

DESERTIONS INCREASE IN UNCLE SAM'S ARMY

White Soldiers' Percentage of Disloyalty Greater Than That of Negroes.

LENIENCY IS DECRIED

General Ainsworth Says the Authorities Should Not Be So Easy on the Captured Run-aways.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Desertion is on the increase in the United States army. The annual report of the military secretary shows in the year ended June 30, 6,258 desertions, or 7.4 for every 100 soldiers.

In 1905 the rate was only 6.8 and for three years previous only 6.1. The rate of desertion in 1906 was the highest in field artillery, 9.2 per cent.; cavalry next with 7.8.

White soldiers showed a desertion average of 8.4 per cent., while negro soldiers showed an average of only 2.3 per cent. Twenty-five per cent. of the desertions were in the first three months of the deserters' enlistment. Of men who deserted in 1906, 813 have been apprehended and 240 surrendered. The total number of deserters convicted, sentenced to confinement and dishonorably discharged is 628.

"The number of desertions," says General Ainsworth, "doubtless will be decreased if the military authorities cease to exercise the leniency with which they have heretofore treated deserters who have been apprehended and returned to military control."

WORM IN BOY'S EYE REMOVED, SIGHT SAVED

Chicago, Nov. 28.—Seven-year-old Edward Behringer, an orphan, was prevented from going blind by an operation, said to be the first of the kind ever performed in the United States, at the city polyclinic hospital.

A worm, which slowly was eating its way through the ball of the eye, was removed.

The Behringer boy's home is on a truck farm near Niles, Mich. He had been in the habit of eating radishes and other truck, just as it came from the garden, and it is supposed one of the radishes contained the bacillus of the tapeworm, which in some manner lodged in the eye.

JAIL COURTSHIP TO END IN MARRIAGE

Postville, Nov. 28.—"Promise me that if you are not hanged you will be my wife," were the words spoken by a boy prisoner in the Schuyler county jail six months ago to Miss Emma Stepany, a fellow prisoner, with whom he had fallen in love.

"I promise," said the girl. True to her promise, Miss Stepany was on hand at the jail door. The male prisoner was Nicholas Quinton, of Butler township, a young burglar, who was released from jail after serving an eighteen-months' sentence, and who announced that he will be married at once to Miss Stepany, who was recently acquitted of the murder of her lover, James Frizzle, at Yorkville.

VETERAN POLICEMAN PROVES TO BE WOMAN

Seville, Nov. 28.—An elderly policeman who has been in attendance on successive governors of this town for the last thirty years, was badly injured in a street car accident here the other day. He was taken to the hospital and the doctors there discovered that the "policeman" was a woman.

She went by the name of Fernanda Visson, and during the whole of her long service no suspicion whatever was aroused as to her sex. She is a French woman, born in Paris in 1825.

She says that she assumed her male disguise when she was a girl and served her time in the French army before she emigrated to Spain, many years back.

SON'S MURDER IS TOLD MOTHER BY TELEPATHY

Milan, Nov. 28.—A strange case of telepathy in connection with a murder is arousing much interest here.

A woman named Lazzaroni awoke suddenly at 3 o'clock in the morning, and calling her son John, who lives in her house, told him that his younger brother, Leopold, living in the outskirts of the town, was dead. The mother was deeply affected, but John tried to comfort her by ascribing her fears to a bad dream.

At dawn, however, Leopold Lazzaroni, a handsome, strong young man, the owner of a factory, was found dead at a spot some distance from his dwelling. After having made an examination of the body the doctors affirmed that Leopold had been murdered at 3 in the morning.

EVE'S PICTURE BARS MARK TWAIN'S BOOK

Worcester, Mass., Nov. 28.—Mark Twain's book, "Eve's Diary," has been barred from the Charlton free public library because a trustee was shocked at a picture of Eve it contains.

Mrs. H. L. Carpenter, employed in the library, picked up and scanned the book before placing it on the circulating shelves. Then she took the book to Trustee Frank O. Wakefield, who looked at the etchings, which depicted Eve in all kinds of sumptuous costumes.

One in particular, which showed Eve in a recumbent position on a rock, engaged his attention, and decided him to bar the book.

