

The note of Madrid is frivolity. It is a spendthrift town. Nowhere do so many people of modest means—carriages, or at least hire them. The automobile, has supplanted a new outfit to an old passion.

Nowhere do so many people who cannot afford to have a motor driven, or to buy regular supplies of petrol (which is both dear and bad in Spain) keep an automobile. Therefore they turn out now and again for a short run at high speed to their own glorification and the danger of the public.

As for that public, it lives in the streets and in a perpetual state of break talk.

When London or Paris news comes through to Madrid, except telegrams, is mostly gossip. Important matters appear to interest it. Madridillo matters. What did interest him was when a young person appeared on horseback in Hyde Park in a (very) new dress. Madrid women dress well, even very well, and the charm of the Spanish woman is never denied. Modern Madrid in sometimes supposed to be modeled on modern Paris, but the writer's view is that there is nothing Parisian about Madrid, except the shops.

Paris works desperately hard. It is intensely interested in serious things, in politics, in literature, in science, in intellectual and scientific eminence. Madrid certainly does not work hard, does not appear to be much interested in anything but frivolity, and few of her greatest men, even statesmen, are much more than names.

Making Shoes in Four Minutes.

How long would it take you to make a pair of boots do you think? You probably had better not begin it, especially if you need them soon. Even a cobbler in the old days, working with his assistants, would spend a day and a half making a pair of boots. And the cost would be about four dollars. But now, of course, shoes are made by machinery, and it is astonishing to learn how quickly they are made. It takes just four minutes to make a pair of boots. And the labor cost is about 35 cents. Of course, no one makes the whole boot nowadays. There are a hundred different men making different parts of it. One does one of the same thing over and over again, and each man learns to do his particular work especially well and quickly. And you should see the buttons sewed on a boy's coat. The part of the shoes where the buttons are to go and fit it into a machine, throws in a handful of buttons quite carelessly, turns the machine, and in a few minutes the buttons are in place with all the buttons exactly in the right place. No wonder some factories turn out 10,000 pairs of shoes in a day!

An Amazing Achievement.

A triumph for British engineering is the great Nile dam which has just been opened by the Khedive. It has been erected by Sir John Aird, who from small beginnings, has built up one of the largest and most successful contracting concerns in the world. For at six years Sir John has had 400,000 men working for him on the banks of the Nile, and the huge reservoir which he has built—holding 80,000,000 gallons of water, weighing nearly 400,000,000 tons—stands as one of the engineering wonders of the world. Sir John became a millionaire solely by hard work. His grandfather was a working man who was killed during the building of the Regent's canal, while his father held a subordinate position in a London gas company.

Labor-Saving Devices.

If women took advantage of all the labor-saving machines that are invented for them they would be poor from buying them, but possibly rich in experience. The farmer uses water and machine power in his work in the field, and the time has come when the same power may be used to lessen the labor of his wife. One of the latest inventions is a home laundry, with stationary tubs, gasoline engine, drying rack and a power ironer. The whole set is less than \$200, and a farmer thinks nothing of paying that much for one machine.

Soldier of Whom France is Proud.

Gen. Marquis de Galliffet was a famous general under Napoleon III. In the days of the Second empire, and at 80 years of age is still interested in current events. At Sedan, when he had lost half his men, Gen. Ducrot asked him if he could charge again. "As often as you please, general," replied Galliffet, and he collected the few men who remained of his men and charged once more. His gallantry was witnessed by the King of Prussia, who spoke his admiration of the force.

Clear Head Means Success.

It is imperative on the man who would win and carve his way to the front to keep a clear head. You must keep your brain alert and watch to detect opportunity as it comes along so as to give your powers warning to seize it just as soon as it is within reach.

French People Turn to Beer.

Beer-drinking is greatly on the increase in France. In 1840 the hop crop was only 4,000,000 hectoliters; today it is nearly 10,000,000 a year.

NEWS OF A WEEK IN ITEMIZED FORM

Epitome of the Most Important Events Gathered From All Points of the Globe.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Plans have been made by President Taft and Senator Aldrich to defend, if possible, the supporters of an income tax provision.

