

The Centre Reporter

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THE SCHOOL FOR COURTSHIP.

Courtship is an art so fine and subtle that the world has gone on for thousands of years with scarcely a thought of reducing it to anything like a definite science to be taught and learned by rule. The romancers, to be sure, have woven innumerable tales from this Garden of Shy Love, and lately the realists have begun digging lustily among its roots and hidden tendrils; indeed, the typical novel of today is concerned far more with the physiology than with the sentiment of courtship. Matrimonial bureaus have been established, too, and perhaps in certain desperate cases they have justified their trade. It has been left, however, to a high school in Los Angeles to lead the way by establishing a thoroughgoing department for the art of getting married—and staying married, says the Atlantic Journal. The courses are proving immensely popular. There are five classes in which the girls are carefully tutored in matters of deportment during the various phases of wooing. They are also instructed in household management, home dietetics, dressmaking, millinery and the care of babies. It was originally planned that the boys of Los Angeles should be permitted to take these courses next year. There is now a prevailing opinion, however, that this will be altogether unnecessary, for when the girls have mastered their subject and have sharpened their instructive skill with special knowledge, what need, pray, will there be of any man knowing anything at all about courtship? The fact is, the average dandel, though she should be reared, as Perdita was, upon a lonely treeless island, can come upon the carpet at 18 and win 25 many proposals as she sets her head to. O, those wise women of the West! The Wise Men of the East were nothing to them.

There are more ways of getting the most out of the land than adding to its fertility by plowing in guano or phosphates. "Seedcorn" Holden has been lecturing to the members of the New York produce exchange and telling them what he told the Iowa farmers, that it is worth while to every farmer to take pains in the selection of his seed. Planting the best seed is rewarded when the time comes for gathering the crop. Observation in Iowa has shown that fifteen per cent of the corn kernels planted are dead before they are sown. It is not difficult to add ten bushels per acre to the production by simply taking care with respect to the seed. Ten bushels more per acre would add nearly a billion bushels to the corn crop. Undoubtedly it pays the farmer to take pains in the selection of seed.

There is something that looks very practical in the plan of the California rat and cat ranch man to feed the carcasses of the rats to the cats and the carcasses of the cats to the rats, making his profit by marketing the skins. Of course it will be assumed that as the animals increase and multiply, the multiplication of each species will insure the food supply of the other. Isn't it fascinating? And all the time the checks will be coming in for the skins. There is nothing exclusive about this ingenious Californian. He is willing to allow the investing public to purchase some of the shares in his industrial enterprise, which is organized in the form of a stock company.

Among the nations of Europe Turkey is the only one which flies no Red Cross in time of war. Though a party to the Geneva convention, Turkey has steadfastly refused to use the emblem of that convention, the Greek cross, to protect its sick and wounded in time of war, says the Westminster Gazette. In place of the cross the Turkish army medical corps makes use of a red crescent on a white ground, but this departure from the recognized international emblem has never received the sanction of the nations signatory to the Geneva convention.

A man who shot and killed his brother-in-law while deer hunting is reported to have gone insane after the tragedy. Didn't he go insane before it? Isn't "buck fever" a species of mental alienation which makes many of its victims temporarily unfit to be entrusted with guns?

The New York County Lawyers' association reports that "only 30 per cent of the lawyers in New York make a fair living." As we suspected, 70 per cent make an unfair living.

The New York World wants to know "Why is the Tomba full?" Possibly because it took a few too many.

The traveling men say they want the tipping habit stopped in the hotels. Then why don't they stop it?

AMERICAN TROOPS LAND IN CHINA

Take Over Duty of Guarding Railway From British.

DIVISION OF COUNTRY LIKELY

The Republican Authorities Appeal To the Foreign Powers for Recognition—The Abdication Of the Throne Demanded.

Peking.—The Fifteenth Regiment of United States Infantry, which is to act as a guard for the protection of a section of the railroad from Peking to the coast, arrived at Chin Wang Tao Friday on board the transport Logan.

Capt. J. H. Reeves, military attaché of the United States Legation, was on the quay waiting to greet the troops as they disembarked. The American troops, immediately after disembarkation, were inspected by their commander. A detachment then moved from Chin Wang Tao along the railway, where they took over the duty of guarding the line from Tang-Shan to Lanchow from the British troops, which returned to Tientsin.

More than 300 American troops will be quartered in a warehouse at Tientsin, which has been rented for the purpose.

Appeal To the Powers.

