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A French savant points out that spiders' webs improve the acoustic properties of a room. He says he knew in England a hall that was ideal for the conveyance of sound. In an evil moment it was decided to clean the ceilings, and all the spiders were dislodged. The hall was ruined as a place of speaking. The savant suggests that cotton strings might be hung loosely across ceilings to improve the sound carrying properties of a room.—Golden Penny.

## THE BLIND MAN'S WHISTLE.

In Japan the blind carry a peculiar kind of whistle, which they blow as they pass through the streets, and people who hear it separate and leave the pathway clear for them. There are a great many blind persons in Japan and if they were to employ the make-shift of a child or dog to lead them there would be numerous complications in the narrow streets. When heard in the dead of night, the "blind whistle" has an especially pathetic and mournful sound.—Golden Penny.

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199 and 201 Union St.FAR EAST CASE  
IS DESPERATE.Japan Demands That Russia  
Shall Reduce Her Fleet.Some Still Hope For Peace—Russia  
Makes Concessions—Japan on a  
War Footing.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—It is learned in diplomatic circles that the Japanese government has informed the foreign diplomats that the situation with respect to Russia is desperate, but not hopeless. It is believed this information was communicated to the French government for presentation at St. Petersburg.

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 30.—At an extraordinary meeting of the privy council today the fact was developed that a time limit had been set for Russia's reply to the last official note from the Japanese government. A strong opposition is now publicly manifested to the cabinet owing to the dilatory tactics. Latest ordinances announced invests the commander of Formosa with full authority to act in case war is declared. The government is completing the final preliminaries for placing the country on a war footing. Imperial ordinances issued authorize the government to make an unlimited issue of treasury bonds to provide war funds, creating an imperial council of war, if a special issue of war bonds is made. It is understood that the bonds can be floated in England, whence it is said, assurances have come that the money would be forthcoming.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Daily Mirror asserts that Japan's note to Russia demands a material guarantee of honest intentions with regard to Korea by a reduction of the Russian fleet in far eastern waters to half its present strength.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail reports that Russia is more inclined to make concessions to China with regard to Manchuria, and says that he learns that unless Russia pays consideration to the Chinese demand that China will join with Japan. The correspondent also says that Yuan Sha Ti who has been intrusted with the task of negotiating with Russia has a decided preference for an alliance with Japan, and that the empress dowager also favors one.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 30.—The foreign despatches received here yesterday afternoon are reflected today in more pessimistic circles. The Novoe Vremya begins its leader with: "There is no war today. Tomorrow there may be war." The paper directs attention to the fact that was marked the opening of the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

The Novoe Vremya still further says: "We believe Japan will not place Russia in a position where to yield would appear to be a renunciation of the defence of her interest in the Far East. Russia does not desire war, but nobody in Russia will permit the Japanese or other friends to execute a diplomatic dance upon Russia's peaceful disposition. In firm consciousness of her power, Russia will await events."

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Negotiations by cable are in progress between the Russian government and the Schwarzschild and Sulzberger Company, of this city, for about 1,000,000 pounds of mess meat for immediate shipment to Port Arthur. An official of the firm said today that the contract was practically closed, and that it called for delivery at San Francisco Jan. 22.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—The foreign office here continues to assure enquirers that the German government continues to believe that war will not issue from the Japanese-Russia controversy. This is also the opinion of the press, whether derived from official or independent information.

The mobilization of the Japanese navy is partially attributable, according to a Vladivostok despatch to the Cologne Gazette, to an act of hostility on the part of Koreans towards Japanese, probably necessitating active measures of defence of Japanese interests in Southern Korea. The Gazette considers this despatch is an admission that Japan has a just claim to defend her interests in Southern Korea by force of arms and controverts the rumors to the effect that Russia would regard the landing of any considerable Japanese force in Southern Korea as a "casus belli."

The paper concludes: "The attitude of Russia on this question may therefore be regarded as a further concession on her part."

## WOULD CREMATE 300.

Frustrated Attempt of an Incon-  
diary to Set Fire to a Crowded  
Tenement House.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Fire in an Allen street tenement house early today said to be of incendiary origin, jeopardized three hundred lives, but caused slight damage to property. One of the tenants upon arriving home found smoke in the hall and heard the crackling flames in the cellar. He saw a man crouching in the hall, and he, too, later turning over to the police, to whom he said he was Thomas Farrell, a former tenant. After the fire a quantity of tar oil was found near where the blaze had been started, and in the pockets of the prisoners were found a piece of steel matches, and a candle.

