

WASHINGTON LETTER

MAJOR GILLETTE A MUCH-TALKED-OF ARMY OFFICER.

EXPOSES CONTRACT FRAUDS

Capital and Municipal Police Have Hard Task—The System of Inquiries—For Record of Army—The Deserters.

WASHINGTON—Sometimes an army officer by one good piece of work makes a reputation that marks him as a man of ability and courage for the rest of his life.

When an officer twice performs distinguished service he is almost a hero. These opportunities sometimes come in even so humdrum a line of army work as that of an engineer officer.

Maj. Cassius E. Gillette has been fortunate enough to thus twice distinguish himself and to-day he is one of the most talked-of officers in the army. It was he who eight years ago discovered the frauds in government contracts at Savannah, Ga., which led to the conviction and imprisonment of his predecessor in charge of that work.

At Savannah he was ostracized by the society people because he dared to charge Capt. Carter with fraud. Capt. Carter had been a social lion in that city. But Maj. Gillette did not hesitate to encounter criticism and ostracism, and finally landed his predecessor in prison.

Gen. B. F. Butler of Massachusetts whose cock-eye is the best remembered feature of his face.

The capitol and the municipal police in Washington have a hard task in watching public buildings and statues in order to prevent their mutilation by relic hunters or evil disposed persons. Some people have a mania for defacing the walls of public buildings and monuments.

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the career. He entered the army as a medical officer and when only holding the rank of captain he devised a system of indexes for the record of the army by which at a moment's notice the record of every soldier could be obtained. The work developed into one of the greatest of its kind in the world, and to-day there are on file 3,347,933 index record cards giving the individual service records of all the soldiers that ever served the United States, and also the record of nearly 1,500,000 Confederate soldiers.

Gen. Ainsworth's peculiar talent for this sort of work earned him the respect and admiration of very strong friends in congress, and he was advanced in rank by congressional action rather than by the act of the executive branch of the government.

THE Military Secretary. HIS capacity as military secretary Gen. Ainsworth really exercises the functions of an adjutant general. He has much to do with the personnel of the army and keeps a record of the standing of each soldier and knows the charges against them. In his new work he has taken a special interest in the matter of desertions in the army and he has made a study of that subject, so that his opinion on it is regarded as of unusual weight and importance.

THE Consuls' Letters. T WILL not be the fault of the average United States consul abroad if the American people are not kept informed of the progress in sciences of all kinds, as well as in commercial development.

THE consul says this remedy has been tried by eminent physicians in Germany, who claim that appendicitis can be cured by it without an operation being necessary even in the worst cases.

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A PREACHER'S WIFE.

No, she isn't prim and proper, and she doesn't care a copper. What they say. She's so innocent of wrong, and so full of love and song, that she's happy all day long on her way.

THE BIBLE AND THE NATION. Extracts from an Address by George May Powell Before the American Bible Society.

THE Bible is the great God-given central sun of moral quality in the individual and therefore of the nation.

INDUSTRIAL ITEMS. The Cramps have orders enough on hand now to keep the 5,000 men employed in their shipyards busy for the next 15 months.

BRIEF BUT POINTED. A man can be sweet without being fresh—Ram's Horn.

SO WE HAVE HEARD. Tight shoes cause baldness. The Japs carry money in their ears.

AT Holy Shrine. Roman Catholics flocked to Westminster abbey recently to visit the shrine of Edward the Confessor, who was canonized on October 13, 1163.

CHURCH PERSONALS. A large portion of the library of the late Bishop McLaren has been donated by his family to the Western Theological seminary library.

Rev. T. G. Harper, of Wibeey, the newly elected president of the Wesleyan Reform union, was originally a Bedfordshire tinker, reared at Elstow, where John Bunyan was born.

Dr. Julius Gobel, who was dismissed as head of the German department of Stanford university without a hearing, has been appointed by President Eliot as the head of a similar department at Harvard.

Rev. H. Olin Cady, now of Evanston, Ill., who has been connected with Methodist missions in west China for the last 15 years, has been retired with a pension by the board of managers of the Missionary society.

TALES OF THE TOTS. "Do you know where little boys who smoke cigarettes go?" "Yes, in behind our stable used to be the safest place, but ma's on to it now!"

Little Ethel was learning to sew, and one day, after vainly trying to thread a needle, she asked: "Mamma, don't they call the hole in a needle an eye?"

Little Juana had noticed that nearly every Wednesday, the day her mother was supposed to be at home, her maternal relative went out. One Wednesday her mother made no move toward leaving, and Juana remarked: "Mamma, this is your deception day; don't you think it's time to put on your hat and go out?"

THE number of persons employed in mining in Great Britain and Ireland last year was 877,067, of whom 5,487 were females.

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