Nanking.—The republican government sent an appeal to the powers for recognition. This took the form of a circular which was sent to Washington, Tokio, London, Paris, Berlin and St. Petersburg, and was signed by Wang Chun-Wei, the foreign minister of the republican cabinet.

The terms of the circular follow: The Manchu government, having entered into negotiation with the republic of China for the purpose of abdicating its entire sovereign rights, powers and privileges, we fervently pray for recognition in order to avoid a disastrous interregnum.

(Signed) WANG CHUNG WEI, Foreign Minister.

It appears to be certain that fighting between the revolutionists and the imperialists will be resumed on the morning of January 28 unless Premier Yuan-Shi-Kai concedes the demands of the republican government.

FORTUNE FOR McNAMARAS.

Will Be Given Pardon in Two Years, Says Hicks.

Ottawa, Ont.—A dispatch received here from Galt, Ont., quotes W. Madison Hicks, of the Independent Labor League, as saying:

"I hold absolute proofs that the McNamaras are guaranteed a pardon, to take place within two years from the date of their sentence, and they will have over \$250,000 in cash when released."

Frozen In Saddle.

Kansas City, Mo.—T. S. Bidwell, a prominent rancher living 50 miles southwest of Scott City, was found frozen to death sitting upright in the saddle.

Persia To Pay Americans.

Washington.—F. S. Cairns, Shuster's first assistant in Persia, advised the State Department that an amicable adjustment of the claims of the Americans against the Persian government was about to be made.

Castro Planning a Revolt.

Washington.—According to a dispatch received at the State Department, former President Castro, of Venezuela, is in Colombia, where he seeks to stir up a revolution which will permit him to use Colombia as a base for his campaign against the present regime in Venezuela.

High Price For Butter.

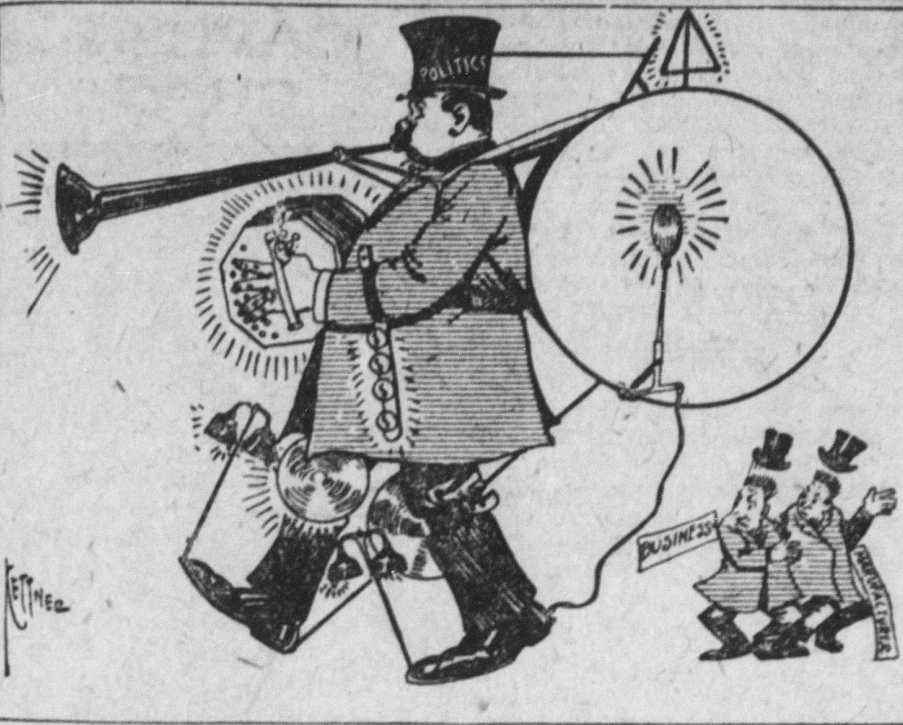
Washington.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, commenting on the declaration of New York wholesalers that the price of butter would soon be 60 cents a pound, because of the shortness of supply, said that if the cold storage dealers were required to make monthly reports to the Department of Agriculture as to how much butter, eggs, mutton, fish, etc., they had on hand it would be possible to ascertain whether there really was a scarcity and whether there was a good reason for advanced prices.

Hearst After a St. Louis Paper, St. Louis, Mo.—William R. Hearst is seeking a paper in St. Louis, according to Foster Coates, one of the Hearst managing editors.

Masonic Temple Burned.

