

BLOW UP TWO MAIL CARS

Bandits Hold Up Baltimore and Ohio Train in Indiana.

THIEVES OBTAIN NO PLUNDER. Miss Express Car Because of Its Unusual Position and Threaten to Kill Engineer for Their Mistake—Posses Promptly Begin Pursuit.

Chicago, Aug. 1.—The New York and Washington vestibule limited train on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, due to arrive in Chicago at 9 o'clock last night, was held up by five masked men near Grand Calumet Heights, Ind. A storage mail car, mistaken by the robbers for an express car, was blown open with dynamite. The men secured no plunder. They escaped after firing several shots from their revolvers to intimidate the passengers and train crew.

The place where the robbery occurred is a lonely district, 31 miles out from Chicago, where houses are far between. The train was running at a high rate of speed as it passed Calumet Heights and immediately after passing out of sight of the station, Engineer Collins saw directly in front of his engine a large fire, on which some rails had been placed. He slowed down and as he did so three men, wearing masks over their faces, jumped into the cab and covered Collins and his fireman, James Whipple, with revolvers.

Just before climbing into the cab, the three men commenced to fire with their revolvers to frighten away all assistance. The shots produced the liveliest kind of a panic in the sleeping cars, where the passengers made every effort to hide their money and valuables before the robbers could get at them. No attempt, however, was made to rob any of the passengers.

After mounting into the cab of the engine the robbers, covering the engineer and fireman with their revolvers, ordered them to uncouple the first two cars, which was done. They then hustled the two trainmen back into the cab and, still keeping the engineer covered with revolvers, directed him to pull up some distance from the rest of the train.

Engineer Collins ran up 200 feet and was then directed to stop. He did so, and while one of the men remained to guard him, the others jumped off and, hurling dynamite at the door of the car which they judged to be the express car, burst open the door. Hastily climbing in to get at the safe, they were astonished to find that they had broken into a mail car. They threatened the engineer with death for not telling them that the cars which he had uncoupled were not express cars, and ordered him to return at once and uncouple the next behind the baggage cars. Climbing once more into his cab, Collins backed his engine down, coupled onto the third car, while the fireman was made to uncouple at the rear end, and still with the muzzle of the revolver at his head, Collins was ordered to run down the track as before. He drew away from the balance of the train about the same distance as on the first occasion and the robbers still leaving him under the charge of one of their number, attacked the other car. When they reached it they found to their great wrath that they had opened another mail car, and that it contained no money. The train had been delayed now fully 30 minutes, and, fearing that if they delayed any longer, help would be coming to the train crew, the robbers gave up their attempt to rob the train and ran into a thicket of scrub oaks at the side of the track and disappeared. The train came on after the robbers. Within an hour after the robbery a large posse was on their trail.

It is estimated that \$50,000 was stored in the express car and it is believed the robbers knew of the large amounts of money and valuable aboard.

Two Killed in Drunken Fight. Vinita, I. T., Aug. 1.—At Campbell, I. T., Tom Toney and Jesse Lunagan were killed in a drunken fight by Jeff Hillion. Hillion had slipped around and removed the taps from all the wheels of a new wagon purchased by Lunagan. When all three of the men started out of town the wheels ran off and fell the crowd down in the road. The fight ensued and Hillion used a Winchester and killed both men.

Officer Kills Bootlegger. Wathena, Kan., Aug. 1.—In a fight with bootleggers here yesterday Constable A. M. Livermore shot and instantly killed Lou Henderson, one of the bootleggers, who had been arrested, and captured John Williams, an accomplice of the dead man. The bootleggers are both colored and have given the officers much trouble.

Negro Couple Shot to Pieces. Helena, Ark., Aug. 1.—Isaac Lane and wife were murdered on Island 66, in the Mississippi river. Both were shot to pieces. Will Kelly and Frank Cannon, charged with the crime, were captured by constables after a fight in which both of them were wounded. All of the persons concerned, including the officers, are negroes.

