

## The Centre Reporter

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THE CARELESS SMOKER.

The average smoker is too careless in the manner in which he tosses burning cigar and cigarette butts and lighted matches about. The chances are that no damage will be caused, and he takes those chances. When a home, a business house, a city block, or even a large section of a city, is burned by a fire starting from a smoker's carelessness the smoker goes scot free. Is it not pertinent to ask why the law should punish a man for spitting on the sidewalk because some one might contract a germ disease as a result of his carelessness, while no punishment is fixed to deter him from throwing fire about, although millions of dollars worth of property and many lives may be lost if the butt or match chances to fall where it can start a fire. The crusade of the anti-smoke contingent is not making much headway as a moral issue, a movement for the improvement of public health or an agitation against the boorish individual who is discourteous to those with whom he comes in contact, says the Louisville Courier-Journal. If it should result in the enactment of city ordinances making it a misdemeanor to throw lighted matches and butts about, and in state laws providing punishment where it is possible to fix the blame for a fire upon a negligent smoker, millions of dollars' worth of property and many lives might be saved. The habit of smoking cannot be ended by agitation.

When does slang cease to be slang? This is not a conundrum, but the inquiry of a correspondent who seeks to know what length of life a word must have, how long must it be used and generally understood, before it passes from being, as it were, an undesirable alien in the realm of our words and becomes naturalized. Every schoolboy knows that "the herring-pond" means the sea. Most people would probably term it an Americanism referring to the Atlantic ocean. The only dictionary handy duly admits the hyphenated word, describes it as slang, and illustrates it with "to be sent across the herring-pond: to be transported," says the London Chronicle. The word was used as long ago as 1763, when an English ambassador wrote from Calais to a secretary of state that he had "traversed the herring-pond after about ten hours' sail."

The burglar will always be about seeking for a chance to rob, and the police problem is how to reduce the ranks of these thieves to a minimum and make their work so dangerous that few will dare to undertake it. Carelessness and forgetfulness on the part of the housekeeper make the work of these gentry far easier than it would otherwise be. The police generally do the best they can, but they could do far better were not the burglars offered so many golden opportunities for the work they are always so ready to do.

A one-pounder mounted on a gun carriage is said now to solve the problem of firing at aeroplanes. How such a weapon could be effectively sighted remains to be shown. The conviction grows that efforts to prepare for the aerial battleship should be along the line of perfecting the sight, enlarging the caliber and lengthening the range of sharpshooter rifles, and training men for their speediest and most accurate use.

The seizure of Dr. Richter, a noted German engineer, by Greek bandits who held him for a ransom of \$225,000 will be apt to cause travelers to avoid Mount Olympus until assurance is received that the government of Greece is strong enough to prevent such proceedings by the Greek National society, so-called, for the replenishment of the society's treasury.

A Boston Chinaman is going back to his native land after having amassed a fortune of half a million dollars out of chop suey. We venture to predict that he will lose his head if he ever tries to spring that American invention on his fellow countrymen.

When we read how the aviators are held up by rain and fogs and other weather conditions it becomes more and more evident that an immense development must come in the flying machine before it arrives at the stage of much usefulness.

In certain parts of the country farmers have been cutting hay with their automobiles. Unfortunately it will not be possible for many of them to dig potatoes with automobiles this year.

One difference between joy riders and night riders is that joy riders sometimes manage to kill themselves, but they are both dangerous to the innocent bystanders.

## MORE WARSHIPS SENT TO CHINA

American Naval Forces There Are Increased.

NO JOINT ACTION AT PRESENT

Chinese Government Instituting Negotiations With Rebels In Hope Of Terminating The Revolution By Concessions—Gen. Li Yuan Henge, Rebel Leader, Proclaims Himself President—Gen. Yin Tchang, The Minister Of War, Ordered To Turn Over The Imperial Forces.

