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## IN HAYTI.

The revolution in Hayti that has developed into a bloody national drama, was precipitated by a quarrel between President Nord Alexis and a subordinate officer, General Antoine Simon.

Hayti is divided, for governmental purposes, into two districts, each presided over by a representative of the president. General Simon was the president's representative in the southern section and General Gilles in the northern. Lately it has been evident that Simon did not support the policy of the president. He was also thought to be aiding and encouraging smuggling, to the detriment of the general government. As a consequence, on Nov. 19th, the officers serving under General Simon received the president's instructions that they were no longer to take their orders from him, and the presidential decree revoking General Simon's appointment as southern delegate reached him on the same day. General Simon immediately appeared in the city of Les Cayes, the seat of his department, and proclaimed a revolution against President Alexis.

The real motive of the revolution may, perhaps, be found in the fact that no sooner had the movement started than its followers indulged in looting and pillage. The ports of Les Cayes, capital of the southern district of Hayti, Jernie and the town of Aquin, on the 24th, fell into the hands of the revolutionists, and immediately the pillaging started. And at Port au Prince, as soon as President Alexis had fled, mobs began the work of looting stores and quarreling in the streets about the division of the spoils. The carnage that followed when General Pilevin appeared on the scene to protect the stores, was a natural sequence of a reign of lawlessness.

Hayti, though nominally a republic, is under the rule of iron-clad militarism, and to that cause all its miseries may be traced. General Simon is not the man to redeem the country. For eighteen years he has ruled in his section with a rod of iron. The country needs popular enlightenment and the rule of reason and justice.

## BUY EARLY.

Christmas is not far distant and the stores will be filled with customers. Business will, we hope, be more lively

it was twelve months ago, when times were less prosperous. The stores are well filled. The windows are more attractive than ever. Generally about this time of the year, the newspapers remind the public of the mutual advantages in early shopping. All who can should buy their Christmas presents now, or at an early date. Some cannot do so, for one reason or another. They must wait until later. But many can do their heaviest shopping now, as well as not, and they should. It is easier to make your selections when the stores are not too crowded with customers. There is a richer assortment early in the season. The distribution of the work over weeks instead of days makes it so much easier to the hard-worked clerk and other employees of the stores, and this consideration alone, if there were no other, should decide the question of early shopping. Buy your Christmas goods now, if you can. Do not wait till the last days, unless necessary owing to circumstances over which you have no control.

## NOTHING NEW.

In these days of airship construction it may be of interest to know that the first effort at flight by humans was made by an American, before the Montgolfier brothers made the balloon ascension which is generally considered as the beginning. According to an article by Marquis de Fontenay in the Chicago Tribune, Father Bartolomeo de Gusmano, a Jesuit of Brazilian birth, was the first to attempt to fly.

This priest was the spiritual adviser of the king of Portugal, John V., and in 1709, it seems, he submitted to the king a report in which he declared that he had solved the problem of aerial navigation, and had invented a machine which was capable of traveling through the air at the rate of 200 miles, and even faster, per day. At the request of the king, John caused a patent to be made out for the invention, and at the same time bestowed upon him an annuity for life, and appointed him professor of mathematics at the University of Coimbra.

When the inventor was ready he invited the king and the court to witness the performance which took place at one of the suburbs of Lisbon. The account says that he rose into the air in his machine, until it reached the level of the high portion of the lofty roof of the palace. For several minutes he kept the machine maneuvering about on that level, in order to show that he had it under perfect control, then he remained almost motionless for a few minutes, and thereupon started it for a more distant trip.

But this flying machine was not any more fortunate than some of the modern contrivances. The account says: "Unfortunately something went wrong with the machinery. He lost

control of the helm of the machine, and it struck with considerable violence the spiral surrounding one of the highest turrets of the palace. In some way he managed to save himself from falling by clutching to the turret, from which he was rescued with difficulty. But the machine fell to the ground and was entirely wrecked, the public present completing the work of destruction on the ground that it was a work of the devil and that the priest could not possibly have accomplished the feat, which he had performed, save by means of magic or diabolical assistance.

"In fact, so intense was the popular feeling against him, fomented, it is said, by the clergy, that the king himself recommended the priest to abstain for a time from any further experiments, and as he found it impossible to continue his lectures at the University of Coimbra, the king dispatched him on a special mission to Rome to Pope Clement.