Suicide of J. H. Dow. Olathe, Kan., Aug. 1.—J. H. Dow, for more than 30 years one of the leading merchants of eastern Kansas, drowned himself in the Memphis railroad lake, near here, last night. Ill health is the cause given. Mr. Dow was a 32d degree Mason and was wealthy.

DROP ON COUNTERFEIT GANG.

Complete Outfit for Making All Denominations of Silver Captured. Deadwood, Aug. 1.—Three men are in jail here for counterfeiting silver coins. They were arrested in their cabin, seven miles west of Elmora, in Spearfish canyon. The men gave their names as William Portland, Jerry Burnette and Joe Delish. At a preliminary trial yesterday they pleaded not guilty. The arrests were made by a forest ranger and two deputies, assisted by Captain Seth Bullock, the forest supervisor. The men were found in their cabin, which stood in a deep canyon away from all civilization. There were no windows in the cabin, and it is believed that for several months they have been making silver coins. A complete outfit was captured for the manufacture of dollars, halves, quarters and dimes and quantities of silver and other metals to make the alloys. A few coins were found in the cabin. It is believed that the men made a shipment of coins a few days before their arrest. Spurious coins have been in circulation in that part of the country among the contractors and men for some time.

THREE BYSTANDERS HIT.

Street Duel in Denver, in Which None of the Principals Was Hurt. Denver, Aug. 1.—During a street duel last night between Barney and Sam Boyce, brothers, of Denver on one side and Charles Jasper of Texas on the other, three bystanders were wounded, although none of the principals was hurt.

The combatants are said to be gamblers and the cause of the fight was a trivial quarrel. The fight occurred at Seventeenth and Curtis streets, one of the busiest corners in the city.

The wounded are: G. R. West, shot in the right knee; J. M. Howie, professor of mathematics at the state normal school at Peru, Neb., shot in the right leg; Nick Slager, shot in the left thigh.

Professor Howie was three blocks from the scene of the shooting when hit. The duelists were arrested.

HURRICANE NEAR TOPEKA.

Tornado Around Kilmer Unroofs Buildings and Destroys Orchards. Topeka, Aug. 1.—A lively tornado around Kilmer, ten miles northeast of Topeka, did much damage last night. Several buildings were unroofed, windmills destroyed and one farmer's buggy was carried through the air 200 yards and landed upside down upon a wire fence.

Farmer Welding suffered the most loss. His fine two-story house was completely unroofed and wrecked by the wind and flood of water that deluged the unprotected rooms. Orchards and crops suffered severely. People in the path of the storm rushed to their caves and cellars and escaped injury. After the wind two and one-half inches of rain fell.

FIND THE BODY OF PENICK.

General Opinion He Dropped Aboard and Fell Overboard From Steamer. Racine, Wis., Aug. 1.—The body of C. E. Penick, the banker of Charlton, Ia., and brother of ex-State Senator Penick, was discovered floating in Lake Michigan last evening not a hundred feet from where he fell into the lake from the Virginia. Two men fishing from the pier both claim to have been the first to see the body and each wants the \$300 reward for finding the body. The body found and the clothing tally completely with the description given of the Charlton banker. The general opinion now is that the victim fell from the boat while sleeping on the upper deck and that it was not a case of suicide.

GRAND JURY INDICTS HINSEY.

Votes Perjury Charge Against Endowment Rank's Ex-President. Chicago, Aug. 1.—Indictments, charging perjury, were voted yesterday by the grand jury against John A. Hinsey, former president of the endowment rank, Knights of Pythias, and against Henry B. Stolls, formerly secretary of the endowment rank. The perjury charged is alleged to consist in statements made in annual reports of the supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias, which the defendants, as officers of the lodge, made to the insurance department of Illinois.

Cubans Adopt Electoral Bill.

