

Record-Breaking Pension Payment; Smallest Number of Pensioners

A record-breaking sum in pensions was paid by the federal government during the last fiscal year despite the fact that the number of pensioners was the smallest of any year since 1890.

This was revealed by the annual report of the commissioner of pensions, who said that \$222,129,292.70 was paid to 624,427 persons during the year as compared with \$179,835,328.75 to 646,895 pensioners the year before. The largest number of persons ever on the pension roll was 999,446, in 1902, and they received a total of \$137,502,267.99.

Total pensions paid to date on account of the Civil war, the commissioner said, was \$5,299,858,509.39, and the total for all wars reached \$5,617,520,402.30 including \$65,211,665.71 on account of the Spanish-American war.

Last year 3,747 pensioners were scattered through sixty-three foreign countries, including one on the island of St. Helena. They received a total of \$1,188,188.45.

The net reduction in the pension roll during the year was 22,468, the number of names removed being 32,149 and the number added 9,681.

Ohio led the states with the largest roll, there being 60,902 pensioners drawing \$21,582,330.04. Pennsylvania was second with 59,072 pensioners drawing \$20,630,813.44; New York third with 53,736, receiving \$19,631,090.72; Illinois fourth with 43,976, receiving \$15,965,335.52, and Indiana fifth with 37,647, receiving \$13,703,084.94.

WORDS OF WISE MEN

When two fall out, the third wins.—General Proverb.
False in one thing, false in all.—Legal Maxim.
To invent false charges is never difficult.
A goodly apple rotten at the heart.
O what a goodly outside falsehood hath.

—Shakespeare.
Every clown can find fault, though it would puzzle him to do better.—German Proverb.
It is with feelings as with waters: The shallow murmur, but the deep are dumb.—Raleigh.

UNGUARDED GATES

Wide open and unguarded stand our gates, Names of the four winds, North, South, East and West;
Portals that lead to an enchanted land Of cities, forests, fields of living gold, Vast prairies, lordly summits touched with snow,
Majestic rivers sweeping proudly past The Arab's date palm and the Norseman's pine—
A realm wherein are fruits of every zone, Airs of all climes, for, lo! throughout the year
The red rose blossoms somewhere—a rich land,
A later Eden planted in the wide, With not an inch of earth within its bound But if a slave's foot press it sets him free.
Here it is written, Toll shall have its wage,
And Honor honor, and the humblest man Stand level with the highest in the law. Of such a land have men in dungeons dreamed,
And with the vision brightening in their eyes
Gone smiling to the faggot and the sword.
Wide open and unguarded stand our gates, And through them presses a wild motley throng—
Men from the Volga and the Tartar steppes,
Featureless figures of the Hoang-Ho, Malay, Scythian, Teuton, Kelt and Slav,
Flying the old world's poverty and scorn; These bringing with them unknown gods and rites—
Those, tiger passions, here to stretch their claws,
In street and alley what strange tongues are loud
Accents of menace alien to our air, Voices that once the Tower of Babel knew!

O Liberty, white goddess! is it well To leave the gates unguarded? On thy breast
Fold Sorrow's children, soothe the hurts of fate,
Lift the downtrodden, but with hand of steel
Stay those who to thy sacred portals come
To waste the gifts of freedom. Have a care
Lest from thy bow the clustered stars be torn
And trampled in the dust. For so of old
The thronging Goth and Vandal trampled Rome,
And where the temples of the Caesars stood
The lean wolf unthombed made her lair.
—Thomas Bailey Aldrich.

Politeness Well Defined By Three Eminent Persons

Many definitions of politeness have been given by learned and able men and are to be found scattered through literature. Here are three short ones, each from an eminent man: Sidney Smith says that "politeness is good nature regulated by good sense." Macaulay writes: "Politeness has been well defined as benevolence in small things." He did not originate this definition, but he gives it his approval; Chesterfield claims that politeness "simply consists in treating others just as you love to be treated yourself." As to the practice of politeness, the philosopher, Bacon, wrote: "The wise are polite all the world over; fools are polite only at home."

