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PILFERINGS CEASED.

Proprietor Doctored Some Lozenges and Left Them on His Desk.

He was in the habit of keeping odd cigars, chocolates and things of that sort lying around his office desk, and the clerks, messengers and office boys were in the habit of helping themselves without so much as asking the privilege. It was some time before he took any official notice of it. But of late he could scarcely turn around before everything was gone. When this freedom finally extended to the disappearance of a little box of bonbons purchased for his wife he began to inquire into it.

"It's that boy," suggested the clerk.

"Indeed, I never touch 'em," said the boy. "Everybody what comes along bites into everything."

The next day the proprietor brought home some doctored lozenges and went out to lunch, leaving a box half full on his desk in plain sight. About an hour after his return to the office one of the clerks in the next room came in and asked to be excused for the rest of the day on account of illness. As soon as the man had gone an investigation of the lozenges box betrayed the fact that all had disappeared. He rang his bell and the other boy appeared, pale and trembling.

"Look here, Billy," says he, "of all some lozenges on my desk at noon—I hope you—"

"No, sir, I didn't see 'em."

"The girl that," said the employer, "of course, you wouldn't have touched them. I was afraid that you might have done so. Not that they were of any value particularly, but because they were fixed up for cat medicine. You see—"

But Billy suddenly bolted for the door. His unceremonious exit was immediately followed by the entrance of another clerk. He was accompanied by a man friend, and both looked highly embarrassed and uneasy. Billy had rushed in upon them and told them in an awful whisper that they had all been poisoned. They manfully faced the news.

"—we—that is—"

"Ah, I see!" interrupted the boss. "You, too, have been eating my cat medicine!" He tried to look serious, but his is not a serious nature, and he laughed instead. The young men began to brace up.

"Then they ain't—were not poisoned," Billy says they were fixed up for cats, etc. I know we oughtn't to have eaten them, but—"

"Oh, they were not exactly poisoned, but let's see (taking out his watch)—if you'll go down to the corner drugstore and take an ovalle you'll be all right in a short time."

Both young men disappeared in a twinkling, and the laughing old practical joker leaned back in his chair and lighted a fresh cigar. "It is well enough not to let them off too easily," he soliloquized. "They'd have got over it in another minute."

There are no more petty pilferings around that office. But then that office boy has never come back.

OFF WITH THE PAINT.

An Artist's Diplomatic Way of Asking His Sister to Wash Her Face.

A young woman once went to the studio of the artist, Mr. Healy, with her face so covered with paint and powder that every characteristic line was obliterated. He was of course, in a dilemma, says Kate Field's Washington. He could not order the girl to go and wash her face; he would lose his commission, and he was too polite a gentleman. He could not lay the same paint on canvas that there was on her face; it would not be satisfactory to the family. When the sketch was finished he rose from his seat, sat down beside his subject, and kindly asked her if she was feeling as well as usual. Surprised, of course, she replied that she was. "Miss Jones, you walked from your hotel, did you not?" "Yes." "And you came hurriedly upstairs without stopping to rest?" "Why, yes, of course." "Ah, yes, Miss Jones; but you see, though you may not be feverish, you have exerted yourself so severely that there is so much color in your face that I fear it would mislead me. Now, to-morrow, if you will be good, please bathe your cheeks in cool water the last thing, come in a close carriage and stop and rest yourself upon the sofa you will find in each landing. If you do that, I am sure we shall have no more trouble." The faint flush on her face when she came the next day was perfectly natural, and did not at all retard the picture.

TO SUE UNCLE SAM.

BRAZILIANS OBJECT TO THE RECIPROCITY TREATY.

They Object to the Abrogation of the Treaty Without Due Notice—Range Demands a Decision Sustaining the Respect of the Sugar Bonities.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—The abrogation of the reciprocity treaty between the United States and Brazil is to have a sequel in the filing of claims and beginning of suits against this government for total amounts of duties collected and bills covered by the reciprocity treaty from August 27 last, the date the new tariff bill went into effect, until January 1. In the aggregate these duties will reach several hundred thousand dollars and may reach into the millions. The claims will not be made by Brazil as a government, but by individual importers of Brazilian goods. The claims will involve a contest of the right of congress to pass a law which it will be asserted, is a violation of a treaty. In the exchange of official notes leading up to the treaty, Minister Mendonca of Brazil wrote to Secretary Blaine that the treaty would be proclaimed "with the understanding that the commercial arrangement thus put in operation shall remain in force as long as neither government shall definitely, at least three months in advance, inform the other of its intention and desire to consider it at an end. At the expiration of the time indicated, provided, however, that the termination of the commercial arrangement shall be in effect either on the first day of January or the first day of July."