Havana, Aug. 1.—After a lively debate the Cuban constitutional convention adopted the electoral bill submitted by the commission as a whole. Discussion of the various articles will now begin. Senor Sanguly caused a commotion by protesting against accepting the project on the ground that the convention could not assume the authority therein provided of establishing the new government and settling disputes arising out of the first election, as these matters belonged to the military government.

Nome Steamer a Total Wreck.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 1.—The steamship Senator, which arrived at Port Townsend last night, reports that the steamship Charles D. Lane, on her way from Nome to Seattle with 175 passengers, struck during a dense fog on the night of July 12 on the west end of Nunivak Island. She is a total wreck. Her passengers and crew were saved by the schooner Vega, which the Lane was towing.

Last Message From Baldwin.

Vardoe, Norway, Aug. 1.—America, the flagship of the Baldwin-Zeigler North pole expedition, which sailed from Tromsø July 16, touched here and proceeded direct for Cape Flora, Franz Josef land. Mr. Baldwin sends a farewell message to the United States as follows: "All well. Await one of the best efforts. We will stand our flag."

VENEZUELA'S REVOLUTION

President Castro is Having More Trouble.

TROOPS ARE SENT TO THE SCENE

Colombian Government Declares General Uribe-Uribe an Outlaw and His Property May Be Confiscated—Trouble on the Frontier.

Willemstad, Aug. 1.—Dr. Rangel Gardias, at the head of 5,000 men, has revolted against President Castro of Venezuela. The insurgents are near San Antonio de Tachira, on the Colombian frontier. The Venezuelan government has sent 10,000 troops to the scene of the uprising. The situation is grave. Other outbreaks are expected. The whole country is ready to rise against President Castro. Constitutional guarantees have been suspended and complications with Colombia are feared.

Washington, Aug. 1.—The state department yesterday received the following telegram from the American legation at Caracas:

"Martial law has been declared in Venezuela by the president of the country in consequence of the invasion of a revolutionary force from Colombia. It is reported that an army of 10,000 men will meet the invaders."

Uribe Declared an Outlaw.

New York, Aug. 1.—General Uribe-Uribe, who is again battling in Colombia for liberal supremacy, has been declared an outlaw by the Colombian government. This action carries with it a confiscation of his property. It is threatened that if he again dare to enter the country, whether in time of peace or war, he will be imprisoned for life. El Herald, the semi-official newspaper, demands the immediate dismissal of Dr. Carlos Martinez Silva from the office of Colombian minister to this country. It gives as its reason for this demand the conference between General Uribe and Minister Silva, which the paper claims compromises the government.

ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF QUEEN.

Mother of King of Portugal Has Narrow Escape From Assassination.

New York, Aug. 1.—A dispatch to the Herald from Aix-les-Bains says: Maria Pia, queen dowager of Portugal and mother of King Carlos, has had a narrow escape from assassination. Her majesty was taking a course of the baths here, but was so perturbed by the attack upon her that she left Aix hastily for Rome. Details of the attempted assassination are not obtainable at present. The police are said to have a clue. News of the affair is only beginning to spread among the visitors. It is causing a deep sensation for the queen dowager was known personally to a considerable number of people. She was very democratic in her demeanor, chatting freely with her fellow bathers.

Balkan War Cloud Lowers.

London, Aug. 1.—The Times, in an editorial taking a gloomy view of affairs in the near east, says: "Even of ficial optimism is unable to avert its eyes from the dark thunder clouds which seem to overlook the Balkan." It refers to Russia as "stealthily building up her authority in the Slavonic states" and to Bulgaria as being "gradually transformed into a Russian dependency." Commenting upon the unrest in Albania and Macedonia, it says: "It is commonly supposed that no serious outbreak will take place in Macedonia until Russia gives the signal, but events are maturing and Russia may be taken unawares."

Austria Ready for Trouble.

