

The Centre Reporter

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STRIVING FOR EFFECT.

It is pitiful to watch the struggles of those who in their worldly lives try to be what they are not. To gradually pass from a poor condition of life into a better one is vastly different from rushing from one extreme to the other, and the spectacle of striving to keep up too high a pace is one of the most unedifying it is possible to observe, says the Charleston News and Courier. We gain nothing by such conduct unless perhaps it is the applause of those whose favor we may try to cultivate, but even then it often happens that those who praise are also our severest critics. It would seem that we strike the keynote of a happy life when we play our parts naturally, not as gaily attired puppets who dance and twirl for the amusement of others, but as sober-hearted, true-souled men and women who are content to be what they are and who only move across the stage of life for some good purpose. The only effects that are worth striving for are those that come to us naturally or by virtue of our best efforts in a worthy cause. They outlast all those other effects upon which we expend so much time and labor and which are at best merely artificial. They may not be so wonderful in their color schemes; they may not rush across our vision like birds of brilliant hues that flit across the blue, but they gather radiance with the passing years. Their colors never fade, their results last forever and they linger long in the memory of those who are so fortunate as to have beheld their beautiful vision.

There can be no two opinions on the proposition that China sorely needs a new language to replace the many and widely varying dialects that now serve to divide, rather than to unite her people. Rather, the language of trade and diplomacy in the east, is the most available. Educated Chinese, natural linguists that they are, have found little difficulty in mastering it. But how about the mass of the population? Will they find it just as easy? The day may come when English will be spoken quite generally in China, but that day is still far away. Presidential decrees may hasten its coming a little, if they are backed up by educational provisions. But in spite of all that can be done to promote it the change must necessarily be of very slow growth. The men who are taking this occasion to put forth the plan might more properly be called dreamers than progressives.

It is a curious fact that in the midst of winter on record the price of fresh eggs in New York should have mounted to an unprecedented height. But there's a reason—at least there is said to be. The cold storage men, it is stated, have in stock no fewer than three hundred million dozen eggs, some of which they have held for a long time. They are afraid of carrying this stock indefinitely in the present attitude of legislators toward cold storage. Therefore they are holding fresh eggs out of the market practically by putting a prohibitory price upon them, and thus creating a condition in which many people will buy "seconds" at figures that they would regard as extortionate at any other time. It's a great game—from the standpoint of shrewd business, not from the standpoint of fair dealing.

If buckwheat coal, which until a comparatively few years ago was thrown upon the culm banks of the anthracite mines as worthless, is to be boosted in price, as reported, it means just that much more clear profit to the producing companies and operators. From an economic standpoint the utilization of what was once a waste product is a good thing for both the public and the producers, as it tends to prolong the life of the anthracite regions, but it is hard to see what justification there can be in existing conditions for an advance in price. Doubtless the big companies, whose dividends range from 20 per cent. down to 6, need the money, and what more need be said?

Emotional women seldom bring hot-house flowers to the commonplace criminal who is in prison for stealing a cow or picking a pocket. These choice gifts are reserved for the higher class offender who commits a revolting murder.

The Chinese have been doing more fighting than straw braiding, and straw hats next summer may be high priced. No one, however, in midwinter cares about what is to happen in midsummer.

"Ties are not seriously objectionable until they take on the proportions of enforced bribes," says the Washington Star. Perhaps so; but the trouble is they do take on that aspect before they go very far.

LORIMER CASE ENDS AT LAST

Committee Closes the Public Hearings.

INDULGE IN LOVE FEAST

Attorney Hancey Files Brief To the Effect That Election Had Been Adjudicated and That a Second Inquiry Was Not Necessary.

Washington.—Public hearings in the second senatorial investigation into the election of Senator Lorimer were declared closed by Chairman Dillingham, of the Senate Lorimer Committee. Attorney Hancey, representing Senator Lorimer, was given permission to file a brief to the effect that the Senator's election had been adjudicated before the present investigation began and therefore that it could not be the subject of a second inquiry.

The inquiry has proved to be one of the most exhaustive ever made by a congressional committee. In the eight months' hearing about 10,000 pages of printed testimony were taken, constituting about 5,000,000 words. It is estimated that the stenographers' fees alone reached \$15,000.

The closing hour of the hearing was a veritable love-feast. The attorneys explained that they had never intended really to display temper and the committee added that it had not entertained like intentions. M. W. Blumenberg, the official stenographer, who was discharged for his conduct before the committee Saturday night, wrote a letter of profuse apology, which was read into the records.

