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A LITERARY D'ARTAGNAN

The Career of Joseph M. Stoddart. Sadler and His State Road Work.

Thirty-Year-Old Appeals for

Better Highways

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN

JOSEPH M. STODDART, who died last week at his home in Elkins Park, is spoken of in obituary notices as an editor and publisher. He was a literary d'Artagnan He dared to do things at which other and greater publishers halted and finally de-clined. He had faith tri m his own judgment. And it was a faith triumphant.

And it was a faith triumphant. His greatest achievement. I think, was his publication of the entire ninth edition of

the Encyclopedia Britannica, which was followed with the Encyclopedia Americana.

It was a tremendous undertaking not alone in the domain of mechanical production but in its sale and distribution.

There were no India-paper editions in those days, and the vast whole was a bulky series of volumes of imposing appearance. But Stoddart made a success of it, as he did of the other literary ventures upon which he here bed

S I recall him thirty years ago, he was

As I recall him thirty years ago, he below the average height, inclined to stoutness and reserved in manner except when in the company of friends and inti-

Along about 1880 and 1800 "Joe" Stod-

dart was the central figure of a little group

darf was the central figure of a little group of literary men, newspaper writers and young fellows with aspirations to magazine writing. Among them were Melville Phillips, author of "The Devil's Hat," then literary editor of the Press. O'Brien Moore, a cultured young Irishman, as brilliant as he was lov-able. Will Garrisen, brother of Judge Gar-

able. Will Garrisen, brother of Judge Gar-risen, who in later years was a member of President Wilson's cabinet. Dr. Robert N.

Keely, who a few years after went as sur-geon of the first Peary relief expedition to

the Arctle and wrote its history, was another member of the cotorie, with "Joe" Sinnott and "Dan" Dawson, elever writer, lecturer and an amateur boxer of skill and prowess. There are others whose names have faded

In the lapse of time, It was the custom for the coterie to gather two or three times a week at the Holly Inn. It was on Sixth street below Arch where the beer was good and the midday lunch of Soup, meat, red cabbage and various other German-style viands were procurable for the modest price of twenty-five cents or the or the seconding to the demond for the make

sore, according to the demand for the amber

"Joe" Stoddart and Melville Phillips, both brilliant men and charming conversation-ists, were the life of the party. Both were and women of the day and each had a reser-voir of anecdotes concerning great person-ages that was an unfailing source of delight to the rest of the company. Death, new fields of labor or the inexor-able demands of a busy life gradually drew the members away in the course of a few years until men the Holly Inn followed suit by changing hands till it reached the level of a plumber's shop.

H^{1GHWAY} COMMISSIONER LEWIS S. SADLER is in the midst of his pre-liminary plans for road building in 1921. The pokiness of the legislative routine as it concerns finances has led to some uncer-

tainty, but the present year will undoubtedly see a great forward movement in road con-

struction. Only those who are short-sighted or inex-perienced criticize and find fault with the

ighway department and its program with the ighway department and its program with reference to economy in management. A more than ordinarily intelligent up-state man remarked the other day on the subject of state labor:

"There is a lot of needless expense in cer-tain state departments. There is the high-

"Joe" Stoddart and Melville Phillips, both

he launched.

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THAT PALACE AGAIN

TN THE past, when there were citizens with unchangeable minds to view trolley cars with alarm, to super at gas lights and dodbt the utility of asphalt, taxpayers' suits, instituted to restrict the expenditure of point lic money, were often a nuisance. But i winds blow good now and then and there is no rule that cannot work both ways.

The contemplated suits to link Judge Brown's scheme for a paince of justice will atone for the anneyances of many similar actions if this latest plan for a treasury taid is frustrated. And frustrated it probably will be. Even a long delay would be a good thing.

The Vare-Brown Cunningham combine is a new machine made of old parts. It has been repaired and repainted, polished and overhauled. It has a new top and side cur-tains and good tires. It needs only oil and gasoline for a long loyride and money to buy food and drink for the passengers.