London, Aug. 1.—A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Buda-Pest says: In consequence of the agitation in Albania, Austria has ordered every garrison in Bosnia and Herzegovina to be immediately placed on a war footing. Additional regiments leave Vienna this week for Srebrenje and Banjaluka. All the officers on furlough have been ordered to rejoin their regiments.

Kruger Coming Next Month.

London, Aug. 1.—"I am informed on good authority," says the Brussels correspondent of the Daily Mail, "that Mr. Kruger's visit to the United States has been absolutely decided upon. It will take place probably about the middle of September and he will be accompanied by Messrs. Fischer, Wessels and Wolmarans."

Belgian Missionaries Not Murdered.

London, Aug. 1.—The reports circulated in June of the massacre of 15 Belgian and Italian missionaries in southern Mongolia have been effectually disproved, says a dispatch to the Times from Peking, the Belgian minister having received a letter dated July 1 from the mission, reporting that all was well.

Seminary Girls as Smugglers.

Rome, Aug. 1.—The frequent walks across the Swiss-Italian frontier of girls of a seminary near Maslianca aroused the suspicions of the officers, who finally stopped a procession of 40 walking two by two and ascertained that each girl was smuggling cigars or cigarettes of the aggregate value of \$30,000.

Crispi Fights for Breath.

Naples, Aug. 1.—The bulletin issued last night regarding Signor Francesco Crispi announced that he has suffered a relapse and is weaker. His terrible struggle for breath can be heard even in the roadway of the street where his residence stands. The members of his family and his two secretaries are at the deathbed.

ANOTHER TICKET IN OHIO.

Bryan Democrats Nominate Dr. Reemlin for Governor.

Columbus, O., Aug. 1.—The Progressive Democratic Party was organized here yesterday. The attendance was so small that many doubted up to 2 p. m. whether any attempt would be made to hold a state convention. The total attendance did not exceed 30, though the formalities of a state convention were carried out between the hours of 2 and 4 p. m.

The features of the platform are laudation of Bryan and reaffirmation of the Kansas City platform.

The following ticket was nominated: Governor, Dr. Rudolph Reemlin; lieutenant governor, Henry C. Cordery; supreme judge, Rial M. Smith; state treasurer, J. C. Shepard; attorney general, S. L. Clark; clerk of supreme court, Charles Bonnell; member of the board of public works, B. R. Connel.

MAKE PHOTOGRAPHERS PAY.

Effort Toward Consolidation of All Dry Plate Firms of the Country.

St. Louis, Aug. 1.—The Post-Dispatch says that negotiations for the consolidation of the leading photographic dry plate factories of the United States and Europe with a capital of \$30,000,000 is pending. Three of the companies concerned by the negotiations are St. Louis firms that turn out 80 per cent of the plates used in the United States.

The men who are promoting the consolidation are George Eastman of the Eastman Kodak company and Charles Abbott of the Aristo Manufacturing company of Jamestown, N. Y. They were in St. Louis last week and conferred with representatives of the three big local concerns.

ST. LOUIS AIMS HIGH.

Proposes to Eclipse All Previous Expositions With Its World's Fair.

St. Louis, Aug. 1.—The committee on grounds and buildings of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company is considering the plans of the commission of architects for the general arrangement of the world's fair buildings and grounds. In designing the grounds the architects' commission used for the working material the data supplied by the Columbia exposition at Chicago. "The Chicago exposition is the spectacle we must eclipse if our exposition is to be a success," remarked one of the architects. "The Buffalo, the San Francisco and the Omaha expositions were miniatures compared with the exposition St. Louis is preparing."

BOMBARDING FOR RAIN.

Wright Puts His Special Vibration Theory into Practice at Lincoln.

Lincoln, Aug. 1.—Four miles northeast of the city 24 mortars, posted on a 24-acre tract, are being fired at minute intervals in the hope that the result will be a downfall of rain. W. F. Wright, former deputy state food commissioner, is the promoter and manager of the enterprise. Mr. Wright is the originator of the "special vibration" theory of rainmaking and for several years has unsuccessfully espoused a legislative appropriation to put his theory into practice. Mr. Wright says he will continue the bombardment until rain comes or he has exhausted his supply of several thousand pounds of gunpowder. The sky is clear.

