

Is there anything that cannot be done by officers of the United States army? And done exceptionally well? There is nothing. For example, take Colonel Goethals and watch him construct the Panama Canal with ease and grace after various civilians had tried their hands at the job without achieving any glittering success. Then take the five bachelor lieutenants at Fort Scriven, Georgia, who gave a chaffing-dish party, the particulars of which we find in the Army and Navy Journal. It was a surprise party. It was given in the Bachelors' Club. The service publication which makes known the achievements of these heroes justly remarks that "a great deal of praise is due the bachelors for having given such an elaborate party without the assistance of the ladies of the post," says the Chicago News. For example: "The dining-room and den, in themselves very handsome, were lavishly decorated with carnations and ferns. The beautiful pale pink flowers were massed in profusion on the mantel and library table in the den. In the dining-room a large vase, filled with the same gorgeous flowers adorned the table. As a souvenir of the occasion a large bouquet, tied with pink tulle, was presented to each of the young ladies present. A delightful Welsh rabbit was served with dainty sandwiches, and a mild punch was served during the evening." Is it not plain that these bachelors are artists and poets as well as warriors? What bachelor outside the service could tie a bow of pink tulle around a bouquet? Doubtless, also, any one of the five, like Cyrano, could compose a ballad while preparing to transfix an enemy on the point of his service sword. Gentlemen, a toast, standing, to the army men who can concoct a Welsh rabbit which will not kill either at close or long range.

"A little harmless flirting with nice people with whom you are acquainted will do much to rest the tired mind after the arduous duties of the school-room." This is one of the suggestions to young women schoolteachers made by an elderly lady on relinquishing her position as teacher in the Boston public schools after 49 years' service. "Be a live wire every minute, and don't eat too much," is another bit of advice. This kind of advice from a learned and experienced school "marm" will make most people "sit up and take notice," for in our opinion it is much worse than indiscreet, to say the least, says the New Orleans Picayune. As a cure for brain fog, flirting is entirely new to us, though some years ago we heard it highly recommended for other ailments, and we thought it pleasant to "take." Wonder how this teacher held her job for 49 years? She must have had a strangle hold on it.

A Hindu philosopher and scholar who has been visiting this country declares we have all the heathens we can manage at home, and that the money sent abroad to make converts is wasted and could be better spent in missionary work among the "Greeks at our own doors." He also made some caustic comments on practical Christianity in the United States. Sometimes the oriental mind displays unexpected but comprehensive accuracy of observation of Western superiority.

The object of the organization which calls itself the Non-Smokers of America is to secure the enforcement of laws, ordinances, regulations and rules against smoking in public places in the United States. The man who endeavored to incorporate it in New York include several distinguished educators. However, they were careless in drawing up their application. There was no statement that they had not made application for incorporation before. For this reason, Judge Giegerich denied the application. But the non-smokers can begin over if they choose.

A Brooklyn woman refused to obey an order of the Supreme court to allow her divorced husband to visit their baby, and the justice whose authority was thus defied, asked: "What are we going to do about it?" Being a jurist of wide experience and knowledge of human nature, he admitted that all the courts going were no match for a woman once her mind was made up.

The amount collected at the port of New York from fines, penalties and forfeitures amounted to over \$2,000,000. Honesty, from this showing, is not only the best policy, but also the cheapest in the end.

A Washington woman has applied to the courts to get her alimony increased because she is unable to live on \$600 a month. The courts might recommend a course in domestic economy for the lady.

Astronomers have not found out why that new comet is going, but that need not prevent the hysterical from losing sleep about it.

Dictators of fashion have signed the death warrant of the hobbie skirt, but it strikes us that it is dying a lingering death.

Shoemakers say that women's feet are getting larger. Maybe the women are merely wearing shoes that fit.

WOMAN TRAPS BLACK HANDER

Gives Him \$500 When He Calls for Money.

DETECTIVES WERE WAITING.

Mrs. A. M. Billings, of Chicago, Aged 89 Years, Gets Threatening Letter Demanding Cash—Police Were Waiting.

Chicago.—While C. K. G. Billings, driving his champion gelding, Uhlau, was hanging up a new world's trotting record at Cleveland his mother, Mrs. A. M. Billings, of Chicago, despite her 89 years, was making a little record of her own in capturing a would-be blackmail, or black-mailer, who are alleged to have made threats in true Black Hand fashion.

John Mills, a colored man, who says Cairo, Ill., in his home, and John Hendricks, a white man, about 27 years old, and whom the police styled a "hobo" for his appearance, were arrested. Thursday Mrs. Billings received a letter demanding that \$500 be wrapped in a bundle of old clothes and given to a man who would call today and ask for work, also a "package."

