

# EPITOME OF EVENTS

PARAGRAPHS THAT PERTAIN TO MANY SUBJECTS.

ARE SHORT BUT INTERESTING

Brief Mention of What is Transpiring in Various Sections of Our Own and Foreign Countries.

## WASHINGTON.

Attempts by German interests to build the United States for rights to construct an interoceanic canal across Nicaragua were revealed to the senate foreign relations committee by Nicaraguan Minister Chamorro. The minister said Germans had urged that the \$1,000,000 offered by the United States for canal rights and other concessions was not enough.

President Wilson is expected this week to announce a decision on the petition of Frank M. Ryan, former president of the structural iron workers' union, and the other twenty-nine defendants in the dynamiting conspiracy who have asked for executive clemency. The convicted men are at liberty on bail, but unless the president intervenes they must go to jail this week.

House leaders are said to have about agreed not to force a vote at this session on the Hobson resolution to amend the federal constitution so as to provide a nationwide prohibition. Many of the democrats in the house have protested strongly against immediate action on the resolution on account of the effect it might have upon their fall campaigns for re-election.

Seventeen railway companies, constituting transcontinental freight routes, are liable under the decision of the United States supreme court in the so-called intermountain cases for many millions of dollars in reparation on shipments made since the institution of the cases. The precise amount involved in claims already filed with the interstate commerce commission has not been estimated, but it approximates \$12,000,000.

Railroads are not liable for injury to interstate employees or members of their families riding on passes which contain stipulations that the passenger assumes all risks while being so transported. The United States supreme court so decided, and held that a pass is not to be regarded as part of the compensation for which the employee works, but is in reality free and subject to any conditions the railroad may impose.

## DOMESTIC.

John W. Goodnow approves of changes made in the Chinese constitution.

Former President William H. Taft received the honorary degree of doctor of laws at the Amherst commencement at Amherst, Mass.

A score of persons injured, two of whom are expected to die, and about fifty homes either totally or partially wrecked, are the results of a tornado which struck Watertown, S. D.

Shots fired into a crowd of insurgent miners by sheriff's deputies stationed in miners' union hall in Butte, Mont., killed a bystander, wounded two others, one fatally and led to three partially successful attempts to dynamite the building.

Announcement has been made that on July 1, W. Averill Harriman, son of the late E. H. Harriman, will succeed W. V. S. Thorne as vice president and director of purchasers of the Union Pacific railway. Mr. Thorne will remain on the board of directors.

A minimum weekly wage of \$9 for women and girls employed in laundries and dye works in Washington has been recommended to the state industrial welfare commission by the conference of employers, employees and interested citizens called to fix a wage for that industry.

Delegates to the Northern Baptist convention at Boston subscribed in person \$50,000 towards wiping out the debt of \$76,000 hanging over the Home and Foreign Mission societies. In addition, John D. Rockefeller gave \$50,000 and promised a second installment of the same size, if needed.

The head camp of the Modern Woodmen of America elected A. R. Talbot of Lincoln, Neb., head consul of the society for the fifth consecutive time, together with all the administrative candidates.

T. P. Artraud, supervisor of land appraisals for the Interstate Commerce commission, has gone to San Francisco to begin an inspection of the various districts appointed by an act of congress for the physical valuation of the railroads of the United States.

The Aero club of America announced that it had received advices from the Massachusetts institute of technology that it will offer a course in aeronautics, beginning with the next academic year.

The administration anti-trust program was definitely started on its way to the statute books when the house, with the legislative machinery working under forced draft, completed consideration of the Covington Trade Commission bill and laid that measure aside for final passage.

Major Dan M. Roberts of Terre Haute, Ind., charged with conspiracy to corrupt elections, was found not guilty by a jury in the Terre Haute circuit court. The jury was out this 45 minutes.

Seceders at Butte launched a new union of miners. Mediators at Niagara Falls believe they see a possible solution of existing problem.

The fourteenth international Sunday school convention has opened in Chicago with 4,000 delegates.

