

# The Centre Reporter

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### MENACE OF DRUGS.

The number of people in this country who are becoming addicted to the different phases of what is known as the drug habit is so numerous as to excite alarm. Years ago the victims of drugs were confined to consumers of opium or morphine, says the Milwaukee Wisconsin. Now there is a considerable variety of habit-forming drugs, with cocaine at the head of the list. At first it was hailed for its usefulness as a local anesthetic. Now it is dreaded for the number of men and women who have fallen under its sway, and whom it reduces to a condition of moral irresponsibility. Many—probably nearly all—of the victims of cocaine and other habit-forming drugs use them at first for medicine. They are prescribed by physicians to allay pain. The hideous evils that follow slavery to these drugs rarely are dreamed of by those who use them, until after their use has become a habit, and then the damage is done—drug habits, once formed, are inconceivably difficult to break. These drugs shatter the nervous system and blunt the moral faculties and predispose their slaves to crime. No wonder that physicians and officials charged with the administration of the criminal laws are banding together to check the sale and use of these insidious destroyers of health and morals.

As our manners improve, have our children as good manners as our fathers or grandfathers had? We do not mean by good manners what the newer term social etiquette implies. Among the so-called social sets we find changing codes which direct the form of handshaking, modes of expression in meeting people, repetition of useless "don't you know" in conversation, ability to select from multifarious knives, forks and spoons for the multifarious courses at luncheon and dinner, says the Knoxville Journal and Times. We can detect no purpose in these flippant forms of fashion excepting as the knowledge is a badge of fellowship. And there seems to be much striving to get within the circle. But these mannerisms are not good manners. The essence of good manners is kindness and courtesy. They extend below the surface deep into the character. A person habitually polite is one who has transformed into conduct the habit of thinking of others. They are apostles of good cheer, being unwilling to cause embarrassment or chagrin to either their social conferees or the lowliest person they meet.

They pay the waiter for the privilege of being served at all, after paying the head waiter to get a table if the restaurant is full. They pay to have their hat and coat kept for them during the meal, pay for getting a taxicab, and after it is over and pay the chauffeur for the privilege of riding home with him in a cab for which the company has had to pay the hotel license fee for the right to use the public streets, says the New York World. From the time they enter a restaurant until after they have left it they are subjected to numerous direct taxes, in addition to the indirect taxes imposed for music and marble corridors, which are but ill-disguised in the exorbitant prices charged for the food. Why should not the Hotel association round out the system of petty extortion by charging for admission?

If, as reported, the sultan of Turkey sent a bag of millet seed to the king of Bulgaria to show his numerical strength, and the king of Bulgaria sent back a bag of pepper seeds to show the style of opposition, the incident typifies the struggle between quantity and quality which has had but one result since the world began. Mere brute strength and number no longer count in the great contests of the world.

The little Irish cow has proved a prize winner at the National Dairy Show in Chicago. Lord Decies exhibited a herd of ten, which was awarded several first prizes, and three seconds. Cows competent as these would beat the pig for paying the rent.

An English woman left \$500 in her will to another woman for smiling pleasantly at her as they left church. Such a bequest does more for the sunshine habit than any amount of mere talk.

The society leader who proposes that dog shall be eaten as a relief from the high cost of meat, should begin as an example. We do not know of any law prohibiting the consumption of Boston bull steak or poodle chops by the gilded circles.

Cholera killing 10,000 out of 21,000 cases reported in one province in India in a month is described as not being as severe as usual. What would they call severe, anyway?

## THE DEATH LIST PUT AT 17,000

Great Havoc Wrought by Typhoon in Philippines.

### AMERICANS IN ONE OF TOWNS

Another Having 14,000 Population Reported To Have Been Destroyed — Telegraph Lines Down.

Washington.—Seventeen thousand persons are reported to have perished in a typhoon which swept across the Philippines to the south of Manila Tuesday, according to belated advices which reached the War Department from Governor General Forbes, of the Philippines.

Telegraphic communication from Manila southward has been destroyed entirely and it is almost impossible to obtain from there accurate information of the total extent of loss or damage.