A taxpayers' suit energetically pushed is all that is needed to keep it permanently where it belongs. That is in the garage.

OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY

"T JUST put the bonds in my pocket and walked out," said the youth who field from a Chicago bank where he was employed with almost \$700,000 in negotiable bonds. But banking can hardly be as informal in Chicago as that tearful statement would

imply. There is some justice in the orit icism of the occasional banker who entrusts the handling of vist sums of other people's money to young men employed at small wages. But a bank that puts temptation in the way of its employes usually takes care to make a fall from grace difficult or imposmible.

How many embezziers shell because of actual want or low wages : Their number could be counted on the fingers of one hand at the end of every five years. People who steal money in quantity years for more than food and clothes and ordinary comforts, They want to bit it up on Broadway. They want to play the races or buy a costly motorcar or diamonds for somebody or go to. Europe.

THE WORLD'S HARDEST JOB

T USED to be said that Mr. Harding would have to shoulder a job as heavy as a shoul to starday or repriove a soldier sen-that under which Mr. Wilson broke down, teneed to doubt for desertion or for gloop

abatement of the spirit of violent and destructive antagonism generated in the last six months between the employer and employe groups. This is in the heart of a country that has been trying to teach Europe the folly of wars and violence and the need for the peace of understanding The question of the open shop is pretty

costly when it is argued by the methods that have prevailed in West Virginia where the highly organized and aggressive effort for its maintenance has been in progress for the best part of a year with no result but killings, trials, deadlocks, fends, idleness, hun ger and the "shoeting of towns off the map."

WHY HARDING GOES BACK TO THE OLD HOME TOWN

He Evidently Wants to Get Back the Intimate Point of View of "Just Folks" Before Taking Up His Duties as

President of All the People

APTER several weeks in Florida in close A provinity to the wealthy pleasure seekers Mr. Harding has gone back to Maron to breathe the refreshing air of the hone town for a few hours before he leaves it for is enforced residence in Washington. He is wise in doing this, for the atmos here of the nome town is more conducive to same thinking than that which envelops any other part of the country. Men and women are not abstractions there, nor are they that psychological concept usually described as average learnanity. They are Henry Robinthe grocer: Tom Kerrigan, the butcher Jefferson Bushnell, the lawyer; Mrs. Mc Curthy, the washindy; Mary Adamson, the milliner, and Father Flaherty and Dr. Allison, the two hest known pasters of the faithful. In other words, the home town

people are just folks. Now the most important thing for the President to keep in third if he would be successful is that every one in the United States is just folks. It is easy to regard them as members of labor amons and lawyors, farmers and school tenchers, clerks and obergymen, but it is not the account of different occupation that differentiates mennor is it similar method of earning a living that makes them alike. If the President can old fast to what some one has called the errible secret that men are men he will avoid the blunder of thinking that they are something else--a commodity, for example, or food for cunnon, or more economic forces.

It is worth while reminding ourselves that most of the men who have risen to prominence in American politics have been the product of the home town : that is, the town in which men live in close human relations and are more or less familiar with the intlimate offnirs of one another.

Marion is such a town. Twenry years ago it had only 10,000 population. Mr. Harding then probably know every man woman and child in the community. ie saw the 8000 additional people which the town contained in 1910 come in, a few at a time, and adjust themselves to their new surroundings. And now that Marion has 27,000 population it has not become so big that it is impossible for him to know something about most of the families and about the problems with which they are struggling. As a matter of fact, the family problems of the 27,000 population are the same as the problems of the families when the town had

only Jane people is it.

The strength of Lincoln was due in large part to his closeness to the people, an intiinte contact which he secured through redence in the small town of Springfield, Ill. The place was little more than a country elllage in his time. He called his neighbors by their given names when he met them on the street. He had adped them settle their disputes and he had seen them striggling with jeverty and negativing comfortable in-comes. He learned the boson so theroughly

that homover forgot it. This is why he was merciful when he was

ment to be done by the men who have fewer private affairs to distract them.