A forty-year feud over timber land ended when Charles Harris, a farmer, was instantly killed by a bullet fired from the revolver of his brother, James. The slayer gave himself up. He said his brother had attacked him with an ax.

Forced to leave Mexico, they claim, because their property was confiscated and their stock stolen, seventy-five Kickapoo Indians, who migrated to the southern republic from Oklahoma several years ago, are encamped at Eagle Pass, Tex., awaiting aid from the United States government.

The gift of \$400,000 to the Yale medical school announced as from an "anonymous giver," by President Hadley at the dinner of the alumni, following observance of the centenary of the department is from the members of the Leander family of Pittsburgh and Greenwich, Conn., it was announced at New Haven.

The federal grand jury at Honolulu indicted Jeff McCarn, United States attorney for the territory, of Honolulu, who is charged with assaulting Claudius McBride, an attorney, with a deadly weapon. McCarn and McBride quarreled at the head of the stairs of the federal building in a dispute over the legal aspects of a case under consideration in the federal courts.

Two tellers of the defunct Chicago LaSalle Street Trust and Savings bank, Michael H. Liston and James F. Ahern, were taken before the grand jury investigating the affairs of the bank just before adjournment. Most of the day the jurors had spent going over the report of Daniel V. Harkin, state bank examiner, who took charge of the bank after closing its doors.

By the will of Mrs. Morris K. Jesup, filed at New York, millions of dollars are left to public ecclesiastical institutions and to Mrs. Jesup's relatives. The American Museum of Natural History received \$300,000 for research work; the Syrian Protestant college at Beirut, Syria, \$400,000; Yale university, \$300,000; Union Theological seminary, \$200,000, and the Young Men's Christian association, \$250,000.

An appeal to strengthen the Irish volunteers and "enable them to confront adequately this audacious attempt of British aristocracy and an Irish minority to put down by force the liberties of the Irish people" was declared by Michael J. Ryan, president of the United Irish League of America, at Philadelphia, in a cablegram from Joan Redmond, leader of the Irish nationalist party. The cablegram was sent from London.

Alba B. Johnson, president of a locomotive works in Philadelphia, employing 15,000 men when running full-handed, told the United States Commission on Industrial Relations at Philadelphia, that the so-called efficiency system of scientific management has found no place in the plant of which he is the head and also that in the opinion of the management of the works, organized labor "levels downward."

## FOREIGN.

Agents of Carranza seek the return of officials ousted by Villa.

A revolutionary plot and a plan to assassinate President Leonidas Plaza and proclaim the rebel leader, Col. Carlos Concha, provisional president of Ecuador, was discovered by the government at Quito. The leaders in the plot were immediately arrested.

An unexploded bomb was found in the porch way of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, at Reading, Eng., apparently placed there by militant suffragets. The machine consisted of a tin can full of explosives, with a fuse attached. The fuse had been lighted but had gone out.

Seriousness of the Hatien revolution has caused President Zamora to take the field in person. During the president's absence from the capital the government will be in the hands of a commission, which will act with the cabinet. Conditions in Port Au Prince are reported quiet.

According to information received, the constitutional army commanded by General Alamillo, has captured the city of Zapotlan, a large railroad center in the state of Jalisco, ninety miles south of Guadalajara. The occupation of Zapotlan is regarded as an important step in the campaign against Guadalajara.

Two hundred coal miners were entombed in the Vielle-Marilhaye colliery, near Liege, Belgium, when fire broke out. Two hundred of their comrades escaped when the alarm was given.

The British challenger for the America's cup, Shamrock IV, has had her first hard weather trial with the older Shamrock and acquitted herself well. In a stiff northwesterly breeze, necessitating reefed mainsails, the challenger worked out a lead of three minutes in a run of five miles.

The new French cabinet, of which Senator Ribot is premier, was defeated in the first division taken in the new chamber of deputies by a vote of 30 to 262. The premier immediately resigned.

