

The Centre Reporter

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FREE-HITTERS AND CHOKERS.
This world is divided between free-hitters and bat-chokers, but to understand the simile you must be a fan, or at least have the confidence of a fan who will lead you through the door of wisdom. The free-hitter, be it known, is the batsman of the supercilious eye who begins his swing away back over his shoulder, brings it round like a yacht's boom gibbing in a strong wind and drives the ball over the left field fence or—misses it. He is the producer of home runs and three-baggers and is the recipient of adulation and automobiles. He is Speaker and Jackson and Doyle and the world-famous Casey. The bat-choker is different, says the New Orleans Times-Democrat. He is the man who slides his hand well down onto the swell of the bat, where, with a longer leverage, he can make a quick jab at the speeding sphere. He is content if he scratches a sacrifice or beats a bunt down to first. Nobody loves him, but he wins many a ball game, though even in the midst of victory he feels that the manager has the toboggan under him and is only waiting for a bonehead play to touch the trigger and send him to the minor league. The free-hitter also reaches the minors in due time, but he does so with head erect and chest expanded, for the free-hitter is quick by nature and no reverse can quell him. Once a free-hitter always one.

Will the apple ever again become an article of common consumption? Or will it remain in the luxury list, somewhere, say, between truffles and bacon? There have been no eating apples within the range of any but the fattest pocketbook for many seasons, while the character of the pie apple is such as to require uncommon aptitude for the composition of the crust to make a pie fit to eat; or else the cost of the filling has required that the pie must be nearly all crust. A big crop is now in prospect and new orchards are coming to fruition every season; such is the temptation of the soaring quotations, says the Providence Journal. At this juncture one of the orators at an apple growers' convention has the nerve to propose an advertising campaign, lest there be overproduction. Does not this proposal mean that the growers are determined to maintain prices as the supply increases? Something is said about instructing women in the theory that eating apples beautifies the complexion. That ought to create a market, to be sure. But there need be no fear of lack of demand. Apples will need no advertising if the price is right. And any artifice calculated to maintain high prices should be frowned upon by the hard-pressed consumer.

Recent investigations into the hours of work by officials of the French department of navigation have brought to light a record in government employment in the shape of an official whose daily "hours of duty" amount to exactly two minutes. This man dwells at a place on the Belgian frontier, and his arduous labors consist in fetching from one office a list of the number of barges that have entered French territory the previous twenty-four hours and handing the said list in at another office. If the position be a sinecure, the pay is not high, the remuneration amounting a \$1.40 a month.

A Connecticut man makes the announcement that he has been living for some time on 25 cents a week. He admits, however, that he has not been unlucky enough to have any tire punctures.

The mouse, says a scientist, possesses more energy than a human being. He is wrong. Did he never observe the activity displayed by a normal woman in escaping a mouse?

A steamer has just arrived in San Francisco whose docking should send a thrill through the fashionable feminine world. It's cargo is \$1,000,000 worth of sealskins.

Excessive reading has the same effect as the opium habit, says a famous scientist. Must refer to campaign dope.

Still, the person who prophesied that war would be abolished because it would become too deadly might have had the aeroplanes in mind.

The banana crop is reported a failure but one can slip about as far on peel from a poor banana as a good one.

It is now announced that sneezing spreads the measles. Which, apparently, is not a theory to be sneezed at.

The chief ingredient in Holland patented rubber is sea fish. Pretty fishy, at that.

DYNAMITE IN A MARKET BASKET

Edward F. Clark on Stand at Trial.

ACCUSES UNION OFFICERS.

In Detailing His Confession on the Witness Stand He Told Of Personally Blowing Up Work.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Carrying dynamite about in a market basket was the way Edward F. Clark, an iron worker, testifying at the "dynamite conspiracy" trial here, said he arranged to blow up non-union jobs.

Clark, an official of a local union in Cincinnati, pleaded guilty at the beginning of the trial of 45 men accused of complicity with the McNamara brothers in the illegal transportation of explosives.