Mr. Harding, who was in the Senate less than six years, has not been away from Marion long enough to lose touch with the people. He has not sophisticated his think-ing with the Washington point of view, In his conferences with politicians during the months since election he has had an opporfunity to judge them by the standards of is own town and has doubtless been able to distinguish between those who regard the American people as a group of men and omen to be exploited and those who regard

them as their fellow human beings to be protected in their enjoyment of their inalienable rights to live their life in their own way.

UNANIMOUS

OFF to Russia, when bolshevism was a novelty, went a delegation from the British Labor party to study the new creed and report on its utility. The delegation re-turned distillusioned and dismissed Leninism us an unworkable and destructive gospel un

cceptable to workers anywhere. The German Socialists looked for a while toward Moscow. For a time they wavered between the prospect of Soviets and what they invariably talk of as the economic slavery imposed on them by the Allies. In the end, after a survey of Russian in action. they decided that even slavery was to be preferred to what Russia is enduring.

The Italians went farther than even the the Germans to satisfy their British or curiosity. They netually displaced some of their employers and sovietized a few of the hig manufacturing plants at Rome and Turin. The experiment had the dreariest ort of culing.

Now it is the American Federation of Labor that has denounced practical bol-shevism and urged against it the enmity and antagonism of all trades unions. The federation calls Lenine and Trotzky savage betrayers of labor.

In this the labor men are right. The ordinary reactionary who desires to fight unions and force them out of existence has merely returned to the point of view of 1840. The Bolshevist leaders in their treatment of those who work have returned at one leap to middle ages. Russia, with labor organized in regiments under military disci-pline, without the right to object or even ask questions, is not a spectacle likely to encor people who seek to improve life and opportunity for wage earners.

SHORT CUTS

March 4 this year is Black Friday for Democrats Add calendar directions; Mark time; March first.

Congress as it hurries is now sorry that

wasted so much valuable time. March baving come in like a tame hot

may be expected to go out like a crazy lamb, The one thing sure to emerge from the London conference is disappointment for Armenia.

Uncle Sam, unfortunately, may yet pay his unwillingness to accept a mandate

for Armenia. It is invariably an oil derrick that marks the place where peace is shattered in a Soury American republic.

"Grundy Demands Economy in the c."-Headline, Seems to be as talkative

State ns the missis, doesn't he? anate committee indignation at Secre-

tary Houston will have lots of time to simmer down after next Friday.

The allied premiers go into the confer-nce with no foolish blea that the German delegates are simple Simons. The war between Costa Rica and

Panania appears new to be nothing more than a Washington brain storm.

The home of the British prime minister

"Why don't they shut down everything "Why don't they shut down everything when winter comes on. They can't build roads for at least four months, yet they maintain a big payroll when that money should be saved." THIS critic is a fair sample of the un I thinking and inconsiderate class of his He would have the highway commissioner

smash to smithereens a great and efficient organization that required months to perfect. March 2 and 3 at which representatives from all over the United States will attend, ac-

"IT MUST HAVE BEEN FIERCE WHILE IT LASTED"



NOW MY IDEA IS THIS

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

JOHN L. CLARKSON

On National Building Construction NATIONAL building construction in the near future will be modeled on what is known as the "Thiladelphia plan," which was adopted here at the recent four-day con-ference of the construction industry, according to John L. Clarkson, secretary of the National Federation of Construction Indus-

tries. A conference will be held in Chicago

blage thereof for submission to the buying public on the one hand and to the construc-tion interests on the other for mutual agree-ment in order that all such work as can be financed shall promptly be released for per-formance. formance. "It is proposed also that the National Federation of Construction Industries act as a clearing house between these local community activities and as an agency for deal-ing with interests having a national scope."

