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CAPTAIN ROALD AMUNDSEN.

The appearance in this city Monday evening, of the noted navigator and Arctic explorer, Captain Roald Amundsen of Norway, was a noteworthy occasion, especially in educational circles. The genial gentleman and savant who stood on the platform in full evening dress, was hardly suggestive of anything connected with Arctic experience where the mercury slides down the scale to 80 degrees below zero, and the thickest furs are necessary to keep out the intense cold. The captain is a modest man, and told his story in a straightforward way without any show of affectation or assumption of superior merit, although he had succeeded in doing what had been dreamed of for 900 years, and seriously attempted at different times for over four centuries. All this man had was a stoop, rigid, wooden vessel, 68 feet long, and seven men; and at an expense of \$40,000 he accomplished what other explorers with hundreds of men and unlimited purses to draw from had completely failed in doing. To be sure he had this advantage, that he was able to avail himself of charts made by previous explorers, and that fact that more had been learned of the northern waters in the last 25 years than had ever before been known. But this information, valuable as it was, only went a little way, leaving a vast deal to be learned by natural insight or instinct and the computations of himself and the able men who accompanied him. There was one most valuable lesson that had been learned, and that was, the fewer men the better, rather than to attempt entry into the great ice packs with large ships and large complements of men. That policy proved a great handicap to Sir John Franklin's expedition, and operated unfavorably in other expeditions.

Captain Roald Amundsen went thoroughly equipped with the latest and most approved instruments for surveying, astronomical and general geodetic work in locating the magnetic pole; and according to the narrative related by this fearless navigator, his search in this respect was as successful as his piercing his way through from Davis Strait to Behring Sea. It is fortunate the conditions were favorable, and the men lived to push through, only one man dying during the rigors of the voyage. As the Captain said, the Northwest passage has no commercial value because of physical and climatic difficulties which place a perpetual embargo on anything like speedy traveling, unless a vessel is so equipped with ice breaking machinery that she can force her way through 12 feet of ice. Moreover, if there could be any advantage, the building of the Panama canal would neutralize it.

However, this does not minimize the Captain's achievement. His scientific standpoint promise to be of the highest importance in determination of problems connected with the earth's magnetic currents, which could only be done from data secured in the discovery and location of the magnetic North Pole. The name of Captain Roald Amundsen may fitly be catalogued with those of Nordenskiöld, Vasco da Gama, Magellan, Balboa, De Soto, and to an extent with that of Christopher Columbus himself. But the general public will hardly appreciate this at present, although posterity certainly will. The fact that the man is with us and one of us, and is seen by the public tends to divest him of that charm of historical romance that invests the memory of daring navigators in centuries past and gone. But in future history the name of the man who discovered the Northwest Passage, and made it with the loss of but one man, will be referred to in the scientific world at least, with a feeling akin to reverence.

THE GREAT TRIBUNAL.

The point involved in the Supreme court decision on the Standard Oil case relates to the recently enacted Hepburn rate law (1906), the clause repealing the first section of the Elkins law (1903) providing for the punishment of railroad rebating, by fines.

It was urged that this repeal granted immunity to all who had committed offenses under the act that had been rescinded. The Supreme Court, sustaining the view taken by Judge Landis as to Standard Oil, ruled that offenses committed under the Elkins law are still punishable under that law and that violations of the later act are to be dealt with under this act.

Such a decision ought to dispose of the theory that the Hepburn act was deliberately designed, in the expectation of aid by a friendly court, to preclude the punishment of offenses antedating that law.

If the court had been in any manner in sympathy with corporate wrongdoing or with predatory wealth, an opportunity was thus presented to free those indicted under the law, whose trial is now pending. The decision leaves all these prosecutions in full force and so hastens the day when trial for past offenses will safeguard the people against their repetition in future, in case the guilt of any official is proved.

It is somewhat customary for the discontented element to rail at the Supreme Court. That tribunal is far removed from the people. Its members

are appointed for life. It moves slowly and never decides more than one question at a time. Its judgments usually rest upon principles of general application.

