

## The Centre Reporter

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### PASSING OF STEAM ENGINES.

The practical success which has followed the use of the internal combustion engine in large ships seems to spell the beginning of the end of steam vessels. Recently the head of a company owning and operating more than 70 steam vessels announced that his company would never again build a ship with steam as the motive power. The advantages of the internal combustion engine are many. They utilize a great per cent. of the energy of the fuel. They are economical in operation. As one man expressed it, all you have to do is to start the thing and then read a newspaper. The fuel can be conveniently carried, no stokers are required, and instead of the engines becoming overheated in tropical climates, trial seems to show that they work better the hotter the temperature. The present difficulty seems to be to get oil at a reasonable cost. Gasoline has been rising steadily in price for some time. The supply of crude oil is not limitless by any means. There remains, of course, denatured alcohol, which can be made from vegetable matter, and it may in time become the great fuel of the world. However that may be, it is reasonably certain that ship owners during the next decade will turn to the internal combustion engine to solve many of their difficulties.

A great many people, fearful of the ultimate swamping of this country by an influx of foreigners, look only at the statistics showing arrivals of immigrants, and forget that there is a reflux tide. During the fiscal year which ended with the month of June more than a million individuals from foreign ports landed in ports of the United States. Of these, however, 178,983 were classified as non-immigrants, which fact reveals the number of immigrants as 838,172, says the Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin. But against this there was an offset. The alien departures from American ports in the fiscal year numbered 615,292, of whom 282,039 were non-immigrants. To find the extent of the immigrant addition to the population in the year 1911-12 it is necessary to subtract the 222,262 representing immigrants who departed from the 838,172 representing immigrants who arrived. The result shows the gain in population by immigration during the year to have been 401,863, which is not alarming.

The verbiage is one whose principal effort is not to make speeches but to refrain from making them. He feels the obsession upon him, and often fights it, but in vain, says the New York Post. Sooner or later the floods of talk will burst forth in spite of him. A leading French deputy once explained the impulse to our author is a "physical necessity." He had no desire to speak, no real reason for speaking; but the words rose to his lips and he could not keep them back.

Women are not breaking into farming in a way to cause a boom in the price of abandoned farm lands, but they are, according to scattered reports, taking a try at farming, and, according to the same report, they are generally making a success of it. Generally the woman who takes to farming goes in for something faddy—and makes it pay.

One of the inspiring things in life is the popularity of youth. Or perhaps it may better be called the aim of everybody to keep young. Old age has lost out to the modern idea, says Judge. Who nowadays sees old men or old women? Men who half a century ago would have been characterized as "stricken with years" are gay old boys today, and women have so mastered the art of perpetual youth that it takes a wise one to pick out the grandmothers.

A man in Minneapolis complained to the police that his eight-room house had been stolen, leaving no trace of its whereabouts. The next thing burglars will be running off in the silence of the night with skyscrapers.

Now horses are to have individual drinking cups. If the standard of drinking is to be raised among working animals, an effort might be made to do the same with the intelligence and humanity of drivers.

Far away in Milan, Italy, they are in doubt whether poker is a gambling game. Let those doubters play with almost any good American, and they will soon decide the matter, especially if they run up against a straight flush with a measly four aces.

A Denver preacher insists that it is a sin to kill a fly or break an egg. Still, we don't believe killing flies or breaking eggs is as bad as swearing at a golf ball on Sunday.

## PETTY ROGUE'S FANCIFUL STORY

Says She Was Student at a Baltimore Seminary.

### FIFTY STOLEN GOWNS FOUND.

When She Is Arraigned in a New York Police Court She Has To Shed Part Of Her Finery.

New York.—Frances Hollender, the handsome young woman who was arrested here on a charge of larceny and who stated that she was the daughter of a wealthy Chicago family, whose name she declined to give, was proven to have a criminal record in Massachusetts, where she is said to have a string of aliases. The amount of her thefts in New York will total several thousand dollars. A cache of hers, established in the storeroom of a hotel in West Forty-seventh street, was uncovered and no less than fifty expensive silk and satin gowns of Fifth Avenue modelling were recovered, as well as quantities of fine and costly underwear and a box of silk stockings. More of her stolen possessions were discovered in a suitcase checked at Shanley's uptown restaurant.

