

# The Centre Reporter

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FAITHFUL WORK.

The expression, "Faithful work is always of the same size," appeared in a recently published article. It opens a world of thought to those who pause long enough to consider such matters, besides offering a generous share of comfort and encouragement to those who sometimes grow disheartened at the apparent result of their efforts. It is true that the world is not always as appreciative as it might be, but then while the world has a big heart and, as a rule, a kindly disposition, it does not always show its appreciation at the moment, says the Charleston News and Courier. It is just this apparent lack of encouragement that makes us lose heart at times and wonder whether after all it is worth while to do our best. The big things in life seem to take up so much room in the public eye that the smaller and just as worthy matters are crowded out. At least that is the impression which many persons form who see the effects of large efforts, whether they be along constructive, or charitable or educational lines. In a way these effects are spectacular; indeed there is a large proportion of mankind who require brilliant effects to make them display interest in passing events. The quiet, unobtrusive worker intent upon results he accomplishes more than upon the impression he creates in over-looked many times, and after a while the want of attention given him and the lack of encouragement offered him find expression in his attitude of growing discontent towards life.

English contemporaries may be assured that the king will have a cordial welcome should he come to America, but to those who profess to believe that America loathes his head, so to speak, in the presence of the king's uncle we beg to say that the visit of the royal Governor of Canada was met with a reception that was dignified, but not excessive, says the New York Herald. The reports that were sent to English papers were nearly all false, and nothing in the duke's reception could in any way be compared with the bootlicking and oily homage that is seen daily in London whenever any member of the royal family appears in public.

Throwing away lighted matches, cigars and cigarettes is now a misdemeanor in New York, and offenders will be prosecuted. The carelessness of this practice, trivial as it is regarded, started one of the biggest fires in the history of the world in this city, and is responsible for the recent tragic fire in New York, in which one of the prices paid was the life of a brave fire chief. Casualties and tragedies so easily prevented amount to crimes, and this is the first step toward treating them as such.

By the expenditure of a million dollars it is planned to arrange matters so that no ship of the American navy will be out of hearing of Washington. By establishing wireless stations in the Canal Zone, at San Francisco, in Hawaii, in Samoa, in the Philippines and at Guam, the fleets would be within range of messages anywhere within the zone of American interests. No naval battle would be fought without Washington's knowing the details at the moment. What an advance since the Spanish war!

A New York butcher has been sent to jail for a particularly mean method of cheating. It was his practice when selling poultry to weigh it with a lead sinker concealed inside, the sinker being provided with a string by which he pulled it out before handing over the bird to the customer. But a sharp customer seized his bird before the butcher took it from the scale to wrap it up, and, seeing the string, pulled it out and found the sinker and "had the law" of the butcher. On investigation other similarly loaded poultry was found in the shop.

At a meeting lately of a fire-protection association it was stated that fire in the United States cost \$500 a minute. Also, that the annual life loss was 1,500 people, and that 5,000 are annually injured. This showing is a disgrace to civilization. The vast majority both of life and property loss is preventable, and the big mistake of the age is in treating such loss under the head of accidents.

A western man advertises for a wife and stipulates that she must be the widow of a man who was hanged. We should think that the widow of a man who was hanged would take no more chances.

Theatrical booking agents have resolved to quit giving encouragement to stage-struck young girls who have run away from home. This is likely to help considerably in uplifting the stage.

## IS SILENT ABOUT HIS RIVAL SCOTT

### Amundsen Denies He Said Anything About Him.

### NORWAY WILD OVER EXPLOIT

Geographers, However, Point Out That Both Explorers May Have Been To the South Pole and Within a Mile Of Each Other.

### AMUNDSEN'S OWN STORY.

Explorer Tells How He Reached South Pole.

February 10, 1911—Began to work way southward, the lowest temperature then 49 degrees below zero Fahrenheit.

March 4—The ship Fram had sailed away, having sailed "the farthest north and the farthest south."

April 22—The sun disappeared and did not return for four months.

Very little snow and open water throughout the winter. Lowest temperature August 13—temperatures for five months ranging 58 to 76 degrees below zero.

October 20—Early spring, started south for final dash with five men in party.

Reached depot at 82 degrees on November 5 and on November 19 began ascent of steep glaciers, summits of 2,000 to 10,000 feet.

