

France has decided that all the troops in the colonies shall henceforth be armed with weapons similar to those of the home army.

The number of marine disasters during the year just closed is smaller probably than ever before. An official of the New York Maritime Exchange thinks this is due to the fact that sailing vessels are disappearing, steam craft being better able to take care of themselves when in peril.

Perhaps the oddest suit of furniture in the world is owned by a certain hotelkeeper. For many years he has made it his business to collect match boxes, of which he has now a collection of 4,000. He ordered a skilled cabinetmaker to equip a room with furniture made of these boxes.

According to the census, the population of the farming country shows a falling off in New England and New York, and only a slight increase in Ohio and Indiana, but its growth is healthy in the states farther west. It is evident that the old states must look to their cities and larger towns for increase in population.

A recent notable dinner of the Harvard club of Japan calls attention both to the spread of western learning in the east, and to the wide influence of a great university. The dinner was given to celebrate the return of Minister Komura from St. Petersburg, en route to his new post in China.

The recent celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding at Washington of the national capital recalls the description of its location given in an early newspaper letter, which is now preserved in the library of congress. "This metropolis," the writer says, "situated upon the great post-road, exactly equidistant from the northern and the southern extremities of the Union, and nearly so from the Atlantic to Fort Pitt, is by far the most eligible situation for the residence of congress."

College football, during the season recently closed had no worthier representatives than the students of the Carlisle Indian School, in the essentials of manliness and sportsmanlike conduct generally. The games in which they engaged were as many and as fiercely contested as those of any other college team, and the spectators, in some instances, were neither so considerate nor so sympathetic as they might have been.

Ghost stories, for some mysterious reason, have been revived of late in Washington. It is told again how the face of an old woman was depicted clearly on one of the white house pillars the day the president received word that his mother was dead. Capitol employes entertain their friends with the story of the shadow of a general looking like Washington between pillars in statutory hall at the capitol.

Prices of bogus money, as discovered by Chief Wilkie's men, are quoted as follows: For coin to a face value of \$5, price \$10; coin to face value of \$10, price \$20; bills, \$5 per cent to 65 per cent face value. Mr. Wilkie says that no larger amount than \$50 in coin is offered to one customer. The greenbacks men who do not intend to deliver the goods offer \$1,000 in bills for \$200; \$2,000 for \$500 and \$10,000 for \$1,000. When they change the notes and the victim after finding his eyes on bills in the first grip gets nervous on the receipt.

AT LAST.

When on my day of life the night is falling, And in the winds from unnumbered spaces blown, I hear far voices out of darkness calling, My feet to paths unknown.

For Love of Madelaine.

BY JAMES O'SHAUGHNESSY.

(Copyright, 1909, by Daily Story Pub. Co.) Although I had been a frequent caller at the home of Madelaine Zimner, as I had a right to be, I had never met Charles Newkirk there. Indeed, there were many other young men of my acquaintance whom I had never met at her home, for that matter, but the fact that Newkirk and I never happened to be callers in the luxurious house of the Zimmers at the same time is worthy of mention.

His tenderness for her was hardly within my knowledge, as he had never told me of it, but it was so firmly a matter of belief with me that it interfered with my ease of mind. I knew he called to see her; that was sufficient to make out a plain case of rivalry against him. After that whenever I encountered him at the club or at receptions the very sight of him quickened my sense of envy.

It was late in the afternoon when we returned to the hotel. We were sitting in the cooling shade of the great veranda. Another boatload of visitors hauled up from the wharf were being discharged from the backs and we were studying them as they passed into the hotel.

He was gone from the veranda. I went into the hotel rotunda looking for him, but he was not there. I went to the clerk's desk.

"Where did that insolent fellow go?" I demanded. "Whom do you mean?" asked the apprehensive clerk. "Why that fellow Newkirk?" "They have gone to their room." "They? Who are they? Newkirk is the only one I want."

citadel, I made a plan. It was simple enough. It was to tell her that Newkirk was dead. That would leave the field clear. In her moment of bereavement I would naturally be the one man to whom she would turn for consolation. The rest would be easy.



She gave a scream and threw herself fainting in my arms.

birds sang sweeter than ever they sang before. The sun shone brighter; the lake and the sky were bluer and the air was perfumed as we slowly paced along. We forgot the dinner hour and didn't care, for we were happy.

"What is the matter, John, dear?" she exclaimed in affright. I could not find words at that moment, but she followed my fixed stare with her terrified glances until she, too, saw the cause of my attack of momentary paralysis.

"I looked at the hotel register and there was Newkirk's familiar handwriting tracing the words: 'Charles Newkirk and wife.' 'Shall I send up your card?' asked the clerk. 'No; I guess I have made a mistake,' I said softly.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, recently entered his eightieth year, having been born on St. Andrew's Day, 1821, at Santa Maura, in the Ionian islands. It is generally stated that he was born in Sierra Leone, of which his father, Major Octavius Temple was governor.

MADE BY THE PEOPLE

LET ALL LAWS BEAR THAT STAMP.

The Initiative and the Referendum the Only Safe Form of Government—The Bankers Have Begun to Fight It—Alarm Them.