Some of the unionists who have been the strongest supporters of the Ulster volunteers, including Andrew Bonar Law, Robert Cecil and Leopold Charles Amery, attacked the government in the British House of Commons for its failure to suppress the nationalist volunteers.

# WRITES MORE NOTES

JAPAN AGAIN PROTESTS AGAINST EXCLUSION.

MIKADO PLANS TO RETALIATE

Reserves Right of Maintaining Condition of Reciprocity Respecting Several States.

Washington, D. C.—Japan's protests against the California alien land law, brought conspicuously before the public again by publication of the correspondence between the Washington and Tokio governments, was discussed with absorbing interest in official and diplomatic circles.

Secretary Bryan said the Japanese note of June 10 last, which reopened the subject after nearly a year had elapsed since a formal communication had come from Tokio, would be made public with the American reply within a few days.

It is known that Japan, abandoning the idea of negotiating a new treaty to guarantee property rights to its subjects, now has asked for a reply to its note of August 26 last, in which the United States was pressed to stop the "obnoxious discriminations" resulting from the California legislation.

"There is but one remedy," this note said, "and the imperial government is unable to escape the conclusion that the duty of applying that remedy devolves solely upon the government of the United States, as the measure" complained of, despite the protest lodged by you, has been permitted to go into operation."

One phase of the negotiations disclosed in the correspondence which attracted particular interest in official circles, was said to suggest the possibility of an issue entirely new in the history of the United States. In italics in connection with the promise by the Japanese government to grant land ownership to Americans, appeared the words, "reserving for the future, however, the right of maintaining the condition of reciprocity with respect to the separate states."

This was pointed out appeared to be a distinct reservation by the Japanese government of the right to retaliate directly upon the Californians by singling them out among American citizens for exclusion from the right to possess real property in Japan.

## Eastman Case Practically Finished.

Buffalo, N. Y.—The government case against the Eastman Kodak case against the Eastman Kodak Co. for alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, was practically finished when John Lord O'Brien, United States attorney, introduced as evidence fifty contracts covering the purchase by the Eastman Co. of rival corporations, and the agreements by which it is alleged the European supply of raw paper for export was cornered. Photographic copies of the contracts submitted were order produced several months ago by the court. After receiving them Judge John R. Hazel adjourned the case until September 22.

## Will Build Cell Houses.

Leavenworth, Kan.—The twelve iron workers, convicted in the nunamite conspiracy cases have resumed the serving of their sentences in the federal penitentiary where they left off when they were released on bail last New Year's day. The men were garbed in prison clothes and assigned to cells. With the arrival of Eugene C. Clancy, of San Francisco, and Frank J. Higgins of Boston, the men will take up their old places on the work of constructing the cell houses.

## Minister of Venezuela Died.

Atlantic City, N. J.—P. Ezequiel Rojas, minister from Venezuela to the United States, died at a hotel here. Death was due to a heart condition of long standing. He arrived here two weeks ago with his secretary and valet, who were at the bedside at the end. The body will be sent to Washington. He deceased was 70 years old.

## Operators Issue Ultimatum.

Columbus, O.—Operators of the five Ohio sub-districts carrying on negotiations on a wage scale with 45,000 miners, have delivered what they said is their ultimatum. They offer to pay 14.69 cents a ton for machine mined coal on the mine run basis. The miners heretofore have demanded 59.64 cents.

## Claim Both Championships.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—As a result of its victory over Pennsylvania, Coach Lundgren claims the 1914 collegiate championship, both east and west, for the University of Michigan.

## New Postal Card Issued.

Washington, D. C.—Issuance of a new domestic postal card has been announced by the postoffice department. "It is to replace the card now in use, which bears the profile of the late President McKinley. The new one will bear the portrait of Jefferson."

## Belva Lockwood Breaks Arm.

Washington, D. C.—Miss Belva A. Lockwood, the only woman who ever ran for the presidency of the United States, fell in her office here and suffered a broken arm.

