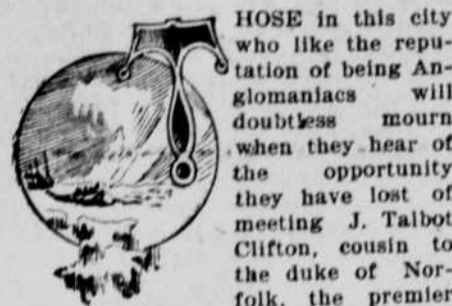


## OFF FOR THE POLE.

"LORD" TALBOT, AN ENGLISHMAN, AFTER MUSK OXEN.

Has Spent a Fortune Like a Prince—Eccentric but Clever—Writes Well, Draws Well and Shoots Splendidly—Universally Known.



HOSE in this city who like the reputation of being Anglomaniacs will doubtless mourn when they hear of the opportunity they have lost of meeting J. Talbot Clifton, cousin to the duke of Norfolk, the premier peer of England and hereditary earl marshal and chief butler of the kingdom, says the New York Journal. "Lord" Talbot, as he is called in the four quarters of the globe, arrived here on Monday and went to a hotel, where he remained until last night. Then he left New York and proceeded on his way to discover the north pole. With him were his brother Arthur and his valet Betts. Clifton is closely connected with half a dozen of the best families of the English nobility and is a very wealthy young man. He is about 32 years of age, tall, slender and ultra-English in dress and manner. It is said that at one time his income amounted to something like a million a year, but that his debts became so appalling that he signed over his property, or the most of it, to his creditors, reserving for his own use the modest annuity of \$80,000. Talbot is, with all

midable horns. The greater part of the body is covered with a matted brown hair of considerable length. In setting out on this cold and lonely journey, with no other companions than his brother, his valet, and his guide, Mr. Clifton thoroughly realizes the dangers and the hardships to which he will be subjected. He has been through both before and they seem to have more charm than terror for him. "Really, you know," he said, laughingly, in his sumptuous apartments, "beans and bacon are not a half-bad diet for a healthy Britisher, and when you're actually hungry they're positively good." On his return to England—if he does return—Talbot intends to write a book, which will be illustrated with pictures drawn by himself. Clifton's experience in San Francisco is a thing never to be forgotten either by him or by anyone who happened to be in the city at the time. He was a conspicuous figure there and tied fast his faith to "White Hat" (Dan) McCarthy, the turfman. It was an odd sight to see the lanky Talbot and his little friend, the top of whose tall white beaver came barely to the big Englishman's shoulder, driving about in a buckboard wagon drawn by a little hunter which tried to take every gate and fence toward which the odd pair drove. One day the little hunter naturally tried to take a spiked gate while drawing the buckboard and its ill-mated occupants. She came down on the iron pickets and, horribly torn, bled to death. This stopped the Englishman from driving hunters, before buckboards. At the horse show of 1895 he was as much of interest as any one of the events on the card, and visitors went as much to see "Lord" Talbot fall off his horse as to see any of the other performances. The big fellow thought he could do the jumps on his horse, The

## CHINESE CORRUPTION.

Officials Who Drown Thousands of People for Personal Gains.

How much Occidental politicians have yet to learn from the Chinese in the way of official corruption is set forth by Dr. Sun Yat Sen in the Fortnightly. Referring to the calamity of floods, he says: There is an official known as the Hotaohung-tu (viceroys of course of the river), with a large number of subordinate officers, whose special duty it is to preserve and keep in order the banks of the river and to guard against accidents, by seeing that the embankments are adequate and sound. These officials are, however, practically without salary, and have purchased their positions at immense cost. They must, therefore, make money, and this they can do in many ways when an embankment bursts and has to be reconstructed. Thus it is their constant hope that floods may come, and, far from taking precautions to prevent these terrible visitations, which lay waste whole provinces and cost thousands of lives, they actually take care to produce a flood by artificial means if, for the delectation of their ruthless cupidity, Nature seems too dilatory in the matter. When there is not enough rain to make the river overflow its banks, it is quite common for men to be sent out to damage the embankments, and so cause "an accident." This is a source of profit in a variety of ways. First, there is the pay received for repairing the breach, then there is the profit obtained by docking the wages of the workmen employed and employing fewer workmen than are supposed to be paid, and yet another on the cost of materials, etc.; then the lack of food consequent upon the destruction of rice-fields causes widespread distress,

## SCHEDULE ON SUGAR.

LIKELY TO BE REPORTED BY THE SENATE.

