

HAPPENINGS IN THE CITIES

Dump Munitions of War Into the Sea



NEW YORK.—Enough munitions of war to start several Central American revolutions were dumped into the ocean off Sandy Hook the other day by Commissioner Waldo.

The several thousand weapons were confiscated by the police under the Sullivan law against the carrying of death-dealing instruments.

Since the Sullivan law went into effect, September 1 last, the entire detective and police force have been searching both thugs and civilians whom it was thought might for various reasons be carrying concealed weapons. As a result, a whole room of the property bureau at police headquarters was filled with weapons of every sort.

As fast as the revolvers and what-not were received they were tagged and put in this room. The tags showed from whom and under what circumstances the articles were secured, and if they appeared in a court case a record of such use was also attached.

There were 1,500 revolvers, valued at \$11,000. Some of these revolvers were of very handsome design, with

pearl handles and gem screw sets. Others were mere toy, blank cartridge pistols of the Fourth of July sort that sell for fifty cents.

Then there were rifles—over a hundred, valued at something like \$3,000. Some of these had elaborately hand-carved black walnut butts, and if placed on exhibition at the Sportsman's Show would make many a crick shot envious of the deep blue sea that was their final resting place.

A sword, with a history running back to pre-revolution days, was among the lot. It was taken from an east sider who ran amuck one day and tried to prove his steel was better than the proverbial one of Bunker Hill.

He didn't go very far in the battle, but having lost his valuable sword failed to recover it again, though he used almost enough political influence as would have elected some men to aldermanic office. Along with this steel will go several cane swords and sailors' cutlasses.

From these high grade weapons the list jumps to everything from a slung shot to pieces of gas pipe. Of these miscellanea there was almost a wagon-load.

While the police department would like to have equipped its men with new revolvers from the collection, it was impossible under the law, because the act says every weapon confiscated must be destroyed.

Mud Turtles are Served as Terrapin

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Mississippi river fishermen in Wisconsin have developed a handsome trade in shipping turtles to the east, where they are sold in competition with the famous terrapin of the Baltimore region. Especially in Lent has the shipment of the common snapping turtle been a prosperous business.

A typical shipment was that sent recently by W. T. Allen to Philadelphia for distribution in coast cities to compete with the most famous delicacy of Baltimore. The shipment contained 125 live snapping turtles and weighed 1,229 pounds. It netted Allen \$150. Despite the fact that the turtles had been in a cellar without food or drink or care of any kind since last October, they were game enough as they were put aboard the train to snap and bite with considerable belligerence. It is expected they still will be alive when they reach Philadelphia.



Some of the turtles weighed twenty-five pounds each. They were caught in one of the stagnant sloughs of the Mississippi. At the ice-forming time in the fall it is the habit of turtles to seek some sheltered spot near a bunch of weeds or a sunken log and burrow in the mud beside it until their bodies are about half covered and their heads wholly so. There they stay until the ice goes out in the spring, a score or more of them sometimes together.

After the ice in the slough is strong enough to bear his weight Mr. Allen goes over it, finds the half buried turtles, breaks through the ice, hooks them up through the hole, slings them into a sack over his shoulder and takes them home to his cellar. The cellar has a moist, sandy floor. As soon as the turtles are deposited on it they burrow in the sand just as they did in their native habitat and there remain through the long winter without requiring further attention.

When the price of turtle flesh reaches high mark, Mr. Allen takes them out of their hibernating quarters and has marketed them as high as eighteen cents a pound, live weight. The turtle industry on the Upper Mississippi, although comparatively new, is assuming remarkable proportions. Thousands of pounds have been shipped the last year. Every fish dealer on the river is making the buying and selling of turtles an important part of his fish business nowadays and the fishermen, instead of throwing back into the river the turtles caught in their nets, as they formerly did, now are hunting them and saving even the smallest.

Saws Home in Two Dividing Property



DENVER, Col.—If James W. Ponder had not been so conscientious he would not have been a prisoner here. He was arrested on complaint of his wife, who accuses him of carrying out too literally an agreement he had made with her in court when she was granted a decree of divorce from him. This agreement was really Ponder's own idea, and it was to eliminate the alimony idea and to make an equal division of the property owned by the couple. This seemed fair to the woman and she signed the agreement.

Neighbors were called in to witness the division. First the furniture was shared. The parlor furnishings were separated with care, and when Ponder received a kitchen chair with a broken leg Mrs. Ponder took three cracked coffee cups to equalize matters.

