

P. T. POWERS.

Head of Eastern League Is to Resign on Monday.



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New York, Dec. 8.—Edward Barrow of Toronto will be the next president of the Eastern League of Professional Baseball clubs. The club owners will meet here Monday to elect a new president. P. T. Powers will notify them that he has no further time to devote to baseball.

It is said that Barrow has obtained pledges from the Baltimore, Newark, Buffalo, Montreal, Toronto and Providence clubs on condition that Powers withdraws. The Rochester and Jersey City clubs are still loyal to Powers, as they have received no direct word from him as to his contemplated retirement.

Barrow handled the Detroit Americans one year and since has managed Montreal.

STEBEN STATUE UNVEILED.

Miss Taft Pulls Strings and the President and Other Notables Speak.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Miss Helen Taft, daughter of the president, unveiled the heroic statue erected by this government in honor of Baron Frederick William Augustus von Steuben, one of the foreign noblemen who helped to win the revolutionary war. President Taft, Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador; Representative Richard Bartholdt of Missouri and Dr. Charles J. Hexamer, president of the National German-American alliance, made addresses, extolling the foreigner who came across the seas to help fight America's battles and who became a major general in the American army.

When Miss Taft tightened the strings that pulled the flags from the statue a battery of artillery fired a major general's salute of thirteen guns. Following the dedication there was a parade of more than 10,000 men through the streets through slush and snow which covered the streets of Washington by half a foot.

INSURGENTS RETREATING.

Falling Back into Mountains, Where It Is Safer to Attack Troops.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 8.—News from the insurrection infected region of Chihuahua, Mexico, is that the insurgents are falling back into the mountains as the troops advance, in the hope of drawing the troops into the rough country before fighting. Machine guns have been sent from the City of Mexico to Chihuahua for the regular army, and these are to be sent out against the rebels, who have only rifles and in some instances are short on ammunition.

Americans from that region generally agree that the insurgents are strong and that there must of necessity be some hard fighting in a few days, as the troops are invading the hotbed of the rebels.

JOB FOR "LAME DUCKS."

Cannon Puts Them on Committees and Helps Clark Next Session.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Speaker Cannon has announced appointments to fill several committee vacancies. The most important place, that on the committee on appropriations, goes to Representative Dawson of Iowa, who is a "lame duck."

Most of the appointments were made with the idea that the appointees, being either short termers or "lame ducks," would not embarrass Champ Clark by their presence on committees next year when he comes to make up the schedule—if that power is left to him by the house.

Thieves Slay Fourteen Indians.

Carson, Nev., Dec. 8.—Fourteen Shoshone Indians are supposed to have been killed and their bodies, with those of their horses, buried in two trenches in Elk county, Nev., according to a communication sent to the department of justice by T. Barley Lee, prosecuting attorney for Cassia county, Idaho, who seeks to have the department aid in bringing the murderers, who are said to be White Horse thieves, to justice.

FARMERS PROSPER

Agriculture Report Shows Great Gain in Crops.

PRICES ARE NOT TOO HIGH.

Considering Investment, Labor and Risk, Secretary Wilson Says, Products Do Not Cost Any More Than They Should.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The secretary of agriculture, James Wilson, has issued his annual report. He reviews conditions throughout the country in a comprehensive manner.

He says in part:

"Nothing short of omniscience can grasp the value of the farm products of this year. At no time in the world's history has a country produced farm products within one year with a value reaching \$8,926,000,000, which is the value of the agricultural products of this country for 1910. The value of farm products from 1899 to the present year has been progressive without interruption. If the value of the products of 1899 is placed at 100 the value for this year is 189, or almost double the value for the census year eleven years ago. During this period of unexampled agricultural production, a period of twelve years, during which the farmers of this country have steadily advanced in prosperity and wealth and in economic independence, in intelligence and a knowledge of agriculture, the total value of farm products is \$73,000,000,000.

"The corn crop of 3,121,381,000 bushels exceeds that of the record year 1906 and is greater than the average crop of the preceding five years by 14 per cent. While the value of this corn crop is below that of 1909 and also of 1908, its amount belongs to stories of magic. It can hardly be reckoned as less than \$1,500,000,000, a sum sufficient to cancel the interest bearing debt of the United States, buy all of the gold and silver mined in all of the countries of the earth in 1909 and still leave to the farmers a little pocket money.

