

The Centre Reporter

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VERSATILITY IN THE ARMY.

Is there anything that cannot be done by officers of the United States army? And done exceptionally well? There is nothing. For example, take Colonel Goethals and watch him construct the Panama Canal with ease and grace after various civilians had tried their hands at the job without achieving any glittering success. Then take the five bachelor lieutenants at Fort Scriven, Georgia, who gave a chafing-dish party, the particulars of which we find in the Army and Navy Journal. It was a surprise party. It was given in the Bachelors' Club. The service publication which makes known the achievements of these heroes justly remarks that "a great deal of praise is due the bachelors for having given such an elaborate party without the assistance of the ladies without the post," says the Chicago News. For example: "The dining-room and den, in themselves very handsome, were lavishly decorated with carnations and ferns. The beautiful pale pink flowers were massed in profusion on the mantel and library table in the den. In the dining-room a large vase, filled with the same gorgeous flowers adorned the table. As a souvenir of the occasion a large bouquet, tied with pink tulle, was presented to each of the young ladies present. A delightful Welsh rabbit was served with dainty sandwiches, and a mild punch was served during the evening." Is it not plain that these bachelors are artists and poets as well as warriors? What bachelor outside the service could tie a bow of pink tulle around a bouquet? Doubtless, also, any one of the five, like Cyrano, could compose a ballad while preparing to transfuse an enemy on the point of his service sword. Gentlemen, a toast, standing, to the army men who can concoct a Welsh rabbit which will not kill either at close or long range.

"A little harmless flirting with nice people with whom you are acquainted will do much to rest the tired mind after the arduous duties of the school-room." This is one of the suggestions to young women schoolteachers made by an elderly lady on relinquishing her position as teacher in the Boston public schools after 49 years' service. "Be a live wire every minute, and don't eat too much," is another bit of advice. This kind of advice from a learned and experienced school "marm" will make most people "sit up and take notice," for in our opinion it is much worse than indiscreet, to say the least, says the New Orleans Picayune. As a cure for brain fog, flirting is entirely new to us, though some years ago we heard it highly recommended for other ailments, and we thought it pleasant to "take." Wonder how this teacher held her job for 49 years? She must have had a strangle hold on it.

A Hindu philosopher and scholar who has been visiting this country declares we have all the heathens we can manage at home, and that the money sent abroad to make converts is wasted and could be better spent in missionary work among the "Greeks at our own doors." He also made some caustic comments on practical Christianity in the United States. Sometimes the oriental mind displays unexpected but comprehensive accuracy of observation of Western superiority.

The object of the organization which calls itself the Non-Smokers of America is to secure the enforcement of laws, ordinances, regulations and rules against smoking in public places in the United States. The man who endeavored to incorporate it in New York include several distinguished educators. However, they were careless in drawing up their application. There was no statement from the would-be incorporators that they had not made application for incorporation before. For this reason, Judge Giegerich denied the application. But the non-smokers can begin over if they choose.

A Brooklyn woman refused to obey an order of the Supreme court to allow her divorced husband to visit their baby, and the justice whose authority was thus defied, asked: "What are we going to do about it?" Being a jurist of wide experience and knowledge of human nature, he admitted that all the courts going were no match for a woman once her mind was made up.

The amount collected at the port of New York from fines, penalties and forfeitures amounted to over \$2,000,000. Honesty, from this showing, is not only the best policy, but also the cheapest in the end.

A Washington woman has applied to the courts to get her alimony increased because she is unable to live on \$600 a month. The courts might recommend a course in domestic economy for the lady.

WOMAN TRAPS BLACK HANDER

Gives Him \$500 When He Calls for Money.

DETECTIVES WERE WAITING.

Mrs. A. M. Billings, of Chicago, Aged 89 Years, Gets Threatening Letter Demanding Cash -- Police Were Waiting.

Chicago.—While C. K. G. Billings, driving his champion gelding, Ublan, was hanging up a new world's trotting record at Cleveland his mother, Mrs. A. M. Billings, of Chicago, despite her 89 years, was making a little record of her own in capturing a would-be blackmailer, or blackmailers, who are alleged to have made threats in true Black Hand fashion.

John Mills, a colored man, who says Cairo, Ill., in his home, and John Hendricks, a white man, about 27 years old, and whom the police styled a "hobo" from his appearance, were arrested. Thursday Mrs. Billings received a letter demanding that \$500 be wrapped in a bundle of old clothes and given to a man who would call today and ask for work, also a "package."

Mrs. Billings promptly notified a firm of private detectives, who called the official police to their aid. They were secreted about the grounds of the Billings home at 1424 West Lake street today, when Mills appeared.

"I want a job about the horses here," Mills said to the maid who answered the door and who had been coached by Mrs. Billings in her part.

"We have no such work here," she replied.