QUIZ
1. By whom, in addition to a marshal of France, is a baton used?
2. Name the five Great Lakes.
3. What is the full name of the author of "Mr. Britling Sees It Through"?
4. What long frontier line, parily land and parily water, is without fortifications, mayal fleets and garrisons of defense?
5. Should the name of the Britlish premier be hypienated or not?
6. Distinguish between two noted contem-parary men, of virtually the same name, one an American novelist, the other a British politician.
7. Who was Edward Lear?
7. Who has been designated as assistant sectorize of the mary in President-cliert Harding's cabinet?
7. Who invented the thermometer?
7. What is General Pershing's official tiffe'

Briggs Back Home

What Do You Know? QUIZ

What is General Pershing's official title?

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The prophecy needs revision. Mr. Hard-ing's term in the White House is likely to even more trying than the term of his predecessor.

The whole world is at louse ends and it is to Washington that most people finally will turn for aid, guidance and the solution of problems created by the folly, gread and vain ambitions of powerful bureaucrats who have been mishandling the affairs of the old world since the armistice year signed

Few of the schemes of sottlement proposed can be realized without the moral support of the United States, and without our comperation the peace terms imposed on the terminans may prove to be little letter than a serup of paper. Yet there are Allied statesmen who have been blindly doing their last to make a League of Nations seems indesignable to the United States.

ultimate accessions tangar larve liers The Mr. Wilson's had the plans drawn of Ver-sailles been worked out. Now it is the Republican administration that woll have to hear the weight of restantial lity for decision as weighty as his even made in last a di-

DEVASTATED AMERICA

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that he may study his next move

Some of those who grow excited at th drift of modernity are unable to differentiate between a marcel and a crime wave.

When a politician says he will wait for able sentiment to eristablize he usually eats he will whit for it to stagnate. mubble Organizers of the New York "Rhine

Rolly "apparently are unaware that we are still mehnically at war with Germany. Mrs. Julia Williets Williams says it is one for women to get into politics with both set. Is this an argument for common-

Sunt me shues? When I feel inclined to grieve over th

sense of women in polities, says Denos-nes McGinnis, I look at the men there and me reconciled.

He and by perhaps, Costa Rica and Panania will realize that they will more by working together than in cking against each other

The fact that bandlits took (ash but a) shy from two local drug stores would to indicate that they have no difficulty in getting their housin eisewhere

Perlans Governor Spreik does not realize that the man who fights wirs even when he is licked and that the man who lets things drift loses even when he wans.

Whom see read of three armer handets cop who used nothing but his club we login to pail up with prude in our city .

Learnie in Central America may teach as as many of the geography of that section as the Ug war taught as about Europe. Bur ig to one is an expensive way of learning Evorentio

t mengo officials are determined to make as example of the bay who stole 8072,000 - n more or less informi remution to the mich-n-iversion dentency of dudge Linuis in a previous sets of the kind

Amhler e tizets on March 4 will hardly note the fact that a President has been incountrol. The really big event of that are will be the mass meeting inaugurating be campaign against the Philadelphia Subwhen this and Electric Company

Miss Margaret B. Läurd, member of the dersey Legislature, says that hour is committed by a little group of wealthy 11:11.5 necessary to east women representatives order to successfully from the woman

11 dis losse Smyrna and Thrace, syn scalar for Greece will be tempered by the fact that so nucle the first step herself fart direction by overthrowing Venizelos and gain receiving Constantine – Venizelos store again receiving Constantine whatever democratic name might be known by ; his overthrow provis inti unwillingness to pay for it in blood and treasure.

One of the pleas for the international time of the point on the oceanic cables ization of Yap is based on the oceanic cables 'Was' is right, Cable communication between America and Shanghal by way of Yap does not exist Juring the war the line was diverted by Juring to the Loosehoo (Linskin) Islands for administrative purposes." Perhaps shawns within her rights. Perhaps, looking Perhaps, feaking into the future, she as where "administe houses of the strikers, who are in training investing angle density of the strikers, who are interested and the strikers, who are an investing angles, liked in text communities, interest in any training and strikers, such as an analysis and strikers of other constring the density is a server any shift in the cabinet, but as a contraction of the strikers the theory is a server any shift in the cabinet, but as a contraction of the strikers the theory is a server any shift in the cabinet, but as a contraction of the strikers the theory is a server any shift in the cabinet, but as a contraction of the strikers the theory is a server any shift in the cabinet.

would permit engineers, superintendents, ispectors and foremen, all experts distnissed or suspended and scattered to the four corners of the country.

plumber's shop.

of state labor :

In other words, he would wipe out the erative plant completely for four months nd at the end of that time, the opening spring, begin all over again the work of reorganization.

