

CLOTHES FOR LONDON'S DESTITUTE.



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These garments were sent from New Zealand to be distributed among the war sufferers.

Rhode Island's Capitals.
Rhode Island adopted a constitution in 1842, which named five capitals for the state, designating Newport, South Kingstown, Bristol, East Greenwich and Providence as the places for successive honor. In 1854 an amendment restricted the meeting places of the general assembly or legislature to two places—Newport and Providence. In 1900 Providence became the only seat of the legislature.

The Boy's Idea.
"Pat"
"Yep."
"I don't see why the men who wrote the rules of grammar didn't make 'I done' and 'has went' proper 't's eusiest to say it that way."—Detroit Free Press.

A Great War "Scoop."
Days have changed for the war correspondent since Archibald Forbes was praised in the house of lords by Lord Salisbury and received by Queen Victoria at Buckingham palace in recognition of his exploits as a news gatherer during the Russo-Turkish war of 1877. Forbes' greatest exploit was his ride from Shipka pass to the nearest telegraph station at Bukharest and his reception en route by the czar, to whom he was the first to communicate news of the Russian victory, the former trooper of the Royals having outdistanced not only all rival correspondents, but the official messengers as well.—London Mail.

Relics of the Past.
"I'd like to see a one boss shay," remarked the city visitor.
"Out of date," said his country host.
"The nearest we can come to it now is a one cylinder car."—Pittsburgh Post.

TEST OF A TOASTMASTER.

His Speech, Whether It Be Good or Bad, Should Be Very Brief.

To the average man an invitation to "make a few remarks" after dinner is at once a terror and a secret pride. To be asked to be the toastmaster at a big dinner is usually taken as recognition of wit and knowledge.

The toastmaster's speech should be very brief. If he is a good speaker himself imposes unfair competition upon the real speakers, usually visiting guests, whom he is to introduce. If the toastmaster is a poor speaker he bores the audience and the waiting guests as well. And in any event every minute occupied by the toastmaster is a robbery of the time of the real speakers of the evening, and an after dinner speaker may have a real message that needs delivery, and the long drawn introduction, with side lights and anecdotes, will really cheat the audience of something worth while.

The toastmaster has a task of courtesy—to prepare the diners for the man who is to speak, to tame and train the audience into a proper frame of mind and to turn it over to the speaker in formed as to his identity, prejudiced in his favor a little perhaps, but certainly not in the reaction following a laugh raised by the toastmaster.—Boston Globe.

Our First Sawmill.
It is said that the first sawmill in the United States was at Jamestown, from which sawed boards were exported in June, 1607. A water power sawmill was in use in 1625 near the present site of Richmond.

Luck.
Willie—Paw, what is luck?
Paw—Common sense, my son.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Are Foxes Vegetarians?

Foxes are not generally accredited with vegetarian instincts. You never see their tracks, as you see those of rabbits, around a young oak tree shoot which has been nibbled down to the tough stem. But Aesop evidently thought otherwise when he wrote his fable of the sour grapes, and there is plenty of testimony that Aesop was right. Foxes do eat wild grapes as wazy observers have testified, climbing a considerable way to get them and probably at times they eat berries and perhaps apples. I have found their tracks, at any rate, beneath apple trees. I have also been confidently assured that they eat the persimmons in Virginia, that the "ol' houn' dawgs" know how good this fruit is, too, and if you wish to find the very best tree take a "dawg" with you.—Walter Prichard Eaton in Harper's Magazine.

A Famous Warhorse.

The following inscription marks the grave at Strathfieldsaye of Wellington's famous charger, Copenhagen, which died in 1835 at the ripe old age of twenty-seven. This charger was buried with military honors:
God's humble instrument, though meaner clay,
Should share the glories of that glorious day.
Copenhagen, it might be mentioned was the grandson of the mighty Eclipse, and Wellington paid £400 for him. His powers of endurance were marvelous "I rode him," said Wellington, "at the battle of Waterloo from 4 in the morning until midnight. If he fed it was in the standing corn and as I sat in the saddle."—London Globe.

Maddening Unanimity.
She (sighingly)—I wish I had been born a man. He (gloomily)—So do I.—Philadelphia Ledger.