Washington.—Unable to do much more than has been done toward maintaining a naval force in the upper reaches of the Chinese rivers because of the lack of light-draft gunboats, Admiral Murdock, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic station, has decided to strengthen the American naval representation at the deep-water treaty ports. Therefore, he has ordered the coast defense ship Monterey and the double-turreted monitor Monadnock to proceed at once from Manila to the Chinese coast. The Quiros, the last of the small gunboats left at Manila, also has been ordered to China and will probably go up the Yangtee River. These additional ships are to look solely after the interests of Americans and foreigners.

Ambassador Bacon cabled from Paris that the French government had decided that it did not see the present necessity for joint action of the foreign naval forces in China. This was doubtless in reply to the state department's suggestion to various American Ambassadors and Ministers that they learn the purposes of the governments to which they were accredited in dealing with the situation in China, and the French response is exactly in line with the desires of the State Department at this stage.

The State Department was informed through the Chinese legation here of the appointment of Yuan Shi Kai to the supreme command of the military movements in China, confirming the press reports.

Yuan Shi Kai, at whose instigation negotiations between the government and insurrectionists are about to begin, is believed here to have been awaiting such a concession on the part of the government before consenting to take active part in the campaign. His delay in taking the field when directed by the throne to assume charge of the government troops is thought to have been a move to force acceptance of his plans for bringing about peace.

The progress of events in China, it is pointed out, seems to be favoring Yuan. Yin Tcheng, the deposed commander-in-chief of the imperial army, was his bitter personal enemy, while Tan Shao Yi, the newly appointed minister of communications, is one of his proteges. Indications here are that Yuan will be chosen premier.

TRAPPING SPARROWS.

Government's Experiments Develop Unexpected Results.

Washington.—Experiments conducted by Dr. A. K. Fisher, of the government biological survey, in the trapping and poisoning of English sparrows have developed some unexpected results. The government scientists have established the fact, by a year's observation, that sparrows cling to prescribed localities and that an entire space can be trapped clear of them.

The extensive grounds of the Agricultural Department, in the heart of Washington, have been practically made sparrow free. At the same time flocks of the birds range up and down the streets that bound the Agricultural Department's park.

Yeggs Break Oklahoma Bank.

Shawnee, Okla.—Robbers attacked the town of McComb, several miles from here, cut telephone and telegraph wires, then blew open the safe in the town bank. They got a large amount of money and escaped before a Sheriff's posse could head them off. Big posses are on the robbers' trail.

Dynamite Pulverized.

San Francisco.—Southern Pacific Railroad officials here were notified of the finding of 36 sticks of dynamite in a frog on the track at Ellwood, Cal., a few moments after train No. 18, a southbound passenger, had passed the switch. Part of the dynamite was pulverized, evidently having been ground by the car wheels. The explosive was found within a few miles of the bridge where a similar cache was planted when President Taft's train passed October 17.

