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THERE'LL BE A HOT TIME.

A fully developed crisis is just about due in Venezuela. Already Mr. Gomez, who, like the mule, has been playing during the temporary absence of the cat, is beginning to exhibit a certain nervousness, and according to report, is inclined to band over what authority he now possesses to one of his supporters.

Former President Castro is almost within sight of his country's shores, and under the Venezuelan constitution it merely remains for him to effect a landing and to notify Gomez of his intention to resume his position as President. By the Venezuelan law it is provided that the President may at any time withdraw temporarily from the exercise of his functions, in which case he shall call the properly qualified person to take his place, it being understood that when the cause of his withdrawal ceases, he shall again take charge of the affairs, with no other formality than giving notice thereof to the official who is acting as President. Castro withdrew from the announced purpose of undergoing treatment in Europe. His health having been restored, the cause of his withdrawal is now removed, and he returns to resume his office as chief executive. Should Gomez, upon the receipt of the formal notice, decline to give up the post he now holds, he becomes, under the constitution, a revolutionist or a usurper, and cannot legally be recognized by any foreign power. Such refusal will also bring him under a section of the constitution which declares that all usurped authority is ineffective and that Gomez's acts will become null and void. Apparently, therefore, all that is necessary to bring about a crisis in Venezuelan affairs, is for Castro to land and notify Gomez of his intention of resuming authority. He need not attempt to enforce his claim, he need do absolutely nothing more than send the required notice, and under the constitution as adopted by the nation the existing government becomes illegal. Even though deposited and under indictment, Castro, upon landing and announcing his return again becomes President. He is not immune from arrest, but is liable under indictment for treason or other offences, just the same as the humblest citizen, yet even in prison he is still President and supreme authority until the constitution is amended.

NO PARTY LINES.

The decision of the conservative executive against the introduction of party politics in civil affairs, is a direct turn-down for Ald. Baxter, but is at the same time the only sensible policy. While it is readily apparent that party principles would develop an active interest in civil matters, it is the opinion of all who have the well-being of the city at heart, that such an innovation would be extremely unwise.

Whatever movement there was to this undesirable end was in a large measure due to Ald. Baxter's own nervousness. He abhors opposition, and thinks it an outrageous thing that anyone would dare to oppose him. And when, a few days ago, opposition was revealed, he came to the conclusion that the whole affair was a liberal plot to put him out of office. His opinion is not accepted by the conservative executive, and the coming civic election will be conducted on civic issues and without regard to the political beliefs of the candidates.

Among the many conservatives in the common council are a number with whom no particular fault can be found. There are others whose defeat is to be desired, but this is in no measure due to the fact that they are conservatives. It is solely because they have shown themselves to be incapable of properly conducting civic affairs. As yet there is no opposition to Ald. Holder in Lorne ward. There should be none. Ald. Holder is not an eloquent debater, but he is a valuable man from the fact that he possesses an accurate knowledge of construction and is often able to advise the council on public undertakings proposed. Had his advice been regarded when the rebuilding of the McLeod wharf was being discussed, St. John would not now be handing out thousands of dollars for repairs.

It is unwise to demand a whole new council. Half of the present members are capable and useful men, they will be able, by the removal of the drones to accomplish more in the future than has been possible in the past. The coming election is not a matter of the old ticket or the new, the aldermen or the citizens; the issue is purely the individual qualifications of those offering. St. John no longer needs Ald. Baxter, McCordick, Spruit, Willet and Lewis. It can get along very nicely without any

of them, and there are perhaps two or three others whose value to the city may be a matter of doubt.

HIS CONFESSION.

She's such a faint, winsome bit Of feminine humanity, Entirely unaware of it, And wholly free from vanity! I lost my heart when first we met. She was so sweet and amiable— (I own I haven't done it yet, It never seemed quite feasible).

