

The Centre Reporter

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FIGHTING MACHINES.

It is a half century since Ericsson's Monitor was launched. We have just passed the anniversary of that event. It was an evolution in the art of naval armament which at the time seemed to promise a permanent change in theory and practice. What the Monitor did for us in the crisis which it was designed to meet is matter of history, says the Boston Post. That low-lying, vicious craft was perhaps the salvation of our navy. But what a change in the years that have since elapsed! The Monitor type has gone to the scrap heap, and the massive, towering, stupendous dreadnought has taken its place. Torpedobats have come in, followed by torpedo destroyers. And the range of naval operations has been extended. Every maritime nation has equipped itself with submarines, and the very latest is a submarine that can fight above the water and descend with safety after delivering the fire of its battery. Under the water and above the land in the air the power of destruction is extending. What is the end of this development of the means of devastation? Logically, is it not the establishment of universal peace as an international duty?

Wherever the Romans lived in the days of the empire they carried luxury and art. They occupied for centuries a large part of the northern coast of Africa. It is not surprising therefore to learn by a dispatch from Tripoli that a body of Italian troops digging trenches near the Oasis of Siara, on the spot formerly occupied by Roman Imperial gardens, has unearthed an ancient Greek Venus of remarkable beauty. The head and arms are missing, but the torso is in excellent preservation and reminds beholders of the famous Capitoline Venus. The statue has been sent to Rome, where it will be placed in the National museum. In nearly every spot where soldiers have tamped the ground to throw up defensive works they have uncovered traces of the ancient Roman occupation of Tripoli, including tombs, mosaics and ruins of splendid villas.

There is a New York statute against the revelation by physicians of the secrets of the consultation room; but a New York judge has decided that it does not prevent a doctor from describing the services which he has performed when he finds it necessary to sue for the collection of his fee. In that case, the judge rules, the physician may proceed with his action, alleging anything and everything that is necessary, without either directly or indirectly becoming liable for violation of the law. The decision would seem to be reasonable. It is a mean man who will refuse to pay a fair fee to his doctor.

A Greeley, Colorado, man claims to have perfected a seedless watermelon and is now experimenting with peanuts crossed with sweet peas. He expects to get blossoms and peanuts from the same vines, the peanuts growing above ground instead of in the earth. He has hopes of producing a succotash plant by crossing corn and beans, and looks forward to growing a breakfast food which will include the qualities of coffee. In the meantime, where's Luther Burbank?

A Dutch prisoner, who was taking walking exercise in the courtyard of the Conciergerie Prison at Paris, suddenly made a running jump at the wall, which is 14 feet high and topped with iron spikes, mounted it like a cat, to the amazement of the jailers, jumped down on the other side, climbed 20 feet up a wire ladder, dropped by accomplices from an open window, and got away. He must be a real flying Dutchman.

Girls in a Massachusetts college have rejected the cap and gown as graduation garb in favor of the white dress, on the ground that the latter is more becoming. This will be another proof to the skeptical that higher education for women is a rank failure.

A physician remarks of a prominent invalid that his days are numbered, though nobody can tell how many remain. That might be also said with perfect truth of the healthiest man in the land.

A boy who ran away from his home at New Haven, Conn., twenty years ago returned the other day with \$2,300.00. It is understood that his father did not meet him at the gate with a strap.

By hurling a custard pie into the face of a would-be robber a waitress in a Denver restaurant half-blinded him and saved the money in the cash box. As a weapon of defense the custard pie deserves the highest encomiums.

SOFT COAL MINERS' WILL NOT STRIKE

Satisfactory Agreement on Wage Question Reached.

ANTHRACITE WORK TO STOP

The Bituminous Miners Are To Receive An Increase In Pay and All Other Demands Are Waived.

Cleveland, O.—Peace, by agreement, was declared in the bituminous coal fields Friday. Immediately afterward an order was issued by the anthracite strike committee that the 173,000 miners in those fields suspend work this week. It can be authoritatively stated, however, that negotiations will begin within a week for a settlement in the anthracite fields.

There will be a short suspension in the bituminous fields to permit the operators and miners of the different states to settle their internal differences, but, according to the agreement made in the joint conference, no change in present conditions will be made that will influence the cost of mining over the agreement reached here or keep the miners from earning as much as they can.