"Well, then, how about that package?" Mills is said to have asked.

At this point the maid invited the mysterious visitor into the house and notified Mrs. Billings, who, owing to the infirmities of her years, was in bed.

The maid was given a bundle of old clothes but there was no money concealed within it, and this she handed to the negro, asking him to wait for a few moments. Then the detectives were notified and Mills' arrest followed.

He expressed surprise at his detention. He declared that he came to Chicago from Cairo and that he met a stranger who gave him his name as John Hendricks at a saloon in West Madison street. Hendricks, he said, asked him if he wanted to earn \$50. Mills was willing, and, he said, he was told to visit the Billings home and to ask the questions about work, and in particular about the package. Mills said to receive his pay upon the completion of his mission.

Mills, after his arrest, led the officers to a West Side saloon, where he pointed out Hendricks, who is a German, and speaks a little English. He was sullen and refused to answer the questions put to him by the police. Mills said that he was the tool of Hendricks and knew nothing of the threatening letter received by Mrs. Billings.

PAINTED STOWAWAYS RED.

Steamship Officials Near Canal Zone Adopt Drastic Measures.

Washington.—Some of the vessels touching at ports of the Panama Canal Zone are resorting to unique and drastic measures to discourage stowaways, a great number of whom in the past few weeks have attempted to reach the zone. The crew of a ship bound for Colon recently discovered several stowaways aboard, painted their heads and faces with red lead as a warning to others, and then landed them at the port from which they came.

As a result of extreme vigilance on the part of steamship officials, vessels are now entering the canal ports practically free of stowaways.

Mutiny in Portugal.

Lisbon, Portugal.—In consequence of insubordination in the Sixteenth Infantry, quartered in this city, 18 sergeants were arrested and imprisoned in the fortress here. A part of the Seventeenth Infantry at Beja planned a mutiny, under the leadership of a sub lieutenant, who, upon being denounced, committed suicide by cutting his throat.

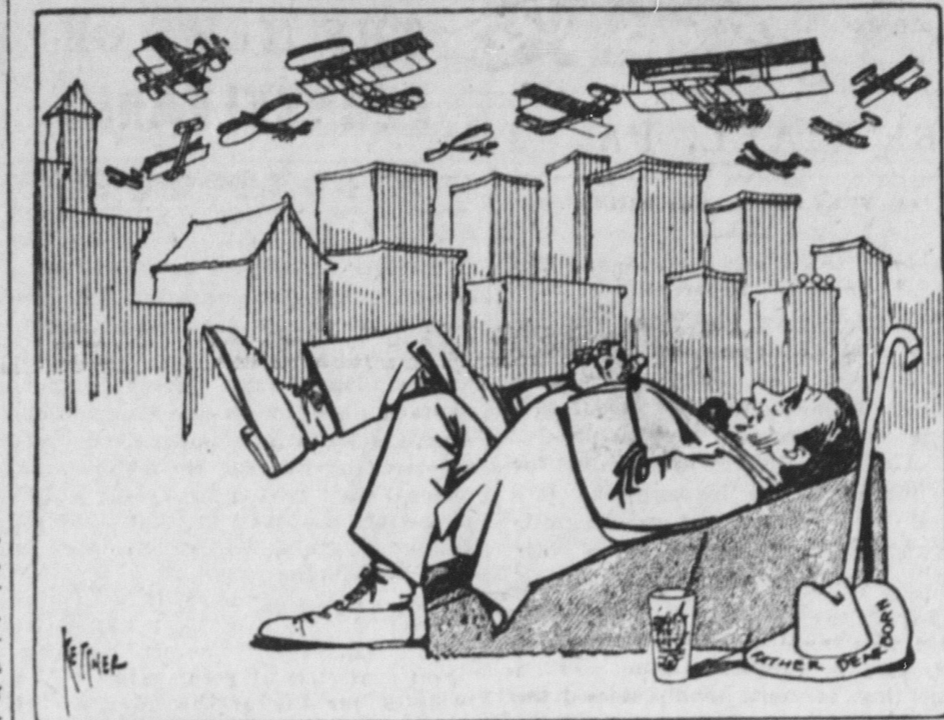
Quakes in California.

San Bernardino, Cal.—The most severe earthquake shock felt in this vicinity in years shook the business buildings with such severity that the occupants fled into the streets. The damage was trivial. A previous shock had been felt earlier in the day.

Army of the Philippines.

Detroit, Mich.—Gen. P. J. H. Farrell, of Chicago, past commander of the Army of the Philippines, was the principal speaker at the reunion of the organization, which is now being held here. General Farrell pleaded for more patriotic exercises in public schools. "Something should be done," he said, "to increase respect for the Stars and Stripes and kindle a stronger feeling of patriotism among the school children of the United States."

