at £120,000.

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EX-LONDONER IN DEADLY PERIL

Dr. Charles Roberts, in Charge of a Herb Farm at Koo Fan, China, in Great Danger.

[Special to The Advertiser per C.P.R.]
Toledo, Ohio, July 24. — The following cablegram, dated yesterday, at the Cheney Company's laboratory here, from Shanghai:

"Chinese runners arrived today, bearing an appeal for military protection from Dr. Roberts, a missionary at Koo Fan, who says they are surrounded by Boxers, and in great danger. Advise family. (Signed) JOHNSON."

Mr. Johnson is manager of the China branch of the Cheney Company, it being a receiving depot for their catarrh herbs, raised on the Koo Fan farm, which lies 40 miles west of Shanghai.

Doctor Charles Roberts has charge of the farm and employs missionaries and Christian Chinese of the neighborhood. He has been connected with the Cheney Company for about seven years, three of which were spent in China, prior to that he resided near London, Ont., with his parents.

Frank J. Cheney, president of the Cheney Company, has appealed to Washington for assistance and has cabled the Shanghai branch to spare no expense to effect immediate relief.

MULTUM IN PARVO

George Wilson, of the Sovereign mine, North Hastings, realized 42 ounces of gold valued at \$865, from 20 tons of ore.

The Great Northern Railway's latest crop bulletin gives more favorable reports from Manitoba. Harvesting will be general in two weeks.

George E. Windsor, steward of the Gathenau Fish and Game Club, north of Ottawa, was found fatally shot at his own hand, but whether accidentally or not is not known.

The remains of Miss Clara Craft, the young woman who was ground to death by a trolley car, while on her way home, in Detroit, Saturday night, are to be cremated in accordance with wishes she had often expressed.

Joseph Mitchell, a Kingston cigar-maker, was killed by Police-sergeant Eck at Menominee, Mich. He was intoxicated and resisted arrest. Eck claims that in discharging his revolver to call assistance Mitchell got within range and was accidentally killed.

On Monday morning burglars broke into the postoffice at Newport, near Utica, N. Y., and blew open the safe, completely wrecking the building, every window being blown out. They got \$50 and a quantity of stamps, escaping on a hand car. Damage about \$400.

STRATHROY.

[Advertiser Agent, J. D. Meekison.]
Strathroy, July 24. — Mr. E. M. Marshall left for Europe last week, sailing from Montreal per steamship Parisian on Saturday last.

At a meeting of the members and adherents of St. Andrew's congregation, held last evening in the basement of the church, a call was extended to Rev. Mr. Knox.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Smythe are spending their holidays in Port Stanley.

Rev. T. M. Fothergill and family are spending a few weeks of Grand Bend. Adelaide votes on the railway bonus bylaw on the 27th of July.

Mr. Tull has arranged for the purchase of a brick residence on Richmond street.

In the general orders issued from Ottawa a number of graduates of the Royal Military College of Canada have been appointed lieutenants in the active militia, from the 25th of June, 1900, and posted to the engineer reserve.

Cadet W. B. Lindsay, of Strathroy, is among the list appointed.

Mrs. Evan Berg and children of Toronto, are the guests of Mr. W. H. Murray, of London.

Miss Mildred Frank is visiting her cousin, Mrs. J. G. Raymond, Woodstock.

Wednesday, Aug. 8, has been proclaimed Strathroy's civic holiday. It is the intention to run an excursion by rail to Sarnia and by boat to Detroit.

Rev. Mr. McKibbin, pastor of the Frank Street Church, left last week on a vacation. On Sunday last the pulpit was supplied by Judge Fiske.

London, July 29 and 30, Mr. W. R. Manning, of Essex, will conduct service, and on Aug. 12 Rev. J. Neelands will occupy the pulpit in the morning and Elder McColl in the evening.

Miss Hannah Frank left last week for Jackfish to visit her uncle, Mr. Samuel Eakins, after which she will proceed to Winnipeg to visit friends there. She will also visit her sister, Mrs. John Welch, in Roland.

KING OSCAR'S COUSIN DIVORCED.
Chicago, July 24. — A special to the Record from Grand Forks, N. D., says: The first divorce granted in North Dakota to a person of royal family has just been issued by Judge Fiske.

This city, to a cousin of King Oscar, of Sweden. The woman, Princess Anna Josephine Charlotte, ten years ago married Emilie H. Halverson, a young man of good family. The match was opposed by her friends and forbidden by the king. For eight years the couple lived in various European cities. Then the wife came to North Dakota to secure a divorce, and has lived here incognito over a year. Halverson was not represented at the trial.

OBSERVATIONS.

Bad luck is the only kind that comes to people that trust in luck.

Most persons are willing to do away with vices of other people.

The man who thinks the world owes him a living is always in a hurry to levy on the debt.

A load of sorrow doesn't wear one so much as a swarm of annoyances.

It has been said that a fool may ask a question that a wise man cannot answer, yet both may be better for the question.

An action may be clothed so as to change its proper effect on people; with most of us a sugar-coated vice seems preferable to a pepper-coated virtue.