By agreement the miners will receive an increase of five cents a ton for screen coal, three cents for mine run, 5.5 per cent. for day labor and dead work, and five hours' work on Saturday with five hours' pay. All the other demands are waived.

There will be a suspension in the bituminous fields in all states except Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma, where the miners have an agreement to work, pending negotiations for a contract. About 350,000 union men are benefited.

So far as the anthracite situation is concerned, there is no need for sensational statements of expected distress for consumers. It is confidently declared here that the suspension will not last long.

John T. Dempsey, of Scranton; Thomas Kennedy, of Hazleton, and John Fahy, of Shamokin, president of the union anthracite districts, sent a telegram to George F. Baer, president and operator, proposing the terms upon which the miners were willing to resume negotiations. The reply from Mr. Baer was eagerly awaited.

"If the plan is adopted, there will not be any necessity of a third party bringing us together," said Mr. Dempsey.

All of the anthracite union men took the position that any offer of reconciliation the differences should come from the operators. When the last conference was adjourned in New York on March 13, the miners say, the operators made it impossible to continue because it was contended that "the miners should first abandon their demands and then negotiate."

A report from New York that the operators were not disposed absolutely to refuse all the demands, but were willing, perhaps, to grant a slight increase in pay was thought to have done much toward creating a desire among the miners to make the suspension as short as possible.

YOUNG'S PIER BURNED.

Noted Old Structure At Atlantic City Catches Fire From Electric Wires.

Atlantic City.—Just before midnight and an hour after the close of a vaudeville performance Young's Old Ocean Pier, first of the great wharves that Atlantic City has thrust out into the ocean, took fire, supposedly from crossed wires in the theater dressing room, and was almost entirely destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$400,000.

Fortunately, at the time the flames were discovered all the show people had left the pier.

The fire for a time threatened Young's Hotel, facing the pier, and the Dunlop Hotel and Savoy Theater, in its near vicinity. Firemen, however, managed to control it.

DEAD AT THE AGE OF 104.

Coloradan Was Born Near Where His Life Ended.

Trinidad, Colo.—Antonio Lopez, said to have been the oldest man in Las Animas county, if not in Colorado, died at the age of 104. For the last 40 years Lopez had lived the life of a hermit in a dugout at Garcia Plaza. He was born near where he died and had never been farther than a few miles from his home. He was 50 years old before he saw the first American settler.

Newfoundland Kills Baby.

Chicago.—Anna De Calvo, three years old, 1064 West Eleventh street, was killed by a large Newfoundland dog while visiting the home of a neighbor. The child attempted to play with the animal while it was eating a bone, when it suddenly made a vicious attack on the girl. The dog tore open the child's throat, and the victim bled to death. The girl and dog had been left alone in the kitchen for a few minutes, and when members of the family returned they found the dead body on the floor.

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UNCLE SAM MAY WARN MEXICANS

Managers Say That Railroads Are Unable Financially To Add A Burden Of 19 Per Cent. Increase In Expenses.

New York.—The conference committee of managers of 50 railroads east of Chicago and north of the Norfolk and Western Railroad and their locomotive engineers arrived at a deadlock Monday night over the question of an increase in and standardization of wages. The managers refused to accede to the demands of the men and the engineers declined to accept this decision and reaffirmed their demands.

As matters now stand it appeared that the question will have to be placed before the rank and file of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers employed by the railroads for a referendum vote as to what the policy of the engineers shall be. W. S. Stone, grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood, in a letter to J. C. Stuart, of the Erie Railroad, and chairman of the managers' committee, said the engineers could not accept the decision of the managers and that if they had nothing further to offer the matter would be given into the hands of the engineers for decision. Mr. Stuart replied that the managers could add nothing to their statement and that he hoped the members of the Brotherhood would give it full consideration when submitted to them.

The engineers had requested a minimum wage of \$4.40 per day for passenger service, \$5.25 per day for freight service, and substantial increases for overtime. They also asked increases for switch, belt-line and special engines and specified that all electrical trains should be manned by engineers at steam railroad pay. The managers replied that to acquiesce in the demands would mean an increase in wages of about 19 per cent., and that they were unable financially to add this burden to their already heavy expenses.