Senator-elect of Illinois decided to remain in the house until the tariff bill is passed to aid Speaker Cannon, who is threatened with another revolt.

James H. Pollock accused Senator Aldrich of legislative trickery and declared he is unfit to be the leader of the Republicans in a senate speech.

Government engineers in a report to congress declared a 14-foot waterway from St. Louis to the gulf, at a cost of \$125,000,000, undesirable.

J. F. Harn, in a letter to Secretary Wilson resigning as a government meat inspector, declared the service at East St. Louis and told of filthy conditions in the packing plants.

Efforts of Senator Dilliver to get through amendments to the wool and woolen tariff bill met with defeat.

Supporters of the income tax plan have refused to accept a substitute proposed by President Taft.

The battleship Michigan made 2001 knots in her trial trip, the government's requirements being 18.5 knots.

PERSONAL.

Kaiser Wilhelm in an address to 60 British clergymen whom he received at Potsdam, declared himself a friend of the United States.

The appointment of Viscount Arakura Sone to be resident general of Korea for Japan was announced in Tokyo. Simultaneously, the Japanese named president of the privy council.

Dr. Paul Ritter, the new minister from Switzerland, was presented to President Taft.

George Fox, the playwright, has been chosen a trustee of his alma mater, Purdue university.

GENERAL NEWS.

The United States and Japan may become involved in an international squabble as a result of a raid in connection with the sugar workers' strike in Hawaii.

Two men were killed and five wounded in a street duel in Modesto, Miss., and the militia was called out to preserve order.

Justice Dowling ruled that abandonment in the divorce suit of Mrs. G. H. G. against Howard Gould by his wife, a report received in Manila said American women used rifles and revolvers in aiding soldiers to meet the attack of Japanese in Manila.

The Detroit baseball team was released in the east room of the White House by President Taft.

James Smith, former judge and banker of Chicago, who had been refused a pardon, evaded the Cook county sheriff and went to the penitentiary at Joliet accompanied only by his brother.

Justice Gaylor of Brooklyn has granted a new writ of habeas corpus on application of counsel for Harry K. Thaw who again seeks release from the Matteawan insane asylum.

The trial of Joseph J. Kinn, private in a Chicago militia regiment for killing Earl Nelson at Kankakee, began at Paxton, Ill.

Mrs. Grover Cleveland was called to the witness stand in the trial of Broughton Brandenburg, a magazine writer, who sold a story to a New York newspaper purporting to have been written by the late president.

Others who accused the "Black Hand" members have received letters threatening them with death if they do not let up in their investigations.

Harold, believed to be centuries old, was found in nine feet of rock in Montana.

Peter Rhoads, while fishing in the Maumee river at Toledo, O., drew to the surface the body of a man.

A central bank of Korea will soon be established at Seoul with a capital of \$5,000,000.

Fifty persons were rescued by a special train from Hillman, Mo., when forest fires destroyed the town.

The Minnesota bankers' association opened its yearly meeting at Lake Minnetonka, President Joseph Chapman, Jr., of Minneapolis being in the chair.

SELF DEFENSE IS CLAIMED

Postmaster General Hitchcock has invited to Washington officers of the National Daylight association; with whom he will hold a conference at the request of President Taft.

Mr. McKechnie, who went aboard of Cape Cod last Friday, after completing an official test, arrived at the yard of the New York Shipbuilding Company at Camden, N. J., it is believed the ship sustained no damage.

Martin J. Keese, for 28 years janitor and custodian of the New York city hall, is reported dying with bronchitis. Keese first achieved fame by arresting "Red" Tweed.

Chicago's Association of Commerce delegates attended service in the Mormon temple in Salt Lake City, and later took a plunge in Lake Utah.

The marble workers' convention in Washington passed resolutions protesting against the absence for contempt pronounced on Samuel Gompers and other labor leaders.

The American sugar cruisers Chester and Birmingham arrived at Las Palmas, Canary islands, on their way from Liberia with the members of the American commission on the island.

All efforts to save the lives of 20 men who were in the Russian submarine boat Kambala, when she was sunk by the battleship Ristlav in a collision, failed, two divers dying in the attempt.