MAN WITH THE CHAMPION HARD NAME FOUND: WTKYSUTXZ.

Milwaukee, Nov. 28.—"WTKYSUTXZ." There you have the world champion hard name. When the man who wears it through the streets of Milwaukee appeared before Judge Neden in the district court the judge adjourned court until a man was found who could pronounce it.

POLICY HOLDER SAID TO BE REALLY ALIVE

Decatur, Ill., Nov. 28.—A sensation was caused here today by a statement from Chief of Police Albert that information just came to him tending to prove that J. Mont Shultz, who was believed to have been accidentally drowned October 26 in the river here and was drowned, but had left the country.

It appeared that Shultz had taken off his clothing and gone into the river late at night to disentangle a fishing line. All his money and clothing seemed to have been left on the river bank or at home.

It is now said he had money with him and had procured other clothing, deceiving even a friend at the river with him.

Shultz is a prominent member of several secret societies and had several thousand dollars life insurance.

TAFT STOPS CRITICS OF U. S. ENGINEERS

Washington, D. C., Nov. 28.—Secretary Taft declined to listen to any recitation on the integrity of the corps of army engineers and by an emphatic interruption today charged the course of the arguments being made to him by J. Horace McFarland, president of the American Civic association, of Philadelphia, in opposition to the diversion of the waters from Niagara river for the creation of power and for transmission of the power from Canada to the United States.

McFarland had found fault with statements alleged to have been made in a newspaper interview by Captain Charles W. Kunz, of the corps engineers, who investigated for the war department the applications of persons and corporations for permits to divert the water for power.

CUBA QUIET AGAIN; HEAR GOV. MAGOON

Havana, Nov. 28.—With the capture yesterday at Cienfuegos of a band of eight men, who took to the woods under ex-Chief of Police Ruis, the last vestige of disorder in Cuba has disappeared. Reports received by Governor Magoon from all parts of the island show that perfect tranquillity prevails.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 28.—Secretary Taft received the following dispatch today from Governor Magoon, of Havana, under yesterday's date:

A band of eight men from Cienfuegos was overhauled by a detachment of rural guards under Captain Landa. They were taken into custody and disarmed with difficulty.

ROCKEFELLER WEEPS WHEN THE CORPSE OF DAUGHTER COMES.

Breaks Down and Sobs on the Pier as French Liner Sails Into View.

New York, Nov. 28.—Breaking down and sobbing like a child in his grief, John D. Rockefeller showed nothing of the great world financier and Standard Oil king but only his human heart, while awaiting on the French liner pier the arrival of the steamship La Provence, which brought from Europe the body of his eldest daughter, Mrs. Charles A. Strong who died recently in France. As the richest man in America spoke in broken utterances of his great bereavement he presented a sight pitiful in the extreme and that greatly affected all who witnessed his emotion.

BONI CHALLENGES MAN WHO OFFERED JOB TO A DUEL.

New York, Nov. 28.—Monsieur Martin, proprietor of the Cafe Martin, has received a cablegram from Paris challenging him to a duel. It is from Count Boni de Castellane.

The message refers to Mr. Martin's recent cablegram to Count Boni de Castellane, offering the divorced husband of Anna Gould, \$10,000 a year to act as her waiter, now that his income is cut off.

Mr. Martin says he is not sure whether someone is trying to scare him with a joke or Count Boni is really challenging him to a duel. Boni is the best duelist with the sword in France.

"I never heard of Count de Cuba," says Martin, "but if he wishes to see me for any reason I shall receive him."

STORY OF AN APPENDIX AND AN UNPAID BILL.

Waterloo, Ia., Nov. 28.—Harry Wilson, who escaped from the hospital when he heard an operation on him was to be made, still has his appendix, as far as is known here, but the Western Union Telegraph company is still hunting for \$3.50. This is the amount of the bill for a message to Wilson's father, telling him of the boy's illness. Chief of Police Sweitzer and Dr. L. E. Evans, who had the patient in charge, had been asked to pay the bill and they refuse. It is believed Wilson was shamming.

TAKES COFFIN ALONG ON TRIP TO GERMANY

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 28.—Henry Humm, of Skesville, has left on the steamer Neckar for his old home in Metelin, Germany. He was so weak from tuberculosis that he had to be carried on board.