Legislation Against Great Combinations May Be Enacted at the Same Time—What a Close Estimate of the Probable Vote on the Sugar Clause Shows.

Arranging Tariff Schedules.

LONDON, May 13.—Although Greece has formally agreed to accept the mediation of the powers, the war clouds have not yet passed away, and there may be more trouble before peace shall be re-established.

Turkey does not seem inclined to declare an armistice pending negotiations, but is still sending out orders to Edhem Pasha to continue the campaign in Thessaly with the intention of having him capture Crown Prince Constantine's army at Domokos and then marching on Athens.

Turkey also threatens to drive the Greeks to desperation by demanding the surrender of the Greek warships and the occupation of Thessaly until the expenses of the war shall be paid by Greece.

TURKEY'S THESSALIAN PLANS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 13.—A decree issued to-day by the council of ministers orders a battalion of gendarmes to Larissa and also appoints the former Ottoman consul at Volo, Larissa and Trikala to be kaimakams, or administrators of those districts, with powers to organize the Turkish administration in those parts of Greece.

The sultan will personally defray the cost of the war medals which are to be presented to the Turkish troops which have taken part in the campaign against the Greeks.

The ambassadors of the powers held another meeting this afternoon, after which they presented at the palace and to the Turkish government a collective note, proposing an armistice pending the negotiations for peace between Turkey and Greece which are now in progress.

The admirals in command of the foreign fleets in Cretan waters have been notified of the mediation of the powers between Turkey and Greece, and have been instructed to permit the departure of the Greek troops from Crete.

ATHENS, May 13.—M. Ralli, the premier, has dispatches and reports from Colonel Manos and various civil authorities in Epirus, stating that fourteeen villages between Toulour and Kastrosykia had been burned by the Turks after all the women and children had been massacred except a few who hid in the fastness of Mount Zalongos, famous during the war of independence, and a few who concealed themselves in the marshes along the shore and managed finally to get aboard the Greek ships, half dead with hunger and fear. Not a stone of the village of Kamarina is left standing. The men fought like lions in defense of the women, who sought refuge in the woods and caves of Mount Zalongos, and when chased by the Turks jumped from precipices to avoid capture and dishonor.

## MYSTERY PARTLY SOLVED.

The New York Reservoir Suicide Ethel Reis, Formerly of St. Louis.

NEW YORK, May 13.—The body of the woman found in the park reservoir Monday with a note signed "Titania" upon it, indicating that the person was a suicide, has been identified as that of Ethel Marie Reis of Brooklyn. At the house where the woman boarded little was known regarding her antecedents beyond the fact that she had formerly lived in St. Louis.

## Postoffice Discussed.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Messrs. Kerns, Bittinger and Crowther met in the office of Assistant Postmaster General Bristow yesterday afternoon, on the latter's invitation, and had an animated discussion over the fourth class postoffices in the Fourth Missouri district. Several of Crowther's appointments were held up at Major Bittinger's instance. The department is disposed to recognize defeated Republicans so far as possible, and Crowther, if he is reasonable, will probably be allowed to name some of the small postoffice places against which there is no opposition by the friends of Major Bittinger.

## Fight Pictures Ready.

NEW YORK, May 13.—The first exhibition of the veracope pictures of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight will take place in New York Saturday night at one of the largest theaters. The pictures were copyrighted yesterday in London and Paris, and in a few days will be on exhibition in nearly every city in the United States. The pictures are perfect, and such a complete reproduction that those who see them will see as much as those who went to Carson City.