Belgian Elections.

BRUSSELS, Oct. 15.—Elections of members for the chamber of deputies were held throughout Belgium yesterday. The voting was under the new compulsory system, which provides severe penalties for non voters. The electors were divided into three classes, as follows: Residents over 25 years of age, who were entitled to one vote; married men and widows with families who pay a personal tax of five francs to the state and who had two votes, and priests and others of position, who had three votes. The clerical party under this system had great voting strength. The socialists made as strong a fight as the independent party. The liberals were divided and are likely to show badly in the places where the clericals and socialists were in force. Elections were orderly, except at Alost, in Flanders, where collisions occurred between the supporters of Abbe Christian socialist, and M. Woest, the clerical leader who a few days ago was stoned by a mob while proceeding to a political meeting at Grammont, in East Flanders, and forced to flee for his life.

Rebellion in China.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—A dispatch from Shanghai, dated yesterday, confirms the report that rebellion has broken out a hundred miles from Hankow. The rebels are fairly armed and very reckless. They attacked the government buildings, which were feebly defended by loyal troops, who were soon defeated and many killed, while others joined the rebels. All the provinces in the vicinity are almost denuded of troops and the rebels are daily gathering strength.

Anarchist Arsenal.

HAVRE, Oct. 15.—Seventy packages, supposed to be furniture, were landed here recently from Southampton. Upon examination they were found to contain a perfect arsenal of anarchist weapons, skeleton keys and burglars' tools. The Havre police communicated with the English people, who are trying to track the package to the sender.

Mandamus Denied.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—Judge McComas of the district supreme court yesterday denied the application of the Miles sugar manufacturing company of Louisiana for a mandamus to compel Secretary Carlisle to appoint inspectors to ascertain the sugar production of the company.

Sensational Rumor.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—Nothing is known here in regard to the rumor that China has asked the good offices of Germany to bring about the termination of the war with Japan and it is believed that the report is unfounded.

Yellow Fever in Mexico.

OAXACA, Mex., Oct. 12.—Great excitement prevails here over yellow fever, which is causing a large number of deaths. The Norwegian bark Dolly has lost three of her crew and on shore deaths are numerous.

Assessments For Political Purposes.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—From present indications the civil service commission will be busy with investigating cases of assessments for political

purposes for some time to come. Speaking of the first prevalence of these charges, Commissioner Roosevelt said yesterday: "We have had more trouble on account of these cases this year than any other year during which a campaign occurred. I am glad to have a chance to say something about the matter now, as I have always been before presidential campaigns. Under the decision of the attorney general we cannot proceed against those persons who solicit by letter. However, we will publish broadcast what is being done and will guarantee employees that they need not pay one cent. If in any way molested we shall try to have criminal proceedings taken against those who molest employees. We shall present the matter to congress and urge as strenuously as possible that legislation be had to publish solicitation by letter as well as in person. During the month past we have had two decisions favorable to our position, one in Ohio, and the other in Kentucky, and both offenders have been heavily fined. If we can get at the offenders we will have them punished as rigorously as possible. I want to say that no man in office, whether Democrat or Republican, is under obligation to contribute to a campaign fund and cannot be molested in any way by his superior officers for refusing to do so. This assessment business is merely foul blackmail and we intend to make war on it in every possible way. We intend to conduct a complete investigation of these cases. There are a number of offices where new complaints of assessments have been made and these will be investigated by agents of the commission."

An Important Opinion.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—Secretary Carlisle yesterday received from Acting Attorney General Maxwell an opinion in which he holds that the word "wool" as used in the woolen schedule of the new tariff act refers to the hair of the sheep only and that the new and lower duties on goods made of the hair of other animals went into effect on the signing of the act. The opinion further states that the phrase, "manufactures of wool," in that paragraph is not applicable to articles of which wool, as so defined, although material is not the article of chief value. Immediately upon receipt of this opinion, Secretary Carlisle sent the following telegram to all collectors of customs: "Attorney General has rendered an opinion that the word 'wool' as used in paragraph 257 of the new tariff act refers to the hair of sheep only and that the new duties under schedule K, upon articles made of the hair of other animals went immediately into effect when the act took effect. Custom officers will be governed accordingly. Instructions of August 27 remain unchanged. Collectors will relinquish all entries covering goods classified contrary to the above instructions."