Two Injured in Sham Battle.

Boulder, Colo., Aug. 1.—During a sham battle between companies of the Colorado National guard here yesterday, Private Wright of a Denver company received the wad from a blank cartridge in his right forearm and will probably lose his arm, if not his life. Lieutenant Rice Means, who served as an officer in the Philippines, was burned in the face with powder.

Arrest American Anarchist.

Zurich, Switzerland, Aug. 1.—An anarchist named Callioti was arrested at Viedikon last night by order of the prosecutor general on information received from Paterson, N. J. Many documents were found at his lodgings.

Farmers' Congress at Sioux Falls.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Aug. 1.—The program for the 21st annual convention of the Farmers' National congress, to be held in Sioux Falls Oct. 1 to 10, has been completed. The list of speakers includes many prominent men.

Indian Indicted for Murder Escapes.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Aug. 1.—Red Ears, a famous Sioux Indian who is under indictment in the United States court for the murder of a child, escaped from the authorities of Minnehaha county.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

The Manistee (Mich.) iron works were burned Wednesday. Loss, \$50,000. The plant employed 300 men. General Passenger Agent Calloway of the Soo Line has offered to wager \$5,000 that his road is not a rate cutter.

In a row in a resort at Crockettville, Ky., Wednesday Charles and Robert Morris were shot and killed by Tom White.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Taliaferro were murdered Wednesday in their home near Memphis and their bodies horribly disfigured.

H. A. Sapp shot and mortally wounded W. H. Coffin at Rice Lake, Wis., Wednesday. There had been a feud of long standing between the two men.

At McGregor, Minn., Tony Jordan was shot and killed Wednesday by a sheriff's posse who were attempting to arrest him. Previously Jordan had shot and probably fatally wounded an old man named Clasen, whose daughter he was engaged to marry.

STRIKE IS NOT SETTLED

Pittsburgers' Hearts Made Sick by Hope Deferred.

CONFEREES MEET AGAIN TODAY.

Conference Once More Adjourns Without Coming to an Agreement—Strikers Hear Nothing Decisive From the Meeting.

Pittsburg, Aug. 1.—"Hope deferred maketh the heart sick," this is expressive of the feelings of the majority of Pittsburgers outside of the inner circle of the Amalgamated association executive board, who have been considering the proposals for a settlement of the steel strike for two days without agreement. How the members of the board feel is known to no man on the outside.

The second day of the executive board's deliberation was notable for many rumors in circulation and for the conspicuous dearth of results. The absence of three of the principal members of the board from the sessions gave rise to the story that the members were divided in their ideas of the peace proposals and that in order to satisfy all, Secretary Williams had been sent to New York to seek modifications at the hands of Messrs. Morgan and Schwab, while Assistant Secretary Tighe and Trustee Morgan had received a commission to visit Senator Hanna to secure his aid in bringing about an amicable arrangement. Nothing tangible could be learned concerning these supposed trips, however.

MORE MEN ARE CALLED OUT.

'Frisco Baggage Wagon Drivers and Sand Teamsters Quit Work.

San Francisco, Aug. 1.—There are but few changes in the local labor situation. Both employers and employes are standing firm, and each side claims confidence in winning out without drawing on its reserves. No serious disturbance of the peace occurred yesterday. The strikers are strictly observing the injunction to abstain from violence. The employers hold out no hope for a speedy settlement in sight but a hard battle. Two of the big steamship companies assert that they are getting nonunion men to fill the places of some of the strikers, and believe they can win a short time secure all the men needed to operate their boats.

The drivers for the Pacific Transfer company were called out. This will have a serious effect on the handling of baggage. The sand teamsters were also ordered out. This new development may put a stop to building operations throughout the city.

