

fresh shot, round and perfect.

"The shot tower, a grand invention, was due to a dream," the foreman said. "Once upon a time shot was made by hand. Lead was cut into tiny cubes and rolled around in a barrel till, the corners wearing off, the cubes grew round. A tedious, costly process.

Then came the dream of a man named Watts, a shotmaker.

"Watts dreamed one night that he went to a party, and that on the way home from the party a strange rain began to fall. This rain hurt him.

"It stings like shot," he said.

"And then he caught some of it in his hand, and found that it was shot.

"And when Watts awoke the next

morning he couldn't get his odd dream out of his head. He thought of it all day long. And late that afternoon he went up into the steeple of a church and melted a small chunk of lead and dropped it down.

"The lead fell in round pellets, in perfect globules. It was shot—shot made with none of the difficulties of cutting and barrel-rolling. Watts, thanks to his dream, had happened on a wonderful invention.

"The shot towers that rise like steeples over the land—only steeples are for the saving of life, while shot are for its destruction—would none of them exist if Watts had not had that strange dream of his."—Denver News.

MAYOR EUGENE V. SCHMITZ

The country will cheerfully and promptly "take back" some of the things which it had been saying in recent times about Eugene V. Schmitz. All the radical and revolutionary elements in his town were on his side in his elections for mayor. Socialists, anarchists, lawbreakers of all sorts, and all of society's extreme left voted for him. Many conservative and respectable men also were on his side, but most of the men who gave his candidacy its peculiar distinctiveness were neither respectable nor conservative.

But Mayor Schmitz has surprised

both his supporters and his opponents. In the crisis which has just struck his city he has done immeasurably better than many of his friends wanted him to do, and better than most of his enemies supposed he would do. He arose to the demands of the emergency promptly and intelligently. As titular head of the military, as well as of the civil authority, he played his part well. The regular soldiers from the Presidio were on the scene before the mayor had time to act, or possibly before he had thought of them at all in his exigency. But he fell in with the soldiers' plans from the start, and backed them in their work of preventing panic, preserving order, heading off looting, feeding and sheltering the hungry and the homeless, and in saving life and property. In the dispute between the mayor and Governor Pardee, the latter of whom objected to the reinforcement of the federal troops in the city, the mayor has taken the side of the national forces, and wants to have the state militia removed from the city.

All these things will be remembered to Mayor Schmitz's credit. In theory the regulars have been acting under the mayor's orders from the beginning. That is, the soldiers cut out the work for themselves before the municipal authority got a chance to collect itself in the panic but the head of that authority had the sense to see that the military program was right, and he, as his position entitled him, assumed direction of it, and became responsible for it. In his successive campaigns for mayor he had practically the entire press of his city against him. Most of the newspapers of the country accepted the judgment of the papers which stood nearest to him, and which, therefore, had the best chance of knowing him. All were mistaken in their appraisal. Mayor Schmitz is better than most of the company he kept, and better than the reputation he had till a week ago. He deserves well of his community.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

WHY HE GOT OFF

Pat, who had recently "come over," met his old friend Dennis. Pat, who was enthusiastic over all the wonderful things he had seen and heard, lost no time in telling Dennis some of his adventures, says San Francisco Chronicle.

"An' what foine smart men they have on them strate cars," he said. "I got on wan of them and purty soon the man said 'Kearney,' and Mr. Kearney he get up and got off.

"At the next corner he said 'Powell,' and Mr. Powell he gets off, and he kept right on doing that.

"Says I to meself: 'He is purty smart, begorra, if he can find out me own name,' but, would yez believe me, at the next corner he said 'McAllister,' so there was nothing for me to do but get off, too."

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