With him he is taking a zinc lined coffin containing fluid, and the orders that if he died at sea he should be buried in German soil. His hope is that he will recover in the air of his native land. His wife accompanies him.

LONE TRAIN ROBBER CRIES "OH, MOTHER"

Bandit, Looting Second Train in Same Place, Waxes Pathetic When Captured.

MAKES CREW HELP HIM

Early Bird Train Passengers Roused from Sleep and Made to Disgorge, but Get Their Money Back.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 28.—The robber who held up the Alton train near Glasgow, Mo., this morning, says his name is Truehart and his home is in California. He secured \$2,000 besides several watches, all of which was recovered and returned to the passengers.

The engineer identified Truehart as the man who held up the Rock Island train near Glasgow early this month. Truehart said it was his brother.

The robbed train is known as the "Early Bird." It left Kansas City at 9 o'clock Sunday night and was due at Slater at 12:27 o'clock Monday morning. At Slater the robber, wearing a mask over his eyes, boarded the train and made fifteen passengers shell out.

When the train stopped at Armstrong on orders officers boarded the train and caught the robber red handed.

St. Louis, Nov. 28.—Conductor Heywood, who, singlehanded, overcame the train robber on the Early Bird, reached Slater today. He said the man admitted to him he had robbed the Rock Island passenger train at almost the same place about a month ago. Heywood said the robber got the drop on him and forced him to go through the train while the passengers were being robbed. The robber left the train at Glasgow, but immediately boarded another car and again covered the conductor with his revolver while robbing passengers in the sleeper.

Heywood says the robber momentarily turned away his eyes and that he seized the opportunity to jump on him and wrest away his revolver.

A passenger said: "The robber was one of the nerviest imaginable. He only weakened when Heywood and a number of passengers literally jumped on him. Then he cried: 'Oh, my mother,' and gave in."

The robber covered the trainmen and negro porter in the chair car and made them aid him rob the passengers.

WOMEN SLASHED BY PARIS HUMPBACK

Old Man of Great Wealth Suspected of Being One Who Assaults Them.

Paris, Nov. 28.—For several nights past women have been brought into police stations or hospitals suffering from slight flesh wounds on the neck, chest, arms and shoulders. In every case it appeared from their statements that the wounds had been inflicted by an aged humpback of extremely ugly appearance.

He invariably offered money to the women to allow him to draw blood from them with a penknife, but the sight of blood seemed to put him in a frenzy, and he would proceed to slash them about the neck, arms and breast.

Then he rushed off and apparently changed his dress to avoid identification.

The police searching for him believe he is an old man of great wealth, noted for several years past for his eccentric habits.

WEDS HIS NIECE AT AGE OF 72

Middletown, Conn., Nov. 28.—To the surprise of Deep River, one of its residents, Robert Galvin, 72 years old, had taken a second wife. She is only 32 years old, and besides being his bride, is his niece.

With Mr. Galvin's first wife died two years ago, he brought Katie Carrol, of New York, his sister's daughter, to keep house for him. Recently he said he thought it would be better if they were doubly related, and they came to Middletown last week, got a marriage license and were married. They are adherents of the Catholic church.

It is said relatives have taken steps to have the marriage declared void. Mr. Galvin is worth \$100,000 or more. A state statute provides five years' imprisonment for the parties contracting a marriage within the degree of consanguinity of himself and bride.

GROOM'S BROKEN RIBS NO BAR TO WEDDING

Fort Wayne, Ind., Nov. 28.—Thomas Miller stood up to be married to Miss Leona Richards, at Auburn, with four ribs broken, and when the vows were exchanged and congratulations began he swooned in a paroxysm of pain. The family of the bride and several friends were frightened, but medical attention brought him relief.

It seems that he was to be married in October, but had an accident while at his work in this city, being thrown from his wagon. He was not well enough to leave his bed for the postponed date, but he determined that nothing should cause a second delay, and he went to Auburn.

The travel caused him much pain, but he stood up under the strain until the knot was tied. He is now recovering and will bring his bride to Fort Wayne.

POPE PIUS RECEIVES THE KING OF GREECE

Rome, Nov. 28.—After many contradictory reports it was finally decided this morning that King George of Greece will visit the pope. The king leaves Italy tomorrow.