But still she rules within my heart, And strange peculiarity— She binds me to her by an art Without familiarity. I grow to love her more and more, Though I'm a husband dutiful, And pray, why not? She's only four, And doesn't know she's beautiful.

YELLOW CROCUSES.

O you plucky fellows, All in sunshine yellow! Braving bitter winds and cold, Waving fearless flags of gold, Welcome, crocus fellows!

Hardship and privation Sleet and snow for rations, Leave you laughing, gay and bold, Give you little faith untold Mocks at mere privation!

Welcome, comrades fellows, All in sunshine yellow! Out of clay your glory mould! Welcome, plucky fellows!

PARASOL RIB PIERCES LAUGHING BOY'S BRAIN.

Wind Drives Steel Into His Mouth, Open In a Guffaw.

NTW YORK, April 6.—While playing at aviation with a large umbrella taken from an express wagon, Harry Devine, 14 years old, was killed in an accident so odd that it is unmatched in the annals of the coroner's office. Devine was one of a party of boys leaping from a twelve-foot fence, using the umbrella as a parachute. He was a strong sunshade with stiff steel ribs and there was no danger in the land. Devine was on the ground where he had alighted.

A just tone of the umbrella from the hands of a chum on the fence and drove it upon Devine, whose mouth was open with laughter. The only speed rib was driven into the boy's mouth. It pierced the base of the tongue, punctured the carotid artery and, coursing upward, entered the brain.

MR. EGG TO CHANGE NAME AFTER EASTER.

Objects to Stale Jokes About Being Scrambled and Appeals to Court.

NEW YORK, April 6.—Justice O'Gorman, in the Supreme Court today, signed an order authorizing Ulrich Egg and his wife, Emma Egg, to change their name. The Eggs are in the restaurant business, and said that they could stand the joking no longer. They wanted immediate relief, but the court's order will not go into effect until after Easter.

Mr. Egg left it to the newspaper men to say that his name had grown stale. He said that his friends kept hammering away at him, one day asking him if he was scrambled, and the next if he was an omelette. Egg says these jokes soon lose their freshness. He and his wife are the only Eggs in the city directory.

Besides assisting her husband in an advisory capacity, Mrs. Egg runs a dressmaking establishment, and she says her name is a hindrance. After April 29 they will be known as Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich Egg.

SCHOONER CARLISLE HAVING A HARD TIME.

Disabled and Utterly Helpless Off Hatteras But Captain Still Remains Aboard.

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 6.—The plight at sea of the schooner A. and M. Carlisle was told tonight by Captain von Lettner, of the steamer Prinz Joachim, just in from West Indies ports. The schooner's lastmast is broken off close to the deck and her mizzen topmast is gone and thus practically wrecked, the vessel is lowering in the sea some miles off Hatteras. Captain von Lettner fell in with the Carlisle on April 5, in latitude 33.25, longitude 74.8. Two men, lost overboard, were rescued by the Prinz Joachim. The Carlisle was towed for two hours. Then the hawsers parted.

Captain von Lettner circled around the schooner and advised Captain Horner that on account of having a perishable cargo he would be unable to make another attempt to tow his vessel. He offered to take the crew off, but they refused to leave the vessel. The Carlisle sails from Philadelphia and sailed on March 21 for Charleston.

STOPS FALLING HAIR.

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NEWS OF THE WORLD AS TOLD IN BRIEF DESPATCHES.

KOKOMO, Ind., April 6.—A destructive storm struck this region tonight. At Miami, the Masonic temple and several other buildings were partly wrecked by the wind. One girl was killed.

EASTERN S. S. OFFICIAL RESIGNS.

BOSTON, Mass., April 6.—A. H. Hanson, assistant to Calvin Austin, of the Eastern S. S. Company, has handed in his resignation to President Austin and is no longer connected with the company. Mr. Hanson has been connected with the company for thirty-five years, as receiving clerk, freight clerk, purser on the line of boats running to Bangor, and general passenger agent and general manager.

