

ADMIRAL DEWEY 75 YEARS YOUNG

Congratulations Pour in on Hero of Manila.

IS AS CHIPPER AS AN ENSIGN.

Works During the Day When Not Interrupted By His Friends, Who Come To Offer Their Felicitations.

Washington.—Admiral Dewey was 75 years old Thursday. He told callers at his office in the general board-rooms of the Navy Department, in the Mills Building, that he "feels like an ensign," and most of them came away with the remarks and he looks like one.

Delegations from the various offices and divisions of the Navy Department made a steady stream of visitors to the office of the admiral to congratulate him upon his birthday anniversary and to wish him "many happy returns of the day." He was constantly interrupted at his work with his secretaries and aids, finding time to chat with all and he declared that he believed he owed his splendid physical condition to constant riding.

Admiral Dewey shares a love for the horse with another hero of the Spanish-American War, General Miles, and the admiral may frequently be seen by Washingtonians cantering and driving along the bridgepaths and driveways surrounding the Capital.

Admiral Dewey was told that his friends were saying he "looked like an ensign."

"Well, don't I?" he replied. "I certainly feel like one. And, moreover, I never in my whole life felt any better than I do today."

"I should say that any man who begins to ride, early, and continues with it throughout his early years, will find in the end that he has invested in a form of physical exercise that will be a great asset to him in his later years. Driving is splendid, too. Getting lots of air is the principal thing. I learned to ride early, in my own State of Vermont. I don't know how early, but I have kept on with that exercise, and it has been a great benefit to me."

"I remember one day riding with George Bancroft, the historian. He was 80 years old at the time. I asked him to what he ascribed his perfect physical condition at that time, and he pointed to his horse for answer. 'Riding does it,' he said. He was using a single-footer. I like to get up on a horse with a little more action—it shakes me up more."

Admiral Dewey's birthday was celebrated informally at night at his home at Sixteenth and K streets with a small family party at dinner and by a drive with Mrs. Dewey.

NEW SKYSCRAPER PLANNED.

New Building In New York To Tower 37 Stories.

New York.—Plans for a 37-story fireproof building to house the Equitable Life Assurance Society were filed here with the bureau of buildings by architects. The new structure will be erected on the site of the old Equitable building at Broadway and Pine street, which was destroyed by fire last winter.

FLAMES KILL WOMAN SANTA.

Mother Witnesses Tragedy in a Louisville Home.

Louisville.—While dressing to play Santa Claus for the children of a neighbor, Mrs. Gus A. Nutman, 38 years old, was burned to death as the result of cotton batting in her costume taking fire from a match with which she intended to start a fire in a stove. The tragedy was witnessed by her mother, Mrs. Ellen McDonough, 80 years old, who is an invalid and could not leave her chair or summon help.

WILL ABANDON FORT.

Troops Will Leave Post Near Spokane, Washington.

Spokane, Wash.—Fort George Wright, near Spokane, virtually will be abandoned, according to unofficial information received here. The two battalions of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, now garrisoning the fort, will leave for Hawaii on December 30. A half company is expected from Vancouver Barracks to act as prisoners' guards and to police the grounds, but no other troops are expected to replace the Twenty-fifth.

KECKIE MOLL DEAD.

Was Quarterback on Purdue Team In 1911.

Madison, Wis.—John E. Moll, known in football circles as Keckie Moll, died at a hospital here after a short illness from typhoid fever. Moll coached the Purdue University eleven this year. As quarterback on the University of Wisconsin team in 1911 he was accorded "all Western" honors by many critics.

Brings Candy, Nuts and Toys To 10,000 Children.

San Francisco.—There was no snow for the reindeer sleigh here and Santa Claus floated down in an aeroplane from a brilliantly blue sky into the verdure of Golden Gate Park with candy, nuts and toys for 10,000 children. Mayor Rolph and the city fathers presided over the presentation.

AFTERMATH OF CHRISTMAS



PRESIDENT TAFT INSPECTS CANAL

Visits Panama and Pleased With Progress Made.