November 26—Caught in terrific blizzard and snowdrifts on mountains of ice.

Crossed ice-covered mountains 10,000 to 15,000 feet high.

December 14—Beautiful day; attained the Pole located on a vast plateau alike in all directions.

December 16—Took observations every hour for 24 hours.

Results include determination of extent and character of the Ross Barrier.

The discovery of the connection of South Victoria land and probably King Edward VII, land.

Newly discovered mountains named "Queen Maud's range."

London.—The Royal Geographical Society accepts unqualifiedly Captain Amundsen's claim that he reached the South Pole, and takes it for granted that he was the first explorer to reach the goal, although Amundsen's brief dispatch does not mention that fact.

Geographers point out, however, that Captain Amundsen and Captain Scott may both have been there and within a mile of each other without knowing it, and scientists here are awaiting further details before accepting definitely the defeat of the British expedition.

In response to cabled instructions to ask Captain Amundsen point blank whether Captain Scott reached the South Pole, the correspondent of the London Evening Star, at Hobart, telegraphed the following statement:

"Amundsen refuses to say anything on the question as to whether Scott reached the South Pole or not."

### AMUNDSEN'S REPORT.

Says He Will Submit Charts and All Information.

Christiania, Norway.—The Norwegian flag has been planted at the South Pole by Roald Amundsen, the intrepid Antarctic explorer, and there is great rejoicing throughout Norway.

King Haakon has received this cablegram from Hobart, Tasmania:

Pole attained 14th-17th December, 1911. All well.

(Signed) ROALD AMUNDSEN.

All doubts are now removed as to Amundsen reaching the Pole, but as Captain Scott, the British explorer, has not been heard from, he may also have reached the goal.

The Captain denies having cabled any message regarding Captain Scott or the British expedition.

### JUSTICE HOLMES IS 71.

Is Now Oldest Member Of The Supreme Court.

Washington.—Associate Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, now the oldest member of the Supreme Court of the United States, celebrated his seventy-first birthday Friday. When President Taft took office, three years ago, Justice Holmes, far from being the oldest member of the highest court, was regarded as among the younger members, being many years the junior of Justices Harlan, Brewer and Peckham, since removed by death.

### SHE ATTAINS CENTURY.

Mrs. Ott Has 341 Living Descendants.

Waynesburg, Pa.—Mrs. Harriet Wildman Ott, oldest resident of Greene county, celebrated her one hundredth birthday Friday. She is the mother of 11 children, 8 of whom are living. She has 70 grandchildren, 209 great-grandchildren, 53 great-great-grandchildren and one great-great-great-grandchild.

## SOFT WEATHER



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### MAYOR ELECTED BY WOMEN

Mayor-elect Has a Majority Of 645—Women and the Churches Took An Active Part In The Election.

Seattle, Wash.—Complete returns from the election for mayor give Geo. F. Cotterill 31,655 and Hiram C. Gill 31,600, a majority for Cotterill of 645. All Socialist candidates were defeated.

Cotterill, the mayor-elect, is widely known as the national head of the Independent Order of Good Templars. He also has national prominence as a prohibition speaker.

When the campaign following the primaries of February 26 was begun no practical politician here thought that Cotterill had a chance to win, owing to his views in favor of single tax, municipal ownership and prohibition. In the last week, however, the fight became a repetition of that of last year, when Gill was recalled from the office of mayor by the votes of the newly enfranchised women.

The women and the churches took an active part, asserting Gill's election would mean the restoration of gambling and vice districts.

The visit of William J. Bryan to Seattle also was used to advantage by the Cotterill forces. The single-tax amendment to the charter seems to have been beaten. The Mayor-elect is pledged to press the construction of the municipal street railway already authorized by the electors. He is also in favor of the public ownership of wharves and harbor facilities.

Cotterill is a civil engineer and a native of England.

### NAVY'S ARMOR USELESS.

Hudson Maxim Calls It Hindrance To Fast Vessels.

Pittsburgh.—Hudson Maxim, while visiting the Carnegie mills, made the astounding statement that:

"Armor plate is no better today than cheese for naval vessels."

"By 1920 we will have cruisers traveling 40 miles an hour with 16-inch guns mounted on decks. With such craft armor plate is not alone useless, but is a hindrance."

