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## SHONTS QUILTS CANAL

### HEAD OF ISTHMIAN COMMISSION RESIGNS POSITION.

#### Goes to Take More Lucrative Job as Chief of Gotham's Traction System—Stevens in Full Control of Work.

Washington.—Theodore P. Shonts, chairman of the Isthmian canal commission, has resigned, to take effect on March 4, and his resignation has been accepted by President Roosevelt. Mr. Shonts leaves the government employ to go into that of the Ryan-Belmont combination in the management of the Interborough Street railway system in New York.

He will have no successor in the government. The entire control of the building of the Panama canal will be concentrated in the hands of John F. Stevens, the present chief engineer. He will be made chairman of the commission as long as that body lasts, but the commission itself is to be abolished if congress follows the view of the senate committee, which is soon to make a report on the subject, with the complete approval of the president.

Secretary Taft will then become the responsible head of the civil government of the canal, and Chief Engineer Stevens will have entire control of the technical details.

Mr. Shonts leaves his place without any trace of ill feeling on either side. On the contrary, by a peculiar combination of circumstances Chairman Shonts wanted to go, President Roosevelt was willing he should go, and the big company in New York desired Mr. Shonts' services, and was willing to pay for them.

Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Assurance society, came over



THEODORE P. SHONTS. (He Has Resigned Chairmanship of the Panama Canal Commission.)

## THE MAN AND THE GHOST

By B. S. LEMMON.

The man's eyes were open, but he could not see. The room was dark. It was nighttime and he had been dreaming.

The Ghost stood close beside his bed and gazed at him steadily.

"Well, I am here," said the Ghost.

The man aroused himself. Propping his head on one hand, he gazed hard through the blackness. He could see nothing so he laughed.

"And, who are you? It is customary for strangers to have introductions before they converse." And he laughed again.

"You have seen me before," said the Ghost. "You need not pretend that we are strangers."

"But I do not know you," said the man. "We must observe the conventionalities, whatever we do," and he laughed again, rather idiotically as he afterwards admitted to himself.

"When you are as old and as tired as I am you will not worry about conventionalities," said the Ghost.

"I want to know how long you are going to keep me toiling. Don't you think I have earned my release? Don't you think I have served my time?"

The man sat upright in bed. He was wide-awake now and the pupils of his eyes were dilated. A feeling of horror and terror—almost of panic—was stealing over him.

"What do you mean?" he gasped. "Who are you? From whence came you?"

"You know, you must know who I am," said the Ghost. "You cannot pretend that you have never seen or heard of me before."

"But I do not pretend," said the man, his panic rising higher as his breath came in gasps and his heart beat audibly. "Tell me, for God's sake, who are you and whence you came."

"Very well. Listen, then, poor fool. I will tell you. Out of the remotest regions of oblivion I came and the darkness will swallow me again. But for you I might have enjoyed the sunlight forever. I might have known what it was to expand with the buds and to sing with the birds. I might have known all joy, all hope, all beauty. But you, you, maudlin, wandering idiot, stupefied by your egotism, drunken with your excesses, have condemned me to eternal darkness, eternal oblivion."

The man's breathing could now be heard across the room.

"But who, who are you?" he almost shouted.

"Very well. Since you cannot hear or see, or understand, I will tell you. I am the Spirit of your Youth. I am the Ghost of your Ideals. And I demand my release. I have been faithful, loyal, true, even loving. I have never deserted you for an instant. But you have abandoned me. Why then keep me in captivity? Let me go. I beg of thee! Release me! I have served my time. I have a right to freedom."

The Ghost's voice broke. The man sat upright in bed.

"What do you mean?" he gasped. "You speak in riddles. I do not understand."

"Ah, now you have released me! Now I am free. Farewell!"

The Ghost's voice sounded faint and far-distant. The man's panic returned upon him sevenfold increased.

"You are leaving?" he cried.

"Yes, I am going, never to return. Your confession that you no longer understand any reference to the spirit of your youth, the ghost of your ideals, absolves me from all responsibility. Go your way. I shall go mine."

"But stay! Please stay! I did not understand. Now I know. Come back, come back!"

The man rose from his bed and stretched out his arms imploringly. "I cannot let you go. Please, please, come back! Dear Ghost, come back. I cannot live without you."

But the light of a passing car shone into the room and the man could see nothing except the objects familiar to his daily vision. And he threw himself sobbing, face downward upon the bed.

**Anti-Foot Binding Society.**

"Direction of the anti-foot-binding movement in China has been handed over to the Shanghai ladies' committee to Chinese, who have already established many anti-foot-binding societies throughout this great empire," writes a Shanghai contributor to a newspaper there. "Great was the surprise and yet greater the delight at the recent annual meeting of the Tientsin Hu (anti-foot-binding society) when it was announced that not only a Chinese executive committee with two Chinese gentlemen as secretaries, one for foreign correspondence and one for Chinese, and that several of the gentlemen would attend the meeting."

**A Story from Germany.**

The doctor had forbidden his patient to drink alcoholic beverages. The patient replied: "But, doctor, you yourself drink alcohol." "Yes, my good friend, but not as a doctor," replied the man of medicine; "when I drink I go so only as an ordinary man."

**Fisherman at 87.**

On January 16 Capt. Theophilus W. Brackett, one of Swaupscott's oldest citizens and its oldest fisherman, will be 87 years of age, says the Boston Globe.

Capt. Brackett carries on his fishing business just as he did when younger. It matters not to him what the weather is. Hot or cold, he can be seen every morning pushing off from the beach in his dory, to pull his trawls. He always goes alone, and the chances are good that he will bring back more fish than anybody else.

**One-Sided.**

"No, I'm not so fond of Kitter now. He's the fellow who induced me to buy that mining stock."

