

The Centre Reporter

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THE THIRTIETH MAN.

The president of the College of the City of New York finds that one person in every 30 adults in the United States holds public office of some degree, "a public servant who is going up and down in some vicarious capacity for the other 29." So large an estimate of the proportion of functionaries to the total adult population, male and female, seems surprising until the variety and bulk of the classifications is considered, says the Providence Journal. School teachers, for example, must be counted, while the development of public hygiene, of sociological enterprises, or the pure food laws, readily come to mind among elements newly expanding the public service and employing a growing host of performers of vicarious duties. Dr. Finley submits a partial directory of the thirtieth man. He is the man who sweeps the streets as well as the one in the White House. He gathers and distributes the letters; forecasts heat and cold; tastes the milk before the child may drink it; keeps watch over forest and stream; is supervisor, doctor, nurse and guard in hospital, prison and almshouse; is mayor, judge, sheriff, sailor and soldier, public librarian, collector of taxes, guardian to the child who comes friendless into the world and chaplain at the burial of the man who goes friendless out of it; and so on.

Experts of the federal hospital service have been compiling data from the census reports that make a striking showing of the cost of disease in this country and emphasize the necessity of more rigid enforcement, particularly in cities, of laws and regulations designed to safeguard the public health. Tuberculosis is stated to cost this country in the value of lives destroyed, \$250,000,000 a year and the mere expenses in medicine, food, medical attendance and loss of wages is \$90,000,000 annually, says the St. Paul Pioneer Press. The census reports estimate the value of the 33,000 lives lost annually from typhoid fever at \$212,000,000. The experts estimate that the total loss from contagious diseases, including tuberculosis, is \$750,000,000 a year, of which 40 per cent., or \$300,000,000, is preventable. The cost of prevention would be a mere fraction of the cost of preventable diseases and there should be no false economy in expenditures for the campaign against contagion. The health of the people is the greatest asset of the nation.

The thoughtful observer, especially if his journey leads him to very distant lands, will not return boastful, but he will be grateful. The weighty problem of assimilation seems heavier when one thinks on the possibilities of making American citizens of those people now coming here as he contemplates them in the place of origin. The esthetics of a European journey are a delight. But on American village outskirts an Alhambra in the scales of opportunity and of humanity.

A citizen of Denver whose appendix recently was removed, is awakened at 5 o'clock every morning by the void left by the operation. Owing to the cheapness of alarm clocks, however, the practice is not likely to become general.

A Massachusetts man reports having hatched eight eggs from a dozen cold storage eggs. Poor story. An original liar, like the Winsted genius, would have had the chicks wearing earmuffs and mittens.

In Prussia a governmental decree has been issued against long hats on railroad trains. The authorities think it would be well to have room for something else in the cars.

Thousands of marriages by a justice of the peace in Chicago have been declared illegal, but the legality of Chicago divorces remains unquestioned after years of notoriety.

In days to come the fool who rocks the boat will be succeeded by the fool who rocks the aeroplane. They are somewhat alike, only one is more so.

If the professor would push aside psychology and get down to common sense he might be able to understand why women conceal their ages.

Too much should not be expected of a ball team before it is properly crippled up.

One of our aviators says he is going to be married in an aeroplane, just as if marriage in the ordinary way is not hazardous enough.

Since this new comet is classified as a tramp the man in the moon should hand it out a hunk of cheese and tell it to go away.

GREAT LABOR CRISIS ENDING

Trade Unionists of London in Celebration.

CRACKED HEADS IN DUBLIN.

Dockers' Strike at Liverpool May Soon Be Settled--Seamers Celtic and Coronia Both Sail With Full Passenger Lists.

London.—The railway men throughout the kingdom are returning to work, and it is hoped within a few days to have the great transit systems working under normal conditions. Following the announcement Saturday night that the railway managers and their employees had agreed to permit a commission to settle their difficulties came the reassuring news tonight that there was great hope of ending the dockers' strike at Liverpool, and that the workers there shortly would resume their duties.

