

The Centre Reporter

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PASSING OF THE PIGTAIL.

Although the queue, less reverently known as pigtail, is most commonly associated in the public mind of today with the people of China, and although that fashion of wearing the hair has probably been attributed by the thoughtless in many instances to what most of us were taught by our school geographies to regard as the half-civilized condition of the Chinese, it is a fact well worth noting that the Chinese are by no means the only nation on earth to have shown respect and partiality to the queue. The recent edict sanctioning the abolition of the pigtail in China reminds the London Chronicle that it is not so very long ago since the pigtail disappeared not merely from the British army and navy, but even from everyday civilian life in England. Waist-long pigtails were the fashionable wear in England about 1740, and before that the bag wig had been adorned with a pigtail looped up in a black silk bag. As late as 1858 an old gentleman was seen in Cheapside with his gray hair tied behind in a short queue, and it appears that even today may be found in England a relic of the pigtail; for, according to the Chronicle, three pieces of black velvet on the dress tunics of officers in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers are the remains of the ribbon with which the queue was tied.

Another young Englishman has dashed into New York to spend 24 hours there "seeing America." What an interesting report he will have to make of the great Missouri and Mississippi valleys! What accurate descriptions he can give of the Southland with its wonderful work of unfolding resources going on! What graphic accounts of the prodigious west, this vast theater of imperial progress, he will make! If he could run into some well-informed Yankee on Broadway he might get a second-hand statement of what America is, but he can never find out simply by standing and viewing what he finds in New York, says the Omaha Bee. He cannot even see all of that city, and very little of the elements and resources that make it. Americans are proud of their metropolis, second city in the world in size and first in many other respects, but they would never go there to get the broadest view of continental America. They might go there for their ideas of American provincialism. Our young guest from abroad stands only before a great window that looks out upon America, not before the mirror that adequately reflects it. Of course, it could not be otherwise.

In the Chicago public library during the year 2,340,000 books have been called for, more than two-thirds of them for home use. Before deciding just how literary Chicago is, however, it will be necessary to know how many of the 2,340,000 books were histories and biographies and other serious works and how many of them were ephemeral "best sellers."

The board of education in Los Angeles has barred boxing for the high school girls for fear their beauty and their prospects may both be marred. It is very likely that the reason given for the prohibition will cause its unquestioning acceptance by the fair subjects of the ukase.

A New York jury awarded a lawyer six cents damages and Justice Goff set the verdict aside with the observation that a lawyer's reputation must be worth more than that. Nevertheless the justice must admit that it depends on the lawyer, just as in any other case it must depend on the man. Membership in any profession or employment in any occupation does not constitute a certificate of character.

The coloring of meerschaum pipes can now be done by a machine that never burns the pipe, but in spite of this great modern improvement there will undoubtedly be men who will go right on trying to color their meerschaum pipes themselves, and not infrequently spoiling them in the process, in the same old-fashioned way.

The Western Union's new office building in New York is to be only 26 stories high, and the New York papers are asking, "Why this moderation?"

An eastern couple kept the fact of their marriage a secret for fifty years. They had no fancy, evidently, for tin, glass or silver.

In asking that tips be abolished the waiters want it understood that they want something equally good as a substitute.

A St. Louis wife, twelve years of age, has asked for her first divorce. Evidently she is out for a record.

FORMER POPULAR HERO LYNCHED

General Montero Slain by Mob in Courtroom.

SHOT, BEHEADED, BURNED

Had Been Proclaimed President of Ecuador By the Troops, But Turned Over the Leadership To General Alfaro.

Guayaquil, Ecuador.—Gen. Pedro Montero, who recently was the popular hero of Guayaquil, was shot by the army populace, dragged into the streets, beheaded and burned.

General Montero in November last was proclaimed president of the troops stationed in Guayaquil, but handed over the leadership in the provisional government to Gen. Flavio Alfaro. A revolutionary army went from Guayaquil to meet the government troops from Quito, who under the command of Gen. Leonidas Plaza, defeated them and eventually forced Guayaquil to capitulate.