In detailing his confession on the witness stand he told of personally blowing up work on a railroad bridge across the Miami River at Dayton on May 3, 1908, and of leaving behind an umbrella which bore his initials.

Clark asserted officials of the International Association of the Bridge and Structural Iron Workers induced him to do dynamiting. Once, he said, while inspecting work in Cincinnati, President Frank M. Ryan pointed to a railroad bridge across the Ohio River and said, "There would be a good place to put a shot."

Before that, the witness said, Herbert S. Hockin, now secretary of the union, arranged to supply him with dynamite.

"We had had some correspondence with J. J. McNamara at Indianapolis about union conditions in Cincinnati, when in May, 1908, Hockin appeared and told me he was going to spend some money there," said Clark. "He took me to Cumminsville, a suburb, where he introduced me to Edward Campbell, who was to supply dynamite. Hockin said I was to receive \$100 for the Dayton job. I returned to the place that night with a market basket and Campbell gave me 50 half-pound sticks of dynamite. Hockin wanted me to take William Bernhardt, a local official, to Dayton, but I said I would do the job alone.

"Having kept the dynamite in my house that night, I took it the next night to Dayton, where I placed it on a bridge over the Miami River. It was raining hard, so I left my umbrella over the bomb to protect it, lit the fuse and departed.

"The next day in Cincinnati Hockin did not appear anxious to pay me the \$100. He had a newspaper account of the explosion. Finally he gave me \$97 on the street.

Edward Campbell, mentioned by Clark, testified he formerly worked in a stone quarry and had been used to buying dynamite. He said Hockin arranged for him to drive out to a powder magazine to buy the explosive, and had paid him for the lively hire.

On cross-examination by attorneys for the defense Clark admitted he had been convicted on numerous charges, but denied he ever had been indicted for highway robbery or had withheld the union's funds.

MINE FATALITIES.

1,453 Men Killed in Eight Months Of This Year.

Washington.—There were 1,453 men killed in and about coal mines of the United States during the first eight months of this year, according to an announcement of the Bureau of Mines. The figures indicated, the report stated, that unless there were a number of exceptional disasters during the other four months of the year, there would be a substantial decrease in the total number of deaths in 1912 as compared with those of 1911, when 2,719 men were killed.

There has been a substantial decrease in the fatality rates in the coal mining industry of the United States in the last half decade. Of the fatalities in the first eight months of this year, 660 were in Pennsylvania and 273 in West Virginia.

FIVE KILLED AT POWDER PLANT.

Many Injured When Machine Loading Cartridges Lets Go.

Gary, Ind.—Six persons are known to have been killed when the packhouse at the Aetna Powder Company's plant exploded at Aetna, near here. Three bodies, those of William Halpin, foreman; Oscar Carlson and C. O. Carlson, have been recovered. These three men had charge of the packhouse. It is feared many more may have perished. About 20 persons were injured, of whom it was believed 12 will die.

PARENTS DROWN BABY BOY.

Disappointed Because Little Fellow Was Not a Girl.

Cincinnati.—Disappointed because their 10-day-old baby was a boy when they wanted a girl, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kipp, each 22 years of age, wrapped the child in a shawl and tossed him into the Ohio River. They were arrested and the husband confessed, blaming his wife for wanting to dispose of the child.

NEAR THE END



PREMIER CANALEJAS SHOT

Two Bullets Hit Statesman—Head Of Alfonso's Cabinet Had Stormy Career During His Two Years In Office.

Madrid, Spain.—The Spanish Premier, Jose Canalejas, was assassinated while entering the Ministry of the Interior here to attend a Cabinet meeting.

His assailant, Manuel Fardinas Serrato Martin, 28 years old, of El Grado, Province of Huesca, was arrested and then committed suicide. He is believed to have been an Anarchist.

Martin fired four shots at Premier Canalejas as he was entering the Ministry of the Interior. Two of the shots struck the statesman behind the right ear, and he fell dead on the spot.