Daily Thought

Every heart that has beat strong and cheerfully has left a hopeful influence behind it in the world, and bettered the tradition of mankind."

Gorilla Families Live in Nest Homes Built High in Trees of Tropical Forests

Gorillas live in family groups—husband, wife and one or two babies. The mother carries her offspring on her hip, just as does the native African woman.

Food is always plentiful, consisting of fruit and nuts supplied bounteously by the tropical forest. Home is a sort of nest built in a tree, a few branches being bent together so as to form a platform, over which leafy twigs are distributed.

It is alleged that the father of the family spends the night customarily at the foot of the tree, against which he places his back while keeping guard against possible attack by enemies. In a stand-up fight there is only one foe that he has reason to fear, and that is the leopard.

The males often fight each other with dire ferocity, the prize of combat being usually a lady gorilla, who views the strife with flattered interest, cheerfully accepting the victor's claim of ownership.

JUST TO LAUGH

Hubby, Come Across.
Wife—Before we were married you said that I would always look the same to you as the years rolled away!
Husband—Yes, and I meant it.
Wife—Oh, I believe it. I haven't had a new hat or gown since the ceremony.

Ignorance Enlightened.
He—It was easy to tell that the entertainer was English; he didn't sound his h's when he sang."
She—That shows how little you know about music; the scale doesn't run above G.

He Has His Own Uplift.
"Does your husband offer any encouragement to you in your uplift work?"
"None, except every time I mention it he goes up in the air."

Thankful for Something.
"There's one thing I'm glad of anyhow," said the patriarch.
"What's that, father?" asked the prodigal son.
"You didn't get into politics and make your wastefulness so conspicuous as to call for a congressional investigation!"

Of Course Not.
"It's queer how proud some parents are of a pestiferous brat."
"Oh, I don't know. Anyhow, you wouldn't want the kid to go through life utterly friendless."

Very Highly Accomplished.
"What about that niece of yours who is just back from college?"
"She kin do nothing in the most finished way I ever had the pleasure of witnessing," responded old Uncle Heck.

Something Fine.
"The lady candidates have cast their hats into the ring."
"What do the lady voters say to that?"
"They are busy studying the display of millinery."

First M. D. Degree

The first degree of doctor of medicine was conferred by the college at Asti, Italy, in 1229.

Wisconsin Indians Worship Idol in University Museum; Annual Offerings Are Made

Even though Christianity has been adopted among the majority of the Indians of Wisconsin for years, the "gods of their fathers" are still revered, according to Dr. R. Rieder of the University of Wisconsin.

Doctor Rieder relates that members of the tribe of Chippewas visit the university museum every year to lay before a grotesque stone figure their offerings of skins, meat, and other food in the manner of their ancestors, who placated such idols by offerings yearly.

Doctor Rieder told how a millionaire of Chicago, whose summer home is in Wisconsin, found the idol while hunting several years ago. He took it to Chicago as a curio and later was visited by a delegation of Indians, who demanded the return of the stone figure to Wisconsin.

The finder refused, and after several attempts had been made to steal the image, he became afraid and secretly sold the stone to the museum.

Emissaries of the Chippewas, it is said, watched the image until it was placed in the museum, where they declared that they were satisfied to have it remain, as long as it was in the hands of the state and on Wisconsin soil.

Doctor Rieder says the Pueblo type of Indian believed that before creation the earth was a ball of fire; the Indians of Lower California and those of Wisconsin and the Mississippi valley had the belief that it was a mass of water. The latter theory, he asserts, followed closely the latest theories of scientists regarding the period before the origin of the earth.

Doctor Rieder declares the popular conception gathered by the public from Longfellow's poem and books of the "Wild West" type were false and did injustice to the Indian.

To Journey Hopefully Is Better Than to Arrive—True Success Is to Labor

Mottoes for business men now adorn many commercial sanctuaries, notes a writer in the London Chronicle. The commonest and most objectionable is "Do It Now," in shrieking red letters. There are the usual references to time being convertible into cash and facetious rules for the conduct of callers.

