

The Centre Reporter

CENTRE HALL, - - PA.

HOLIDAYS AND THEIR USES.

When it first occurred to any one to celebrate an event or commemorate a person, by cessation from toil and giving up a day to idleness, amusement, and festivity, is not known, but it must have been early in the history of social evolution. In the savage state of existence men lived from hand to mouth, and were obliged to hunt or fish every day to get their living. In a more advanced stage, when tillage of the soil became general, when the year's crops were garnered and stored, there came a time when work could be intermitted, and it was doubtless then that the first holiday was instituted. It was natural to signalize the annual ripening and gathering of the fruits of the earth by some sort of rejoicing, and it was natural, too, that the manifestation of renewed life in the spring should receive similar recognition. These autumn and spring festivals may be called the natural holidays. Once holidays were started, it is not strange that they grew in number, says the Cincinnati Enquirer. It is for most a world of toil and sweat and grime that we live in, and an occasional break accompanied by a little recreation and change of mental and physical environment, is necessary and salutary. Consequently all sorts of occasions and events were availed of to make holidays.

Present education, though very far from presenting an unpromising aspect, shows glaring inefficiencies that should be looked at squarely so that they may be removed. For instance, a very large proportion of the public school teachers in the country are minors, and less than half of them have had any special or adequate preparation for teaching; in several states from 20 to 30 per cent. of them every year are beginners; and in the best states the average length of service is less than four years. The average wage of all public school teachers in the United States, including the teachers in all our cities is \$1.50 a day for the working days of the whole year—less than \$500 per annum; or less than \$10 a week, says the World's Work. The average pay in eleven states is less than \$400; in eight states, it is less than \$300; in two states, less than \$250.

Eggs have been hatched in Egypt in tens for hundreds of years. Incubators that hold from 30,000 to 60,000 eggs are still in existence, where for generations about 70 per cent. of each heating have been successfully hatched. Egypt is a great exporter of eggs, as many as 83,000,000 eggs having been shipped from that ancient land in one winter. Even in this country it would be considered a very large undertaking to handle an incubator large enough for 60,000 eggs. In Egypt they do the trick in brick ovens which are heated for ten days and then require no more attention.

While digging the foundations for a hospital to be built at Neuchatel, workmen lately discovered a beautiful vault constructed of bronze, which Swiss scientists state was built 600 years before the birth of Jesus Christ. In the tomb was the skeleton of a young woman, whose bones were still in a natural position. On the wrists were six bracelets, four in bronze and two in lignite, and near the skeleton was a little bronze bell.

Is disease spreading from public laundries? The question has been undergoing debate in New York for some time. A physician suggests that all possibility of danger may be averted by thoroughly moistening the contents of packages with a disinfectant solution as soon as they arrive in the laundry. This practice, he says, is followed in England. There is a general conviction among men in the laundry business that thorough disinfection results from the subjection of the articles to the process of steaming and washing.

A New York husband, sued for divorce, characterizes his wife's mother as like to one of the knitting women of the French guillotine, says that Scrooge was an angel of light compared to her father, that the members of her family collectively are worshippers of the golden calf and that his wife herself is a reincarnation of Judas Iscariot. One can easily imagine what kind of a grand, sweet song marriage was in that happy home.

The Prince of Wales has shocked expectation and precedent by making a prolonged stay in Paris, as many other princes have done, but without furnishing a scrap of the interesting copy usually accompanying princely visits.

A London inventor has discovered a way to apply brakes and stop a train by wireless. Now he may go to work to seek a way to close the open switch by the same method.

NOT GUILTY OF SHOOTING GRACE

Nearly Collapses When the Verdict is Reached. WAS GENERALLY EXPECTED.

"God Bless You, Gentlemen!" Was Her Exclamation As She Heard the Announcement That She Was Free.

Atlanta, Ga.—"God bless you, gentlemen," cried Mrs. Daisy Ulrich Ople Grace when the jury found her not guilty of the charge of shooting her husband. There was a note of hysteria in Mrs. Grace's voice and she was on the verge of a collapse, but her lawyers patted her on the shoulder and urged her to restrain herself and she soon became calm. Then the crowd in court cheered the verdict and surged about Mrs. Grace, many of the women weeping.