Members of the Second company of constables in the Philippines mutilated, attacked their officers and fled to the mountains.

Capt. John C. Raymond, Sergt. James H. Washburn and Corp. Elijah Such were shot by Corp. Elsie Crabtree of Troop B, Second United States Cavalry at Fort Des Moines, Ia. Crabtree then attempted suicide.

The new battleship Michigan while making a speed test ran aground, but was reported, was not damaged.

A report received in St. Petersburg said that 100 persons had been slain in the Ardabil district of Persia by tribesmen.

W. K. Vanderbilt's Negotio went from the French derby at Chantilly. The stake was worth \$40,000.

The Knights of St. John attended by commanders from Indiana, Michigan, Kentucky, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Lightning struck the steeple of Holy Cross church at Bay Settlement, Wis., killed Edward Duchan and shocked 18 persons while mass was being celebrated.

Attorney General Strand of Illinois has sent an opinion to Gov. Deneen saying the school-book bill recently passed is unconstitutional.

St. Louis, Mo., excited over a gas well which runs 3,000,000 cubic feet a day.

Deputy Sheriff Michael E. Haggerty of St. Clair county, Illinois, saved a woman and two children from drowning, but could not rescue two other women who lost their lives.

Burglars chloroformed the family of A. Crowder at Rutledge Springs, Ala., and carried off \$10,000 in cash.

Irving Harnes, 14 years old, twice elected the Thirteenth street schools grounds in Los Angeles, Cal., in an aeroplane of his own invention. The boy received a prize of \$25.

A handsome rum made of Georgia cotton by the textile students of the Georgia School of Technology was sent to President Taft.

Every school in New York City will receive an official number next October, so that all may be identified quickly by the police, who, under a new law, are trust officers of the city.

Opening a Bible which had been untouched since it was given by a spinster sister at her death 25 years ago, Stephen Marsh of New York found \$10,000 in current bills as he was preparing to start for Denver.

Through the care of a dog the New York police discovered the dismembered body of Samuel Bersin who was missing since 1905.

Justice Dowling, who is hearing her divorce suit, rebuked Mrs. Howard Gould for her bawdy counsel which, he said, gave her husband's counsel unnecessary support.

A train was blown from the track and one person killed and several persons lost their lives in tornadoes which swept Texas.

F. F. Armstrong charged of filthy conditions in East St. Louis packing houses is to be probed by government inspectors.

Herbert Todd, a merchant of Des Moines, Ia., was shot and seriously wounded by Moses Rice, a fruit vendor, who committed suicide.

R. M. Smith & Co., lumber dealers, with large holdings in Indiana, Louisiana and West Virginia, were declared bankrupt by Judge Dayton at Parkersburg, W. Va.

Otis D. Smith was hanged at Jacksonville, Fla., for slaying his sister.

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FOUND MAN IN WOODS.
Various Incidents and Happenings
Gathered From Different Parts of
the State Briefly Told.

Charged with manslaughter, Caleb Cox was arrested in Traverse City and released on \$2,000 bail, his hearing being set for next week. Cox is charged with having struck the blow that caused the death of Frank Hardy, who died Monday night.

Following the post mortem, which showed that Hardy had come to his death through cerebral hemorrhage, an inquest was held and the verdict of the jury was that Hardy came to his death as the result of being assaulted by Cox. The trouble occurred a week ago in a saloon, over a meat bill of \$6.77 which Hardy owed Cox. Cox struck Hardy and knocked him down. Hardy was taken home in an unconscious condition and never recovered consciousness.

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MICHIGAN ITEMS.

Traverse City council has amended an ordinance so that local saloons may keep open until 11 o'clock instead of 10.

The 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Leach, of Tazeworth township, was drowned in a puddle of water, on his father's farm.

Rev. William Coulter, for many years a Presbyterian clergyman, died in Ann Arbor Friday. He had acted as janitor in a local store for the past ten years, since his throat gave out.

When the Milwaukee business men were on a junk through the upper peninsula, they were given a ride behind a yoke of oxen at Central Lake, the first that many of them had ever seen.