"The United States battleships can today fire shells which penetrate any known armor plate and explode after passing within a ship. Then what is the use of armor plate? The government knows this—all progressive governments admit the truth of it."

### SINGER COMMITS SUICIDE.

Mrs. Middecke Shoots Herself While Lying In Bed.

New York.—Mrs. Josefa Middecke, 48 years old, a teacher of singing and formerly an operatic soprano under the late Anton Seidl, the orchestra leader, committed suicide by shooting herself in the heart when in bed in her apartments in an uptown hotel. Rudolph Middecke, the woman's husband, was asleep in the same bed and was awakened by the shot. Before he could summon a physician she was dead. Mr. Middecke said that his wife was suffering from nervousness.

### FOUR KILLED, ONE INJURED.

They Were Victims Of The Explosion Of A Boiler.

Scranton, Pa.—Four employees of the Gilpin tool handle factory, at Greentown, Pike county, Pa., were killed and one fatally injured by the explosion of a boiler. The victims are: George Kraft, Edward Hay, Thomas Blass and James Roshe, who were literally blown to atoms. The injured man is William Biller. The damage to the mill amounted to \$25,000. The cause of the explosion has not been determined.

### FOUND VALUABLE JEWELS.

Woman Returns Stones Lost By Mrs. Thomas Worth \$6,000.

New York.—Less than 12 hours after she had reported the loss to the police a diamond and emerald earring valued at \$6,000, lost by Mrs. Ralph H. Thomas, divorced wife of Frank Jay Gould, was returned to her by a Mrs. Sherwin, who had found it at the Metropolitan Opera House.

## PASSES TREATIES IN MODIFIED FORM

### Action Upsets the Administration Plans.

### FINAL VOTE WAS 76 TO 3

Treaties In Their Present Form Must Be Referred Back To Other Powers—May Be Pigeonholed.

Washington.—Stripped of the clause which, it was claimed, would invade the constitutional treaty-making power of the Senate, and with many other limitations added, the general arbitration treaties between the United States and England and France, proposed by President Taft and Secretary Knox as forerunners of universal peace, were ratified by the Senate by a vote of 76 to 3. The senators who voted against the ratifications were Lorimer, Martine and Reed.

Virtually the treaties by the Senate's action are "up in the air." In their modified form they must be referred to England and France.

By the terms of an amendment proposed by Senator Bacon, of Georgia, the Senate consented to the ratification of the treaties with the distinct provision that they did not authorize the submission "to arbitrate of any question which affects the admission of aliens into the United States, or the territorial integrity of the several states, or the territorial integrity of the several states or of the United States, or concerning the question of the alleged indebtedness or moneyed obligation of any state of the United States, or any question which depends upon or involves the maintenance of the traditional attitude of the United States concerning American questions, commonly described as the Monroe Doctrine, or other purely governmental policy."

### BOMBS DROPPED ON TURKS.

Italians Use Two Dirigible Balloons In Tripolitan War.

Tripoli.—Two dirigible balloons were sent out by the Italian commander on their first air voyage over Tripoli and environs. Officers in the dirigibles dropped bombs into the Turkish intrenchments.

A battalion of Askaris, Italian native troops from Eritrea, had their baptism of fire in carrying out a reconnaissance. They attacked a superior force of Arabs and held their own well. Finally they were compelled to retreat, but did so in order, until they reached an open space, where they wheeled and drove off the enemy by well-directed volleys. The Askaris had nine men killed and 27 wounded.

### KILLS BROTHER AND SELF.

Tragedy Follows Quarrel On Farm They Recently Inherited.

New Albany, Ind.—When Joseph Whalen, 34 years old, declared that on account of his health he could not work, then his younger brother, Jacob, declared he would not work. In the quarrel which followed on a farm they recently inherited 15 miles north of here Jacob shot and killed his brother and then shot himself. Failing to inflict a mortal wound with the revolver, he took a razor and cut his throat, dying a few minutes later.

### HEYBURN TO TAKE A REST.

Eyes Of Idaho Senator In A Serious Condition.

Washington.—On account of the serious condition of his eyes, Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, has given up his work in the Senate temporarily and has gone to Atlantic City. He expects to remain there at least a month. Senator Heyburn was taking an active part in the Stephenson election case and in the consideration of the arbitration treaties.

