

GREAT DRY GOODS COMBINATION MADE

Associated Merchants Co.—Organized by
J. Claflin—Financiered by J. P. Morgan
& Co.—Wanamaker is Not in It.

New York, April 12.—The Journal of Commerce says:

"It has been learned that the scope of the Associated Merchants Co., which has just been organized by John Claflin, and which Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co. are financing, is much wider than at first reported. The businesses that Mr. Claflin proposes to buy are, it is understood, among the very highest character in the city. No definite contracts have yet been made, and negotiations have not yet reached a definite stage, but it is known that it is Mr. Claflin's idea to secure, if possible, control of such high class houses as Arnold, Constable & Co., Lord & Taylor (including both the Broadway and Grand street stores) and Simpson, Crawford & Simpson. These additions to the already important list mentioned in the prospectus, namely, the Claflin company, the Adams Dry Goods Co. and the Dry Goods Store, constitute a trade consolidation movement that is without precedent in dry goods merchandising circles. There is also foundation for the statement that Mr. Claflin has had in mind the entrance of John Wanamaker into the combine, but he found little encouragement in this direction. Other reports mentioned the possible entrance into the combination of the Joseph H. Baul & Co., of Fulton street, Brooklyn, and Battersman & Co., of Broadway, Williamsburg.

It is, of course, not intended to purchase these concerns outright; it is merely proposed to do the same with a controlling interest.

It was reported on good authority last Thursday evening that the stock of the Associated Merchants Co., offered by J. P. Morgan & Co., to the public had already been fully subscribed. John Claflin, when questioned, said that it was too early yet to consider what additional companies would be taken over, as nothing had been definitely arranged in that direction. A representative of Simpson, Crawford & Simpson, when questioned, said that he had not heard of any negotiations.

Mr. Claflin denied absolutely the story that the land fronting on Sixth avenue, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth streets, belonging to the Astor estate, had been leased by the Associated Merchants Co., the new dry goods combination and is to be used for a new fire proof building twelve stories high. This building, according to the report, is to cost \$3,000,000 and is to be used as the eastern headquarters of the business of the combination of the Associated Merchants Co., J. Pierpont Morgan is said to have signed the docu-

ments in the transaction before sailing for Europe last week. It is said that the tenants of the small buildings which stand upon it have been informed that their leases will not be renewed. It is thought that the building will be begun before September. This is the same land on which report credited the Astors as having decided to erect a large department store. The firm in question denied any intention of leasing such a building, but there seems justification for the statement that some large western house will occupy it.

It has been the business policy of the firm of John Wanamaker to keep clear of combinations, and it is not believed that any tangible results will follow the venture already made on behalf of Mr. Claflin. Mr. Wanamaker is contemplating the erection of a virtually a duplicate of his present store on the block immediately south of his store, and will make connection by means of a series of bridges and tunnels. The property on which the new building will be erected belongs to the Salter's Shug Harbor, the trustees of which have only power to lease and not sell it. Wanamaker has already bought up the greater part of the leases on the property in question and has made a definite proposition to the trustees asking that all the old leases be cancelled and that a new one be issued so that he may be justified in erecting the new store in question. The trustees have not yet reached a decision.

POWERS OF THE COMBINE.

New York, April 12.—A special to the Tribune from New Haven, Conn., says: The Associated Merchants Co., of New York, known as the Department Store Trust Co., gains wide range of powers through the charter rights originally granted by this State to the Columbia Trust Co., of which the Associated Merchants Co. is the outgrowth. The charter thus taken over authorizes the company to conduct a manufacturing business, to own and equip electric and electric light, gas, water, telephone, telegraph and electric lines, steamships and steamboats, vessels, ferries, boats, surface or underground railways, to deal in real estate, stocks, franchises, securities, to negotiate with any other company regarding their stocks and establishments, to operate railroads in this or any other State. The company is, however, prohibited from occupying any highway or public ground in this State for railroad purposes. These enormous privileges are buried in the charter, but have been brought to light by the Associated Merchants Co. and are now understood to have been put through for the benefit of the big organization.