"Why, I thought it was a paying investment."

"Maybe it is, but I'm doing the paying."

**WANTED.**

Woman wants work by the day or the hour. Inquire No. 519 North Elm street, Waverly, phone 276.

Wanted—A small farm within a mile of Sayre, Waverly. Take immediate possession. Address J. H. Snell, Waverly Record, 273.

Rooms for rent, suitable for house-keeping. 110 Corner of Packer and Elm street, Waverly, phone 259-12.

FOR SALE. One tool chest and set of carpenter tools to sell. Inquire at No. 248-250 Pine St. Mrs. L. M. Morton. 27

FOR SALE—On easy terms. House lot 518 Clark street. Inquire at D. Newbuser or at premises. 27

FOR SALE—A No. 1 rubber-tired about wagon in excellent condition. Bargain for an early purchaser. Inquire of Paul E. Maynard, M. P. block, Sayre. 27

FOR SALE—Fine driving horse, also sound kind and fearless objects. Also, rubber-tired top box, surrey, portland cutter, harnesses, robes and blankets. Bargain to quick purchaser. Both phone T. Corbin, Athens, Pa. 27

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FOR RENT. Two houses for rent. Inquire of Child's & Reynolds, West side, Waverly. 27

Four rooms to let. Inquire of the Samuels, Lockhart street Jeweler. 272

Two brick houses. One on Maple street, one on Willow street. 7 rooms and furnace. Immediate possession given. Inquire of G. L. VanScoler, Athens, Valley phone 337. 271-6

Rooms and garden \$4 per month; pasture at 15 cents per week two miles from Sayre. Apply to C. E. McKinley, 122 Maple street, Waverly. 269-12

House for rent. Inquire at 109 Chestnut street. 269-12

For rent—A good house, barn and garden, 1 1/2 miles from the Sayre shops, cheap. P. A. Bell, Waverly, N. Y. 268

CONTRACTOR. J. H. Snell, Athens, Pa. Also on short notice. 27

The Rev. H. W. Crydenwise is in New York city today.

Miss Mabel Wodburn is expected home from Ithaca tomorrow.

Miss Lena Whitley of Binghamton, is the guest of Mrs. Frank Shaw.

The Holy City will be sung tomorrow night at the Presbyterian church.

Miss Adelaide Hemstreet of Howard and Sebring's office is seriously ill.

A daughter was born on Thursday last to Mr. and Mrs. John Scanlin of Clark street.

Mrs. George Griswold of Owego is visiting her son, Dr. Horace Griswold in this place.

Mrs. F. L. Glazier of Medford, Mass. is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Cardwell on Clinton avenue.

A. R. Bunn is visiting his daughter in Philadelphia. During his absence his shoe store is being run by W. A. Page.

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church served a supper in the church parlors last evening, and cleared the sum of \$20.00.

Karner's Department Store Co.'s rug, carpet and furniture departments second floor contain bargains worth clothing round town.

The Rev. C. M. Surdam, the recently appointed presiding elder of the Owego district of the Wyoming conference of the M. E. church will reside in Waverly at 471 Park avenue.

Miss Soverhill, who has been teacher in the commercial department of the High School for the past four years has resigned, and will return to her home at Newark, N. J.

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### Stole Horse and Sold It.

Waverly—Sheriff Griffin of Bradford county, Pa., and Chief of Police Walsh of Sayre, were in Waverly last evening looking for Andrew Brady, who stole his brother's horse at North Towanda, and sold it to a man at Milan for \$75. The brother was weak minded, and not responsible for his acts, and it was sought to find him in order that the money might be recovered. He was in Waverly yesterday, but had left when the officers arrived. This morning he was located in Jersey City.

### Things Soldiers Don't Use.

A writer in the Philadelphia Bulletin informs an amazed public that soldiers never use umbrellas during wars. Another peculiarity of the warrior is that he never uses a lorgnette, a bottle of smelling salts or a fan in a bayonet charge.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### Boy Saves a Horse.

A little fellow of four years went to a blacksmith to see his father's horse shod, and was watching closely the work of the shoeing. The blacksmith began to pare the horse's hoof, and, thinking this wrong, the little boy said: "My pa don't want his horse made any smaller."

### Advance in Price of Platinum.

Most of the world's supply of platinum comes from the southern part of the Ural mountains in Russia. According to the report of the Russian ministry of finance, the increased demand for the metal of late years has raised its price to nearly \$500 a pound.

### Good in Eight-Hour Day.

Among the cigar makers 51 per cent. died of tuberculosis prior to the inauguration of the eight-hour work-day. Seventeen years after the eight-hour day took effect this percentage had been reduced to 23 per cent.

### Money in Frog Skins.

Quite a lucrative business, it seems, is done in Japan in the exportation of frog skins for purses. The works controlled by a Tokio merchant have exported as many as 130,000 skins in less than a year.

### New York City "Kills."

In old Dutch times all of the rivers about New York city were known as "kills," meaning channel or bed of a river, but now all save one have lost their original name, and that one is Kill von Kull.

### No Liquor in the Kitchen.

Advertisement in the London Chronicle: "Scullery maid; wages £16, annual rise; gold watch end of five years; teetotaler preferred. Address," etc.

### Special.

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FRANK E. WOOD, Representative.  
News and advertising matter may be left at Gregg's Racket Store, corner Broad Street and Park Avenue.  
After 12 o'clock noon call the main office at Sayre. Both phones.

Curtis Morgan went to Binghamton yesterday.

E. J. Collins, ladies' tailor and dressmaker, Broad street, Waverly.

Thomas Welch of Elmira, was the guest of Waverly friends yesterday.

The members of the Methodist church will give a farewell reception in honor of the Rev. H. B. Cook on Wednesday next.