

**GOT THE TRAIN STOPPED.**

Two Attempts Were Dismal Failures, but the Third Won.

When the late Robert Bonner purchased Maud S, he sent her to Charter Oak park to be trained. One day a friend of Mr. Bonner left New York to visit him at the park, but found that the train did not stop at that station. The conductor was polite, but said that he could not go against orders.

At New Haven a halt was made and Mr. Bonner's friend tried to bribe the engineer with a ten dollar bill, but in vain. He was then told that Charles P. Clark, the president of the road, was on the train, and he went to him and politely requested that the stop be made.

"Why don't you see the conductor?" asked Mr. Clark.

"I have, but he will not disobey orders."

"Why not then go forward and bribe the engineer?"

"I tried bribery at New Haven, but it would not work."

The absence of evasion was the best policy. Mr. Clark not only gave orders to have the train stopped at Charter Oak, but promised some day to see Maud S. He had witnessed the attempt at bribery, and the frank confession of the offense seemed to please him.

**BIG NAVAL GUNS.**

Death at Times Comes From Merely Serving Them in Battle.

Modern naval engagements demonstrate that the gunners sometimes die after the battle, even when they have not been wounded or injured in any way. Death is caused by disturbance of the circulation due to the strain placed upon the nervous system by the excitement and the tremendous vibrations of modern guns.

Curiously enough, this collapse is quite as likely to affect the most robust members of the gun crew as the ones with poorer physiques and bears no relation to the individual's courage. It is due to a lack of sufficient reserve power of the heart, which is dependent upon the quality of the heart muscles, and there is no known means of estimating this inherent quality exactly.

It is possible, of course, to determine the force and strength of the heart in an individual, but only some test, such as that of actual battle, will determine the quality of the heart muscles.

Thus the veteran gunner who has proved his heart quality in actual battle has become a peculiarly valuable factor in modern naval warfare.—Los Angeles Times.

**They Like Fat Girls in Tunis.**

A Tunisian girl has no chance of marriage unless she tips the scale at 200 pounds, and to that end she commences to fatten when she is fifteen years old. She takes medicine and eats a great deal of sweet stuff and leads a sedentary life to hasten the process. Up to fifteen she is very handsome, but at twenty what an immense, unwieldy mass of fat she becomes! She waddles, or, rather, undulates, along the street. Her costume is very picturesque, especially if she be of the richer class. She is clothed in fine silks of resplendent hues of a bright red, yellow or green and wears a sort of conical shaped headdress, from which depends a loose white drapery. Turkish trousers and dainty slippers, the heels of which barely reach the middle of the feet, complete the costume.

**OUR FIRST ELECTION.**

Methods in the Days When Washington Was Chosen President.

At the first national election at which General Washington was chosen president only eleven of the thirteen states voted, North Carolina and Rhode Island not yet having entered the Union, and in only three—Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia—were popular elections held. In the other eight states the legislatures chose the electors. New York did not choose electors because of a feud between the anti-Federalist house and the Federalist senate.