By-standers seized the assassin and handed him over to the police. He then turned his revolver on himself and died from a self-inflicted wound. Martin is said to have been closely connected with anarchists, but it is not known whether his crime was prearranged or whether it was committed on his own initiative.

Political ferment always exists in Spain, but nothing has been reported within a recent period which could in any way be connected with the crime.

Jose Canalejas y Mendes was selected to form the Spanish Cabinet in February, 1910. He was leader of the Monarchical Democratic party which came into power on the resignation of the Liberal Cabinet headed by Senor Moret y Prendergast.

Premier Canalejas was the type of statesman who marched along to a chosen goal heedless of criticism, undismayed by the fierce attacks of a strong opposition. His ambition was to create a new Spain, vigorous, abreast of modern ideas, with the motto "Liberty and Progress." Canalejas had a typical Spanish face, with clear brown eyes and a black beard, worn short, accentuating the outlines of a jaw bespeaking firmness and strength of character.

Senor Canalejas, who belonged to a wealthy and prominent family, came to the front in political life only in 1900, when he took a leading part in the campaign against Clericalism. He had, however, taken great interest in politics as a student and public speaker for many years before that.

LET INFANT STARVE.

Young Mother Is Found Guilty Of Manslaughter.

Mineola, N. Y.—Guilty of second degree manslaughter after trial on a charge of neglecting her infant son until he died from starvation when a year old was the verdict brought against Henrietta Tyson, 21 years old, by a jury in the Nassau County Court. The voice of the foreman of the jury trembled as he announced the verdict and several jurors wept. The girl's grandfather was the state's chief witness, testifying his granddaughter, in neglecting her child, attended moving picture shows.

A BLIND BROKER'S CRIME.

Confessed Misappropriating \$2,000,000 Of His Client's Money.

Paris.—Augustin Max, known throughout France as the "Blind Banker of Paris" has created a mild sensation in financial circles here by surrendering himself to the police and confessing that he has misappropriated \$2,000,000 of his client's money.

NEW ENVOY TO JAPAN.

Larz Anderson, Minister To Belgium, Is Promoted.

Washington.—Larz Anderson, United States minister to Belgium, was appointed ambassador to Japan to succeed Charles Page Bryan.

CRANK AT WHITE HOUSE.

Tries To See Taft To Get Him Lower The Cost Of Living.

Washington.—A man claiming to be Jesse Dowdell, of Silverwood, Ind., who insisted on seeing President Taft, to get him to lower the cost of living, was taken into custody at the White House. He was unarmed and will be held for examination. The prisoner told the police he had tried to see Secretary Knox of the State Department and James Bryce, the British Ambassador.

SHOT HER MOTHER IN CAR BERTH

Daughter Mistook Her Parent for Robber.

SHE DIES IN A HOSPITAL.

Thought Robber Was After Her Jewelry and She Fired the Shot While She Was Still Half Asleep.

Philadelphia.—Mrs. J. Rappe Myers, wife of the proprietor of the Rappe Hotel, Greensburg, Pa., was shot by her daughter, Gladys Elizabeth Myers, in mistake for a robber in a sleeping car on a Pennsylvania Railroad short line bound for New York. She died three time later in a Trenton, N. J., hospital. The shooting occurred when the train was passing Croysden, Pa., just this side of Bristol, Pa., and near Trenton.

Miss Myers and W. R. Sutherland, 60 years old, of Lynchburg, Va., were detained by the Trenton police, but after an investigation were released. It was thought at first that Sutherland was concerned in some way with the shooting as he was found with Miss Myers at the side of the wounded woman a few seconds after the sound of the shot aroused the other passengers in the car and brought the porter and conductor. Later he explained that he had been standing on the front platform of the car next in the rear, and had run in when he heard the shot. Then the police informed him that they would detain him merely as a material witness.

The Trenton police say they are satisfied the shooting was an accident and that Mr. Sutherland went to the aid of a person whom he had reason to believe was in distress.