Iowa Central's Bond Issue.

Chicago, Aug. 1.—Stockholders of the Iowa Central met here in special session yesterday and authorized the directors to issue gold bonds not to exceed \$25,000,000 and bearing 4 per cent interest. These bonds are to be secured by a mortgage executed in favor of the Morton Trust company as trustees. The bonds are to be used for refunding purposes, paying or redeeming outstanding obligations of the company and of such other companies as may be required by consolidation, construction or purchase.

Drowns While Swimming.

Council Bluffs, Aug. 1.—Peter Barlow, a switchman in the employ of the Illinois Central railroad, was drowned yesterday afternoon while bathing in the Missouri river near the east end of the motor company's bridge. He was an expert swimmer and is supposed to have either been seized with cramps or sucked down in an eddy near one of the large piers.

Baseball Scores Yesterday.

National League—Boston, 5; New York, 0; Brooklyn, 0; Philadelphia, 3; Cincinnati, 5; Chicago, 4. American League—Chicago, 2; Detroit, 0; Baltimore, 6; Washington, 2; Philadelphia, 13; Boston, 10. Western League—St. Joseph, 2; St. Paul, 1. Denver, 7; Omaha, 4. Colorado Springs, 6; Des Moines, 9. Kansas City, 7; Minneapolis, 3.

Again Hot in Kansas.

Topeka, Aug. 1.—Hot weather has again returned to Kansas, but nothing like that before the breaking of the drought. The temperature reached as high as 100 yesterday and some prostrations are reported on account of the humidity. In Leavenworth there was one death from the heat.

Cumberland Mine Burning.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 1.—A special from Cumberland, B. C., says a fire is raging in mine No. 4. All miners have escaped, but Pumpman Nichols, who is cut off in the mine. Desperate attempts are being made to reach Nichols and to locate the fire.

Miss Crawford Wins Kearney Contest.

Kearney, Neb., Aug. 1.—Miss Mamie Crawford polled 19,871 votes in the Daily Hub's Pan-American exposition contest just closed and is declared the winner. Miss Lillian Hawthorne was next, with 15,076, and Miss Florence Sampson had 7,977.

Midway Must Close Next Sunday.

Buffalo, Aug. 1.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Pan-American exposition held last evening it was decided that the Midway at the exposition should be closed tight next Sunday.

Bring in Two Gushers.

Beaumont, Tex., Aug. 1.—The drillers in the Beaumont field broke the record yesterday afternoon by bringing in two gushers within less than an hour.

THIRD DAY OF LAND LOTTERY.

Several Nebraska and Iowa Men Among the Winners.

El Reno, O. T., Aug. 1.—Two thousand, one hundred names were drawn from each wheel in the great United States land lottery yesterday, making the grand total 8,700. Today the list of prize winners will be completed. Among the winners yesterday were the following:

Lawton District—C. G. Shutz, Kansas, Neb.; William Landigan, Falls City, Neb.; Nellie R. Moore, Rockford, Ia.; W. E. Moore, Manson, Ia.; T. Grindle, Waukon, Ia.; Emma M. Hartin, Fort Dodge, Ia.; A. R. Rogers, Burlington, Ia.

El Reno District—C. S. Morse, Birmingham, Ia.; M. A. Shuman, Boone county, Iowa; F. W. Hill, Falls City, Neb.; J. S. Cooper, Jennings, Ia.; John T. French, Pile-grove, Ia.; John Devine, Des Moines, Ia.; H. C. Carter, Humboldt, Neb.; J. B. Jennings, Cedar Falls, Ia.; T. P. Ojko, Ponda, Ia.; W. Buffe, Chariton, Ia.; W. H. DeWitt, Table Rock, Neb.; William O'Connor, Mount Pleasant, Ia.; Frederick W. Briscoe, Springfield, Neb.; E. E. Schmecker, Falls City, Neb.; A. G. Wooster, Oklawaha, Ia.; W. A. Rolin, Storm Lake, Ia.; J. N. Fankner, Princeton, Mo.