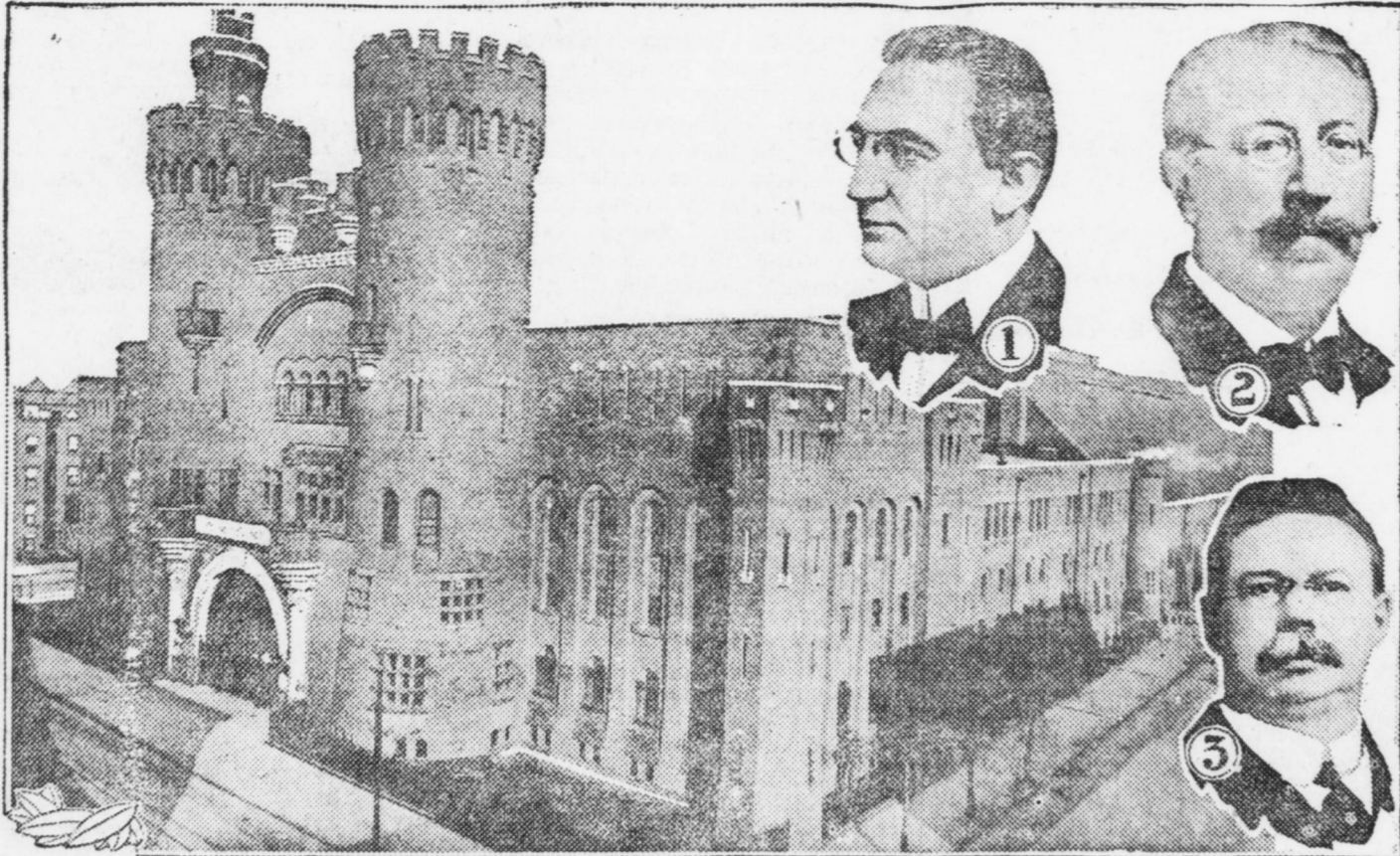
One exciting incident was caused by the fear on the part of Alexander Hamilton that John Adams, who was on the ticket for vice president with Washington, was plotting to tie the vote, and thus by throwing the election into the national house of representatives defeat the Father of His Country for president. So real was this fear in Hamilton that he dispatched messengers on horses to Virginia, Connecticut and New Jersey to stampede the legislatures of the latter two states to Washington.

So long did it take to gather news that Washington was actually inaugurated president before some of the remote counties in Virginia had sent in their returns. In this first election there was only one ticket and there was no campaigning. There were only about 3,000,000 inhabitants in the country at that time, and the whole cost of setting up the machinery of this presidential election is estimated at less than \$100,000.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

**After the Assay.**

"I understand you got several hundred wedding gifts."  
"We did. At first I thought I'd have to hire a safe deposit vault, but after going over the stuff we simply stored 'em in a barrel in the cellar."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