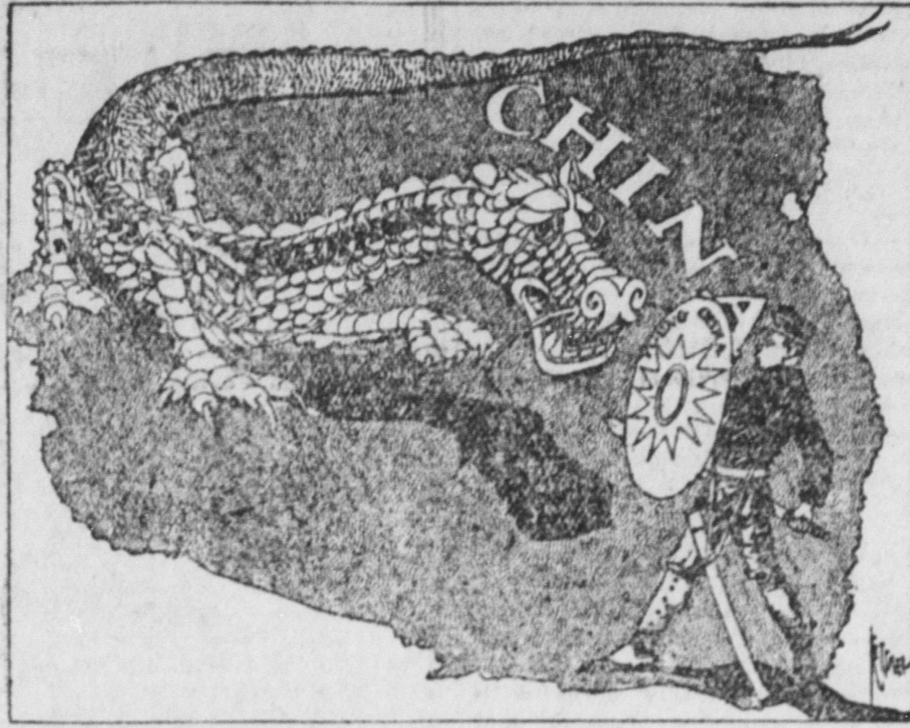
Military Aviator Killed.

Rheims, France.—While trying out a military aeroplane the pilot, Jean Desparment, fell with the machine from a height of 600 feet and was crushed to death.

7 Men-o-War-men Drowned.

Kiel, Germany.—A small boat which was being lowered over the side of the German cruiser Muenchen capsized, throwing its occupants into the water. A boatswain and six sailors were drowned.

## ST. GEORGE AND THE DRAGON UP TO DATE



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### ITALY'S LOSS IN TRIPOLI

Left Line Of The Italian Defense At Sharashett Hard Pressed By The Arabs—Canena's Plans For An Advance Into Interior.

London.—Four hundred Italians were killed or wounded in the fighting around Tripoli on Monday and Tuesday, but all newspaper correspondents were forbidden to communicate the extent of the casualties, according to dispatch received here from Tripoli, which escaped the Italian censorship by being filed at Valetta.

The situation at Tripoli, the dispatch adds, is serious. European residents fear a massacre, as a holy war has been proclaimed by the natives. At Sharashett the left line of Italian defense is reported as being hard pressed by Arabs. A large number of Italian officers were killed and wounded in the battle.

The specters of revolution in Constantinople and complications in the Balkans are again alarming official circles here, but it is believed that the danger which would result from an Italian occupation of the islands in the archipelago or the bombardment of Smyrna has been removed, as there are some indications that Italy has abandoned the plan after soundings the powers.

### BRIEFS BY TELEGRAPH

Cambridge, Mass.—If anybody finds a stray planet or asteroid running around loose the Harvard Observatory should be notified. The planet was discovered October 3, but disappeared too rapidly for observation.

New York.—Because "we are all living beyond our means" and it was their first offense, Judge O'Sullivan paroled two girls who pawned evening dresses they had rented for party wear.

Newark, N. J.—A newspaper with neither paper nor ink, The Telephone Herald, told 500 fans about the world series game, play by play, and delivered by phone other news just like a regular paper.

New York.—Hyman Schaeffer, a jeweler, reported a loss of 200 uncut diamonds, valued at \$2,000, to the police. He carried them in a wallet.

New York.—A portrait of George Washington, woven entirely of silk and presented to the city in 1858 by Frenchmen, is gradually splitting, and it is feared will be destroyed.

Washington.—Because his receipts were \$1 short of \$1,600, the East Berlin (Cl.) postmaster loses \$700 a year for rent and clerk hire. A dollar spent for stamps would have saved \$700.

Wabash, Ind.—Advertising for a wife William Riley wasn't at home when she arrived. He found her cooking dinner. "Will you be mine?" he cried. "Taste my pie," said Mabel Baker, now Mrs. Riley.

New York.—For preserving moving picture and photographic records of historical events, the Modern Historical Records Association has been formed.

