

HORSEMANSHIP IN THE ARMIES OF THE WORLD



ITALIAN CAVALRYMAN DOING FEAT OF DESCENDING A TWENTY FOOT CLIFF.

It was on the eve of the adjournment of congress for the Christmas holidays that President Roosevelt sent to the secretary of war a communication on the subject of horsemanship among army officers, a subject very close to his heart. In the communication to Secretary Taft he said:

"I wish you would take such measures as may be necessary to bring to the attention of the military committees of the senate and house the desirability of legislation for the purpose of making infantry captains mounted officers and for the establishment of as many remount depots as may be necessary to furnish remounts for the army. Both of these measures are essential to the improvement of horsemanship in the army."

Every one knows what a good horseman the president himself is and how much he desires that the standards of

horsemanship in the American army should be raised. It was with this in view that the recent practice marches which put to the test the endurance and efficiency as equestrians of many of the older officers in Uncle Sam's land forces were ordered. It was on the 28th of last September, shortly after these marches, that the president wrote as follows to the chief of staff, Major General James Franklin Bell:

"My recent order requiring a test of the riding ability of the field officers of our army has brought forth a number of press comments apparently inspired by the impression that such a test was something extraordinary or unheard of. I think the requirements in this line in foreign armies cannot be very generally known. Won't you be kind enough to prepare for me at your earliest convenience a report showing how our own requirements compare with those prevailing in some of the armies of Europe?"

It was in furtherance of this sug-

gestion that General Bell obtained the material embodied in a report just submitted. The facts gathered by General Bell afford material for considerable reflection as to the zest and persistency with which the officers of European armies devote themselves to mastery of the horse and feats in "equitation," as the military sharpshooters say. By constant practice every day in the week and generally for hours at a time the officers of European armies have gained such skill that they can perform without any ado and as a matter of every day drill feats that seem to the average mind almost an impossibility. Nothing like the severe tests which are imposed in foreign armies are required in our own. Mr. Roosevelt does not advocate imitation of European military regulations in this respect, but he does urge with vigor the general raising of standards in horsemanship. "The field officers of our army cannot be held exclusively responsible for the poor riding which has been frequently observed among them," he says, and he points out that the reason for the existence of poor horsemanship is found in part in the fact that the quality of the horses used in our army does not equal that of foreign mounts and that infantry officers have no opportunity to practice riding until they become field officers, whereas in Europe all infantry captains are mounted.

The ruling idea in European armies is that all mounted officers should keep themselves at all times in fit condition for war and their mounts also. A great many customs are encouraged to stimulate rivalry among the officers in this respect, and there are cross country rides, drag hunts, fox hunts and other things partaking of the nature of sport, but involving very practical tests in horsemanship because of the necessity of jumping fences, ditches, walls and hedges and other obstacles. Some of the feats undertaken by mounted officers in these armies are very spectacular and seem almost impossible. American cavalry troops have won honors in contests with Indians and in China and the Philippines. In fact, complete success was lacking in the operations in the Philippines until a cavalry brigade was put in the field against the insurgents.

In the reorganization of the army undertaken not long since the fact was recognized that the national guard of the country is composed almost wholly of infantry and that in case of outbreak of war with a foreign nation volunteer cavalry would have no chance of immediate success in contests with the highly trained cavalrymen of a European army. Special efforts have therefore been made to increase the number and efficiency of the cavalry troops of the regular army, and it is in line with this policy that the president seeks the elevation of the standard of horsemanship among the field officers of our army.



FRENCH OFFICER PRACTICING HORSEMANSHIP.

day by day at her mother's side expressed her keen sense of the humiliation to which her brother's course of life had brought his family. To this cause for mental suffering are now added the disappointment and mortification incident to the failure of her marriage to the earl. His conduct since their marriage at Pittsburg in 1903 has often been commented upon, as it was common gossip that he neglected her for the society of other women, some of them of shady reputations. She received a cold reception from the earl's family on her return to England last summer after the Thaw trial, although her husband's mother was kind to her and endeavored to prevent a break between the titled couple.

A HIGH PRICED TITLE.

That Won by Countess of Yarmouth Earned Through Much Suffering.

The Countess of Yarmouth, who has begun suit in the English courts for annulment of her marriage to the Earl of Yarmouth, was much in the eye last winter when she came to America to attend the first trial of her brother, Harry K. Thaw, for the killing of Stanford White. It was remarked at the time that the earl did not accompany his wife to this country, as



EARL AND COUNTESS OF YARMOUTH.

a devoted husband might have been expected to do, but was enjoying the gayeties of Monte Carlo while the countess was trying to bear up in the crowded courtroom under a crushing load of grief, anxiety and mortification as her brother's trial on a charge of murder proceeded. Her demeanor during this ordeal won her much sympathy, as she was quiet and dignified, and her sad, sweet face as she sat

at her mother's side expressed her keen sense of the humiliation to which her brother's course of life had brought his family. To this cause for mental suffering are now added the disappointment and mortification incident to the failure of her marriage to the earl. His conduct since their marriage at Pittsburg in 1903 has often been commented upon, as it was common gossip that he neglected her for the society of other women, some of them of shady reputations. She received a cold reception from the earl's family on her return to England last summer after the Thaw trial, although her husband's mother was kind to her and endeavored to prevent a break between the titled couple.

