

The Centre Reporter

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PHILOSOPHY AND PLASTERS.

For the most part mankind has learned to accept the varied happenings of life in a philosophical spirit. But there always will be people who, forgetting the inspired adage which recites that sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof, continually look ahead for trouble. The other day a big snake in the Bronx zoo was found to be suffering from bronchitis. The ordinary remedies were given and in addition the reptile's throat was wrapped with adhesive plaster for a distance of six feet—the unusual space being covered, perhaps because it is difficult to tell where a snake's throat ends and the rest of him begins. And now an uneasy correspondent writes to his daily paper and asks how the doctor and the attendants propose to remove the plaster. It is possible, that this inquiring person has had trouble with plasters and knows how unpleasant it is suddenly to separate the stickers from the human skin. But, why worry about the snake? Why look for trouble even before the plaster begins to draw? When the proper time comes and the usefulness of the big muffer is ended, it is possible the cobra will slough the plasters as he might his skin.

A writer contends that for the definition of "home" as "the place where a man can do as he pleases." There might be much advanced in favor of the proposition that it is the place where woman can do as she pleases—at least she generally does. Well, why not? Who makes the home? Every ideal home owes its greatest charms to woman's part in its making. Man is aware of that, and the American man generally accepts woman's exclusive dominion in the home of her unquestioned right, his privilege being to finance the enterprise and to enjoy the comfort which the presiding genius provides for him.

It is reported that a New Haven man recently had his eye put out by a lady's hat pin, which protruded from the side of the "lid" sufficiently to connect with any one occupying the same street car seat with the owner of the deadly ornament. Whatever may be said in favor of "mildly's" hat ornament, a great deal of damaging testimony can be brought against it, and it is reasonably certain that if it was an adaptation of "mere" man it would long ago have been forced into the "has-been" class. But woman, with her supreme power, and her hat pin, make a combination difficult to defeat.

Foot-and-mouth disease, which broke out three months ago in the province of Haute-Savoie, has spread rapidly and is now threatening central and southern France. Pigs, sheep and cattle are affected. The best policy with reference to this scourge is to keep it out of a country by the most stringent inspection system for imports of live stock. The example of France demonstrates that the disease is hard to fight when it once gets in.

And now the pure food experts are after some of the soda fountain drinks, charging, among other things, that they are habit forming. Corroboration might be had from the swain of the summer girl, who views with alarm the rapidly with which one ice cream soda follows another.

A good deal of sympathy has gone out to Hetty Green's son because in an incautious moment he announced that he intended to marry within a year and had not picked out the girl. But he now says he will not marry a New York woman. And he is carefully remaining in New York.

The latest fish story comes from Pine Brook, N. J., where, it is claimed, an angler cast for fish and pulled up a chest of silverware. The fact that the story does not come from Winsted, Conn., leads us to place some faith in it.

A recent order prohibits profanity on the part of those engaged in the construction of the Panama canal. The privilege is no doubt reserved for critics of the work.

A stranger wins \$100 by betting that "choir" and "quire" mean the same thing. Will dictionaries now have to be seized as gambling paraphernalia?

The Newport society girl who eloped with a chauffeur is away behind the times. The proper stunt now is to fly away with an aviator.

It has been discovered that an octopus can be scared to death. This is true only in the animal world, not in the industrial.

When cholera germs tackle caviar they meet a foe they cannot cope with.

TOWN FLOODED DAM GIVES WAY

Black River Falls Is Swept by Floods.

CAUSED BY HEAVY RAINS

A Number Of Business Houses and Dwellings Destroyed—A Three Story Hotel the First Structure To Go.

Lacrosse, Wis.—The situation at Black River Falls, a town of 2,000 inhabitants, which was swept by a flood, when the waters of the Black River, swollen by recent rains, washed through the embankment of the Lacrosse Water Power Company dams at Hatfield, is worse by far than was even feared when the flood swept upon the town.

