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Ambassador White and his son are the tallest members of the diplomatic corps in Paris.

It is sometimes difficult in Central America to tell where one war ends and the next begins.

Vienna dressmakers have won a strike for higher wages. We know who will foot the bills.

Japanese may land in Canada, which has no impassable barrier separating it from the United States.

Two men have invented great fuel savers within the last few days, but so far no one has come forward with a self-running lawn mower.

Hetty Green merely observes of current large philanthropic gifts by rich people that they are "none of her business." Not in her line, in fact.

The mikado and the crown prince of Japan are each having an album made of photographs of all the military and naval officers killed in the war with Russia.

The story about Mr. Fairbanks' "hanging to a strap" in a New York elevated train is an obvious fake. One can't hang to a thing one has to stoop to reach.

The unpleasant thing about it is that under recent weather conditions public opinion practically compels you to go to or admit that you are really younger than you look.

Roumania is rebelling and rioting because Russia did. Which goes again to show that nations are merely aggregations of individuals, and that their foundation is human nature.

President Bonilla, who, when last heard from, was fleeing, is to give battle again to his enemy. Evidently he believes in the maxim that he who fights and runs away will live to fight another day.

Of course, a college education costs a good deal more now than it used to, but just think how much oftener and for how much less reason the collegians get their pictures in the papers nowadays.

Admiral Dewey is preparing to move out of the house that was presented to him by a grateful people. Evidently the admiral has no more presidential ambitions and is sensible enough to do as he pleases.

A Minneapolis man spanked his wife, after she had kicked him out of bed, and was sentenced to five days in the workhouse. How, asks the Buffalo Express can women be given more rights when men have no rights at all!

In estimating the probable detriment to the railroad business involved in the hostility of American legislatures, says the Providence Journal, it should be remembered that most of the proposed statutes will never be passed.

Whales weighing hundreds of tons sometimes rise slowly and deliberately out of the water until they appear to be dancing on the surface and then sink slowly back. A whale has been seen to over a small boat without touching—an estimated leap of 20 feet above the water.

Nathaniel W. Voorhees, father of ex-Gov. Foster M. Voorhees of New Jersey, was a delegate to the national convention of 1860, which nominated Lincoln for the presidency. Mr. Voorhees, who is now nearly 80 years old, believes that he and United States Senator Shelby M. Cullom of Illinois are the only surviving members of that historic gathering.

President Roosevelt reads a greater number of daily newspapers at present than he was ever known to read before. If anything, he scans their news pages with more avidity than their editorial pages. The old custom of some member of his office force clipping from the daily papers merely such articles as in his judgment of the clipper the president may desire to read has been abolished, at least temporarily, and now every paper, whole, is laid before him immediately upon its delivery to the White House.

Close elections are not uncommon in any representative government, but it is not often that so close a contest is so closely divided for so long a time as the parliamentary division of North Tyrone, in Ireland. In the last five elections, beginning with that in 1872, the total number of votes cast has varied less than 400. The largest majority at any election was 91, says a Youth's Companion. Once it was 55 and once 49. Nine was the majority of the Liberal candidate in 1896, and seven of his successor at the by-election in March of this year.

A society has been formed in California to promote ideal marriages. But unfortunately for its success the members will first have to secure perfect husbands and faithless wives, and then, as the old adage states, the Utopian schemes bob up in the shape of original sin and human nature.

The report that John D. Rockefeller, Jr., was seen walking through Tarrytown with a bundle of stakes under his arm oughtn't to create any excitement. Why, a man of his income could afford to walk through Tarrytown with a bundle of stakes under his arm.



BINGER HERMANN ACQUITTED

FREED OF CHARGE OF DESTROYING PUBLIC RECORDS.

Long Trial of Ex-Congressman and Former Commissioner of Land Office Ended.

Washington. — Binger Hermann, former congressman from Oregon and former commissioner of the general land office, was acquitted of the charge of destroying public records by the verdict of a jury rendered at 12:40 o'clock Saturday.

Nothing was heard from the jury room after the jury retired at 3:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, until 11 o'clock Saturday, when word came that it was desired that Justice Stafford repeat his charge to them.

The lower court imposed a penalty of \$15,000 on each of the indicted firms, and these fines have been affirmed.



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had sent word to the jury room that it would be better at that time to drop consideration of the case and get some sleep, advised that the jury proceeded to their luncheon before endeavoring to reach an agreement.