EAST OHIO MINES MAY BE NONUNION

Owners Favor Breaking Off Relations With Organization

"OPEN SHOP" POLICY LIKELY

At Today's Session of Operators Cleveland Decision of Vital Interest to Workers in Big Coal Territory Will Be Made—Union Officials and Mine Owners Unable to Agree on Scale After Repeated Conferences

Cleveland, Jan. 5.—A meeting of eastern Ohio coal operators will be held today and the session will be watched with keen interest by miners in the coal territory.

It was learned from an authoritative source that at the meeting today the question whether the mines shall be operated with union labor or whether an "open shop" policy will prevail would be decided. It will also be decided about the eviction of striking miners who have paid no rent since last April 1.

An unannounced development in connection with the meeting of the operators was a joint conference with William Green, international secretary of the mine workers' organization, and John Moore, president of the Ohio miners' organization. These two miners' officials first met all the operators and then held a conference with the seven operators who composed the operators' representatives, which resulted in failure to agree on a wage scale.

After this conference it was said no agreement was reached. Both the operators' and miners' officials remained firm in their previous demands.

Mr. Green, who was an Ohio state senator and the author of the Greek anti-screen law, said he told the operators that "our honor is at stake because when the miners signed a scale with other districts now operating in central and southern Ohio we told the operators that we would not sign a lower scale with the eastern Ohio operators."

There are 35,000 miners working in central and southern Ohio on the 47 cents a ton anti-screen basis, Mr. Green said. The eastern Ohio operators offer 44.61 cents a ton. This was rejected by 15,000 miners in eastern Ohio the first of last April and they have since been on a strike.

MAY POSTPONE PAGEANT

Gold Hill In Movement and Canal Is Likely to Be Blocked.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Possibility of a postponement of the cruise of the International fleet from Hampton Roads to San Francisco through the Panama canal in connection with the opening of the canal and the exposition was suggested in the course of a conference between Secretary Garrison and Colonel Goethals, governor of the canal.

Though the great earth slides at Curacha have apparently been conquered, according to Colonel Goethals' report, the earth movements continue in the neighborhood of Gold Hill. At that point the superincumbent masses of earth on the side of the canal by their great pressure are continuously forcing rock and soil in great quantities in the canal prism. The movement is sufficiently extensive to require the continuous employment of dredges to maintain the channel.

While this can be done to meet the needs of the present number and size of vessels that are applying for passage Colonel Goethals reported that he could not guarantee that there would be a channel broad enough and deep enough for the great dreadnaughts which will make up the naval parade by the date they expected to arrive at Cristobal next spring.

One of Wilson's Opponents In Senate



SENATOR REED of Missouri.

5,000,000 WILL DIE

Editor Holt Thinks Cost of War in Lives Will Be Enormous.

New York, Jan. 5.—The way to universal peace, according to Hamilton Holt, editor and peace advocate, who was the principal speaker at a dinner of the Intercollegiate Socialist society, is impossible until the world is politically organized.

Mr. Holt advocated an immediate world organization with a view of drawing up a code of international rules. He proposed that the United States and England be the first to ban together in the organization and form a league of peace, having disarmament as its purpose. Every other country in the world would come into the league and submit to its rules, he said, if these countries could lead the way.

The cost in lives of the European war would approach 5,000,000, Mr. Holt said. The indirect economic loss was incalculable and the moral effect on the race involved, he said, would stretch over three or more generations.

VERDICT DOESN'T SATISFY

Shooting of American Duck Hunters to Be Further Investigated.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 5.—Relatives of Walter Smith, who was killed by Canadian militia at Fort Erie, are not satisfied with the coroner's jury verdict of "accidental shooting," and have taken steps to bring about a more thorough investigation through the department of state. Further evidence, it was announced, will be taken before Vice Consul Curtiss at Fort Erie within a day or two and this report will be filed with state department officials at Washington.

Although the verdict released the three militiamen as civilians, they are still detained awaiting the official release from the militia authorities.

Ohio Ministers' Harvest Is Ended.

New Cumberland, W. Va., Jan. 5.—No longer will the wings of Cupid carry sweethearts into this state for a license and then sail them merrily back into Ohio to have the nuptial knot tied. No longer will the Ohio ministers reap a harvest in the performance of the marriage ceremony. State officials have notified ministers and others that the practice—a custom for a long time—is illegal, and that a license issued in West Virginia must be used in West Virginia.

Kaiser Says Happy New Year.

Berlin (By Wireless to London), Jan. 5.—Emperor William has sent from the German army headquarters a message to President Wilson conveying his wishes for a happy New Year. The emperor also expresses his best wishes for the welfare of the United States.

