

SHORT NEWS STORIES.

Tankee Patriotism—Caught Them Larking—The Prodigal's Reception.

Many a good story has been told of President McKinley's visit to Camp Wikoff, but for simple pathos and the downright, hearty patriotism that wins battles and makes nations there are few that will excel this: As the president passed through the wards in the hospital the news of his arrival spread rapidly, and when he entered one of the last wards all of the men were ready to receive him. One poor fellow, gaunt, emaciated and unshaven, by a supreme effort got out of his cot and braced himself in a standing position by its side as the president approached.

"Don't get up, sir," said Mr. McKinley kindly as he saw what the soldier had done. "Don't get up. It is not at all necessary. I'll talk to you where you are."

The sick soldier's eye brightened, and he drew himself up straighter. "I'm pretty weak, I know," he said tremblingly, "but, by God, I'm strong enough to stand up before the president of the United States."

President McKinley shook both the soldier's hands and passed silently on while the soldier slipped back into his cot. The president's face wore a warmer tinge for some time after that.—Brooklyn Times.

Caught Them "Larking." Impudence occasionally meets with its just reward, and possibly none would envy the feelings of the youth who, when Sir Evelyn Wood was appointed quartermaster general of the British forces, attempted to show his wit at the expense of his wisdom.

Sir Evelyn was little known at the office, and it happened that some of the clerks in a certain room were engaged in "larking" when a quiet looking gentleman walked in. The most impudent of the young men, thinking that the stranger was a visitor who had by mistake come into the wrong rooms, demanded in a peremptory voice: "What is your business here?"

"My business!" repeated the stranger in a tone of mingled surprise and sternness. "Yes, sir, your business!" persisted the clerk.

"It is with the duke," was the answer. "He has been suddenly summoned to Windsor, and Lord Wolsley's in bed



"YOUR NAME, SIR?" DEMANDED THE STRANGER. "with the mumps," ventured the young man, bent on carrying on his joke at the expense of this inexperienced stranger, as he deemed him. "Your name, sir?" demanded the stranger in an imperative tone.

"My name is Plantagenet Zama, distant relation of her gracious majesty." "Indeed! And mine is Sir Evelyn Wood. I am quartermaster general to the forces, and I see now how her majesty is served."

The unfortunate clerk, who was not yet aware that his impudence had cost him dear, looked round with a grin, expecting to meet with applause for his talent, and became suddenly aware that all his companions were working away with the most extraordinary earnestness. Instantly the full force of the situation dawned upon him.

"Horror!" he ejaculated. "I took you for a crank with a grievance!" and then he subsided.

The Prodigal's Reception. When James Whitcomb Riley returned from a triumphal trip through the states to his native town, he was requested to give a "reading" from the works that made him famous.

A party of charming young ladies, musicians from a neighboring metropolis, were to divide the programme with the poet. One of these ladies appeared first, winning enthusiastic applause. She was followed by a singer of ballads, and then the chairman led the blushing poet forward and introduced him in terms calculated to recall the story of the prodigal returned from far lands. The reading proceeded and was succeeded by decorous silence, the poet retiring gladly to the friendly shade of a hand painted stage mountain. Turning to one of the musical young ladies, he stammered out the inquiry: "How—how do you think they like it?"

The young person grinned sympathetically. "I fear," she said, "your people have decided to slaughter the prodigal and save the calf."

And, alas, subsequent appearances proved that they had so decided.—Exchange.

Distrustful. "Why don't you look at the new postoffice clock when you want to know what time it is?" asked the friend.

"Maybe it's a mistaken idea," answered the man who harbors suspicions, "but when I think of how long it took to get started I can't help thinking it must be hurrying now to make up for lost time."—Washington Star.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Employer and Driver—War and the Inventors—Volcanic France.

[Special Correspondence.]

The heavy beer wagon lumbered down Thirteenth street and turned sharply into F street. The two giant horses reared upon their haunches as the driver suddenly drew back on the reins. But it was too late. He had turned the corner so swiftly that he had not noticed the short, stout man who was trying to get out of the way of the big horses. The little man held his umbrella up as a shield, but in vain. The nearest horse struck him and knocked him backward into the street. Luckily the speed had been checked sufficiently so that the horses did not tread upon the prostrate form.

A policeman rushed up and jerked the terrified driver from his seat. Crowds of citizens rushed to the aid of the fallen man and assisted him to his feet. He commenced to swear vigorously in spite of the profanity ordinance which made him eligible for arrest.

