

that it is an unusual case, but the authority of the officer over the soldier is so absolute that unless the court of appeal judges between them with impartiality the tendency of all self-respecting Americans, who alone can make soldiers worth having, will be away from a position in which they are treated like slaves. If Lieutenant Lovering is court-martialed, judge and jury will be officers. If he is punished, as the whole civil world thinks he should be it will signify to the world outside as well as inside that although discipline must be maintained, an officer's authority is bounded by law and that a private has rights as well as duties. The private in this particular instance was in the wrong from the start. He was a deserter in the first place. When put in the guardhouse awaiting the time when he should be called to the court to be tried for a military crime, he refused to work. The officer in charge of the court which corresponds to the police court of civil law sent an officer to bring him before the court to answer to the charge of disobedience in refusing to work and the soldier refused to come. Here are three serious military offenses committed one after another by the same man. Even the undisciplined civilian will admit that force was necessary at this point to bring the incorrigible private to terms. Lieutenant Lovering was exasperated by the man's repeated breaches of discipline and not possessing the temper of an angel he ordered him dragged to the court in the most expeditious and humiliating manner that occurred to him. The man's final refusal was a cumulative offense and the officer's wrath was righteous, even if there were impropriety in the expression of it.

The victory of the women in St. Louis who went to the Street Commissioner of that city and demanded the appointment of women on the street inspecting force, is worthy of comment because the positions they asked for commanded good salaries. Usually when women receive municipal appointments there is no salary attached. There is a great prejudice against women holding any office which involves the handling of money or in which her services are paid for. There are a few complimentary, ornamental, entirely gratuitous offices to which the ordinary politician will grant you that it does not unsex a woman to be appointed. But a good thing at three dollars a day is held to threaten home, mother and native land, if given to a woman. But the St. Louis Commissioner was afraid he would lose his job if these women started in to defeat him as they said they would. November is too near to make any new enemies, so the commissioner yielded and agreed that ten of the forty inspectors should be women, recommended by the chairman of the committee who visited him, provided the mayor approved the appointment. He added that the women would have to do the same work the men are doing.

A few months ago when THE COURIER contemplated and dreaded, as well as hoped, to become the organ of the Women's clubs of this state, its editor wrote the following allegory, but as it turned out, fears of divided responsibility were groundless.

The occupation of pirate, although possessing objectionable features, and very properly warred against by all governments, had some fascinating features that are still attractive to the conventionalized machines of the nineteenth century. The wildness

and the freedom of a pirate captain's existence make it a boy's dream of happiness and a boy dreams true. He, of all created beings, represents primal instincts, unspoiled selfishness, and his ideal of a happy state, modified by altruism, approaches perfection. To sail about in unknown seas, to owe allegiance to no one, to select one's foes, to conquer, to despoil, to be supreme. Can maturity picture anything more satisfying? But occasionally a pirate reformed and entered the service of some nation. Thereafter he was subject to control, and although the approval of his conscience was worth some sacrifice, he was never really happy again. Not that happiness matters as much as other things. A newspaper which has no job office in connection with it, which belongs to no particular party, which has seized the censorship of manners and morals as an innocent pirate sails the seas, because he likes to sail and because no one is at hand to prevent him, may in time acquire a job office, or may become a respectable member of society by serving the needs of some organization. In this way the newspaper is perhaps of more importance, but happiness has fled with freedom, and the weight of opinions and advice is hard for the genuine pirate to bear.

Hundreds of editorials have been written on Charles A. Dana since his death last Sunday, the seventeenth of October. They all agree in the estimate of his culture, intelligence, wit and literary style. But few recognize the fact that it was personality more than any intellectual gift, that made him, for so many years, the foremost editor in this country. Young newspaper writers without number selected Mr. Dana as their model. The style of *The Sun's* editorials, whether written by the editor in chief or not, and the character of the whole paper was an expression of Mr. Dana's personality. With the rise of newspapers which depend entirely on the swift collection of news and sensational pictures of it, personal journalism, of which the two greatest examples are Mr. Dana and Mr. Greeley, is no longer a commercial possibility. The whole staff of writers could be changed on any of the great metropolitan dailies and the readers of the paper would not immediately know the difference. Subscribers take a daily newspaper for the news. They want all the news as soon as possible, and they want it uncolored by the opinions of the man who transcribes it. A good many have been taught by yellow journalism to want the news luridly illustrated.

Such a personality as Mr. Dana's in the nature of it, is controlled by the emotions. There are many instances of his opposition to a man founded on nothing but a dislike which he could not explain to himself or others. Instinct in such cases is not trustworthy because of the fact of temperamental repulsion from which many an estimable person has suffered loss of preferment at the hand of one who "did not like him." Mr. Dana's politics and principles were the result of his temperament. *The Sun's* influence was unlimited because every reader knew that the editor would speak his mind uninfluenced by policy. The editorials were not written in the counting room, and in this case the counting room received the benefit. It is to be regretted that with Mr. Dana's death the era of great newspaper writers has closed.

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