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**It is denied that King Peter of Servia is a prisoner under his own horse's tail.**

**Capt. Kidd, had he been a flounderer instead of a pirate.**

**The war in the Balkans will now have to be for spring—which may bring better counsel.**

**The congressional directory may now place both of the New York senators in the "paired" column.**

**Americans use 100,000,000 safety pins annually, yet there is many a gap twist the waist and the skirt.**

**When a girl walks backward with dress on hind part before in Brooklyn they call it an initiation ceremony.**

**Despite reports of prosperity many persons throughout the country are so poor they still pay for plaid by hand.**

**England may not be drawn into the trouble between Russia and Japan, but the English alphabet will suffer terribly.**

**The baldheaded man takes no stock in the scientific ultimatum that the bonnet has but six feet and one tongue.**

**George Vanderbilt has found it necessary to take refuge among the people used to baronial outfits and don't mind them.**

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**Before traveling on that high-speed railway in Berlin the passenger may double out big life insurance policies. And yet we are called a swift and over-strenuous people.**

**With our customary repugnance to anything that savors of vulgar display we "play up" the fact that the first gun given in Boston to the English, artilleryman cost \$200,000.**

**If Sir Thomas Lipton's proposal for an ocean yacht race is to be carried out next spring, the wireless telegraph post will have the chance of their lives to earn a reputation and a dollar.**

**A new Pittsburg theater is to be planned so that actors may double right up to the boxes. With some plays this will be a distinct advantage in giving subscribers a chance to pay away quickly.**

**A New York woman who lost her voice three years ago had her speech restored by the application of electricity. Every effort was made to cure her, as she was not married.—Balt Lake Herald.**

**When it comes to answering Mr. Alford's warm invitations to come to the ministry and get the medals to their eyebrows most of the leading Conservatives have pressing engagements elsewhere.**

**An investigator with a microscope and a large stock of patience has found out that there are 200 kinds of mosquitoes. Some may be very happy except when they are digging up trouble for other people.**

**Of course it will be interesting to read what a grandson writes of his grandfather, but for downright originality and continuity of interest give us a grandfather's remarks on the life and deeds of his six-year-old grandson.**

**In one year more than 5,000 books have been stolen from the New York Public Library. As this is an increase of some 2,000 over the previous year, shall we take it as an indication of the growing yearning for knowledge on the part of the American public?**

**Then, again, there's the octogenarian who got married and then dropped dead. This doesn't seem to be any safe rule after all, despite the Frick's list of Senators Depey and Platt.**

**Do these people who talk of getting to the north pole in automobiles ever stop to think where they would be if the gasoline tank should freeze up?**

**The city of Windsor, Canada, closes the police station at night, a refusal to close the familiar police office gives dark—more than light**

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# Items of Interest From Many States

## Important News Gathered from Abroad for the Benefit of Our Readers.

### Dowie's Affecting Story.

"Elijah" Dowie won the sympathy of his 10,000 adherents at Madison Wis., in a broken voice, with tears streaming down his face, and his body shaking with emotion. He declared that he had been taken to the World, and declared that in truth he was not the son of John Murray Dowie, but of a British army officer of the name of "Scott" Dowie. He beamed illumination and devotion upon John Murray Dowie, whom he declared had made him another being by his marriage with a woman who was ashamed, and the army officer leaving his mother in the care of his father, his mother in the care of her father, had been married to John Murray Dowie.

### Workmen in New York Rapid Transit Subway Hurled by Cave-in.

While working in the rapid transit subway at West 23rd street, near the avenue and Dykeman street, Saturday night, between thirty and fifty men were entombed under a tremendous mass of stone and debris which fell from a roof that shook buildings adjacent and terrified all residents within a radius of a mile.

### Great "Gripes" According to admissions of officials of the department of the interior, the investigation of the public land search was the most serious and important of the public land search.

### Very High Roller.

Deserted by the state and with the grand jury investigating charges of embezzlement and forgery to the amount of \$200,000, a man known as L. Blair, formerly one of the leaders of social and business life in St. Louis, Mo., was found in a state of complete collapse of mind and body.

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### CONDENSED NEWS.

All saloons and gambling places in Kansas City, Kas., have been ordered closed and the town is now dry.

In a battle between imported automobiles and a striking motorist in Waco, Texas, Henry Haes, of Bridgeport, Conn., was fatally shot.

Anna Moore, aged 63, was taken from his bed at Athens, Ind., by white-choppers and unmercifully whipped. No assigned for the abandoned.

After fraudulent bankruptcy involving his creditors \$120,000, Adolf Erdmann, who skipped from New York in 1898, has been arrested at the Delta Post.

Robbers blew open the safe of the Philadelphia National bank, which frightened away before they secured the \$300,000 in cash that was in the safe.

Nearly 10,000 men will be made idle for a week by the decision of the Philadelphia & Reading and the Jersey City & Delaware Bay railroads to curtail the coal production.

Dr. W. Godfrey Hunter, former United States minister to Chihuahua, was shot and killed by a woman named Mrs. Fitzgerald, of Grand Rapids, was the nomination for congress in Kentucky.

Six tramps stole a locomotive at Ballou, Wis., and started north with the engine, which was then abandoned. All traffic was stopped until the locomotive could be located. The tramps had a full speed, before it ran wild at full speed.

Charles A. Rollins, aged 63, a retired Boston merchant, was found dead by the side of his wife on a street in New York. The servant telephoned one of Rollins' friends and when the latter arrived the servant was found to have been lying on the floor, apparently having evidently been overcome upon the evening of the murder.

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### AMUSEMENTS.

At the Grand Opera House, the new production of "The Sign of the Cross" was given last night. The production was highly successful and the audience was very large.

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