She is not expected to come to the United States for the trial now in progress.

As Miss Alice Cornelia Thaw the present countess was much liked in Pittsburg and was easily the most popular member of the Thaw family. Her marriage was brought about by her brother Harry, but he had a falling out with the earl just prior to the wedding and refused to attend it. The father-in-law of the countess is the sixth Marquis of Hertford, one of the oldest and proudest of the British nobility, and her husband in the natural course of events will some day succeed to his father's title.

CALDWELL AND DRUCE CASE.

The American Who Swore Bazaar Keeper Was a Duke.

The claim of George Hollamby Druce upon the title and estates of the Duke of Portland fell to the ground with a heavy thud when the tomb of Thomas Charles Druce was opened and the assertion of the claimant as to what the coffin contained was not sustained. Had the exhumation so eagerly awaited by the public revealed the fact that lead was placed in the casket instead of a corpse the contention of the claimant that Druce and the fifth Duke of Portland were one and the same person would have received the strongest sort of confirmation. But the bottom dropped out of the case of George Hollamby Druce completely when the opening of the



MAJOR GENERAL JAMES FRANKLIN BELL.

armies are under the constant supervision and examination of their superiors as to horsemanship as well as other matters, and should a division commander report a field officer deficient in horsemanship at any time he is either assigned to duty not requiring physical activity—that is, practically shelved—or becomes subject to transfer to the retired list.

In the German army a goodly number of officers of captain's rank and higher are annually called out of the army for deficiency in riding and endurance in the saddle, and the German officers live in continual anxiety over the results of the regular inspections and annual maneuvers. The bridle paths near the German riding institute are filled with fat majors and captains hammering along with grim persistency and determination in their faces, and the young students of the riding institute have a jocular saying, "His breadbasket will buy him a top hat before long."

Some of the photographs obtained by General Bell illustrating cavalry feats abroad are very interesting, and one of the most thrilling pictures represents an Italian cavalryman riding over a twenty foot perpendicular cliff, the photographs being taken in series to illustrate the sagacity of the horse and the skill of the rider in maintaining his poise in different stages of the descent. There are also pictures of German and French student officers apparently leaping from hill to hill and across all kinds of obstacles with the ease of a mythical hero on a winged Pegasus.

tomb showed that the coffin contained the remains of an aged, bearded man, just such a man as Thomas Charles Druce was in his last days.

The plausibility of the Druce claim depended largely on the sworn statement of an American, Robert C. Caldwell, that he had been a party to a mock funeral and had witnessed the placing of lead in the supposed coffin of Druce.

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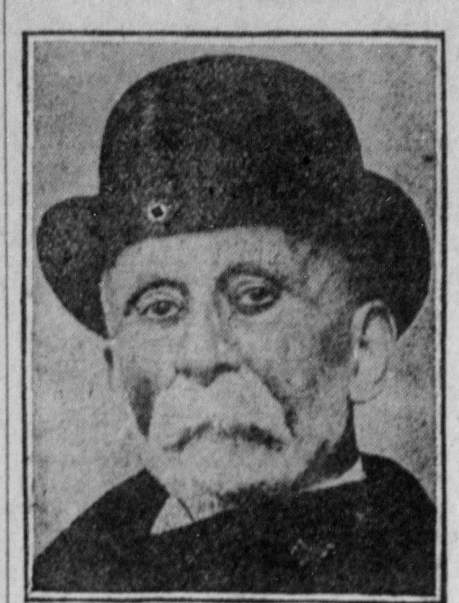
If you are an invalid woman and suffer from frequent headache, backache, gnawing distress in stomach, periodical pains, disagreeable catarrh, pelvic drain, dragging down distress in lower abdomen or pelvis, perhaps dark spots or specks dancing before the eyes, faint spells and kindred symptoms caused by female weakness, or other derangement of the feminine organs, you can not do better than take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

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You can't afford to accept a spurious preparation as a substitute for this remedy of known composition. Sick women are invited to consult Dr. Pierce, by letter, free. All correspondence is guarded as sacredly secret and womanly confidences are protected by professional privacy. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets the best laxative and regulator of the bowels. They invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. One a laxative; two or three a cathartic. Easy to take as candy.

Caldwell testified in court that he had known Druce, the bazaar keeper, and that he was in reality the fifth Duke of Portland. He had known the



ROBERT C. CALDWELL.

duke under both names, he said, and had arranged the pretended death and funeral at the duke's request. He swore that the coffin contained instead of a body a roll of lead weighing 200 pounds. In consequence of his testimony he is under a charge of perjury, and when he landed in New York recently he was arrested, but was released on bail and permitted to go to his home in Staten Island, where, it was afterward said, he was quite ill.