Mrs. Billings promptly notified a firm of private detectives, who called the official police to their aid. They were secreted about the grounds of the Billings home at 1424 West Lake street today, when Mills appeared.

"I want a job about the horses here," Mills said to the maid who answered the door and who had been coached by Mrs. Billings in her part.

"We have no such work here," she replied.

"Well, then, how about that package?" Mills said to have asked.

At this point the maid invited the mysterious visitor into the house and notified Mrs. Billings, who, owing to the infirmities of her years, was in bed.

The maid was given a bundle of old clothes but there was no money concealed within it, and this she handed to the negro, asking him to wait for a few moments. Then the detectives were notified and Mills' arrest followed.

He expressed surprise at his detention. He declared that he came to Chicago from Cairo and that he met a stranger who gave him his name as John Hendricks at a saloon in West Madison street. Hendricks, he said, asked him if he wanted to earn \$50. Mills was willing, and he said, he was told to visit the Billings home and to ask the questions about work, and in particular about the package. He was to receive his pay upon the completion of his mission.

Mills, after his arrest, led the officers to a West Side saloon, where he pointed out Hendricks, who is a German, and speaks a little English. He was sullen and refused to answer the questions put to him by the police. Mills said that he was the tool of Hendricks and knew nothing of the threatening letter received by Mrs. Billings.

Mutiny in Portugal.

Lisbon, Portugal.—In consequence of insubordination in the Sixteenth Infantry, quartered in this city, 18 sergeants were arrested and imprisoned in the fortress here. A part of the Seventeenth Infantry at Beja planned a mutiny, under the leadership of a sub lieutenant, who, upon being denounced, committed suicide by cutting his throat.

Quakes in California.

San Bernardino, Cal.—The most severe earthquake shock felt in this vicinity in years shook the business buildings with such severity that the occupants fled into the streets. The damage was trivial. A previous shock had been felt earlier in the day.

Army of the Philippines.

Detroit, Mich.—Gen. P. J. H. Farrell, of Chicago, past commander of the Army of the Philippines, was the principal speaker at the reunion of the organization, which is now being held here. General Farrell pleaded for more patriotic exercises in public schools. "Something should be done," he said, "to increase respect for the Stars and Stripes and kindle a stronger feeling of patriotism among the school children of the United States."

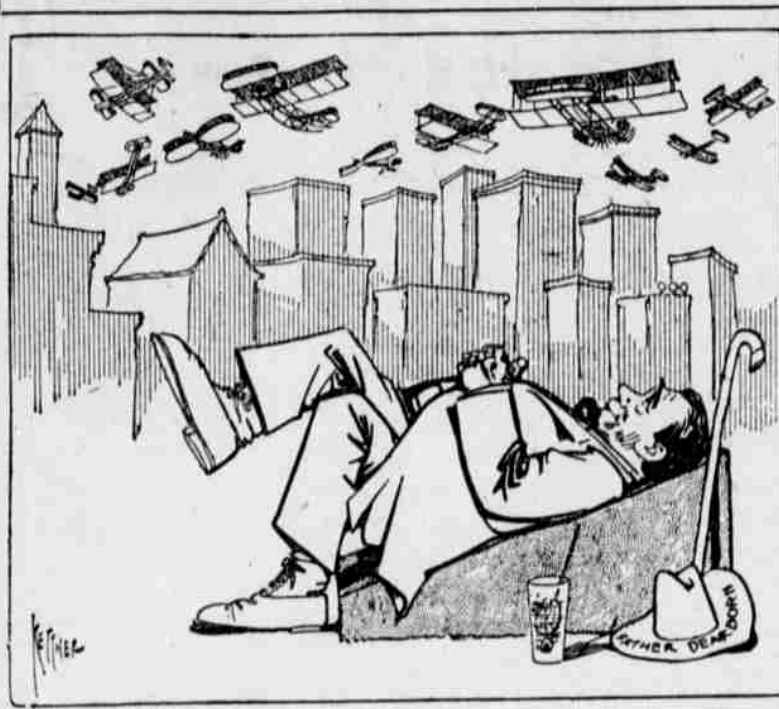
Artia Gets 15-Year Sentence.

Huntington, W. Va.—Elbert Artia, convicted last week of murder in the second degree in connection with the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Hall, was sentenced by Judge Taylor to 18 years in prison.

To Swim Across Atlantic.

Springfield, Ill.—Dr. Julius W. M. Denner announces that he will swim across the Atlantic. He expects to make it in 200 days at 20 miles a day.