New Brunswick, N. J.—That he shot three men, killing one, while in a dream was the defense of Marino Bellini when placed on trial for murder. He attributed his mental condition to typhoid fever.

New York.—Charged with stealing \$521 Leon Ellery, a subway ticket seller, told Judge O'Sullivan he would rather stay sober five years than go to jail for that long and was paroled.

### THIS GIRL CAN DRIVE NAILS.

Twelve Buried In Board In 46.25 Seconds.

St. Paul, Minn.—One more stride was taken in the field of feminine accomplishment when Miss Florence Wilcox, of St. Paul, a junior 99-ed in the Minnesota Agricultural School in the annual field meet, drove 12 tennypenny nails in the girls' nail-driving contest in the record breaking time of 46.25 seconds.

## FATHER AND SON MEET IN PRISON

Rev. C. V. T. Richeson Declares, "I Am Innocent"

"MY BOY" SOBS THE PARENT

Col. Thos. Varland Richeson, Of Amherst, Va., Sees His Offspring For The First Time In Seven Years.

Boston.—Col. Thomas Varland Richeson, of Amherst, Va., visited in Charles Street Jail here his youngest son, the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, who is accused of the murder of Avis Linnell, his one-time fiancée. Since the young man left his Virginia home, seven years ago, to enter the Baptist ministry, his father had not seen him and the meeting was dramatic. In the first words of greeting, even before he had clasped hands with his father through the bars of his cell door, the clergyman exclaimed, "Father, I am innocent!"

The veteran Confederate soldier, who has all along expressed belief in his son's innocence, was visibly affected. He grasped the bars for support, while he answered only, "My boy... My boy..."

For more than an hour father and son conversed, and Colonel Richeson then left the jail as he came, in a closed carriage, and was driven, it is believed, to the home in Brookline of Moses Grant Edmunds, father of Miss Violet Edmunds, to whom the clergyman was to be married. It was reported that a family reunion was to be held at the Edmunds home, at which would be present also Miss Lillie V. Richeson, of Saranac Lake, N. Y., a sister, and Douglas Richeson, of Chicago, a brother of the minister. All are in the city to aid in the clergyman's fight for acquittal.

The exhumation of the body of Miss Linnell precipitated the first court clash between attorneys for the prosecution and for the defense. It was the government which scored, for Judge Murray in the Municipal Court ruled against the petition of Attorney Philip R. Dunbar that the defense be present at a second autopsy.

The body was subjected to an examination by Medical Examiner Timothy Leary, following which District Attorney Pellier issued a statement declaring that no poison receptacle was found buried with the body. He also suggested the possibility that another poison as well as cyanide of potassium may have been used. At the conclusion of the medical examiner's investigation the coffin was forwarded to Hyannis and reburied.

### NEW CHINESE MINISTER.

S. Alfred Sze Appointed To Succeed Chang Yin Tang.

Washington.—S. Alfred Sze has been selected to be Chinese minister to Washington, to succeed the incumbent, Chang Yin Tang, who is now in Mexico. Mr. Sze is a graduate of Cornell University and connected with the Chinese Foreign Office.

Mr. Sze is not a stranger in Washington, as he came here first in 1892, when he was enrolled as a student in the Central High School, from which he was graduated four years later.

### Ambassador Off For Japan.

San Francisco.—Charles Page Bryan, who was recently transferred from the position of United States minister to Belgium to that of ambassador to Japan, sailed Wednesday for his new post of duty at Tokio.

### Shakespeare Is Rejected.

Chicago.—Shakespeare has been rejected as "licentious," unclean and objectionable" by the Youthful Literary Lights of the Hammond High School, and they are receiving the support of their teachers to have the author of The Taming of the Shrew, Venus and Adonis and Pericles banished from the curriculum. Beeson Amos, representing the chief literary societies of the school, in presenting the demand to the faculty, characterized the Bard of Avon as "a cheap grandstand player."