### TO HONOR MAINE DEAD.

Public Funeral To Be Held In Washington, March 22.

Washington.—Public funeral honors in charge of the Navy Department, will be accorded the last of the Maine dead, in this city, on March 22, according to a tentative program just made public. The program will be dependent upon the freeing of the bulk of the wrecked battleship from the cofferdam in Havana harbor on March 15, as is now planned.

## FIVE ARE KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

### Scores Injured When Limited Jumps Track.

### CAUSED BY A BROKEN RAIL

Accident Happens At the End Of A Bridge Near West Lebanon—Nearly Every Passenger Was Hurt.

Danville, Ill.—Five persons were killed and nearly three score were injured at Redwood bridge, two miles west of West Lebanon, Ind., by the derailment of the Continental Limited train, westbound, on the Wabash Railroad. All the cars left the rails and some of them turned over. A broken rail is said to have caused the accident. Two of the cars are said to have rolled partly into a creek, the derailment taking place at the end of a bridge. The locomotive remained upright on the rails and word was sent as soon as possible to division headquarters at Peru, Ind., and Decatur, Ill.

Wrecking and relief trains rushed to the scene from East and West and began the work of rescue. The wounded were rapidly placed aboard a special train, composed of two cabooses, and hurried to Danville. Several of the injured may die and it is said that others may be dead in the wreckage.

Nearly every passenger was hurt by the rolling over of the cars. Those persons in the coaches that were crushed suffered more severe injuries. Two or three were killed instantly, but the others were pinned down by seats or splintered timbers and died more slowly.

Those who were unhurt soon dragged the injured from the overturned cars with the exception of a few, who could not be extricated until wrecking derricks arrived. Along the snowy banks of the railroad fires were kindled to keep the women and children warm while they tended the more seriously injured.

### MODEL INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Plans For Institution In Mountains Of South Are Discussed.

Washington.—Numerous large bequests have been received toward the establishment somewhere in the mountain districts of the South of a model industrial school, according to officers of the Southern Industrial Educational Association here. Plans for the proposed institution were discussed at a public meeting by Chief Justice Shepard, of the District Supreme Court, president of the association; United States Commissioner of Education Claxton; Representative Littleton, of New York, and other prominent speakers. President Hubbell, of Lincoln School, Cumberland Gap Mountain, Tenn., and Mrs. Susan Wetmore, of Christ School, Arden, N. C., urged the necessity for aiding the ignorant people of their section.

### RICHESON'S LAST CHANCE GONE.

Massachusetts Legislature Defeats Bill Abolishing Death Penalty.

Boston.—Because of fear of a nervous breakdown Sheriff Quinn took steps to prevent Rev. C. V. Richeson, who is awaiting execution for the murder of his sweetheart, Avis Linnell, from learning that the Legislature had defeated by a vote of 161 to 42 the bill abolishing capital punishment. "Richeson is in as good health as can be expected," said the Sheriff today, "but I do not want him unduly excited. He has only a short time to live, and I do not care to have him know of the Legislature's action."

### SEVEN KILLED IN MINE.

Eight Others Probably Dead As Result Of Explosion.

Merritt, B. C.—Seven bodies were taken from the Diamond Vale Collieries. The rescuers brought news to the surface that there was every reason to believe that eight other men were entombed, and in all probability dead. The force of the explosion was terrific. Alexander Paterson was hurled from the main slip 30 yards to the engine house and a fan weighing more than a ton was blown out.

### BABY SWEEP OVERBOARD.

Child Was On Deck Of Steamer In Costa Rican Harbor.

New Orleans.—The 17-month-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brooks, of 1020 West Thirty-ninth street, Kansas City, Mo., was swept from the deck of the steamer Orleanian in the harbor at Port Limon, Costa Rica, last Friday and drowned.

### GETTYSBURG—REV. PHILIP W. GROUP.

minister of the Evangelical church, fell dead at his home in Idaville near here from heart disease. He had been in his usual health and was seated in a chair when seized with the fatal illness.