MASQUERADED AS A MAN.

For Thirty Years Kate Haviland Passed for "Dr. Keattle."

Mystery of Her Life Unveiled When a Great Estate Came to be Partitioned Among Heirs.

Louisville, Ky., April 11.—The Courier-Journal tomorrow will say: Hugh J. Haviland of Greenville, Ky., claims to be one of the heirs to a fortune left by Dr. Theodore Keattle, who died at Punta Gorda, Fla., in 1896. Then it was discovered that the "doctor" was a woman and that for thirty years she had masqueraded as a man. The woman was a mother. Those who are supposed to know say that in 1853 a little boy was placed in the Protestant Episcopal orphan asylum at Louisville by "Dr. Keattle," then confessedly a woman, known as Kate Haviland. The boy's name was Hugh H. Haviland. He was later bound out to a farmer and finally rose to an independent position at Greenville, Ky., as regarded as that boy. That Kate Haviland was "Dr. Keattle" was, it is said, practically established by witnesses in New York and Brooklyn.

But Hugh Haviland is half and half the fortune. A girl, who is expected to divide it with him, Grace M. Clark Elliott, Haviland's niece, has been her sole heiress of Imbray Clark of Australia, who died worth \$25,000,000. Hugh Haviland's little sister, Kate Haviland's other child, according to Lawyer Goldwater of New York, was put by the mother with foster parents. The girl grew up, married Imbray Clark and went West with him. In 1877 they went to San Francisco, and there a child was born. Within two weeks the delicate mother, Kate Haviland's girl, died. The baby was placed in the hands of Mrs. Martha A. Griswold, superintendent of the home for the friendless, by Imbray Clark, who sailed almost immediately for Australia.

Several years after Mrs. Griswold heard of Clark's death and advertised for some one to adopt the little orphan girl. The Elliotts responded, and on August 21, 1878, were granted papers of adoption by a court in San Francisco. In 1887 the Elliotts learned that Imbray Clark had left a fortune of \$25,000,000 to which there was no heir, and began a fight for their daughter's rights. The estate is tied up in the English courts, and though hundreds of claimants have come forward, none has been able to prove claims to the satisfaction of the British authorities.

A KIDNAPPING MYSTERY.

Cleared Up by Letters from One School Boy to Another.

Chicago, April 12.—A registered letter written by one school boy and received for by another has solved the mystery which followed the kidnapping of John Bernard Moffatt last August from the house of his foster parents, 5225 Adams street, the nine-year-old boy for whom detectives have been looking in vain ever since his mother, Justina William, carried him away from Chicago, receiving and received for the letter himself at the residence of an uncle in Altoona, Wis.

The employment of a registered letter to locate the missing boy was suggested to Attorney Moffatt by an examination of a letter recently in the school to test the pupils in letter writing. When Frank Moffatt, 13 years old, mentioned that he had to write a test letter, a lucky idea occurred to his father.

"Write a letter to Bernie," said his father. "Perhaps the little fellow might get it. We will send it to Eau Claire, Wis., as that is the last place we heard he was."

Frank wrote the letter and it was sent by registered mail. On the same train went another letter, this from Mr. Moffatt to the postmaster of the town, directing him to deliver the first to one of the boys, himself and to make him sign for it. If he did not call for it the postmaster was directed to forward the letter to Altoona. The boy was not found in Eau Claire, but at Altoona the plan succeeded.

Young Moffatt signed the return slip was sent to Mr. Moffatt in Chicago. Mr. Moffatt then consulted an attorney at Eau Claire and secured a writ of habeas corpus. When the child was brought into court the defendant, Anton William, the uncle, secured a continuance until next Monday. The boy was placed in the custody of Justice of the Peace James J. McMahon. John Bernard Moffatt, or "Bernie" Moffatt, is the son of Justina William. When the child was an infant it was taken, with his mother, to Mr. Moffatt's home. The county records show that on June 23, 1885, Justina William consented to waive all rights and claims to her child. Last August she took the last seen of him until this was found in Wisconsin. His mother is supposed to have died in Washburn, Wis., last November.

AMERICANS ABROAD.