"Officer," he cried angrily as he brushed his clothes, "must a man wear a fender when he crosses the street? Is there no protection from these ignorant drivers of beer wagons? Here, you idiotic driver! You're a this, and a that, and something else also! Can't you see, you unprintable thing, you? How dare you ruin my clothes by turning that corner so sharply? How dare you laugh at me, you so and so? I'll have you arrested. I'll have your employer fined. Officer, hold that man until his employer pays me for the damage done me. Any man who will employ such an ignorant blockhead as a driver ought to be compelled to pay a fine of \$1,000. I'll see about this, bumpkin."

The driver, at first afraid to look at the man he had knocked down, pushed his way through the crowd to beg for leniency. Suddenly he gasped. "It's the master," he cried, "an I never see him. I lose mine job sure here."

"Officer," interrupted the short, stout man, "let the man go. I will settle with him. And never mind what I said about fining his employer. The man drives for me."

The short, stout man was connected with a well known brewery in Washington and presumably squared things with his driver later that night.

War and the Inventors.

Commissioner of Patents Duell says he noticed a slight decline in the applications for patents during the war and attributes it to the fact that many mechanics who are inventors enlisted, for since peace has been established applications for patents are again normal. The war naturally stimulated the minds of inventors, and as a consequence hundreds of applications have been filed for military apparatus and engines. In some future war some of the things for which applications for patents are made will be valuable agents, but many are the work of cranks and have no value except to the student of psychology.

Some of these applications are amusing enough. One from a minister of the gospel in Texas, accompanying a bomb, which, it is claimed, will destroy the largest battleship the moment it strikes the deck, apologizes for the fact that one of his profession, whose duty it is to save souls, should have invented so destructive an engine. He explains, however, that the quicker the war is ended and the more destructive it is the more souls will be saved, thinking perhaps to conduct conversions in the same manner that the Irishman converted the drowning Jew, who, after making him repeat the Creed, thrust the poor Hebrew under the water, rejoicing that he had saved one soul.

Volcanic France.

"Matters in France may quiet down in a little while and things regain their normal condition, but just at present the outlook is decidedly stormy," said Mr. W. Holman of London to some newspaper men the other evening.

"The whole atmosphere of the nation right now is volcanic, and there is no telling when an upheaval may come. All this is by no means pleasant for the foreigners who have gone to great trouble and expense to make an exhibit at the Paris exposition, and lots of them would pay handsomely for a guarantee that peace would be maintained until the exposition was over. The situation at best is disquieting, and there are many who believe that such a state of revolution will exist when the time comes for holding it that the exposition will have to be abandoned."

"The best reason for doubting these gloomy predictions is that there is no single individual in France with enough prestige and ability to play the role of Bonaparte. If the great emperor could come back to earth, he would work his own sweet will with the republic."

Followed by Lil. "Wherever we went on the Hawaiian Islands," said Senator Morgan of Alabama, one of the commissioners whom President McKinley named to recommend a code of laws and a form of government for our possessions recently annexed, "we were followed by the queen, Liliuokalani. She pursued us from island to island, and at different places held a 'hokupu,' or native reception. She was attended by a few of the Kanakas and one or two white people. In thus receiving the homage of some of her former subjects she was able to take up frequent collections. The Hawaiians in many instances brought her presents, and often there were native feasts, the viands being of course contributed by those attending."

Progress in Korea. The consular reports to the state department from Korea show that the foreign trade of the Hermit Kingdom in 1897 was almost double the highest figure that was ever reached before, and that the increase of imports from the United States was quite noticeable.

OSCAR SCHROEDER.

About Two Royal Ladies.

It is generally admitted among members of the royal family that the Princess of Wales has the most artistic eye for the arrangement of flowers, and a well known west end florist has stated that a table or a room decked with blossoms by the princess's hands is as beautiful and effective as one could possibly wish for. The princess arranges all her own flowers in her boudoir and attends with her own hands to her particular favorite ferns.

The sound business capacity and marvelous memory for details which served Queen Victoria so well in her greater office of sovereign do not fail to render her successful also in her lesser one of housekeeper. She is the mistress of palaces, castles and country houses, and although the actual daily housekeeping is of course done by deputy the royal head of the establishment remains ever in a very real sense the mistress. She perceives immediately anything amiss and perceives also the remedy.

Melba's Street Music.

