

## The Centre Reporter

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### ENGLISH UNIVERSITIES.

It is quite generally assumed that English collegiate education lags behind American. A knowledge of the exact facts about the matter is of some practical value, therefore, especially because Oxford and Cambridge are not the only centers of learning in England. Years ago a movement began to find in the principal cities institutions having a character leading to vocational efficiency; and today London, Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds, Sheffield and Bristol all possess such centers of modern equipment. In each case the founders and heads of the movement have aimed to give the establishment a special quality of attraction in the eyes of the locality; and so the colleges and universities have been developed with the aid of the small givers. As the expense of attendance is small, a provision sought from the first, the cities and their surrounding towns are able to offer a college education to almost anybody who wishes it. Thus the situation is apparently more favorable to students than the college system in this country, says the Providence Journal.

When a young man or young woman wishes an education, he or she does not have to contemplate attending an institution whose courses are designed especially for the whole length and breadth of the country. Such a curriculum offers itself, but only along with the more practical one which the life of the local community suggests.

"He shot down the stairs like a flying squirrel," says a recent story. This is the kind of metaphor that Prof. Barrett Wendell, who has written a very good book on English composition, would condemn. A flying squirrel does not shoot down the stairs. The purpose was to give one a vivid idea of how the man looked when he was falling. But as no one ever saw a flying squirrel falling down stairs, and as few have seen a flying squirrel in any other enforced or voluntary exercise, the figure did not help. Now, if one wishes to describe a flying squirrel and should say that it looked like a person falling down stairs, the description might not be accurate, but the literary style would be good. For many persons have seen a child fall down stairs. Admittedly, the smile "like a flying squirrel" has a bizarre, "up-and-at'em" manner that is rather taking in modern story writing. Yet its use affords a good example of "how not to do it."

There is a division of labor in modern astronomy. Some astronomers are devoted to astro-physical research, some are mathematicians, others, to borrow the phrase of Keats, are watchers of the skies. Lewis Swift, who is dead at Marathon, N. Y., at the age of ninety-two, belonged to the latter class. He was made director of the Warner observatory at Rochester, now the Lowe observatory, in 1882. Long before that time he had discovered many comets, asteroids and nebulae. In 1878, during a total solar eclipse, he thought he caught a glimpse of two intra-Mercurial planets. The list of his discoveries of comets, asteroids and nebulae would be long, as may be judged from the fact that nine hundred of the latter are recorded to his credit.

A woman in New York applying for a divorce from a consumptive husband was badly queered when the "consumptive" husband appeared, offering undoubted evidence of weighing over two hundred pounds. This appearance put the court, instead of the defendant, in a declining condition.

Those who discover "tyranny" in the Chinese prescription of derby hats for business wear—concerning which it might be conclusive to produce the official documents—should at least bear in mind that the Chinese government could as easily have imposed on its subjects the cylindrical and funereal stove-pipe.

The ginning in Alabama to January 1 was 1,289,576 bales. To this must be added about 8 per cent. to cover subsequent ginnings and also about 60,000 bales of linters. A state crop of about 1,450,000 bales is expected, as against a crop of 1,730,000 bales last year.

General Wood complains that we are spending more money for automobile tires than for war. But a lot more fun can be got out of automobile tires.

A boy soprano in Philadelphia has been arrested for cracking a safe. Perhaps he did it because the same thing had happened to his voice.

The best men are not in public life, says a New York woman. And not a few men will agree with her.

## NEW GOVERNMENT NOW COMPLETE

### The Members of Mexican Cabinet Take Oath.

### TO DECIDE MADERO'S FATE.

Zapata, "the Irreconcilable Rebel," and Dr. Gomez and His Rebel Force Still To Be Reckoned With.

Mexico City.—That Francisco Madero will get out of Mexico without having to face official investigations for one thing or another now appears improbable. He has already been charged with responsibility for the death of Colonel Riverol, whom he is alleged to have shot at the time of his arrest in the palace.

A committee of deputies has now asked that Madero be forced to account for moneys expended by the administration.

This committee called on President Huerta and urged that Madero be held accountable for the depleted condition of the treasury.

The last details of the organization of Mexico's new government were completed, when the members of President Huerta's official family took the oath in the yellow room in the palace, immediately above that occupied by the deposed president and vice-president.

#### Hear the Cheering.

Unable to witness the scenes from their room, Madero and Suarez were yet able to hear the plaudits of the crowds in the streets and in the big square in front and the bugle calls of the united army. Significant of the birth in battle of the new administration was the display of soldiers, and the effect on the crowds was not lost.

It served as a reminder that even if it was not a military dictatorship that had been established, the present administration was of much sterner quality than that which had just fallen.

Gen. Felix Diaz was among those in the yellow room when the ministers took the oath and heard Huerta pronounce the formal time-honored phrase:

"If you keep this oath, the country will reward you; if you do not, it will call you to an accounting."