At last the deadly witness of Mrs. Grace's face was relieved by a flush and she began to smile. Then she approached each of the 12 jurors and gave them thanks. "I felt like kissing and hugging you all," she said. "I trusted you all the time. I know you would not believe what they said about me." Followed by a cheering throng, Mrs. Grace soon left the courtroom and went to the offices of her attorneys. There she received a telegram from her sister in Philadelphia to the effect that Mrs. Grace's little blind son is ill. The verdict was generally expected. It was conceded that the state failed to sustain the charge that Mrs. Grace had drugged and shot her husband and locked him in to die in order to get \$25,000 insurance on his life. Mrs. Grace's statement had a tremendous effect on the jury, and its main statements were generally credited, and especially those relating to the large sums she had lavished on Grace and his attentions to other women.

SENATE WARNS ALL NATIONS. Lodge Resolution Passed in Secret Session By Members.

Washington.—The United States Senate issued a warning to the nations of the world against encroachment upon the continents of North and South America. The United States will not see "without grave concern," said the Senate, any suitable naval or military site pass into control of a foreign corporation, when such possession "might threaten the communication or the safety of the United States."

So vital were the issues discussed in the Lodge resolution, which set forth the policy of the United States as to points situated like Magdalena Bay, in Lower California, that the doors of the Senate were closed for three hours while the resolution was debated in secret session.

It finally passed with only four votes against it. Notwithstanding the comparative unanimity of the Senate upon the note of warning, it is understood the measure did not have the official indorsement of the administration.

\$100,000 TO REFUGEES. Senate Passes Resolution For the Destitute Americans.

Washington.—The destitution of American refugees from Mexico, now quartered at El Paso, resulted in the passage by the Senate of a resolution authorizing the War Department to spend \$100,000 in transporting them to such points in the United States as they wish to reach. The measure was presented by Senator Bailey and passed after a brief debate. It will need the approval of the House and the President before the appropriation becomes available. Senator Bailey declares the refugees were in dire need and in most cases were unable to proceed beyond that city. Transportation would be provided, under the resolution, only for those who are receiving some aid in "shelter or sustenance" from the government at El Paso.

WILL WARN US IN AUTOS. Head Of Zion Church Predicts Falling Of Wrath Of God.

Zion City, Ill.—Wilbur Glenn Voliva, head of the Zion Church, has arranged to carry the gospel into practically every state in the Union by the agency of automobiles. A few weeks ago Voliva, in a sermon delivered here, declared that the wrath of God was to fall on many cities, and urged all who wished to escape to come to Zion. It is to carry this message to the people that automobile missionaries have been decided on.

MAY NOT IMPEACH HANFORD. Investigators To Recommend Dismissal Of the Proceedings.

Washington.—A report, recommending the dismissal of the impeachment proceedings against Federal Judge Cornelius H. Hanford, has been prepared by Representatives Graham and McCoy, members of the House Judiciary Committee, who heard testimony in Seattle against the jurist. Judge Hanford's resignation is being held at the White House for the committee's action.

SPINNING A FISH YARN



EXONERATES ISMAY TITANIC REPORT \$2,400,000 A YEAR GRAFT TO POLICE

Excessive Speed is Blamed for the Disaster. New York District Attorney Learns of Systems.

DISCIPLINE FOUND GOOD. SENSATIONAL EXPOSURES.

Say Captain Lord Should Have Helped—Board of Trade Scored For Not Changing Rules Since 1894.

Prosecution Said To Have Names Of Three Others Besides Lieut. Becker Who Were Distributing Centers.

London.—Excessive speed is held responsible for the Titanic disaster in the report of the British commission of inquiry which was presented in Scottish Drill Hall Tuesday. J. Bruce Ismay, managing director of the White Star Line, is absolved from blame for jumping into a lifeboat and saving his life while hundreds of other passengers went to their doom. There is no censure of the conduct of Captain Smith, of the lost liner, in the report. In driving his ship at high speed through the ice region he was merely following the general custom of shipmasters, the report states.

Adverse criticism is visited upon Captain Lord, of the Leyland liner California, which might have saved many if not all of the lives that were lost, the commission says. Lord Mersey presided when the committee was called to order.

"The loss of the Titanic was due to a collision with an iceberg brought about by the excessive speed at which the ship was navigated," the report says, "but the ship was effectively officered and was supplied with the proper charts."

COW ATE JEWELRY. The Missing Baubles Found When Bossy is Slaughtered.