Grand Forks, N. D.—Fire destroyed the Masonic Temple and the Rhesnart hardware and Eisen dry goods stores. The entire business section was in danger. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

THE BIG NOISE



ENGINES EXPLODE AS TRAINS CRASH

Two Engineers and Two Firemen Killed.

MANY PASSENGERS INJURED

Louisville and Nashville Passenger Head-On Collision Between a Louisville Train and Chesapeake and Ohio Train of Empty.

Louisville, Ky.—Four trainmen are dead and two perhaps fatally injured as the result of a head-on collision at Long Run, 18 miles east of here, between an inbound Louisville and Nashville passenger train and a Chesapeake and Ohio train of empty cars. Practically all the passengers on the Louisville and Nashville were more or less injured. Two Chesapeake and Ohio brakemen suffered severe injuries.

Both engines exploded, according to passengers, bits of the wreckage falling on the roofs of the coaches, terrorizing the passengers who had been thrown into masses in the forward ends of the cars.

Passengers, among them Judge W. G. Dearing, general attorney for the Louisville and Nashville, immediately set to work helping the injured from the coaches and went forward to assist in extricating the Chesapeake and Ohio conductor and his brakeman, caught in the wreckage when the combination coach in which they rode telescoped upon the shattered engines.

The Chesapeake and Ohio train, running on the Louisville and Nashville tracks, as do all Chesapeake and Ohio trains for Lexington to Louisville, was "dead heading" back to Lexington. Several hours previously the same train, starting out, had collided with a cut of freight cars in East Louisville and had to put back for repairs. Louisville and Nashville officials express their belief that the wreck was due to misunderstood orders.

SELLING THEIR CHILDREN.

Starving Peasants in Russia Also Dying Of Typhus.

London.—The terrible conditions prevailing among the peasantry in Southeastern Russia are depicted in a telegram from a doctor in Orenburg, which is published here as a special article. The doctor says that the starving peasantry in the government of Orenburg, on the River Ural, owing to not having received any assistance from the authorities, are selling their children to the Khirkeese Nomads, in the government of Saratov.

Many of the people in the vicinity have died from hunger and typhus and more than 70 per cent of the children are stricken with a fearful epidemic in some of the villages, while in other districts the distress is extreme.

STAMPEDE FOR GOLD.

Sixty Below Zero Does Not Halt Run To Sixty Mile River.

Dawson, Yukon Territory.—With the temperature 60 degrees below zero, the stampede to the new gold diggings at Sixty Mile continues. Prospectors already are sinking shafts. The gold commissioner has changed the name of the main south fork of Sixty Mile River, on which the discovery was made, to Matson Creek, in honor of John Matson, who prospected the ground 14 years ago.

GOLD NUGGETS IN FOWLS.

Town Suspends Business To Stake Out Claims.

Mintona, Minn.—As a result of the finding of nuggets of gold in numerous fowls killed on the Elliott farm four miles from here, stores and shops have been closed here, while their keepers hastened to the place to stake out claims. More than 50 claims already have been taken up and scores are hastening to the place.

TROOPS READY TO MOVE TO CUBA

Secretary Knox Awaiting Effect of the Ultimatum.

PRESIDENT GOMEZ' MESSAGE

The Commander Of the Veterans Also Sends a Message Declaring That the Object of His Organization Is To Maintain Peace.

New York.—President Gomez of Cuba, sent the following message here:

"Havana.—Undoubtedly the news from Cuba has been greatly exaggerated. This has caused the friendly note from the American government. I depend upon the patriotism of the Cuban people who will not forget their duty. I am certain the Veterans will listen to my advice and, in any event, I have sufficient means at my command to maintain order and to enforce the law.

(Signed) "GOMEZ."

General Nunez, commander of the Cuban Veterans, sent the following message:

"Havana.—Our attitude will be that the organization will remain firm in its object to guarantee peace, which may be altered by political parties, to moralize the administration and to spread patriotism in the hearts of the people. We protest against that which may be a menace to our freedom and independence, being sure that the noble people of the United States will never take our unselfish and patriotic campaign as an excuse to intervene in matters which could not affect in any way their interests in Cuba.

(Signed) "GENERAL NUNEZ."

Washington.—The State Department stands pat on its note to Cuba, warning President Gomez that he must maintain the law or expect a third intervention. Secretary Knox feels it is now up to Cuba, and the State Department will have an answer to its note in the steps taken to remedy the existing political situation.