General Montero, with other leaders, was captured on January 22 and Friday General Montero was brought before a court-martial and sentenced to 16 years' imprisonment in a penitentiary.

When General Plaza, who presided over the court-martial, announced the sentence, crowds of angry people, who had surrounded the government palace, awaiting the result, shouted violent protests. The excitement increased rapidly and some of them rushed into the courtroom, riddled General Montero with bullets, seized his body and dragged it into the open air. There they hacked the head off the shoulders, gathered fuel, with which they started a fire and then cast head and trunk into the flames.

The excitement lasted throughout the night and revolver shooting occurred in many parts of the city.

Generals Eloy Alfaro and Paez, who were captured at the same time as General Montero, it is reported, were sent to Quito at midnight. They will be tried by court-martial in the capital.

A PORTIA COMES TO JUDGMENT

Covington Has First Woman Judge Of United States Court.

Cincinnati.—A Portia came to judgment in the Federal building in Covington, Ky., opposite this city, when Mrs. Mabel Van Dyke Bell assumed the duties of Federal Commissioner, to which office she was recently appointed.

Mrs. Bell is said to be the only woman to hold the position of judge in preliminary hearings in a United States court. Her first case was that of a man charged with sending libelous matter through the mails, and she bound him over to the grand jury and fixed his bond at \$500.

The room was crowded with attorneys assembled to witness the novel spectacle of a woman on the bench. After the day's calendar was disposed of, Mrs. Bell said:

"I see nothing unusual in my position, personally. I have been connected with the Federal Court for some years and feel that I am posted on whatever matters may come before it."

TAFT APPEALS FOR CHINESE.

As President Of American Red Cross Calls For Contributions.

Washington.—An appeal for public aid for Chinese famine sufferers was made by President Taft as president of the American National Red Cross Public subscriptions were asked.

"A fearful destitution exists in China," the proclamation recited. "Floods of the Yangtze and other rivers have destroyed crops and prevented cultivation of the land. Millions of human beings are now facing starvation of the most terrible and appalling character. Until peace is restored in China these conditions must continue, save as relieved by other countries."

Miss Mabel Boardman and Ernest P. Bicknell, national director of the Red Cross, conferred with the President and had the public appeal issued by request of a committee from New York.

FASTEST FLYING YET.

French Aviator Makes a Mile and a Half a Minute.

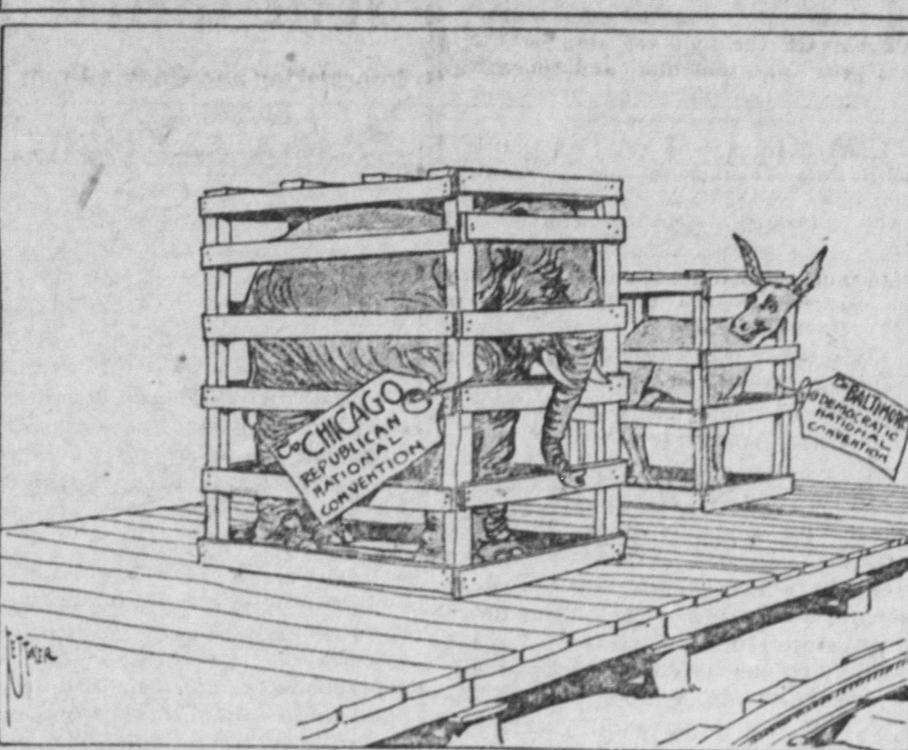
Douzy, France.—M. Bathiat, the aviator, flying in a monoplane, made a new world's speed record for 100 kilometers (62 miles) of 41 minutes 29 seconds. Another world's record was made by Henri Molla. Driving a biplane carrying five passengers of a total weight of 948 pounds, exclusive of gasoline, Molla remained aloft one hour and six minutes.