AVIATION MEET IN CHICAGO



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THE TRUSTS IN DIRE STRAITS

Perkins Says Corporations Cannot Exist.

RED FLAG FOR BUSINESS.

Steel Director Tells Congressmen That Corporations Cannot Continue Operations and Conform to the Statutes.

Washington.—George W. Perkins, financier and director of the United States Steel Corporation, made some striking recommendations with reference to the government's control of corporations. A witness before the House Steel Trust Investigating Committee, he declared that existing laws were seriously threatening big business interests and their rigid enforcement was rendering it impossible for corporations to continue operations in conformity with the statutes.

Some of his observations follow: "That great corporations, grown up under demands of existing conditions, could no longer successfully exist under the Sherman Anti-Trust Law as now rigidly enforced."

"That the government's dissolution of the Standard Oil Company served as a warning of a 'red flag' of warning to every corporation in the United States."

"That something of a constructive nature must be done by the government with reference to the control of corporations, and rather than for present conditions to continue, it would be better to go to the limit of permitting government regulation of prices."

Forced to Violate the Law.

"That the very reason subsidiary companies of a great corporation can violate the law without knowledge of the officers of the holding company, is the law which prevents such a corporation from operating and ruling the subsidiary concerns instead of merely advising them."

"That one of the most striking developments of the present system of conducting business on a large scale is the dividing of great interests into the hands of many investors rather than concentrating them in the hands of a few."

Witness Pounds Table.

Mr. Perkins made the foregoing observations during the third day of his examination by the steel committee inquisitor, and at times he was eloquent and forceful in his declarations. He frequently emphasized his remarks by waving his arms, pounding upon the witness table with his fists and rising from his seat to address the committee.

Mr. Perkins made other interesting statements. He said there was too much alarm over the cry of an ore monopoly in the country and that valuable ores constantly were being discovered, and are yet unavailable was being studied and soon would be available.

Death at a Party.

Detroit, Mich.—Miss Ruth Bryan, aged 23 years, whose home is in Hudson, N. Y., is dead as the result of burns received while attending a party at Birmingham, a village 12 miles north. While searching for her pocketbook with a lighted lamp she tripped over a rug. The lamp exploded, enveloping her in flames. She was brought to a Detroit hospital, where her death occurred Thursday.

93 DROWN IN SHIPWRECK

French Steamer Emir Founders After Collision—Twenty-seven of Crew Rescued.

Gibraltar.—The French steamer Emir foundered five miles east of Tarifa, Spain, in the Straits of Gibraltar.

Ninety-three persons were drowned. The ship sailed from here at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning for a Moroccan port. An hour later, in a dense fog, she collided with the British steamer Silverton, bound from Newport, England, for Taranto, Italy.

The crew of the latter rescued 27 of the Emir's crew and passengers. The Silverton later put in here with her starboard bow stove in and her forepeak full of water.

The Emir floated only a few minutes after the collision. Sixty-nine passengers and 24 of the crew went down with the ship. Those saved were 12 of the crew and 15 passengers. All the passengers were French.

SENATOR W. P. FRYE DEAD.

Had Been Ill Long, But End Was Unexpected.

Lewiston, Me.—The State of Maine lost its senior Senator and an almost lifelong, faithful servant when William Pierce Frye died Tuesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Helen White, in this city. The end came at 3:55 P. M. At his bedside were Mrs. White and his other daughter, Mrs. Alice Briggs, who also resides in Lewiston. Although he had been ill for a long time, death came suddenly.



WILLIAM P. FRYE, United States Senator from Maine.

Forced by the condition of his health to resign his position as president pro tempore of the Senate at the beginning of the present special session of Congress, although he retained his membership in the senate, Senator Frye soon afterward made his last journey to the city which always had been his home. For several weeks his condition was not considered necessarily dangerous. Up to last week he rested in comparative comfort, spending much of his time in reading or in having some member of his family read to him.

Last week the Senator's illness took a serious turn, but he soon rallied, and this week his physicians expressed the hope that he might recover. As late as 3:15 Tuesday afternoon he appeared to be in a comfortable condition. Shortly afterward it was seen that he was sinking rapidly, and at 3:55 he died.

Bids for the Cabras Islands.

Lisbon.—The Portuguese government is considering whether it will allow Senhor Abrel, owner of the Cabras islands, off the Portuguese coast, to sell them to a foreigner. Abrel says that an American capitalist has offered him \$200,000 for the property and that the same amount has been offered by the British Marconi Company. He says that a German also has made a bid for the islands.

Hat Pin Injures Eye.

New Haven, Conn.—F. Carroll Bulkeley, a broker, may lose the sight of one eye as the result of an encounter with the hatpin of a woman who sat next to him on a car from Southington. The pin reached several inches beyond the woman's hat, and when she turned to speak to a friend the point scraped Bulkeley's eyeball and the membrane was scratched.