Caldwell figured some years ago in the A. T. Stewart mystery, claiming to have knowledge of where Mr. Stewart's body was, and in this way he won the title of "the great American affidavit maker."

THE HERO. Nay, never falter. No great deed is done by fallers who ask for certainty. No good is certain but the steadfast mind. The undivided will to seek the good. 'Tis that compels the elements and wrings a human music from the indifferent air. The greatest gift the hero leaves his race is to have been a hero. Say we fall! We feed the high tradition of the world And leave our spirit in our children's breasts. —Lowell.

Proving it by the Calendar. In the British museum two men were discussing some Egyptian coins.

"Them there," said one, "must be three or four 'hundred years old.'"

"Three thousand, more likely," replied his companion.

"Aw, go on! Why, we're only in 1907 now!"—Everybody's.

Centre County Banking Co., Corner High and Spring Streets.

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State of Pennsylvania, ss County of Centre, I, John P. Harris, Treasurer of the above named Company, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. JOHN P. HARRIS, Treasurer.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of Dec. 1907. HARRY KELLER, N. P. Correct-Attest. J. L. SPANGLER, C. T. GERBERICH, Directors A. C. MINGEL.

Keep a large lump of washing soda on grating over the sink. Fill dishes and pans with water as soon as empty. Wash dish towels daily. When greasy throw them into hot water strong with borax or household ammonia. They should be boiled at least once a week.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE. Estate of SAMUEL H. KUNES, deceased. Letters of administration on the estate of Samuel H. Kunes, late of Liberty Township, Centre County, Penna., deceased, have been granted to Clarissa A. Kunes, residing in said township, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make same known without delay. CLARISSA A. KUNES, Administratrix. CLEMENT DALE, Attorney. 26 Blanchard, Pa.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Estate of George Garbrick, late of Bellefonte Boro, deceased. Letters of administration on the estate of George Garbrick, late of Bellefonte Boro, Centre County, Pa., deceased, have been granted to Alice Garbrick, residing in said borough, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims and demands, will make known the same without delay. ALICE GARBRICK, Administratrix, Bellefonte, Pa. CLEMENT DALE, Atty. 26

AUDITOR'S NOTICE. In the Orphan's Court of Centre County. In the matter of the estate of Mary Crust, late of Henner Twp., deceased. The undersigned an Auditor appointed by the said Court, to make distribution of the funds in the hands of the Accountant to and among those legally entitled thereto, will meet the parties interested, for the purpose of his appointment at the office of Fortney & Fortney, in the borough of Bellefonte, Pa., on Saturday the 25th day of January A. D. 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where the said parties may appear or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund. D. PAUL FORTNEY, Auditor.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE BELLEFONTE TRUST COMPANY. of Bellefonte, Centre County, Pa., at the close of business, Dec. 31st, 1907.

Table with 2 columns: RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Includes items like Cash on hand, Checks and other cash items, Mortgages, Real estate, etc.

Our Mid-Winter Clearance Sale began Friday, Jan. 11th. Bargains all over the store.

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AUDITORS' NOTICE. In the Court of Common Pleas of Centre Co., Pa., January Term 1908, No. 204. In the matter of the assigned estate of James A. Beaver.

The undersigned, Auditor appointed by the Court to audit, settle and adjust the third partial account of the Commonwealth Trust Company (formerly the Commonwealth Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Co.) assignee and trustee of James A. Beaver, for the benefit of creditors, and to make distribution of the balance in the hands of the accountants to and among those legally entitled thereto, will meet the parties interested, for the purpose of his appointment, on Friday, January 17th, 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m., at his office in Temple Court, Bellefonte, Pa., when and where all parties interested are required to make and prove their claims, or be forever debarred from coming in upon said fund. December 30, 1907. HARRY KELLER, Auditor.

RAILROAD SCHEDULE. CENTRAL RAILROAD OF PENNA.—Condensed time table effective June 17, 1907.

Table with columns: ROAD DOWNS, STATIONS, HEAD UP, and HEAD DOWN. Lists stations like Bellefonte, High, Hacksburg, etc.

(New York Central & Hudson River R. R.) 11 40 8:53.....Jersey Shore.....5:58 7:52 12 15 9:40 Ar. WM'SPORT Lv. 2:35 4:20 11:29 11:30 Lv. Wm'sport Ar. 2:30 5:00 (Philadelphia & Reading R. R.) 7:30 6:50.....PHILA Ar. 11:30 10:10 9:00.....NEW YORK Lv. p.m. a.m. Ar. (Via Phila) Lv. p.m. a.m.

BELLEFONTE CENTRAL RAILROAD To take effect Jan. 6, 1908.

Table with columns: WESTWARD, STATIONS, EASTWARD. Lists stations like Bellefonte, Wadville, Morris, etc.

Trains from Montandon, Lewisburg, Williamsport, Lock Haven and Tyrone, connect with train No. 5 for State College. Trains from State College connect with Penna. Railroad at Bellefonte for points east and west.

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