**FESTIVAL OF GERMAN SINGERS OF NATION.**



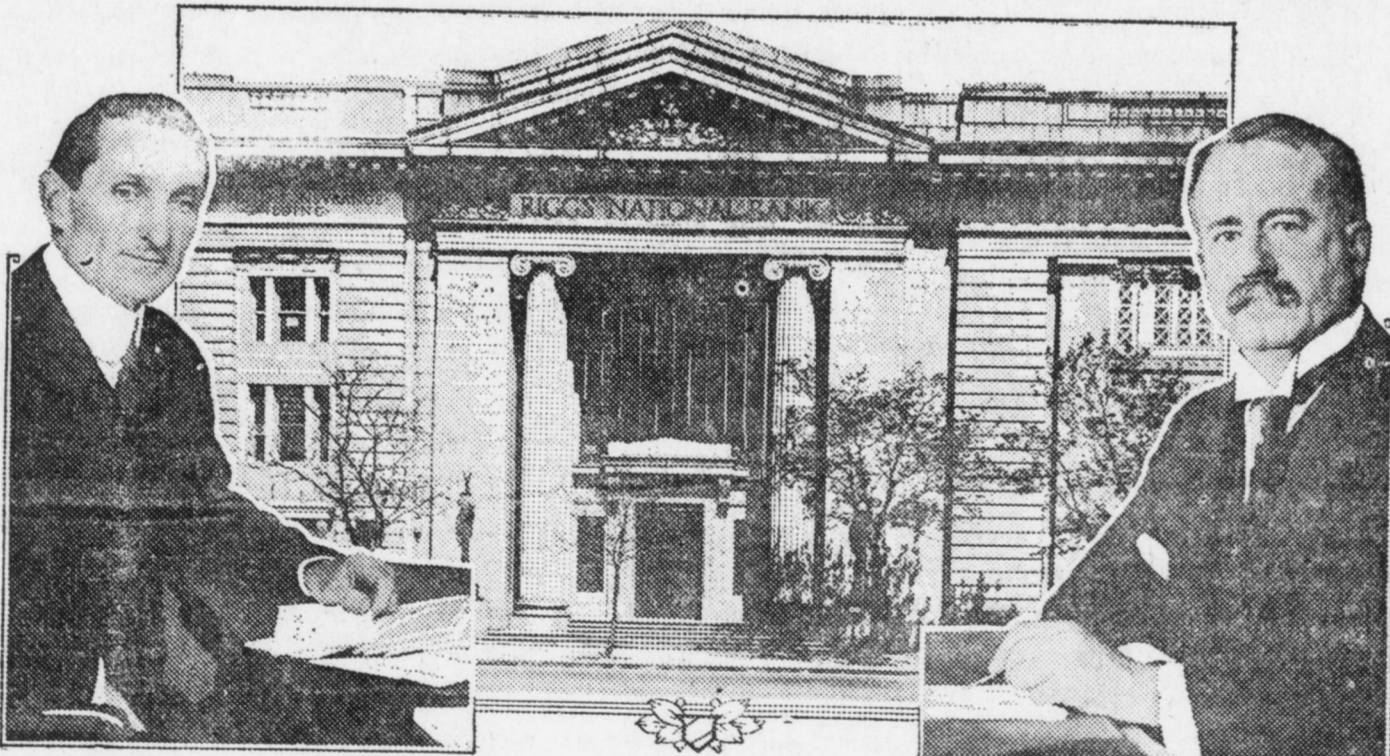
National singing festival of Northeastern Saengerbund of America will be held in the Thirteenth regiment armory, Brooklyn, N. Y., (shown here) May 29 to June 2. No. 1 is Carl Figue, musical conductor; No. 2, Dr. Felix Jaeger, assistant chorus director; No. 3, August H. Tiemann, chairman of national committee of Northeastern music committee.

**THE MAN ROOSEVELT CALLED "BOSS."**



Photo by American Press Association. William Barnes, Jr., Republican leader of New York (in center), with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thurlow Weed Barnes.

**RIGGS BANK AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS CLASH.**



Photos by American Press Association. A misunderstanding developed between the Riggs bank, Washington, and William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury (at left), and John S. Williams, comptroller of currency (on right), the suit being advanced to May 12.

**Fair Warning.**

A farmer engaged Pat to mow a small field of hay, and on giving him a new scythe told him it was such a good one that he need only put the point of it in the hay and it would cut by itself. Pat set off to his work, and about midday, when the farmer came to see how Pat was getting on, he found him sitting in a corner of the field with one end of the scythe in the hay. This so enraged the farmer that he went for Pat, who, on seeing him, immediately shouted:  
"Keep back, keep back! Ye don't know the minute she's going to start!"—Exchange.

**United States Laws.**

An act when passed by both houses of congress and signed by the president becomes a law. If at any time thereafter questions of its constitutionality arise the matter is settled by the supreme court. The court has more than once declared acts of congress unconstitutional, as, for instance, the "civil rights" bill.—New York American.

**Raindrops.**

Drops of rain vary in their size perhaps from a twenty-fifth to a quarter of an inch in diameter. In parting from the clouds they precipitate their descent till the increasing resistance opposed by the air becomes equal to their weight, when they continue to fall with uniform velocity. This velocity is therefore in a certain ratio to the diameter of the drops; hence thunder and other showers in which the drops are large pour down faster than a drizzling rain. A drop of the twenty-fifth part of an inch in falling through the air would, when it had arrived at its uniform velocity, acquire a celerity of only eleven and a half feet per second, while one of a quarter of an inch would have a velocity of thirty-three and a half feet.

**Real Joy of Farm Owning.**

I am not a gentleman farmer, with a great estate over which I ride carelessly in awhile and leave all the real work to my underlings. I cannot think there would be great fun in this. No; I like to take hold with my Portuguese man and plant and spray and trim and prune. To be sure, he does more than his share of the rough work, and a great deal of the year I must be cultivating other kinds of fields than those that grow cabbages and turnips, but the fun of farming comes from being a real farmer while you are one, getting close to the soil, becoming intimate with every living thing, whether it be a plant or animal; loving your tomato vines and raspberry bushes, taking a real pride in your eggplants and your brussels sprouts, whether you get a prize for them at the county fair or not.—Rev. Dr. Francis E. Clark in Country Side Magazine and Suburban Life.