The entire town of Tacloban, the capital of Leyte, having a population of about 14,000, is reported to have been destroyed. Capiz, the capital of the province of that name and an important sugar port, also was badly damaged and from three to five thousand persons killed. Capiz is the terminal of the railroad crossing the island from Ilo, and a large number of Americans are located there.

No report has reached the department concerning their fate, but Governor Forbes has reported that he had sent a shipload of food and materials for repair to Tacloban and would follow that with as much more provisions as he could obtain in Manila.

The Red Cross Bureau here probably will send several thousand dollars at once to Governor Forbes to be used for the relief of the sufferers.

### HORRORS OF ADRIANOPOLE.

Fugitives Tell Of Ravages Of Fire, Flood and Famine.

Mustapha Pasha, Turkey.—Fire, famine, flood and anarchy afflict the besieged Turkish fortress of Adrianople, according to reports brought here by fugitives from that city.

Those refugees who have managed to escape through the lines of investment, which are being drawn closer every day around the Turkish stronghold, declare that many buildings in the vicinity of the Selim mosque have been burned. Other districts of the city are deeply inundated with the waters of the rivers Maritza, Tunja and Arda, which have overflowed their banks.

The civilian population is declared to be short of food and among some exists a state approaching anarchy.

### SENATOR RAYNER BURIED.

Funeral Of Maryland Statesman Held In Washington.

Washington.—President Taft, representatives of the diplomatic corps here, members of the Cabinet, the United States Supreme Court and both houses of Congress, Governor Goldsborough and other Maryland State officials attended the funeral services here of the late Senator Isidor Rayner, of Maryland. The Rev. U. G. B. Pierce, chaplain of the Senate, delivered the funeral sermon at the House, where the principal services took place.

Brief ceremonies were conducted at the grave in Rock Creek Cemetery, where interment was made. Members of the Senate and the House acted as honorary pall-bearers.

### SENATE OFFICIAL DEAD.

Demise Of Sergeant-At-Arms Ransdell Unexpected.

Washington.—Col. Daniel M. Ransdell, sergeant-at-arms of the United States Senate, former United States marshal for the District of Columbia and an intimate friend of the late President Harrison, died here as the result of an operation performed on November 7. Colonel Ransdell was one of the well-known figures of public life. He had been sergeant-at-arms of the Senate for nearly 12 years.

### SERVIANS IN DURAZZO.

Occupy Town Which Austria Says They Cannot Hold.

Durazzo, Albania.—The Servian troops occupied the town. No resistance was offered. The Austrian Lloyd steamer Graf Wurmbrand left immediately with a number of refugees. Durazzo is the port on the Adriatic which Serbia desires to retain and which Austria is determined Serbia shall not hold.

### VIOLATED HIS PAROLE.

Leader Of Tar Party Sent To Jail To Complete Sentence.

Lincoln Center, Kan.—Edward Ricord, one of the leaders of the famous Shady Bend tar party, of which Miss Mary Chamberlain was the victim, was committed to jail here under his original sentence because he violated his parole. Ricord, who is a barber, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment for his connection with the case.

## BACK ON THE JOB



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## DEATH CHAIR FOR GUN MEN FOUR KILLED AND FIFTY HURT

All Received Their Sentence Calmly.

TO DIE WEEK OF JANUARY 6. STEEL SLEEPER TELESCOPED

Heavy Guard On Hand — Armed Deputies and Policemen Order Gangsters Away.

Philadelphia.—Four persons, two Pullman conductors and two passengers, are known to have been killed and 54 persons are accounted for in the list of injured in the wreck of the Cleveland and Cincinnati Express on the Pennsylvania Railroad which jumped the track at Glen Loch, about 25 miles west of here.

Eight cars, all filled with sleeping passengers, plunged down a 30-foot embankment into a train of coal cars on the freight line, which at this point runs parallel to the passenger tracks. One coach turned completely over in the descent.

As three of the sleepers rolled down the embankment, one of them, Glenrock, was partly telescoped. All the dead and many of the most seriously injured were found in this car.

The crash of the cars as they rolled down the steep incline was followed by screams from the passengers penned in the overturned cars. The day coach turned a complete somersault and came to rest with its wheels in the air.

The passengers were thrown violently against the top of the car. Many were unconscious from blows on the head. Others were seriously injured. Some of them crawled to safety through the windows.