AVIATION MEET IN CHICAGO



THE TRUSTS IN DIRE STRAITS

Perkins Says Corporations Cannot Exist. Department of Agricultural Issues Corn Report.

RED FLAG FOR BUSINESS.

Steel Director Tells Congressmen That Corporations Cannot Continue Operations and Conform to the Statutes.

Washington.—George W. Perkins, financier and director of the United States Steel Corporation, made some striking recommendations with reference to the government's control of corporations. A witness before the House Steel Trust Investigating Committee, he declared that existing laws were seriously threatening big business interests and their rigid enforcement was rendering it impossible for corporations to continue operations in conformity with the statutes.

Some of his observations follow: "That great corporations, grown up under demands of existing conditions, could no longer successfully exist under the Sherman Anti-Trust Law as now rigidly enforced. "That the government's dissolution of the Standard Oil Company served as a warning of a 'red flag' of warning to every corporation in the United States. "That something of a constructive nature must be done by the government with reference to the control of corporations, and rather than for present conditions to continue, it would be better to go to the limit of permitting government regulation of prices."

Washington.—A tremendous decline in the condition of crops, general throughout the country and traceable to drought and intense heat, occurred during the last month, as indicated by the monthly report of the Department of Agriculture. The report is the worst, as to general crops issued for any single month since 1901.

Witness Pounds Table.

Mr. Perkins made the foregoing observations during the third day of his examination by the steel committee inquirer, and at times he was eloquent and forceful in his declarations. He frequently emphasized his remarks by waving his arms, pounding upon the witness table with his fists and rising from his seat to address the committee.

Death at a Party.

Detroit, Mich.—Miss Ruth Bryan, aged 23 years, whose home is in Hudson, N. Y., is dead as the result of burns received while attending a party at Birmingham, a village 12 miles north. While searching for her pocketbook with a lighted lamp she tripped over a rug. The lamp exploded, enveloping her in flames. She was brought to a Detroit hospital, where her death occurred Thursday.

Prince Becomes Middy.

London.—The Prince of Wales joined the battleship Hindustan as a midshipman. He will receive 42 cents a day, the regular pay, and aside from having his own cabin, will be treated just like the other midshipmen.

Legless Man Swims.

Pittsfield, Mass.—William P. Creagan, of Rocksprings, Wyo., who has been legless for the last three years, swam two miles in Lake Pontcharc.

93 DROWN IN SHIPWRECK

French Steamer Emir Founders After Collision—Twenty-seven of Crew Rescued.

Gibraltar.—The French steamer Emir foundered five miles east of Tarifa, Spain, in the Straits of Gibraltar. Ninety-three persons were drowned. The ship sailed from here at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning for a Moroccan port. An hour later, in a dense fog, she collided with the British steamer Silverton, bound from Newport, England, for Taranto, Italy.

The crew of the latter rescued 27 of the Emir's crew and passengers. The Silverton later put in here with her starboard bow stove in and her forepeak full of water. The Emir floated only a few minutes after the collision. Sixty-nine passengers and 24 of the crew went down with the ship. Those saved were 12 of the crew and 15 passengers. All the passengers were French.

SENATOR W. P. FRYE DEAD.

Had Been Ill Long, But End Was Unexpected.

Lewiston, Me.—The State of Maine lost its senior Senator and an almost lifelong, faithful servant when William Pierce Frye died Tuesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Helen White, in this city. The end came at 3:55 P. M. At his bedside were Mrs. White and his other daughter, Mrs. Alice Briggs, who also resided in Lewiston. Although he had been ill for a long time, death came suddenly.



WILLIAM P. FRYE, United States Senator from Maine.

Forced by the condition of his health to resign his position as president pro tempore of the Senate at the beginning of the present special session of Congress, although he retained his membership in the senate, Senator Frye soon afterward made his last journey to the city which always had been his home. For several weeks his condition was not considered necessarily dangerous. Up to last week he rested in comparative comfort, spending much of his time in reading or in having some member of his family read to him.

Spring Wheat—Condition, 59.8 per cent. of a normal, compared with 73.8 per cent. on July 1; 61.0 per cent. in 1910, and 82.3 per cent. the ten-year average. Indicated yield per acre, 10.1 bushels, compared with 11.7 bushels in 1910 and 13.5 bushels, the average for the last five years.

Oats—Condition, 65.7 per cent. of a normal, compared with 68.8 per cent. on July 1; 81.5 per cent. in 1910, and 82.2 per cent. the ten-year average. Indicated yield per acre, 23.2 bushels, compared with 31.9 bushels in 1910, and 28.4 bushels the five-year average.