Edward Hines was the last witness called. He denied he had attempted to bribe Miss Helen Seavers, a local telegraph operator, to see a message a private detective in the case had just sent. After his testimony the committee decided at an executive session not to inquire further into an alleged combination against Senator Lorimer as a result of the Chicago River Improvement, or other matters which the committee deemed, after hearing witnesses, did not bear upon the issue.

The early hours of the session were marked by tests of the ability of J. E. Sheridan, of a detective agency, to make a short-hand report of a conversation, such as he swore he made when Charles McGowan was alleged to have admitted receiving money for "perjuring" himself before the committee.

TURKS HOLDING ITALIANS.

Dispatches Also Tend To Confirm Loss Of Three Italian Warships.

Constantinople.—Turkey will only entertain peace proposals upon the retraction of Italy's decree annexing Tripoli, according to announcement from the Turkish council of ministers. This statement was forthcoming, it is said, in answer to inquiries of foreign powers as to the terms on which Turkey would enter into peace negotiations.

Turkish officialdom was elated over reports of a crushing defeat administered to the Italian column at Derna and Benghazi by the allied Turco-Arab army. According to advices from the front the Italians were defeated with heavy loss of life, and pursued by the Turks and Arabs to their blockhouse at Ainzara Oasis.

Additional advices tending to confirm reports earlier in the week that three Italian ships had been sunk off Tobruk, Susa and Taormina were received here.

After Interstate Carriers.

Washington.—The Interstate Commerce Commission ordered a general investigation of the practice of all interstate carriers with respect to the issuance of passes, franks and free transportation service. Information has reached the commission that many carriers are violating the law in that regard. Indications are that the offending carriers may be obliged to face prosecution.

Death Of Dr. Talmage.

Philadelphia.—Rev. Frank Dewitt Talmage died at his home here of heart failure superinduced by a nervous breakdown. He was 44 years old. Dr. Talmage was pastor of the Chambers-Wylie Presbyterian Church. He came to his present charge from the First Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, Cal. He also occupied pulpits in Chicago and Pittsburgh.

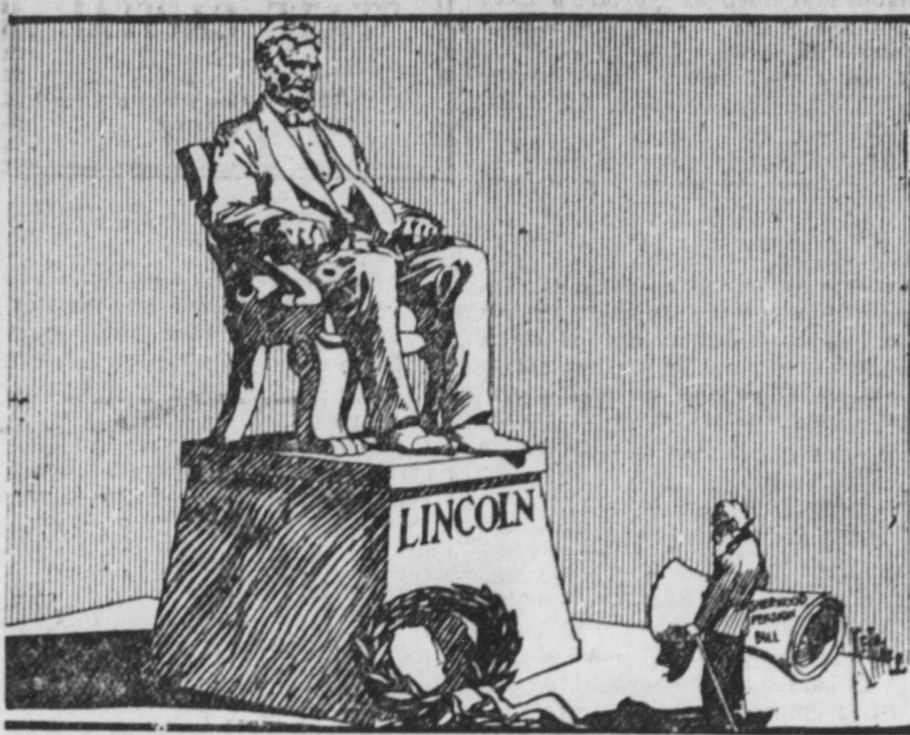
Madero Will Call Congress.

Washington.—An extra session of the Mexican Congress will be called to consider the desperate situation in the republic, according to advices received by the State Department.

Wrecked By Dynamite.