A Chicago newspaper published by (and chiefly for) the banking interests of the city has been bothering itself about the initiative and referendum which the Federation of Labor desires to see introduced in America. Says the newspaper:

"In a pure democracy, or, if the American Federation prefers, under the initiative and referendum, the people would originate laws, if they desired, and if they took the trouble to elect representatives for any purpose, they would be called upon to vote upon all measures of importance which might be proposed by their agents. Without public sanction no bill would become law. Without popular approval at every step there would be no government. The government of the states and of the nation would be town meetings in session most of the time. A better way to paralyze all government it would be difficult to devise."

Yes? Oh, we think not. Why not say that the referendum means the spreading of smallpox or the introduction of yellow fever? No advocate of the referendum has ever suggested that all measures should be submitted to the people, but that the people should have a chance to pass upon such measures as they might desire to pass upon.

But the whole subject is an apt illustration of the irresistible, if slow, advance of democracy. While the corporation organs scream and rage and lie against the referendum, the referendum steadily advances upon us. Whenever any community determines by a vote whether it will issue bonds, build school houses, increase its taxes, dig sewers, found public libraries, engage in public works and improvements, it vindicates the referendum.

THE PARTY IS TOP HEAVY.

The fact that though the President was re-elected by a large popular majority, renders suggestive the fact that coincidentally the party behind him is going to pieces.

Tom Reed stayed out during the campaign. General Harrison leads in open revolt since. Other distinguished Republicans, even including the genial Mr. Kohlsaat, are on the bench of criticism. Says the Philadelphia Times:

"Congress has now only been in session a fortnight, and we see the administration literally crucified in the senate, where a majority of the Republicans recorded themselves in open rebellion. No such exhibition of political revolt has ever been exhibited toward a present and re-elected President by his own party in either branch of congress, and it means that the disintegration that made its first record in the senate on Thursday last will assert itself in both branches of congress, and that there will be very general revolt against the policy of the administration among Republican people."

American people is asserting itself. Just keep your ear to the ground.—Atlanta Constitution.

WELCOMES EDITOR BRYAN.

The Associated Press dispatches convey the gratifying information that Mr. Bryan will commence in January the publication of a weekly paper to be devoted to the discussion of public questions. This is, indeed, news that will be received with delight by Mr. Bryan's millions of friends and admirers throughout the United States and the world.

Mr. Bryan enters upon his chosen work with rare equipment and under the most favorable conditions. He is the trusted and worthy leader of the grandest movement in the history of the human race—a movement to marshal the intellect and conscience of the nation to stay the hand of greed and rescue the one great free republic of earth from the grip of monopoly, to be the hope of mankind forever.

BULWARK OF TRUSTS.

Prof. Jenks of Cornell university is a Republican and a protectionist, but he is not mentally blind. In a recent essay on the relation between the tariff and the trusts, he frankly admits that the Dingley tariff is the handmaid, if not "the mother of trusts," as Havelmeyer, the protected sugar monopolist, openly stated before a congressional committee. These are not the only admissions made by prominent Republicans concerning the effects of the tariff as the bulwark behind which monopolies and trusts are entrenched.

THE CHINESE MUDDLE.

Philadelphia Times: Since Mr. McKinley has got out of his military enterprise in China and is confining himself to efforts to find out what Mr. Conger is doing Chinese affairs have ceased to be exciting. We seem to be engaged in some kind of a general compact to do something, but nobody appears to know what it is that is to be done, and not many appear to care.

GRIGGS' EMBARRASSMENT.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican: "May congress establish in newly acquired territory any other than a republican form of government?" was asked Attorney General Griggs by one of the supreme court justices. And Mr. Griggs, it is said, promptly answered in the affirmative. But when Justice Harlan asked him if congress could confer titles of nobility in the territories, or "dependencies," the attorney general did not answer. Of course, he must have answered again in the affirmative to have reserved his logic.

Hon. Mark Hanna's declaration of his anxiety to get the subsidy bill through is one of those things calculated to "jar you" a whole lot.—Troy (Ohio) Democrat.

Consumption's Lessening Fatality.

Deaths from consumption in Philadelphia are estimated to be one-third less than they were fifteen years ago. The health authorities say the improvement is due to their continuous battle against the disease.

Briefest Biography.

The shortest biography in the new congressional directory is that of Representative Allen Langdon McDermott of Jersey City, N. J. It takes up only three and a half lines.

THE DUTY OF MOTHERS.

What suffering frequently results from a mother's ignorance; or more frequently from a mother's neglect to properly instruct her daughter! Tradition says "woman must suffer," and young women are so taught. There is a little truth and a great deal of exaggeration in this. If a young woman suffers severely she needs treatment, and her mother should see that she gets it.

Many mothers hesitate to take their daughters to a physician for examination; but no mother need hesitate to write freely about her daughter or herself to Mrs. Pinkham and secure the most efficient advice without charge. Mrs. Pinkham's address is Lynn, Mass.



Mrs. August Pfalzgraf, of South Byron, Wis., mother of the young lady whose portrait we here publish, wrote Mrs. Pinkham in January, 1899, saying her daughter had suffered for two years with irregular menstruation—had headache all the time, and pain in her side, feet swell, and was generally miserable. Mrs. Pinkham promptly replied with advice, and under date of March, 1899, the mother writes again that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound cured her daughter of all pains and irregularity.

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