Half of the business section has been destroyed, together with a part of the residence district, and it is said by the townspeople who have taken refuge on high land unable to make an effort for the protection of their stores and homes, that the town will be wiped out. Whether or not lives have been lost is not yet certain.

Thus far two persons have not been accounted for.

The Destruction Total.
The buildings have been not merely flooded, but destroyed. The water, flowing in tremendous volume, undermined one building after another, and as each collapsed the debris for the most part was carried away. The Tremont Hotel, a three-story structure, was the first to go. No precautions could be taken to stop the wrecking of the town, the residents finding it a difficult problem to save themselves, their families and more valuable possessions.

None of the stocks in the store was saved and little of the heavier furniture in the houses, the people, although they knew of the overflowing of the Hatfield dam, showing little fear of its effects until the waters burst on them.

The disaster was caused by the sudden rise of the Black River behind the two dams from the Lacrosse Water Power Company following rains which lasted almost a week. The dam withstood the pressure, but in each case the river washed around the side, taking out a big section of the river bank and coming down on the country below it almost as great volume as though the dams had been swept away.

Farmers Taken Unaware.
Besides the damage at Black River Falls, a great tract of surrounding country was overrun. Effort was made to warn farmers, but the telephone wires were the first to go down, and the fate of many settlers, who knew nothing of the flood until it struck their localities, is the cause of some apprehension.

PHILADELPHIA'S SCANDAL.

Warrants for Arrests Of Several Leading City Officials.

Philadelphia.—Warrants for the arrest of Director of Public Safety Henry Clay, City Architect Carl B. Zlenszger, John B. Wiggins, a contractor and builder, and Treasurer Wall, of the latter's firm, were issued Friday on the affidavit of Logan M. Bullitt, chairman of the Taxpayers' Committee.

The charges are conspiracy to defraud the city, and are an outcome of the investigation conducted by the Catlin senatorial commission. The men will not be taken into custody, but will accept service through their attorneys and appear for a hearing.

Demonstration For Reyes.

San Antonio, Texas.—Arrangements were made here by the friends of Gen. Bernardo Reyes, of Mexico, for a demonstration upon his arrival here from New Orleans. It is expected that agents of Francisco I. Madero will take part in the demonstration. Search is being made for a residence to serve as home and headquarters for Reyes.

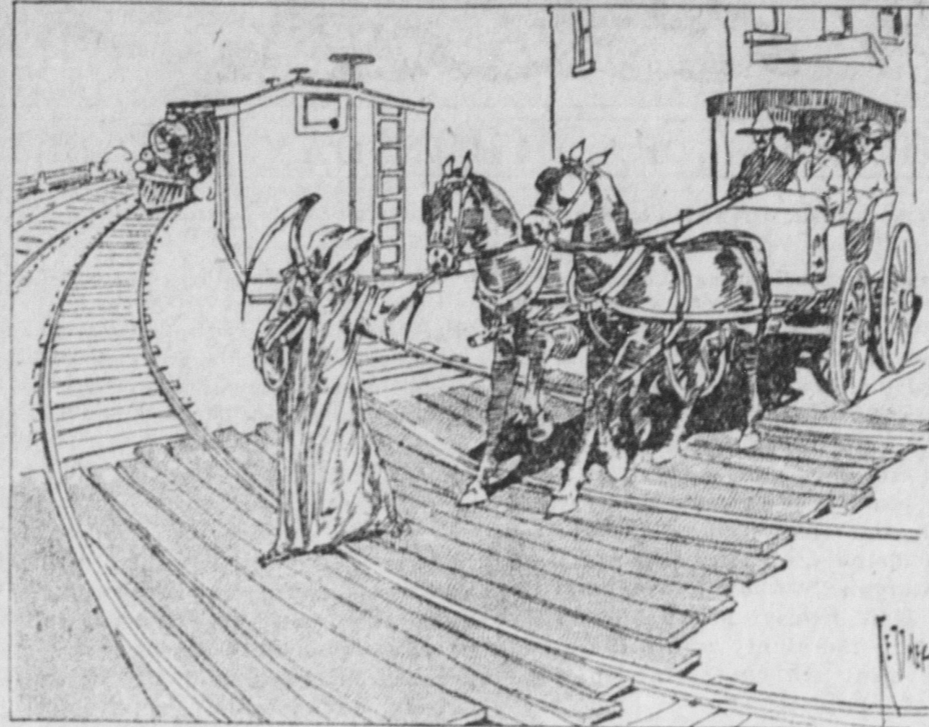
Colombians Insult Peru.