Waynesboro, Pa.—In an explosion of dynamite near here, two men were severely hurt, two houses were damaged, telephone lines were severed and gas and oil pipes ripped from the ground. One small building disappeared in a cloud of smoke and splinters and the oil and gas from the broken pipe lines were ignited, sending up tongues of flame 30 feet high. John Sheehan, 40 years old, a construction foreman, and Ehud Steel, aged 35, were badly burned and injured.

WHAT WOULD LINCOLN DO?



UNION MEN IN DRAG NET

Federal Grand Jury At Indianapolis Completes Its Investigation and Brings In Indictments—March 12 Day For Arraignment.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Union labor officials and agents, said to number between 30 and 40, whom the government holds criminally responsible for the McNamara and Orrie McManigal for permitting more than 10 explosions which occurred in cities from Massachusetts to California in the last six years, and in which the wrecking of the Los Angeles Times building was an incident, were indicted Tuesday.

Thirty-two indictments were returned. Capias for arrests have been issued and all the men indicted are to be taken in custody on a day secretly fixed by the government, but known to be within a week. March 12 has been set for the arraignment before Federal Judge A. B. Anderson, in Indianapolis. The papers for the arrests designate the amount of bond which the defendants may give in the Federal districts in which they reside for their appearance here. The amounts of the bonds in the individual cases were not made known, but it was said in the aggregate they would total \$300,000. Although the names of the defendants and their exact number were ordered withheld pending the arrests, it was stated probably more than 32 and possibly 40 men were accused, inasmuch as more than one defendant was named in some of the indictments. Almost all the men, it was declared, were either union officials or men who were charged with affiliating with the dynamiters.

Asked if any men "higher up" had been indicted, United States District Attorney Charles W. Miller refused to say. Intimation came from another source, however, that no officials higher than those who had had headquarters in Indianapolis were involved.

Frank M. Ryan, president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Ironworkers, and Herbert S. Hockin, the secretary-treasurer, when informed of the indictments, refused to comment, except to repeat their statements that J. J. McNamara acted on his own responsibility when he organized his "dynamiting crew."

CENTENARY OF DICKENS.

American Wreaths Upon His Grave In Westminster.

London.—The centenary of the birth of Charles Dickens was celebrated throughout the United Kingdom and the British colonies by commemorative services, Dickens carnivals and festive banquets.

The great novelist's grave in Westminster Abbey was lavishly decorated with wreaths, including wreaths from many of the Dickens Clubs of the United States.

Rochester Cathedral was the special Mecca of great crowds of the author's admirers.

KILLED BY PLAYMATE.

Lad Dies In Arms Of Boy Who Hit Him On the Head.

Muncie, Ind.—Struck on the head with a piece of coal by his playmate, Oscar Tharp, in a quarrel over a sled, Earl Thompson died in Tharp's arms of cerebral hemorrhage. The boys had been constant companions. After Thompson's death, Tharp, sobbing "I didn't mean to do it," was taken to police headquarters to be held pending the coroner's inquiry.

Soap Manufacturer Dead.

New York.—James T. Pyle, president of James Pyle & Sons, soap manufacturers, dropped dead at his office in Weehawken. He was 58 years of age.

Trolley Crash Kills Five.

McKeesport, Pa.—Five persons were killed and 25 injured when a trolley car on the Buena Vista division of the West Pennsylvania Street Railway line jumped the tracks and went over an embankment near the Youghiogheny Country Club House, six miles from this city. The car got beyond control of the motorman on a steep grade and after pitching over the embankment crashed into a tree and was smashed to pieces.

FALLEN BANKER'S PATHETIC RETURN

Fusillade of Flashlights Greet Morse in New York.

DRAMATIC SCENE IN STATION

Crowds Of Curious Persons Await His Coming—The Feeble Man is Wheeled in a Chair With His Wife At His Side.

New York.—Charles W. Morse, bank wrecker and pardoned Federal convict, came back to the scene of his former triumphs and his conviction, crumpled up in a wheelchair, silent and impassive as a lay figure. With a white-faced wife at his side he was pushed through the curious throngs at the Pennsylvania Station, lifted quickly into a taxicab and whisked away to his home, at 127 West Fifty-eighth street, to remain for a week or ten days before starting for Bad Nauheim, Germany, where he hopes to recover his health, which physicians say prison life has shattered.

If Morse felt any emotion at his home-coming he did not show it. Not once did he open his lips during the progress of the wheel chair from train to taxicab.

The train from Atlanta, where Morse served less than two years of his 15-year sentence, was more than an hour late. Reporters and photographers by the score awaited its coming and as it swept into the station at 5.28 there was a rush to the front exit of the Pullman car bearing the Morse party. Preparations for his detainment had been carefully made. A wheel chair was rolled up with almost automatic precision and Morse was quickly installed in it.