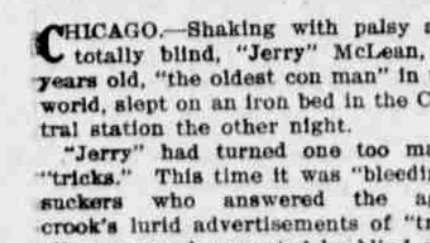
Everything in the house was shared without any trouble, and then the barn was visited. First the flock of chickens was shared, and then the

bales of hay, grain and farming implements. Two lumber wagons were easy to divide, but the one survey was a problem.

Ponder solved this puzzle by having the wagon pulled out to a vacant lot and burned, so that neither would have the vehicle. Then the one horse owned by the couple was turned loose and allowed to wander away. Mrs. Ponder became a little angrier at this and demanded how her erstwhile husband was going to share the real estate and the property. The land was easy to divide, Ponder said, and he had a scheme that would make equal the sharing of the house and barn. Going to an outhouse he got a long cross cut saw and climbing to the roof of the dwelling house measured the roof tree, and then finding the exact center of the building started to saw through the shingles. Mrs. Ponder began screaming for help.

The man had cut his way through two of the rafters before the police arrived and he was forced to stop his equal division operations. Ponder declares that he is within his rights and that there is nothing in the agreement signed in the court that says anything about how the property shall be shared so long as it is done with fairness to each.

Police Nab Oldest Known "Con" Man



CHICAGO.—Shaking with palsy and totally blind, "Jerry" McLean, 84 years old, "the oldest con man" in the world, slept on an iron bed in the Central station the other night.

"Jerry" had turned one too many "tricks." This time it was "bleeding suckers" who answered the aged crook's lurid advertisements of "traveling companion wanted by blind gentleman who intends spending a few months in California. Salary \$25 a week." "Jerry" got a "guarantee" of from \$50 to \$90 from each of them.

"I guess I might as well tell you my right 'monacher,'" he told Captain Halpin after Detectives Aldenhorn and Bishop had arrested him. "I'm 'Jerry' McLean. I guess you know me. 'They do in lots of other cities I could name."

"I've lived on 'Comfortable avenue' ever since I was a kid. I've had a couple of 'bits' in the New York penitentiaries, but nothing that was very long. I'll get out of this all right."

"Jerry's" accusers are Darrington Evans of 7351 Coles avenue, Joseph Willett of 739 North Clark street, Frank Wilder of Stronghurst, Ill., and E. Suran of 1801 South Michigan



avenue. Willett gave "Jerry" \$50 as a "guarantee" and Evans \$90. They had been "hired" after visiting the aged confidence man in his rooms at the Jackson Hotel, West Jackson boulevard and South Halsted streets.

"Jerry" talks volubly of his career in his cell. He looks like a "southern colored" and would pass anywhere as a highly respectable old man.

"I was born in Castle Bar, County Mayo, Ireland, eighty-four years ago," Jerry said. "I came to America when I was a kid and was in New Orleans when the civil war broke out. I joined General Beauregard's army. I was captured and taken to Fort McHenry. It was at Fort McHenry that my 'easy money' career began. With another prisoner named Bliss I stole \$20,000 of yankee greenbacks and we saved our way to freedom."

HOME TOWN HELPS

CITY GARDEN IDEA IS GOOD

Baltimore, Seeing Success Minneapolis Made, Will Follow in Sister City's Footsteps.

It was recently mentioned as being part of the plans which the Women's Civic League of Baltimore has in contemplation that vacant lot farming is to be encouraged. In almost every city where this scheme of helpfulness has been utilized the results have been satisfactory far beyond the initial hopes of those who have been instrumental in putting the scheme into operation. Minneapolis last year introduced the vacant lot garden scheme with dazzling success. It not only supplied many needy families with a food supply, but it compelled a lowering of the enormously high prices demanded for vegetables by the retailers.

Minneapolis has just about half the population of Baltimore, and occupies nearly double the ground space. It is quite apparent, therefore, that there are more vacant lots scattered about in Minneapolis than in Baltimore. But, all the same, there is a considerable amount of idle land, in building-lot sizes, distributed over Baltimore. In the suburban sections particularly there are many lots upon which building improvements are not in immediate contemplation. In Minneapolis and other cities many such idle lots have willingly been loaned to the city garden organizations.