General Diaz was present ostensibly for no official capacity, but merely as a private citizen, which he became months ago on resigning his commission as a general in the regular army.

#### Diaz For President.

Felix Diaz will enter the race for the presidency. Probably General Huerta will not run against him. One reason why Diaz made no effort to secure the provisional presidency for himself was his wish to be entirely free to organize and direct his party in the coming campaign.

General Huerta regards himself as nothing more than a provisional president, and declared frankly that general elections will be held promptly for selecting a permanent administration.

#### WANTS A FLY SWATTER.

Ohio Woman Recommended For the Job In New York.

New York.—Dr. William H. Hale, superintendent of public baths in Brooklyn, has recommended to the Board of Estimates that a woman be employed as "official fly swatter" for this city, and suggests that the position be given to Miss Jean Dawson, a teacher in the Normal Training School in Cleveland, O. Miss Dawson recently headed a campaign which resulted in her home town becoming known as "the flyless city."

#### DOUBLE WAGES FOR A WEEK.

General Sanford Thus Remembers 3,000 Employees In Will.

Amsterdam, N. Y.—Double wages for a week for each of the more than 3,000 employees of the carpet factory in which he was partner is provided for in the will of General Stephen Sanford, which was filed here. Aside from bequests amounting to \$100,000 to local charitable institutions and smaller amounts to relatives, the residue of the estate, estimated at \$20,000,000, is left to the testator's son, John Sanford.

#### HALTS PREACHER'S PRAYER.

Lieutenant Governor Causes Sensation in the Indiana Senate.

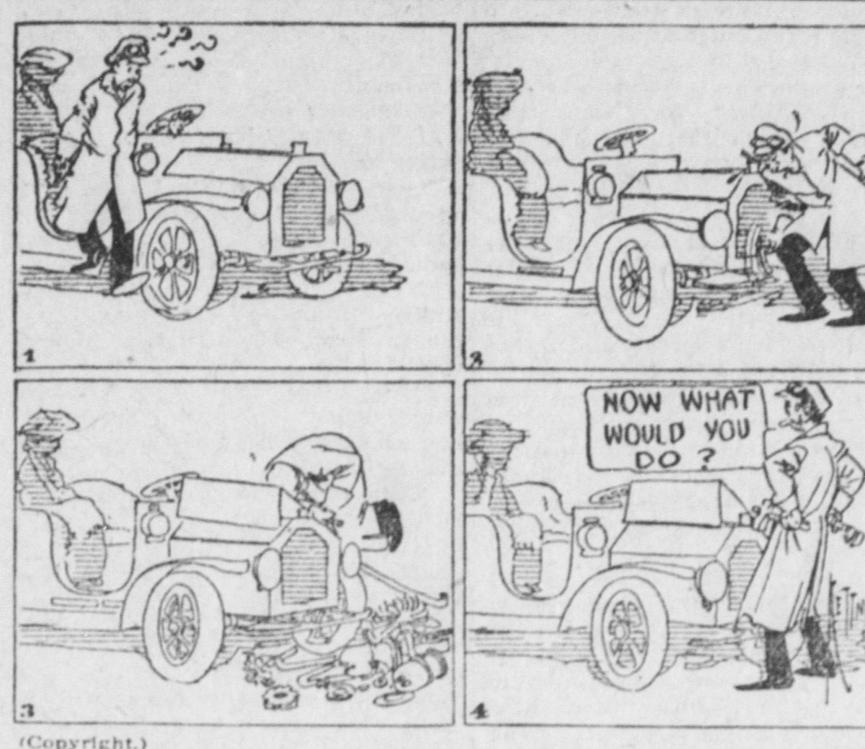
Indianapolis, Ind.—Lieutenant Governor O'Neill caused a sensation in the Senate when he stopped the Rev. E. R. Henry, of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, of this city, who was making the opening prayers, and said: "Stop making a political speech."

#### CAN "CUSS" OVER TELEPHONE.

Not Basis Of Action For Damages, Iowa Supreme Court Rules.

Des Moines, Iowa.—Profane and harsh words—"cuss words," in fact—when heard over the telephone, are not basis for legal damage action in Iowa. This decision of the Iowa Supreme Court was handed down in a case in which Nettie Kramer, of Franklin county, sued Henry Rickmeier for damages on account of "fright, shock and humiliation."

## NOW, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?



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### HUERTA'S MESSAGE TO TAFT

Heads Of Military Departments Resting On Their Cars While Orders Issued During the Stress Are Being Carried Out.

Washington.—President Taft received the following telegram from Victoriano Huerta, Mexico's provisional governor general:

I have the honor to inform you that I have overthrown this government; the forces are with me, and from now on peace and prosperity will reign. Your obedient servant.

(Signed) VICTORIANO HUERTA, Commander-in-Chief.

Reaction from the severe strain under which the diplomatic, military and naval branches of the government have been laboring for the last 10 days because of the Mexican revolt is marked by comparative lethargy prevailing in those departments. A hasty consultation between the heads of various departments, conducted to some extent by subordinates, resulted in a general decision to maintain the existing attitude toward Mexico not only in a diplomatic sense, but so far as that involves the preparation of the Army and Navy to meet any emergency that might arise.