Then came a booming crash and a burst of flame. Everybody jumped, while Morse shrank back into the chair. A photographer had taken the first flashlight of the returning banker. Mrs. Morse looked anxiously at her husband as the smoke cleared and pressed close to the chair as it was wheeled away. Her face was ashen but she said nothing.

Dr. Fowler said: "Morse has stood the trip remarkably well, and seems stronger, but these reports about his rapid restoration to good health are untrue. Morse cannot live a great while. I would not hazard a guess as to how long, but the maladies with which he is afflicted are incurable."

Information was received here that Morse had no chance of securing the desired pardon from President Taft.

NOT A QUITTER, SAYS "T. R."

Declares He Will Be Found Fighting With Progressives.

New York.—"I don't believe that even my bitterest enemies will say that I was ever a deserter," Colonel Roosevelt told A. P. Moore, publisher of the Pittsburgh Leader, according to an interview given out by Mr. Moore. "You can say to the Progressives," Mr. Roosevelt is quoted by Mr. Moore as saying, "that I will not desert the cause and that they will find me fighting side by side with them to the finish."

Major Logan Dead.

Chicago.—Major W. R. Logan, custodian of the recently opened Glacier National Park in Montana, and a veteran Indian authority, died here from heart disease. Major Logan was 54 years old and leaves a widow and two daughters. His father, an old Indian fighter, is buried on Custer's last battlefield, and his son will be interred beside him.

Former Justice White Dead.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Truman C. White, former justice of the Supreme Court, who pronounced the death sentence upon Leon Czolgosz, assassin of President McKinley, and presided at many notable trials, died in this city, following an operation. Justice White retired from the bench in 1910 when he reached the prescribed age limit.

Relics From the Maine.

Washington.—Already about 350 claimants have appeared for the relics from the wreck of the battleship Maine which are now on board the collier Leonidas on the way to the Washington Navy Yard. Under the terms of the law distribution of the relics is to be made among municipalities, patriotic societies, survivors of the Maine and the relatives of the victims of the disaster. The articles comprise a strange and incongruous collection, ranging from a few six-inch guns down to brass buttons and crockery.

MADERO LOSING SUPPORTERS

A Delegation Tells Them That Certain Of His Ministers Are Aiding the Rebels—Stories Of Crookedness In the Army.

Mexico City.—"For no reason will I change any of my ministers. The members of my cabinet are honorable men. They are patriots. I shall not permit any of them to be slandered as you are slandering them."

In these words President Madero brought to a termination an interview sought by a committee from the anti-re-electionist party, which was attempting to persuade him to dismiss from his cabinet the ministers of war and interior.

The conference had proceeded calmly up to the moment when the spokesman of the committee, in reply to a statement of the President that the evil-minded Mexicans were aiding the rebels, declared that this was true, and that moreover the President knew these men because they were members of his own cabinet. The President then peremptorily ended the interview.

In line with this incident Alfredo Robles Dominguez, one of Madero's staunchest supporters during the revolution, publicly criticized the administration, stating that in his opinion not even the removal of the entire cabinet could save the administration.

The visit of the committee to President Madero was to interpellate him regarding the source of supplies issued to regular troops and bartered by them for drink and food and in turn bought up by the rebels. There are stories of haciendas having furnished great quantities in return for immunity from robbery, but the most serious report of all is that supplies have been sent from the government arsenals in the capital itself.

Scores of the President's most ardent supporters of six months ago are speculating on his ability to carry the country through the present crisis.

PASTOR A POOLPLAYER.

Champion In the Billiard Halls Of Newport.

Spokane, Washington.—When members of his flock discovered that Frank E. Whitman, pastor of the Hope Congregational Church, of Newport, Wash., played pool in the public billiard halls they complained to the Congregational ministers of Spokane and asked for an investigation.

The hearing disclosed that the preacher was the champion poolplayer of the town, and business men threatened to withdraw their support from the church if he was removed. The investigating committee recommended that the pastoral relations be continued and 24 new members were added to the church rolls.

\$3,000,000 IN MAIL BOXES.

Placed in One-Cent Pieces In Rural Receptacles During Year.

Washington.—During the last year over 300,000,000 one-cent pieces, intended as payment for stamps, postal cards and money orders, were collected by the rural carriers from mail boxes in which they had been deposited.

Postmaster General Hitchcock sent out a warning to all those who receive their mail through rural carriers that they should deposit no more coins in their boxes. If they must buy stamps and money orders hereafter they should go to the postmaster or consultant carrier on their route.