These lots are given out in limited assignments to families that will undertake to farm them. By judicious management a considerable food supply can be grown on a small piece of land. For instance, on a strip of land ten feet wide and twenty-one feet long twenty-one tomato plants may be properly planted. A single tomato plant sometimes yields, during a season, a bushel of tomatoes, and so a bit of land ten by twenty feet may yield over twenty bushels of this fruit. There are other vegetables that give returns in like proportions. The city garden scheme is one which helps people to help themselves.

BEWARE THE TREE BUTCHER

Indianapolis, Speaking from Experience, Sounds a Warning That Is Well Worth Heeding.

The influence of the tree trimmer in increasing the susceptibility of a tree to insect attack is often of more importance than would appear at first glance. Many trees are so weakened by wanton butchery that they become an easy prey to the various borers that seldom attack vigorous trees. While this vandalistic form of injury is preventable it is surprising how many people continue to allow the tree butchers to ruin fine shade trees. The tree butcher goes on P. T. Barnum's old assumption that "there is a sucker born every minute." The truth of this was well shown in Indianapolis last year when some itinerant "tree doctor" went about painting the trunks of shade trees with a "dope" containing tar. According to the self-styled expert, the preparation was absorbed through the bark and then disseminated to all parts of the tree, killing any "bugs" that might be present. When there was no evidence of any insect injury the tree doctors would suggest the use of the tar paint to "open up the pores of the bark and make the tree healthy." It seems almost too absurd to believe that intelligent citizens would be caught by such a faker, but even after a series of newspaper warnings he succeeded in painting hundreds of trees throughout the city. The deplorable thing about it all is that practically every tree that was painted died—and there appears to be no law to cover the case.—Indianapolis News.

Residential Sections.

When the owner of a tract of land conceives the idea of creating a residence park, the first advice sought is that of a real estate expert in this class of work assisted by skilled landscape engineers. Such men know how to make the tract more beautiful. They know the value of curves; they understand how to obtain effects that are pleasing and restful. And so the streets are curved, the lots cut large and laid out to give the best exposure and views; all wires are laid underground conduits, thus avoiding unsightly poles and overhead wires. The streets are parked and terraced and set to grass and suitable shrubs and flowers.

When all this is done, the land is offered for sale subject to building restrictions. These restrictions are a complete guarantee of security. They safeguard the entire investment. They reserve the entire residence park exclusively for homes.

Free Shade Trees.

Free trees will be distributed to the householders of Denver by the city on municipal arbor day in April. The expense of purchasing the saplings will come from the streets and boulevards fund, as provided in the mayor's budget. It is believed that about 15,000 trees, mostly maples and elms, will be given away.

Last year's distribution was a great success. The trees were in excellent condition, and practically all were planted, according to the rules laid down by the city forester. It is estimated that 88 per cent of last year's crop are thriving.—Denver Municipal Facts.

Concerning the Knocker.

It may be accepted as true that a man who criticises everything done in his home city never did anything himself to advance the interests of his city.—Wilmington Journal.

125,000 AMERICANS GO TO CANADA IN 1911.

THE YEAR 1912 WILL SHOW A GREAT INCREASE.

In a report of the House Committee (Washington) appears the following: Government offers a three-year homestead upon good land, easily reclaimed and cultivated, with six months' leave of absence each year and most lenient regulations.

All of which is true and it is now the part of the careful reader to consider the opportunities that exist in Western Canada which, in addition to the above, are attractive features. The evidence of these is found in the letters contributed by some of the settlers. For instance: A former Minnesotan, writing from Warner, Southern Alberta, speaks of that district, but what he says, applies generally to all of Southern Alberta. He says:

"I have seen six crops, four of them were first crops, one of them a very good crop, and the other a poor crop. Government statistics for the last fifteen years show that this country has averaged about fifteen or sixteen inches of moisture, in 1910 there was only seven inches, and in 1911 twenty-two inches. The 1909 crop was as good as I have seen in this country and we had about twelve inches of moisture, so that I am thoroughly convinced that with normal conditions, that is, from twelve to fifteen inches of moisture, and with the natural increase of population and immigration, that Southern Alberta will be one of the very best mixed farming districts in the world. We have good soil, good water, and a good climate, and altogether just as desirable a country to live in as Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, or Wisconsin."

Hundreds of letters are on file from former American settlers, which give good reasons why the Western Canada lands are being settled so rapidly. Full particulars can be had of any Canadian Government Agent, who will furnish literature and give low rate certificates. Excursions are being run daily.