CATFISH WOUND FATAL.

Former Railroad Official Dies At Florida Resort.

Philadelphia.—Word has been received of the death at St. Lucie, Fla., of Isaac A. Sweigard following a wound from a catfish. Mr. Sweigard was general manager of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad for many years, retiring in 1900. About a week ago he caught a very large catfish and was showing it when it wounded him. Blood poisoning set in.

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MANY MILL HANDS LIVE LIKE PIGS

Report So Shocking the Government Suppressed It.

MOVE TO EXPOSE CONDITIONS

Plan To Establish a Children's Bureau Brings Out Statements That Conditions in Mills Are Too Offensive For Publication.

Washington.—Several sensational statements were made in the Senate in the course of a debate on a bill proposing the creation of a national children's bureau in Washington, the object of which will be to collect information concerning dependent children.

Senator Overman, of North Carolina, recalled that Congress had appropriated \$300,000 to investigate the conditions under which women and children are employed in factories and mines. The result of this expenditure, he declared, was a report so obscene and offensive to the people of many communities that part of it was suppressed. Senator Gallinger added that he himself had read some of the report and had been pained it as absolutely unfit for publication.

Five Volumes Suppressed. Senator Overman said his attention had been called to the character of the report by a clerk in the Department of Commerce and Labor, who had been going over the manuscript. The Senator from North Carolina allied on the Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor and that officer agreed with him that the report was an outrage.

The Senator from North Carolina said that while 13 volumes of the report had already been published, the manuscript of five volumes was suppressed.

"Didn't most of the complaints against the report come from the owners and operators of cotton mills in the South?" inquired Senator Dixon, of Montana, a defender of the bill.

Sensor Overman replied that the complaints he received had come mainly from people in the counties of North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia, in which no mills were located. He charged that the offensive reports related to the poorer classes who lived in cabins on the mountainsides and that the things which the government's special agents said about these poorer inhabitants of the South were simply outrageous.

Sensor Borah, who is in charge of the bill, maintained that the important thing about the reports was as to their truth. He believed the only way in which popular sentiment would be aroused to the shocking conditions under which women and children now work in industrial plants would be for a Federal bureau to collect and publish the information.

In giving a recital of the conditions under which children worked in the mills of the country, Senator Dixon was halted by Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, who inquired what the general government could do about these conditions to stop them.

FOR PANAMA EXPOSITION STAMPS.

Washington.—Postmaster-General Hitchcock authorized the preparation of designs and plates for suitable commemorative postage stamps for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in 1915. The opening of the Panama Canal and some important event in the history of California will be represented in the designs.

Fire Destroys Masonic Temple.

Portsmouth, O.—Fire which broke out in the basement of the Bradgon Drygoods Company, in the Masonic Temple, for a time threatened the heart of the business district in which it is situated and did damage amounting to \$175,000. It was controlled at 4 o'clock, after burning for more than five hours. The Masonic Temple was entirely gutted. The Bradgon Drygoods Company and the Hall Brothers' clothing store occupied the first floor, while the rest of the building was devoted to offices.

