

TAFT ON PHILIPPINES

Governor of the Islands Answers Many Questions.

MAJORITY OF NATIVES FOR PEACE.

Not Much Reliance to Be Placed on Reports by Private Letters. The War Has Been Conducted Humanely.

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The Customer Got What He Thought Was a New Dish.

Caught the Little Sparklers with Hook and Line and Then Ordered Them Fried—Good Thing for the Waiter.

The gentleman who, in nautical phrase, seemed to be "three sheets in the wind, with the mainsail flapping," careened against the window of the all-night restaurant, says the St. Louis Star. "I wan' som'thin' 'eat," said the bibulous one. "Som'thin' dif'rent." He went into the restaurant and huskily inquired of the waiter what there was in the place in shape of food.

"Eggs, steak, cold beef, any kind of pie. What'll you have?" rattled the waiter.

The bibulous one leaned his head on the nearest table and wept. "Thas jes what all uzer washers said," he sobbed. "I don' wan' eggs, steakh er col' beef. Wan' sunshin dif'rent."

"Sorry, sir," said the waiter. "What particular think different would you like to have? Perhaps we can send out and get it for you."

"Wan' sh' cents' worth fried polar bear."

"Sorry," again replied the waiter. "A lot of Eskimos were in here this evening, and they ate up the last piece of polar bear meat we had. We can send up to the park and have the polar bear in the zoo killed for you, but we couldn't get the meat back here for three or four hours."

"Too long, too long," moaned the inebriated individual, "no ush."

He arose and walked unsteadily out of the restaurant, but paused at the door to look back reproachfully at the waiter. Then he spied the tank of goldfish that stood in the restaurant window. His face brightened up and he returned to the table again.

"I wan' golsh fish," said the bibulous one. "Fry fresh golsh fish. Like mosher user to mashe. Wan' keech self."

"Couldn't do that, sir," said the waiter. "The goldfish are a window ornament."

"Don't care whash golsh fish are. Want 'em. Mush have 'em frish."

"Can't serve them, sir," said the waiter.

"Ah, get out," pursued the bibulous customer. "I got plentseeh money. Ain' ten dollars 'nuff for ole golsh fish? Here's y' ten dollars. Gimme hook an' line."

The waiter decided that ten dollars was a pretty good return for the goldfish, so he accepted the money eagerly, and went back of the counter and hunted up a black thread and a bent pin.

The stranger insisted on using his cane for a fishing pole, and so the black thread was tied to one end of the cane, the bent pin was baited with a crumb of bread and the customer began fishing. He fished for half an hour without getting so much as a bite. He began to revile the goldfish and the restaurant and the waiter, and threatened to break the tank with his cane.

The waiter engaged his attention for awhile by selecting some more suitable bait, and while the customer was doing this the waiter reached down in the water and caught a goldfish with his hand and put it on a plate behind the counter.

Then when the customer resumed fishing the waiter yelled: "You've got a bite; pull!" and when the customer yanked his pole up the waiter dropped the fish by the side of the tank.

"You got him, you got him!" yelled the waiter, "but he dropped off the hook. Here he is."

The customer was greatly pleased, and went back to get some more of the magic bait, while the waiter captured another fish. In this way all four of the fish in the tank were caught by the angler and sent back to the cook, who simply put them in a pan of water, for the waiter had been careful to see that they suffered no injury and had kept them alive in a bucket of water, into which he had put them as fast as they had been taken from the tank.

The cook fried some whitefish that had been in the ice chest, and the waiter deftly spread some gold foil taken off plug tobacco on the sides of the fish. He served it in neat style, deftly removing the gold foil with a knife. The bibulous customer put the gold foil in his pocket as a trophy of his capture and ate the fish with great relish.

He gave the waiter a dollar and disappeared in fine spirits down the street. After he was out of sight the cook and the waiter returned the goldfish to the tank.

INDUSTRY OF A TINY BIRD. Its Enormous Appetite Keeps the Little Wren Busy During Its Waking Hours.

One of the most industrious of birds is the wren. Its industry is probably due to its appetite, which is seemingly insatiable. It seems to be always hungry and is ever on the alert for means to satisfy the cravings of its appetite.

This is the season of the year when the city man returns from his two weeks' outing in the woods, primed up with more accumulated knowledge than the good old "man with the hoe" has been able to acquire in a lifetime. One of him, who has been spending the vacation time in Virginia, furnishes details as to the abnormal cravings for food displayed by young wrens. He found a nest and took up a position where he could watch at his leisure. The mother wren made 110 trips to the nest within four hours and a half, and this was the bill of fare which the three baby birds consumed:

Twenty green caterpillars, 16 May flies, 29 unidentifiable insects, 11 worms, two bugs, ten grasshoppers, seven spiders and a chrysalis or two.

The Antiquity of Man. A very moderate estimate for the antiquity of man, according to recent investigations of a French scientist, is 238,000 years.

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AMERICANIZATION OF MEXICO.

Country Rich in Many Ways Almost Completely Neglected Until Recent Years.