## Correspondence Published.

Washington.—Diplomatic correspondence between the United States and Japan over the California anti-alien law extending over a period of more than a year, was published simultaneously in Washington and Tokio by agreement of the two governments.

## Fire at Rapid City.

Rapid City, S. D.—Fire in the Warren Lumber company's yard here destroyed a planing mill and nearly 4,000,000 feet of lumber. The loss is estimated at over \$100,000.

# NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

An old settlers' picnic will be held at Union August 14 and 15.

W. H. Goodwin, Geona merchant, suffered a fractured hip in a runaway accident.

Mrs. C. C. West, a pioneer resident of Nebraska, is seriously ill at her home at Dunbar.

Sidney has voted to issue \$15,000 bonds for the erection of a new city high school building.

The Dodge Criterion, J. J. McFarland, editor, appeared last week in a brand new suit of clothes.

The Madison Commercial club is making arrangements to hold a Fourth of July celebration.

William Harrison, sr., has sold his cement factory located at Dunbar and has moved to Osakis, Minn.

Pope Coulter, Jr., was injured when kicked by a horse at the farm of John Duncan, east of Dunbar.

Harry L. Parsons has sold his hall interest in the Central City Republic to his partner, Robert Rice.

James Schoonover has sold his interest in the Aurora Republican to his partners, Clark Perkins and Charles Carlson.

Fred Meyer was sentenced to serve ninety days in the county jail at West Point for obtaining \$90 under false pretenses.

Walter Henry, twenty-two years old, committed suicide at the family home near West Point while temporarily insane.

The city council of Kearney has awarded to the United Trust Co. of Omaha \$45,000 5 per cent funding bonds at par.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Johnson and Claud and Pearl Johnson of Cass county have taken up homesteads near Winifred, Mont.

Mrs. Robert Schinkus of Madison was granted a decree of divorce and \$7,000 alimony Monday by the judge of the district court.

The remonstrance against issuing a liquor license to Fred Benson of Newman Grove has been overruled by the district court at Madison.

The presence of army worms in alarming numbers is causing some uneasiness among the farmers in the vicinity of Table Rock.

Seven bootleggers were recently caught by the police of Scottsbluff.

The Beatrice creamery at Oxford was partially destroyed by fire.

J. R. McKee, seventy-five years old pioneer of Palmyra, has been suddenly stricken blind. He was prominent in Otoe county politics for many years.

Rev. J. P. Giffen and Misses Arvilla Murray and Audra Wilkinson of Dunbar are attending the Sunday school meeting of the United Presbyterian church at Ewing.

Miss Ada Bloedorn of Franklin has left to visit her brother, W. A. Bloedorn, surgeon at the Washington navy yard. Miss Bloedorn is dean of music in the Franklin academy.

A boat was upset with three boys in the flood water of Beaver Creek, near Ravenna. George Bushhouse was drowned, the others escaped. His body has not been recovered.

A coroner's jury exonerated Mrs. Irene Marlich of South Omaha from any responsibility concerning the death of her husband, who died from gun wounds received during a quarrel with his wife.

Fred Saito, a Japanese, was arraigned before United States Commissioner Cleary at Grand Island Monday night on a charge of violating the white slave law. He is held under \$2,000 bond.

The seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shaffer of Cedar Creek has been taken to Chicago to receive treatment. He was recently bitten by a dog which was believed to be affected with rabies.

While Rolla Gilbert was cultivating corn south of Beemer his team became frightened and started to run. Mr. Gilbert received a bad cut on the thigh which required several stitches to draw together.

Prisoners in the county jail and county officers at Fremont have collected \$40 for the hospital expenses of John Carey, convicted of stealing brass. He has been ill for some time and his condition is critical.

Gerd Neuhub, Ed Palmer, Mrs. J. W. McKay and Miss Nell Burns, residents of Syracuse, while returning from Lincoln in their auto went into a ditch. The women were severely injured, while the men escaped with only minor bruises.