A contemporary remarks that when it has vetoed measures of right pursued in the wrong way, the habit has been to criticize the court rather than the legislators who blundered. When it has enunciated or confirmed some great principle of liberty, its solemn pronouncements have gone unheeded or been accepted as a matter of course.

Yet we are decidedly of the opinion that this august tribunal is the greatest safeguard of the liberties of the people and that if all the agencies of federal power were found as unvaryingly on the side of law, justice and reason as the Supreme Court of the United States has proved itself to be, there would be less popular discontent and criticism because then there could be no occasion or excuse for such complaints as we now hear.

NEW SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

M. Emile Stoeckart, avocat a la cour d'Appel, of Brussels, Belgium, in a communication to the "News" of Feb. 14, says that a new scientific society has been founded with headquarters at the Belgian capital, of which the Belgian Minister of Justice is the honorary, and M. Stoeckart the acting president. The name of the Society is, "Institut de droit compare," or the Institute of Foreign Laws. One of the objects of the society is to study the laws of different countries and especially new laws whenever enacted; and to translate into French the more important of such laws; also to point out to the proper officials any progress realized in the various branches of law in a given country, and to publish a regular magazine of its works.

In proportion as new inventions shorten distances and cause international relations to become closer, a knowledge of foreign laws becomes more important. The Institute will provide lawyers, judges and private individuals, with authentic information on points of law in various countries.

M. Stoeckart, the acting president of the Institute, is not a stranger to Utah. In his letter to the "News" he mentions the fact that in 1892 he spent several days in Salt Lake City. He was entertained, he says, by President George Q. Cannon and Bishop Hiram Clawson. In 1902, he again visited the City, then accompanied by Mme. Stoeckart, and they were royally entertained, he says, by the late Bishop Empey, and Mrs. Empey, as well as others.

Mr. Stoeckart is well known both in America and Europe through numerous articles on legal topics, that have appeared in various magazines.

STAMP IT OUT.

Anarchy is assuming such a foothold in America that drastic action is needed. Closely following outbreaks in foreign countries similar incidents have occurred in the United States. First came the murder of Father Leo Heinrichs. Within a few hours a merchant of Brooklyn was the victim of a bomb thrower. "Black Hand" letters are being received in all parts of the country and on Monday an attempt was made to murder the chief of police of Chicago, the fiend seriously wounding his son and his coachman and within his own home.

All these events were closely preceded by the assassination of the king and crown prince of Portugal, an attempt upon the life of the president of the Argentine republic and the escape by a very narrow margin of the shah of Persia.

Who will be next? Meanwhile, professed anarchists in the United States are holding meetings and inciting the members of the societies to which they belong to lawlessness. Velled behind arguments favoring Socialistic policies, these anarchists strive to forward their movement by committing deeds which cover step every virtue and unwritten law, civil and moral. Inflammatory literature has been found by the police, carefully worded to prevent prosecution. The merest technicalities are taken advantage of by the leaders in the "red banner" cult.

Last Monday on the floor of the house of representatives a measure came up for consideration and was defeated. The bill provided that after serving sentence upon conviction for a felony aliens must be deported. We believe it should have passed. The conditions warrant the passage of such an act and of others along the same line. There should be on the statute books of the United States a provision requiring the department of commerce and labor, by the action of its immigration officials, to seek out and cause to be deported aliens who agitate in favor of murderous anarchy.

The presence in this country of Emma Goldman and others of her class is harmful to the best interests of the country. They are undesirable guests and should be deported. It is a stain on the flag that anarchists are permitted to meet and harangue the ignorant alien class, inflaming their minds with their blood red arguments against the power of the nation's delegated authorities. Freedom of speech is guaranteed by the Constitution, but the spirit of that immortal instrument contemplated that such conditions as obtain in America today could never come in a nation where the government was founded for, and by the people, where government exists with the consent of the governed.

To know that a faction of aliens could promulgate a doctrine in which all who were not content might march to Wall Street with red banners flying and to seize upon what they wanted and all without protest by the officers of the law seems impossible. Still it was done and will be done again if anarchy is permitted to become so thoroughly rooted in America as it promises.