The king, accompanied by his daughter, were driven to the vatican in a private carriage and was received with royal honors by members of the papal court. The pope welcomed the visitors in the throne room. The audience lasted half an hour.

MISSING HEIR TO THE FAIR ESTATE FOUND

New York, Nov. 28.—Frank Smith, the long missing and much sought brother of Mrs. Charles L. Fair, who, with her husband, was killed in an automobile accident in France four years ago, has been in New Providence, N. J., as the guest of F. A. Nelson. His home is in Topeka, Kas., and he came here to get his share of the estate left by his sister.

The executors of the estate had no trouble in finding the family of Mrs. Fair, except the brother, Frank. He left his home thirty-five years ago, to seek his fortune in the west. He became a ranchman and bull puncher, and continued to live so far away from news centers that he did not hear of his sister's tragic death till a year ago.

Smith said he received many times the amount paid to the other heirs, but gave no figures. He is said to have accepted \$250,000 for his share, and the final papers were signed at a law office in Newark. Mr. Smith left for Topeka Sunday night.

NUN AS A WITNESS, COURT IN CONVENT

Testifies Behind Curtain in Case of Woodcutter Charged With Stealing.

Vienna, Nov. 28.—The criminal court at Salzburg has been forced to hold a sitting in a convent, owing to the refusal of a nun to give evidence in public.

A woodcutter in the service of the convent on the Nonnberg was on his trial for stealing, and the evidence of Sister Celestine, one of the nuns, was material. She, however, refused to attend the court on the ground of her vows, which forbade her to allow herself to be seen by men.

An appeal to the archbishop of Salzburg elicited the reply that only the pope himself could release the sister from her vows, so arrangements were made for her to be examined in the convent.

The judge and the counsel were accommodated in the visitors' room, while Sister Celestine, supported by the abbess, took her place behind a curtain so that she could be heard but not seen.

The sister then underwent an examination and cross-examination, and on her evidence the man was condemned to two months' imprisonment.

The anti-clerical papers here protest against evidence given in this way being admissible.

PRIEST USES PINS, CATCHES WIRELESS

Cleveland, O., Nov. 28.—Accidentally Father Odenbach, head of St. Ignace college here, has discovered a method whereby he can intercept wireless telegraph messages by means of his copper roof on the college, some steel pins and the lead from an ordinary pencil.

While listening to the sounder connected with the aerograph on the top of the college, by which lightning is recorded, Father Odenbach, who had substituted the lead pencil and pins for the usual expensive coherer in the instrument, heard the sounder tick off some Morse code.

Investigation showed that he had intercepted messages received at the Clarke Wireless Telegraph company's station here from the Detroit office.

NEW STAMPS TO AID IN TRACING ROBBERS

'Issue of 1907 Will Bear Names of Cities and States in Which They Are Sold.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 28.—Postage stamps of the issue of 1907 put on sale at the 6,000 presidential postoffices will bear on their face the name of the state and city in which the postoffice is situated.

The chief reason for this innovation is said in the postoffice department to be the belief that it will help do away with the big postoffice robberies and make it much easier to trace criminals.

The postoffice robbery in Chicago a few years ago is a good example of the ease with which stolen postage stamps can be disposed of, for no trace of the postoffice was ever discovered, although nearly \$100,000 worth of stamps were stolen, and these mostly of small denominations.

Another reason for the change is to enable the postoffice department to determine the amount of business done by the different postoffices and to prevent padding through stamps sold at some offices to residents who do business in adjoining cities.

WOMAN COMBATS FIRE WITH HAND GRENADES

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 28.—Cool and collected, Miss Jeffrey, a pretty young woman employed as assistant station agent and telegraph operator at Wynnewood, on the Pennsylvania railroad, proved herself a heroine when fire was discovered in a small baggage house opposite the station.

Calling E. B. Krumbaker, a medical student of the university of Pennsylvania, to her aid, Miss Jeffrey stood aside while the man was chopping down the door with an emergency ax.

When the entrance was effected she brushed Krumbaker aside and rushed into the blazing shed.