By the end of summer, perhaps, the er sioner would be able to start road build-The critic overlooked the fact that all on

The critic overlooked the fact unit to skilled labor that can be dispensed with during the winter is given a vacation by the There are highways to be kept clear of

show and millions of dollars' worth of ma-chinery and outfit to be repaired and kept in ondit inte

There are certain kinds of work in stonquarries in the accumulation of material, that can proceed in anticipation of the coming spring work. Above all, there are plans, entions, contracts and similar prepared that keeps the technical staff winter as well as in summer Read building on a state-wide schedule is atter all, a year-round job.

CHARLES C. HARRISON and Lewis M. Ulmupt are among the few survivors today of a noteworthy committee of leading citizens, thirty in number, who made a great fort thirty-one years ago to improve the

The statement of this fact morely indentes as mating effort, covering a period of at ast half a century, to reach the high stands rd of road building that has been attained

In January, 1860, thousands of letters and mars were sent over the state to stimu-a move for better roads

One of these letters conclusively epointed the reason for the deplorable condition our highways) a reason that is as notent a us it was then. It says: Much of the lack of appreciation of goad

omnion roads and of the necessity for skilled engineers in their construction and mainte-nutes is due to the want of practical know edge on the part of most people as to what constitutes a really good road and its eeo White

once advantages over a poor one. One of the most powerful and collocatual ommittees ever named for any public per-

pose attached their names to this letter It was known as the committee of herter roads. Some of its members were: Jay Cooke, Churles F. Berwind, C. C. arrison, John R. Fell, George B. Roberts-seph Wharton, George W. Childs, B. K.

Jay Conke, Chinney F., Darwinn C., Barrison, John R., Fell, George B., Roberts, Joseph Wharton, George W. Childs, B. K., Jamison, A. J. Cassatt, John H., Converse, John Lowber Webh, Edward C. Knighe, Henry H. Houston, Bentwenny Berle, Justice C. Strawbridge and Elsen C. Justice William H. Rhawn was chairman and William H. Rhawn was chairman and barrier W. Bartistan and Strawbridge and Strawbridge and Strawbridge and Strawbridge and Sterney (1998).

Lewis M. Haupt secretary. The committee combeil the city for contributions of \$10 to this "better road" fand.

HUNDREDS of dollars were subscribed. and for what purpose? To be offered as prizes for the hest papers

end making and maintenance.

The project was placed under the direc-on of Dr. William Pepper, propost of the Not only did the committee invite papers

upon road building, but they subsequently organized a second competition for the best drafts of legislative bills designed to carry 11111 a the features developed by the first com-

These may be said to be the legitimate foreranners of the new celebrated Spread rough bill under which the state operates

And the Sproid bill, named after the nuthor, the Governor, was the first color-plete, comprehensive and workable measure unformable to modern progress in adding ever passed by the Legislature But even this bill, and the condit IL SOLUT inder which it is operative, must be im-proved upon. The experience of the last two proved upon.

L YCATS REO.

cording to Mr. Clarkson, and where practical and urgent problems connected with the re-habilitation of the building industry will be out its Chamber of Commerce and every other local institution of importance to do henor cassed and plans made for a series to Chare Briggs. No statesman has one-tenth his audience. Not even that greatest onferences in many cities, all based on that , successfully undertaken here.

