

British View of West Point

SURROUNDINGS BEAUTIFUL AND INSPIRING AND ARCHITECTURE OF THE BEST

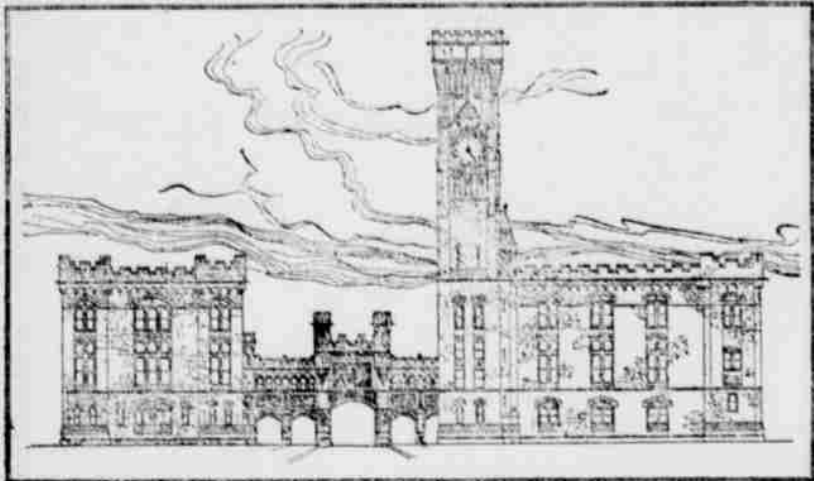
A CORRESPONDENT of the London Times, who recently visited the United States, has many interesting things to say about our great military training school.

West Point, he writes among other things, as its name in part suggests, is point on the left bank of the Hudson river, about 45 to 50 miles from the sea. The point stands out well into the stream, commanding both reaches which form the angle of the river. In front of the now obsolete defenses that defend the waterway on the far bank, rise the succession of verdure-clothed hills which finally mass themselves into the Highlands. Owing to the erratic formation of the hills the Hudson here is narrow, deep and turbid, so that the race of its congested waters, if it were not for the forest setting to the background, might remind the traveler of the pent-up Nile in the Shablikah cataract. The view to the north is perfect, since the river way is clear as far as Newburg town, nestling against the mountain side and gleaming white in contrast with the forests in summer green. The landscape is like some stage-land. Historic Newburg, where Washington is fabled to have refused a crown,

various institutions of the academy, the quarters of the married instructors, and the barracks in which the detachments of the regular army are housed. On the river side there are several tiers of batteries. These, of course, are obsolete, but they serve their purpose in furnishing instruction schools for the cadets.

There is nothing mean about the architecture with which the United States government has surrounded its military cadets. The headquarters buildings, the riding school, cadets' barracks, library and gymnasium are all fine buildings, and to these have now been added the garrison officers' mess house and the Cullum Memorial hall, the former a beautiful clubhouse, erected at government expense, for the 60-odd officers who hold appointments as academy instructors; the latter a magnificent public entertainment hall, with spacious ballroom, theater, library and underground bedrooms, raised in the interest of the cadets and past graduates from funds bequeathed by Gen. Cullum.

The little post is beautified with other memorials. Near the flagstaff, to the north of the parade ground, stands a handsome monument to the memory of



NEW ACADEMIC BUILDING AT WEST POINT.

terminates the view, but on either side of the middleway of the river great buttresses and promontories of wood-dressed rock jut out into midstream, while, almost flush with the water level, on either Hudson bank, the wondrous handicraft of man interlaces with the supreme work of nature. Here tunneling some gigantic promontory, there listening upon a trestle causeway, the railroad tracks follow the line of the river in its sinuous course. Then shut the river from your view, and turn and look inland, where the cadets learn the theory of war. West Point itself is close upon 200 feet above the level of the Hudson. But beyond it the hills rise to double and treble this height. As with the Highlands, they are densely wooded, and for the moment, as one marks the one-story bungalows and veranda-enclosed villas of the post, one's thoughts turn to far-off India and the Himalayas. In scenery, atmosphere and surroundings, but for the Hudson, West Point is not unlike an Indian hill station.