Wheat harvest is on in full swing in Gage county. Although the farm demonstrator reports that a great deal of damage has been wrought by the Hessian fly, he estimates that the wheat will average from fifteen to twenty-five bushels to the acre.

That the young people who are to be married on one of the principal streets of Beatrice on the Fourth of July at noon will receive a great variety of gifts, for both immediate and future use, from the merchants of the city has been assured. They will receive a baby buggy, infant's shoes, clothing, groceries, dry goods, auto rides, etc.

Wert L. Kirk, who sold the Creighton News to Nolan & Streng, seven months ago and went to Idaho to grow up with the country is back in Nebraska. He has purchased the interest of Mr. Streng in the News and his name again appears at the masthead, as editor.

E. W. North, newly installed collector of internal revenues for this district, states that between 1,800 and 2,000 individuals and corporations in said district must pay their income tax before June 30 or be subject to a big penalty. This number has as yet failed to respond.

Judge Button has set July 10 as the date for the hearing on the John O'Conner heirship at Hastings. Two days before that date is the one set for the hearing on the purported will of O'Conner to John Cullivan of Omaha.

That the Gage county wheat yield has been cut short at least ten bushels an acre by the ravages of the Hessian fly is the opinion of C. H. Leubers, farm demonstrator for Gage county. Harvest will be on in full swing this week, farmers estimating the yield at from fifteen to twenty-five bushels to the acre.

# U. P. IS VICTORIOUS

BIG ROAD GAINS NEARLY EVERY POINT.

NO RECEIVER TO BE APPOINTED

Supersedes Bond of \$100,000 Suggested by Defendants is Granted and Filed.

Lincoln.—The United States court, with Judges T. C. and W. H. Munger on the bench, has handed down a decision in the St. Joseph & Grand Island railroad case in which the Union Pacific won almost everything for which its attorneys asked. General Solicitor N. H. Loomis and Attorney Myron Learned for the minority stockholders of the Grand Island road, battled before the court in the matter of settling the decree which was handed down by the same court on May 27.

The original decision was altogether against the Union Pacific, owner of the majority stock of the Grand Island and the larger line was ordered to divest itself of its stock in the smaller one within sixty days or see a receiver appointed for the latter road. The same decision enjoined the Union Pacific from voting its stock in the Grand Island property.

In the later proceedings the court made a number of modifications which, for the time being, leaves the Union Pacific in control of affairs of the Grand Island line, although the injunction restraining the former concern from voting its stock in the latter line is left standing. The Union Pacific is also enjoined from receiving any dividends on its Grand Island stock.

But the Union Pacific will continue operating the Grand Island until a final decision is made in the case. In the meantime the Union Pacific asked, and it was allowed, an appeal to the United States circuit court at St. Louis.

The plaintiffs won a strong point when the court ordered that, pending a final decision, St. Joseph & Grand Island must not purchase the Hastings & Northwestern railroad, a small line which the Union Pacific built between Hastings and Gibbon as a connecting link between the main line and the Grand Island line at Hastings. Nor, under the decree, is Grand Island permitted to spend any more money on betterments to its property.

On the other hand the Union Pacific scored strongly when the court ordered that no receiver be appointed for the Grand Island until the final appeal be heard and settled. This was one of the most important points of the action.

The Union Pacific was ordered to give a supersedeas bond in the sum of \$100,000 in the case, this amount being suggested by Mr. Loomis. This bond will cover any damages which may accrue to the plaintiffs should the final decision be in their favor.

## Supreme Court Decisions.

Lincoln.—Supreme court opinions handed down cover a few cases that have been through the Douglas county district court. A saloonkeeper who voluntarily gives up a business location and moves to another location, thereby allowing another saloonkeeper to locate in the former location, cannot have his saloon license refunded. In an action against an employer to recover damages for the death of an employee, alleged to have been caused by the negligence of such employee, the burden of proof is to show some act of negligence as the proximate cause of decedent's death. This is the opinion of the supreme court in the case brought by Elizabeth C. Rine, administratrix of the estate of Joseph Rhine, who was killed while employed by A. Schall & Co. The court holds that the Douglas county district court erred in refusing to direct the jury to return a verdict for the defendant.

