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AIR NAVIGATION.

Another victim has been added to the army already sacrificed upon the altar of air navigation. And many more will, undoubtedly, meet a similar fate. The tests necessary for the acquirement of knowledge concerning the problems of flight take the experimenters to the very portals of death, and the escape from serious accident seems miraculous each time. Air navigators are as brave a class of men and women as ever faced death without flinching. The marvelous achievements of the air ships of the Wright brothers have been the admiration of America and Europe for some time. The prediction was made a short time ago that aeroplanes will soon be built to carry four or five persons two or three hundred miles. Some went even further and declared that air craft would, in the next decade cross the Atlantic with safety. These predictions indicate the expectations aroused by the successful experiments of the Wright brothers. The accident by which Lieutenant Selfridge was killed and Mr. Wright seriously injured may delay the realization of those expectations, but not for very long.

The United States Government is trying the Wright aeroplane for practical army work. The requirements are several. A machine acceptable to the government must carry two persons weighing at least 300 pounds, and, besides, fuel sufficient for 125 miles. It must have a speed of 40 miles an hour, so constructed that it can be taken apart and packed in an army wagon in one hour, and then put together in the same length of time. It must be dirigible and be able to sail continuously for one hour at least, and then land without injury. It must also be provided with some device to permit of safe descent in case of accident to the propelling machinery.

The machine that was wrecked in the trial on Thursday, seems to have fulfilled most of the conditions of the government. But it was deficient in the last mentioned particular. It could not descend in safety when an accident happened to the propeller. We presume that will be the great problem to solve in connection with air navigation.

SLOW IMPROVEMENT.

Notwithstanding the fact that a number of freight cars have been employed in the work of moving the crops, there are no less than 222,632 idle cars, according to a report of the American Railway association. When the panic was on, the idle cars numbered 413,605, or there has been material improvement, and a further reduction of idle cars is looked for. But, for all that the improvement in the industrial world, generally speaking, is regarded as very slow.

The New York World notes that although many laborers have emigrated, hundreds of thousands are unemployed working on reduced time. And, as a consequence business languishes. Thousands of artisans in London, the World says, are reported to be out of work, and Glasgow is filled with unemployed demanding public support. This is not encouraging to the producers of this country. Great Britain will be less able to buy what they have to sell.

There is no use of dreaming of a prosperity that does not exist and that cannot be conjured into existence by the aid of a magic lamp. The general testimony is that the West has felt the depression less than the East, and that our own City, thanks to various magnificent private enterprises, is particularly favored. But, it is no time for neither public nor private extravagance. Frisdom in the management of both public and private affairs is called for, there is no room for the grafter anywhere.

ANOTHER HAGUE CONGRESS.

There will, in all probability, be another universal peace congress at the Hague, next year. This time the invitation will be issued by the government of Holland, at the joint suggestion of Germany and Italy. The first congress was held in response to an invitation issued by the Czar of Russia. The second was suggested by President Roosevelt, although the invitation came from Russia. Some wise men of Europe prophesied that the second congress would be the last. They thought had accomplished nothing, and that the powers would not care to arrange another spectacular show without practical results. But here is Germany and Italy, barely a year after that congress, trying to arrange for another. The peace cause is growing. It is the coming great world question. Those who are who can read the signs of the time. Fighting for self-existence, which has erroneously been said to be the law permeating all nature, will not be the rule among individuals and nations, but there will be a universal struggle for the existence of others, and that will mean the solution of all social and international problems. It is not possible to judge, from the brief dispatch relating to the subject, that the main object is of this proposed congress, or the reason why it should meet so soon after its predecessor. But when it meets, the question of obligatory arbitration ought to be taken up again. The American delegates, last year, pressed this point

but they were opposed by the representatives of Germany. That is, in reality, the great question before the world today. The "News" has for years followed with great interest the various movements in the world for peace. And this is natural. For the Gospel of the Redeemer is the message of peace to the world. Never was this made clearer than when the glorious revelation was given to the Saints assembled on Fishing River, June 22, 1834. In that revelation the people were told to "sue for peace;" and "lift up an ensign of peace;" and make a proclamation for peace unto the ends of the earth. That is the essence of the Gospel. We realize that there will be peace when the causes for strife are removed, and that is the very reason why the Gospel was given to the world in this age—to establish justice and truth and obedience to the divine laws. That means peace on earth.

DENMARK.