Pat Bowers, an Irish section foreman at Walton, held 60 Italians at bay till the sheriff arrived. The men had become angry at some rule, and drawing knives and guns, threatened the foreman.

Tom Allen killed a 450-pound black bear on his farm near Alpena Friday, which on the previous night had attempted to carry off one of his pigs. It is the largest bear ever killed in this vicinity.

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HUNDREDS DIE IN QUAKE

Casualties in South France Believed
Worse Than First Reported.

Details of the French earthquake, which rife slow in arriving, indicate that the casualties are much greater than was previously estimated.

It is expected that the death list must amount to several hundred.

Several villages were rendered uninhabitable, and the number of dead in the ruins cannot be accurately estimated.

Three towns alone now report 50 dead, and there are fully a score of other villages in the same plight of even worse.

Many of the villages in the earthquake district are cut off from communication by either telephone or telegraph, but as the news that comes in shows that the situation is worse than at first supposed, relief is being rushed in all directions.

President Penna Dead.

President Penna, of Brazil, died Monday morning, according to a dispatch received at the state department from the American ambassador at Rio de Janeiro. His death was evidently very sudden. The last report of his illness conveyed the possibility of the Brazilian congress May 4, and his message to that body, and two weeks later his refusal to accept the resignation of the Brazilian minister.

Dr. Penna was elected by universal suffrage in the 20 December election of 1906 and assumed office November 15 of that year. His term expired in 1910. He was a native of the state of Minas Geraes, and his success was the outcome of a coalition of the principal states against Sao Paulo, which has supplied all past presidents. The vice-president of the republic is Nilo Petrona.

Among the important acts of Dr. Penna's administration were the authorization of the House of Representatives, the reduction of the duty on American products, the raising of the duty on sugar, and the signing of an arbitration treaty with Argentina.

Dr. Penna received the officers of the American battleship fleet on its arrival at the port of Rio de Janeiro in January of 1909.

President Taft Got Champion.

President Taft was starting against Walter J. Travis, the famous name golf champion in a tournament course on the golf links of the Chevy Chase club at Washington, and the president's side won at an exciting finish.

Hit on the right arm by a vicious horse, and so seriously injured that he may lose the arm, C. E. Puiver, of Peimish, was taken to the hospital. Puiver was hitchhiking to Peimish, had been friendly with him before, although not tolerating the pressure of others.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit—Cattle—Good grades steady; common and lower grades 10 to 12 cents lower. Hogs—Good grades steady; common and lower grades 10 to 12 cents lower. Sheep—Good grades steady; common and lower grades 10 to 12 cents lower.

Wheat—Good grades steady; common and lower grades 10 to 12 cents lower. Corn—Good grades steady; common and lower grades 10 to 12 cents lower. Oats—Good grades steady; common and lower grades 10 to 12 cents lower.

Barley—Good grades steady; common and lower grades 10 to 12 cents lower. Rye—Good grades steady; common and lower grades 10 to 12 cents lower. Clover—Good grades steady; common and lower grades 10 to 12 cents lower.

Alfalfa—Good grades steady; common and lower grades 10 to 12 cents lower. Hay—Good grades steady; common and lower grades 10 to 12 cents lower. Potatoes—Good grades steady; common and lower grades 10 to 12 cents lower.

Onions—Good grades steady; common and lower grades 10 to 12 cents lower. Carrots—Good grades steady; common and lower grades 10 to 12 cents lower. Turnips—Good grades steady; common and lower grades 10 to 12 cents lower.

Beets—Good grades steady; common and lower grades 10 to 12 cents lower. Cabbage—Good grades steady; common and lower grades 10 to 12 cents lower. Cauliflower—Good grades steady; common and lower grades 10 to 12 cents lower.

Broccoli—Good grades steady; common and lower grades 10 to 12 cents lower. Asparagus—Good grades steady; common and lower grades 10 to 12 cents lower. Peas—Good grades steady; common and lower grades 10 to 12 cents lower.

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Pulses—Good grades steady; common and lower grades 10 to 12 cents lower. Nuts—Good grades steady; common and lower grades