## PRICE OF OIL GOES DOWN.

CORRICANA, TEXAS, Dec. 30.—The Pipe line yesterday cut crude petroleum five cents a barrel, dropping the price to \$1.27. The advance began last May when the price was 65 cents and continued steadily until \$1.38 was reached.

HUDSON BAY TO  
THE ARGENTINE.Gigantic Project for 10,000  
Mile Railway.\$250,000,000 Company is to Build  
Through Both Americas—Will  
Pass Through Winnipeg.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Dec. 30.—The Pan-American Railway Company, with headquarters at Guthrie, with \$250,000,000 capital stock to build a line from Port Nelson, on Hudson Bay, to the Argentine Republic, was chartered today.

From Port Nelson, the road is to run via Winnipeg, in Manitoba, through the states of North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Texas, thence through Mexico, Central America, the Republic of Panama, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru into the Argentine Republic. A branch line is provided, running through Chile, to Valparaiso. The total length is ten thousand miles. The incorporators as named in the charter are: W. B. and G. R. Davis, C. D. Farmer, H. C. Iles and Edward Hillman, of Arlington, Okla.

## YOUNG CORBETT WON.

Defeated Eddie Hanlon in One of  
the Fiercest Fights Ever Seen  
in the Ring.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—A mercurial referee probably saved Eddie Hanlon from being killed by "Young Corbett" tonight when he stopped their contest in the middle of the sixteenth round. For two rounds previous Referee Granev had begged Hanlon's seconds to take their man from the ring, but they kept the gamey youngster at it and finally Granev, fearing that a fatality might result, ordered the fight stopped. No man ever received such terrific punishment in a San Francisco ring, and probably Young Corbett is the only man in the country who could administer such a beating to Hanlon. When the San Francisco boy was carried to his corner still conscious, but unable to walk, his seconds worked vigorously to revive him. The terribly beaten lad, however, commenced to vomit blood, and looked very serious for him for a short time. He was finally revived and was carried from the ring by one of his seconds.

The fight was terrific, Corbett having the best of nearly every round, though Hanlon fought with skill and courage and kept the issue in doubt till near the last. The last two rounds were fought as follows:

Round 15—Corbett tried several lefts to the face at long range, but was short. He missed a hard right for the body and another for the face. Hanlon then sent a straight left to the face. Corbett jabbed with left. Hanlon being content to rest. Hanlon missed a hard left swing for the jaw, and Corbett was short with a hard right. Hanlon blocked some hard lefts for the body. Corbett then caught Hanlon a right uppercut to the chin that sent Hanlon's head back. Corbett waded in and landed right and left hard to the jaw. Granev asked Hanlon's seconds to take their man out of the ring, but they refused. Hanlon was taking a beating, but he was beating with gameness seldom seen. He could not fight back effectively and could hardly protect himself.

Round 16—Corbett missed a hard right uppercut for the face, but a moister sent the Californian to the floor with right and left to the jaw. Hanlon took the count of nine. He then clung to Corbett, the latter trying vainly to knock him, the latter trying to get the count of nine. He then clung to Corbett, the latter trying vainly to knock him, the latter trying to get the count of nine. He then clung to Corbett, the latter trying vainly to knock him, the latter trying to get the count of nine.

After the fight Corbett went over to Hanlon and kissed him. Hanlon said: "You can lick 'em all."

## PLEADED FOR HIS MURDERER

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 30.—Although fatally wounded and suffering intense pain, H. G. Edmunson, a real estate man, pleaded with Chief of Police Frans for the release of G. W. Grote, who had fired the shot that would cause Edmunson's death. The latter was in the company of Mrs. Grote yesterday when the shooting occurred. Grote was today released in deference to the wishes of the dying man.

## HAS THOUSANDS, BUT STARVES.

Hermit Near Death, Had \$50,000 in His Rooms and He Owns Real Estate.

WEEPING WATER, Neb., Dec. 29.—Starving to death, with \$50,000 in government bonds in the same room, was the plight in which Bert Harman, an eighty-year-old hermit, living near here, was today discovered. The old man was unconscious when found and died an hour later. Harman had long been known as a miser and is supposed to be without relatives. He had not been seen for several days, and this morning neighbors went to the house, which was found bolted and barred from within.

