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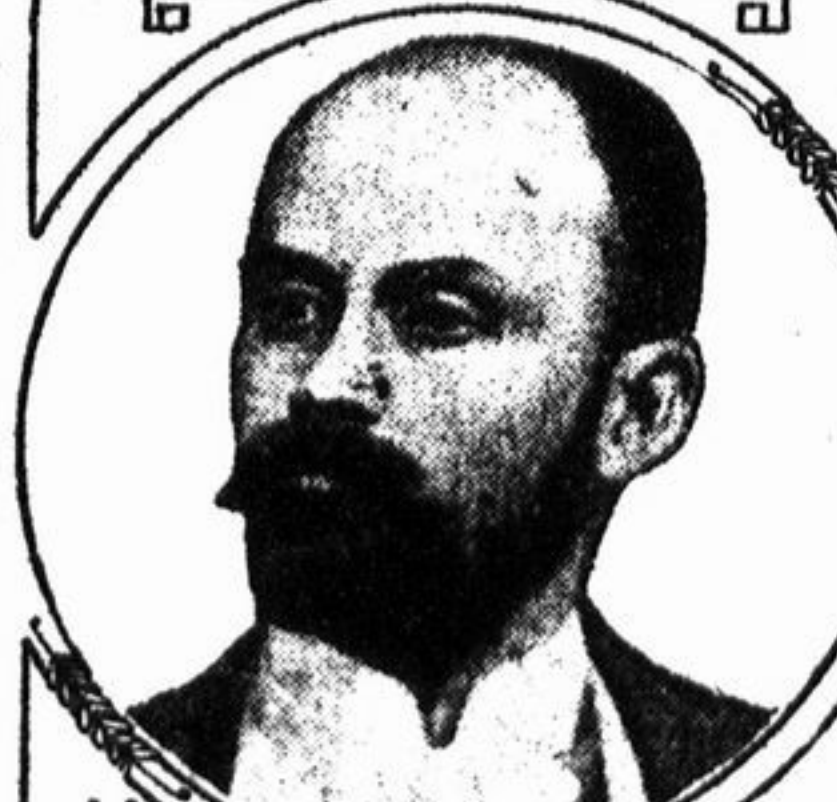


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LOADING ASPHALT AT GUANOCO WHARF.

PREDICT WAR WITH AMERICA.

Venezuelan Officials See Only One Outcome of Asphalt Row.

War with the United States over fifty miles of swamp land is predicted by leading Venezuelan officials.

All the turmoil, bloodshed, revolution and international controversies have their origin in this speck of territory.

The district has remained impoverished because undeveloped. Its 3,000,000 people were poor because they could not get their wealth sold.

Then the temper of this mixed race of Spanish, negroes, and natives reached the boiling point.

Meanwhile this land of wonderful wealth lies like a shining diamond in a hill of sand.

SEEING LINCOLN IN 1863.

How a Private Soldier Attended a White House Reception.

It was in the spring of 1863, when I was stopping for a while in Washington, says a contributor to the Boston Transcript.

der the cover of others well into the hall.

Noting the anxious yearning look on his face, I became interested to watch his movements and note the result.

With this hand grasp and welcome Mr. Lincoln's attention was turned elsewhere but I can remember no other incident that thrilled me as did that little scene.

A Marriage Fiction.

The polite fiction obtains that marriages are made in heaven. This romantic viewpoint is particularly popular in America.

The conventional theory is that the matter is on the knees of the gods and that in due season husbands will be provided like manna in the wilderness for sustenance of the faithful.

New Zealand Magic.

From New Zealand comes the following weird yarn:

"The tohunga (native magician) was given credit with the power of influencing the dead. The present writer was a witness of the following incident: A branch of the Arawas, the tribe of the district of Rotorua, being at war, had suffered defeat, and one of their braves had been brought home dead.

Disastered Rats.

Bacon—I see it is said that rats are judges of music. Egbert—I guess that is right. We haven't had one in the house since we got the phonograph.

MEN OF EARLIER AGES.

Were They the Mental Peers of the Men of Today?

The general idea that our enormous advances in science and command over nature serve as demonstrations of our mental superiority to the men of earlier ages is totally unfounded.

NOT MERELY IDLING.

Wherein the Writer Reminded the Man on the Beach.