CONNAUGHT MEETS PRESIDENT TAFT

Canada's Governor-General Received at White House.

PRESIDENT RETURNS CALL

Official Visit To the White House Returned By the President—Ceremonial Made As Simple As Possible.

Washington.—The Duke of Connaught went the American pace in his visit to the national capital. Arriving late in the afternoon he was whirled first to the British Embassy, spent 40 minutes in the White House, where he was received by President and Mrs. Taft, was then motored back to the embassy, where he was the guest of honor at a dinner to which most of the prominent members of the Diplomatic Corps were invited; visited the National Press Club and then, tired, but delighted, as he expressed it, sought his private car. He left about midnight for New York.

The Duke, the first royal visitor to Washington in many years, spent 40 minutes in the White House, and President Taft returned his call at the British Embassy. Altogether the Chief Executive of the United States and his vice regal visitor were together for a little more than an hour. The Duke had no official message to bear from England and the President had none to give. Their conversation was of the most general character and the only formal welcome to his royal highness was that extended to him when he left his private car at the Union Station by Major A. W. Eutt, President Taft's personal aid.

Tea in the Red Room.

The reception in the White House lasted only fifteen minutes and was as unceremonial as State Department officials and the British Ambassador could make it. The Duke was presented to the President by Ambassador Bryce and then Mr. Taft presented him to Mrs. Taft and Miss Helen Taft. The members of the cabinet and their wives were presented by Major Butt. Mrs. James Bryce, First Assistant Secretary of State Huntington Wilson and Second Assistant Secretary Ade were the only guests outside the cabinet. The Duke's aid, Colonel Lowther, who came with him from New York, and the staff of the British embassy, were presented to Mr. Taft.

Following the formal reception tea was served in the Red Room of the White House by Miss Helen Taft. The Duke chatted with all the President's guests, but spent much of his time talking with Mr. Taft and Secretary of State Knox. The President's return call at the embassy was most informal. Only Major Butt accompanied him and he was received in the drawing-room, where His Royal Highness talked with the President for about 20 minutes. The President walked back to the White House.

At the Press Club the Duke made the first and only public speech of his visit to the United States. He was introduced to the assembled newspaper men, he said:

"I assure you it is a pleasure to meet you gentlemen, who hold positions of such influence in this country. I hope you will always use it for the good of the world; I hope, also, that England and the United States will be always the best of friends for the good of the world."

Church Expels Richeson.

Cambridge, Mass.—Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, who is under sentence of death for the murder of his former sweetheart, Avis Linnell, was expelled from the Baptist Church. The action was taken at the regular monthly meeting of the Immanuel Baptist Church, of this city, of which Richeson was pastor. The motion, which was carried unanimously, was put in this form: "Voted that the right hand of fellowship be withdrawn from Clarence V. T. Richeson and that his name be dropped from the church roll of members."

Reyes Won't Be Shot.

San Antonio.—Gen. Bernardo Reyes will not be backed up against a stone wall, blindfolded and shot for inciting a rebellion against the Mexican government, for which crime he is in prison. President Madero in a signed communication to the San Antonio Express believes General Reyes will probably get a sentence of six to eight years in prison. In the same communication President Madero says control of the national railways will continue to be vested in and exercised by the Mexican government.

Tongue Of "Informers" Split.

New York.—The body of a murdered man, possibly an informer on some clique of criminals, was found with the tongue split and the throat ripped open in approved Black Hand style in a vacant lot in Harlem. There were also knife wounds in the back, which, with the slashed throat and tongue, indicated unmistakably to the police that the man had been the victim of a frightful revenge.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE NEWS

Newsy Items Gathered From All Parts of the State.

Reigelsville.—Carl W. Fleck, of Reigelsville, has been elected principal of the Public Schools at Durham.

Catasauqua.—Charles A. Schekler, Sr., has been elected Chief of Police from among six candidates.

Lehighon.—William Frederick, an employee of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company at its Packerton Shops for forty years, is dead at his home.