Canadian Cabinet Changes. Ottawa, Ont.—The cabinet changes forecasted several days ago were made by order-in-council. Minister of Marine Bourcier goes on the Supreme Court Bench in succession to Judge Girouard. The Hon. Rudolph Lemieux is transferred to the portfolio of marine and Dr. H. T. Beland, of Beauce, comes into the cabinet as postmaster general.

U. S. to Get Four Islands. Washington.—The United States government will shortly come into full possession of four islands—Naos, Flamenco, Perico and Culebra—in Panama bay at the Pacific entrance to the Panama canal. The Pacific Mail Steamship Company has accepted the awards of a joint commission by which that company will receive \$44,000 for its half interest in and improvements on the islands already rests in the Panama Railroad Company.

Dynamite Fiends Kill Two. Beckley, W. Va.—Dynamite placed under the house of two Italian laborers at Slab Fork, wrecked the house, killing the two men and throwing the little mining town into a panic. The shock was felt for miles. It is believed to be a Black Hand outrage.

331 Men Want Wives. St. Louis.—Since Mrs. Blanche Hoyt wrote to the police chief of Chicago to find her a husband she has received 331 letters.

MOB MAKES PYRE OF HOSPITAL BED

Pennsylvania Mob Burns Negro at Stake. HAD KILLED A POLICEMAN.

Desperado Taken Half a Mile Out of Town—Makes Piteous But Vain Appeal For Mercy.

Coatesville, Pa.—Zachariah Walker, a negro desperado, was carried on a cot from the hospital here Sunday night and burned to a crisp by a frenzied mob of men and boys on a fire which they ignited about a half mile from town. The negro, who had shot and killed Edw. Rice, a special policeman of the Port Worth Iron Mills Saturday night, was first dragged to the scene of the shooting, begging piteously for mercy.

He had been arrested by a posse Sunday afternoon after a search which had stirred the countryside. When the posse finally located him he was found hiding in a cherry tree, and with the last bullet in his revolver shot himself in the mouth, falling from the tree. He was removed to the hospital and placed under police guard. A few minutes after 9 o'clock, a crowd numbering almost 1,000 persons appeared at the hospital. The leaders were unable to gain admission, but quickly smashed the window frames and crawled through the corridor. A policeman, who had been placed on duty to watch Walker, was the only person in the building besides the nurses and patients.

The leader of the mob placed his hands over the policeman's eyes, while others, who had entered the building, set about to take their man from the hospital. When Walker was taken to the hospital he was strapped down in order to prevent his escape. The mob seeing this gathered up the bed and, placing it on the shoulders of four men, started for the country. The negro was begging piteously to be released, but his pleadings fell upon deaf ears. A match was placed to the pile of grass and the flames shot up quickly, entirely enshrouding the screaming victim. That not a vestige of the murderer be left, the mob tore down the fence along the road and piled the rails upon the burning negro.

The lynching was accomplished only after the negro, mad from pain, had leaped from the blazing pyre built over him and tried to escape, dragging the bed to which he was bound by his handcuffs. The mob leaders beat him with fence rails and forced him, shrieking, back into the flames. Three times he bounded up and three times was thrust back until finally the quivering body fell into the fire. After waiting for half an hour the mob dispersed as quietly as it had come. A curious feature of the burning was the fact that there were almost as many women in the crowd as men.

NATIONAL FOOD PROSE BEGUN.

Lisbon.—The Portuguese government is considering whether it will allow Senhor Abrei, owner of the Cabras Islands, off the Portuguese coast, to sell them to a foreigner. Abrei says that an American capitalist has offered him \$200,000 for the property and that the same amount has been offered by the British Marconi company. He says that a German also has made a bid for the islands.

Hat Pin Injures Eye. New Haven, Conn.—F. Carroll Bulkeley, a broker, may lose the sight of one eye as the result of an encounter with the hatpin of a woman who sat next to him on a car from Southington. The pin reached several inches beyond the woman's hat, and when she turned to speak to a friend the point scraped Bulkeley's eyeball and the membrane was scratched.

Paid to Pick Pockets. New York.—That she had been taught to pick pockets for a daily wage of 45 cents, turning over all of her stealings to her employers, was the assertion of the youngest pick-pocket ever arrested in this city. She was Concetta Inglesse, nine, fair-haired and pretty. She was arrested after detectives had watched her rob 13 persons and so cleverly did she work that none knew it. She told Judge Hoyt that a man, for whom the police are searching, taught her to steal.