The summit of the point is flat and clear of trees. This is the parade ground, and round it are grouped the

all West Point graduates who fell during the civil war. There is another monument to perpetuate the memory of the late Maj. Dale's command, which was annihilated by Indians in 1835. Dotted about the post are statues of eminent American generals, and into prominent rocks the names of famous battles have been inserted, the lettering usually being of gun metal, a trophy from that particular engagement it commemorates. Altogether, the surroundings of West Point are beautiful and inspiring, and, far removed from the evil influences of town life, the cadets find there just the necessary relaxation to save them from mental breakdown. A certain amount of social intercourse is open to them through their dancing hall. The countryside in the environs of West Point is studded with the country villas of wealthy New Yorkers. During the summer there is no difficulty in arranging partners for the dancing lessons, as all fashionable New York has fled the city to escape the heat. Thus the cadets obtain just sufficient social intercourse to make them polished gentlemen, but not enough to turn their heads.

THE EARL OF SPENCER.

May Become Prime Minister of Great Britain if Liberal Party Return to Power.

According to all accounts, it is now practically settled that, should the liberal party return to power as the result of the present political crisis in Great Britain, the premiership will be handed over to the earl of Spencer, Lord Spencer, who for years has been a liberal of immense influence, is, perhaps, best known throughout the country for the vigorous policy pursued by him as viceroy of Ireland, but he also was a prominent member of two Gladstone cabinets, originally as first lord of the admiralty, and afterward as president of the council.

It can be said that the "Red Earl," as Lord Spencer is called, is the equal



THE EARL OF SPENCER. (Acknowledged Leader of the Liberal Party in England.)

of Lord Rosebery, or Mr. Asquith, as a statesman, but he is regarded as the only liberal leader of the first rank under whom the various disagreeable factions of the party of Gladstone could work in harmony at the present time. It is practically certain that neither Lord Rosebery, nor Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the present liberal leader, would care to hold office under the premiership of the other, but pretty well authenticated reports have it that both would be willing to hold portfolios in a cabinet presided over by Lord Spencer. In such case Lord Rosebery probably would become secretary of state for foreign affairs, while it is thought that Sir Henry would be made a peer, and thus transferred to the upper house. Mr. Asquith becoming leader of the house of commons, with the ticklish job on his hands of circumventing the assaults of Mr. Chamberlain, who would almost certainly be the leader of the opposition.

It has never been said of the "Red Earl" that he has had any great ambition for the premiership, and although he has held various offices in parliament and at court, he is much attached to the life of a country gentleman. He owns 27,000 acres in Northamptonshire, and his half brother is his heir.

ENTERPRISING BEGGARS.

Turkish Minister Thinks Mendicants of Philadelphia Are Nervier Than All Others.

Cheikh Bey, the Turkish minister to Washington, attended in Philadelphia the recent launching of the Turkish warship, Medjidia, at the Cramps' shipyard. During the luncheon following the launch, Cheikh Bey inadvertently for a moment on the beggars of Philadelphia.



CHEIKH BEY. (Minister of the Sublime Porte to the United States.)

delphia. "You have here," he said, "an enterprising and intelligent collection of beggars. One of them approached me this morning. He told a moving tale of misfortune; then he asked me for a little money; I put my hand in my pocket to find that I was altogether out of change. 'My man,' I said, 'I have nothing for you now, but in an hour I shall be passing this way again. Then, I promise you, you shall get something from me.' 'All right, sir,' said the beggar; 'but all the same,' he added, fretfully, 'you wouldn't believe the amount of credit I give in this way.'"

Human Ostrich Not Wanted.
Lee W. Wright, "the human ostrich," who eats oyster shells, pieces of glass, tacks, buckles, wire nails and tough articles of that kind, lately applied for a place as clerk in the Mobile post office. The officials deemed him an unsafe man to have around, and he was informed.

Birds Fear Earthquakes.
During a recent earthquake in North Wales the birds showed signs of extreme terror. One would imagine that of all creatures, birds have the least reason to be afraid of an earthquake; yet it seems to affect them with the same violent fear as those which are tied to the earth.

A CURIOUS VIOLIN.

Strange Musical Instrument Made from a Lobster's Claw by a New Jersey Gentleman.

The only violin in the world made from the claw of a giant lobster has just been completed by John H. Dadmun, of 429 Barclay street, Camden, N. J. This unique instrument, strange to say, can be made to produce as sweet musical tones as any high-class violin. Its owner gives the following as the story of its life:

The lobster from which the claw was taken was caught off Gloucester, Mass., in March, 1862. In time it came to Concord, N. H., where Mr. Dadmun saw it.