When the four-day conference which the of all modern heroes, the movie actor, is more widely celebrated. His penetl speak industrial relations committee of the Chamber of Commerce held a week ago met in an every state of the Union, in every city of any importance in the United States and Canada. He is one of our few really na-tional institutions, an indispensable part of effort to get all of the elements in the con-struction industry into a public meeting to struction. ake whatever concessions and statements by desired in the hope of starting in mothe mental currency of America. Mr. Briggs seems to have joshed his home folks with the same aminble candor with tion the wheels of the construction indus says Mr. Clarkson. "the question naturally arose as to what method w which he treats the characters of his little dramas. But Nebraska need not worry. It could be deed to put into effect the findings of that home folks that Mr. Briggs draws and conference likes and belongs to-that cheerful, grouchy tribe of human beings that inhabit just

Method Has Been Found

'This method has been found. While that industrial relations committee is busily engaged here in arranging small group meet-ings to bring about a solution of the housing difficulty, the National Federation of Construction Industries has taken up the national phase of the matter, and we have arranged a conference of representatives from all over the United States March 2 and 3

in Chicago "There we will take the Philadelphia plan," as the foundation laid in this city last week is new known and make an effort to have it repeated in every city of size in the outry. so that, with every city working n the problem and placing the costs of instruction on a sound economic basis. Phil ulclphia's problem in the construction line, a common with those of every other city, will be readily solved. The plan is hearthy will be readily solved. The plan is heartily indersed by loseph H. Defrees, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United

"The conference is designed for the parpose of taking steps to place the construc-tion industry upon a more sound economic basis and to inspire renewed activity in such industries upon improved conditions.

Details of the Plan

The project in more detail resolves itself largely into setting on foot the following 22/11/24/21/11/21

"int To pince construction materials upon a less errate and more substantial basis of prices than new exists in many instances.

"the To set up nuchinery whereby ad-instanced may be made in labor costs which will preperly accord with present conditions. the i To develop modifications in the con-ditions surrounding the financing of the con-

struction industries, which will tend to n more ready the slipply of funds for this class of industry

(i) indices in the inprovements in the tell thous between en ployers and employes, which will tend to secure the continuity of opera-11.2.11 tions and a more satisfactory production in construction.

"real To and employers and contractors in efforting such further deflation of values throughout the construction industries (and all stages thereof, from raw materials to finished products, including their own over can and profit us is required under present alitions. "Following the consideration of the above

points, it is oreposed that those in attend-ince at the conference work out a program whereby in each local communiheld conferences between labor, employers, material interests, tinancial interestests and engineers for the parmage of reach ing an understanding among all con which will cause thangeligts buse of con tracts for building construction.

Advice to Architects

To this end areliteets and engineers will be urged to list the building projects of their Into un fallows

Total projects in dollars already tinanced is definitely equally of being financed (sub-lived) into type of buildings, respectively, which any be crossilisted into the various

oraponent numericals and work concerned winters has demonstrated the fulfility of from which data a determination anay be systems that were approved half a dozen reached us to the just cost basis of said labor, materials and the contracting assem- 1

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Oh Man the country over that the Briggs In this constantly shifting, visiting popuation of ours, that reads the same news in its papers and sees the same shows and us no matter where it dwells, there hims no matter where it owens, there is plenty of local color, but only one sort of human being-American. The Briggs penell draws nothing less, and the limits of its appeal are only that it appeals to home folks everywhere,

Wife and her not less distinguished

tribe of human beings that inlinbit just about all America. If Mr. Briggs did not

know his Omaha fully as well as he knows bis New Rochelle he would be far from the artist that he is. It is precisely because he portrays the enduring likeness of Friend

Scotland "Bone Dry"? Frem the World's Work.

The statistical methods which have done service for a generation in this country are iso being used in Great Britain. The e try is being told that it spends \$2,000,000,000 for liquor and only \$200,000,000 for shoes, and more for "booze" than house Scotland spends more in six months for also hal than for bread in fourteen. Already the ery is raised that all Scotland will be "bone 1930 and all Great Britain a few vents afterward

A Word From Down East

the Manchester Union. Why abolish the down-East twang when the people who are guilty of it are about the only people left on earth who can stand it and hear themselves caricatured on the stage?