**A Recipe For Ghosts.**

It is generally understood that "seeing ghosts" is the result of indigestion. The following notes may be useful to amateurs anxious to investigate psychological phenomena:  
Lobster salad eaten after midnight one ordinary ghost with chains.

Two Welsh rabbits and a mince pie one mysterious gray lady emitting groans.

Cold roast pork, mixed pickles and strong tea taken immediately before retiring, a genuine family specter carrying his head under his arm.

A portion of cake, result of daughter's first lesson at cookery school, a troop of fearsome blood stained hobgoblins with blue lights shining out of empty eye sockets.—New York Journal.

**SPAIN'S WOMAN WARRIOR.**

The Maid of Saragossa and How She Saved Her City.

The Spaniards have erected a monument to the memory of Angelina Zaragoza, whose bravery during the peninsular war saved her city.

In July, 1808, the French were pressing hard upon Saragossa. The hardest fighting occurred at Portillo gate where the assaulting batteries more than once reached the dilapidated earthworks. The gunners of the Spanish battery were shot down one after another, the survivors falling before they could discharge the last loaded gun.

The infantry flinched, and the French were closing in when a young woman betrothed to a young sergeant of artillery who had just fallen rushed in, snatched the lighted match from her dying lover's hand and fired the undischarged twenty-four pounder into the head of the advancing column.

The enemy was thrown back. The citizens with a cheer rushed forward reoccupied the battery and the assault was checked.

Angelina Zaragoza received from her government a commission as sub-lieutenant of the artillery and a life pension. A few years later she was seen by an English traveler serving with her battery in Andalusia. She wore a blue artillery tunic, on the sleeve of which was a shield of honor.—Washington Star.

**How to Know Hemlock.**

The occasional reports in the papers of children or animals being poisoned by eating some umbelliferous plant emphasizes the importance of being able to distinguish the dangerous ones. In the case of hemlock itself, the most poisonous of all, this is not difficult. Notice first the dark green, much cut and divided leaves and the peculiar odor which botanists call fetid. But perhaps the most obvious thing and that which most easily distinguishes the hemlock from all other umbelliferous plants is the stem. This is smooth, polished, slightly furrowed and of a green color blotched and spotted with purple. No other member of the order has a stem in the least like it.—London Globe.

**His Own Medicine.**

A certain barrister named Jones who practiced in Lord Brougham's time was in the habit of commencing the examination of a witness with these words, "Now, sir, I am going to put a question to you, and I don't care which way you answer it."

Brougham, like many others, was growing tired of the monotonous formula, and one morning, meeting Jones near the temple, he addressed him thus: "Now, Jones, I am going to put a question to you, and I don't care which way you answer it. How are you?"—London Express.

**But Do They?**

Mrs. Bacon—I see it is stated that the average length of life rose from twenty and one-quarter years in the sixteenth century to forty and one-half years in the nineteenth century.

Mr. Bacon—I suppose the latter time was when the women began telling the truth about their ages.—Yonkers Statesman.

**Use in Beauty.**

Strike out all the beautiful from the world, leave us only the useful—the manifestly useful—and we should lose all elasticity out of our lives, all strength out of our purpose, all energy out of our arms. It is the thousand-fold beauty, meeting our eyes at every turn, that saves us.—Charles Force Deems.

**HOUDON, THE SCULPTOR.**

Known in This Country Mainly by His Statue of Washington.

Since the days of the cathedral builders France has never been without great masters of the chisel. Traditions and an ever accumulating skill have been passed on as from father to son through generations immemorial. With all that "apostolic succession" of genius we of another race are strangely unfamiliar. One name, however, we associate with that of our first president, and for this reason, and not because Jean Antoine Houdon was the leading sculptor of his time, is he sometimes mentioned in the United States.