Miss Myers, who is about 20 years old, was on the way to New York to purchase a trousseau for her coming wedding to T. Blair Dillard, of Salem, Va., a druggist. She had a casket of jewels which she was taking to New York to have repaired and matched and when she heard her mother re-entering their section, after Mrs. Myers had gone for a few minutes to the dressing-room, she took her revolver from her pillow and fired, thinking a burglar was after the gems. She was half awake at the time.

Miss Myers made the following statement: "My mother and I were always on good terms, and I considered her my best friend. We were on our way to New York to do some shopping in anticipation of my brother's wedding on Christmas Eve and my own in June to Mr. Dillard."

RELEASED FROM ARREST.

Prosecutor Crossley, of Mercer County, N. J., and District Attorney Boyer, of Bucks county, Pa., joined in advising the Trenton police to release Miss Myers. The young woman was at once allowed to go without any charges having been made against her.

Mr. Cuthbert was also released and permitted to continue on his journey to Sayreville, N. J.

GOOD HEALTH CERTIFICATES.

Women Would Otherwise Forbid Issuing Marriage Licenses.

Aurora, Ill.—Amid a storm of applause the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs, in convention here, adopted a resolution calling on the state to pass a law forbidding the granting of marriage licenses unless applicants first presented "good health" certificates.

QUITS JAPANESE POST.

Charles Page Bryan Resigns Job As Ambassador.

Washington.—Secretary of State Knox made public the first of a flood of resignations which will come in from the Diplomatic Corps between now and March 4 next—that of Charles Page Bryan, ambassador to Japan. "Ill health and injuries received in a carriage accident" are given as the reason for his resignation.

WOULD IMPEACH PRESIDENT

Plot To Kill Gomez and General Monteagudo—General Nordarse, Liberal Leader, Asks Police Protection.

Havana.—The Zayista newspapers continue to be sensational, declaring that the Liberals will insist on the annulment of the election. The papers claim that the Zayistas will have, despite the Asbertista defection, a majority in both houses, enough to impeach President Gomez.

The most radical of the Zayistas are plotting to assassinate President Gomez and General Monteagudo, whom they accuse of using the army and the government machinery to defeat Vice-President Zayas in the election.

General Nordarse, the Liberal senator from Pinar del Rio, visited President Gomez and conferred with him, demanding protection for his life and telling Senor Gomez that he was on the same train with the negro Colonel

WILSON IS OFF ON A VACATION

President-elect Leaves Politics and Politicians Behind.

MISTAKEN FOR NEWLY WED.

The Pier Crowded With Curious Persons Who Shake Hands With the Governor Before He Leaves on His Trip To Bermuda.

New York.—With a smile illuminating his face, President-elect Woodrow Wilson, together with his wife and daughters, stood on the promenade deck of the steamer Bermudian waving cheery adieus to the crowds lining the piers as the vessel backed out into the river prior to leaving for Bermuda, where the President-elect is to spend a month's vacation.

For fully half an hour before the steamer left her pier Governor Wilson stood outside his stateroom shaking hands with his fellow-passengers and answering their congratulations. With the Governor's family were Charles Lee Shem, his private secretary, and his bride, who were married in Trenton, N. J., three days ago.

The pier was thronged with hundreds of people who had come down to get a glimpse of the next President, while many stood on the street in front of the open waterway looking at the ship, which was gallily decorated in bunting, in honor of the famous passenger.

Relief From Politics.

Standing close to the Governor on the promenade deck was Cleveland Dodge, his class mate of '79 at Princeton. A number of reporters surged around Mr. Wilson and asked him whether he had any statement to make before leaving.

With a smile of relief passing across his face he replied: "No; I ceased to be a politician from the moment I left the pier and stepped aboard this ship. Vacation is now the order of the day and I propose to take full advantage of it. This is the fourth time I have been to Bermuda, and I feel sure that I shall be able to get all the rest I require there."

HISTORIC SHIP PASSES.

The Famous Old Wabash Stricken From Naval List.

Washington.—The old wooden warship Wabash, of Civil War fame, for the past 40 years receiving ship at the Boston Navy Yard, has been stricken from the naval list. Built in Philadelphia in 1854, of 4,600 tons displacement, she was until 1859 flagship of the United States Atlantic and Mediterranean squadrons.