Few persons understand the cause of their own failures. Judging other affairs as they do their own, they couldn't tell why a barrel is empty when it has a hole in the bottom.

TO INDIA BY RAIL

Only Five Hundred and Eighty-Five Miles of Road Now Lacking.

[From the London Mail.]

All that is wanted is an agreement between Britain and Russia as to Afghanistan.

Already the enterprising Muscovite has extended the scope of the Transcaspian Railway to such a degree that Russian troops are actually running well inside Afghan territory. Kushka, an Afghan frontier town, is practically in Russian hands, and a light railway is already under construction to the famous Herat.

That is the situation on Afghanistan's northern frontier. On the south British India is apparently no less active. The Beloochistan Railway system terminating at Gullistan Kere, on the Afghan border, is to be extended, and already work is being pushed forward in order to connect Kandahar with the Indian railroad system.

In Central Asia Russia is actively engaged in surveying and constructing. When this is completed all that will remain in order to make it possible to link up Calais to Bombay will be to train up the chain between Herat and Kandahar—an insignificant distance of 535 English miles.

The link being made, and the Central Asian Railway finished, London to Bombay will mean that the only chance for seafarers will be on the 21-mile strip of channel between Dover and Calais.

Although the distances are nearly similar, the comparison between the sea and land journeys is in favor of the latter. By the Straits of Gibraltar and the Suez Canal the distance is 6,500 miles, and the time occupied by the fastest Peninsular and Oriental steamer is 21 days.

By the land route, allowing the average approximate speed to be 25 miles an hour by the express trains, the journey would occupy eleven days, four hours, over a distance approximately estimated at 6,700 English miles. But 25 miles an hour is a low estimate. This speed is on the average considerably exceeded, even on Asiatic railways, and, of course, doubled on European lines.

Two changes of cars would be necessary on the journey from Calais to the frontier on entering Russia and at the Indian frontier. This would be occasioned by the fact that the Russian lines have a gauge nearly a foot wider than the rest of European railways.

But such a route would have its disadvantages. The huge steamship companies which trade with India would be seriously affected. Suez Canal shares would go down with a slump. Italy would suffer considerably by the depreciation of the Brindisi mail route.

Humanizing Animals.

Some time ago we quoted in this department a protest against "nature-study" as it is conducted at present in many schools, on the ground that it tends to make children take unscientific views of the animal and vegetable worlds and to endow dumb creatures and plants with feelings and qualities that belong only to man. Somewhat the same view was taken by Caroline G. Soule in an article in *Bird Lore* (December), entitled "Humanizing the Birds," in which she protested against the practice of ascribing to them human qualities which they do not possess and mental traits with which they are unendowed.

In a letter to *School Science* (June 1), F. A. Lucas asserts that too much of this "humanizing" is indulged in not only about birds, but by writers in all branches of natural history, and not only in stories for small children, but in articles for the edification of older persons. Writers on evolution are very much at fault, especially in their treatment of so-called "mimicry," protective coloration, etc. Says Mr. Lucas:

"It is a common fault to make the mimicking process active instead of passive—to say, for example, that 'many butterflies escape destruction by mimicking the colors and markings of unpalatable forms,' as if the butterflies had given serious thought to the matter. When an author writes that 'butterflies are often attracted by the colors of birds, and a spider takes advantage of this fact to secure his prey,' he implies a considerable amount of reasoning power in the spider. That this implication is not intended is shown a little later by the statement that 'the whole combination of habits form and coloring afford a wonderful example of what natural selection can accomplish,' but the damage has been done and the suggestion made that the mimicry is intentional."

When we read that the "witch-hazel, knowing that neither boy nor girl, nor bird nor beast nor wind, will come to the rescue of its little ones, is obliged to take matters into its own hands," we realize that it was written for a child, although we may deplore the manner of writing and wish that the case had been differently stated. But here is a statement almost, if not quite as bad, taken from an important work on zoology and not written with the view of interesting a child.

"In the Mediterranean the embryos [of sponges] escape from the tissues of the parent when they have arrived at the blastula condition . . . in the same species on the shores of the English channel the young are trained until after gastrulation."

"The explanation of this, it is said, is not difficult:

"In the Mediterranean there are no strong currents and it is evidently best for the parent to get rid of the young as early as possible, as possible, thus escaping longer drain upon its energies. In the English channel, on the other hand, the current is very strong, and were the embryos to be set free at the stage at which they are in the Mediterranean the chances are that they would be swept away, and hence they are retained until nearly ready for attachment to the rocks."

"This seems to be a direct transposition of cause and effect, and credits the lovely sponge with an amount of reasoning power and a degree of intelligence that few have suspected it to possess. Why would it not have been quite as accurate and decidedly less confusing to have said that, while we do not know, it seems probable that in the first case we have the normal condition of affairs, while in the second there has been an elimination of those sponges whose young were turned loose into a cold water at too tender an age?"