IT WAS A BUSY CHRISTMAS.

He Takes a Look At the Fortifications At the Pacific End of the Canal.

The President Also Visits Colonel Goethals.

Panama.—Passing the forenoon in inspecting parts of the Panama Canal, President Taft had his Christmas dinner with Percival Dodge, the American minister, and wound up a busy day by attending a ball given in his honor by President Porras, of Panama.

The portions of the canal inspected were the central and Pacific divisions, the Culebra cut, and the fortifications at the Pacific end.

The trip to the Pacific side of Panama was made on the new Panama Railroad line, with stops at Gold Hill and Paraiso.

On the return trip to the United States it is understood that the battleships Arkansas and Delaware will try for a record.

The selection of General Wood probably means that there will be a keen fight for the honor of personal escort to President Wilson.

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Four Chairmanships Filled.

Mr. Enstis also filled the four remaining vacant chairmanships as follows: Legislative committee, George E. Hamilton; souvenirs and tickets, J. H. de Sibour; ballroom decorations, Walter G. Peters; auditing, Captain James F. Oyster.

WILSON'S XMAS IN BED.

President-Elect Has a Cold—Gifts Come By Wagonloads.

Princeton, N. J.—President-elect Wilson spent most of Christmas Day in bed, suffering from a slight attack of grip.

SIX FIREMEN OVERCOME.

Fire in a Pittsburgh Office Building Causes Heavy Damage.

Pittsburgh.—Six firemen were overcome by smoke and damage approximately \$100,000 was done when an eight-story building, occupied as the city warehouse of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, was destroyed by fire.

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BOMB THROWN AT THE VICEROY \$34.34 PER CAPITA IS NATION'S MONEY

India's Ruler and the Vicereine Narrowly Escape.

UMBRELLA CARRIER KILLED.

A Tragedy Mars the Entry in State of the Viceregal Party into Delhi, the New Capital.

Delhi, India.—The Viceroy and Vicereine of India, Baron and Baroness Hardinge, miraculously escaped assassination by a native fanatic while making their ceremonial entry into Delhi, the new imperial capital of India.

The doctors who removed the metal splinters from the wounds declared it marvelous that the Viceroy escaped fatal injuries.

Lady Hardinge, immediately after the explosion, asked her husband if he was hurt. The Viceroy replied: "I am all right; go on."

Lady Hardinge then said: "We cannot. There is a dead man behind."

The elephant on which they were riding halted, and the Viceroy tried to stand up, but reeled and fainted, and the officials who gathered around had much difficulty in removing him from the elephant's back.

The umbrella-bearer who was killed had acted in that capacity for Lord Curzon.

A reward of 10,000 rupees (approximately \$3,300) has been offered for the arrest of the bomb-thrower.

An official report of the injuries to Baron Hardinge issued by his surgeons says that a portion of the projectile struck him at the back of the right shoulder and along the inner border of the shoulder blade. It passed upward and issued through the skin along the upper line of the shoulder, causing a wound four inches long and exposing the muscle and bone.

Other fragments of the bomb caused slight wounds on the neck. There was a moderate loss of blood, the shock was severe and some deafness was caused by the explosion.

Baron Hardinge lost consciousness, but soon recovered and is now resting fairly comfortably.

WANT HOWE'S MONEY.

Brotherhood Welfare League Asks Him To Turn Over Fortune.

St. Louis, Mo.—The standing of James Eads Howe as a hobo has been brought into question by the Brotherhood Welfare League, which he founded, and demand was made on him to give his fortune to prove his sincerity.

"I will consult my lawyers. Perhaps I shall do as you suggest," said Howe.

A few minutes later Howe declared he would prove that he is a true hobo by beating his way around the country.

DOES NOT WANT TO BE KING.

New Bavarian Regent Prefers To Retain That Title.

Munich, Bavaria.—Prince Ludwig, the new prince regent of Bavaria, sent an autograph letter to the Bavarian premier vetoing the movement to place him on the throne as king.