"The growing importance of the south in corn production is becoming conspicuous. In 1889 it produced hardly more than one-fifth of the national crop; now it produces one-third. The cotton crop of this year may be worth in lint and seed around \$900,000,000 at the farm, or more than the corn crop was worth in any year prior to 1901. This value is 13 per cent above the five year average. The value of the hay crop is about \$720,000,000, an amount which has been exceeded but once, and that in 1907. It is 13 per cent above the average of the preceding five years. Fortunately the wheat crop is divided into two sowings, autumn and spring, so that the two crops are subject to different climatic accidents, as was the case this year. The production of spring and winter wheat is 691,767,000 bushels, or substantially the average of the preceding five years, whereas the value is about \$625,000,000, or 7.6 per cent above the five year average.

"Production per acre is beginning to overtake increase of people. The evidence is very plain that the yields per acre of our crops are now increasing, and if the facts were assembled in detail for the states it would be found that the percentage of increase in yield of many of them is greater than the percentage of normal increase of population—that is, the increase of births over deaths in the old native element."

After presenting many details with regard to the increase of prices on farm products between farmer and consumer, the secretary of agriculture declares that "the conclusion is inevitable that the consumer has no well grounded complaint against the farmer for the prices that he pays. The farmer supplies the capital for production and takes the risk of his losses; his crops are at the mercy of drought and flood and heat and frost, to say nothing of noxious insects and blighting diseases. He supplies hard, exacting, unremitting labor."

The report also says:

"Twenty-eight new associations for the co-operative testing of cows belonging to members were formed during the year; fifty-five are now in operation. Such tests, which enable the owners to discard unprofitable cows, raised the average annual profit per cow in one association from \$21.43 to \$42.82 in four years."

ENJOINS AN AERO CLUB.

Wright Company Complains of Small Pay For Flying at Belmont Park.

New York, Dec. 8.—The Wright company was complainant in an injunction granted by Justice Seabury of the supreme court to restrain the Aero corporation, limited, from paying out or distributing or disbursing any further sums of the proceeds of the aviation meet held at Belmont park under the defendant's management in October.

In the charges the Wright company asserts that the Aero corporation has failed to keep its agreement and that the company has not been paid the per cent that was to have been allowed above a certain sum, and \$15,000 is asked.

Allan A. Ryan, general manager of the tournament, said that the Aero corporation has lived up to its agreement and that the suit is not only unwarranted, but unsportsmanlike.

SECRETARY WILSON.

His Agricultural Report Shows Great Prosperity For Farmers.



RACING EVIDENCE LOST.

Cashier Can't Find Ledger Showing Bookmakers' Account.

New York, Dec. 8.—August Belmont reappeared in the witness chair of the legislative investigation, and Judge Bruce re-examined him concerning expenditures by the Westchester Racing association, which operates Belmont park. Before this examination was completed Mr. Belmont had restfully accused Justice Bruce of asking misleading questions and trying to confuse the witness.

Q. Kirkland, cashier of the Mutual bank, was directed to produce the bank's ledger showing the account of the Metropolitan Turf association (the bookmakers' club) with the Mutual bank. The witness said that the ledger showing that account from Jan. 1, 1908, until June 11, 1908, the latter being the date of the passage of the anti-race track gambling bills, could not be found. He was directed to produce the Metropolitan Turf association's deposit slips.

SETS NEW AVIATION RECORD.

Barrier Flies Sixteen Miles in Less Than Eleven Minutes.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 8.—Rene Barrier flew sixteen miles in 10 minutes 53 1-5 seconds, establishing a new world's record for the distance. Barrier's average height was 4,000 feet, and his speed was at the rate of 87 93-100 miles an hour. He won the Commercial-Appeal's \$5,000 prize for a triangular flight from the Tristate Fair grounds over this city to President's island and return.

He defeated John B. Molsant, who flew the sixteen miles in his monoplane, passing over the city at a height of 6,500 feet.

Shot by Supposed Madman.

New York, Dec. 8.—Albert Balk, a watchman on the Second Avenue "L," was shot and seriously wounded as he was passing through one of the empty cars stored on the middle track at Ninety-eighth street. His assailant, who is thought to have been demented, escaped, but left an overcoat and a hat behind. In a pocket in the overcoat the police found a notebook in which was written: "My name is Simon Bryant. I live at 3162 West Colfax avenue, Denver, Colo. I am a musician."