A Japanese owner of a dyeing establishment identified her as being the girl who stole a \$100 silk gown from his show case less than three weeks ago. When arraigned the girl shed part of her finery in court. She had to give up a \$75 chinchilla coat, claimed by McCutcheon's store, and under it she wore a costly white empire gown and a black poke bonnet, also expensive. She insists, however, that her family lives in Chicago. She said:

"My people live in Chicago. They are very well-to-do and I have a liberal allowance. I have been a student at a Catholic seminary in Baltimore and had intended to return there to complete the last year of a course in music and literature.

"I left my Chicago home early in the summer to visit a chum in Roanoke, Va. I've always been crazy to see New York and it seemed a good opportunity. I tried to get my chum to come here with me, but she would not, so about eight weeks ago I came on alone, bringing my motor car with me. I first stayed at the King Edward Hotel, later at the Knickerbocker and four days ago I went to the Hotel Astor. My folks had been forwarding my allowance to my chum in Virginia, and she had been sending me checks, but some delay occurred a little while ago and I had to sell my motor car. It won't be long before I have a large sum of money, though."

The young woman admits that her real name is not Hollender. She says she will not let her father know of the difficulty she is in until she finds herself in actual danger of going to prison. She is afraid, she said, that if her real name became known after her present notoriety she will not be allowed to return to the seminary in Baltimore of which she claims to be a student.

### TO PROTECT AMERICANS.

U. S. Gunboat Cincinnati Ordered To Fochow.

Washington.—The United States gunboat Cincinnati, one of the largest American ships now in Oriental waters, sailed from Shanghai for Fochow, according to Navy Department dispatches. The Cincinnati will proceed directly to Fochow and will lie off the city to protect the American interests there in case of an extended revolt, presaged in the report that the minister of police has threatened to destroy the city and murder all foreigners if molested by the Chinese central government. The latest news from Fochow indicates no special danger to Americans, but Admiral Nicholson, commanding the Asiatic squadron, evidently wishes to be prepared for the worst.

### REBEL LEADER A PRISONER.

General Mena Captured With the Town Of Granada.

San del Sur.—The town of Granada, which was in the hands of the Nicaraguan rebels, has surrendered to the government. Gen. Luis Mena, the insurgent leader, has been taken prisoner.

### Marines For San Domingo.

Philadelphia, Pa.—The transport Prairie, with 800 marines aboard, sailed from League Island for the scene of revolution and bloodshed in San Domingo. The marines were equipped for effective warfare. They carried three machine guns, rifles and small arms and thousands of rounds of ammunition.

### TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

Chicago.—A. A. Corbett, a United States bank examiner, fell face downward in the bathtub, losing consciousness and was nearly drowned. A put-motor revived him.

New York.—Answering a request that he favor a measure shortening woman's batpins, Major Gaynor wrote his questioner, asking how he happened to get so "unseemly" near the bat.

## WATCHING THE SCORE-BOARD



## PUBLICITY LAW AND NEWSPAPER

Attorney General Interprets the New Law.

### DEFINITION OF SUBSCRIBER.

Mr. Wickersham Upholds the Postmaster General's View That the Law Covers the Total Number Of Copies.

Washington.—Attorney General Wickersham sent to Postmaster General Hitchcock a written opinion on certain phases of the new federal law requiring daily and weekly newspapers and some other publications to present to the Postmaster General semi-annual sworn statements of circulation, ownership of their stocks and bonds and other information under penalty of denial of the use of the mails.

The Attorney General upholds the Postmaster General's construction that it is immaterial whether subscriptions are individual or bulk; and that the provision of the law covers the number of copies of a publication distributed to certain paid subscribers by any means. Mr. Wickersham's opinion, prepared at the direction of President Taft, does not touch upon the constitutionality of the law, which is part of the Postoffice Appropriation Bill enacted at the last session of Congress.

Mr. Hitchcock inquired whether the law "shall be limited to paid individual subscriptions or shall include purchases in bulk by news agents or others for redistribution; also, whether in your opinion the provision covers paid circulation of daily newspapers not distributed through the mails."

### TYPHOON IN JAPAN.

Warships Sunk, Shipping Disabled, Tokio Isolated.

Tokio.—A typhoon swept over Japan the night of September 22. There was much loss of life and heavy damage to property and shipping.

A torpedo boat and the destroyers Tachibana and Fubuki were sunk in Ise Bay.

Tokio has been completely isolated since September 22. The typhoon carried down all the telegraph lines.

The most disastrous effects of the storm were felt along the south coast. At Yokohama the French armored cruiser Duplax dragged her anchor and went ashore.

At Wimonoseki a Russian mailboat foundered. The casualties are unknown. The losses to shipping have been very serious.

The Japanese battleship Satsuma and the tender Manshu were dismantled. Four destroyers and five torpedo boats were driven ashore.