No rioting as a result of labor troubles was reported Sunday except at Dublin where the police and constables came in collision with a mob which was in sympathy with striking newsboys who were endeavoring to prevent the distribution of newspapers. Numerous persons had their heads cracked in the melee, and several shops were looted.

The railway workers held meetings throughout the country Sunday to celebrate what they claimed to be a victory over the railway companies. With the exception of about 4,000 men of the Northeastern Railway Company, which was not a party to the strike settlement agreement, and 3,600 Manchester men all the unions passed resolutions in favor of resumption of work.

The Northeastern Company's employees demand an eight-hour day and a two-shilling weekly advance in wages with a minimum weekly wage of 20 shillings, about \$5.50.

Although the services on the other lines have not yet been completely restored the men in most cases presented themselves for duty Sunday and a start was made toward remedying the dislocation caused by the strike. During the day some progress was made in clearing the lines of freight trains, but it will be some days before normal conditions are restored.

Unfortunately, because of the block in the telegraph lines, the manifesto of the strike leaders calling upon the men to return to work did not reach some points until this morning, and during the night there were disturbances at numerous places. With the exception of Llanely, Wales, however, there were no serious riots.

At Llanely the death list as a result of the disturbance of Saturday, but due chiefly to the explosion in the freight shed which the mob set on fire, reached 12. Three of this number were shot by the troops yesterday morning. The police believe the explosion in the freight shed was caused by a box of cartridges looted from the troop train being thrown into the fire. Many persons were seriously injured by the explosion, and are being treated in the hospitals.

Mine Organizer Arrested

Shamokin, Pa.—George Hartlein, general organizer of the United Mine Workers of America, and formerly Secretary-Treasurer of District No. 9, comprising the counties of Northumberland, Schuylkill, Columbia and Dauphin, this State, was arrested Saturday, charged by President John Fahey, of the district, with having embezzled \$1,500 belonging to the organization and mutilating records. Hartlein entered bail for a further hearing. He denied the charges.

Poultrymen in the Tombs.

New York.—Supreme Court Justice Delany signed an order directing that the 13 convicted members of the Poultry Trust be held in the Tombs, pending the decision of Justice Bischoff upon their application for a certificate of reasonable doubt. Under Sheriff John J. Cartwright was about to take the men to the penitentiary on Blackwell's Island to serve the sentence of three months.

Congressman Bartholdt Sails.

New York.—Congressman Richard Bartholdt, of Missouri, commissioned by President Taft to deliver a statue of Baron von Steuben to the Emperor of Germany, sailed Saturday on the North German Lloyd steamship *George Washington*, taking the gift with him.

Engine Picks Up Auto Victim.

New York.—George Massie, a widower 55 years old, and Harriet Ingersoll, aged 35 years, his housekeeper, were killed when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by an express train on the Long Island railroad near Baldwin Station. Part of the car, with Massie in it, was carried on the engine pilot for nearly 100 yards and dropped. His body was lifeless when picked up and the woman lived but a few minutes.

WIFEY'S COMING HOME



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BORDER PATROL AGAIN

Troops Again Ordered to the Mexican Border--Threatening Situation.

Washington.—A patrol of the California frontier by United States troops abolished only a short time ago, was ordered re-established Wednesday by the War Department because of a threatening situation just south of the border in Lower California, Mexico. A company of coast artillery at San Diego, Cal., was instructed to take the field for patrol duty from San Diego to Yuma, Ariz.

Mexican rurales are now proceeding to Tijuana, traveling over American territory with the consent of the United States government for the purpose of suppressing the trouble in Lower California. It is feared by the State Department that when the Mexican soldiers arrive on the scene to clear out the disturbers, some of the latter may seek refuge in the United States and commit depredations on American soil. For that reason Secretary Knox appealed to the War Department to send to the border a patrol adequate to protect American interests.