BIG PURSE OFFERED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 6.—Pinckney and Harris, managers of a local theatre, said tonight that they had received a cable from H. P. V. Rush, manager of the Melbourne (Australia) fish syndicate, offering to match James J. Jeffries and Jack Johnson for a purse of double the amount given for the Burns-Johnson match. Jeffries' backers here say he has planned to invade Australia and that they are convinced he will accept the offer.

FIVE KILLED IN TORNADO.

ABERDEEN, Miss., April 6.—Five persons are known to have been killed, four others injured and still others are buried under the debris of the Illinois Central depot which was demolished by a tornado which swept through the city of Aberdeen tonight. The death of V. C. McMillan, president of the bank at Aberdeen; T. C. McMillan, cotton buyer; three negroes, unidentified.

BRACKENHILL FELL TO DEATH.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 6.—Frank E. Perry, 35, a freight brakeman, slipped and fell from the roof of a car in the Brayton Avenue yard of the Consolidated road this afternoon and was killed. He was about 50 years of age. Both legs were cut off, the left above the knee, the right below the knee. The victim of the accident died at the Rhode Island Hospital some three hours after it occurred.

COMMANDER ASSASSINATED.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 6.—Persian despatches received here state that a revolutionary soldier has assassinated the Shah's commander-in-chief, Ain ed Dowleh, near Tabriz, with a bomb. Ain ed Dowleh was former grand vizier.

WANT HIGHER STOCKINGS.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 6.—Between fifteen and twenty thousand women and girls from the knitting mills of Pennsylvania will parade the streets of Washington today in a demonstration in favor of an increase in duty on imported hosiery, according to plans formulated here today by members of the National Association of Underwear and Hosiery Manufacturers. It is estimated that twenty cars each will be needed to convey the paraders from Reading, Easton and Philadelphia to the national capital.

A MILLIONAIRE SUICIDES.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 6.—Charles E. Ellis, president of the Citizens' Passengers Railway Company, a subsidiary company of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, and one of the wealthiest men in Philadelphia, shot and killed himself today at his home in this city. Mr. Ellis was 74 years of age and was a sufferer from neuritis and rheumatism for some time. Mr. Ellis' estate was reported to be about \$100,000.

BUYS NEW PROPERTY.

MARLBORO, Mass., April 6.—The W. L. Douglas Shoe Company of Brockton, which last September secured the plant of the Commonwealth Shoe Company of Marlboro and is now running as the Marlboro Shoe Company, closed a deal today whereby it secured the large plant of John O'Connell and Sons, which it will run as an auxiliary of the plant previously secured.

TO HELP THEIR COUNTRYMAN.

BOSTON, Mass., April 6.—Under the direction of prominent Greeks of Boston, a fund of \$5,000 is to be raised among the Greek residents of Boston and neighboring cities for the defense of Dionisios Spiropoulos or James Maniri, the Greek under arrest at Cambridge, charged with the murder of Miss Annie Mullins, according to an announcement made today.

SHEEP HEADERS MURDERED.

BASIN, Wyo., April 6.—Joseph Emgo, Almondo Emgo and Joe Lasoli, sheep headers, were murdered and cremated by fifteen masked men who attacked a sheep camp on the night of April 2. The news of the shooting was brought here today by sheep headers who escaped.

SUBWAY CARS FOR WOMEN.

NEW YORK, April 6.—Cars for women and children in the subway will probably come now as the result of a letter from Chairman Wilcox of the Public Service Commission to Frank Hedges, general manager of the line.

NEW CHIEF OF POLICE LIKELY.

Hawthorne to Succeed Winter.

OTHER CHANGES.

Lumbermen Arrive at Capital to Meet the Government.

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OLD AGE PENSIONS BOTH ENGLAND.

Cost of New Scheme Making Taxpayers Worry.

All Calculations Upset by the Flood of Applications—Big Frauds Have Been Committed.