Passengers and trainmen who escaped injury ran from their coaches and joined in the work of rescue.

Farmers in the vicinity soon were at the scene. They brought axes, hatchets and saws. By light of lanterns and the headlights which were removed from the locomotives, they labored furiously at the wreckage in their work of rescue.

Marshal John P. Dohoney, of Harrisburg, who investigated the wreck on behalf of the State Railroad Commission, said:

"The wreck appears to have been caused by the sagging of a girder on the bridge, which depressed the track. This probably caused couplings to break and the cars to leave the tracks beyond the bridge."

### UNITED STATES YIELDS?

Said To Have Waived the Passport Question in Russian Treaty.

London.—The Odessa correspondent of the Post claims to have learned that the Russo-American treaty of commerce will be renewed in amended form on January 1 next, the United States having waived the passport question.

### SANTO DOMINGO PEACEFUL.

President Resigns, Prisoners Are Released, Everybody Happy.

Santo Domingo.—The resignation of Eladio Victoria, President of the Dominican Republic, was tendered and formally accepted by Congress. Many political prisoners shortly afterward were released from confinement. Hostilities have been suspended throughout the Republic.

### JAILED FOR ASSAULT.

Member Of West Clarkfield, Ohio, Tar Party Given the Limit.

Norwalk, O.—Ernest Welch, convicted two weeks ago of assault and battery in connection with the tarring of Minnie La Valley, at West Clarkfield, last August, was sentenced to spend six months in the workhouse at Toledo and pay a fine of \$200 and costs, a total of \$500.

### TRAIN FALLS 175 FEET.

Five Killed in a Disasterous Accident in Oregon.

Marshfield, Ore.—Five men were killed and several hurt, some fatally, when a logging train went through a 175-foot trestle at Bear Creek. The boiler of the engine exploded when the locomotive fell. The bodies are buried under the wreckage of the train and the trestle and the number of dead may be greater.

## GRANTED PARDON ALBERT PATRICK

Lawyer Gains Freedom After Remarkable Fight.

### WAS SERVING LIFE TERM.

At No Time Since His Long Incarceration, Has Patrick Given Up Hope Of Obtaining His Freedom.

Albany, N. Y.—Albert T. Patrick, who is serving a life sentence in Sing Sing Prison for the murder of William Marsh Rice, an aged millionaire, in New York city on September 23, 1900, was pardoned by Governor Dix.

Patrick, who was saved from the electric chair by the late Governor Higgins, in December, 1906, has made a remarkable fight for freedom. A lawyer by profession, he protested when Governor Higgins commuted the death sentence to life imprisonment, declaring that the Governor had no legal right to cancel the original sentence and impose a punishment of life imprisonment.

Governor Dix announced that he had pardoned Patrick just as he was about to leave the capitol for the executive mansion.

### Doubt Of Fair Trial.

"There has always been an air of mystery in this important case," he said. "Quoting from the minority opinion of the Court of Appeals, 'The atmosphere that surrounded the defendant showed that a fair and impartial trial was scarcely possible.'"

"I trust that M. Patrick will devote his energies to a complete vindication of his declared innocence."

"During the past year I have given much consideration to this case, and am convinced that the defendant is entitled to have a full pardon."

### CHRONOLOGY OF THE PATRICK CASE.

September 23, 1900—William Marsh Rice murdered.

October 3, 1900—Albert T. Patrick and Charles F. Jones, Rice's valet, arrested on charge of forgery.

February 27, 1901—Jones confesses that he murdered Rice under Patrick's direction.

April 16, 1901—Patrick held for murder by Justice William Travers Jerome.

January 20, 1902—Patrick's trial begun, James W. Osborne prosecuting.

March 20, 1902—Patrick convicted of murder in the first degree.

March 30, 1902—Patrick marries Mrs. Addie M. Francis in the Tombs.

April 7, 1902—Patrick sentenced to die May 5.

June 19, 1905—New trial denied by the Court of Appeals.

December 6, 1905—Patrick resented to die in the electric chair.

July 11, 1906—Motion for new trial denied by Recorder Goff.

August 10, 1906—Case carried to the United States Supreme Court.