## THE GOVERNMENT SUES STEEL TRUST

Action Is Instituted for Its Dissolution.

SURPRISE TO THE OFFICIALS

Former Secretary Of War Dickinson, Special Counsel Of The Government, Filed The Bill, Which Was Kept A Secret.

IN THE BIG CASE.

Defendants in the case, the largest corporation in the world and the richest individuals.

Steel Corporation's capitalization—\$508,000,000 common stock, \$360,000,000 preferred stock and \$596,000,000 bonds, a total of \$1,464,000,000.

Was organized in 1901 under the financial management of J. P. Morgan & Co.

Among the individual defendants who will be subpoenaed are J. Pierpont Morgan, Charles M. Schwab, Ethelbert H. Gary, Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller, Sr., John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Henry C. Frick and James J. Hill.

Trenton, N. J.—The government's long-planned suit to break up the so-called Steel Trust has begun here Thursday in the United States Circuit Court. It is the most sweeping anti-trust action ever brought by the Department of Justice.

The government asks not only for the dissolution of the United States Steel Corporation, but for the dissolution of all constituent or subsidiary companies which are alleged to have combined in violation of the Sherman law to "maintain, or attempt to maintain a monopoly of the steel business." There are 35 subsidiary corporations named as defendants.

J. Pierpont Morgan, John D. Rockefeller, Andrew Carnegie, Charles M. Schwab, George W. Perkins, E. H. Gary, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Henry C. Frick, Charles Steele, James Gayley, William H. Moore, J. H. Moore, Edmund C. Converse, Percival Roberts, Jr., Daniel G. Reid, Norman B. Ream, P. A. B. Widener and William P. Palmer are named individually as defendants.

Sensational Charges.

The steel corporation's lease of the Great Northern Railway's ore properties which the directors of the steel company Thursday formally decided to cancel is alleged to be illegal. This action of the directors was taken but a few hours before the filing of the bill. The government acknowledges that it was advised of the steel corporation's intention in this respect, but states that under the terms of the lease no cancellation would be effective until January 1, 1915, and there is no limit upon the amount of ore that can be taken out in the meantime. Sensational allegations fairly topple over each other in the government's petition, which is an equity proceeding praying for injunctions to estop continuance of the alleged monopoly and such other relief as the court may grant. The steel corporation's acquisition of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company during the panic of 1908 is declared illegal and scathingly criticized.

GOVERNMENT MAY STEP IN.

Rumors Of Federal Investigation Of The McNamara Case.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Reports from Indianapolis that a Federal grand jury would investigate the so-called McNamara dynamiting cases supplied a theme for consideration by counsel for the defense of John J. and James B. McNamara, and attracted attention in the office of District Attorney John D. Fredericks as well.

A lull in court procedure while a new venire was being summoned gave opportunity for consideration of the subject. It was believed that the whole aspect of the case might be changed by the action of the Federal authorities and that the McNamaras, under 19 indictments for murder in connection with the destruction of the Los Angeles Times Building, might enter upon an entirely changed legal status.

Farmer Asleep A Week.

Dunkirk, N. Y.—Isaac Belote, a farmer of Forestville, has been asleep since last Thursday. Electric batteries and other efforts by well-known physicians to awaken him prove futile. Nourishment in liquid form is being given him through a tube.

Bailey Will Surely Retire.

Washington.—Emphatically denying reports that he had changed his mind about retiring to private life, Senator Joseph W. Bailey, of Texas, in an interview here, stated that his decision to leave the Senate at the expiration of his present term in 1913 was irrevocable.

Inaugurate Madero November 5.

El Paso, Texas.—Telegrams received here from Francisco I. Madero announce he will be inaugurated President of Mexico November 5.

## THE NEWS OF PENNSYLVANIA

Chester.—Jonathan Grant, one of Chester's oldest citizens, who was for many years a member of the school board, died while sitting in a chair at his home, aged eighty-three years. He was stricken with apoplexy.