There was immediately a general course of congratulation in the court room. Mr. Hermann expressed his regret that each juror, at his own retirement, appeared with the verdict of "not guilty."

ARRESTS IN RISK INQUIRY.

Manager and Watchers for Policy Holders Accused of Conspiracy.

New York. — Sensational results have quickly followed the inquiry by the district attorney's office into the recent election of directors of the New York Life Insurance company.

To Drive Oil Trust from Ohio. Findlay, O.—George H. Phelps Tuesday afternoon filed a suit in the common pleas court against the Standard Oil company, its subsidiary companies and directors of the companies asking that they be enjoined from doing business in the state of Ohio.

Great Bakus Strike Ended. Baku.—The shipping strike is ended. Most of the shipping companies granted a ten per cent. increase in wages and other concessions, which the strikers accepted.

U. OF C. GETS \$2,000,000 GIFT.

Rockefeller Presents School with Midway Place Land.

Chicago. — Land valued at \$2,000,000 has been given by John D. Rockefeller to the University of Chicago.

The newly acquired property is a strip of land along the Midway Place from Madison avenue to Cottage Grove avenue. Although bought at a cost of about \$1,500,000 it is valued at \$2,000,000 at the present time.

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PACKERS MUST PAY FINES.

Federal Court of Appeals Upholds Conviction for Rebating.

St. Paul, Minn.—Judge Sanborn Monday filed the opinion of the United States circuit court of appeals, which he had written, affirming the judgment of the United States district court for the western district of Missouri against the packers for accepting concessions of 12 cents a hundred pounds from the portion of the established rate for the transportation of provisions on through bills of lading from Kansas City to Christiania.

MAYOR SCHMITZ "SQUEALS."

Makes Partial Confession, Hoping for Reduced Sentence.

San Francisco. — Late Sunday night it was learned that Mayor Schmitz has weakened and, in the hope of securing immunity from punishment, or at least concessions in the way of a reduced sentence, has made a partial confession of his guilt of the charges of graft.

Detective Burns admitted that Schmitz had made a statement which sheds new and important light on the operations of the grafters, but would not give out the details. He said: "Schmitz has made a partial confession in relation to the trolley deal and other matters. The negotiations and other matters were carried on with us by a high official of the city. Schmitz has admitted that previous to the granting of the trolley franchise he and other city officials reached an understanding with President Calhoun."

Noted Pathfinder Dead.

Denver, Col. — David J. Cook, a noted pathfinder and detective, died suddenly here Monday of heart disease, aged 60 years. He was born in Laporte county, Ind.

Pioneer Lake Captain Dead.

Marine City, Mich.—Capt. George H. Cottrell, one of the pioneer captains on the great lakes, died at his home here Tuesday, aged 80 years, after an illness of one week. Capt. Cottrell began sailing the lakes in 1836.

Baptist Editor Is Dead.

Parkersburg, W. Va.—Rev. J. D. Simmons, of this city, editor of the Baptist Banner, who was stricken with apoplexy on Sunday, died Tuesday. He was one of the best known ministers in West Virginia.

FAIR OPEN TO WORLD

PRESIDENT IS CHIEF FIGURE IN JAMESTOWN CEREMONY.

QUELLS INCIPIENT PANIC

Reviews the International War Fleets, Makes a Vigorous Address and Presses the Gold Button.

Norfolk, Va.—President Roosevelt, the diplomatic, naval and military representatives of 20 of the nations of the world, and the governors of a score of states, participated Friday in the opening exercises of the Jamestown Tercentennial exposition.

Not the least impressive of the day's events was the action of the president in assuming command of the situation in front of the crowd of grandstand spectators who had gathered in the speakers' balcony and, waving his arms, cried out to the men of Virginia to live up to their traditions of gallantry.

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Flour for Starving Chinese.

San Francisco.—The government transport Buford sailed at one o'clock Tuesday for Chinkiang with 4,000,000 pounds of American flour on board for the famine sufferers in northeastern China.

MINERS ARE FOUND ALIVE

TWO RESCUERS REACH THEM THROUGH THE WATER.

Seven Men, Imprisoned Since Friday Noon, Too Weak to Bring Out Until Mine is Drained.

Johnstown, Pa.—After being entombed since last Friday noon in the Berwind White Coal company mine No. 35, at Foustwell, near here, the seven miners who were shut off from the world by a sudden rush of water caused by the breaking of a wall of an abandoned mine, were rescued at ten o'clock Tuesday night.