But a Scottish head of a great business raises his eyes from his desk to see before him Napoleon's exclamation: "Good God! How rare are men!"

Another note is struck by the founder of one of London's mammoth stores, for his inspiration lies in the dictum of Robert Louis Stevenson:

"To journey hopefully is better than to arrive, and the true success is to labor."

Injunction Had Origin in Roman Law Where It Took the Form of an Interdict

The writ of injunction is popularly supposed to be a modern innovation of the law, principally by reason of the extension of its scope in recent years to cases arising out of labor disputes.

But as early as 1382, the commons of England appealed to the sovereign for protection against the barons who were overriding the processes of the common law courts and the result was that these courts were placed under the protection of the chancellor, "the keeper of the king's conscience," who was empowered to issue certain writs designed to prevent the abuse of legal procedure in the lower courts. The principle, however, of injunction dates still further back—it had its real origin in the Roman law, where it took the form of an interdict.

No Month of Season Is Without Natural Beauties

Every month and every season has its secret beauties which it calls upon us to find. Perhaps a tree is at its best when, in the full tide of midsummer, it stands bravely beneath a rejoicing sun decked with shining leaves, yet it is only when winter has trodden on the land that the secret beauty of its branches is revealed. There are few things in their essence fairer than the rhythm of tree branches. There is a great ash tree which stands on the edge of a meadow; it has turned away from the north wind that sweeps down from the hills; the lines of the branches and the twigs blend marvelously into a mysterious unity that is almost music. When the great winter stars rise behind it, and sparkle in its branches, summer lies forgotten and unremembered.

Carlyle Makes Clear What Menial Calling Really Is

Men talk about menial callings; but what is a menial calling? I will tell you. It is a calling that makes a man mean. And the moment any calling makes a man a man, he has dignified and glorified it. Show me the chrysalis first, and what a prejudice I have against the butterflies! But show me the butterfly first, and after I have seen that, how beautiful the skin looks out of which it was hatched! I carry the beauty of the thing itself back to that from which it came, and by association dignify it. And I honor a man that has built himself up in vocations where no one suspected such a thing; that has dug up treasures where none but such an ingenious, industrious and patient man could have done it.—Carlyle.

Great Britain Needs Practical National Housekeeping, With No Extravagance.

By LADY ASTOR, First Woman Commoner.



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This is no joy ride. I am fully conscious of the responsibilities resting upon me. I had to contend against the prejudice which undoubtedly exists among many of the opposite sex. I believe it was the wonderful, touching support from the navy lower deck men which steadied and rallied the waverers, overcame the doubters and brought me victory.

I am going to the house of commons to put woman's viewpoint foremost. I have the soundest views on affairs affecting women and children.

Women have the qualities needed in the commons and in politics. Their spiritual qualities help to purify politics and will help in the commons. We are more practical than men—we are the first to acknowledge when we are wrong.

I am not a political economist and I have the courage to say so, but I number among my friends the very ablest men of all parties, sections, classes and circles in England. In general I am a supporter of the coalition and Lloyd George, but I am not tied to anybody's apron strings.

England needs practical national housekeeping. We could not trust the government to Mr. Asquith—the ancient mariner—or his ambitious lieutenants. We must reconstitute our industrial organization, increase our exports, re-establish a sense of security and bring down the cost of living. We must cut down unproductive expenditures. We cannot afford extravagance.

I am fully conscious of the high honor and grave responsibility of my position. It is overwhelming to realize that I am the first woman commoner. I realize perfectly that my behavior will be a precedent before which the rest of my sex will be judged. I have got to make good.

Obedience the First Great Step in the Training of Little U. S. Citizens.

By MARY E. DOZIER, National Kindergarten Association

The question of obedience to the laws of the home and to the community confronts each individual. Some pass it lightly by, giving it little thought, and less observance, but not so the thoughtful parent or teacher to whom the care of children is entrusted.

