

A Decent Impression.

The hour before dawn, Each breath is a sigh, The camel-men yawn And glance at the sky.

The hour before noon, Each breath is a gasp, Oh, water us soon! Each tongue, like a rasp,

The hour before dusk, Each breath is a sob, A ration of hush! Our weary limbs throb,

—Robert Visittart, in Mexican Herald.

Widow Tipperary's Coup

BY M. WYCKOFF

When Michael Tipperary went skyward on a blast he left behind him a widow, \$500 in life insurance and three children.

It was in September that the Eighth District Chowder Association held its annual picnic. The widow was there—alone.

The next morning the Widow Tipperary held converse with her neighbor, Mrs. Doogan, about the events of the preceding afternoon.

"But the childer," said Mrs. Doogan, "I suppose you know he hates childer. He hate 'em worse nor poison."

"How can you kape them when he comes to see you?"

"I'll send him away."

"But if he's really serious he'll come often—and unexpected," said the practical Mrs. Doogan.

The widow sighed again and became sorrowful.

Presently Mrs. Doogan smiled. "I hoo it!" she cried in triumph. "I hoo a scheme that'll do the business."

In furtherance of the scheme Tommy was duly informed that evening as to the new facts concerning his existence.

But he omitted to explain that one of those parents was a new one and wore brass buttons.

Maggie refused to accept her new lineage and threatened to run away. In the meantime she wept copious tears.

That night Tommy stood in the hallway when Officer Mulligan, resplendent in the blue uniform and brass buttons of his calling, entered the vestibule and rang the Tipperary bell.

In the hallway below stood Tommy smoking a cigarette. "That's a fancy stunt," he mused.

Three days afterward the entire flat learned that the Widow Tipperary was engaged to be married to the handsome Mulligan.

When he reached home he found the six-year-old Willie in tears. "Cheer up, old sport!" said he reassuringly.

Hand in hand they meandered toward the river front. Suddenly, as they walked they espied the looming figure of a policeman.

"I do that," said Tommy. "Why aren't you at school, at the widder's school, where yez belong?"

"Punch him," whispered Willie, who had an abiding faith in Tommy's pugilistic potentiality.

"A good chanst to get rid of them while we're on our honeymoon," thought the officer.

"I'll arrest both of yez. Come along."

Tommy went, smiling. Seeing that Willie smiled too.

"That's a lie!" shouted Officer Mulligan. "His name is Cassidy. He's a poopl at Widder Tipperary's school."

"Is your father livin'?" asked the sergeant.

"No, sir. He's dead. He was shot dead in the service of his co-contractor."

"Mother livin'?"

"Dunno. I guess she is. Anyway, I used to think her name was Tipperary. We live at No. 26 Blank street."

"Go and fetch Mrs. Tipperary," said the sergeant.

Tommy felt that his time had come. "Just a minute," he said.

"Yes, sir," answered the sergeant. "And when an officer goes out he goes out on a beat?"

"Yes, sir."

"And if he goes off'n his beat, he's punished."

"Yes—fined and dismissed."

"And if he goes off'n his beat six time it's worse?"

"I've found the parents—both of them."

But he omitted to explain that one of those parents was a new one and wore brass buttons.

The average snowfall in the vicinity of New York is seven feet.

State of Pennsylvania

COMFORT FOR MRS. BOYLE.

Woman Kidnaped Has Strange Caller With Important Mission.

Pittsburg.—Having in his possession a lengthy essay, entitled "Words of Comfort to Helen Boyle," and insisting that he wanted to get into the penitentiary to see the woman, Thomas Comforter, 48 years old, of Altoona, Pa., was arrested at the doors of the big prison.

Comforter is believed to be mentally unbalanced. The authorities are holding him pending an investigation and arrival of his relatives.

When Comforter was informed that the prison inspectors were the highest authorities and he would have to secure a permit from them to enter the penitentiary, he answered: "No, they are not. Christ is above them all. I have been sent here to give words of comfort to Helen Boyle."

HERO'S FAMILY PENSIONED.

Carnegie Fund Commission Rewards Brave Act Of Conductor.

Pottsville.—Sallie A. Dillinger was awarded a pension of \$50 per month, a silver medal and an additional grant of \$5 per month for her daughter until she becomes 16 years of age by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission.

On January 23 John Dillinger, conductor of Reading freight train No. 80, attempted to drag Mrs. Mary A. Groff, wife of Reuben Groff, a Civil War veteran, from in front of a moving train.

Both Dillinger and Mrs. Groff were run over, Dillinger being horribly mangled, while Mrs. Groff was so seriously injured that she died in the Pottstown Hospital two hours after her admittance.

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TO MINE BY SUNLIGHT.

Two Hundred Acres Of Surface Land To Be Removed.

Pottsville.—Daylight mining of anthracite coal is to be started by the St. Clair Coal Company, which awarded to Contractor Thomas Nolan, of Reading, the work of stripping off the surface earth from the Mammoth vein so that coal can be mined under the broad light of the sun.

Millions of tons of coal can be secured in this way, although the largest steam shovels in the country will be at work on the preliminary excavation six or seven years before the coal can be secured. Engineers say it is one of the biggest undertakings in the country.

Woman Kills Another.

Williamsport.—Following a violent quarrel in a colored boarding house here, Mrs. Carrie E. Potts shot through a door which Lizzie Jones was endeavoring to hold shut. The bullet entered the Jones girl's right temple, killing her instantly. Mrs. Potts escaped, but was captured two hours later after an exciting chase in an open field north of the city.

STATE ITEMS.

Mrs. Alice Layfield, 74 years old, attempted to burn brush in the yard of her home at Radnor. Her clothing caught fire and she died from burns in the Norristown Hospital.