Bogota, Colombia.—On leaving the Cathedral, where they had attended a meeting presided over by the Archbishop of Bogota, a mob stoned the Peruvian Legation and tore down the coat of arms. This is the second attack on the legation and the situation is considered grave. The previous attack took place in July and was due to ill-feeling over the alleged encroachment of Peru upon territory claimed by Colombia.

Two More Dams Burst.

Chippewa Falls, Wis.—Two dams went out in this city Friday and one at Bloomer. The country is flooded. The Chippewa River has risen eight feet, and is overflowing its banks. Water is running in the streets as a result of an 18-hour downpour of rain. Two bridges near Stanley and one at Owen went out in the flood. This is the heaviest deluge experienced along the Chippewa River since June, 1904.

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PLAY FOR ITALIAN GUNNERS

Bombarded Tripoli and Demolished Forts—No Shots Hit the Ships.

Rome.—Admiral Faravelli has sent a message to the government, stating that the bombardment of the main batteries at Tripoli commenced at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and continued until sunset.

Admiral Aubrey reports that in bombarding Tripoli he spared all the consulates, hospitals, churches, monasteries and convents, aiming only at the fortifications. Discrimination was made with relative ease, as the range of the Turkish cannon was so short that the ships were enabled to approach the city closely and so take accurate aim.

The bombardment was protracted because of this extreme care to avoid useless bloodshed and to respect the homes of non-combatants and the mosques. Moreover, the firing was at long intervals, as Admiral Aubrey and Vice Admiral Faravelli expected at any moment to see the white flag run up indicating a desire to surrender.

Scarcely any of the population remains in Tripoli, the city having been abandoned immediately when the bombardment began.

In cautioning the fleet commanders to limit their action to silencing the batteries and compelling the Turkish garrison to surrender or evacuate, the Ministry of Marine told the officers to remember that the provinces were about to pass under Italian control, and the more damage done the greater would be the expense of repair later.

A message from Admiral Thaon di Revel says that the action appeared more like a shooting competition than a bombardment. Officers and sailors placed wagers on the results. In one instance an order was given to dismantle a particular battery. One gunner was heard to say: "I bet I can knock down the left turret at the first shot." When the smoke had cleared away the turret had disappeared. The same man shot again, "Now right turret." In a flash the second mark was in ruins.

RARE HONORS PAID SCHLEY.

Naval and Military Forces and Hosts Of Friends At Funeral.

Washington.—Naval honors seldom accorded an American characterized the funeral here of Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley. The body rested in the family home, preparatory to the private services at 1.30 o'clock. The public services were at St. John's Episcopal Church.

Cadets from the Naval Academy at Annapolis, sailors from the naval stations at Washington and Philadelphia, light artillery and army bands from Fort Myer and Washington Barracks, and comrades and friends of the dead Admiral composed the procession that escorted the body of Admiral Schley from St. John's Church to its resting place in Arlington National Cemetery. Imposing floral gifts filled St. John's Church. These included a wreath from the survivors of the Greeley Arctic relief expedition, rescued by Admiral Schley at Cape Sabine in 1884, and wreaths from the Cuban Legation and other sources.

ROOSEVELT TO HUNT WHALES.

Ex-President Will Try Harpooning For Big Sea Game.