## State Senator Wallace Dead.

ATLANS, Kan., May 13.—State Senator R. E. Wallace died at his home at Edlingham last night of heart disease, after an illness of only a few days. He was a pioneer in this section and had been prominent in Republican politics for years.

## Omaha's New Mayor Wins.

OMAHA, Neb., May 13.—Judges Powell, Dickinson and Keyser of the Douglas county district court, sitting en banc, heard the arguments in the mayoralty contest. Ex-Mayor Hrovath had secured a restraining order to prevent Mayor Moore from assuming his office, and Moore had asked for a mandamus to compel Hrovath to vacate. Both cases were argued together. At 10:30 the judges announced their decision, dissolving the restraining order and issuing the writ of mandamus asked for. Mayor Moore at once entered on the duties of his office.

## THE WAR CLOUDS.

They Do Not Appear to Have Yet Passed Away.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Careful inquiry among Senators indicates very plainly that the sugar schedule in the tariff bill will have a rocky time. A canvass of the Senate indicates three things: First, that the sugar schedule as it was reported is not likely to pass; second, that the ad valorem duty granted in addition to the specific duty on the higher grades of sugar will be stricken out; third, that some anti-trust amendment, such as has been proposed by Senators Nelson and Pettigrew, will undoubtedly be passed.

It is a noticeable fact, as indicating the feeling of the Senate toward the sugar schedule, that of all the Republican senators interviewed only one undertook to make any defense of the schedule, and that was Mr. Platt of Connecticut, the only member of the sub-committee which framed the bill who is now in the city. Mr. Sewell of New Jersey was disposed to admit that the amount of protection granted to the trust was not too high, but all the other Republicans who did not declare against the schedule simply said that their own position was doubtful. Many of them, as Mr. Lodge and Mr. Cullom, for instance, said that they had always been against ad valorem schedules. Mr. Perkins of California is against the schedule. Other Western senators, including Mr. McBride of Oregon, said that they found the schedule "unsatisfactory," while Mr. Davis and others said that they would vote against it if the charges made were true. There is no doubt, also, that the disposition of the Hawaiian question will influence a great many votes. The sentiment against abrogation of the treaty, as proposed indirectly by the "sugar schedule is very strong.

Including seventeen Senators who are absent and whose views could not be ascertained, the Senate stands thus: Against the schedule and the trust, 47; for the schedule, 6; non-committal, 15; not classified, 17; vacancies, 2; total membership of Senate, 90; majority against the schedule and the trust, 6.

There is no doubt that the majority against the schedule will be much larger than that given, for practically the solid Democrats and Populists will be against it and several Republicans who are non-committal or not classified will be in the same column.

## GREEKS QUIT CRETE.

Three Shiplads of Hellenic Troops Leave the Island.

CANEA, May 13.—The Greek troops are already leaving Crete on board three Greek steamers.

LONDON, May 13.—A dispatch to the Standard from Constantinople says:

"It is reported that orders have been sent out for the mobilization of the Fifth and Sixth army corps reserves, stationed at Bagdad and in Syria, and for the immediate dispatch of fifty battalions to Konieh, from which point they will be taken to Ismeed, in Asia Minor.

"These preparations, which involve an expense that Turkey is quite unable to bear, cannot be required against Greece, and they excite anxiety, as indicating that Turkey is preparing either to confront a more formidable foe or to place herself in such a strong position that she will be able to ignore the powers and their plan of mediation.

"Six officers of the Turkish troops stationed at Janina, together with the commandants at Louras, Philippida and other stations have arrived in chains. They will be tried for neglect of duty in face of the enemy."

M. Ralli, in the course of an interview at Athens, intimated that the acquiescence of Greece in the conditions proposed by the powers was due to the belief that they would not allow Turkey to retain an inch of Greek territory. This appears to be the general opinion of European diplomats, who also consider that Turkey should be satisfied with a moderate indemnity.