Mauch Chunk.—At a meeting of the Carbon County Commissioners it was decided to dispense with the spring registration of votes.

Marietta.—Mrs. Margaret Dwyer, while attending the session of the Daughters of Liberty, fell and broke her left ankle.

Birdsboro.—Charles H. Miller, for fifteen years tax collector of the borough, died of nervous trouble. He was fifty-five years old.

South Bethlehem.—As a result of injuries suffered when he was jolted from a coal car here recently, Joseph Onoskey died at St. Luke's hospital.

South Bethlehem.—Workmen have begun to clear the site recently bought by the government for \$18,000, for a new postoffice to cost \$150,000.

Rittersville.—When the sleigh in which Mrs. Charles Melrose, of Rittersville, upset, the woman was hurled out and suffered a fractured left arm.

Yellow House.—The farmers who take milk to the creamery receive forty-seven cents a pound for butter fat, the highest price realized since 1883.

Weatherly.—Dr. P. H. Latham, who has practiced medicine here for the past thirty years, is dead from Bright's disease.

York.—Frank Holt, a farmer, won a bet by pulling a 2,800-pound wagon a distance of four hundred yards over a rough road.

Sunbury.—The Civic Club has planted a Norway maple in Cameron Park in honor of Lieutenant William A. Bruner Post, No. 235, G. A. R.

Nesquehoning.—Nesquehoning has a new block of six houses which the owner calls "Cozy Row for Newbies." The apartments are taken up principally by newly-married people.

Reading.—Mrs. Henrietta Sands, seventy-eight years old, widow of Samuel Sands, and said to be a lineal descendant of Pocahontas, died of general debility here.

York.—A verdict of \$4,000 damages was rendered in court here in favor of William H. Powell against the S. Morgan Smith Company for the loss of the plaintiff's three fingers.

Harrisburg.—This city's School Board has refused to permit the Socialists of the city to use halls of high schools for meetings for spread of their propaganda.

Boyetown.—Mrs. Kate Rhoads, wife of ex-Burgess and former Prison Warden Reuben B. Rhoads, died suddenly of paralysis. She was seventy-eight years old.

South Bethlehem.—On his way home from school, eight-year-old Frank Gackenberg, of Northampton Heights, slipped on the ice and fractured a leg.

South Bethlehem.—While drilling a tap hole in a blast furnace at the Bethlehem Steel Company, John Bartos was severely burned when the molten metal suddenly broke through.

Chester.—Judge Broomall was re-elected for the sixteenth consecutive time as president of the Penn Club, a leading social organization of this city. A banquet followed the business session.

Midway.—Seeking safety from a rapidly approaching train on the Pan Handle Railroad, near here, Rocco Francisco and Lomardo Pusantis, trackmen, stepped in front of an express train coming from the opposite direction and were ground to pieces.

Harrisburg.—When Mrs. Joseph Antonette came here from Southern Wisconsin to join her husband she found him seriously ill in a hospital, his hair child was lost. The youngster was recovered by the police, and while she was trying to get to Reading.—Awakened during the night to find their house on fire; escaping in their night clothes by means of a rope from the second story window; walking a mile with bare feet and losing all their belongings save the night clothes on their backs, was the experience of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Seidel, Shannville, this county.

Norristown.—Mrs. Thomas Arnold, who tips the beam at over 200 pounds, fell down a flight of steps at her residence, fractured her collar bone and otherwise injured herself. On Christmas Day her husband was run down by an auto and two weeks ago her brother, John Gehringer, died from a fractured skull, caused by falling on an icy sidewalk.

Weatherly.—The residences of Harold Stewart, Roy Clements and Charles Donat, at Quakake Junction, near here, were entered by robbers, who took money, jewelry, clothing and other articles to the value of several hundred dollars.

Chester.—Through the pleadings of his mother, George Louth, a young man of Trainer, who had a hearing before Police Magistrate Elliott on the charge of flourishing a revolver on Third street, was discharged with a scold.