Obedience should underlie the life of each of us; it is essential to happiness. Only as we learn to listen and obey are we fitted to take our rightful place in society. We must obey the laws of nature if we would be healthy, the laws of home and community if we would be worthy members of each group, and above all, there must be obedience to the moral law.

Since obedience is such an important factor in each life, how can we best teach it to the child without destroying his individuality?

Many mothers admit their inability to obtain obedience, and teachers are often asked, "How do you make him obey? He does not mind me at all." A dreadful confession, but since it is made, let us try to help these mothers. First, let us ask a few questions:

Do you govern your child by love or by fear?
Are you honest with him?
Are your demands reasonable and do you explain why you make certain requirements?

Do you talk indiscreetly before your child and admit your inability to control him?
Do you require prompt obedience or do you tolerate disobedience and belated performance of duty?

These questions are all involved in obedience. Obedience is subjection to rightful control at all times and in all places.

Yet many parents are satisfied with only occasional obedience. One day a mother expects immediate response to her request, while a little later she waits indefinitely for obedience. The child under such conditions proceeds to decide matters for himself, and his motto becomes, "With mother, obey when it is convenient." Such a child soon demoralizes the children of the whole neighborhood.

Last, but perhaps of greatest concern to parents, is the advice to settle with disobedience at the time; tally today's books today, unless some act requires a future opportunity for correction.

Return of the Bodies of American Dead From the Cemeteries of France.

By REPRESENTATIVE CONNALLY, Oklahoma, Speech in Congress.

I have today introduced a joint resolution and asked that it be referred to the committee on foreign affairs, and I believe if it is passed promptly by the two houses it will have a very great effect toward persuading the French republic to lift the present restrictions which prevent the disinterment and return of the bodies of American soldiers to the United States.

Pending hostilities, the French government, at the request of the American military authorities, postponed the consideration of any agreement until after all American forces should have left France. Recently the state department and the war department have taken up with the French government the question of arriving at some understanding upon the subject. Up to date the French republic has declined to permit the disinterment and removal of bodies to the United States prior to January 1, 1922.

The practical difficulties which present themselves are, first, we must secure the consent of the French government, and so my joint resolution provides in terms that the two houses of congress respectfully request that the French republic repeal, modify, or suspend its laws, ministerial instructions, and regulations so as to permit the United States to bring back to this country the bodies of such soldiers, sailors, and marines where such removal may be requested by the nearest of kin. The second part of the resolution is a direction to the secretary of war to proceed with the disinterment, upon the consent of the French government being obtained, and to bring back to the United States the bodies of those soldiers whose nearest of kin desire and express the wish for that to be done. The war department already has an extensive machinery established for this very purpose.

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A stack of hay is a whole lot safer property than a stack of chips.

People who give advice are seldom stingy about it.

Chronic Cough--Poor Appetite--Sleepless

Montrose, W. Va.—"Thirty-one years ago I took cold which brought on old trouble, a cough. I had one every winter for years, but always before with the return of spring and warm weather I would leave me but this time every thing failed to help me, and with the return of spring I did not gain any or find any relief. I was thin, had poor appetite and spent restless nights. We became discouraged as some had a little old expressed themselves by saying they thought the cough had gone so far there was little chance of my recovery. But a neighbor had all this time been advising me to use Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, stating how far gone her husband was with a cough and when everything had failed he began to use the Golden Medical Discovery," which restored him to health. That was several years ago and his health is still good, so my husband got me a bottle of the "Discovery." I left it at my bedside that night and just took a little sip from the bottle often, and it soon allayed the irritation in my throat and I got some sleep. I continued its use and the change was great indeed. I began to gain in flesh, my appetite returned and by the time I had completed two or three bottles I was sound and well, and that dreadful cough that I had endured so many winters has, since that time, only been slight when I have a cold. My weight then was about 125 pounds and now after 22 years I am enjoying good health, weight about 170 pounds, the mother of 12 children, and I am doing my own housework. I thank the good Lord that there is such a medicine as the Golden Medical Discovery" which was the means of restoring me to health when I seemed to be going helplessly to the grave."—Mrs. Elizabeth E. Anson, Route 1, Box 26.



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