During his absence his enemies contrived to poison the mind of the king against him, and, learning on his return that the imprisonment was contemplated, he fled in disguise to Spain, and died under an assumed name in a hospital at Toledo, where his identity was only discovered after his demise, and where he was buried at the tomb of St. Peter in the Church of St. Roman.

The contrivance of this priest, who, like so many other pioneers in sciences and inventions, was too far ahead of his time, was not a balloon but a flying machine, and who knows but that modern aviators might learn something from the plans that are said to be extant?

## AGAINST CONSCRIPTION.

The Brazilians do not take kindly to compulsory military service, and the people in this country ought to think all the more of them for that reason. It proves that they are well to the front among civilized nations.

The press reports state that during the recent celebration of the anniversary of the republic, a manifesto was widely circulated inveighing against conscription. And the women took a hand in the protest. Hundreds of women invaded the City Hall at Sacramento, Minas Geraes, and destroyed the registry books, in order to prevent the conscription call being issued. The labor federations in Rio are also said to be preparing a demonstration against the military service law.

Similar signs of revolt against the spirit of militarism are seen in other Latin-American countries. They augur well for our neighbors. Those countries cannot afford to maintain costly military establishments according to the European costly pattern. If they will expend their energy on industrial and commercial enterprises and the maintenance of peace, they will be benefited by the increase of wealth and population. No country can afford to squander its resources upon war implements. To do so means enormous taxes, high cost of living, dissatisfaction and unrest among the laboring classes upon whom the burdens always fall heaviest. It means agitation and displacement of normal conditions instead of contentment and unity of effort between all classes. Resistance to unreasonable military aggression is, therefore, a sign of true progress in the direction which our age demands, as distinct from that of former, darker ages.

## FRIENDSHIPS OF CHILDREN.

In the December issue of the Mother's Magazine, Curran Watson Rankin ably maintains the thesis that each member of any family invariably possesses its own distinct social circle.

He thinks that the reason for this is that a year is a much longer item to the young than to the grown-up person and that a year lasts longer in youth than it does later. He presents this illustration:

"Although two women of thirty and forty, respectively, can be the closest of friends, a girl of ten can see no way of bridging the horrible gulf of years between herself and her five-year-old sister. As for expecting her friends to tolerate a tagging five-year-old—why, it's unthinkable!"

And so the wise mother must recognize that children will inevitably choose friends near their own age. Not only should she tolerate and acquiesce in this choice, but should encourage it. "Working tactfully," he says, the mother can make certain that each little new friend who joins the circle is in every way desirable.

Children choose their associates from instinct and convenience. They will take the best at hand. Yet for shy and shrinking children, mothers must take a hand and help to form the social groups for them.

This writer contends that the best aid in securing the happiest friendships for children is to welcome the social groups to your own home and he notes this difference between good homes:

"There are front doors that fairly reach out for visitors. There are front doors that serve as barriers against intruders. The front porch of the home of a certain member of a certain girl-circle is garnished with a doormat upon which one reads, in large, magenta letters, the words 'Welcome.' Yet, for some unexplained reason, the youngsters of this particular circle find it impossible to cross that encouraging mat to ring the bell beyond it. You see, the welcome on that menacing doormat is the only welcome that that house affords. The poor mother has shown, by her choice of mats, that she means well by the outside world, but it simply isn't in her to print 'Welcome' on the frigid atmosphere of her house. There are other houses that do not need printed letters to advertise the fact of their hospitable intentions—the air seems charged with welcome, and the puffs out in almost tangible waves."

He thinks that these hospitable homes have a strong tendency towards keeping boys and girls both sweet and sound, while they provide another good purpose by keeping them at home. Such hospitality also relieves the mother of her anxious yearning in relation to what her boys and girls, if absent, might be doing.

We believe that such a spirit and such an attention on the part of mothers as would attract the friends of their smaller children to be about their homes would be a wise investment of the trouble and money which it might require. The child must have friends and companions of his own age about him, and it is better for parents to know who his companions are and what they do than to take the risk of permitting children to find playmates in the course of their own adventures. For

these associates are the most effective teachers the young child has and the influence they exert upon him is both profound and lasting.

Court of last resort—the divorce court.

Men with pushcarts usually get to the front.

The ordinary man would just as lief have notoriety as fame.

The price of butter has been reduced. How about the weight?

The short and ugly word that a fellow gets from a girl is "no."

"Tacing is safe," says August Belmont. But hardly a safe bet.