"That writer," said a publisher, referring to an author who seemed to be idling away his time, "is in reality trying hard to work, to get his ideas flowing, but he is stuck."

He Was Particular.

One day the mistress of the house had some special delicacy on the table and she thought came to her to share it with her laundress, whose day it was at the house.

Maple Syrup.

Maple syrup which has fermented and become sour can be freshened by heating to the boiling point and adding a little soda. Stir thoroughly, then skim.

When a Wife Man Is Too Tired to Think His Talk Is More to Him Than to Her.

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was his power to prophesy who the nominee would be and to somebody that prophecy in question but one before the convention had even met. We are sorry that Bin has gone. But this is an unusually easy year for anyone who wants to succeed him in the presidential prophecy industry.

Apropos of its "bargain list," a firm of manufacturers announces that it recently sold "a 1907 second-hand automobile" to the vice president of one of the largest transcontinental lines; another to the president of a national bank; a third to a prominent real estate dealer; another to a famous Wall street operator; one to a well known and popular man of leisure; another to the president of a great commercial enterprise, and yet another to a noted corporation attorney.

France, in spite of the reputation given to it by Parisian novelists, is an exceptionally moral country, and one of the most sacred of its institutions is marriage. Divorce has never been much sought for there, and separated married couples are infrequent.

In a recent newspaper interview Bishop Samuel Fallows of Chicago maintained, on scriptural and scientific grounds, that 120 years were the natural duration of human life.

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LETTING GO OF A GRUDGE

To a writer for the New York Times a French soldier expresses his amazement at the ability of the British soldier to shake hands with his enemy after a fight, whether he is conquered or a conqueror.

One day the Frenchman, who was in South Africa during the Boer war, saw two British officers walking through the camp with a Boer, all three engaged in earnest conversation.

The Frenchman's anger broke out. He declared that he would not sit at meat with a traitor.

"Who's a traitor?" retorted the officer, much amazed. "The poor man's captured, and he's had such beastly had luck, we thought a lunch would cheer him up."

"From that day," remarked the Frenchman afterward, "I saw what made the British great. The Boer war was carried on with the bitterest feelings between the two nations. To see the English now, building up the country in the same spirit that moved the officers of that regiment, is a wonder to us English."

"We do not forget and forgive easily," when my Italian friends are annoyed with me, they still approach me with the murder of Conrad of Hohenzollern by Charles of Aachen in eleven hundred and something.

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It may appear/day down on Harry K. That that he made a big mistake when he got crazy.

The most trustworthy of all the "signs of returning confidence" are those: \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$\$.

Mr. Bradstreet says the cost of living has been decreased 12 per cent. But Mrs. Bradstreet made the discovery.

In his desire to get out of prison and go to Congress, Caleb Powers no doubt feels that the change would do him good.

Miss Elkins seems to have violated all international marriage traditions by getting hold of a man as well as a duke.

John Burns, M. P., believes in fewer and better babies. There isn't as much milk in England as there is in this country.

A scheme to limit speeches in Parliament to five minutes. And some of the members will be able to tell all they know in less time than that.

Isn't it absurd to accuse New York society people of planning a divorce just because the husband chooses to live in London and the wife at Leamington?

Instead of patching up our battleships, it might be easier to induce the next Hague conference to decree that no one fighter may hit an antagonist below the armor belt.

A London paper is telling its readers "how to live on £800 a year." The average human being would be glad of the opportunity to experiment on that income without any instructions.

A big diamond firm which failed the other day blames its trouble on "the political crisis for automobiles." The old saying may, therefore, be changed to "stick to me and you'll ride in an automobile."

Governor Hughes gives it as his opinion that men are nine-tenths good. It is unfortunate that the nine-tenths good should always have to be at so much trouble and expense to keep the one tenth bad from wrecking things.

The British House of Commons has passed a woman's enfranchisement bill on its first reading and put it on the second. The suffragettes are making headway. When a legislative body begins to shove signs it indicates that it is sitting up and taking notice.

A New York woman who had forgotten her pocketbook applied to a policeman for a dime with which to pay her fare home. He gave her the money and she just received a \$10 bill for his pocketbook. This is fine; but probably the next New York policeman who finds a dime in a strange woman will be puzzled.

The Boston "Man" is dead. He was killed by holding the net. He was killed by holding the net. He was killed by holding the net.

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