With several hand grenades Miss Jeffrey tried to extinguish the flames. She battled singlehanded for some time, and then, finding her efforts futile, sent a courier to the Ardmore and Narberth fire companies.

CHINESE WARNED BY AMERICAN CONSUL

Hong Kong, Nov. 28.—Advices from Canton report anti-missionary feeling in Liechtung, a property which has been pillaged. The American consul has asked the viceroy to enforce the protection of missionaries and property.

NEW YORK EXCHANGE

Chicago, Nov. 28.—New York exchange, 5 cents discount to 5 cents premium.

SELL GIRLS TO PURCHASE FOOD

Starving Russian Peasants Disposal of Mere Children to the Mohammedans.

DISTRESS GROWS ACUTE

Reactionary Element Aroused by the Impending Jewish Reforms—Czar Nicholas Gets Protests.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 27.—Threats of the reactionary parties that Jewish massacres will be started if the rights of the Jews are enlarged are steadily becoming more definite. The central council of the League of Russian People, claiming to represent 30,000,000, has issued a declaration disclaiming responsibility for the "outrages" which may result from the indignation produced by the enlargement of Jewish rights.

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The announcement of the impending Jewish reforms has aroused, as expected, the opposition of the reactionary elements. Telegrams of protest are reaching the emperor and Premier Stolypin from all parts of the empire.

The party of order, which formulated the extreme right of the constitutional parties at the last elections, has joined in the campaign of the openly reactionary leagues. M. Stolypin has received a dispatch from the headquarters of the organization at Kiev, concluding as follows:

"The extension of the rights of the Jews will drive the patriotic Russian people to criminal measures."

MORAL PAUPER, SAYS ROSE PASTOR STOKES OF MISS MOROSINI

New York, Nov. 27.—Miss Giulia Morosini's declaration that she spent \$200,000 a year in dress has called forth a spirited reply from Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes, who brands the young woman of wealth as a moral pauper and says she squanders fortunes while thousands of her fellow beings starve.

"It is because such women as Miss Morosini never think what the things cost that the women of the working class are compelled to think constantly what the things cost. That rude awakening is bound to come to all of us some day, perhaps at a greater cost than we can afford, unless such women who spend great wealth which they never have done anything to earn, begin to think of the deep injustice underlying our economic and social conditions."

"Why do not women who live on the sweat of other women's brows ever think of the injustice of their position?"

"Miss Morosini says: 'I never would wear anything but diamonds.'"

"It may be a mark of good taste to wear nothing but diamonds, but it is a mark of far better taste and culture to desire to be nothing but diamonds."

"The women of Miss Morosini's class may not be aware of the fact that there are paupers, but they are. There are one who, either from inability or unwillingness to support himself, is supported at the expense of the community. The truer pauper of the two, it seems to me, is he who can but is unwilling to support himself, and is thrown upon the shoulders of the community."

TRIAL MARRIAGE IS DEFENSE OF ACTOR

Evansville, Ind., Nov. 27.—Mrs. Elsie Clews Parsons' new book advocating trial marriage was pleaded as a defense in the city court by William Young, the hero of a melodrama who antedated away from home pretty Anna Kerns, 15 years old, of Owensboro, Ky., and was arrested with her here in a hotel.

The actor was asked by Judge Winfrey if he would marry the girl and thus gain his freedom. Young replied that he had not lived with her long enough to know if he liked her.

He said he believed in Mrs. Parsons' theories about marriage and would not yet accept the girl for a wife. Judge Winfrey rose up behind his desk and thundered:

"Miserable and impracticable as the book is, its scheme of marital laxity does not cover a criminal offense of any stripe. There is no book that has ever been written which excused a man for ruining the life of a young girl. I hold you under \$1,000 bond to the grand jury."

THREE MEN HELD FOR WRECK IN INDIANA

Valparaiso, Ind., Nov. 27.—Coroner Carson today rendered a verdict on the recent wreck of the immigrant train on the Baltimore and Ohio at Woodville. A list of names of sixty-one dead is given. Frank Gelnauer, engineer of the first section of the immigrant train; Samuel J. Moste, conductor, and Daniel Woodward, head brakeman of the freight which collided with the second section of the immigrant, are held responsible. The railroad company is not censured. The three men named have been arrested.