While there is still no thought of armed intervention in Mexico, attention is being drawn to the fact that in Cuba, in Panama, in Nicaragua and other Central American and West Indian republics the American government has laid down the principle that, having regular constitutions, the various disturbing elements in those countries must be obliged to live up to them; that the government must be representative of the will of the majority of the people freely expressed, and that there should be no self-created despotism.

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STEPHENSON RETAINS SEAT

Both Maryland Senators Voted With Majority—28 Republicans and 12 Democrats Favored Westerner.

Washington.—Senator Stephenson, of Wisconsin, octogenarian millionaire, banker and lumber man, retains his seat.

By a vote of 40 to 34 the Senate declared his election valid and rejected the charge that \$107,793, which the Senator admitted spending in the Wisconsin primaries, had been used corruptly.

Twenty-eight Republicans and 12 Democrats voted to hold Senator Stephenson's election a valid one. Eighteen Democrats and 16 Republicans voted to declare it corruptly obtained.

Senator Stephenson declared he felt a vindication was his.

"I never spent a dollar wrongfully in my life," said he.

"In 66 years of active management of large institutions I have employed several thousand men—three generations—and never had a strike. I never used a dollar for a fraud of any kind."

Senator Lorimer, whose vote for Senator Stephenson was greeted by an outburst of laughter in the Senate galleries, is under similar charges.

The vote came at the end of a day's speechmaking by Senators Pomerene and Sutherland for Stephenson and Senators Cummins, Lea, O'Gorman and Poindexter against him. Senator Poindexter declared Senator Stephenson's alleged offense was greater than that charged against Senator Lorimer.

Senator Lea declared that Senator Stephenson's workers had violated the rules of ordinary decency and propriety and wept because there was nothing left to violate.

DESERTED, SEEKS DEATH. Eloping Woman Robbed Of \$4,300 By Man.

Hoboken, N. J.—After being robbed of \$4,300 and deserted by the man, 29 years her junior, with whom she eloped from Germany, Mrs. Mary Worthman leaped from a third-story window in the Central Hotel and was fatally injured. The police are trying to trace the man with whom the woman eloped. He is believed to be in Philadelphia.

TURKS CLAIM VICTORIES. Italian Losses Put At Over 5,000 Officers and Men.

Constantinople.—The Turkish War Office announced that Italian forces in Tripoli had been routed in battles on March 11, 12 and 13, asserting that the Italian losses had been 74 officers wounded and 5,200 men killed, captured and wounded. The Turkish losses are given as 300 men.

FOR RECALL OF ARIZONA JUDGES. House Of New State Passes Bill; Another in the Senate.

Phoenix, Ariz.—The bill submitting the judicial recall amendment to the people at the next general election passed the lower house of the Arizona Legislature. An identical bill is in the hands of the Senate Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Embezzled \$100,000, Charge. Los Angeles, Cal.—Graham Tufts, Jr., husband of the former widow of A. R. Roe, of Fort Worth, Tex., is in the county jail here awaiting arraignment on the charge of having embezzled approximately \$100,000 of the \$1,000,000 estate of his wife. Tufts is alleged to be a hypnotist and occult adept and founder of a cult called The Church of God. He is said also to be the head of the American Hymalaian Christian Colony Association.

FOR FARMERS' CREDIT ASSOCIATION. Washington.—To equip the farmer to intrench himself against possible loss by making financial arrangements for holding his crops and protecting his credit, Representative Norris, of Nebraska, introduced a bill to create a Presidential commission of farmers to ascertain the practicability and desirability of organizing a farmers' national co-operative credit association and to report by February 1.

MICHIGAN FOR SUFFRAGE. Lansing, Mich.—The House, by a vote of 75 to 19, passed the bill providing for a vote at the fall election on a constitutional amendment granting woman suffrage. The bill now goes to the Governor for his signature. Governor Osborn recommended the passage of the bill.

John Arbuckle Dead. New York.—John Arbuckle, the well-known coffee man, died at his home in Brooklyn. He was 74 years old. Death was due to a general collapse incident to old age.

Salisbury Gets Women's College. Greensboro, N. C.—The committee of the Lutheran Synod appointed to select a site for the Southern Lutheran College for Women, to cost approximately \$100,000, has decided to recommend Salisbury, N. C.

Wife and Child See Aviator Killed. Dusseldorf, Germany.—The German aviator, Klein, while making a flight here, fell from a height of 300 feet and was killed. The aviator's wife and child witnessed the accident, the cause of which is not known.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE NEWS

Newsy Items Gathered From All Parts of the State.