Joliet, Ill.—Three weeks ago a small box of jewelry was stolen from the home of Miss Josephine Schultze, 417 Blackman avenue, this city. It was found Tuesday in the stomach of a cow, which was sent to an abattoir here from a farm eight miles from Joliet. No clue has been found to trace the journey of the jewelry from the Schultze home to the farm. The articles found in the stomach of the animal were two brooches, one diamond ring, a bracelet and a woman's gold watch. They were returned to Miss Schultze.

ARTHUR BRISBANE WEDS. Miss Phoebe Cary Bride Of New York Editor.

New York.—Arthur Brisbane, editor of the New York Evening Journal, and Miss Phoebe Cary, daughter of Seward Cary, of 46 West Forty-sixth street, were married in Calvary Episcopal Church on Fourth avenue by Rev. Theodore Sedgwick. Only a few friends were present. Mr. Brisbane and Miss Cary obtained the marriage license last night. Mr. Brisbane gave his age as 42 to City Clerk Skully and Miss Cary gave hers as 22. Buffalo is Mr. Brisbane's native city.

SEES DAWN OF FREEDOM. Woman Of 81 Years Files First Citizenship Papers.

San Francisco.—Sixty-four years a resident of California and 81 years old, Mary Josephine Melvin, born in Ireland, tottered into court and filed her first papers to become a citizen. "I have lived to see the dawn of freedom for women throughout the world," she said, "and I want to vote before I die."

PINCHOT IN COLLISION. Dragged 60 Feet When Car Hits Auto.

Kansas City, Kansas.—Gifford Pinchot, former chief forester of the United States, had a narrow escape from death near here when an automobile in which he was riding with two companions was demolished in a collision with an interurban electric car. Pinchot was dragged 60 feet, but despite his bruises he made an address here later.

MANY PERSONS DIE IN WRECK

Twice That Number Injured in Crash.

TRAINS MEET HEAD-ON. Both Are Well Filled—Lighter Train Split Asunder and Wreckage Begins To Burn.

Rio Janeiro, Brazil.—At least 100 persons were killed and twice that number injured in a collision between two suburban passenger trains on the Central Brazilian Railroad. A special train bearing physicians, nurses and a complete field hospital outfit was immediately rushed to the scene.

The trains were both filled with passengers, and through some mistake in signals met head-on while rounding a curve. The heavier of the two trains plowed half way through the other, and almost immediately the wreckage caught fire.

Many of the injured will die, and railroad officials here express the fear that it will prove the worst railroad disaster Brazil has ever suffered. The police arrested the surviving members of the crews of two trains. Carelessness is charged.

COUNSEL FOR THE HOUSE. Wickersham Names Wisley Brown For Archibald Case.

Washington.—Attorney General Wickersham has designated Wisley Brown his special assistant to act as counsel for the managers of the House in the impeachment trial of Judge Archibald. This action was in accordance with the request of the House managers. It will be the first time the Department of Justice has ever been represented at an impeachment. Mr. Brown, by direction of the Attorney General, investigated the Archibald case when the charges were submitted to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

ICE TRUST TO OPEN BOOKS. Will Permit Government To See If It Is Violating Law.

Washington.—Investigation of the so-called "Ice Trust" by the Federal Grand Jury here was suspended when the American Ice Company agreed to open its books to a representative of the government for an investigation as to whether the Sherman Anti-Trust law is being violated.

WANTS AN AERIAL FLEET. Representative Sharp Points Out Advantages Of Airships In War.

Washington.—Representative Sharp, of Ohio, told the House that progress of aviation had virtually made helpless the fleets and armies of the world, and urged the appropriation of a liberal sum to establish an aerial fleet for the protection of the United States. Had France and Germany gone to war recently over the Moroccan question, Mr. Sharp contended, France would have won a prompt victory by reason of her superiority in the air.

ATTACKED BY BULLDOGS. Newsboy Nearly Torn To Pieces In York, Pa.

York, Pa.—Clinton Bowers, a newsboy, aged 15, while distributing papers here was attacked by two vicious bulldogs in Mason alley and was nearly torn to pieces. His screams brought the assistance of Officer Wood, who drove off the dogs. The boy is in a serious condition. The flesh on his legs was literally torn from the bones.

FALL FROM AEROPLANE. The Aviator and Passenger Escape Serious Injury.

Saugus, Mass.—Farnum T. Fish, the Los Angeles (Cal.) aviator, and a passenger, Morris Schermerhorn, of Malden, fell 50 feet in a biplane at the Saugus racetrack here. Both escaped serious injury. The aeroplane capsized and was wrecked.