Crown Prince Constantine yesterday issued the following address to the troops at Domokos:

"Soldiers—The Greek army retires to Domokos because our positions at Pharsalos were not strong enough against an enemy greatly superior in number, but the positions you occupy here are so strong that our army may be considered invincible. I am confident that you will be able not only to repulse with success any attack of the enemy, but that you will shortly be able to take the offensive and compel him to abandon Greek territory.

"Remember you defend the sacred soil of the fatherland and the honor of the king and nation. The enemy must not be allowed to make a further step into Greece. I know you have suffered and are still suffering many privations, after having been obliged to fight so many days, but we must endure these privations patiently, confident that we are doing our duty to our fatherland. CONSTANTINE."

The Greek commissariat has collapsed. The only rations now received by the soldiers are bread and cheese. Not even coffee is procurable.

## Promotion for General Forsyth.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—The President sent to the Senate to-day the nomination of Brigadier General James W. Forsyth, at present in command of the department of California, to the vacant major-generalcy caused by General Wheaton's retirement last week. General Forsyth, it is reported, will retire within a few days after confirmation, leaving the way open for the promotion to the major-generalcy of some of the other brigadier generals, which movement probably will end with General Bessie permanently in the place of major-general.

## TALL MEN ARE SHY.

Their Reticence Never Shared by the Little Men.

Two French physicians who have been making investigations have come forward with a general denunciation of tall men as no good, says the New York Herald. They instance the giants of the world, who have been proverbially dull and men of gloomy disposition, and say that the chances are against phenomenally tall men or even very tall men being bright. There should, however, be a careful distinction drawn between tall men and giantism. The victims suffer from a malady which produces an enlargement of the joints and this, more than any other growth of the bones, produces their extraordinary height. But men within certain limits grow tall without suffering decreased or absorbed mentality. It will not do to denounce the tall man when the world has seen so many examples of his being able to hold his own. The real reason why the tall men do not come to the front of the scene is that they are as modest as they are extended. Little men usually bustle about to such an extent that people believe that they make up in width of views what they lack in stature. In their absorbing ambition not to be overlooked they simply overdo the thing and make those whose command of the horizon is larger believe that they must get out of the way or the little fellows will run over them. The tall man is always looking down on some one, but if any one believes that it is a comfortable situation he should get himself into it for once and discover how unpleasant it is to carry on conversation with the assistance of a telephone neck. It is this excruciating experience that makes the tall man, as a rule, reticent. His reticence is mistaken for pride, pride is believed to be the evidence of doubt of his own powers, doubt proves deficiency. Deficiency in the tall man can arise from only one thing—development of the body at the expense of the brain and nervous system. Hence the short man easily arrives at the conclusion that the tall man is a misfit and that he is the only perfect being going. Perfection being accorded him he might easily conquer the world, but he always spools his chances by marrying a tall woman, who holds him back. This is the only reason why the men under five feet six have not already exterminated those over five feet nine.

## WHY DID SHE DO IT?

Exposed the Fraud Then Hushed It Up.

"Some of the story tellers have discovered that woman can play poker." The speaker was a man who used to travel because he had a constitutional antipathy to remaining in one place for any considerable length of time, says an exchange. "This one I've just read recalls an experience of my own. I had been to South America and was returning to New York by a slow steamer from Buenos Ayres. The passengers were few and the chief end of their existence seemed to be to kill time pleasantly. Among other things we played poker and the most enthusiastic devotee of the game was a beautiful Spanish woman who seemed not to care whether the little curly-headed god of chance favored or opposed her. As the end of the voyage approached the inevitable happened, for you never can run a series of these contests without working up to the sensational. The woman had been a loser and so had the dark-skinned man from Colombia who posed as an interesting invalid. It was the merchant from New York, seconded by the diplomat on his way to Washington, that had induced the innovation of jack pots, just for that evening. No one had suffered seriously and we agreed on 'just for one more round.' I dealt. The diplomat opened for \$100. The woman tilted it for another hundred and no one dropped out. When I offered to help the hands no one drew a card. Every player stood pat and five people joined in a frozen laugh, while all looked puzzled. Not being a believer in miracles, I laid down four eights and looked on. When the betting was done the woman raked in \$5,000 on a royal flush, beating a straight or a straight flush in every other hand. Then she suddenly grasped a handkerchief on the knee of the invalid, threw it upon the table and exposed a deck of cards. With wonderful deftness he had rung in a cold deck while pretending to cut the cards on my deal. She alone saw it and, throwing the money to me, asked me to give each player his share. 'In giving it to you,' she added, 'I earn the right to ask a favor. Say nothing about the hateful incident.' As to what was behind it all you know just as much as I do."