York.—The Dover Farmers' Co-operative Association has been organized and will file articles of association with Recorder Sonneman.

Mauch Chunk.—W. C. Miller, of the State Health Department, lectured on the prevention and cure of tuberculosis in the Asa Packer Public School.

Oley.—Prof. Irwin W. Ziegler has resigned as teacher of the Oley Township High School to accept a similar position at the Matamoros High School.

Stroudsburg.—William Kresge, an undertaker, of Brodeadsville, died while making arrangements for a funeral in the Kunkletown Cemetery, death being due to heart disease.

South Bethlehem.—Anto Terek, who jumped out of a second-story window while temporarily demented, was removed to the Norristown Insane Asylum.

Bethlehem.—A heavy rod that fell from the top of a stone quarry at Martin's Creek struck Joseph Temrick, who was sitting on a bench, on the head, instantly killing him.

Reading.—Jacob R. Ritter, seventy-seven years old, retired cabinet maker, who made his own coffin six years ago, died in St. Joseph's Hospital of apoplexy.

Summit Hill.—The first annual banquet of the Robert Burns Club, of Eastern Pennsylvania, was held here and was attended by seventy-five persons. The club is composed of natives of Scotland and Scotch descendants.

Stroudsburg.—While fishing along the Tulpehocken, William Brooks got entangled in a wire fence and fell into the stream. He suffered such serious injuries that he is confined to his bed under the care of a physician.

Boyers town.—Jacob Bechtel, oldest resident of Gablesville, a suburb, is dead at the age of ninety years. He was one of the organizers of the national bank here and for many years was one of the directors.

York.—Although hurried twenty feet when a Pennsylvania Railroad engine struck the wagon in which he was driving, Charles C. Seldenstricker, sixteen years old, escaped death. He was considerably bruised, however.

Bethlehem.—The trustees of the Moravian Seminary and College for Women set aside ten thousand dollars, which, added to twenty thousand dollars raised by the Alumni Association of the school, will form the nucleus of an endowment fund.

Allentown.—Dr. C. H. Schlessman removed a piece of glass larger than a dime from the right hand of Mrs. Harry Zinzer, where it has been imbedded for more than three years, the result of a fall downstairs which broke a lamp she was carrying.

East Mauch Chunk.—William W. Crostly was arrested by Triant Officer William Isaac and taken before Squire J. W. Smith, charged with neglecting to send his three children to school. The justice fined him two dollars and costs.

Bethlehem.—Jack Salmon, three years old, of Rittersville, and Florence Gable, five years old, of Coplay, were seriously injured in similar ways. Both children were playing on stone steps in front of their houses when they tripped and fell, landing on their chins and nearly severing their tongues.

Carlisle.—Russel Sweger, twenty-three years old, died at his home here from the result of a gunshot wound received eleven years ago while employed in a Perry county saw mill. Sweger was accidentally shot by a gun held in the hands of one of his brothers and was paralyzed from the waist down.

Allentown.—Word has been received here of the death at Chicago of Mrs. Mina A. Miller, wife of Cassius A. Miller, and daughter of the late Robert E. Wright, Sr. She was a sister of Robert E. Wright, Jr., and the late J. Marshall Wright, of Allentown, both former chairmen of the Democratic State Central Committee.

Kutztown.—Constable U. B. Ketter and J. E. Dries, of town, arrested a band of gypsies, consisting of four men, two women and two children, for cruelty to animals. Justice of the Peace Shardin fined them \$15 and costs. Their eleven horses had no shelter for three days and hardly any feed.

York.—A warrant, charging him with forgery, was served upon J. K. Schlaybaugh, formerly manager of a loan company here. He is alleged to have written fictitious names and addresses on the form of judgment note used in negotiating a loan from the company, and then to have appropriated a sum, equivalent to that on the face of the note.

Lancaster.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has rewarded Charles and Albert Rapp and Mrs. William Spence, of Marietta, with \$25 each for preventing a passenger wreck near that town when they discovered a boulder on the tracks.

Lancaster.—Jefferson Eckman, a farmer in the southern part of the county, committed suicide at his residence near Buck. Upon the premises he had intended to kill a cat, Eckman took a revolver from the house and vent to his barn, where his body was found an hour later by his son.