M. H. De Young Struck with the Standing Accorded Them.

New York, April 11.—M. H. De Young of San Francisco, accompanied by Mrs. De Young, returned from London on the Deutscher Lloyd today, after a six months' trip through France, Italy, Egypt and Germany.

"That which struck me most forcibly during my last visit abroad," said Mr. De Young, "was the standing accorded traveling Americans in every country, as compared with the treatment they received a few years ago. The wonderful progress made in our exports and the marvelous development of our industries have impressed the whole world. Enter a store as an intending

GROWING CHILDREN.

The Period When the Nervous Activity is at Its Greatest.

The Home Doctor. "Against the practice of giving tea and coffee to children, we cannot speak too strongly. Childhood is the period when the nervous activity is at its greatest. The brain is ever busy receiving new impressions. Reflex action, co-ordination of muscles, and the special senses are all under a special course of training.

The nervous system is pushed to its utmost capacity, and long is the list of victims that follow its over-stimulation. In these little people nothing but harm can come from the use of such cerebral stimulants as tea or coffee. Bad, then, as this practice is, let us as physicians be aggressive in its prohibition.

Do not be satisfied by answering 'No' when asked as to its use, but let us teach the families with whom we come in contact that such practice is evil. We speak emphatically, because not only among the poor and uneducated, but among the rich, who should know better, this practice is marvellously prevalent."

Children like a warm beverage for breakfast and it is well for them to have it if the drink is a food and not a drug.

Postum Food Coffee is made to supply a rich nourishing liquid food with a crisp coffee taste, for those who cannot and should not use coffee. Analysis shows it to contain about fourteen percent of muscle forming elements and 66.11 percent of energy and fat producing elements, which go to nourish and sustain the delicate nerve centers throughout the body and from which the vital energy proceeds.

The supreme importance of proper food in place of drugs is not generally understood, but the success of child or adult depends largely upon proper sustenance for the body. Children who depend upon the intelligence of their elders to furnish them with good food deserve our most careful attention and thought upon this subject.

Over-Work Weakens Your Kidneys.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood.

All the blood in your body passes through your kidneys once every three minutes. The kidneys are your blood purifiers, they filter out the waste or impurities in the blood. If they are sick or out of order, they fail to do their work.

Pain, achiness and rheumatism come from excess of uric acid in the blood, due to neglected kidney trouble. Kidney trouble causes quick or unsteady heart beats, and makes one feel as though they had heart trouble, because the heart is over-working in pumping thick, kidney-poisoned blood through veins and arteries.

It used to be considered that only urinary troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all constitutional diseases have their beginning in kidney trouble. If you are sick you can make no mistake by first doctoring your kidneys. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy, is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases and is sold on its merits by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail. Write to Dr. Kilmer, free, also pamphlet telling you how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. Mention this paper when writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

purchaser and the fact that one is an American seems to settle his financial credit.

"Our municipal authorities may well take a lesson from the city fathers of Paris. The expenditures made yearly to maintain its position as the leading and most beautiful city in the world can hardly be realized by our people. This year the city of Paris appropriated \$90,000,000 for opening new streets and erecting new buildings. Last year the expenditure even exceeded this sum.

"Cities must be managed as one would a private enterprise. New and attractive features must be introduced. The sooner the American people learn to appreciate that works of art and tasteful ornamentation are profitable investments for our cities, the more quickly our cities will take the lead with the leading capitals of the old world.

"Foreigners admit almost with distrust, and at least with shame, that America furnishes nearly all their machinery. In England the feeling is especially strong against the encroachment of our manufactures and products into their markets throughout the world."

Parishoners "Regulate" Minister.

Independence, Mo., April 11.—A number of negroes made up of members of the faction in the Baptist church that opposed its pastor, Elder J. T. Pitts, seized the minister and his wife after a prayer meeting last night, threw ropes around their necks, dragged them into a hollow beside the road and "regulated" them with hard fists and laid viciously on their backs. Minister Pitts today swore out warrants for six of the regulators.

EDWARD A. DAVIS ESTATE.