While Oscar, the 4-year-old son of Mack Hill, of Catawissa, was feeding a dog it jumped upon him, biting him in the mouth and sinking its teeth through his lips. Six stitches were required to close the wound.

While preparing to attend a church service, Mrs. Caroline M. Ott, aged 76, of Bethlehem, dropped dead from heart disease.

Frank G. Leidy, of Boyertown, has been awarded the contract to carry the United States mail between that point and Reading daily via Yellow House and Amityville.

Joseph R. Naugle, of Shillington, a jackie on the Tennessee, flagship of the second division of the Pacific Fleet, has sent word to his father, Joseph R. Naugle, that he was married at Oakland, Cal., to Miss Lida Catterline and that he would bring his bride East to live as soon as he served his enlistment, which expires in a few months.

Aaron Hornberger, John K. Hartman and William Dankle, of Mohnton, have been appointed to select a site for a proposed county bridge in Mulesburg Township, Berks County, to span the Bernhart Creek.

Ill four days, with pneumonia, Edward Stevenson, for eighteen years employed at Lehigh University, died at his home in Bethlehem, aged 78 years.

Zach C. Leiser, one of the expert fishermen of Lock Haven, in one day's fish in McElhattan Run caught forty-seven fine trout. In the lot was one fourteen inches in length, several measured one foot, while the others ranged in size from seven to ten inches.

The Enterprise Colliery, at Shamokin, owned by W. L. Connell & Co., of Scranton, resumed operations after an idleness of five months, caused by an underground fire.

Two Lehigh University students while canoeing on the Lehigh River shot a rare species of the loon family, weighing nine pounds, the first seen around Bethlehem in a decade.

The Coopersburg fire company has elected these officers: President, D. H. Flehr; vice-president, Charles Jordan; secretary, M. S. Landis; trustees, J. H. Fetzer, Sylvester Doll and Charles Stahler; chief, William H. Bregeizer; captain, William H. Christ.

In a quarrel and rough and tumble fight, at Williamsport, resulting from a bicycle collision, in which he demanded payment for his damaged wheel, 17-year-old Clarence Berry fired three shots at Joe Cannennin, one of them taking effect in his groin. Berry then escaped. The wounded man is expected to recover.

Lying in the road two miles from his home, near Unityville, and with his head covered with blood, the body of Michael Rodgers was found just before daylight by Alfred Hartman, a huckster. The dead man's team was found in the ditch about a mile beyond where the body lay.

It is thought Rodgers fell from his wagon early in the night and lay in the road until found by Hartman.

Before the end of the summer Danville, Sunbury and Shamokin will be connected with as fine a system of improved State highways as exist in the Commonwealth, according to the State Highway Department. The improvements, when completed, will make a stretch of macadam twenty miles long, from Maudslade, through Danville to Shamokin.

The Harmony Association, of Milton, has elected the following officers: W. H. Wetzel, president; John Noriconk, secretary, and James R. Miller.

W. P. Scheesley, of Jersey Shore, after losing large numbers of chickens and guineas on his poultry yard set a trap and caught an immense owl, which was detected as the robber.

The Allentown Boys' Brigade has elected these officers: President, William Greenwald; secretary, David T. Davies; treasurer, Charles Dieter; executive committee, Claude T. Reno, Charles A. Reber, Calvia Roth, John Harvey and A. W. Truchses.

The Media Free Library Association has elected the following officers: President, Dr. E. L. Clark; vice president, William J. Dickson; secretary, Mrs. H. N. Wirtz; treasurer, Miss Annie J. Darlington; trustees, Mrs. J. Cook McAllister and Henry L. Bromall.

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"At the quarterly conference of the Catholic Clergy of Baltimore, assembled at St. Mary's Seminary, February 23, 1909, the following resolution was presented and adopted:

"We, the Catholic priests of Baltimore assembled in conference, view with alarm and indignation the attitude of certain influential publications, which circulate largely in the homes of our Catholic people, in regard to the dangerous and immoral practice of limiting families by the arbitrary restriction of childbirth.

"When the daily newspapers begin to spread such theories, we feel that the time has come for plain speech on our part, and that it is our duty to protect the interests of the people and to prevent them from being inoculated with such dangerous doctrines.

"We pledge ourselves to accomplish this end, not only by teaching the truth on these subjects, but also, when necessary, by denouncing such publications as dangerous and immoral.

"(Signed) O. B. CORRIGAN, Bishop of Macra, Chairman."

Bishop Corrigan stated that the resolution grew out of a series of articles in a Baltimore newspaper.

PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

1. George Washington, Virginia, April 30, 1789-1797.

2. John Adams, Massachusetts, March 4, 1797-1801.

3. Thomas Jefferson, Virginia, March 4, 1801-1809.

4. James Madison, Virginia, March 4, 1809-1817.

5. James Monroe, Virginia, March 4, 1817-1825.

6. John Q. Adams, Massachusetts, March 4, 1825-1829.

7. Andrew Jackson, Tennessee, March 4, 1829-1837.

8. Martin Van Buren, New York, March 4, 1837-1841.

9. Wm. H. Harrison, Ohio, March 4, 1841-1841.

10. John Tyler, Virginia, April 6, 1841-1845.

11. James K. Polk, Tennessee, March 4, 1845-1849.

12. Zachary Taylor, Louisiana, March 4, 1849-1850.

13. Millard Fillmore, New York, July 10, 1850-1853.

14. Franklin Pierce, New Hampshire, March 4, 1853-1857.

15. James Buchanan, Pennsylvania, March 4, 1857-1861.

16. Abraham Lincoln, Illinois, March 4, 1861-1865.

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