Endless Capacity. Miss—This paper says that 5,000 people can be crowded into La Scala in Milan. Foss—We have something in this country that can beat that. Miss—What is it? Foss—A New York elevated train.—New York Tribune.

Not a Joque. She bought a most beautiful toque, Likewise a handsome seal cloque, And her husband fell ill, And when he paid the bill, And loudly exclaimed: "Hoity toity!"—Omaha World-Herald.

Just Like a Man. "Oh, Clarence!" exclaimed Mrs. McBride, as her brother entered the house, "baby's out a tooth." "Why do you let her play with knives?" asked the unimpressed bachelor brother.—Judge.



THE BICYCLE GIRL OF 1897.

his eccentricities, a very clever fellow and a really great traveler. He can write fine descriptions and good narrative stories and his pencil sketches are exceedingly good. His little leather diary is a most interesting book and is worth anyone's time to peruse. He talks as calmly about going around the world as though he were giving his order for breakfast. He has been around it four times. He is as well known in San Francisco as in Grosvenor square, London. He has journeyed through Russia, Siberia, Peru, to the most northern part of Alaska, and in those parts of old Mexico to which he says no other white man had previously traveled. Not content with America for the race and elusive musk ox, this young nimrod intends to penetrate to the most desolate region of Athabasca and capture, if he can, one or two of these rare animals of that land. He is a fellow of the Royal Geographical society, and if he succeeds in capturing a pair of musk oxen alive he will drop all of his other plans for the time and return at once with his prizes to England.

Lark, one of his many purchases from "White Hat" Dan. But almost nightly he was flung over the head of the balky little mare and buried his aristocratic nose in the tankard. He was a member of the Burlingame country club and established a gentleman's coaching line between San Francisco and that place. Everything he did, although done in the most serious way, was meant for the humorous writers of the San Francisco newspapers, who treated him about as the metropolitan press have regarded—well, Oscar Wilde. Clifton bears with him a letter of introduction from Lord Litchfield, in which that esteemed peer refers to the cousin of the duke of Norfolk in glowing terms.

and relief funds pour in both from the government and from charitable individuals—relief funds which never, in anything like their full amount, reach the people for whom they are intended. Finally, there is always a promotion, by way of "recompense for public services," conferred on the officers under whom an embankment has been repaired. All this may sound incredible, but so well known is it in China that there is a popular saying which runs: "The best cure for the Hwang Ho and the best safeguards against floods would be to behead all the officials and leave the river to itself."

HOMILIES.

It is surprising how many things you believe that you know.

When a little old man wants to make an impression he puts on a plug hat.

Every woman thinks that she would be an angel if it wasn't for the men.

The milkmen are about the only men who know the women's true complexions.

A whist crank is one who doesn't believe a game is interesting unless he quarrels over it.

To a man 60 years old it must seem like paying his funeral expenses several times to pay \$200 a year for life insurance.—Atchison Globe.

There is not any virtue, the exercise of which, even momentarily, will not impress a new fairness on the features; neither on them only, but on the whole body; the moral and intellectual faculties have operations, for all the movements and gestures, however slight, are different in their modes, according to the mind that governs them.—Trach.