Alleged Widow Prays for Removal of the Administrator.

Chicago, April 11.—Mary A. Davis, alleged widow of Edward A. Davis, filed in the probate court today a petition praying for the removal of Charles C. Davis as administrator of the estate of Edward A. Davis in Cook county, and of John E. Davis, administrator of the estate at Butte, Mont., and asking that E. A. Davis be held to the grand jury on charges of conspiracy and perjury.

A second petition requests the removal of the Security Title and Trust company as guardian of the estate of Edward A. Davis. The petition was set for hearing May 1st. The estate of John Davis, father of Edward Davis, which the company claims to administer, is worth about \$5,000,000.

Portuguese Catholic Associations.

Lisbon, April 11.—King Charles, replying today to a dispatch from the Lisbon which had protested against the proceedings of the government in dealing with the Catholic associations, said: "As the king of a Catholic country, I will recommend your government to the attention of my government, in order that the question may be settled in accordance with the laws of the country."

Charmed With Duke of Genoa.

Rome, April 11.—The Tribune publishes a dispatch from Toulon giving an interview with M. Deleasse, the French foreign minister, regarding the significance of the festivities at Genoa. Deleasse is reported as having said: "The interests of France and Italy are not, happily, opposed. Diplomacy ought to profit by this absence of motives for conflict. My ambition is to conclude another commercial treaty with Italy. I have been charmed by the tact, courtesy, ability, culture and savoir faire of the Duke of Genoa."

TO JAIL FOR LIEB.

Capt. Lucien Young of Havana Sentenced an Editor and Publisher.

New York, April 12.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Havana says:

Capt. Lucien Young, captain of the port of Havana, has sentenced Secundino Terral de Garcia and Julio Urrutia, editor and director of El Stevedore, to sixty and thirty days respectively in Alcazar prison, for a libelous article, in which it was said that Young lied when he sent to Gen. Wood a copy of the paper purporting to contain the agreement with the stevedores reached in the recent strike. Young has a harbor court and authority for his action. The stevedores are greatly incensed and threaten to make trouble.

LATIN AMERICAN ALARM.

Venezuelan Papers Stirring Up Feeling Against United States.

New York, April 12.—A dispatch to the Herald from Port of Spain, Trinidad, says:

Efforts are being made by the official press of Venezuela to create apprehension throughout Latin America that the United States is seeking to control the new world. A great outcry is being raised over the American policy in Cuba, which is cited as evidence of far-reaching ambitions on the part of the United States.

The most influential Caracas newspaper issued in mourning its editor, denouncing the capture of Aguinaldo. The Philippine leader was ranked among the great heroes of history and the American policy in the Philippines bitterly assailed. News from Barcelona, Venezuela, is that the Venezuelan government definitely refuses to make reparation in the case of the American consul, Mr. Blas, who was twice imprisoned. It is alleged, without cause, and from whom large sums of money were extorted under a threat of torture.

TIGER RAJAH ATTACKS KEEPER

Had Been Put Through Some Tricks.

TURNED IN GOING TO CAGE

Man Wore a Mask, but Animal Sank His Teeth Into His Face, and Injured Him Perhaps Fatally.

Indianapolis, April 12.—Frank C. Bostock, proprietor of the zoo in this city, was today attacked and dangerously injured by the tiger Rajah, which a few weeks ago tore an employee of the zoo to pieces. The animal has been undergoing a course of training for the Buffalo exposition, and Mr. Bostock came here from Baltimore to direct the work. Today he took the tiger into the arena to put him through some of his tricks. Rajah was known to be very vicious. Bostock wore a heavy wire mask over his head and neck and carried a revolver and club. The animal was cowed into submission while in the arena and was finally released and started toward his cage, the route being a winding passage way that extended from the arena back to the rear of the cages. While Bostock and the tiger were in this narrow passageway the animal suddenly jumped for Bostock and sunk his fangs into the trainer's left arm. The force of the blow threw Bostock to the floor. Then the tiger tore at the mask, his teeth getting through and tearing Bostock's face in a terrible manner. He was unable to use his revolver and shouted for help. Fortunately, another trainer, rushed to Bostock's assistance and drove the tiger into the cage.