The men were greatly exhausted. Owing to their weakened condition it was decided not to bring them out until after the mine had been drained.

Never in the history of the mining region has such a joyous scene been witnessed as when the unfortunate men were rescued. Hundreds of people, who gathered about watching the work of rescue, cheered, laughed and cried.

The men were rescued at ten o'clock by Blinny Rodden and Charles Ream, who made a dash through 60 feet of water-filled heading.

Over an hour elapsed before either man was heard from, and then Ream came swimming. Through the heading, bringing the first news from the imprisoned seven. The effort had nearly exhausted Ream. He reported that the seven men were alive and all in good shape, but that until more pumping was done the passage to the place where they had taken refuge was impassable to those who could not swim.

Ream and his comrade carried to the imprisoned men simply a flask of brandy and a little water. He reported that Mike Bolya, since the breaking of the walls between the abandoned mine and the heading, was in charge of the movements of his comrades.

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GREAT RAILROAD STUNT OF THE LONG AGO.

Man Who Helped to "Narrow" the Grand Trunk Line Tells How the Work Was Pushed to Its Completion.

Uncle Ame Bryant of Bryant's Pond, Me., took part in a railroad stunt back in '72, which makes one realize that the much abused railroads have accomplished some big things in 35 years.

Uncle Ame helped, as he says, to "narrow" the Grand Trunk. It may



Uncle Ame.

surprise some folks to know that the Grand Trunk was originally built to a five foot gauge.

The result was endless trouble. Both when the Grand Trunk cars were sent over other lines or strange cars were to be run on the Grand Trunk. Cars had to be specially constructed to meet the contingencies, with loose wheels on one side so that they could be set over to fit whatever gauge might come their way.

These "loose" wheels were fastened with metal pins which were forever working loose and causing all manner of smashups. Traffic suffered, delays ensued and the system was eventually found to be impracticable.

Finally the wise ones got their heads together and agreed that the track would have to be narrowed. It would never do to suspend traffic while the narrow gauge was being accomplished. The wise ones talked and talked and finally hit upon a plan. Uncle Ame helped carry out that plan.

One day came to us 'long in the spring of '72 that the old railroad was a go! to be narrowed," he said to a reporter. "That was good news, mister. The wide gauge was no end of bother, what with transferin' freight an' passengers, who's comin' off perpetual an' trains runnin' into 't' ditch. So we was glad to hear the standard gauge was a-comin' 'upte o' all the trouble an' expense, you bet."

"First thing we had to do, 'y' see, was to unscrew one rail all along the inside, leavin' jest three spikes to hold 'er.

"At four a. m. we was all ready on the depot platform. Pretty soon along comes an engine and some flat cars to take us to our new positions. Mine was furthest from the depot.

"There you be," says the conductor, lettin' us off. "Now you wait right here until you see two trains pass with signs on the back car; then get busy."

"Purty soon we heard a whistle an' along comes the east-bound, makin' things hum. 'Twa'n't a great while before we heard another whistle an' along comes a cloud of smoke an' cinders. Stickin' out from the back platform we see the sign: 'Last train going west.' 'Now jump, boys!' I holler'd, an' 'y' jumped some, I tell 'y'.

"They certainly did make them spikes fly! One man held a gauge, two was armed with drawers an' the rest had sledge hammers an' spikes. These with the bars run along pullin' out the three spikes that held each rail, others slipped the rail over to the gauge an' the rest spiked down to every other tie.

"Mister, that was snappy work! In an hour we'd covered all but half a mile of our section an' had the finish in sight, where another section had started."

Coaches for Honey-moors. The young folk whose springtime fancies turn toward wedding bells and honeymoon with rejoice to hear that the Midland Railroad company has its fatherly eye on them, and hence a "honeymoon carriage" has been introduced into the service of the railway, says the Dundee (Scott.) Advertiser. The carriages are of the latest type and attract the unmerciful curiosity of other passengers. It is just a plain, cozy, first-class compartment on the coupe principle, and it holds two persons—and no more! These two-seat compartments will enable honeymooners to obtain the advantage of a reserved compartment at the price of two tickets. The new compartment is in the middle of the new composite coaches which have just been built; they are linked up by a side corridor with the other compartments of the coach. At present these carriages are known in cold of time promiscuously as "Composite corridor coaches."