It is strange that Mexico was not largely Americanized long ago, says the Philadelphia Bulletin. Here is a country which stands in the very front rank in the matter of mineral resources. In her soil can be found in abundance silver, gold, copper, iron, coal, and, indeed, practically every desirable mineral that can be found in the United States. Mexico has a population of about 13,000,000, more than that of the Philippines, Hawaii, Guam, Porto Rico and Cuba combined; her political institutions are, nominally at least, much like our own; person and property are reasonably secure within her borders and her people are steadily increasing in intelligence.

Yet this inviting field, which lies at our very doors, was almost completely neglected for years. We have been of late expending a vast amount of money in the hope of tranquillizing and developing a group of islands, on the other side of the globe. Mexican exports and imports amount to as much in one year as the exports and imports of the Philippines do in seven.

It is gratifying to note that there is now a disposition on this side of the border to make up for this neglect. The more American capital there is invested in Mexico the closer the two republics will be drawn together. Whether this may result ultimately in political annexation is a problem for the future to solve, but it can hardly fail to make for the prosperity and advancement of both nations.

MAN'S WILL WAS TATTOOED. Story of a Mexican Miser Who Divided His Wealth in a Singular Manner.

Perhaps it was not parsimony, as his relatives alleged, that led a Mexican miser who recently died to tattoo his last will and testament upon his body. They allege that the decedent, named Moreche, in order to save the cost of pen, ink and paper, imprinted his will indelibly upon his body with some red pigment. When the old miser died his heirs protested against the burial of the body and petitioned the court to have the remarkable "human document" admitted to probate. It was a knotty problem, but the court decided that a copy should be made of the tattooed will, and that the copy should have the full effect of an original will. After the copy had been made the old miser was buried by his legatees, the original will being "filed for reference," as it were.

This case is another instance of the imaginations of authors being realized in fact. In one of Rider Haggard's stories the plot hinges upon the existence of just such a tattooed will, only in the case of Rider Haggard's man the will was tattooed on his back because he was shipwrecked and there were no pens, ink or paper handy for the drawing up of the "last will and testament." In the case of the Mexican miser the tattooed will could be read easily, and the copy of it was attested by four witnesses before being admitted to probate.

Modern Time System. Compressed air under electrical control is the agent employed in a clock system just established in Paris. The whole area of the city is divided into sections about two miles in radius, and in the center of each section is a station, with a reservoir of compressed air, from which pipes lead to all the clocks of that section. At the central station is a master clock controlling a commutator, by which electro-magnets are energized every minute, thus intermittently connecting the air pipes with the reservoirs, the effect being that the hands of the clocks are driven forward once a minute.

OLD AGE.—Old age as it comes in the orderly process of Nature is a beautiful and majestic thing. The very shadow of old age which threatens it, makes it the more prized. It stands for experience, knowledge, wisdom and counsel. That is old age as it should be. But old age as it so often is, means nothing but a second childhood of mind and body. What makes the difference? Very largely the care of the stomach. In youth and the full strength of manhood it doesn't seem to matter how we treat the stomach. We abuse it, overwork it, injure it. We don't suffer from it much, but when age comes the stomach is worn out. It can't prepare and distribute the needed nourishment to the body, and the body, unenriched, falls into senile decay. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is a wonderful medicine for old people whose stomachs are "weak" and whose digestions are "poor." Its invigorating effects are felt by mind as well as by body. It takes the sting from old age, and makes old people strong.

"One thing that keeps young men down is their fear of work. They aim to find genteel occupations so they can dress well and not soil their clothes, and handle things with the tips of their fingers. They do not like to get their shoulders under the wheel, and they prefer to give orders to others, or figure as masters and let some one else do the drudgery. There is no doubt that indolence and laziness are the chief obstacles to their success."—"Success."

"It is a mistake to imagine that all men are equal," says the Manvantuk Philosopher. "Some men can make lots more kind of fools of themselves than others."

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HE FISHED FOR HALF AN HOUR.



MISS MAUDE ADAMS. (American Actress Who Will Play in French with Bernhardt.)

to the original arrangement Mme. Bernhardt was again to show her versatility by touring America with Miss Adams and playing Romeo in English, the entire company to speak that language, but the French actress for once found it impossible to carry out her ambitious plans. She has sent word to Mr. Grau that she must put down her English books as presenting an impossible task. Either the tour must be abandoned or "Romeo and Juliet" must be played in French. When Mr. Frohman, her manager, wrote to Miss Adams of the situation she promptly telegraphed: "I'll do it in French. Who's afraid?"

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The February Lippincott's Magazine.

Every month Lippincott's Magazine contains a complete novel fresh from a pen which has "arrived" or one which is going to. John Strange Winter (Mrs. Arthur Stannard) the author of February's novel, needs no introduction to fiction readers. This latest tale is called "The Standings" after the interesting family of a poor English artist. A wealthy relative comes to her rescue, and one daughter marries a man who loves the other. There is a sharp contrast between these two girls. The one becomes an actress; the other's life is a noble sacrifice. With such a plot John Strange Winter is in her element and "The Standings" is one of her best novels.

Lippincott's Magazine this month sustains its record for striking short stories. One of these, by Charles H. Caffin, is entitled "For the Honor of His Wife." Another, by Percie W. Hart, entitled "The Atacaplala Affair," is a clever detective story in which a clue is followed through amusing and appalling difficulties. Owen Hall's tale, "A Dark Night's Ride," deals with a thrilling ride through a jungle, and is told in the alert style of the author of "In the Track of the Storm."

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