The supreme court hands down a lengthy opinion involving the rights of stockholders of a defunct corporation and their liability for stock held therein. The case was brought by the receiver, Charles T. Dickinson, to recover from the stockholders of the Omaha & Nebraska Central Railway company for the amounts secured against the stockholders by judgment of the court. The high court holds that the decree of the district court against the defendants is not valid and reverses the case.

## Stout Gets Life Term.

Lincoln.—Harry M. Stout, the Detroit murderer, will not try the electric chair. He appeared in district court and changed his former plea of not guilty of manslaughter, and was sentenced to life imprisonment. Commitment papers were at once made out and he was taken to the penitentiary to begin his sentence. Stout killed his wife and wounded her sister by shooting on a Burlington train in the Lincoln yards about a month ago and then nearly ended his own life by cutting his throat.

## Slight Decline in Valuations.

Lincoln.—The total assessed valuation of all property in Saunders county as reported to the state board of assessment is a trifle less than the amount reported last year. The total last year was \$10,493,969. This year it is \$10,480,966, a decrease of \$13,000 in the assessed or one-fifth valuator. The assessed value of bank capital stock decreased \$270,000, full value or \$54,000 assessed value. But for the decrease in bank property the total assessed value of the county would have shown an increase.

# WHO IS WHO NOW

VOTED FOR HIM TWICE ON SAME DAY



Representative Michael Donohoe of Philadelphia, who, his friends boast and his enemies admit, won his election less upon political issues than his attractive personality, takes but a small part in practical politics.

"I'm very green at the game," he declares (a good color for a native-born Irishman, by the way), "which makes me somewhat of a shining mark in some respects. The morning after my last election there breezed into my office a fellow, large and pleasant. He effusively congratulated me with both hands and every breath—which was alcoholically overcharged—and assured me of the satisfaction it had given him to vote for me. Thinking him, I asked: "What part of the district do you live in?"

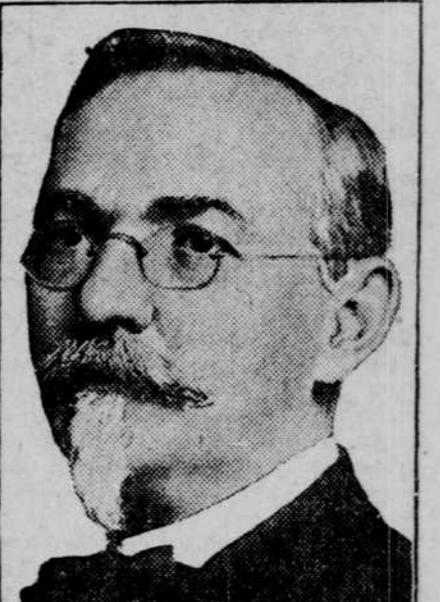
"O'm from over th' bridge," he replied in rich County Carlow brogue! (Mr. Donohoe doesn't have to make any effort to get that brogue.)

"This meant nothing to me, ignorant of political metres and bounds, so I again asked: "What ward do you live in?"

"And O'm in Kelly's ward, to be sure, y'r honor," he replied. "Kelly's ward?" I queried, for I did know enough to identify a well-known local leader. "Why Kelly's ward isn't in my district at all!"

## "JERRY" DONOVAN'S CHANGE OF HEART

Representative "Jerry" Donovan, a Democrat from Connecticut, who bristles indignantly when he contemplates absenteeism in the house, renounced the other day an opportunity to preside over that body and gave to Speaker Clark the credit of unintentionally preventing a night session.



Under the special rule for the consideration of the antitrust bills the house was to hold night sessions while general debate continued. When the hour for the dinner recess arrived one Saturday Representative Webb asked unanimous consent that adjournment be taken until Monday, setting aside the night session.