Mobilization Orders.

Though naturally gratified at the termination of the almost continuous battle that has raged within the heart of Mexico City for so long a period of time, it was deemed to be unwise to permit that sentiment to affect the progress of arrangements that are being made adequately to protect the lives of foreigners in Mexico, in case the situation should get beyond control of the new temporary government.

Original orders to the Army officers to have the soldiers ready to move at short notice and to the transports to proceed to their assigned destinations where they were to embark troops and marines, were allowed to remain in force, officials reasoning that some benefit is to be derived from the experience that is gained through this attempt at mobilization, even if there should be no occasion to give it a practical turn.

Probably some reply will be made by President Taft to the personal message from Gen. Victoriano Huerta, who signed himself commander-in-chief, announcing that he had overthrown the Madero government, but it will be of such a nature as not to constitute a political recognition of the new government.

Awaiting Developments.

Within a week at the longest the new Mexican Congress should be in session, in conformity with the call issued by the military governor. Upon the extent to which General Huerta and his group transfers to the Congress the powers of government will depend the attitude of the United States toward the de facto government of Mexico.

Meanwhile the attitude of the administration here will remain one of passive, though interested, observation.

## THE WORLD AT LARGE

Governor Foss signed an enabling act permitting the First Church of Christ Scientist, of Boston, to accept the bequest of \$2,000,000 provided in the will of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy.

A hearing upon a petition for the appointment of a receiver for the Union Bag and Paper Company, a New Jersey corporation, will be held in Trenton on March 8.

A strike called in September, 1911, involving 1,100 carmen throughout the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad system, came to an end.

Four children of Joseph Hatfield, at Santa Fe, Ky., were burned to death when their home was destroyed by fire.

The New York legislature adopted a resolution providing for an investigation of the police in New York city.

Don Arturo Bandini, one of the last members of a distinguished Spanish family, died in San Francisco.

The Missouri Senate sent to engrossment by a vote of 19 to 7, the bill giving women the right to vote.

No ragtime will be played by the Illinois bands during the suffrage parade in Washington on March 3.

The New Jersey legislature adopted all of Governor Wilson's antimonopoly bills without amendment.

## RAILROADS WILL ARBITRATE

They Realize That the Public Would Not Stand For a Strike—Defects In Erdman Act.

New York.—There will be no firemen's strike on the eastern railroads. The railroads yielded and agreed to arbitrate under the Erdman act the controversy with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen. The firemen had stood to a man, for this method of arbitration ever since the deadlock began; the railroads had stood firm for arbitration before a commission of six or seven men. Three men, acting under the law, will decide the firemen's claims. Their decision will be binding.

The firemen selected their representative on the board of arbitrators as soon as the railroads' decision was announced. He is Albert Phillips, of Sacramento, Cal., vice-president of their organization. The railroads selected as their man W. W. Atterbury, vice-president and general manager of the Pennsylvania lines east.

Within a day or two these two men will select the third or neutral member. Within thirty days thereafter the arbitrators must render their findings.

## FRANCE HAILS NEW PRESIDENT.

Inauguration Of Poincare On a Bitter Cold Day.

Paris.—The inauguration of Raymond Poincare as president of the French Republic for a term of seven years took place Tuesday with very simple ceremonies. There was a great display of popular enthusiasm as the new chief executive proceeded to the Palace of the Elysee to take office.

Premier Briand shortly after 2 o'clock in the afternoon called at the private residence of the President elect. The two then proceeded in a four-horse open carriage, escorted by a regiment of Cuirassiers, through the Avenue des Champs Elysees and the Avenue de Marigny to the palace.

M. Fallieres, the retiring president with Emile Loubet, the only other living ex-president of the French Republic, received Poincare on the steps of the palace and walked with him to the reception hall, where M. Fallieres delivered a brief address, at the end of which he transferred the seals of office to M. Poincare. The latter in a few remarks accepted the responsibilities of his new post.

Jacksonville, Fla.—By leaping from his falling machine in mid-air Aviator Charles K. Hamilton probably saved his life, although he suffered severe internal injuries when he plunged to the earth. The machine hit head on and turned over twice, completely wrecking it. Hamilton struck the earth with a crash and was picked up for dead. He recovered consciousness an hour later. His injuries may prove fatal.

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Claude Nolan and his men, who were following in an auto, rushed up to the machine, expecting to find the daring aviator a corpse. He was lying far out in front of the machine in an unconscious condition.

Hamilton did not regain consciousness until he was placed aboard the ferry in South Jacksonville. As soon as he opened his eyes he remarked to the attending physician, "We must have had a spill." He then relapsed into unconsciousness again, and when he next opened his eyes he was on the operating table in the De Soto Hospital. His first remark was for God's sake, doctor, give me a cigarette."

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