### YORK.—BECAUSE OF THE SCARCITY OF WATER FOR THE POWER PLANT AND OTHER INDUSTRIES AT YORK HAVEN, A FORCE OF WORKMEN WAS ENGAGED IN BLASTING A CHANNEL THROUGH THE ICE GORGE. DYNAMITE WAS USED, BUT ONLY SLOW PROGRESS WAS MADE, THE ICE BEING PILED FIFTEEN AND TWENTY FEET HIGH.

## ALL OVER THE STATE

Huntingdon.—Augustus Hawn, a Civil War veteran, is dead. He was seventy-nine years old.

Wind Gap.—The Town Council has decided to buy several pieces of modern fire apparatus.

Bangor.—Run over by a coal car, William Bray, sixteen years old, may have to submit to amputation of the crushed leg.

Lehighton.—Frank Kistler, forty-one years, a farmer in the Lizzard Creek Valley, fell dead without giving any previous signs of illness.

Allentown.—City Councils have adopted a budget appropriating \$296,000 to run the city during the coming year.

Bethlehem.—The authorities have received from the State Health Department a permit to begin operations on a new water plant.

Bethlehem.—The congregation of Forks Church, Northampton county, has decided to spend fourteen thousand dollars in improvements.

East Macungie.—While trying to rebuild a fire with kerosene oil at a hotel, Erwin Stahler, the hostler, was seriously injured.

Allentown.—Two clergymen have been drawn on the Lehigh County Grand Jury for the April term of Criminal Court.

Birdsboro.—Calvin Trivel, a huckster, while returning to his home was accosted by two men near town and robbed of twenty dollars.

South Bethlehem.—A pet cat that Daniel C. Reilly was feeding suddenly turned on him and painfully bit him on both hands.

Allentown.—Under the will of Albert G. Saylor, of Pottstown, one thousand dollars is bequeathed to Muhlenberg College here.

Allentown.—The Lodge of Moose initiated one hundred new members, bringing its roll to 750. The lodge is aiming at a membership of 1,500.

Coopersburg.—Stephen D. Gange-woere, who participated in twenty battles in the Civil War, died at Steinsburg, Pa. He was seventy-three years old.

Chambersburg.—Dr. Orlando A. Mansfield has accepted the appointment recently offered to him as professor of music in Wilson College for Women here.

Allentown.—Lawrence Seng, a fourteen-year-old boy, came across a cannon in the cellar which had been left loaded from the last Fourth of July. He hammered it, and is now in the hospital.

Mauch Chunk.—Town Council has under consideration the building of a new hose house in the Second Ward. The town would then have three hose houses completely equipped throughout.

Mauch Chunk.—Burglars forced an entrance into John Tosh's department store here and carried away loot valued at five hundred dollars. One of the robbers left his coat in the store.

Parryville.—The Carbon Iron & Steel Co. here, which underwent extensive repairs during the past year, is in operation again and is working on full time, giving steady employment to several hundred men.

Oley.—Farmers throughout Berks county who had looked for an early spring, and who on former occasions were plowing their fields by this time, now predict that active work on the fields will be postponed till April, owing to the snowfall.

Mauch Chunk.—Bluebirds and robins have made their appearance in some parts of Carbon county, and farmers are already preparing to get ready for their early spring work, declaring that these birds are certain harbingers of an early spring.

Leopold.—The will of the late Mrs. Clara Lincoln Parvin bequeaths an estate of fifty thousand dollars in personal and real property to her six children, which will be distributed to them when the youngest reach their majority.

Emaus.—This borough, with a population between four and five thousand, is outgrowing its boots. There is not a house empty and contractors are making arrangements to construct fifty new dwellings during the spring. A new shoe factory will also be added to the industrial plants.

Allentown.—Dr. Frank J. Slough, one of the Board of Trustees of the State Homeopathic Insane Asylum, at Rittersville, last week celebrated the golden jubilee of his beginning as a practitioner, having been graduated from the Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, on March 2, 1862.

Gettysburg.—Rev. Philip W. Group, a minister of the Evangelical church, fell dead at his home in Idaville near here from heart disease. He had been in his usual health and was seated in a chair when seized with the fatal illness.

York.—Because of the scarcity of water for the power plant and other industries at York Haven, a force of workmen was engaged in blasting a channel through the ice gorge. Dynamite was used, but only slow progress was made, the ice being piled fifteen and twenty feet high.