Probe of Coal Strike Asked.

Martins Ferry, O., Jan. 5.—Congressman W. B. Francis of this city has received so many letters from the people of this section asking him to make an investigation of the eastern Ohio mine strike that he has decided to ask the department of labor to investigate the strike.

Good Cooks In Demand.

"I've had my daughters learn to cook so that they might get better husbands."
"And did they?"
"No, they feel above marrying now."—Boston Transcript.

An Old Larch Tree.

Italy can boast of a larch tree the age of which is estimated to be 2,000 years. It is situated on the northern flank of Mont Cetip in the direction of the huts of Plan Veni, above Courmayeur, a few steps from the footpath that skirts the limits of the meadow land. Due allowance being made for the extreme slowness with which the larch grows, for the altitude above sea level (1,650 meters) at which it is rooted and for its northerly exposure in the near neighborhood of the glacier, where the cycle of its development is barely five months every year, this venerable larch, untouched alike by woodman's ax and thunderbolt, cannot be less than 2,000 years old.—Scotsman.

Last Wish of a Poet.

I wish to lie on the north side of the churchyard about the middle of the ground, where the morning and evening sun can linger the longest on my grave. I wish to have a rough, unheaven stone, something in the form of a milestone, so that the playing boys may not break it in their heedless pastimes, with nothing more on it than this inscription: "Here rest the hopes and ashes of John Clare." I desire that no date be inscribed thereon, as I wish to live or die with my poems and other writings, which, if they have merit, with posterity it will, and if they have not it is not worth preserving.—John Clare, 1864.



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QUIET DAY IN WASHINGTON

Usual Brilliant Functions Missing on First of Year.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Never in the social history of Washington has there been such a quiet New Year's day. Hardly an army or navy uniform was to be seen on the streets while usually the national capital presents a particularly festive appearance on the first day of the year. The only official affair of the day was the reception of the speaker of the house of representatives and Mrs. Champ Clark. They held "open house" from 3 until 8 o'clock. All the official world was represented there at some time during the "open house" hours.

It has always been the custom on New Year's day for the secretary of state to entertain the entire diplomatic corps at a midday breakfast, for the chief of staff of the United States

A Curious Superstition.

Many Greeks firmly believe to this day in a curious heathen notion, which holds that the fate of every child is controlled entirely by three mysterious spirits, who are spoken of collectively as the "moral." These three "fates" are supposed to be invisible women, who come on a visit of inspection shortly after the birth of each child. They always come after sundown, says the superstition, and the Greek parents when a newly born baby is in the house and a visit from the "moral" is expected carefully leave the door open and lay a feast and money offerings all ready for the "fates" when they should arrive.

TURRET OF FORT AT ANTWERP.



Photo by American Press Association.

This shows the destruction wrought by shells from the 42 centimeter guns used by the Germans. These steel turrets, surrounded by concrete, were regarded as well nigh impregnable.

Capitals and Armies.
Twice the United States has lost its capital to a foreign foe, but neither time did it produce much effect upon the war. The first time was when Howe's redcoats swept into Philadelphia after the battle of Brandywine. The other occasion was when another British army seized and burned Washington. What Howe needed to end the war in 1777 was not Philadelphia, but Washington's army, and that he didn't get. A country's army is worth a dozen capitals. The British captured America's three largest cities, Boston, New York and Philadelphia, but that availed them little in the long run.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The late Lester Wallack once told a story of his still more famous father, James W., that as either an actor or a manager he could never tolerate the ballet.

One day there came to him a friend, a man about town, who said, "My dear Wallack, it is very curious that you do not see the beauties of imagination shown by the poses of the ballet." Going on in this strain, the visitor at last wore out the patience of the actor-manager, who replied:
"Look here, it is bad enough to stand these absurdities in an opera; but though I can comprehend people singing their joys, I am hanged if I can their dancing their griefs."

Curious Laws In India.

Some of the old laws of Nepal, India, were curious. Killing cows ranked with murder as a capital offense, for instance. Every girl at birth was married with great ceremony to a betel fruit, which was then cast into a sacred stream. As the fate of the fruit was uncertain, the girl was supposed never to become a widow. To obtain divorce from a husband a wife had only to place a betel nut under his pillow and depart.
In Nepal the day is considered to begin when it is light enough to count the tiles on the roof or distinguish the hairs on a man's hand against the sky.—Exchange.

Turkos Taken Prisoners by Germans



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