THE AUCTION

TN AN upper story, at Deimonaco's, An auctioncer was selling, Hiroshiges and Kyonagas, Prints delicate and rare. Blue and tan and rose and yellow Geisha girls and Samurai. Through them all the blue sea shining. Or the snow cone of Fuji. Shell-like against the sky fen, ten, ten, ten, ten, ten, ten, ten

Fifteen twenty going at twenty. Twenty, twenty, for this famous show scene Twenty-five, thirty, for this Hiroshig-Forty, forty, going now at forty, Fifty, bfry, fifty, fair warning, fifty, Fifty - fifty sold for fifty dollars !

Mrs. Steele, there, over in the corner Here's a Kyonaga, now what is your plea-HUPE?

Start it at one hundred. This fine print, one hundred.

Two hundred, three hundred, for Kyonaga.

Four hundred, four hundred, going at four hundred, four hundred, four hundred

and fifty.

And ht is meeting, but fown the street

They could not raise their quota For Hoover's hungry children. The times, you know, The

The Inses -E. G. Stillman, in the N. Y. Evening Post.

From the New York Tribune. It is quite fitting that Omaha should turn

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz Mabatma Gandhi is the head of the Hindu "Swaraj" movement or move-ment for autonomy, which is to be effected by withdrawal of Indians from participation in imperial life and from co-operation in trade, etc. with Great Britain.

Guatemala City is the capital of Guate-

"baton" is the symbol of a mar

shal of France. It is a short wand of

stick. 4 Edwin Denby, of Michigan, is to be sec-retary of the ravy in the Harding cabinet. He served as a gumers mate in the Spanish-American Wa-and in the marine corps in the world war, number of old Anglo-Saxon names and

A Institutions survive in the state of Delaware. County divisions are still called "hundreds." The whipping pos-is still used as a means of punish-

sir Eric Drummond, British statesman, is chief of the permanent secretariat of the League of Nations, Daffedlis That came before the swallow darrs

The winds of March with beauty, one takes The winds of March with beauty, comes from Shakespeare's "Winter's Tale" (Act IV, Scene 4), ich exceptional plurals as man-mer-mouse-mice are due to changes in 0.0 English, of the vowels, which were affected by sound in following sylla-bles which have been lost for con-turies although the effect survives

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turies although the effect survives, e "leaning tower" is found in Pise

taly, suchem was a chieftain among the

American Indians. The word is use low in connection with the leaders of Tammany Hall a political organiz-tion, and also in the nomenclature of

A Historic Slice of Beef

States marine corps sends us a bulletin from Ann Arbor. Mich., with the following curious

if not important information : "A piece of beef cooked in 1805 is still

being carefully preserved in a little silver difference by Edward B. Manwaring, of this

ity. This is not being kept in anticipation if a further increase in the cost of beef, but

royal marines, saved the piece of beef, which

he was eating when assaulted with an ax by a cook on a French vessel which had been captured by Lord Nelson at Trafalgar. The

cook missed his nim, but the sergeant got the beef. Sergeant Hobbins was the great-great grandfuther of Lieutenant Colonel Edward B. Manwaring, of the United States marine

The "Illumination" of Russia

The pensant riots were caused by Russian

conditions and also, to a certain extent, by the propaganda of the Socialists. The revo

the propaganant of the Socialists. The revo-lationists promised the factories to the work-men and the land of pomie-shehiki (land owners) to the pensants, declaring that these commodities belong to the people by right and had been unjustly taken away from them. The works is interacting responded

them. The workers unturally responded with strikes, while the peasants began to

punctive what, in initiation of an orator of the French Recolution, Deputy Herzenstein in the First Dumn called "the illumination"

burn and lost the property of the landes

A German's View of Germany

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Sergeant Joseph Hobbins, of the British

The energetic press service of the United

one fraternal orders,