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His Work. "An electrician ought to be a social success." "Why an electrician especially?" "Because he is so well posted on current topics."

Markswomanship. "I am afraid those militant suffragettes are going to give us serious trouble," said one London policeman. "They mean business." "Why do you think so?" inquired the other. "A lot of them have quit giving parades and making speeches and are practicing with quills and baseballs."

Probably Made a Hit. A young woman who presides over one of the kindergarten schools of Cambridge appeared at her desk recently attired in a new close-fitting skirt. With no thought other than the conducting of her regular routine work, the teacher went about her duties. She noticed, however, that one of her charges was paying little attention to his work, but following her with his eyes wherever she glanced to go. Approaching the little fellow with the intention of ascertaining the trouble, she said: "Well, Tommy—before she could go any further the youngster shook his boyish head and said: "Say, teacher, that's a cinch skirt you've got on!"—Boston Post.

COFFEE HURTS One in Three.

It is difficult to make people believe that coffee is a poison to at least one person out of every three, but people are slowly finding it out, although thousands of them suffer terribly before they discover the fact.

A New York hotel man says: "Each time after drinking coffee I become restless, nervous and excited, so that I was unable to sit five minutes in one place, was also inclined to vomit and suffer from loss of sleep, which got worse and worse."

"A lady said that perhaps coffee was the cause of my trouble, and suggested that I try Postum. I laughed at the thought that coffee hurt me, but she insisted so hard that I finally had some Postum made. I have been using it in place of coffee ever since, for I noticed that all my former nervousness and irritation disappeared. I began to sleep perfectly, and the Postum tasted as good or better than the old coffee, so what was the use of sticking to a beverage that was injuring me?"

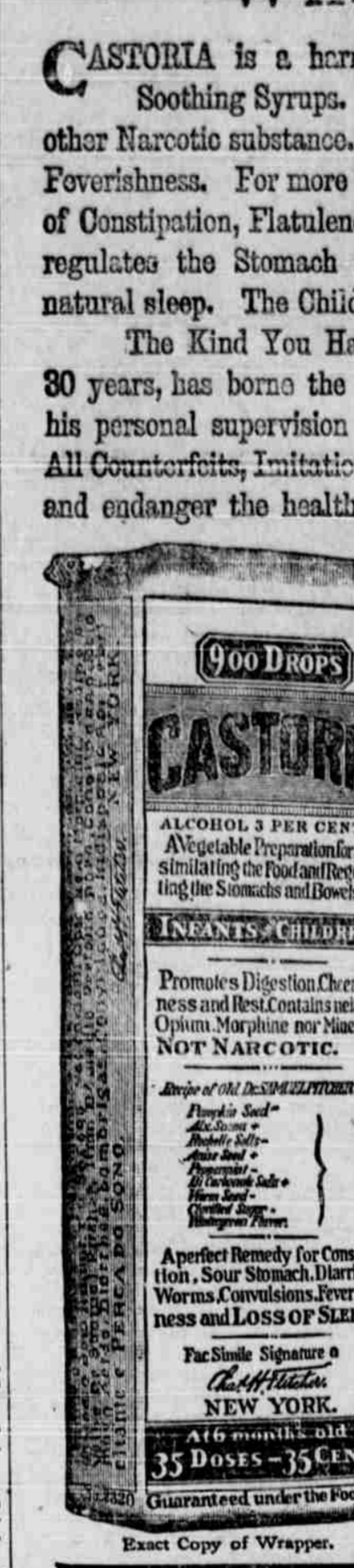
"One day on an excursion up the country I remarked to a young lady friend on her greatly improved appearance. She explained that some time before she had quit using coffee and taken to Postum. She had gained a number of pounds and her former palpitation of the heart, humming in the ears, trembling of the hands and legs and other disagreeable feelings had disappeared. She recommended me to quit coffee and take Postum and was very much surprised to find that I had already made the change."

"She said her brother had also received great benefits from leaving off coffee and taking on Postum." "There's a reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one opens from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

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Dr. S. A. Buchanan, of Philadelphia, Pa., says: "I have used your Castoria in the case of my own baby and find it pleasant to take, and have obtained excellent results from its use."

Dr. J. E. Simpson, of Chicago, Ill., says: "I have used your Castoria in cases of colic in children and have found it the best medicine of its kind on the market."

Dr. R. B. Eskildson, of Omaha, Neb., says: "I find your Castoria to be a standard family remedy. It is the best thing for infants and children I have ever known and I recommend it."

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