The commissioners of the drawing are notifying by postal card each person who draws a number. The card also gives the date upon which the recipient must appear at the office of his respective land district and file his entry. The date upon which a man must appear to make entry is easily determined. In each land district 125 persons will be permitted to file daily. Those holding numbers 1 to 125 must file Aug. 6, 125 to 250 Aug. 7, continuing in this manner until all the homesteads in each land district are filed upon.

Western Man Promoted.

Omaha, Aug. 1.—Announcement from the headquarters of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway at Chicago tells of the appointment of W. S. Howell, a former Omahan, to the position of general eastern agent of that road, controlling both freight and passenger traffic in the New York district. Only two years ago Mr. Howell held the position under Mr. Nash in the Omaha office as assistant general western agent. He was removed east and promoted to be general eastern passenger agent. Mr. J. R. Hixson held the correlative position of general eastern freight agent. The latter's death last Thursday left a vacancy and the two offices were consolidated under Mr. Howell, who, dating from Aug. 1, will be at the head of both departments of the traffic. His headquarters will be in New York City.

Roosevelt En Route West.

Chicago, Aug. 1.—Vice President Roosevelt departed for the west last night, en route to Colorado Springs, Colo., where he is to be the guest at the quarto-centennial celebration of Colorado's admission into statehood. The trip, he says, is to be a rest for him and he goes unaccompanied.

Park Manager Fires Into Crowd.

Cleveland, July 29.—In a row at Forest City park last night Otto B. Seefried, manager of the park, it is claimed, shot into the crowd who were raising a disturbance, and fatally injured Thomas Murtagh, a bullet going through his abdomen. Edward Yarnham was shot in the knee, but is not seriously injured. A squad of policemen found Seefried inside an engine house with a revolver in his hand and arrested him. A number of persons surrounded the engine house but the policemen dispersed them.

Clothes Transformation.

In these days of uniformed employees there are to be found means whereby a uniform coat may quickly and easily be changed in its appearance to that of an ordinary civilian. This is done simply by changing the buttons. There are different kinds of buttons for this purpose. Some are made with a shank that goes through an eyelet made in the coat, where commonly a button would be sewed on, this movable button being fastened at the back. Buttons of this kind are changed bodily—one kind removed and the other kind put in its place.

There is another kind of transformation button in which a black button of ordinary appearance is sewed on to the coat in the usual manner, there to remain, the gold button in this case consisting of a cap which screws or is otherwise fastened right over the black button, which it covers. Sewing on these caps would put a man into uniform; taking them off would put him back into a blue coat such as might be worn anywhere.

The device of a silk band that may be put in a moment around a uniform cap is familiar. It covers up the gold band there, which is, after all, likely to be the most conspicuous thing about a uniform, more so than the brass buttons on the coat.—New York Sun.

The Way to Live.

"If anybody needs artificial exercise," said a well known doctor, "it is because he is not leading a natural life. It is better to come back to nature than to do something that takes up time and produces nothing. Stout people are always told to exercise. I tell you, they cannot exercise safely to themselves. Brain workers should avoid all extra exertion. Thin people can take all the exercise they want to."

The speaker prescribed air, water and food as the real culture. He pointed out that New England housekeepers through their fashion of shutting up their "best rooms," especially after a death, had caused the deaths of a succession of the future occupants of such apartments. To this he attributed the rapid decrease of the old New England stock.

"Pure water is a rejuvenator. If you could get it absolutely pure, we should scarcely grow old," he declared. Boiled water he condemned and lauded the lettuce leaf as food above beefsteak. "Breathe correctly, stand correctly, make a natural use of your muscles in daily life and eat uncooked animal food," is his recipe for longevity.—New York Journal.