General Schofield's Report.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Major General Schofield has made to the secretary of war his report on the operations of the army during the past year. General Schofield, who has been at the head of the army since the death of General Sheridan, announces his retirement next year. The report is principally devoted to a discussion of the necessity for strengthening the military arm of the government to cope with internal disorders as well as possible danger from without, particular reference being made to the Debs strike.

Columbian Half Dollars.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—The treasury officials are considering the question of exchanging at par for gold the \$475,000 in Columbian half-dollars in the treasury or sub-treasuries. These half-dollars were held by the Columbia officials at \$1.00 each and at the close of the fair about \$1,700,000 remained undisposed of and were redeemed by the government at their face value. What action, if any will be taken, is not fully determined, but it seems very likely that an offer to take the exchange will soon be made.

For Stealing Stamps.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Wm. B. Smith of New Jersey, a laborer employed in the bureau of engraving and printing was arrested yesterday on a charge of stealing 2000 2-cent postage stamps from the government. Smith went to New York a few days ago and, it is alleged, placed the stamps on sale there. This fact became known through the postal authorities and subsequently word came from a postmaster that a package of stamps was 50,000 short. It is believed other employees are implicated.

Two Texas Cases.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—In the supreme court yesterday the case of the Texas and Pacific railroad company against the Interstate commerce commission, involving a question of foreign rates which was on the calendar for six months was reargued for November 12 on motion of the government. Consideration of the case of the United States against the state of Texas, known as the Greer county case, was also postponed.

KILLED FOR MONEY.

A BLOOD CURDLING TRAGEDY IN BRAZORIA COUNTY.

An Awful Plot—The Bodies of Two Young German Farmers Dead and Decomposed—Cold in Their Own Blood—Their House is Riddled.

COLUMBIA, Tex., Oct. 13.—About noon yesterday Mr. E. C. Chambers, a farmer residing about six miles from here, came posting into town in hot haste to inform Magistrate R. F. Aekney that he had just discovered that two of his neighbors, Richard Denke and Gustav Schaidt, respectable young German farmers, were lying in their house dead and in an advanced state of putrefaction. The scene at the home of the young men was appalling. Denke lay on his back, his head just behind the front door of the house, his feet under a small table. The end of the table and the floor around the body was covered with blood. It is thought that he was sitting at the table reading and the dastardly assassin fired through the window, the bullet striking just behind the right ear, piercing his head and emerging from his right eye. In the adjoining room Gustav Smith was found lying on his back, his head jammed into a corner, his hand outstretched as if warding off an assault, his mouth wide open and clotted blood all around him. He had been shot twice. The fatal shot entered his right breast and passed through his body. He had evidently been reading a paper, but when the first shot was fired, not knowing the position of the assassin, he ran toward the front door and the assassin fired. He ran in the next room and fell in the far corner, where he expired. The assassin then went into the house and fired two shots into the expiring man. He then rifled the dead men's pockets, leaving them turned out and broke open their trunks, scattering the contents. The assassination evidently occurred Monday night and it is very strange that it was not discovered sooner. Deputy Sheriff Zene Phillips is on a hunt for the murderer, but has reported no news.

A Reckless Rider.

BOXHAM, Tex., Oct. 15.—Last night Sam Wallace and two other negroes left here on horseback to attend a festival across Bois d'Arc creek. When they left the public square they started their horses in a run and were riding in a reckless manner down the lane. Sam was in the lead, and when he neared the creek, just at the eastern line of the city, he ran upon two white men on horseback and two on foot. A quarrel ensued during which one of the white men drew a pistol and fired four shots at Wallace in quick succession, one of which struck him in the back, the ball ranging inwardly. Wallace was conveyed to his home by his companions and is in a critical condition. No one seems to know who did the shooting.

Didn't Lose Her Pocketbook.

PALESTINE, Tex., Oct. 15.—A negro woman, accompanied by a negro man, walked into a leading dry goods house in the city Thursday ostensibly for the purpose of purchasing some goods. The woman had a pocketbook in her hand. After parleying with the clerk and making a few turns, she claimed some one had taken her pocketbook and accused the clerk of it. She called in an officer, who was well aware of the honesty of the clerk, and mistrusted at once something wrong. He insisted on searching the woman for it. She became very indignant, but had to submit. The pocketbook was concealed in her corset. She and the negro man were put in jail, but afterward liberated.

Ran Into a Hack.

PALESTINE, Tex., Oct. 15.—As C. G. Hamilton was returning to his farm house, several miles north of town about dark Saturday evening, in his hack, he was overtaken by three negroes driving a team to a wagon. They ran into his hack, the tongue of their wagon striking him in the side, hurting him considerably. He remonstrated against their carelessness, when one of the negroes jumped out of the wagon, pulled him out of the hack, and gave him a terrible beating. He returned to town and notified the officers. Sheriff Pierce and Constable Watts went out to arrest the negroes, one of whom resisted by drawing a pistol, but all three were arrested and jailed.