Erie.—Lowry Barber, a real estate dealer of Waterford, and treasurer of the County Democratic Committee, was killed and four other injured when an automobile in which they were riding turned turtle. The injured will recover.

Harrisburg.—The locomotive drawing the southbound Buffalo express, struck a market wagon driven by Washington Sheets near Dauphin, and demolishing the wagon, hurled Sheets thirty feet. He was brought to a hospital in this city and although suffering from broken bones, will recover.

York.—The Western Maryland Railway train ran down and killed Erwin Kohler, near Leeska, while he was returning from a coon hunt accompanied by his brother, Allen Kohler. The brother guarded the body until a track walker came upon the scene.

Coopersburg.—A herd of 25 Jerseys from T. S. Cooper's Linden Grove Farm was shipped to Chicago to compete as an exhibit in the National Dairy Show, the greatest cattle show America has ever seen. The Lehigh display is valued at more than \$100,000.

Bristol.—Incensed because his wife did not have dinner prepared on time, John McGill, forty-five years old, of Edgely, above Bristol, seized a butcher knife and plunged it through his heart. He died instantly. McGill was employed as a laborer at the Floral Exchange.

Harrisburg.—West Chester residents protested to the State Railroad Commission that the line of the West Chester Traction Company in that town is in bad condition, and that some places the rails have parted and the operation of the heavy cars jars the houses. The commission is asked to abate what is declared a dangerous nuisance.

West Chester.—In the Dauphin County Court Harry A. Claybaugh was convicted of murder in the first degree for cutting the throat of Mrs. Mary A. Goudy in this city, last summer. The jury was out less than two hours following a trial of three days.

Scranton.—Edwin G. Eckert, proprietor of the Acme Extract and Chemical Works, of Hanover, Pa., pleaded nolo contendere in Federal Court when indicted for selling extracts that were not properly labeled. He was sentenced to pay a fine of ten dollars and the costs.

Pittsburgh.—Answering the published statement that options on five thousand acres of land had been taken by Warden John Francis with a view of locating the new Western penitentiary near Bellefonte, the Warden said that the fact the options had been taken did not indicate the institution would be located in Center county.

West Chester.—In the Chester County Common Pleas Court, T. Larry Eyre brought suit against the Western Telegraph Company to recover \$1,000 damages to his 123-acre farm on the Brandywine, by reason of employees cutting down three large shade trees, the limbs of which interfered with wires. The jury awarded Mr. Eyre \$300.

Sharpsville.—The safe in the post-office here was blown open with nitroglycerine, and \$3,000 in stamps and \$1,500 in money taken. The building was damaged to the extent of \$1,000. Persons living near the building heard the report, but attributed it to an explosion at one of the blast furnaces. The robbery was not discovered until the office was opened for business.

Slatington.—Edward German, the richest man of this section, was probably fatally injured when a spiteful bull overpowered him in a second encounter and inflicted wounds of a serious character. Last summer he was attacked by the animal that heads his herd and came off victorious after free use of a pitchfork. The animal seemed resentful since.

Reading.—William F. Linderman, twenty-five years, employed as an engineer at the Deyr Quarries, South Birdsboro, was killed while oiling the machinery in the stone crushing building. It is thought he was caught in the shafting and whirled to his death. Men finding the machinery idle, made an investigation and found Linderman's body lying near the engine. His neck was broken.

South Bethlehem.—Michael Nytray, a Bethlehem Steel Company brakeman, was almost instantly killed at the steel works when he was jolted off a car and fell under the wheels, which severed both legs.

Carlisle.—Because a large number of citizens of Shippensburg petitioned the Court to suspend sentence on Wilbur Hoekersmith, convicted of arson at the last criminal session, Judge W. F. Sadler has issued an order suspending sentence on condition that the youth leaves the State and pays the cost of prosecution.