Long Beach, Cal.—After hunting bear in Colorado, elephants in Africa and various other game in his own country, Col. Theodore Roosevelt, it is intimated, may come to Long Beach to hunt whales.

Captain Loop, whose powerboat is fitted up for the pursuit, is authority for the announcement that Colonel Roosevelt intends to come here to harpoon the sea mammals.

PEOPLE'S MONEY PILING UP.

Savings Increase \$20,200,000 in Less Than Three Months.

Washington.—Despite the advent of the postal savings banks, the savings deposits in the national banks are increasing. From June 7 to September 1 these deposits grew from \$634,100,000 to \$654,300,000, an increase of \$20,200,000. Of the 7,301 national banks in existence a month ago 3,014 had savings departments.

COL. ROOSEVELT AVOWS CANAL GRAB

Gave the People Benefit of Doubt.

DEFENSE OF HIS ACTION

Scores Critics Who Say He Acted Beyond Constitutional Powers— "Timid President Can Find Excuses."

New York.—Theodore Roosevelt has an article on "How the United States Acquired the Right to Dig the Panama Canal," in the last issue of the Outlook. Mr. Roosevelt discusses statements which have been made from time to time that he acted in an unconstitutional manner and usurped authority in connection with the Panama project, and he upholds the regularity of the proceedings throughout.

Mr. Roosevelt says that his messages to Congress set forth in full and in detail every essential fact connected with the various phases of the acquisition of the Panama Canal. He adds:

"Not one important fact was omitted, and no fact of any importance bearing upon the actions or negotiations of the representatives of the United States not there set forth has been, or ever will be, discovered, simply because there is none to discover."

Referring to the opposition to the project then and since, Mr. Roosevelt says:

"Of course there was at the time, and has been since, much repetition of statements that I acted in an 'unconstitutional' manner, that I 'usurped authority' which was not mine. These were the statements that were made again and again in reference to almost all I did as President that was most beneficial and most important to the people of this country.

Acted Within Powers.

"The simple fact was that when the interest of the American people imperatively demanded that a certain act should be done, and I had the power to do it, I did it, unless it was specifically prohibited by law.

"In my judgment, history had taught the lesson that the President has very great powers; if he chooses to exercise those powers; but that, if he is a timid or selfish man, afraid of responsibility and afraid of risks, he can, of course, manufacture ingenious excuses for failure to exercise them."

Opposed By Speculators.

Concerning the purchase of the canal rights from the French Company, Mr. Roosevelt says:

"Every step taken by the Government in connection with its negotiations with the French Company and the payment to its official representatives in accordance with the agreement entered into was taken with the utmost care, and every detail has been made public. Doubtless in Paris, and perhaps to a lesser extent in New York, there were speculators who bought and sold in the stock market with a view to the varying conditions apparent from time to time in the course of the negotiations, and with a view to the probable outcome of the negotiations."

Aeroplanes for Tripoli.

Naples.—Nine military aviators, with eight monoplanes and two biplanes, will be sent to Tripoli. The aviators will be commanded by Captain Piazza, who won the air race from Boulogne to Venice.

New Order Increases Army.

Washington.—The War Department announced an order re-arranging the strength of the Army. Cavalry regiments assigned to duty in the Panama Canal zone, Hawaiian Islands, and the Philippines, will get 70 men to the troop, and the infantry regiments serving in the same territory will have 72 men to the company. This order will increase the total strength of the army to 77,532 men.

DR. WILEY IN FULL CONTROL

Solicitor McCabe Leaves the Pure Food Board—Charm at Dunlap Also Out.