Bostock's right foot and leg are badly injured. He may lose his left arm.

MME. SEMBRICH IN BERLIN.

Complains that American Press Exaggerated Her Condition.

Berlin, April 12.—Mme. Sembrich has arrived here in good health with the exception of a slight attack of catarrh. She has written to the Berlin newspapers complaining that the American press greatly exaggerated her condition.

STRIKE OF RICH QUARTZ.

Made in Kitzbas Canyon on the Skeena River.

Victoria, B. C., April 12.—News has been brought here by the steamer Boscawen, that a strike of rich quartz has been made near Kitzbas canyon in the Skeena river. Quartz has been struck there paying about \$1,000 to the ton.

Eighty Boers Captured.

London, April 12.—A dispatch from Gen. Kitchener dated April 11, says: Gen. Monro's mounted infantry after two hours' hard fighting has captured eighty prisoners, including Commandant, at Breda, in Little Breda, near Dewetsdorp.

ARRESTED FOR RIFLING MAIL.

Jerome S. France of Philadelphia Charged with this Offense.

Philadelphia, April 12.—Postal inspectors arrested Jerome S. France, an employee of the main office in this city, on a warrant charging him with stealing and rifling the mail. France was what is termed as a "stake" case, and his duty was to distribute mail matter in cases for each State in the Union. Complaints have been received from various sections of the country of mail being tampered with for several weeks. The inspectors say France made a partial confession.

NEJD IS CAPTURED.

Ibu Rashid Defeats Mabarak, Shiek of Koweyt.

Bombay, April 12.—Ibu Rashid has recovered the kingdom of Nejd, central Arabia, after defeating Mabarak, shiek of Koweyt, who recently seized the city of Nejd and deposed Ibu Rashid, after a pitched battle. The army of Mabarak was lured into a narrow gorge, where the hordes of Ibu Rashid swooped down from the mountains and overwhelmed their enemies. The fugitives who have reached gulf ports declare that 5,000 men were killed. The fate of Mabarak is not known.

It was announced in a dispatch from Bombay, March 30, to the Associated Press that Mabarak, the shiek of Koweyt was then master of Central Arabia, according to dispatches received by the Times of India, Mabarak having followed up his previous victory

over the army of Ibu Rashid by driving the defeated troops clear across central Arabia, seizing the city of Nejd and deposing Ibu Rashid. The latter appealed to the sultan of Turkey to send troops from Basrah, a frontier city of Asiatic Turkey to his assistance, threatening to stop the overland pilgrimages to Mecca if he was not helped by Turkey.

Presidential Appointments.

Washington, April 12.—The President today made the following appointments:

War—Charles F. Krauthoff to be commissary with the rank of major. Navy—Charles J. Lang to be lieutenant; James C. Pryor to be passed assistant surgeon, with the rank of lieutenant, junior grade; Abel B. Pierce to be passed assistant paymaster with the rank of lieutenant, junior grade; and Stephen Donnelly to be a gunner.

KILLED BY BURGLARS.

Were Trying to Gag the Wife When the Husband Interfered.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 12.—Thomas D. Kahney, a grocer living at Mount Washington, early today was shot and killed by burglars who were looting his house. Three men entered his house and were trying to force a gag in Mrs. Kahney's mouth to prevent her from giving an alarm when Kahney interfered and was killed. The burglars escaped.

As soon as the murder of Kahney was reported to the police department, the entire force of detectives was put to work on the case. This afternoon several of the officers came upon the three burglars on Fulton street and immediately the fugitives opened fire. The officers promptly returned the fire and in the fusillade that followed, "Paddy" Fitzgerald, one of Pittsburg's oldest and best known detectives, was almost instantly killed, and two other officers are reported wounded. Before Fitzgerald fell he wounded his murderer, and the other officers succeeded in arresting the trio and lodging them in jail.

BRITISH BEEF FOR SOLDIERS.

English War Office Admits the Experiment is to be Made.