San Diego, Cal.—The Mexican government is preparing to prevent trouble in Lower California from now until after the presidential election in October, according to Dr. J. Diaz Prieto, Mexican consul in San Diego. Of the purpose of the United States Government to send troops to the border, he said:

"It is just a precaution being taken by the United States to prevent a repetition of the conditions which existed in the late revolution. With the national election less than two months off, the enemies of Mexico probably will make every effort to cause trouble."

FIXED TO SUIT TAFT.

Arizona and New Mexico Are Likely to Be Admitted.

Washington.—Senator Smith, of Michigan, chairman of the Committee on Territories, announced at the White House that President Taft had given his approval to a compromise bill framed by the Senate and House Territories' committee admitting Arizona and New Mexico to statehood.

The measure eliminated the recall of the judiciary from the Arizona constitution. Smith said the President told him that if the House and Senate passed the new measure he would sign it.

The House Committee on Territories decided that no attempt would be made to pass the statehood bill over the President's veto. If the conferees can agree it is likely that the Flood resolution, omitting the recall clause, will be presented to Congress at this session.

Aeroplane Gun for Fleet.

Washington.—Before the Atlantic fleet begins its battle practice off the Chesapeake Capes next month it will have the use of a new navy aeroplane gun invented by the Navy Bureau of Ordnance. Plans for the gun have been worked out by Admiral Twining, chief of the bureau, and the gun is now under construction at the Washington Navy Yard. It will be the first of its type ever carried by a war vessel. The gun is a one-pounder, with a special mount that permits it to be elevated at any angle, and a sighting apparatus that allows range-finding and accurate sighting when firing overhead.

Husband's Mad Act.

Altoona, Pa.—Crazed by jealousy, J. W. Leslie, 41 years old, a railroad shop employe, shot and killed his wife, 35 years, at their home in Juniata Borough, a suburb of Altoona, and then sent a bullet through his own head. Neighbors, alarmed by the shooting, found both bodies lying undressed on a bed, the revolver still clutched in the husband's hand. The couple quarreled frequently and for some time Leslie had been dissipating.

PRESIDENT TAFT VETOES WOOL BILL

Tinkering With Issue Now Would Upset Business.

CONGRESS WITHOUT FACTS.

President of the Opinion That No Public Exigency Exists Requiring Revision in August Without Adequate Information.

Washington.—President Taft carried out his threat to veto the Wool Tariff Bill. In a special message to the House of Representatives he characterized the measure a blend of an avowed tariff-for-revenue and anti-protection measure with a professed protection bill.

In explanation of his course President Taft said the bill was not in harmony with the platform on which he was elected. Furthermore, he declared that the American people are "deeply impressed with the conviction" that the interest of the consuming public can be properly guarded only by revising the tariff one schedule at a time, and then upon "accurate and scientifically acquired information."

That there is a widespread belief that many of the rates in the wool schedule are too high and in excess of any needed protection for the woolgrower and manufacturer is admitted by President Taft, and he says he shares this belief. Asserting that December was the time fixed by both the Republican and Democratic parties in the last Congress for the submission of adequate information upon schedule K, with a view to its amendment, the President says there is no public exigency "requiring revision in August without adequate information."

After promising that the tariff board will be ready to report in December, the President asserts that failure of the present bill should not be regarded, therefore, as taking away the only chance for reduction by this Congress.

The message will be accepted as an indication that no tariff bill prepared in advance of a report of the tariff board upon schedules affected will be signed by the President.

DEMANDS EXORBITANT

Morocco Negotiations Meet With Hindrance as a Result.

London.—Dispatches from Paris and Berlin say unexpected hindrance has developed in the negotiations over Morocco owing to the "exorbitant" demands Germany is making on France as the price of her withdrawal from Agadir. Foreign Minister Kintnerlin Wachtel submitted the entire correspondence between him and M. Cambon, the French ambassador, to the Kaiser, at Wilhelmshöhe.

Ex-Shah Stain, Reported.