Washington.—In a sudden succession of orders an initial move in the expected reorganization of the Department of Agriculture, Solicitor George P. McCabe Tuesday was retired from the Pure Food and Drug Board, Associate Chemist F. L. Dunlap, closely identified with McCabe, was allowed leave of absence until the President's return, and Chemist Harvey W. Wiley left apparently in supreme command of the board. Dr. R. E. Doolittle, of New York, was temporarily appointed to the board to succeed Mr. McCabe. These changes were announced by Secretary Wilson following a conference with Dr. Wiley, who has been on a long vacation. They were deemed inevitable in view of the official and personal antagonism aired before a congressional committee the past summer and Dr. Wiley's exoneration by President Taft after Attorney General Wickereham, with views aligned with those of Secretary Wilson and Solicitor McCabe, had recommended Dr. Wiley's removal from office as head of the chemistry bureau because of a technical irregularity in appointive methods, the responsibility for which he denied.

The Board At Odds.

The Pure Food and Drug Board is the agency which passes upon many important cases arising under the enforcement of the pure food law. Dr. Wiley, on the one hand, and Solicitor McCabe and Dr. Dunlap on the other, were the members of the board. Dr. Wiley declared that he was usually outvoted and made a number of sensational statements in the investigation of the controversy. Smarting under the frequent overruling of his views wherein he held food products deleterious to health, he told a congressional committee that he regarded his associate, Dr. Dunlap, as his superior officer.

Secretary Wilson's brief announcement of the change stated that Solicitor McCabe voluntarily resigned and that his resignation had been accepted.

Dr. Dunlap was acting chairman of the board when Dr. Wiley was absent from Washington. Whether Dr. Dunlap will return to his duties on the board was not stated. His temporary withdrawal was attributed officially to the fact that he is to take the customary four-week vacation, but Secretary Wilson stated that Dr. Dunlap would not return until after President Taft has returned to Washington.

In place of Solicitor McCabe to serve with Dr. Wiley on the board Secretary Wilson appointed Dr. Doolittle, long a member of the Bureau of Chemistry force and now head of that bureau sub-station in New York. Dr. Wiley and Dr. Doolittle will constitute the majority of the board for the immediate future, the latter's appointment being necessary to give the board's action legal effect.

NAVY TO SHOW STRENGTH.

Mobilization Of Fleets In the Atlantic and Pacific.

Washington.—It is believed here that great naval maneuvers and mobilization to be held in the Atlantic and Pacific next month are the result of the strained situation in Europe and the unrest apparent throughout the world.

The uncertainty of the situation in Europe with the vague possibility of developments that might involve any of the nations through some unexpected event is fully realized by the government at Washington. While all Europe is torn with war and rumors of war, Uncle Sam has decided to make a quiet display of the fact that he has not been idle.

Whether there is any more definite reason for the mobilizations at New York and Los Angeles of the Atlantic and Pacific fleets could not be learned, but the impression is strong that the plan was adopted merely for its moral effect on the international situation.

Secretary Meyer is still uncertain as to the exact plan of mobilization. It will take place early in November, and with the President reviewing the ships at New York the occasion is expected to be made so notable that it will be a matter of news throughout the world.

WILL WAIT TO BE ASKED.

United States Government Will Not Offer Mediation.

Washington.—State Department officials after careful reading of the six articles of The Hague Convention bearing upon mediation have failed to find any mandatory provision requiring a neutral nation to offer to mediate, although it is admitted that the first article, under a strained construction, might have conveyed an opposite impression. The council of the Inter-parliamentary Union at its session in Paris appears to have fallen into that error, in the opinion of the officials here.

MISSING MAN TURNS UP.

Walks Into Parents' Home After Being Gone 30 Years.

Bellefontaine, O.—After being missing for 30 years and given up as dead, Rufus Meisler walked into his parents' home at West Mansfield Tuesday. He has become wealthy as a ranch owner in California. He gave no reason for his sudden disappearance. He left home 30 years ago to go squirrel-hunting and then disappeared.

ALL OVER THE STATE

TOLD IN SHORT ORDER

Reading.—John Schaeffer, aged 53 years, a farmer of Bernville, this county, committed suicide by hanging himself with a rope in his barn. No reason can be assigned for his act.

Carlisle.—Three prisoners serving time in the Cumberland County jail for stealing chickens, escaped from their guards while working on West street, where a gang of prisoners are cutting down a hill.