Warning the Colonel.

A raw recruit from a remote corner of the Green Isle was engaged for the first time in a field maneuver in England on outpost duty. The sergeant instructed him to look out carefully for the colonel coming to inspect the post.

After an hour he returned and asked the soldier, "Has the colonel been here?"

Receiving an answer in the negative, he went away, returning later on with the same inquiry.

A while later the colonel appeared. The recruit did not salute properly, which incensed the colonel, who as a hint asked him:

"Do you know who I am?"

"Faith and I do not," answered the recruit.

"I am the colonel."

"Begorra, you will catch it then," said the soldier. "The sergeant has been asking twice for yez already!"

Mayonnaise.

Cardinal Richelieu is credited with having invented mayonnaise.

The Bedroom Lamp.

When using a kerosene lamp in a bedroom place it in front of the mirror, but not near enough for it to heat the glass. There will be about twice as much light, the mirror acting like a reflector.

Changing Sides.

When summer heat can't be defied and scorching zephyrs raid, The man who loves life's sunny side Will now prefer the shade.

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Punishment to Fit Crime.

"What do you think ought to be done with persons who give short weights in trade?"

"I think they ought to be given long waits in jail."—Baltimore American.

Shot at Shakespeare.

"Shakespeare was a smart man," said Si Simlin, "but there was times when he didn't hit it right."

"For instance?"

"That remark about 'rather bear the ills we have than fly to others that we know not of.' If that was the case there wouldn't be no hoss trades."—Washington Star.

A Gala Season.

Willie—South of the equator Christmas comes right in the summer time. Johnny—Right close to de Fourt o' July. Gee, wot a snap!

A Christmas Query.

"Why does Santa reindeer use?" Asked eager little Kate.

"This time of year I think snowdeer 'Mash more appropriate."

Maternal Pride.

Mr. Newlywed—This paper says there are 50,000,000 babies born every year. Mrs. Newlywed—Oh, darling, doesn't that make you proud? Mr. N.—Why should it? Mrs. N.—Why, just to think that our baby is the smartest and prettiest of 50,000,000.—Cleveland Leader.

An Amendment.

A health hint says, "Do not bet your food." And a comedian comes back with the observation, "It is much better to use a padlock."—Exchange.

Are You One of the Always Tired Kind?

Why are you more tired in the morning than when you retired? Why are you equal to further exertion after your dinner? You are quite played out. The trouble you habitually overload your stomach. Your liver is congested and your bowels clogged with foul refuse. "What should I do?" you say. Why, take Smith's Pineapple and Bitternut Pills for just one week. Take one or two each night when you retire. They will make you feel better all day long and in a week's time your tired, despondent, blue condition will have vanished. As an after-dinner pill nothing can take the place of Smith's Pineapple and Bitternut Pills, for they possess not only the antiseptic and resolvent properties of pineapple, but also the laxative and tonic properties of bitternut. They improve digestion, assimilation and nutrition, and stimulate a torpid liver or a sluggish condition of the bowels. Physicians use and recommend. They form no habit. You should always keep them on hand. These little Vegetable Pills will ward off many ills.

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Fielding at Lisbon.
Lisbon contains the grave of Henry Fielding. It was on Oct. 4, 1754, that Fielding died in the Portuguese capital, and it was in 1830 that his tomb was erected in the English cemetery. And Fielding didn't like Lisbon. "As the houses, convents, churches, etc., are large," he wrote, "and all built with white stone, they look beautiful at a distance, but as you approach nearer and find them to want every kind of ornament all idea of beauty vanishes at once." At that time a voyage to Lisbon was an undertaking not lightly to be contemplated. It took Fielding exactly fifty days of foul weather.—St. James' Gazette.

Norwegian Wives Half Fare.
Under a new Norwegian railway regulation, when husband and wife are traveling together the wife need only pay half price. The idea may simply be to encourage family life, on the theory that a Norwegian who normally leaves his wife at home will be tempted take her along at reduced rates. It will, of course, be necessary when taking a husband-and-wife ticket to display one's marriage certificate and make an affidavit that the lady is one's wife, in order to prevent collusion at the booking office between perfect strangers.—Kansas City Journal.

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