By the aid of ladders entrance was gained, and in the attic, without fire or food, Harman was found dying from starvation. A horse in his barn was almost dead from lack of food, but will recover. In addition to his \$50,000 in bonds, Harman owns the same amount in real estate.

ROCKEFELLER  
BEATS MORGAN.End of a Battle Between the  
World's Greatest FinanciersRockefeller Has Now Complete Con-  
trol of U. S. Steel as well as  
Standard Oil.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Control of the United States Steel Corporation, the greatest industrial concern in the world, is now completely and absolutely vested in the Rockefeller group of capitalists and Henry Clay Frick, the enemy of Andrew Carnegie, says the World. Formal announcement of this fact may not be made in set words, but the effect of the change from the control of J. Pierpont Morgan will soon be made evident.

John D. Rockefeller and Mr. Frick have fully worked out their plans. These provide for the complete elimination of the Morgan-Perkins-Schwab-Carnegie parties from active leadership.



THE NEW STEEL KING.

In the affairs of the steel corporation, Standard oil methods are hereafter to be employed from top to bottom in the management of the steel trust. The first to feel this will be the men who are drawing salaries of from \$12,000 to \$25,000 a year. These employees under the new regime must either stand for reduction in salaries or get out.

Like all movements by the Rockefeller, the control of the Steel Corporation was accomplished quietly. It has been in progress for more than six months. The alliance of Mr. Frick with Mr. Rockefeller is said to be of recent origin.

The ultimate purpose is to put the Steel Corporation in the same class of conservative management as the Standard Oil Co., and to attain that end none of the necessary surgical operations in finance will be spared. The work is to be taken up in a spirit that is absolutely hostile to everything done in the past by Mr. Morgan, Mr. Perkins and Mr. Schwab.

## TO FIGHT UNIONISM.

Prominent Americans Condemn the  
Union Leaders and Methods and  
Oppose Eight Hour Law.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 30.—In a speech last night before representative citizens from every line of trade and commerce in the city, D. M. Perry, of Indianapolis, Ind., president of the Citizens' Industrial Association of America, spoke in favor of suppressing union leaders. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Citizens' Industrial Association of St. Louis, which permanently adopted resolutions strongly condemning the union leadership, the eight hour law and the violence and intimidation of labor unionism. The resolutions declared the eight hour bill now pending in congress a serious impediment to the business interests of the country.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Chief Musham, of the Chicago fire department announces that he will compel employees in his department to withdraw from unions or retire from the city, serve a year. The chief will commence his war against the organization next week.

## HOLDS UP RAILROAD.

Man With Grievance Against Company  
Ties Up Traffic Two Hours for Re-  
venge.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Dec. 29.—A. E. Grimes is in jail at Kingswood, W. Va. for holding up traffic on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad yesterday. Grimes attacked the telegraph office at Anderson, holding up the operator, J. T. Cruise, with two revolvers. He took possession of the place, throwing the signals and blocking the road both ways. Knowing something about telegraphy, he tried to manipulate the instrument to the great danger of trains and traffic on the road, served a year.

Orders were finally got through from Cumberland to Tunnelton to arrest Grimes, and a special constable who was sent on an engine succeeded in getting him.

Grimes held up the road for two hours. He had a grievance against the company and sought revenge.

## HAD THE TIME TO SPARE.

"It was Diogenes, wasn't it, who went around with a lantern trying to find an honest man?"  
"Yes, but you see, he lived in a tub and begged his meals, so it wasn't necessary for him to do anything for a living."—Chicago Record-Herald.CALVIN AUSTIN  
IN COLLISION.Eastern Steamship Line Sued  
for DamagesCase Opened Today in Admiralty  
Court—American Lawyers Wel-  
comed by St. John Bar.

In the Admiralty Court this morning was begun the trial of the case of W. L. Lovett vs. the steamship Calvin Austin, which arises out of a collision in the Boston harbor between the barkentine Reform, of which the plaintiff is owner, and the Eastern Steamship Co.'s new steamer, Calvin Austin. The case is being tried in the Admiralty Court in this city in consequence of the Calvin Austin having been arrested in this port.

In court this morning, besides the presence of St. John lawyers interested in the case, were two eminent Boston lawyers, who appear as opposing counsel. They are E. P. Carver, of the law firm of Carver &amp; Bioggett, and Edward S. Dodge, of the firm of E. S. Dodge &amp; Sons.