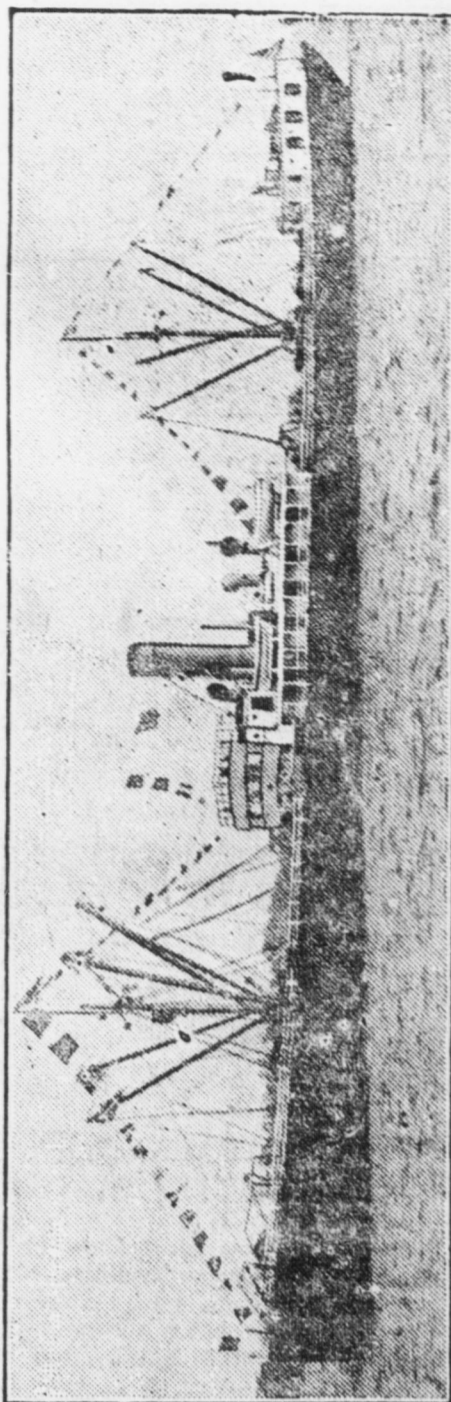
As the "first sculptor of his day" Houdon was invited in 1784 by Thomas Jefferson, representing the state of Virginia, to make a statue of General Washington. On July 28, 1785, the sculptor with three assistants sailed in the company of Benjamin Franklin from Southampton, bound for Philadelphia. The journey required nearly two months and Houdon did not arrive at Mount Vernon until Oct. 2.

Two weeks were occupied in modeling the bust, making a life mask, and taking many measurements, with all of which the artist departed rejoicing, and, thanks to the rapid ocean service of the time, was home again on Christmas day.

**Wily Talleyrand.**

Louis XVIII, complimenting Talleyrand one day upon his abilities, asked him how he had contrived first to overturn the directory and finally Bonaparte.

The wily diplomat replied, with charming simplicity: "Really, sire, I have had nothing to do with this. There is something inexplicable about me which brings ill luck on the governments that neglect me."



**NEBRASKAN FIRST TO PASS THROUGH CANAL.**

Built at Camden, N. J., in 1892, the Nebraska was the first vessel to pass through the Panama Canal. She left Liverpool on her homeward bound trip loaded in ballast and was headed for the Delaware capes. The American flag floated from her stern. Photo by American Press Association.

**Trial by Jury.**

The New York Law Journal says on the subject of trial by jury:

"While we do not think that trial by jury ought to be abolished or that there is any increasing sentiment in that direction, we do believe that the system should be modified by dispensing with the requirement of unanimous verdicts. This would obviate the element of individual eccentricity as an impediment to the administration of justice. Mental idiosyncrasy on the part of judges is constantly exhibited and scarcely excites comment. An eminent and very able judge will dissent from the ruling of his associates when it is extremely difficult to understand how so gifted a mind could have gone off on that particular tangent. By permitting affirmances or reversals, notwithstanding dissent, the personal equation is eliminated."

**Modeled After an Ancient Tomb.**

The temple of the Scottish rite in Washington is a handsome white marble structure about 150 feet square and rises to a height of 150 feet above the street level. At either side of the main entrance is an immense marble sphinx. A row of tall Ionic columns surrounds the second story. The architects followed closely the design of the ancient tomb of King Mausolus, which stood in Halicarnassus and was one of the seven wonders of the world. It was built by the wife of the king and was decorated with hundreds of wonderful statues. This old tomb became so famous that many buildings were modeled after it, but this is the only structure in America in which the design has been used.

**In Biology.**

Teacher—John, how can you tell the dogwood tree?

John—By its bark.

And his answer was correct, even if it did cause a laugh.

Another bright answer captured in biology:

Teacher—What animal supplies us with ham?

John—The butcher.—Chicago Herald.

**Two Models.**

Mrs. Toggerblossom—Vain man! Did you never observe that designers take a woman's head to adorn many of your coins? Mr. Toggerblossom—No, but I have observed that designers take many of my coins to adorn a woman's head.—National Monthly.

**Easy Money.**

"I give my wife half my salary every week to spend on the housekeeping and herself."

"And what do you do with the other half of your salary?"

"Oh, my wife borrows that."—Houston Post.