December 12, 1906—Appeal withdrawn.

December 20, 1906—Sentence commuted to life imprisonment by Governor Higgins.

June 4, 1909—Appellate Division pronounces imprisonment legal.

December, 1910—Medico-Legal Society champions his cause.

November 27, 1912—Pardoned by Governor Dix.

## PROTECTION OF LITTLE FOLKS

Scope of Local Society May be Widened Considerably

### TO BE IN STATE FEDERATION

Humane Society Wants S. P. C. A. to Join in Protecting Horses by Rough Surfacing Paved Inclines of the Hill Streets.

(Special Harrisburg Correspondence.)

Harrisburg.—Children as well as animals will be taken under the wing of the organization formed here more than a year ago to protect animals alone, if a plan for re-chartering the society to provide the widening of scope materializes. This question was taken up at a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals when the legislative committee recommended the re-chartering of the society in such a way as will permit it to become affiliated with the Federated Humane Societies of Pennsylvania. The Federated Societies, which is a State organization of the various societies for the prevention of cruelty to children and animals, is desirous of including the local society in its membership, and it is probable the legislative committee's recommendation to this effect will be carried out. Another matter that will be taken up by the society will be the legislative committee's report on the question of rough surfacing the paved inclines of hill streets, the approach to the Mulberry street viaduct, and so on, for the protection of horses. This question is being considered now with a view to having remedial provisions incorporated in the new traffic ordinance. Whether some recommendations as to distributing sand at this time on the slippery slopes to serve temporarily, or whether some permanent arrangement for treatment of the street during the summer should be provided in the traffic ordinance, will be one of the problems threshed out. The legislative committee consists of J. Clarence Funk, chairman; ex-Mayor Maurice C. Eby, ex-Mayor E. Z. Gross, Major F. M. Ott and Miss Clara Baschore.

### Ask \$25,000,000 Charities.

Governor Tener's interest in the work of the Board of Public Charities, which met here, would indicate that he is heartily in sympathy with the plans as outlined by the board for the care and treatment of the injured, the insane and the feeble-minded. The requests for appropriations this year have run close to \$25,000,000. The Governor is particularly interested in the work planned by the lunacy committee, and will follow closely the bills that will be presented in the interest of providing more room for those suffering from mental and nervous diseases. Particular attention will be given in the recommendations to the Legislature to the necessity of providing institutions for feeble-minded girls. There are now, according to a census taken by Secretary Bromley Wharton, 15,000 feeble-minded and epileptic girls in the State, 8,000 of whom should be in institutions. The lunacy committee will most probably recommend a law prohibiting marriage of epileptics and the feeble-minded.

### To Steal, Have a Purpose.

"No man should steal," said Judge Kunkel in the Dauphin County Court, passing sentence upon Julian H. Davis, who recently stole \$1,700 from the safe at the State Asylum here, "but he who steals for no purpose is worse than he who steals and has a purpose, intending to use the money for himself." Davis Brothers, his counsel, endeavored to have the sentence suspended, but the prisoner admitted he had served two terms in a reformatory in Georgia. The court said that, although Georgia had not succeeded in reforming Davis, he would send the defendant to the Huntingdon Reformatory and give him another chance to turn over a new leaf.

### Mother Gets Child.

The controversy over the custody of Gertrude Lloyd, a pretty nine-year-old girl, who has been living with her aunt, Mrs. Emma Jones, for seven years, was settled when Attorney William H. Musser announced that an agreement had been reached under which the child was to go to the mother, Mrs. Sue Lloyd.

### Change in Public Works Board.

William Jennings, president of the Board of Public Works, recently elected president of the Commonwealth Trust Company, will resign from the board December 1, and will be succeeded by J. William Bowman, a young business man.

### Splendid Body of Students.

Adjutant-General Thomas J. Stewart, who returned from State College, where he attended the Pennsylvania Day exercises and inspected the cadet battalion, paid a high tribute to the students. "The cadet battalion was a splendid body of students, animated by plenty of spirit and well trained, eager and alert to their duties," said he. "The battalion is one of the best of the kind I have ever seen, and it has some fine material for the State Guard should occasion arise. I was highly pleased at the appearance."