BODY RIDDLED WITH BULLETS. Pittsborough.—Perforated With 10 Bullet Holes, the Dead Body of Mike English, an Italian, was found on a lonely path near the ovens of the H. C. Frick Coke Company at Blythedale, Pa. The police believe English was shot from ambush by members of the Blackhand.

MAY HAVE NEW TRIAL. Bill Introduced For Dismissed West Point Cadets.

Washington.—Four West Point cadets, court-martialed last August and dismissed by President Taft on a charge of drinking intoxicating liquor on the academy grounds, would be granted a new trial through the terms of a bill favorably reported by the House Military Affairs Committee. The measure authorizes President Taft to order a new court-martial and to inflict lesser punishment.

SNAPSHOTS AT STATE NEWS

All Pennsylvania Gleaned for Items of Interest.

REPORTS ABOUT CROPS GOOD. Farmers Busy in Every Locality—Churches Raising Funds for Many Worthy Objects—Items of Business and Pleasure that Interest.

Chemical weed killer will be applied to some of Carlisle's streets.

The Moravian Church at Emmaus has just observed the 164th anniversary of its existence.

State college results are showing in this year's crops in Centre County, the largest in years.

Run down by a log wagon at Mahanoy Plane, 4-year-old Mary Pitzke was fatally crushed.

Badly kicked in the face at East Macungie by a team of horses, George Hartzell may lose an eye.

The State Tuberculosis Sanitarium at Cresson is to be ready for the reception of patients early in October.

While carrying an armful of wood, Ralph Graffin, a Bangor boy, fell and a piece entered his right eye.

Running amuck at Mt. Carbon, a frenzied dog bit others and then attacked and bit George Hoffner, a boy.

To save their grain from rotting on the sheaf, farmers in the neighborhood of Oxford Valley hauled it into their barns on Sunday.

Lightning struck a flagpole in front of the home of Harry Volman at Linwood Heights, near Chester, and shattered it to splinters.

The contract for repairing the Croydon bridge, has been awarded by the county commissioners of Bucks to Carl R. Camp for \$5,958.

The members of the Bucks County Country Club of Langhorne, opened their purse strings for \$2,750 for the building of a new club house.

Lightning struck and fired the Sister's Home, next to St. Mark's Catholic school at Bristol but the firemen's quick work saved the building.

Climbing a ladder with a bucket of water, Mrs. Harvey J. Bright saved from burning the barn belonging to Christ Church, in Jefferson township, Berks County.

Bathing in the Malden creek at Virginsville, Charles Swoyer, a clerk in the Recorder's office at Reading, was overcome and James Haines rescued him from a watery grave.

While Miles Garloff and a woman friend, of Kutztown, were passing an automobile, their horse ran away, tore their buggy to pieces and both were injured.

While Oscar B. Hoover was working in Schlotzbaur's bakery at Lancaster, his right hand was caught in a kneading machine and completely severed at the wrist.

The managers of the Chester County Hospital at West Chester, have decided that hereafter there will be no charge to firemen of that town admitted to the hospital for injuries received in the line of service.

J. O. Russell, who has been a teacher in the public schools at Steelton for twenty-two years, has moved to Vineland, N. J., where he and his family will reside. Mr. Russell will teach the next term at Steelton.

Thousands of Italians from throughout adjoining counties, journeyed to Roseto, the only borough in the county whose officials are all Italians, to help celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

Unable to secure any fish on his recent trip to Landsburg, Perry County, Charles Murray of Altoona, turned his attention to turtles, with the result that he captured eight large specimens, weighing over 75 pounds. They occupy Mr. Murray's back yard.

George Miller, who lives in Lock Haven's isolated hospital in Castanea township, saw a large copperhead grab one of his youngest five weeks old Plymouth Rock chickens and attempt to swallow it. Mr. Miller, with a pick handle, killed the snake, which measured 4 1/2 feet in length.

Herbert Ward, a merchant at Trevorton, has a pointer dog named Dan that plays a drum with his tail. One of his favorite selections is "Yankee Doodle."

Venus, a three horsepower motorboat, belonging to Morris Schearer of Reading, caught fire in the middle of the Schuylkill River near Haines' locks, and, fearing that an explosion might follow, Mr. and Mrs. Schearer and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin B. Ritter, jumped into the stream, but all were saved.