LOBSTER CLAW VIOLIN. (Curious Instrument Made by a Man in New Jersey.)

At that time the lobster weighed 17 1/2 pounds. A single claw weighed 5 1/2 pounds. The claw that Mr. Dadmun preserved, after the lobster had gone the way of such things, was 12 1/2 inches long, 7 inches broad and 3 1/2 inches thick.

Preserved among other curiosities of the Dadmun household, the giant claw remained a claw for many years. One day it occurred to its owner that it was shaped something like a violin, and he tried the experiment of fashioning it to look more like that popular musical instrument. After much patient effort Mr. Dadmun managed to transform the claw into a violin that could be played. The tone was sweet, but not loud enough for an orchestra. Experiment proved that by changing the fittings and settings the tone could be made much louder. As it is now the violin when played properly sounds exactly like any other violin. It is doubtless the most curious musical instrument ever made.

POLITE POTATO FREAK.

After Being Supplied with a Hat This Tuber Closely Resembled Human Form.

The military looking potato whose portrait is presented herewith, was grown by a New York farmer. Neither the man who dug the potato nor those who packed it recognized its lifelike appearance and expression. It was unusually large, weighing a trifle more than a pound and a half. When it came to be packed its size attracted the attention of the farmer, who placed it carefully on the top of the



AMUSING POTATO FREAK. (New York Tuber Closely Resembles the Human Form.)

barrel which was to bring it to New York.

It chanced that the commission merchant who unpacked the potatoes was a man of imagination, and he instantly recognized the semblance to the human form. The only artificial additions since it left the ground before being photographed were the hat and the pipe and the eyes. It will be seen that these adjuncts merely lend an appearance of brightness.

Killed by Eating Rat Pie.
Charles Wingate, aged 60 years, died from poisoning by strychnine, at Peoria, Ill. Mrs. Wingate, who has been much troubled by rats, made two pies. One of these she prepared for table use; in the other she put a large dose of strychnine. It was the intention of Mrs. Wingate to place the rat pie on the floor of the closet, but she neglected to do so, and her husband, coming in hungry when she was not in the room, took the first pie he saw and ate it. Unfortunately, it was the wrong pie. The coroner's jury censured Mrs. Wingate for leaving the poison in a manner so easily mistakable.

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SICKLES FOR ALDERMAN.

Famous New York War Veteran Seeks Comparatively Humble Office in New York.

Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, who has been nominated for alderman in New York on the fusion ticket, has an illustrious war record. He was born October 20, 1825, and after receiving a common school education learned the printer's trade.



GEN. DANIEL E. SICKLES. (Noted War Veteran Who Wants to Be a New York Alderman.)

Then he studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1846. Next he became secretary of legation in London, later being elected state senator in New York, and serving in congress from 1857 to 1861. Entering the union army, he won promotion to a major generalship and, though he lost a leg at Gettysburg, continued in active service until 1869, when he was appointed minister to Spain. Later he served another term in congress.

Diminutive Mexican Dog.
A little Mexican dog, of the Chihuahua breed, 16 months old, and weighing only 23 ounces, is a pet of Deputy Sheriff Hamilton Raynor, of El Paso, Tex. It is so small that it easily stands with all four feet resting on the palm of its owner's hand.

BUFFALO BILL'S WIT.

Doctor Thought He Was Mighty Smart, But He Was No Match for Mr. Cody.

William F. Cody was relating a story which concerned an Indian who had met with an accident in a "Buffalo Bill" show. It was necessary to amputate the Indian's leg, and in the description of this operation Cody was interrupted frequently by a young doctor who injected technical and medical terms into the straight vernacular of the scout. He was irritated, but ignored the doctor. "A few days after the operation," continued the narrator, "the Indian learned that his leg had been burned. With a whoop he



HON. WILLIAM F. CODY. (Better Known to the People of America as "Buffalo Bill.")

leaped from his bed and jumped upon the doctor with both feet.

"Jumped with both feet after an operation," shouted the doctor, exulting in his exposure of the great scout's absurd story.

"I said upon the doctor with both feet," explained Cody, "in order to distinguish him from the other hospital physician who had only one foot, having put the other into people's affairs so often that he lost it."