"I object," said Mr. Donovan. "We have nobody to speak," said Mr. Webb, casting his eye over the twenty-odd members present.

"Then go ahead with the reading of the bill," said Mr. Donovan. "Where is everybody? Where are the distinguished gentlemen who ought to be on the Republican side?"

"Where are the Democrats?" interjected a voice from the Republican side. "Well, I'm tired of all this debate," said Mr. Donovan. "You must meet tonight unless the gentleman in charge of the bill agrees to knock off five hours from the time."

Mr. Webb said he couldn't think of doing this. Both Republicans and Democrats crowded around the Connecticut member to beg him not to force a night session. He shook his head.

The chair names the gentleman from Connecticut to preside at the night session," said Speaker Clark. Mr. Donovan became thoughtful.

"Rather than preside over this body," said Mr. Donovan, who is serving his first term. "I will withdraw my objection." The house adjourned until Monday.

## WINGO TELLS ONE ON HIMSELF



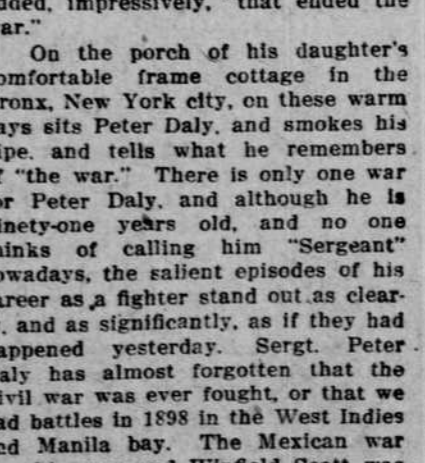
Representative Otis Wingo of Arkansas looks more like the southern congressman imaged in the popular mind than any man in the capital's public life. In Prince Albert coat, black slouch hat and black string tie falling over a capacious expanse of white shirt front, as he walks sedately down the corridor, he seems to have stepped bodily from the pages of some political novel.

And Mr. Wingo knows it; also he is proud of it. Hence, when he told the following little story on himself it was only upon the solemn oath of his auditor that not a word of it should appear in print. It seems that Mr. Wingo, having in tow a visiting constituent whom he wished to impress with his political magnitude, was standing waiting at the door of an elevator in the House office building. Mr. Wingo rang the bell; but to his disgust the descending elevator swept airily by without even hesitating. This hurt.

"Why didn't you stop for me on your way down just now?" queried Mr. Wingo sourly as they were descending on the next trip. "Couldn't stop for you," replied the elevator boy with lofty finality. "Had a congressman on board."

"And this," ejaculated Mr. Wingo, as he told the story, "before that constituent!"

## MAN WHO CAPTURED SANTA ANNA



"And so Gen. Santa Anna surrendered to me," said Sergt. Peter Daly, "and I introduced him to the line sergeant, and off we all went to Gen. Winfield Scott. And" Sergeant Daly added, impressively, "that ended the war."

On the porch of his daughter's comfortable frame cottage in the Bronx, New York city, on these warm days sits Peter Daly, and smokes his pipe, and tells what he remembers of "the war." There is only one war for Peter Daly, and although he is ninety-one years old, and no one thinks of calling him "Sergeant" nowadays, the salient episodes of his career as a fighter stand out as clearly, and as significantly, as if they had happened yesterday. Sergt. Peter Daly has almost forgotten that the Civil war was ever fought, or that he had battles in 1838 in the West Indies and Manila bay. The Mexican war was his war, and Winfield Scott was his general. And he, Peter Daly, was the man to whom the Mexican commander surrendered.

"It wasn't any of my doing," he explains, lest pride in his good fortune be mistaken for a false self-esteem. "I just happened to be on the end of the line. That was how it was I took charge of him."

"I was a cavalryman in the Seventh New York, and I was on guard duty at the east end of the division line. It was a long front, about a mile, and I was on the very end of it. And I saw a man coming toward the line, all alone, with a white handkerchief."