Teheran.—It is reported here that Mohammed Ali Mirza, the former Shah, who recently returned from exile in Russia and started an uprising to regain his throne, has been assassinated. The last previous news concerning Mohammed Ali Mirza, received on Tuesday, said that he was in full flight after a crushing defeat of his forces by Government troops north of Firuzkh.

Two Men Blown to Pieces.

Pottsville, Pa.—Two men were blown to pieces in a powder mill explosion at Cressona, a few miles from here. The dead are Herbert Schappell of Cressona and William Wenrich of Germantown, near here. The explosion occurred in the chaser mill of the Cressona Powder Company from some unaccountable cause. Both men were blown out of the building and the remains of one of them fell into a mill race. About 30 kegs of powder exploded.

MESSAGE ON STATEHOOD BILL

President Sends Vigorous Document to Congress--Condemnation Severe.

Washington.—President Taft, in a special message to the House of Representatives Tuesday, vetoed the joint resolution providing for the admission of New Mexico and Arizona to Statehood.

His reason for exercising the executive power of veto was based on his thorough disapproval of the recall of judges clause in the Arizona Constitution.

The fact that New Mexico's Statehood was bound up with that of Arizona meted out to her the same fate, and neither Territory can come into the Union at this time unless friends of the joint resolution in Congress can muster the two-thirds vote necessary to pass the resolution over the President's veto. This may be attempted.

Condemns Recall.

The President did not spare words in condemning the recall feature of the Arizona Constitution, which, he said, would compel judges to make their decisions "under legalized terrorism." The recall provision would operate against all elective officers of Arizona, including both county and State judges. When 25 per cent. of the voters of the previous election petitioned for a special election to remove an official, such an election would be compulsory.

Referring to the recall provision, he asks:

"Could there be a system more ingeniously devised to subject judges to momentary gusts of popular passion than this?"

The message was received with great interest by the House, largely because of the President's long association with the judiciary.

TWO AVIATORS FALL TO DEATH

International Aviation Meet at Chicago.

Chicago.—Two aviators, William R. Badger, of Pittsburgh, and St. Croix Johnstone, of Chicago, both young men, lost their lives at the International Aviation Meet here Tuesday. One hundred thousand spectators looked on. In dying both revealed the frailty of the craft in which two score more aviators were curving and gliding about in the air, with scarcely a pause for the deaths of their contemporaries.

Death in both cases was due to unexpected accidents, probably the results of unsuspected defects in the mechanism of the machines, and was in no way caused by carelessness nor lack of responsibility of the drivers.

Badger, a wealthy youth, careened to his death in a pit in the aviation field. There had been a flaw in one of the wings of the propeller of the Baldwin machine he drove. Centrifugal force broke the propeller, upset the delicate equilibrium of the machine and Badger dashed 100 feet to the bottom of the pit, his neck being broken.

Johnstone fell 500 feet under his engine, and was drowned as the result of an equally unsuspected defect. Caught under the heavy engine in the Moissant monoplane, he was carried deep into Lake Michigan, and his body was not brought to the surface until an hour later.

UP-TO-DATE TRUST LAWS

Littleton Introduces Bill for Commission to Make Changes.

Washington.—Representative Martin Littleton, of New York, introduced a bill in the House to create an industrial and corporate commission to recommend any necessary changes in the laws regulating interstate commerce.

The proposed commission will inquire into the influence and effect of the Sherman anti-trust law, the methods by which great industrial corporations transact interstate business, and the growth and development of such enterprises. It will be required to report to Congress as soon as possible what changes ought to be made to the Sherman law in order to make it conform to present-day needs.

Fifteen members are to compose the commission—five senators, five representatives and five persons not members of either branch of Congress—the senators and representatives to be elected by their respective bodies, and the five additional members to be named by the President.

Killed Chasing Boy

Somerville, Mass.—Harrison P. Hale, 38 years old, a street car conductor, was killed, and 16-year-old Edward McClusky was injured when the conductor, after stopping the car of which he was in charge, chased the boy who was stealing a ride in front of a swiftly moving automobile truck.