Canadian Cabinet Changes.

Ottawa, Ont.—The cabinet changes forecasted several days ago were made by order-in-council. Minister of Marine Bourdeur goes on the Supreme Court Bench in succession to Judge Girouard. The Hon. Rudolph Lemieux is transferred to the portfolio of marine and Dr. H. T. Beland, of Beauce, comes into the cabinet as postmaster general.

U. S. to Get Four Islands.

Washington.—The United States government will shortly come into full possession of four islands—Naos, Flamenco, Perico and Culebra—in Panama bay at the Pacific entrance to the Panama canal. The Pacific Mail Steamship Company has accepted the awards of a joint commission by which that company will receive \$44,000 for its half interest in and improvements on the islands. The remainder of the title to the islands already rests in the Panama Railroad Company.

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

"Collar Rot" in Fruit Belt.

The "collar rot," a pest with a penchant for apple and fruit trees, which two weeks ago was reported as prevalent in orchards in the northeastern part of the State, has been reported to State Zoologist Surface from the South Mountain "apple belt," one of the best known apple raising sections in the State. The rot was reported a few days ago from Franklin county, where orchards in the vicinity of Waynesboro were attacked. The "collar rot," which affects the trunks of trees, is one of the worst pests and the hardest to get rid of, and Dr. Surface is much concerned over the reports, for unless checked the pest will work havoc in one of the sections which has won fame as the best apple belt in the eastern part of the country. He plans visits to the regions which have been infected so as to give first-hand instruction in methods for eradication and fears that unless something is done at an early day by the owners of large orchards they will suffer. The zoologist says that the best means of getting rid of the pest is to cut out the infected parts and paint them with some solution. A study of infected trees will be made to obtain more information as to the bacteria causing the trouble.

Miss Oakley May Finish Painting.

The State Board of Public Grounds and Buildings has decided to await word from the executors of Edwin A. Abbey, the artist who was commissioned to paint the mural decorations for the State Capitol, before making any arrangements for the completion of the work. Notwithstanding this decision to wait the name of Miss Violet Oakley, the Philadelphia artist, is prominently mentioned as the successor of Abbey. Under the terms of the contract made in December, 1904, between the board and John G. Johnson, attorney for Abbey, it was stipulated that in case of death of the artist the board might award unfinished to anyone upon whom its members and the representatives of the estate of the artist agreed.

Governor's Appointments.

The Governor has announced these appointments: Delegates to represent Pennsylvania at Fourth annual convention of Atlantic Deepwaterways Association convention at Richmond, Va., October 17-20: Richard Campion, Philadelphia; Joseph R. Grundy, Bristol, and William C. Sproul, Chester.

Delegates to represent Pennsylvania at International Tax Conference at Richmond, Va., September 5 to 8: Henry D. Jones and N. E. Hause, Harrisburg, and George M. Hosack, Pittsburgh.

Edward K. Royland, Philadelphia, as member of the State Board of Charities.

Henry W. Comfort, Fallsington, Bucks county, as trustee of the Spring City State Hospital.

Earl M. Roush was appointed a justice of the peace for Sunbury in place of Walter Shipman, deceased.

Charter Berks Railroad.

A charter was issued at the Capitol to the Manatawny Railroad Company to construct and operate an eight-mile line between Douglassville and Spanville, Berks county. The capital is \$100,000 and the incorporators are Milton J. Person, Bethlehem, president, who controls most of the stock; John Palmer, Jr., Jersey City; Stephen Robinson, Jr., Audubon N. J.; Lewis E. Hutchmacher, Bethlehem; Charles M. Allen, Bayonne, N. J.; Daniel J. Driscoll, Reading, and Robert L. Runyon, Allentown.

Tener's Jaguar Cubs.

The twin jaguar cubs sent to the Governor by a friend in Arizona, will probably grace either the Zoo at Philadelphia or Pittsburgh, within the next few weeks. The cubs were removed from the crate in which they made their transcontinental journey to a cage with iron bars and await word from the Governor as to their final home. They will be cared for under the direction of the curator of the State's Zoological Museum until the Governor is heard from.

Linguist Out for Mayor.

David Goldberg, one of the best-known interpreters of the Pennsylvania Railroad Main Line and a prominent Republican of the Eighth Ward, took out papers to be a candidate for the Republican nomination for mayor. Goldberg speaks a dozen languages and says he will make an active canvass.

The Chestnut Blight.

The first steps in the crusade of the State against the chestnut blight under the quarter million dollar appropriation made last winter will be started Thursday in York county. A corps of men under direction of the Deputy Forestry Commission will take the field and after about two weeks will organize a new corps to combat the blight in Franklin and Perry counties and then inspect the western counties. They will concentrate about Philadelphia later in the year.