UNION CONGRESSMEN.

Sixteen Representatives and One Senator Carry Cards.

Washington.—Sixteen congressmen and one senator in the Sixty-third Congress will carry union labor cards. This will be a gain of two over the labor membership in the present Congress, despite the defeat of two prominent labor members—W. B. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, and Victor Berger, of Wisconsin. There will be one labor union senator—William A. Hughes, of New Jersey, now a member of the House.

BAN ON GERMAN POTATOES.

All Collectors Directed To Refuse To Admit Them.

Washington.—The Treasury Department has issued sweeping instructions to collectors of customs designed to prevent importation into the United States from Germany of Irish potatoes prohibited by the Secretary of Agriculture under the new Plant Quarantine Act. The collectors are directed to refuse permission to land any articles quarantined by the Secretary of Agriculture.

DYNAMITE KILLS FIVE.

Explosion Results From Man Dropping Box Containing It.

West Chester, Pa.—Five workmen were killed by an explosion of dynamite near here in one of the quarries of the General Crushed Stone Company. A laborer was carrying a box of the explosive when he stumbled and the box dropped from his hands. The dynamite exploded, killing the man who had been carrying it and four others who were at work nearby. The men were torn to shreds.

HEIR TO MILLIONS POISONED.

Carbolic Acid Kills Eight-Months-Old Boy.

Little Rock, Ark.—As a result of being given carbolic acid by mistake, little Philip William Dupree, eight months old, is dead and a cousin of his father will inherit a \$4,000,000 estate left to the child. The poison is said to have been given the child by a nurse. A coroner's jury found that it was administered accidentally in stead of wine.



GEN. JOSE GOMEZ.

Acea and heard the shot killing Colonel Acea in a railway station and not daring to alight from the train because he knew that the plot included the killing of himself.

15 DEAD; 17 HURT.

Flyer Crashed Into Freight Near Indianapolis.

Indianapolis.—According to the inspectors for the Indiana Railway Commission, the disastrous wreck on the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railway, at Irvington, a suburb, in which 15 persons lost their lives and 17 others were seriously injured, was the result of the company's failure to install a block signal system after it had been ordered to do so by the commission. The order was issued some months ago.

Had this order been obeyed, the commission says, the wreck could not have occurred. The wreck was caused by the failure of the head brakeman to close the switch to a siding on which a heavy freight train had been run to let the rapidly running passenger train, which was more than an hour late, pass.

NEW NICKEL SOON READY.

Design Is Being Perfected By New York Artist.

Washington.—The design of the new nickel to supplant the five cent coin now in circulation will be perfected by Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh within a few weeks. An Indian head will adorn the face of the coin and the figure of a buffalo the reverse. The design is intended to honor the disappearing Indians and buffalo, linked together in American history.

BRIDE BITTEN BY PUPPY.

Dies From Hydrophobia In Cleveland Hospital.

Cleveland, O.—Bitten on the arm three weeks ago by a puppy, Mrs. Florence Dietz, a bride of three months, died of hydrophobia in a hospital here. The bite was not thought to be of much consequence until the puppy bit another dog, and both canines died with symptoms of rabies.

TWENTY-EIGHT INJURED.

Train Jumps Track Near Sinton, Texas.

Corpus Christi, Tex.—Twenty-eight persons were injured, one fatally, in a wreck on the Frisco Railroad, near Sinton, Tex., when an engine, baggage car, smoker and passenger coach jumped the track from some cause as yet unknown. All the injured are in the Frisco Hospital here.

MOTHER KILLS DAUGHTER.

Chicago Woman Then Falls In Suicide Attempt.

Chicago.—Mrs. Ella Crawford, formerly of Danville, Ill., murdered her nine-year-old daughter, Eleanor May Crawford, and then made two unsuccessful attempts to kill herself at her home, on South Side. The mother, said by the police to have become insane, drowned her daughter in a bathtub. She then attempted to hang herself.