There was a heavy loss of life at Nagoya, capital of the prefecture of Aichi, Island of Hondu.

### MRS. HANNER ACCUSED.

Arrest Follows Mysterious Shooting Of Her Husband.

Niagara Falls, N. Y.—Mrs. George Hanner, whose husband, an automobile dealer of Buffalo, was shot while riding in a motor car from this city to Buffalo, with his wife and a chauffeur, was placed under arrest charged with assault in the first degree for firing the shot that wounded Hanner. Mrs. Hanner is in a hospital here, suffering from a bullet wound in the knee, which she received at the time her husband was shot.

### TABLET FOR TITANIC HERO.

Southern University Fraternity Commemorates Major Butt.

Nashville, Tenn.—A bronze tablet to commemorate the noble life and the heroic death of Major Archibald Williamson Butt, U. S. A., was unveiled in All Saints Chapel, University of the South, at Sewanee. Major Butt was a Sewanee alumnus and the unveiling ceremonies were under auspices of his fraternity, Delta Tau Delta.

## BURIED BENEATH FALLING WALLS

New Hotel at Kansas City Suddenly Collapsed.

### SEVERAL ARE BADLY HURT.

The Building Gave Way When Workmen Were Removing the Concrete Forms That Upheld the Fourth and Fifth Floors.

Kansas City, Mo.—Three workmen are buried beneath the walls of the \$250,000 Alameda Hotel, which, in course of construction at Tenth street and the Plaza, collapsed when workmen were removing concrete forms that upheld the fifth and top floors. The concrete was laid last Saturday and the contractor believed it had "set" sufficiently to allow safe removal of the forms.

Ten men were buried under the walls, which fell in as soon as the floor sank. Seven of them were taken out, but two are probably fatally hurt. It is believed the three men still beneath the walls are dead.

"The crash was caused by 76 loads of cinders on the top floor," said Walter Davis, the owner. "When the forms and props were taken out the weight was more than the unset concrete could carry."

"There wasn't that much cinders on the roof," George Siedoff, the concrete caker, said. "The walls simply were too thin. There was no reinforced concrete in the rear wall and they naturally buckled in."

### KILLS BRIDE OF DAY.

Disappointed Suitor Held For Murder At Lacrosse, Wis.

Lacrosse, Wis.—Wednesday Ella Thompson, belle of De Sota, Wis., became Mrs. Sever Yttri in a wedding ceremony considered one of the most notable in the village. Thursday she was killed in the Burlington Railroad passenger station at Lacrosse, and John Peterson, a disappointed suitor, who later inflicted a slight wound upon himself, was arrested charged with murder. The shooting occurred in a crowded waiting-room.

Mr. and Mrs. Yttri were to take a train home when Peterson approached and, according to witnesses, began firing. The bride was shot through the back and fell dying to the walk. Peterson then turned the revolver upon himself, inflicting a slight wound in the head.

### PULLMANS IN DITCH.

Southern Railway Train Is Wrecked Near Rome, Ga.

Rome, Ga.—Southern Railway passenger train No. 14, from Cincinnati to Jacksonville, was derailed at Plainville, 12 miles north of here. It is reported eight Pullman coaches went into the ditch. All wires are down and relief parties in automobiles are rushing to the scene from this city.

### AN HONEST WOODCUTTER.

Returns \$5,000 Of Bullion Stolen From El Tigre Mine.

Douglas, Ariz.—Five bars of silver bullion, worth \$5,000, were returned to the El Tigre Mining Company by Juan Gonzalez, woodcutter, according to a message from the mine. The bullion was part of the loot recently taken by Salazar's rebels and was found 10 miles from El Tigre.

### EARTHQUAKE IN ILLINOIS.

Tremors Continue For Several Seconds At Rockford.

Rockford, Ill.—Two distinct earthquake shocks, the first occurring at 12:10 o'clock, were felt here. Dishes were scattered from dinner tables by the tremors, which continued for several seconds. The shocks caused considerable alarm.

### BOY LOSES LIFE ON DARE.

Stands Too Long In the Path Of Auto Truck and Is Run Down.

Chicago.—John Donigan, 7 years old, was killed on the South Side as the result of winning a dare from a party of schoolboys. The boys were crossing a street and dared each other to stand longest in the path of a large automobile truck. Donigan stayed too long.

### YOUTH STOLE \$55,000.

Bank Clerk, Twenty Years Old, Confesses At Pensacola.