Meanwhile all arrangements have been made by the War Department so that a force of 5,000 can be dispatched to Cuba on a few hours' notice. Troops along the Atlantic Coast have been designated which will be sent to Cuba in case it becomes necessary to occupy the island. Commanders have been notified that they must be prepared to move their forces according to plans drawn up long ago. There is no expectation at the War Department, however, that such a move will be necessary.

CLUB WITHOUT A BAR.

Chicago Railway Clerks Put Ban On Drinking.

Chicago.—Railway clerks of Chicago are to have a club without a bar. Members of the organization, which has been incorporated as the Chicago Railroad Club, met and authorized the house committee to furnish rooms. The membership is already 350 and there are 20,000 men in the city eligible.

"No liquor shall be sold, given away or stored on the premises," said Secretary J. P. Curran. "Our idea is to have a place where railroad men can meet and enjoy themselves in a way which does not include drinking. Liquor and the business do not go together."

Bride Ends Her Life.

Battle Creek, Mich.—Because her husband could not secure employment Mrs. Paul Kellogg, a bride of three months, committed suicide by taking a dose of strychnine. Paul Kellogg is an adopted son of Dr. J. H. Kellogg, of Battle Creek. It is said that the young man and his foster father were never reconciled since the former's marriage, which Dr. Kellogg did not approve.

C. W. MORSE FREED DEATH IMMINENT

His Sentence Commuted by President Taft.

IS RELEASED BY WIRE

President Acts On Report Of Surgeon General Torney That the Banker Cannot Survive A Month Of Confinement.

Washington.—President Taft commuted, to expire immediately, the 15-year sentence for violation of the national banking laws under which Charles W. Morse, the New York banker and "Ice King," served two years in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta.

The commutation of sentence, which gives Morse his complete freedom—but which, unlike a pardon, does not restore his civil rights—was granted upon recommendation of Attorney-General Wickham and Surgeon-General Torney, U. S. A. According to the Surgeon-General's report to the President on his condition, Morse could not live one month longer in confinement, and even at liberty probably would not live six months.

The White House statement granting freedom to Morse follows:

"The President has commuted the sentence of Charles W. Morse to expire at once. This action was taken upon the recommendation of the Attorney-General, based upon the following report of Surgeon-General Torney: A Prisoner, Would Die In Month.

"A careful review of these reports makes it clear to my mind that he is suffering from a combination of diseases due to degenerative changes which are incurable and progressive. The reports show that the condition of both the kidneys and the heart is growing worse. I regard the attack of cardiac dyspnoea, or heart-block, from which he suffered on the morning of the 15th instant, as an ominous occurrence. In my opinion the prisoner's duration of life will be, in all probability, less than one month if kept in confinement, and in the event of his release under commutation of sentence it is not probable that he will live as long as six months."

The Attorney-General, immediately following the President's action, telegraphed to Warden Moyer, of the Atlanta Penitentiary, who was technically in charge of Morse even though he had been removed to the Fort McPherson Hospital, to release the prisoner. The army surgeons at Fort McPherson were similarly instructed. Morse will be freed by the telegraphic orders, it being unnecessary for the Atlanta authorities to await the formal warrant of commutation, which will be sent by mail.

BRIDAL GIFT \$3,000,000.

Stotesbury-Cromwell Marriage a Princely Home Affair.

Washington.—Mrs. Eva Roberts Cromwell, widow of Oliver Cromwell, of New York, became the bride of Mr. Edward T. Stotesbury, of Philadelphia, who had settled \$3,000,000 upon her outright, Thursday afternoon. The ceremony was performed in the home of the bride, 1808 New Hampshire avenue, by Bishop Alfred Harding, of Washington, in the presence of a small but distinguished company, including the President and Mrs. Taft. There was only one attendant, Mr. Arthur Emlen Newbold, of Philadelphia, who was best man, and the arrangements were carried out with the utmost simplicity, and at the same time with the greatest elegance.

FOUR DEAD IN MINE.

Two Hundred Workers Had Left Just Before Explosion.

Central City, Ky.—Four persons are known to have been killed and another is believed to be dead as a result of an explosion in a mine of the Central City Coal and Iron Company. Four bodies have been removed. The explosion occurred just after the day men had come out.

Two hundred men usually are at work in the mine, but the explosion came soon after the day shift had come out and before the night shift had gone down.

POSTAL CLERK SENTENCED.

Had \$23,562 Stolen Money Hidden In Chicken Coop.

St. Louis, Mo.—George V. Steck, former postoffice clerk, who confessed to the theft of a \$25,000 registered package of currency, was sentenced by the United States District Court to three and a half years in the penitentiary. He restored \$23,562 after having secreted it in a chicken coop for a year.