OFFERS STOCK TO EMPLOYES.

Steel Corporation Continues Profit-sharing Plan.

New York.—The United States Steel Corporation, pursuant to its profit-sharing plan inaugurated in 1903, will offer to its employees the privilege of subscribing to preferred and common shares on the basis of \$109 for the preferred and \$66 for the common.

HAD THE MORAL EFFECT.

Presence Of Battleship New Hampshire At Santo Domingo.

Washington.—The battleship New Hampshire, which was hurried to Santo Domingo City when it appeared that the lately quelled revolution might break out anew, is now en route to Norfolk, her presence in Dominican waters having had the expected "moral effect."

People are 14 Cents Richer Than Last Year.

GROWTH OF DEPOSITS.

Over Billion Clearings in Fifteen Cities — Comptroller's Report Shows Unprecedented Growth in Banks.

Washington.—Is there any reader who is not in possession of \$34.34? If there is then there is something wrong somewhere, for that is the individual proportion of every man, woman and child in the United States of the \$3,284,500,000, now in circulation, according to the report of the Comptroller of the Currency Lawrence O. Murray, submitted to Congress.

All those who have been fortunate enough to get their share out of the circulating medium are 14 cents richer than they were last year and one cent better off than in 1910, which is at least the price of an evening paper.

The Comptroller's report is the usual fat volume consisting chiefly of figures. But, at that, some of these figures are quite interesting, especially for the banks.

The Comptroller finds the volume of business in this country has increased over last year to the extent of millions of dollars. The transactions of the 151 clearing houses for the current year ending October 31, aggregated \$168,506,362,900. This is an increase of \$8,998,357,000 over last year.

There were 26 Clearing House Associations which reported losses. Clearings Exceeded Billion.

On the other hand there were 15 associations whose clearings exceeded the billion-dollar mark. These were New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Mo., Minneapolis, Cleveland, New Orleans, Detroit and Los Angeles.

The report also states that the exports from this country last year amounted to \$1,876,000,000, while the imports were \$1,511,000,000, leaving a balance in favor of the United States of \$365,000,000.

The comptroller's report embraces 25,195 banks, 803 more than last year. The total resources of these banks are \$24,986,642,774.18. This is a gain of \$5,402,232,381 since 1908, or an increase of a little more than 27 per cent. in the last four years.

"These figures," says the report, "indicate an unprecedented growth in bank resources during the past four years, and far exceeds that for any like period in the country's history. The nearest approach to this increase is shown in the statistics for June 30, 1904, when the aggregate resources of all reporting banks were about \$4,412,000,000 greater than the amount reported in 1900.

Growth Of Deposits.

"Individual deposits in the banks during the last four years increased from \$12,784,511,169 to \$17,924,067,606, the increase being \$4,239,556,437, or over 33 per cent."

The figures in the report relating to the postal savings banks, indicate the rapid growth of those institutions. There are now 300,000 depositors in the Postal Savings Banks, with a total deposit of \$28,000,000.

On January 1, 1912, there were school savings banks in the U. S. States, with 167,529 depositors, a whom were school children.

ANARCHISTS IN CUBA.

Aim At Strike To Prevent Harvesting Sugar Crop.

Havana.—A new complaint was added to Cuba's internal troubles when the government learned that anarchists are effecting a strong organization throughout the republic. They aim to prevent the sugar harvest by calling a strike. If they succeed, they will seriously cripple the island's commerce.

DEATH ENDS ILL LUCK.

Auto Kills Man Whose Family Perished in Fire.

Wheeling, W. Va.—Followed by ill-luck for years, James Selly, a farmer, met death when he was run over by an automobile. One year ago a fire destroyed the unfortunate man's home, and his wife and two children lost their lives.

DIAMOND CUT OUT OF HIS ARM.

Man Had Carried Carat and a Half Gem For Several Years.