Women to Work on Streets. Jackson, Miss.—Women prisoners in the city jail were ordered to work on the public streets of Jackson in the same manner as male prisoners. The ordinance was issued by the city judge, who held that the municipal ordinance was mandatory and left no discretion on his part. The enforcement of the law will result in its modification, as much criticism has been aroused by the spectacle of female prisoners working on the streets.

THE NEWS OF PENNSYLVANIA

Carlisle.—The discovery of coal in the South Mountain, a few miles south of Carlisle, within the last few days, has caused quite a sensation here. While drilling for water on property leased from George Tanger, of Hatton, Pa., by Chester C. Bashore, of the Holly Sand Company, the latter company has run through a vein of coal for twenty-two feet which represents a deposit of what Chemist Wilbur F. Horn, of Carlisle, says is semi-bituminous coal of a quality something similar to the Clinton county, Pa., product. Dr. Horn has made careful analysis of the coal and believes that it is of great value. The samples partake of the qualities of asphaltum and burn like a petroleum product. Mr. Bashore, the lessee, is a local attorney. The find was entirely unexpected, although a member of the Ahl family, whose estate in the South Mountain was extensive years ago, said that some traces of coal were found three decades ago.

Pittsburgh.—Adeline Fraser, alias Smith, and Kathryn Harman, two young women from Hazleton, who were arrested several weeks ago, charged with abducting at three different department stores here, pleaded guilty before Judge Davis and they were placed on parole for one year. During the hearing it was developed that the young girls came from excellent families. The Fraser girl being the daughter of a former superintendent of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company of Hazleton, who died last year.

Pottsville.—Warden Walton refused to allow Mrs. Susan Mesnick, of Tuscorara, to enter jail as a prisoner although the woman was accompanied by a constable with a commitment. Mrs. Mesnick is killing all the chickens belonging to her neighbors, who enter her yard, and this is the second time within a week she has been sent to jail for this offense. District Attorney Lyons says such cases are too trifling to be listed for trial.

Allentown.—George Demuth was hustled into jail here on a charge of having attempted to dynamite the safe in the saddlery of P. J. Welder, at Emmaus. The noise aroused the neighborhood and a chase followed through lumber yards and corn fields. He had apparently escaped when a dog that accompanied the pursuers sniffed the fugitive under a pig sty on the farm of Frank Meyer.

Pottsville.—Jacob H. Lighthouse, a St. Clair merchant, was arrested for selling a stove to Charles Tilly, which Tilly alleges would not bake bread, notwithstanding he was assured it would do this. District Attorney Lyons was much amused when the case was sent to him and at once informed the prosecutor that the offense he charges would have to be tried in a civil and not a criminal court.

Belle Vernon.—The body of James Garrison, a wealthy real estate dealer, was found in a field near his home here. Wounds on the face and head prompt the belief by the police that he met with foul play. Garrison was known to have a considerable amount of money when he left home. There was none on his body.

Scranton.—Stanley Fortuna was battered to death with a pick handle which crashed through his skull several times, at Olyphant. Lawrence Mundor and Jacob Olish have been arrested as the murderers, the latter having been heard to threaten Fortuna for being attentive to his wife. The blood covered pick handle was found at Mundor's home.

Shenandoah.—Charles P. Nell, Commissioner of Labor, notified all anthracite coal operators that according to the price of coal at tidewater points all anthracite mine workers were to be paid three per cent. above the basis for August, an increase of two per cent. over July.

Reading.—Fifteen hundred cigar-makers of the Reading district were made happy over an announcement of an increase of wages. The new scale has been signed by all the union factories in the district. The men will receive from 50 cents to \$1.00 more on a thousand.

Homer City.—Fire destroyed the plant of the Prairie State Ice Cream Company and for a time threatened destruction to the entire town. A number of buildings were dynamited to check the spread of the flames. The loss is \$150,000.

Lewistown.—Henry, ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Jungstman, was drowned in the Juniata river. The lad, with a number of others, was walking on a sandbar in less than two feet of water when he dropped out of sight.

News of an interesting suit by the Pure Food Department and its resultant refund of \$666 by a dishonest milk dealer was received here. It seems that in Berks county a man who had been supplying a State institution for some time with milk was found to have watered his product. When arrested he was told it was known he had been engaged in the practice for several months and could be fined several thousand dollars or sent to jail for 234 days. He offered to make refund and was allowed to go.

Altoona.—George, eight-months old son of W. W. McMullen, of Punsunsutawney, who is visiting here with his mother may be the "White-Man's Hope." He weighs thirty-three and a half pounds and is able to lift twenty-three pounds at a ease. He does other athletic stunts that most lads of six years could not do. Numerous details of State policemen will be made in the next few months to county fairs. The requests for this service have been fairly inundating the department.