Fireman Killed in Wreck.

Weston, W. Va.—Baltimore and Ohio mixed freight and passenger train was wrecked near Buckhannon. Fireman William Times, of Weston, was caught under the engine and died before he could be extricated.

Senate Favors Children's Bureau.

Washington.—A bill providing for the establishment in the Department of Commerce and Labor of a children's bureau, was reported favorably from the Senate Committee on Education and Labor.

STATE CAPITAL CHAT

Bigelow Awards Contracts.

Highway Commissioner Bigelow awarded the first contracts for road improvement under his administration, the work having been contracted for under the road laws in force before the Sprout law became effective, but never approved. The contracts are for improvement of roads with State aid in Red Lion Borough, York County; Finley Township, Mercer County; Wharton and South Union Townships, Fayette County, and South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County. The first contract for a section of main highway to be constructed entirely by the State will be in the Lewistown "Narrows," in Mifflin and Juniata Counties this week.

Grade Crossing Danger.

A campaign to educate children as to the dangers of grade crossings has been started among people interested in some of the schools in burroughs in the vicinity of Harrisburg. Although steps have been taken to abolish grade crossings in this city and in its vicinity, there are a number which are maintained in the country and recent accidents have stirred up railroad people and residents of the communities. It is the plan to erect large signs and to have the teachers call the attention of the scholars while in school to the danger of crossing unless there is no train in sight. This use of the school for the purpose of warning the children will be watched with interest.

To Argue Full Crew Case.

The answer of the State Railroad Commission in the injunction proceedings brought against it by the Pennsylvania Railroad to restrain enforcement of the "full crew" law, will be filed in the Dauphin County Court within a few days. The answer will go into detail and combat the allegations of the companies that it is unconstitutional. In addition to the Attorney-General and his assistants, the State will have eminent counsel to argue its case before Judges Kunkel and McCarrell and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen will be represented.

After Chestnut Blight.

The first corps of men under training for fighting the chestnut tree blight as provided by the last Legislature is now engaged in work in the vicinity of Delta, York County, directed by Irvin C. Williams, the State's Deputy Forestry Commissioner. Later on three corps are to be formed and the work carried on systematically, the idea being to cover all counties where the blight has appeared and to arrest it before it gets over the Alleghenies.

Pay School Funds Rapidly.

Over half a million dollars has been paid out of the State Treasury to school districts from the State's school appropriation, and the payment of districts will proceed at the rate of fifty a day. The payments are being made to the smaller and poorer districts first of all, and then the larger ones will be taken care of. Thus far practically all of the payments have gone to rural communities.

Site For Penal Institution.

John Francis, warden of the Western Penitentiary, at Pittsburgh, was here on his way to the State forestry reserve in Northern Huntingdon County, to inspect it as an available site for the new penal institution and farm. Mr. Francis said that it will be some time before any selection is made and he intended to visit many sites.

Election Ordered.

An election for Congressmen to fill out the unexpired term of the late Congressman George W. Kipp, of the Fourteenth District, was ordered by the Governor. The district comprising Susquehanna, Wayne, Bradford and Wyoming Counties, and the Congressman will be chosen at the regular November election.

After Standard Weights.

Counties and cities in every part of the State are falling into line with the new State law creating a standard of weights and measures, according to James Sweeney, the new chief of the bureau. A number have applied to have standards determined.

Armory Decisions Delayed.

The State Armory Board considered numerous applications for armories, but made no decisions regarding buildings. Plots of ground offered in York, Pottsville, Bradford and Meadville were discussed.

Requisition Is Granted.

The Governor granted the requisition made by Governor Wilson, of New Jersey, for the return to Jersey City of Benjamin Kohler, charged with larceny. Kohler's counsel had contested the application, and it was granted on an opinion rendered by the Attorney General's department following a hearing. The circumstances of Kohler's arrest were unusual, as he was taken into custody while on a ferryboat in the Delaware River travelling from Camden to Philadelphia.