The news dispatches from the east contain this assertion from a high police official:

"There is no question in my mind that the attempt upon Chief Shipley's life was the direct result of the assassination of the Denver priest. The moment a foreigner announces himself or herself to have, or can be proved to have, anarchistic tendencies, he or

she should be immediately sent back to his or her native land."

It may finally come to that. The police of this country cannot cope with the anarchistic problem in any other way, for they cannot throw persons in to jail because they may profess such tendencies.

Harriman has scored one point against Fish. But is Fish through?

A New York coroner's jury has said that a man found with his skull crushed with a hammer was a suicide. Maybe; but how?

Has Mr. Lloyd of Missouri been shovelled? He says the railroads stole seventy millions by over stating the weight of mail carload.

Secretary Straus has seen the need of prompt action against undesirable citizens. His new order to his subordinates is sane and timely.

Is the Tribune seeing the light? We almost thought so this morning when we saw a cartoon graphically portraying the inefficiency of the police department.

The attitude of Governor Hughes on race track gambling is so sane that it would almost seem unnecessary to call it to the attention of the New York solons at Albany.

The question arises, who is the most expert expert in the navy department? We now have about a score of diverging opinions in regard to the safety of open turrets and the efficiency of the present system of armoring ships.

Resenting comment on the inefficiency of the fire department at a south Main street fire, Asst. Chief Crosby used his brawny fist and knocked the man down who dared to express his opinion about Chief Vall's amateurs. Isn't that fine?

FATTY FOODS FOR WARMTH.

The Lancet.

For some unaccountable reason the eating of fat is regarded by not a few as positively vulgar. Such an attitude displays an ignorance of physiological facts. Cold feet, hands, fingers, ears, and chilblains would in many instances be avoided under a generous diet of fatty food.

DISILLUSIONED JAPAN.

Kokumin, Tokio.

Japan, the hero of yesterday, is losing her glory fast. The eyes of other nations are turned to the existence of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, of the entente with France, and of the fresh treaty with Russia. The nation is meeting instructions to her enterprise in all directions and experiencing unfriendly treatment all around.

BABU'S TOUCHING PLEA.

Burma Echo, Rangoon.

A native postal subordinate who had been fined for neglect of duty, addressed his chief in the following terms: "Your honor may be right, I am wrong, but I will not be right and wrong, let Honor give me back the fine; and then at the day of resurrection, when all hearts will be open, if I am wrong, I will most gladly, sir, return your Honor the money."

RELIGION AND MANNERS.

Westminster Gazette.

It is sad to see the old Italy, with the picturesque costumes and exquisite manners of the people, passing away. Perhaps it is unfair to dwell on the decay of manners, for that is alike in all countries. But where the manners and courtesies were most perfect in their decay necessarily most apparent. And for this decay the decline of religion is in large part responsible.

ALL FOR JAPAN.

Pinhang Gazette.

The Japanese are certainly intensely patriotic. In fact, it is just this intense patriotism of the race which has proved the rock upon which the alliance with Japan shatters, for when British and Japanese interests clash seriously, we shall find our allies perfectly willing to sacrifice Great Britain, the alliance, and everything else for the good of Japan.

THE TRANSVAAL SUNDAY.

Transvaal Leader, Johannesburg.

What is called a Continental Sabbath is not wanted in this country, but men who are churchgoers, with the greatest respect for the Church's teaching and influence, prize liberty of action, and do not consider a Sunday morning spent in exercise opposed to the spirit and genius of Christianity.

TO MAKE HIM BUY.

Saturday Evening Post.

John Bull is a very elderly party in commerce, and his long habit of dignity and aloofness, acquired through generations of being the "Whole Thing" commercially, calls for a little necromancy. In some way he must be impressed with the fact that he doesn't want a given commodity, that it isn't any good, and that he can't use it. Then he wants it, and will have it, and defends it against the world.

MANIACAL DEPRESSION.

Chicago News.