Killed His Brother.

VALENTINE, Tex., Oct. 11.—While playing with a target rifle yesterday morning a young son of J. M. Talley shot and instantly killed his brother, a child of two years. As usual the rifle was not supposed to be loaded.

A Dallas Tragedy.

DALLAS, Tex., Oct. 12.—Harry Hodge was shot and mortally wounded yesterday morning by J. T. Morris in the bar room of the Windsor hotel.

It was about the hour for changing watch. The night barkeeper, Fred Leider, had turned the bar over to Ed Williams, the day man. There was five or six people in the room, singing and laughing and everybody seemed to be happy. Suddenly two pistol shots rang out and the crowd in the corridor ran into the bar room. Harry Hodge was seen sinking to the floor and Morris was struggling to free himself from the two barkeepers and another man who were holding him, shouting at the top of his voice: "Let me go, —, or I will kill you." He was finally subdued and given to the officers, who arrived shortly. He was very much under the influence of liquor and talked very loudly. He said he could give bond for \$100,000 if necessary and that he would buy all of Dallas and everybody in it for a quarter. He told the station keeper that the difficulty was about a dice game. He said that he was being crowded and had to do something. Hodge is mortally wounded, both balls penetrating the abdomen in the lower part and one of them passed through the body and was taken out at the back. His whole nervous system was shattered by the shock. It was six hours before he rallied and then only for a few minutes. Morris refuses to answer any questions and the affair is shrouded in mystery.

Wholesale Forgery.

EL PASO, Tex., Oct. 12.—Treasury officials here are much elated over the recent unearthing of a scheme of wholesale forging of Chinese certificates. Several weeks ago Deputy Marshal Scarborough arrested two Chinamen who presented certificates which he at once pronounced forgeries, both as to the printed form and to the signatures. With Special Agent Wagstaff he began a search for the forger. It was found that the printing was done by a Mexican job printer in Las Cruces, Mexico, and the pen work is thought to have been done by a well known man here, now supposed to be in Chicago.

Shot While Resisting Arrest.

ROSS, Tex., Oct. 11.—George McWilliams, constable for this precinct, went yesterday to arrest A. J. McMillan for some small offense, taking with him R. A. Buttrill to assist him. Yesterday morning they went to his house and his wife told the officers he was not at home. On returning last night they found him at home. He came out on his gallery with a shotgun and fired. His fire was returned by Buttrill with a shotgun, wounding McMillan badly. Buttrill went immediately for a doctor and has given himself up to await the result of McMillan's injuries.

Dead Child Found.

GARLAND, Tex., Oct. 16.—At an early hour yesterday morning a dead female child was found by the side of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway track just west of town. The baby was wrapped in cloth and was evidently born the night before. It was a large child, fully developed, and was evidently dropped from the north bound passenger at 11 o'clock night before last. There were no marks of violence on its body. Squire Swin had the remains buried and the case will be investigated.

Shooting Affray.

HOUSTON, Tex., Oct. 11.—Yesterday at the Merchants' and Planters' oil mills there was a shooting affair that will prove fatal, the doctors think, to one of the parties. The participants were James Coultrap and Henry Gebes, both workmen at the mills. Coultrap did the shooting. The trouble arose out of the discharge of Gebes from the mills by Coultrap, who was foreman. One ball passed through the body and the right lung, another shot took effect in the back. Coultrap telephoned for an officer to surrender.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

EASTLAND, Tex., Oct. 10.—Yesterday morning the boiler of L. C. Downstain's gin blew up, killing Engineer W. D. Skelton and slightly injuring O. C. Scarborough, Geo. Parker and H. Y. Hill. Their wounds were hastily dressed and they are resting easily. Mr. Scarborough says the only cause he can assign is that a few seconds before the explosion occurred he heard Mr. Skelton say to Parker: "I have about 140 pounds of steam," which was about forty pounds more than was needed. Two or three parties barely escaped with their lives.

Crushed to Death.

GATESVILLE, Tex., Oct. 10.—Parties just from Hurst, a village about twenty miles north of here, report a shocking accident which occurred at the gin at that place last Saturday evening. Mr. Gilbert Hollingsworth, pressman, had spread the bagging on the lower block of the press and had stepped into it to ride up to the lint room above when from some unknown cause the power was thrown on, when the packer decided and crushed him to death instantly, breaking every bone in his body. He leaves a family.