Pittsburgh.—Following the receipt of a Black Hand letter demanding that he deposit \$1,500 in a convent place, a charge of nitro-glycerine was exploded at the boarding house of Peter Caruso here. The fifteen occupants of the house were thrown from their beds by the explosion, but were not seriously injured.

West Chester.—While Morris Sellers, proprietor of Turks Head Inn, this borough, and his wife were driving in their large touring car near town, the machine took fire from gasoline escaping from engine and was entirely consumed, save one wheel. No one was injured.

Chambersburg.—William Reed, convicted of the murder of Sara C. Mathema at the Pennsylvania Forest Academy, at Mount Alto, on May 9, was sentenced to be hanged. Judge Gillan, before sentencing Reed, denied a motion for a new trial and for an arrest of judgment.

Allentown.—Thought to be dying from a fifteen thousand volt shock, George Coates, an Allentown electrician, appeared on the street, all bandaged, but smoking his pipe. He was teaching his gang to string wires when he was caught, and his smoking body was removed from a high pole by men who climbed ladders.

Carlisle.—By walking a distance of twenty-two miles three Carlisle young men won a dinner. Miss Bertha Kitzmiller, of Shippenburg, a teacher here, told Frederick Brown, Willis Wierman and William Moorehead that if they would hike to her home she would give them a meal. The young men accepted the dare and received the reward.

Pittsburgh.—Captain John F. Klein, former Councilman and riverman, who "pulled the props from under the sky" and gave testimony which sent a host of Pittsburgh city officials, bank officers and others to the penitentiary and county jail in connection with extensive grafting in 1910, was released from the Western Penitentiary here, having been pardoned by the Governor.

Pottsville.—At the plant of the Eastern Steel Company, John Coon and James Moulter had a desperate quarrel. They were separated by fellow workmen; but a short time later Moulter approached Coon, having borrowed a long dagger, and drove it to the hilt between his victim's shoulders, the blade deeply penetrating his back and piercing several vital organs. It was necessary to pry out the knife with the aid of a lever. Coon is in a dying condition and Moulter is a fugitive.

Shenandoah.—For some time the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company have been boring with diamond drills for the mammoth and seven foot veins at West Shenandoah Colliery mines. Thursday the officials were much elated by the discovery of both veins. The mammoth vein is twenty-five feet thick and the seven foot full size. This means new life for this colliery, gratifying news for 1500 employees, adds greatly to the business of this town, and increases the value of real estate.

Allentown.—George F. Prevelege, hotelkeeper at Emaus, and his son, George, went on the mountain to train a hunting dog. A bird being flushed, the son raised his gun and the trigger being set lightly, fired prematurely and shot his father's right foot off, besides lacerating the leg badly below the knee. When the youth recovered from his horror he bound the leg as tightly as possible with a necktie. Three chestnut-hunters carried the wounded man home, nearly two miles. The leg was amputated at the hospital here. From excessive loss of blood Prevelege may not survive.

Pottsville.—Objecting to the roadway trolley force encroaching any nearer to her hotel property at Mt. Carbon, the plans for changes in the tracks taking them slightly out of the old route of the road, Mrs. Angelo Long, held up a squad of thirty men with a leveled gun for several hours, until interference came on the part of Troop C of the State Constabulary. The trackmen were permitted to work above and below her property, but every time they attempted to overstep a proscribed "dead line," she held them up with her weapon, threatening to blow off the head of the first man who ignored her demands. After the State police arrived, the changes in the track were made.

York.—Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Sentf, of near Naasville, were seriously injured when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a passenger train on the Western Maryland Railroad. The automobile was wrecked and the occupants were hurled forty feet.

York.—Oscar Beard, 25 years old, was arrested and sent to jail here, after having confessed to stealing \$500 from his grandmother, Mrs. Kate Beard, of Newberry township. Mrs. Beard kept her money in a wooden chest.