These, Mr. Lucas remarks, are merely the first examples that came to hand in a very prevalent style of writing, but they are typical. Such statements are intended to popularize science, but they create an entirely erroneous impression. The non-scientific reader is led to think that not only the higher, but the lower animals, even the plants, pass a very prevalent style of writing, but they are typical. Such statements are intended to popularize science, but they create an entirely erroneous impression.

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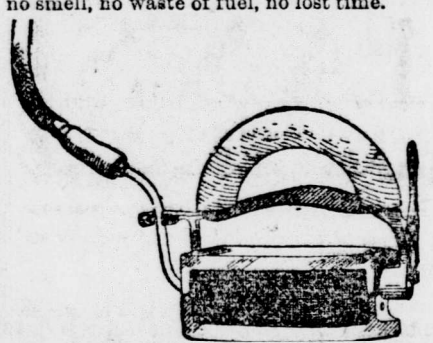
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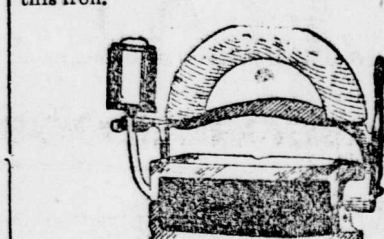


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[Chicago Journal.]

The Union Traction Company, under its new management, being its duty to the public. It has raised voluntarily the wages of a large number of its employees, and has sent out these rules for the guidance of the men:

Be gentlemanly at all times. Elderly persons and women with children should be assisted.

Don't start your car until passengers are safely on or off.

Don't run by passengers without good reason for doing so.

Wait for passengers wishing to catch your car at transfer points.

Passengers should receive transfers when they ask for them, without display of temper, even if they have before been refused.

Chewing tobacco is offensive to many persons.

Don't hold unnecessary conversation with passengers or fellow-employees.

Look to the number of your passengers; keep the seats and floors clean and adjust the curtains and windows for protection from sun and rain.

Take pains to act in a gentlemanly manner to any of the thousands of visitors who will attend the encampment of the Grand Army, and let them carry away a pleasant memory of courteous treatment.

In almost any country but this these rules would be a source of great amusement. The notion that employees of a quasi-public corporation, existing through the kindness of the public, must be told not to insult its patrons, not to needlessly discommode them, or refuse them their rights, or endanger their lives, would seem ridiculous to an Englishman or a Frenchman. But the experience of Americans with companies on which they have conferred valuable franchises have been such that the Union Traction Company will be regarded as a more or less of a philanthropist, and we have no doubt members of other street railway corporations will begin to doubt Mr. Roach's business sagacity.

In the past stocks have gone up and profits have increased through an extremely opposite course to the one laid down by him.

Yet to an unprejudiced observer it would seem that Mr. Roach's plan is good business as well as good manners. Half the feeling against the street railway companies is the growth of annoyances, insults, and abuse put upon passengers by employees, who reflect the hostile feeling of the company managers to the public. Mr. Roach has said in effect to his people: "Oh, do not slap the porcupine."

HAMILTON'S TOMB RENOVATED.
The tomb of Alexander Hamilton in Trinity churchyard has been renovated, and it now presents in its whiteness and freshness an almost new appearance. It was reported yesterday that the work had been ordered by a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., who is related to the Hamilton family.

family. On the monument, which is one of the oldest as well as one of the most notable in the historic burying ground, is this inscription:

"To the memory of Alexander Hamilton the corporation of Trinity Church has erected this monument in testimony of their respect for the patriot of incorruptible integrity, the soldier of approved valor, the statesman of consummate wisdom, whose talents and virtues will be admired by grateful posterity long after this marble shall have moldered into dust. He died July 12, 1804, aged 47."

On a tablet, which has also been made clean and white, and which lies in the foot of the sarcophagus, appear these lines:

"Eliza, daughter of Philip Schuyler, widow of Alexander Hamilton, born at Albany, Aug. 9, 1737 (?); died at Washington, Nov. 9, 1834. Interred here—New York Sun."

"Silly Peter."

Mr. John Lea, who is a frequent contributor to Cassell's Little Folks, has a very charming turn for verses for children. A specimen, entitled "Silly Peter," appears in a recent number of that magazine:

Up the garden pathway,
Down the kitchen stair,
Over to the greenhouse
Through the summer air,
Peter roaming idly,
Lazy and content,
Nothing left to think of,
Warbled as he went:

"Where shall I go, go, go?
Up to the hills of blue?
Down where the streamlets flow?
What shall I do—do—do?"

All around the haystack,
Through the stable door,
Climbing on the corner,
Slipping to the floor,
Out into the farmyard,
On no purpose bent,
Peter wandered idly,
Singing as he went:

"Where shall I go, go, go?
Up to the hills of blue?
Down where the kingcups grow?
What shall I do—do—do?"

And all the sunny morning,
Half the afternoon—
Silly, silly Peter—
Lazy little tune,
But I'm pleased to mention,
When the shades grow long,
All the farmer's live stock
Answered Peter's song:

"What shall we do, do, do,
Had we the power?" they said,
"Send little boys like you
Rapidly to bed, bed, bed."

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