

VIPERS IN BASKET  
SENT TO A RIVAL

Jealous French Actress Fancies Herself Scorned, Suspected of Being Donor.

Paris, Sept. 1.—A new chapter has been added to the Merlou tragedy, which began some 18 months ago with a shooting affair in the Paris boulevards, when M. Merlou, a former minister of finance, and at that time French minister in Lima, was fired upon by a woman. There was a trial, and the woman acquitted.

M. Merlou, however, in spite of the high official position he has held, was not left in peace. He continued to receive threatening letters, to which he paid no attention. The woman who had given him so much trouble removed to a country town, where a woman resided who, he believed, had replaced her in the affections of her former friend.

She decided to revenge herself on this woman, and prepared the way by taking a room in a hotel nearby. The object of her jealousy went out for a walk in the evening with another woman, and as the two were passing in a deserted part of an avenue she was fired from behind. They turned round and saw a woman with a veil over her face coming out from behind a bush. The woman fired again. She ran away after she saw that both of them had been wounded.

The youngest woman was only slightly injured under the arm and in the side, but her friend had fallen down and was seriously hurt. She had to be carried to the villa and medical attendance was immediately called. It was found that two bullets had struck her near the hip and perforated vital parts of the abdomen, and it is doubtful if she can survive. She has been lying in a state of unconsciousness ever since, and it has not been thought advisable to extract the bullets.

The woman who fired the shots had reached her hotel and was quietly packing up her boxes when a gardener came to arrest her.

She admitted that she had done the shooting to have revenge on M. Merlou, and would say nothing more until she had been allowed to see a lawyer. She has since been brought to Paris, where a judicial inquiry has been opened.

The state of terror in which the family of M. Merlou has been living may well be imagined. But they did not, in spite of this, believe that Mme. Addey would really carry out her threats. But that she has, it is due to no lack of "enthusiasm," as the former minister was heard to express it the other day.

The most cunning scheme evidently meant to have been put in deadly practice was comparatively recently, when the idea was conceived of sending a basket of fruit, secreted in a box, to the woman who was suspected of being a viper. Fortunately before the basket was opened a slight movement of the suspicious fruit was noticed, and the presence of the reptiles was discovered before they had a chance to sink their poisonous fangs into one of the company.

Nothing has thus far been proven, but the woman's fancied rival says that insofar as known she has no other enemies in the world, and naturally all have their suspicions in the case.

## A BONUS ON RATS

British Scientists Urge Manitoba to Take That Action.

Winnipeg, Sept. 1.—Two resolutions of more than ordinary importance to Western Canada were passed by the British scientists yesterday. One recommended that the Manitoba Government offer a bonus for the extermination of rats, and the other was in regard to the disappearance of salmon in British Columbia, the federal authorities being asked to appoint a committee of investigation.

Prof. Shipley, head of the zoological department, moved the former resolution. He thought that the invasion of the province by rats was a matter of the gravest importance to the wheat industry. If allowed to spread, they would destroy 25 per cent of the yield annually. Most determined steps should be taken to exterminate these pests who have made their appearance from the south.

As for the salmon, the scientists feared that a few years would see steps were taken at once, and to prevent it a commission should start work immediately.

The association has decided that in future a large part of the "Little Digesters" come shall be spent in Canada for scientific research.

The agricultural section was again a centre of interest, as forestry problems were under discussion.

## "LITTLE DIGESTERS" SURPRISE PEOPLE

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REGULAR HALF-HOLIDAY  
IN EAST LONDON ONLY

People of the District Are Determined to Live While They May.

The regular weekly half-holiday will be held by the merchants of East London, as usual, this afternoon, although the other businessmen of the city have closed the holiday season.

The East Londoners are of the opinion that the season closes too soon, and have decided to run it through as long as possible. They claim that the people are educated to the closing and that no person is inconvenienced by the move.

A petition was being circulated among the city merchants last week, to follow the lead of the East Enders, but nothing came of it.

COMPLETE JOB  
BY SATURDAY

Work on the Rectory Street Pavement Will Now Be Pushed.

It is understood that the work of surfacing the Rectory street pavement will be commenced today, and that the job will be completed from Dundas street to York by Saturday.

The foundation has been constructed from Dundas street to the Grand Trunk on the east side, and the west side is just being finished up. It was thought for a while that the street would be blocked up during fair weather, but at the present rate of going everything will be in fine shape before the opening on Sept. 10.

## TOBACCO POOL SUED

Independent Manufacturers Invoke a Sherman Anti-Trust Law.

Lexington, Ky., Sept. 1.—The independent tobacco manufacturing firm of Clark & Scott, of Scranton, Pa., today filed suit in the United States court at Covington against the Kentucky Burley Tobacco Society, Clarence Lebus, the president, and ten other men as defendants, asking damages in the sum of \$135,000. The ground for damages is given as "overcharge on tobacco bought from the society in 1905, 1907, and 1908."