San Bernardino, Cal.—A man who gave the name of Hitchcock had a diamond weighing a carat and a half cut out of the flesh of his arm here. The gem had been sewed into his flesh in South Africa several years ago.

200 HURT IN ATLANTA.

Persons Shot, Cut, Bruised and Burned in Celebration.

Atlanta, Ga.—More than 200 patients—shot, cut, bruised, burned and injured otherwise—were received by the hospitals here as a result of the celebration of Christmas with fireworks, pistols and other noise-making devices.

SUSPENDERS. Society has frowned on the masculine suspenders. So the suspender must go—has gone almost, say those who sell wearing apparel for men. It's the age of the belt. Manly shoulders must be unhampered by straps; only the patient diaphragm is to be subjected to a harness. So passes another useful device, sacrificed to fastidiousness. We used to eat mashed potatoes with a knife till someone with supercilious manners came along and told us the fork was the proper utensil for that important duty. Formerly people poured out their hot coffee into saucers, "blew" it cold and then drank it from saucers, all unconscious of the terrible impropriety involved. Nor was it formerly considered an indication of boorish origin for one to sip tea from a spoon. Oh, these changing times! Suspenders gone the way of the bicycle and the crocheted necktie! Is no one bold enough to do them reverence? Fashion is a tyrant. It takes no cognizance of man's various shapes—his embonpoint, his fullness or deficiency of girth—it merely issues a fiat and expects all to obey. The time is opportune for a new declaration of independence. Let every man who prefers suspenders to a belt buy a pair forthwith and wear it in defiance of the world.

Some people are determined not to let Christopher Columbus rest in peace. Not long ago a celebrated Jewish rabbi insisted that the great explorer was a Jew, and now comes a member of the Royal Geographical society with the claim that Columbus was a Spaniard and not an Italian. The Spanish scientist says that the veil of mystery that has for four centuries enshrouded the cradle of Columbus has at last been torn aside to reveal him without doubt or argument as a Spaniard. Dr. Horta says that the Italian lineage of the discoverer was accepted because there was no "authentic, respectable and authorized historic documents" to prove to the contrary. On the other hand, the Spanish historian says the only accepted proof of the Italian birth of Columbus was his own statement that he was born in Genoa.

An Englishman in Shanghai was twitting the eldest son of Dr. Sun Yatzen about his father's cosmopolitanism. "Nobody knows for certain where your father was born," he said. "Canton claims him and so does Honolulu. Before the revolution he had not been here in China for many years. The English port of Hongkong was the nearest he ever approached. I don't see how your father can call himself a Chinaman, and in fact, I don't know what to call him." "Part of what you say is true," answered the son of the famous patriot. "For fifteen years my father was a man without a country, but now," and the boy smiled proudly, "a country has been made for him."

Ireland is to send a deputation to this country to protest against the landing at Queenstown of certain mentally defective persons alleged to be Irish and having Irish names, but declared to be from other countries of origin than Ireland. These objections are excluded from the United States as undesirable immigrants. It is said they have no claim on Ireland. Certainly they have no claim on the United States.

The mines department of Canada is preparing an official announcement that the effective smelting of Canadian ores is a commercial possibility. The iron business has undergone a revolution every few years for more than a century. Is another due? Will it result in the general adoption of electric smelting?

Scientific experiments demonstrating that caffeine is fatal to rabbits and that nicotine paralyzes the optic nerve, should impress the public. Hereafter no truly humane persons will give the rabbits coffee for their breakfasts, nor put cigars, smoking or chewing tobaccos in their own or others' eyes.

In New York there is a man who has been married 11 times. Nobody except a New York waiter could pay alimony to ten women.

London has a hotel that has gained fame through its onions. Certainly a smart bid to fame.

A naturalist informs us that the lobster is becoming extinct, but the two legged variety we have with us always.

A college professor has solved the mystery of the curve ball, but it takes a horny handed lowbrow to hit 'em where they adn't.

Bessy, the hygienic cow, now looks hungrily upon her owner's straw hat that will soon be hers to devour.