London, April 12.—The British war office informs the Associated Press that it is going to try the experiment of supplying the army with only home grown beef. The experiment will extend six months from June 1.

The director of contracts, a major, said to a representative of the Associated Press:

"The new rule applies only to refrigerated beef hitherto bought in the open market in London. It will not seriously affect the American trade, as the total weekly supply for the army is only 200,000 pounds, which is barely 2 percent of the weekly imports of refrigerated beef into England from the United States. Mr. Broderick's action was taken long before the New Orleans proceedings. It is quite absurd to suppose that any light of retaliation upon the order, which was due to a natural desire to help some of the home industries. The difference in price is very trifling and we are making that up by giving the army frozen mutton two days instead of one day weekly. If the plan is satisfactory our supply problem will be greatly simplified, for we often have complaints of disagreeable beef from refrigerated beef. You must not suppose that we now use no home grown beef. Aldershot and some of our other camps are almost entirely supplied with home grown beef. We have hitherto used refrigerated beef as an addition to our rations, rather than as an integral part. We have no prejudice against American firms and we do not believe they will miss this trade to any extent, even if it is decided to continue the experiment."

LAND AND SNOWSLIDE.

Near Adelaide, Colo., Burying a Train and Killing Three Men.

Denver, April 12.—A huge mass of snow and rocks swept down from the mountain near Adelaide on the Forence & Cripple Creek railroad, burying a work train and killing three men and seriously injuring four others.

THE DEAD.

J. P. Allen, foreman. Tim Maloney. Howard Whippy.

INJURED.

C. W. Brown, bridge foreman. John O'Connell, section foreman. Frank Graham, section foreman. John Palmer, laborer.

The slide occurred late last night while a gang of workmen was clearing away the debris deposited upon the tracks by an earlier slide. All the men engaged in the work except Superintendent Rockwell and one other, were buried under debris. A relief train was dispatched from the west and the injured men were taken today to the Saluda hospital. The bodies of Maloney and Whippy were recovered, but Allen's body still lies buried beneath tons of snow and dirt.

TOULON FESTIVITIES.

German Official Circles Comment Calmly on Them.

Berlin, April 12.—German official circles comment calmly on the Toulon festivities. They claim that Germany has



HOW TO ECONOMIZE.

SOME men economize so closely on the number of words in a telegram that the receiver can not understand it. This is not sensible economy. Neither is it sensible economy to ruin garments of value with cheap soap or powerful chemicals that eat into the fabric. True economy uses Ivory Soap in the laundry. It is the most of pure soap that can be sold for the money. Chemically it is as innocent as water. Yet it does everything you can ask of a soap. Try it!

Size of Indemnity Claims.

London, April 12.—A dispatch to the Reuters Telegram company from Berlin, says that the French military authorities contemplate removing 7,000 men at an early date. The Germans are preparing to repatriate the infantry brigade.

The indemnity claims are now understood to total £60,000,000.

Smith's & Co. have made Utah famous at two American and one Paris expositions, winning highest prizes in all three. They carry all kinds, 132 State St. Salt Lake City.

ST. PETERSBURG SATISFIED.

London, April 12.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says the newspapers there express keen satisfaction at the festivities at Villeneuve and Toulon as evidencing the strengthening of the Franco-Russian alliance and they consider that the Franco-Italian rapprochement is calculated to lead to the early conclusion of an alliance between Russia, France and Italy, which, in view of the pacific sentiments of the three powers, would, in the opinion of the newspapers of St. Petersburg, constitute an efficacious guarantee of European peace.

Dr. Lyon's PERFECT TOOTH POWDER

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GARDNER DAILY STORE NEWS.

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Nowhere else is such a gathering attempted. Such a wide assortment of every style. And it's all Gardner clothing. That's the best we know—and it's all priced the Gardner way—that's the lowest we know—\$1.50 to \$8.50. But as we said, the little things are a great big part of this busy store.

As instance, the shirts, here you will find boys' shirts made just like men's, same patterns, same materials, same styles—50c to \$1.50.

Another instance, the waists, bigger and better stocks than we ever had before, from the best 25c waist on earth, up to the finest made.

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