Cigarette smoking does more harm than ever sneller smoke did.

How much of America should a man see first before he goes abroad?

The cabinet makers seem to be much busier than the carpenters these days.

May be it is not necessary to take thought for the morrow but it is for Christmas.

"Who will succeed Root?" asks an exchange. Possibly success, as nothing succeeds like success.

The danger is not in prosperity but in thinking you have it when you haven't, and acting accordingly.

At the gates of Port au Prince the magic word was "Simon" and not "Sesame."

Will the shippers be able to rout the railroads over the question of routing freight shipments?

This land should be broad enough and free enough for Rudolph and all other political refugees.

Mr. Roosevelt's attitude towards the smelters seems to be that if they don't quit smoking he'll smoke them out.

The great Alaskan glaciers are disappearing. Here is work for the Conservation of Natural Resources commission.

If improvement in the condition of the farmer's life lies mainly in a better education, then the first lesson to be learned is contentment.

The Tennessee legislature proposes to pass resolutions calling on the nations to disarm. The legislature should remember that example is better than precept.

Chicago primary elections show that the primary election law is not a panacea for political ills. Honesty and character in the electorate are the best remedy.

The President takes occasion to deny that he has had any narrow escapes, as reported in some papers. Of course he hasn't had any; he hasn't even started for Africa yet.

Coach Percy D. Houghton, of the Harvard football eleven, has received a letter from President Roosevelt congratulating him on his work in developing the team which defeated Yale. And now Houghton feels like a coach and four.

The fame of one of Harvard's most distinguished Latin scholars rests not upon his great learning, but upon the fact that he wrote "One Codfish Ball." And so the fame of Rear Admiral Joseph G. Coghlan will rest upon his sinking "Hoch der Kaiser" and not upon his naval record.

The government of the Netherlands has declined to dignify the procession of three Dutch warships, the battleship Jacob Van Honkeler and the cruisers Gelderland and Frieland along the coast of Venezuela from Puerto Cabello to La Guayra as a naval demonstration. Only keeping up with the procession, so to speak.

The Silver Standard is a unique periodical published monthly by Rogers Brothers, Meriden, Conn. It reproduces items from the year 1847, the year the Meriden Britannia company was formed. In its November issue is found an account of the work of Secretary of the Navy Bancroft for the Naval Academy at Annapolis. An illustrated description of Baltimore shows the progress made by that city since 1847. There is also an article on the religious and sociological conditions sixty years ago. By this we are reminded that it was in 1847, the same year in which Salt Lake City was founded, that the "Rochester Knockings" (the first manifestations of Spiritualism) were first heard, the Brook Farm experiment was abandoned, and the "Millerites" were preparing for the end of the world, while for some of the older religious organizations also the period was a very important one.

## THE MARIANNA HORROR.

Philadelphia Public Ledger.  
The tragedy of the Pittsburgh Buffalo mine, in which the lives of about 200 miners were snuffed out in a moment, calls for an immediate and exhaustive investigation on the part of the commonwealth. Mine disasters in this country are all too frequent. It is to be hoped that the governor will ascertain whether the mining department has done its duty, and that the report on this particular horror will bring out the facts as to the capability of the mining inspectors and the manner in which they enforce the laws.

## Wheeling Register.

A large proportion of the mine accidents, which we now endure as a matter of course, are preventable; and every accident, whether preventable or not, ought to impose upon the industry which it attends some measure of responsibility for the welfare of the men whom it cripples and the families that it renders dependent.

## New York Tribune.

An added touch of mockery is imparted to the narrative by the announcement that a convention of mining experts is to be held in Pittsburgh this week to consider methods of preventing such accidents. While a hasty judgment in the present instance should not be pronounced, it would seem as if the chief need of the way were to make

a better use of what is already known about colliery explosions.

## Philadelphia Record.

The disaster of the Marianna mine seems at present a deep mystery. The more mysterious the catastrophe appears, the more occasion there is for a searching investigation.

## Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

It would be unfair, with present information, to assume that the inspection of this particular mine was perfunctory. Yet to admit that conditions changed so suddenly leaves the impression that there is still much to be learned in the science of mine inspection.

## Philadelphia Inquirer.

It is a little discouraging that what was considered the model mine of America should produce one of the greatest disasters on record and from causes as yet unknown. At least it seems probable that out of the debris of this terrible wreck will arise some new knowledge of subterranean conditions.

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