Through the resignation, recently, of the Danish minister of finance, Alberti, and the charges of forgery preferred against him, and the overthrow of the Christensen ministry, the attention of the public is called to Denmark and conditions prevalent there. And it is found that Denmark is today, in all probability, the most prosperous country in all Europe. It has become prosperous during an uninterrupted era of peace during which it has been possible to concentrate the energy of the nation upon the solution of industrial problems.

Denmark today has the smallest standing army, only 14,000 men. Other countries have increased their armies but Denmark has not. The navy of the country is smaller than any other except that of Greece. But although the army and navy are small, the foreign trade of Denmark in 1906, was \$20,000 for each square mile of its territory, \$22,000 for each soldier in its regular army, or \$120 for each inhabitant. By way of comparison, Germany had, after a burst of prosperity that is the world's wonder, a foreign trade of \$54 for each inhabitant, \$11,000 for each square mile and only \$5,400 for each active soldier.

Denmark has prospered under a wise trade policy. The country has freely admitted corn and grain and all kinds of feed and turned it into pork, eggs, butter, etc., and sent to the markets of the world a superior product. We understand that efforts have even been made to supply Utah with Danish butter. Denmark certainly leads the world in dairying. Our own butter and cheesemakers follow Danish methods. Danish butter holds the English market and tempts a host of imitators. But the industrial results have been obtained because the country has been wise enough to resist the encroachments of militarism. Let other countries learn wisdom from the Danish people.

ARE WE FULLY CIVILIZED?

The Christian Register is of the opinion that many things remain to be done before Americans can face the rest of the human race and claim to belong to the advance guard of civilization. As proof of the truth of this proposition it refers to the recent burning of a human being by a mob. There is the Register observes, as far as we know, no savage tribe in the world which would now be guilty of such a crime. There is much which ought to be mended in our conduct of the war of races which we have been carrying on for many years.

A recent lynching in Mississippi illustrates very clearly how far we are from the ideal state of civilization in this regard. A Mississippi woman was murdered, and a mob undertook to avenge the murder. The entire story reveals conditions very far from civilized. The husband of the murdered woman was in jail for resisting an officer. He sent a message to his wife, and the message was entrusted to a negro who was intoxicated at the time. The negro was under a jail sentence, but had been released as a "trustee." The New Orleans Playmate, says the release of prisoners in this way has become a serious abuse, without authority of law. Now, this drunken "trustee," was sent on an errand to a home where two women were living. There he committed murder, was arrested and put in jail, and a speedy trial was promised, but in spite of the efforts of reputable citizens to prevent a lynching, the crime was committed, and the reports say that a former United States Senator "aroused the mob and directed them to storm the jail." That structure was well built and it took three hours to reach the prisoner. He was shot to death, dragged some distance to a tree and there hanged. Subsequently he was scalped. Could such happenings transpire in a thoroughly civilized country? In a civilized state justice is administered by courts in accordance with law.

It is evident to the thoughtful observer that all over the civilized world the forces of savagery are still contending with the forces of civilization for superiority in all human institutions. Light is still assailed by darkness. Liberty must still wage a war of defense against bigotry, ignorance and selfishness. There is an endless conflict between the fires of Mephistopheles and the frost of Nifheim. And it is for each of us to choose on which side to enlist in this conflict. Civilizations, possibly as far advanced as ours, have been overcome through the faithlessness of its trusted guardians, and are now buried in ruins. Is there no lesson in this to our age?

And still they come—more theaters.

Generally the more said the less truth.

Few contractors build better than they know.

When a man gets cold feet it is time to sock it to him.

Watermelons are about the only things that are not watered.

A politician rarely changes his principles but often his professions.

An easy-going fellow rarely knows

where he's going, though he's on his way.

At this particular season, flies even more than chickens come home to roost.

Kansas being the cyclone state, it is splendid ground for a whirlwind campaign.

The "Don't Worry" and the "Don't Hurry" clubs are almost identical in object.

Weather indications are that it would be wise to lay by something for a rainy day.

There are no such misguided people in all the world as tourists. They must generally hire a guide.

Airships will yet pay for themselves by being used as bill boards on which to place advertisements.

Iowa ideas are singularly silent during the present presidential campaign. Why this thushness?

To lead that "greatest trick mule in the world" would be to lead a truly strenuous life.

A man is more apt to get wisdom through cutting his eye teeth than through cutting his wisdom teeth.

When any state is regarded as good fighting ground, no presidential candidate calls it the "enemy's country."