It is great to be crazy when nothing else will satisfy the jury.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

A two-part story by Henry James begins in the March number of Harper's Magazine, entitled "Julia Bride." It presents a situation truly unique in fiction, and for sparkling dialogue and delicate humor it immediately challenges comparison with Mr. James' earlier work—notably "Daisy Miller." Charles W. Purling gives a vivid impression of a phase of industrial life in northern Africa in "The Expatriation of Tripoli," accompanied by photographs and paintings reproduced in black and tint. "Reading" is the title of a suggestive essay in which Edward S. Martin talks about books, new and old, and the pleasure and profit to be got from them. "The Fire in the Cauldron," by Henry W. Nevins, describes an out of the way corner of the earth where the flame of classic myth and medieval superstition has given place to a great modern oil industry. "The Spring Awakening of the Sea," Howard J. Shannon reveals the sea—change and blossoming of nature's marriage under the sea, with accompanying photographs and drawings. Thomas A. Janvier writes of a little seaport in Hull, England, and the old-time way and atmosphere he found. "At the Ministry," Prof. H. E. Gregory and A. G. Keller, of Yale university, point out the "Controlling Conditions of Commerce." Interspersed with these and other articles are a group of short stories of varied interest and appeal by Margaret Sutton Briscoe, Roy Robt. Gilson, James Branch Cabell, Margare Cameron, George Schock and others—Harper & Bros., New York.

A SERMONET FOR WORKERS

(For the "News," by H. J. Harpwood.)

The man who lets himself be smothered by detail is little better than a machine. He runs like clockwork and has to be wound up once every day. The memoranda of office routine come up before him and he spends all his time disposing of his "petty round of irritating duties and concerns."

A young man I know started the work two years ago as an assistant to the advertising manager of a large specialty house in the East. He had an immense amount of detail and routine to look after, but at the same time was given an opportunity to bring out any latent advertising qualities that may have been lying dormant within him. He was expected to contribute to the only capital with which an advertising department is endowed, i. e., ideas. Here was a chance for the assistant to distinguish himself and find a market for his originality. But he allowed himself to be smothered by detail and let his brain get clogged up with routine work. He didn't give himself time to think. He worked like a machine and finally wore himself out grinding.

As a consequence of his inability to rise above the flood of office drudgery this man is still working in the capacity of assistant. It is true that the advertising manager has been changed twice, but each time an outsider got the job. My friend is a natural born assistant, and I doubt if he will ever be anything else.

JUST FOR FUN.

A Steady Man.

S. T. Kimball, the general superintendent of the life-saving service, said the other day of an applicant for a certain position:

"The man was recommended for his steadiness. Now, steadiness is a virtue, especially in life-saving, that goes none too far. Whenever I think of I think of an old lady I used to know."

"Mrs. Madden," a gentleman once said to this old lady, "your neighbor, Herbert Bishup, has applied to me for work. Is he steady?"

"Mrs. Madden threw up her hands. 'Steady, is it?' she said. 'Sure, if he was any steadier he'd be dead.'"

Washington Star.

From Life.

The Actress—In this new play I'm supposed to die from a broken heart. Now, how am I to know how a person who has a broken heart behaves?

The Manager—I'll tell you what to do. You study the author of this play after he sees the first rehearsal. Illustrated Bits.

A Trifling Occupation.

When Charles Dickens was in Washington he met one morning on the steps of the Capitol a young Congressman from Tennessee, whom the great novelist had offended by his bluntness. That morning Dickens was in great good humor. "I have," said he, "found an almost exact counterpart of Little Nell."

"Little Nell who?" queried the Tennesseean.

Dickens looked him all over from head to foot and from foot to head before he answered: "My Little Nell."

"Oh!" said the Tennesseean. "I didn't know you had your daughter with you."

"I'm speaking of the Little Nell of my story, 'The Old Curiosity Shop,' sir," retorted Dickens, flushing.

"Oh!" said the imperturbable Tennesseean. "You write novels, do you? Don't you consider that a rather trifling occupation for a grown-up man?" —Tit-Bits.

The Noblest Work of God.

Burglar Ben—Now, Bill want' out fer de business. Too honest.

Johnny the Kid—Dat's so. I was with him one day last summer 'en he lifted a wad from a swell-lookin' guy on Twenty-third street. It had dollars an' a half, an' a dunnilin' letter callin' fer five dollars. Of course, w'en Billy got de matter all settled up he was fifty cents in de hole.—Puck.

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