A discussion having arisen as to whether a certain eminent violinist then present could earn a dollar by playing in the street, Mme. Melba took the negative side and is reported as saying: "I have my own experience to base my opinion upon. Why," continued the great singer, laughing, "we tried just such an experiment last summer at my country home in England. Joachim was visiting us and a certain celebrated 'cellist, when one afternoon the idea of a great frolic occurred to us. We put on old clothes and out we sailed, all three, and took up our positions on one of the locks on the Thames, and there we made music for two whole hours. Joachim and the 'cellist played and I sang. And now how much money do you suppose we took in? Just 7 shillings and 6 pence, or \$1.87."

A Woman's Annex.

The University of Alabama is to have a woman's annex, and it has been named in honor of Miss Julia Tutwiler, who was mainly instrumental in obtaining the privileges of the state institution for girls. The annex is to be a residence set apart for the use of young ladies from a distance who wish to take advantage of the opportunity for higher education. There will be a matron under whom the young ladies can do light housekeeping.—Woman's Tribune.

She Runs a Farm.

One of the most prosperous farmers in Oklahoma is Mrs. Jane Crump, who lives near Calumet. Four years ago her husband died, and since then she and a 14-year-old boy have cultivated 320 acres of land and this year raised over 5,000 bushels of wheat, besides corn, oats and other things. The widow plows every day and has paid a large amount of obligations of her dead husband since his death.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

American Girls With Titles.

Discussion as to whether Mrs. Curzon will have the most distinguished partner ever taken in English society by an American woman has recalled the three granddaughters of Charles Carroll, the "signer." One of them was the wife of an Irish viceroy, the Marquis Wellesley, the Duke of Wellington's elder brother. The other two were respectively the Duchess of Leeds and Lady Stafford.

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE for "The Story of the Philippines" by Murat Halstead, commissioned by the Government as Official Historian to the War Department. The book was written in army camps at San Francisco, on the Pacific with General Merritt, in the hospitals at Honolulu, in Hong Kong, in the American trenches at Manila, in the insurgent camps with Aguinaldo, on the deck of the Olympia with Dewey, and in the rear of battle at the fall of Manila. Bonanza for agents. Brimful of original pictures taken by government photographers on the spot. Large book. Low prices. Big profits. Freight paid. Credit given. Drop all trashy unofficial war books. Outline free. Address, F. T. Barber, Sec'y., Star Insurance Bldg., Chicago.

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Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway. The short line between DuBois, Ridgway, Bradford, Salamanca, Buffalo, Rochester, Niagara Falls and points in the upper Ohio region. On and after July 3rd, 1898, passenger trains will arrive and depart from Falls Creek station, daily, except Sunday, as follows: 7:25 a. m., 1:40 and 4:20 p. m. for Curwensville and Clearfield. 9:57 a. m.—Rochester mail—For Brockwayville, Ridgway, Johnsonburg, Mt. Jewett, Bradford, Salamanca, Buffalo and Rochester, connecting at Johnsonburg with P. & E. train 3, for Wilcox, Kane, Warren, Corry and Erie. 10:37 a. m.—Accommodation—For Sykes, Big Run and Punxsutawney. 10:50 a. m.—For Reynoldsville. 1:15 p. m.—Buffalo Express—For Beechtree, Brockwayville, Ellimont, Curmon, Ridgway, Johnsonburg, Mt. Jewett, Bradford, and Buffalo. 1:30 p. m.—Accommodation for Punxsutawney and Big Run. 4:10 p. m.—Mail—For DuBois, Sykes, Big Run, Punxsutawney and Clearfield. 7:50 p. m.—Accommodation for Big Run and Punxsutawney. Passengers are requested to purchase tickets before entering the cars. An excess charge of Ten Cents will be collected by conductors when fares are paid on trains from all stations where a ticket office is maintained. Thousand mile tickets at two cents per mile, good for passage between all stations. J. H. McINTYRE, Agent, Falls Creek, Pa. E. C. LAFAY, Gen. Pass. Agent, Rochester N. Y.

Allegheny Valley Railway Company, in effect Sunday, June 29, 1898, Low Grade Division.

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JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD. (WEEKDAYS) TRAIN 19 leaves Ridgway 8:35 a. m.; Johnsonburg at 9:10 a. m., arriving at Clearmont at 10:30 a. m. TRAIN 20 leaves Clearmont at 10:40 a. m., arriving at Johnsonburg at 11:30 a. m. and Ridgway at 11:50 a. m.

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