Before matters purely connected with the case were taken up, Dr. A. A. Stockton, on behalf of the St. John bar, moved that the courtesy of the New Brunswick bar be extended to the visiting lawyers, and His Honor Justice McLeod very graciously acceded to the motion on behalf of the bench. Both Mr. Dodge and Mr. Carver thanked His Honor and Dr. Stockton.

The case was then opened by the reading of the papers of both sides. The collision, of which the present action is the result, occurred in Boston harbor on the 30th of July last, about 12.15 p. m. The barkentine Reform was in tow of the tug Pallas, with the tug lashed alongside of her. The barkentine was going up the harbor of Boston at the time. A pilot was on board and at the time all sails were down. The Calvin Austin was steaming out of the harbor at the time on her way to St. John. Some hundred yards ahead of the Calvin Austin was a five-masted schooner, the Van Allen, going in the same direction. The Calvin Austin was gradually approaching the Van Allen and passing her on the port side. The Calvin Austin gave warning of her approach by two whistles and the tug in tow of the Reform answered by two whistles. This was information that the Calvin Austin was going to direct her course to port.

The Austin barely skimmed the bow of the schooner and struck the Reform. When the collision became inevitable both the Calvin Austin and the tug Pallas, having in tow the Reform, reversed engines.

The question of speed necessarily comes up. The Calvin Austin's side of the case alleges that the steamer was going at a moderate speed, while the plaintiff, on the other hand, alleges that the speed was too great under the circumstances. Other questions also arise which will bear on the liability or non-liability of the Calvin Austin.

The morning was taken up with the reading of the evidence taken under commission in Boston in the present month.

The case adjourned at 2.30 this afternoon.

H. H. McLean, K. C., Edward S. Dodge and Fred Taylor appeared for the plaintiff, and Dr. A. A. Stockton, E. P. Carver and John Kerr, K. C., for the defendant.

## LOSES FOOT TO SAVE FATHER.

Young Lad Runs Barefoot for a Doc-  
tor When the Mercury Stands Ten  
Below Zero.

MIDDLETON, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Alarmed at the sudden illness of his father, Brando Huggins, twelve years old, of Beaverkill, ran nearly half a mile barefoot through the snow, and in consequence will probably lose one foot. The lad's father was taken seriously ill during the night, and his son lost so little time in starting to obtain aid from the nearest neighbors that he only donned a portion of his wearing apparel, and did not even think to put on his shoes and stockings as he rushed from the house.

Not until his feet came in contact with the snow did he realize his omission, and then, fearing that delay might result fatally to his father, he rushed out, his feet becoming colder and colder. The thermometer at this time registered ten degrees below zero.

Young Huggins finally reached a neighbor's house, and having interested him in going after the doctor, started on his return trip, unmindful of the fact that both his feet were frozen, as they appeared utterly devoid of feeling. It took longer to make the return trip, however, and when he finally reached his home and entered a warm room he was in terrible agony. At first it was feared that he would be compelled to submit to the amputation of both feet, but it is now believed one may be saved.

Despite the fact that his effort to get relief for his father has cost him so dearly, the boy bears his sufferings patiently, declaring that he does not consider the sacrifice for the sake of his father any too great.

## JAPANESE REFUSE HELP.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The Japanese consulate here is overwhelmed with offers of volunteers for service in Japanese army in anticipation of war with Russia, but the Times' correspondent at Sydney, N. S. W., writes that the consul has informed the applicants that it is impossible to accept foreigners for enlistment.

## A MARQUIS DEAD.

DUBLIN, Dec. 30.—The Marquis of Sligo died this morning at Westport House, Westport, County Mayo.

## TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

WANTED—A girl for general housework. Apply to MRS. J. S. GIBSON, 68 Union street.

## THE WEATHER.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 30.  
The highest temperature today was 18; lowest temperature, 4; temperature at noon, 16; barometer reading at noon, 29.62 inches; wind northeast, velocity twelve miles per hour.

Forecasts.—Winds shifting to westerly and clearing; Thursday, fresh westerly winds, fair and moderately cold.

Synopsis.—The disturbance now over the maritime provinces is not very important, and will soon pass. The temperature continues low in Ontario and Quebec. To Banks strong easterly today, westerly Thursday. To American ports, strong west and northwest winds.

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large quantity of other useful things.  
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