Pensacola, Fla.—William H. Bell, a 20-year-old bank clerk, confessed that he robbed the local First National Bank Wednesday of a package containing \$55,000 of the Louisville and Nashville pay roll and substituted a worthless package in its place.

### HURT SAVING KITTEN.

Child Of Six Has Legs Cut Off By Train.

Wheeling.—In attempting to save the life of her pet kitten 6-year-old Anna Peozel was run down by a freight train and both legs were cut off close to the body. Witnesses of the distressing accident say the kitten with which she was playing jumped from her arms and dashed across the railroad tracks. The little girl seeing the approaching train ran onto the track after the kitten.

## TWO U. S. ARMY FLIERS KILLED

Machine Buckles When Only 35 Feet From Ground.

### BOTH AVIATORS MANGLED.

Aeroplane Was Descending and the Aviator Had Started To Ascend When Something Went Wrong.

Washington.—Two more lives were sacrificed to aviation at the United States Army aviation field, College Park, Md., near here, when an army aeroplane suddenly fell 35 feet to the ground, instantly killing Corporal Frank S. Scott and so seriously injuring Second Lieutenant Lewis C. Rockwell that he died a few hours later.

Hundreds of persons, including fellow-army officers attached to the aviation school and a large number of scientists who have been attending the Congress on Hygiene and Demography, witnessed the tragic accident. When the first men hurrying up to give aid reached the wreck Corporal Scott was dead several feet from the machine, while Lieutenant Rockwell lay near by, fatally injured.

Lieutenant Rockwell had started up with Corporal Scott as a passenger to make a test flight in his trial for a military aviator's license. They had been in the air about eight minutes, ascending to a height of 500 feet, then, gliding down, had got within 35 feet of the ground. At this point the aviator turned the machine upward again and something went wrong. Instantly the aeroplane buckled and crashed to the ground, being reduced to a heap of wreckage.

Scott was hurled several feet from the machine, while Rockwell lay a few feet away from him. Brother officers, who were acting as officials of the test flight, carefully picked up the two men. Scott was lifeless, his clothes were torn from him, his skull fractured, left arm shattered and right leg broken in two places. Lieutenant Rockwell, with his head buried partly in the earth, still showed signs of life, but was unconscious. The army surgeon stationed at the field, after a hasty examination, ordered him rushed to the hospital in a final attempt to save his life. He never regained consciousness. It was found that he had sustained a concussion of the brain and that both legs were badly broken. The bone in the left leg protruded through the flesh.

Brother officers who witnessed the accident were at a loss to account for it. Many varying opinions were given. Captain Charles Deforest Chandler, commanding officer of the aviation school, immediately convened a board of inquiry to make an investigation.

### THE BIG NAVAL REVIEW.

Program Arranged For the Spectacle On the Hudson.

Washington.—The exact locations of the 128 warships of various types from superdreadnoughts to tiny torpedo boats which are to participate in the New York naval review, October 12-15, are displayed on a large chart just issued from the Naval Hydrographic Office, replacing the tentative programs that have been already officially and unofficially published.

From this chart it appears that the President's yacht, Mayflower, will occupy the position in the Hudson River nearest the bay and opposite West Thirty-third street in midstream. Opposite West Thirty-sixth street, farther up stream, will lie the Dolphin, with Secretary Meyer.

President Taft will review the fleet Tuesday, October 15, before it puts out of the harbor. If his other engagements permit he will make his inspection of the vessels the day preceding.

### COSTLY FIRE AT DETROIT.

Shipbuilding Plant Was Almost Wholly Destroyed.

Detroit, Mich.—Fire of unknown origin almost wholly destroyed the Wyandotte plant of the Detroit Shipbuilding Company. Officers of the concern say the loss may be over \$200,000. An excursion steamer in the course of construction, at an estimated cost of \$1,500,000, was saved.

### NEW REBEL MOVEMENT.

General Aguilar and Followers Take Several Towns.

Washington.—Dispatches to the State Department continue to tell of the growth of the new rebel movement in the State of Vera Cruz, led by General Aguilar, a former federal officer. It is reported that several towns have been taken by Aguilar and his followers, and that he rapidly is increasing his forces.

### SURRENDER THEIR ARMS.

Charleston, W. Va.—Montgomery, the mining metropolis of Fayette county, was the scene of a strange spectacle. Citizen after citizen was seen walking along the streets carrying rifle, shotgun or revolver, taking them to the mayor's office and turning them over to a committee. The action was taken as a result of a promise made to Governor Glasscock by representatives of the town that the freemasons of the town would be surrendered.