Killed By Chicken Thief.

St. Joseph, Mo.—W. C. Lykens, 23 years old, a deputy sheriff, was shot and almost instantly killed by one of two chicken thieves he and Samuel E. Miller, a farmer, were endeavoring to arrest. Within two hours all of the farmers of the neighborhood were out, heavily armed, in search of the persons whose identities are known and vowing to lynch them if they succeed in capturing them.

ALL OVER THE STATE

TOLD IN SHORT ORDER

Mauch Chunk.—The Carbon County Commissioners have decided to hold a session every Tuesday and Friday.

Temple.—Augustus Haas, seventy-three years old, a retired farmer, and a member of Hinnershitz Reformed Church, died here.

Columbia.—Benjamin F. Barr died at the age of seventy-eight years. He was an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad many years, and served in the Civil War.

Glen Onoko.—A derailment of an east bound freight train on the Lehigh Valley Railroad near here blocked both tracks and delayed passenger traffic for a considerable time.

Apollo.—Paoli Suriani was burned to death and Raffaella Diaditi and his wife were seriously injured when fire destroyed a frame house belonging to the Pennsylvania Railroad at Salina.

Pottsville.—A several months' old baby found near Newcastle frozen stiff is believed by the police to have been placed on the road by its mother. The baby was stripped of nearly all its clothing when found.

Harrisburg.—Mrs. Susan Kenyan, formerly of Huntington, and sixty-three years old, was married here to Samuel S. Gramm, a retired Pennsylvania engineer, seventy-one years old. Children of both witnessed the marriage.

Media.—The Court has appointed Assistant District Attorney J. Robinson auditor to examine the accounts of the Prothonotary, Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds for the past year and audit their accounts.

Slatington.—The man who was found dead on the New Jersey Central Railroad near Lehigh Gap recently, has been identified as Joseph Pralich, forty years old, in the employ of the Lehigh and New England Railroad Company.

Norristown.—At a meeting of the Norristown Ministerial Union it was decided to inaugurate a crusade for a more rigid observance of Sunday throughout Montgomery county. A committee was appointed to push the movement.

Bloomsburg.—While Samuel H. Harman was taking a stove in his garage there was an explosion and Harman was hurled through a window. He was badly cut. His \$4,000 automobile and garage were destroyed by the fire which followed.

Huntingdon.—In memory of their father, Jacob Oler, of Wawnesboro, one of the first trustees of Juniata College, his children have presented to the college ten thousand dollars in securities for the use of the faculty endowment fund.

Allentown.—Evelyn, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Thomas P. Blumer, died at her home here as the result of a skating accident two weeks ago, when she fell on the ice, striking on her head. She also suffered internal injuries.

Chester.—Lemuel Macglen, a veteran newspaper compositor, who was employed on the old Delaware County "Republican" for many years, died from a complication of diseases. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War.

York.—Henry C. Heckert was elected secretary to the York Agricultural Society to succeed the late Edwin Chapin. Five other candidates were seeking the office. Bird H. Loucks was elected treasurer to succeed Harry P. Weiser.

Carlisle.—Despite the intensely cold weather of the past week the peach and apple buds in this section of the Cumberland Valley have not been frozen, declares Colonel Robert Middleton, of Bolling Springs, traveling freight agent for the Cumberland Valley Railroad Company.

Altoona.—As a result of an epidemic of measles in Bellwood, near here, the public schools and town library were closed, and revival and Sunday services in the churches suspended. Of 472 pupils, only 191 were attending school. It is estimated that 350 cases of the disease exist.

Lewistown.—The mangled body of Frank McGirk, sixty-eight years old, employed as watchman at Owen Rock, near here, was found on the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks by James Storer, his relief. He had evidently been run down by a freight during the night.

Chester.—The home of James Tuttle, in Marcus Hook, an employee at an oil works, was destroyed by fire. His wife had a narrow escape from being burned to death, her skirt catching fire when she attempted to save some articles of value. Because the fire plugs were frozen up, the firemen experienced considerable difficulty in battling with the flames.

Wyalusing.—This historic village is said to have more automobiles than any other town, with like population, in the State, the recent census showing it to have barely six hundred, and a late count shows the number of autos to be twenty-three.

Carlisle.—Probably the largest mortgage that has been filed in Cumberland county has been received by Clerk of the Courts James A. Carothers. The document is given by the Pennsylvania Textile Company to the State Street Trust Company, of Boston, and is for the sum of \$2,000,000.