YEARNS FOR JOB AS CHICAGO'S PRESS AGENT

Chicago, Nov. 28.—A man has been found who is willing to act as Chicago's \$10,000 a year press agent. He is F. W. Lucas, and he lives in Bellevue, Ky.

Mayor Dunne and City Statistician Hugo Grosser, who conceived the idea of a city press agent, had begun to believe a man was made until the following letter from Lucas was received yesterday:

BACK IN WASHINGTON

President Roosevelt Returns from His Trip to Panama Much Impressed With the Work.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 28.—Completing a remarkable trip to Panama, during which he traveled several thousand miles by sea and visited not only the isthmus, but Porto Rico as well, and voicing his thorough enjoyment of the entire voyage, President Roosevelt returned to Washington.

The trip up the Potomac on the yacht Mayflower, to which he and his party were transferred from the Louisiana at Piny point, was made without special incident. As the Mayflower pulled into the dock at the rear of the office of the commandant of the navy yard, Miss Ethel Roosevelt, the president's daughter, and Miss Hagner, Mrs. Roosevelt's secretary, were awaiting to greet the party. Miss Roosevelt rushed on board as soon as the gang plank was laid and affectionately greeted her father and mother.

There were also at the dock to welcome the president Captain McCoy, U. S. A., and Lieutenant Commander Key, of the marine corps, the president's aides; the commandant and other officials of the navy yard and the Uruguayan charge d'affaires.

The president landed within ten minutes after the arrival of the Mayflower.



THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

To those who met him he stated that he had had a delightful trip and that he was feeling fine.

The president and Mrs. Roosevelt immediately proceeded to the White House. As the president alighted from his carriage he shook hands with all the attaches and others waiting on the portico.

Speaking of his trip the president said: "We had a very pleasant, very enjoyable time, and I am deeply impressed with the United States navy, with Panama and with Porto Rico."

"The Panama canal, it was stated by the president, will be a subject of a special message, and consequently on that subject the president will say nothing at this time."

BLACK HAND PLOT INVOLVES YOUNG BOYS

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 28.—Two boys of the tender age of 10 are languishing in the Penn avenue police station until further investigation can be made into their alleged participation in the Polish Black Hand conspiracy, which was revealed recently. These lads are Robert Straub and Fred Carr, and their homes are on Ridge street.

The warning letter which Grocer John Drozinski, of Brereton avenue, received from the Polish Black Hand informed him that he must put a package of \$300 under a certain plank in the Thirty-third street steps which lead from Grant boulevard. Instead of this, however, Inspector R. H. Robinson fixed up a dummy package, put it at the designated spot and assigned Policeman A. J. Schulze to watch for developments.

Schulze saw two small boys approach the "deadly" spot, when it was near 9 o'clock at night, and he nabbed them when one was crawling under the steps. With good American names and combining that fact with their ages, it was pretty evident that they could not have written a letter in Polish.

The boys claimed they had been given the letter by an older boy, of whose identity they could give little better than hazy descriptions. The police decided to hold them until they could look further into the matter.

GLAD IN SHIRT AND A SMILE, NOT MUCH SHIRT, HE FIGHTS.

Music Teacher, Claiming to Be Caruso, Starts Things at Midnight in Memphis.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 28.—Singing at the top of his voice and clad only in what passengers said embraced a short nightshirt and a pleasant smile, Henry Steinertz, who said he lived at 13 Jefferson street, was taken to the city hospital shortly after midnight after fighting like a demon to board the car.

Rain was pouring in torrents. He declared that he was Caruso, of whose fame he was backed in from a fashionable neighborhood to the City hospital, where attendants stated that Steinertz was suffering from somnambulism.

When aroused he disclaimed all knowledge of what had happened.

Steinertz, the police say, is a music teacher, having lately been a victim of misfortune.

FIRE TAKES CHILD'S LIFE

Little Five-Year-Old Girl Victim of an Awful Accident.

Pierce, S. D., Nov. 28.—Her clothing afire from contact with a bonfire which her sister had built, the 5-year-old daughter of Fred Luebe, north of town, ran as far as she could toward home and then succumbed to the terrible injury. She lived but a short time after being picked up by her sister, who fled after her. The clothing of the child was entirely consumed.