The height of the aeronauts' ambition does not seem to be quite so high as that of the mountain climbers.

The average cow gives about four hundred gallons of milk a year. This is "stock" for six hundred gallons to customers.

And speaking of the Carpenters' convention, let it be remembered that it was in Carpenters' Hall, Philadelphia, that the Declaration of Independence was signed.

Tolstol speaks many languages a little, and four (English, French German and Hebrew) very well. Why shouldn't he when he speaks to the whole world?

"He merely tells how it happened and lets the reader draw his own conclusions," says the advertisement of Mr. Rockefeller's autobiography. And while the reader draws his conclusions Mr. Rockefeller draws his dividends.

It is very doubtful if any good would result from having mimic presidential elections in the public schools. If such elections are desirable why would not mimic campaign speeches be a good thing also? Pupils will learn how to vote just as soon as they reach their majority.

According to a notice sent out from Albuquerque, N. M., the managers of the Sixteenth National Irrigation congress, which will be held at that place from September 29 till October 10, hope that President Roosevelt will grace the congress with his presence. An invitation has been sent to him, written on gold plate. It was presented to him by Governor Curry, who went to Oyster bay, specially for that purpose.

ALL WORKINGMEN.

Los Angeles Express. When Keir Hardie, the English labor leader, crosses the ocean to tell the workmen of this country that they "couldn't enter politics," it seems like "carrying coals to Newcastle." If workmen had not been in politics these many years past, we would not have had the history of free government and of national progress that has transformed the map of the world. Besides, it is presumption on the part of Keir Hardie to assume that "workmen" constitute a class, a sect, a division of society that must be directed and "led" like a lot of sheep that know not the pasture. We are all workmen in this country, and we are all "in politics." Mr. Hardie's mission in this respect has been forestalled by at least a century.

THE COMMODITY CLAUSE.

Pueblo Chieftain. The recent decision of the federal circuit court sustained the right of railroad companies to carry coal belonging to the companies for sale to others. It was established that railroad companies had a right, so far as federal law is concerned, to own and work coal mines, and to carry the coal for their own use, but law undertook to prevent them from carrying coal for sale to other persons. The case will undoubtedly be appealed to the supreme court, but it seems probable upon the face of the argument in the decision of the circuit court that its ruling will be confirmed. This result will doubtless be a disappointment to many persons who think that a railroad company ought not to be in a position to compete with other producers in the sale of coal or other merchandise, but the provision in the federal constitution which prohibits the taking of a man's property without compensation is just and reasonable.

JUST FOR FUN.

"Did that girl make good in the candy factory?"  
"No; she made goodies."—Baltimore American.

"I'm in a difficulty over my girl."  
"What's wrong?"  
"I've been saying such nice things to her that she's getting conceited. If I quit she'll think I don't care for her any longer, and if I go on she'll think she's too good for me."—Puck.

"I met Mrs. Chatterbox a while ago. Poor lady! she seemed to be going down hill rapidly."  
"Has she aged so much?"  
"I don't know about her aging, but her automobile sped her out just as they got on the grade."—Philadelphia Press.

"Object to my language, do you? Well, I believe in calling things by their right names."  
"Oh, that's all right. But couldn't you manage to call them in a whisper?"—Cleveland Leader.

Grandmother—Why is the baby so happy?  
Nurse—Oh, his mother and father are coming.  
Grandmother—I don't see them!  
Nurse—Nor I'm a'm. But the child's nose is very keen. He smells the automobile, ma'am.—Harper's Weekly.

Miss Gusch—Mrs. Woody carries herself so splendidly; nothing ever disturbs her.  
Mrs. Peppery—Yes, indeed, she carries herself just as steadily as her

grand father did the hod—Catholic Standard and Times.

"I'll take your damage case," said the lawyer, helping to his feet the man just hit by an automobile.  
"Thank you," replied the victim.  
"I'm not much hurt, but I recognized that measly chauffeur. He may have a case for you later."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"Of course," said the friend, "you have made some mistakes in your career."  
"Perhaps," answered Senator Sorghum; "but I'm not going to make the additional mistake of owning up to them."—Washington Star.

"After all," said the enthusiastic inventor, "the flying machine is a very simple matter. All you have to do is to observe the flight of birds and apply the same principle."  
"Of course," answered the cold skeptic; "and no doubt the best method of manufacture will be to construct them so that they will lay eggs and hatch."—Washington Star.

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