LONDON, April 6.—Old age pensions have become so popular that the taxpayers who have to provide the money to pay them are viewing the prospect with anxiety, and even the government, which admittedly substituted these pensions without properly counting the cost, is growing uneasy over the extent of its misadventure.

Mr. Asquith made provision in the 1908 budget for the expenditure of \$8,000,000 for the first three months of operation of the act, from January to March, 1909. This has been spent, and a supplementary sum of \$4,500,000 has had to be voted by parliament.

In estimating the cost of the pensions Mr. Asquith thought that for the first year many persons eligible to receive them would be deterred by shyness from applying. Results have shown him to be an exceedingly poor judge of human nature in this respect.

Despatches have already quoted figures showing that in Ireland especially did Mr. Asquith misjudge the modesty of elderly humanity. The total number of persons of 70 and over in Ireland, according to official statistics, is 184,000. Of these 32,000 are in receipt of relief and therefore disqualified, leaving 152,000 eligible for pensions. The actual number of pensions granted to the end of February had reached 182,174, and in addition there were something like 25,000 applications still under consideration.

These figures leave no doubt that extensive frauds have been carried on in face of one authority who has analyzed the statistics and is of the opinion that between 50,000 and 70,000 persons of all ages in Ireland are today receiving old age pensions who are not qualified under the act. This discovery has forced the government to order a thorough investigation to be made.

But it will be no easy task to bring the guilty ones to justice. The registration of births in Ireland seventy years ago was neglected, and where parish priests the books have in many cases long been lost or the entries are untrustworthy. In absence of such evidence other documents have to be sought in support of claims. The form of certificates of baptism, certificates of marriage, entries in family Bibles or certificates from local clergymen who are satisfied that applicants are over 70.

It is to be feared that the word of a priest has become keener of connection with the issue of the last named certificate. It has been stated that the office of the registrar has received instructions to reject all claims certified by the clergy unless accompanied by a medical certificate of the age of the applicant.

The difficulty of the task of fixing the age of a claimant can be judged by the following bit of conversation, which is typical of what happens in many cases:

"How old are you?" asked a pension officer.

"Shure, your honor's lordship," said the cheerful applicant, "an'z age that's plazin' to ye."

"But are you 70?"

"Faith, I am that, sorr."

"When were you born?"

"In the year of the big wind—so me grandmother tells me."

"The year of the big wind was 1837, when a great storm swept over Ireland, and is generally known to be over-seventy years ago, and it is remarkable how most of the applicants have heard that none of the money they (the applicants) were babies in the cradle at the time the angry elements were raging without."

One man insisted upon describing himself as "seventy English years" of age. When pressed for his meaning, he said:

"It's plain to see that if ten Irish miles equal fourteen English miles."

There came to a pension officer one day a big, healthy man who might have been 70 but looked no more than 50.

"But, Flynn," expostulated the officer, "you're not 70."

"I am that, sorr," said Flynn.

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DEATHS

REGAN—In this city, on the 7th inst., of pleuro pneumonia, Murray A., youngest son of T. P. and Helen Regan, aged three years and two months.

FUNERAL PRIVATE.

HUESTIS—In this city at 145 Orange street, April 5th inst., Walter Murray, son of Boston and Kate Huestis, aged one year and eight months, of pneumonia.

FUNERAL ON THURSDAY AT 2.30 P. M.

RODGERS—In this city, on the 5th inst., Mary Ann, widow of William Rodgers, aged 85 years, leaving two brothers and two sisters to mourn.

FUNERAL THURSDAY AFTERNOON AT 2.30.

From the residence of her brother, Richard Myles, 85 Winter St.

GALLUP—In this city on the 6th inst., Lena Gray Gallup, eldest daughter of Frederick P. and Emma F. Gallup, aged 19 years 5 months, leaving father, mother, four sisters and two brothers to mourn their sad loss.

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