The suit is under the Sherman anti-trust law, and the Burley Society is charged with being a monopoly in restraint of trade by entering into a conspiracy with certain growers, who are made co-defendants, to control the white burley tobacco market.

For several years there have been efforts to have the growers pool their tobacco and hold it until the American Tobacco Company would pay the price asked, but until 1907 the undertaking was not successful. Three crops now have been pooled, with the result that three times the old prices have been realized. The independent manufacturing concerns were not able to cope with the big buyers and have been hard pressed. They failed to take a part of the tobacco contracted for last year and suit was brought against them by the Burley Society to compel them to pay for it. The society pays its president, Charles Lebus, \$10,000 a year for managing the pool.

## A WAR OF CONQUEST

London Gets a Scare From Tangier—65,000 Spanish Reserves Called.

London, Sept. 1.—The Tangier correspondent of the Post records the dissatisfaction of 5,000 Spanish residents there at Spain's "perilous adventure in what is now generally recognized as a war of conquest."

The correspondent adds that the British legation has received confirmation of Spain's astounding scheme for the occupation of Tetuan by 16,000 troops which are now being mobilized in Andalusia.

The occupation by a foreign power would, according to the correspondent, inevitably affect the balance of naval strength in the Mediterranean and probably necessitate the strengthening of the garrison and armaments at Gibraltar.

A dispatch from Madrid to the Daily Telegraph says 65,000 reserves who have completed two years' service in the army have been summoned to the colors.

## KATE SOFFEL DEAD

Her Fame Gained by Releasing Notorious Biddle Brothers.

Pittsburg, Aug. 31.—Mrs. Kate Soffel died at the West Pennsylvania home of typhoid fever at 10 a.m. yesterday. She was taken there on Aug. 22, and her eldest daughter, Margaret, who is a nurse in the institution, attended her mother to the last.

It was Mrs. Soffel, who assisted the Biddle brothers to escape from the Allegheny County Jail. The Biddle brothers, with Frank Dorman, killed T. Kahney, a grocer, April 12, 1901, and in the capture of Edward Biddle a day later, Detective "Paddy" Fitzgerald was killed.

Frank Dorman turned state's evidence and is serving a life sentence. The Biddle brothers were sentenced to be hanged.

Mrs. Kate Soffel was the wife of Peter Soffel, warden of the Allegheny County Jail. Ed. Biddle carried on a flirtation with her through the bars of his cell. Mrs. Soffel became infatuated with him and carried him revolvers and files in her stockings while her father, Conrad H. Dietrich, a deputy, was on guard.

At 4:15 a.m. Jan. 30, 1902, the Biddle brothers broke through the cell bars, shot Guard Reynolds, locked Guards George Costello and James McGeary in the cells and passed out through the warden's home with Mrs. Soffel. They were traced to Chestnut Ridge, Butler County, by Detectives McGovern, Swinhart and Roache and a battle took place in the snow in which the Biddle brothers were mortally wounded and Mrs. Soffel was shot in the face. The Biddle brothers died about 24 hours later in the Butler jail.

Mrs. Soffel served one year and nine months in the western penitentiary. She started a play called "A Desperate Chance," which was enjoined by the Fayette County court.

MAY LEGISLATE TO  
PUT WIRES IN GROUND

It Is Rumored That the Legislature Will Take a Hand in the Matter.

It is rumored that legislation will be enacted at the next session of the Legislature, giving the municipalities the right to pass a bylaw compelling all electric light, telephone and other companies to place their wires underground.

Engineer Sifton stated at the power committee last night that he heard that such was the case, but he did not give the authority for his views.

The Bell Telephone company have already commenced placing their wires underground, and it is thought they would go in with the city if it could be done at a reasonable cost.

This law would compel the London Electric Company to put all their wires underground, an advantage at least to the city's plant.

## SEES T. R. AS INSECT

Chicago Lady Predicts Bad Finish for Ex-President.

Chicago, Sept. 1.—"When Col. Roosevelt, now hunting big game in darkest Africa, departs this life he will return to earth as a pest," declared a lady, who, in the body of some small, inferior, jungle loving animal—or possibly an insect."

This statement is made by Mrs. William P. Black, who has attracted attention from time to time by her nursery of pets, which consists of eight dogs, nine cats, and forty-five pigeons—all of them, according to their mistress, being possessed with souls of humans who have departed.

Mrs. Black, who is a member of the Humane Society and other organizations that protect animals, declares Mr. Roosevelt's killing of wild beasts in Africa is shameful, and she especially laments that the former head of the nation bagged a mother elephant the other day.

For this one act Mrs. Black feels certain that the hero of San Juan hill will return to earth again only as a wild animal himself—perhaps a wild-beast or a grizzly.

"Col. Roosevelt's slaughter of those animals in Africa is pitiful," said Mrs. Black yesterday. "It is a public character, but when a man does such a thing for the sake of the sport of it he is to be pitied."