ALL HANDS SAVED.

Entombed Miners Rescued Without Injury.

Sutter Creek, Cal.—The sixty-two miners entombed in the Bunker Hill Mine by a cave-in in the mouth of the shaft, were rescued after a night of hard work by miners from nearby mines. None of the men were injured. They were greeted by their wives and daughters as they came out of the shaft.

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ALL OVER THE STATE TOLD IN SHORT ORDER

South Bethlehem.—Miss Anna M. Aldinger made known her betrothal to Emmett Mack, of Phillipsburg, N. J.

South Bethlehem.—While placing a stopper in a bottle William Frueh suffered badly cut hands when the bottle exploded.

Coplay.—Hit by a piece of stone following an explosion in a stone quarry, Edward Arthur suffered a fractured right leg.

South Bethlehem.—The engagement is announced of Miss Esther Shapiro, of Somerville, N. J., to James Alexander, of South Bethlehem.

Reading.—At a meeting of the Highway Committee of Councils it was decided to report favorably on the bill to abolish the Board of Public Works.

Allentown.—City Councils started legislation providing for a popular vote on a million-dollar loan for the construction of a sewerage system.

Frederickville.—A wildcat on the hills in Longswamp township, has kept sportsmen busy, and several dogs that encountered the animal were badly bitten.

Bethlehem.—Dono Dominick was found lying along the railroad tracks between Walnutport and Lehigh Gap with his right leg severed as the result of having been run down by a train.

Lehighton.—Badly wounded during the hunting season by the accidental explosion of his gun, Joseph Becker has recovered sufficiently to be able to leave the hospital.

Weissport.—At a meeting of Borough Council George E. Gray, of Lehighton, was elected solicitor; Milton Flory street commissioner, and F. A. Graver, chief of police.

Lewistown.—Dr. J. C. Amig has announced his candidacy for national delegate on the Democratic ticket in the Seventeenth Congressional District.

Mauch Chunk.—Josiah W. Palnter slipped on the ice and hit his head on an iron step, fracturing his skull. He is now in the Palmerton Hospital in a serious condition.

East Mauch Chunk.—A committee was appointed by Town Council to beautify the park at the entrance of the town, which was recently secured from the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company.

Carlisle.—The firm of Snyder Brothers, known as the Keystone Saddlery & Hardware Company, has gone into the hands of a receiver. Upon petition by the owners the Court appointed the Farmers' Trust Company as receiver.

South Bethlehem.—The Faculty Club, of Lehigh University, gave a reception to the president of the university, Dr. H. S. Drinker, and his wife, and Prof. and Mrs. J. W. Richards, who have recently returned home from a trip around the world.

Bechtelsville.—Residents of town have asked the court for the appointment of viewers to pass upon the necessity for the erection of a county bridge in the center of the borough over the north branch of Swamp Creek.

Reading.—At a meeting of the Reading Retail Grocers' Association there was a discussion of the high prices of food commodities. The Association favors the passage by Congress of the bill to remove the tax on oleomargarine and the Congressman from this district was asked to vote for the measure.

Mahanoy City.—Accompanied by a rumbling noise and rocking of the building, the cellar of John Smith & Co.'s general store, on West Center street, fell into Elmwood Mine. A steam heating plant and merchandise to the value of several hundred dollars were swallowed up. The opening in the earth is more than 20 feet wide and is of unknown depth.

Johnstown.—Edith Ford, housekeeper for Adam Sheets, of Naseby-Glo, seventeen miles from this city, was committed to jail in default of \$400 bail here on a charge of aggravated assault and battery on the allegation that she seized the back of Sheets' three-year-old son with a hot poker. She said she burned the child to break him of a habit, but did not know the implement was so hot.

Allentown.—Because of the considering of the proposed new constitution, the stockholders of the Allentown Fair for the first time in the sixty-one years of the fair's history, held a night session. A clause in the new constitution to raise the admission fee from twenty-five to fifty cents was overwhelmingly defeated. The stockholders also declined to permit the executive committee to fix the salaries of the officers.

Harrisburg.—The receivers of the Central Iron & Steel Co., of this city, filed a bond for \$200,000 and assumed their duties in charge of the works. It is the expectation to put the plant into operation to take care of orders on the books.

Reading.—During the absence of his wife, who was in Reading on a shopping trip, Jacob Behm, thirty-seven years old, a blacksmith, went to the barn at his home at State Hill, and sent a bullet through his head. Death was instant. No cause can be assigned for his act.