"We read the other day that he killed a mother elephant. I am just as sure as I am sitting here that when he dies his soul will be sent back to the earth again in the form of some small animal of even lower degree than those he has been killing, perhaps an insect."

"Roosevelt has only one chance to save his soul. If he repents his soul may be sent back to earth again in the body of a human. I believe that his present disgrace as a public character has been due to a steady rise from one life to another as a human. He had a wonderful chance in the next life, which he has now ruined."

## MOCK FUNERAL TRAGEDY

Man Put in Coffin for Fun Is Asphyxiated When Released.

Odesa, Aug. 31.—A remarkable story of Russian peasant customs comes from the neighboring village of Trostyanets. On the eve of a wedding among the peasantry, the bride and bridegroom, with a large party of friends, indulged in an orgy of drink, toward the end of which a proposal was made that they should "play a funeral" for good luck.

The suggestion was accepted with boisterous acclamation, and a coffin being requisitioned from the village undertaker's ready-made store, the bridegroom, a well-to-do peasant holder named Ivan Fonareff, was shrouded in bed sheets and placed hopelessly intoxicated in the grim receptacle.

Candles were lighted and a ribald mockery of a funeral hymn was sung. It was then further proposed to complete the funeral play by a procession of corpse and mourners through the village and preparation to bury the coffin in a cemetery.

As the coffin was being carried out of the cottage, the bride-elect, suddenly regretting her soberety, insisted upon the removal of the coffin lid. Her bridegroom was dead. He had been asphyxiated.

## AN AIR FILTER

French Scientist Has a Machine to Destroy Germs.

Paris, Aug. 31.—That distinguished physiologist, Professor Charles Richet, of the Academy of Medicine, has given the particulars of an invention which he recently submitted to his colleagues for the purification of air in rooms.

He has contrived an apparatus called an air filter. The principle on which it is based is the method adopted by certain physiologists, and notably by Director Mont-Souris, of the Observatory of Meudon, for determining the number of germs contained in the air. Professor Richet's filter consists of a small ventilator worked by electricity, which displaced about 200 cubic metres of air an hour. Beneath the fans of the ventilator is a reservoir of glycerine.

The rotation of the fans scatters the glycerine in the drops along the walls of the cylinder containing the ventilator, and the 200 cubic metres of air which are passing through the cylinder are purified, since the air particles constantly come into contact with the little circuit of liquid particles which carry with them as they fall the germs, dust, microbes and spores always found in the air.

The mechanical sterilization of air in this method is a kind of laboratory imitation of the vast purification of the atmosphere caused by a heavy rainfall. Professor Richet thinks the general use of his apparatus would materially diminish the risks of contagion by the germs of scarlatina, smallpox and consumption.

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## GRAHAM BROS

## BARN AND ALL GONE.

Brantford, Ont., Aug. 31.—The barn of Fred Hiet, on the Paris road, five miles from this city, was burned last night, with all the contents, including 500 bushels of unthreshed grain. The loss is about \$3,000; insured. Incendiarism is suspected.

## TENNIS EXPERTS ARRIVE.

New York, Aug. 31.—The British tennis players who will compete against the American team in Philadelphia, on Sept. 11, to decide which country shall send men to Australia to contest for the Davis international trophy, arrived here today on the steamer Kron Prinz Wilhelm. The visiting team is composed of J. C. Parke, C. F. Dixon and W. C. Crawley.

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Arrive from the west—12:30 a.m., 2:33 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:10 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 6:25 p.m.

Depart for the east—12:14 a.m., 2:43 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 3:08 p.m., 4:26 p.m., 6:53 p.m.

Depart for the west—2:55 a.m., 7:40 a.m., 11:18 a.m., 11:43 a.m., 1:40 p.m., 9:13 p.m.

LONDON AND WINDSOR.

Arrive—10:25 a.m., 14:00 p.m., 5:50 p.m., 11:05 p.m.

Depart—6:35 a.m., 11:35 a.m., 2:05 p.m., 8:10 p.m.

STRATFORD BRANCH.

Arrive—12:25 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:33 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 11:25 p.m.

Depart—6:00 a.m., 10:25 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 4:50 p.m.

LONDON, HURON AND BRUCE.

Arrive—10:00 a.m., 6:10 p.m.

Depart—8:30 a.m., 4:50 p.m.

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Depart—6:10 a.m., 7:10 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 1:20 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:40 p.m., 5:35 p.m., 8:15 p.m.

Arrive—8:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:40 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:10 p.m., 9:05 p.m., 9:20 p.m., 11:45 p.m.

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Arrive—8:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:40 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:10 p.m., 9:05 p.m., 9:20 p.m., 11:45 p.m.

To and from Walkerville without change. From Blenheim. Trains without "starred" to Port Stanley.

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Arrive—6:55 a.m., 11:10 a.m., 5:10 p.m., 9:35 p.m.

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