

OPPOSES NAVAL RESERVE

Senator Hale Strongly Objects to Its Organization.

HOUSE PASSES PENSION BILL.

Vote Is Taken After Three Days of Discussion—Resolution for the McKinley Ceremonial Adopted—Secretary Hay Will Make the Address.

Washington, Jan. 16.—A spirited discussion was precipitated in the senate yesterday by some remarks submitted by Hale (Me.) in respect to bills relating to the formation of a naval reserve which he introduced. He took strong grounds against the organization of a naval reserve, his comments being construed by some of the senators into a reflection upon volunteer soldiers and land militia. Half a dozen senators were on their feet in an instant to defend the volunteers and the National Guard of the various states, and the debate took so wide a range that senators were back in their references to the days of the revolutionary war to seek illustrations for their arguments. While no action was possible at this time, it is likely that the discussion upon the measures, should they be reported, will be very lively. No business of special importance was transacted, the time of the senate being consumed by matters of routine.

A concurrent resolution was adopted providing for the printing of 3,500 copies of the proceedings of the Schley court of inquiry.

House Passes Pension Bill.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The house passed the pension appropriation bill, which has been under discussion for three days, and adjourned until Saturday. The resolutions prepared by the special committee on the McKinley memorial exercises providing for an address by Secretary of State John Hay in the hall of representatives on Feb. 27 was adopted.

DISCUSS CUBAN RECIPROCITY.

Ways and Means Committee Investigates Interests Affected by Change. Washington, Jan. 16.—The ways and means committee began hearing yesterday on the subject of Cuban reciprocity with a large representation present from various interests which would be affected by legislation of this character.

Chairman Payne stated at the outset that the hearing was in reference to that portion of the president's message relating to reciprocity with Cuba. The committee would first hear those favorable to Cuba, and Mr. Payne stated that the committee desired to be informed as to the effect of reciprocity both on Cuba and on the people of the United States.

Edwin F. Atkins of Boston made the opening statement in behalf of reciprocity. He spoke of the enormous overproduction of sugar throughout the world, amounting to about 1,500,000 tons, which had resulted in a crisis in the industry.

Mr. Atkins stated that there was about \$20,000,000 worth of standing cane in Cuba, and at present prices a considerable part of this would not be harvested. While not an alarmist, he said the effect would be serious loss to the planters and the labor employed.

Mr. Atkins stated that a 50 per cent reduction of duties was desired on the various large products of the island, but in response to inquiries from Mr. Payne, he said that on the sugar they should have 100 per cent reduction.

PAYNE ENTERS THE CABINET.

New Postmaster General Is Sworn In by Chief Justice Fuller.

Washington, Jan. 16.—In the presence of the cabinet, the entire Wisconsin delegation in congress, Governor Durbin of Indiana, Senator Hanna and a number of other friends Henry C. Payne of Wisconsin was sworn in as postmaster general at 10:05 o'clock yesterday morning in the cabinet room at the white house. The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice Fuller. The retiring postmaster general, Charles Emory Smith, also was present, as well as Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. Payne, wife of the new member of the president's official family.

At the conclusion of the ceremony President Roosevelt advanced toward Mr. Payne and, with a smile and hearty handshake, addressed him as "Mr. Postmaster General." Mr. Payne then received the congratulations of all present, after which he engaged in a long private conversation with the president.

Savannah People Keep Schley Busy. Savannah, Ga., Jan. 16.—Admiral and Mrs. Schley were entertained by Palestine commandery, Knights Templar, with a reception and banquet at the Masonic temple last night. The hall was decorated with the national colors, a rear admiral's flag and palms. After the dinner informal addresses were made by Admiral Schley and others. The admiral's talk in conversational tone was felicitous and some times humorous. It contained nothing bearing even remotely upon the naval controversy.

State Historical Society.

Lincoln, Jan. 16.—The Nebraska State Historical society finished its 22d annual meeting last night. By unanimous vote all officers were re-elected. They are: President, J. Sterling Morton, Nebraska City; secretary, Professor H. W. Caldwell, Lincoln; librarian, Jay A. Barrett, Lincoln.

MISTAKE FATAL TO HIMSELF.

Engineer of Fast Passenger Train Victim of High Nervous Tension.

Peru, Ind., Jan. 16.—As the result of a strange hallucination, J. E. Sible, an old and trusted engineer of the Wabash railroad, was fatally injured last night. Sible was at the throttle of the big locomotive of the limited, which was going at a rate of 40 miles an hour. When the lights of the town of Attica appeared the old engineer gave a start and shouted to Burt Frick, his fireman: "Jump for your life, Burt, the switch is turned, we'll crash into—"

The sentence was not finished, for in an instant Sible had applied the safety brake, reversed the lever and had jumped to escape the specter his harassed nerves had conjured up. The fireman followed, but was not injured. The train came to a stop and Frick went back to find his engineer. The latter lay on the roadbed, fatally injured. His skull had been crushed and his spine broken, his ribs fractured and his spine injured. He was carried aboard the train. Meanwhile an investigation showed that there had been no danger to the train. The signal lights of the switch showed an unobstructed path.

According to Fireman Frick, Sible has been more or less nervous ever since he was in a wreck at Lafayette some months ago. The passengers were shaken up by the sudden stopping of the train, but none of them was injured.

METEOR SHAKES THE EARTH.

Drops Near Atwood, Kan., and Causes Panic Among People in Vicinity.

Beaver City, Neb., Jan. 16.—The sky was illuminated by a brilliant meteor which passed across the heavens in a southwesterly direction at 9 p. m. When the meteor struck the earth the concussion sounded like thunder. Those who saw it say it appeared as large as a football. Many who were in their homes or in business places and did not see its passage thought the tremor to be a slight earthquake shock. Railroad men on trains from the west report that the meteor struck the earth near Atwood, Kan., and that people in that vicinity were panic-stricken by its appearance.

BODIES BLOWN INTO ATOMS.

Two Men Killed in a Mine Explosion at Mackay, Ida.

Mackay, Ida., Jan. 16.—Two men were killed and three injured in an explosion yesterday three miles west of here.

The killed: Beno Hinterholzer and James Person.

The body of Hinterholzer was blown to pieces and it was with difficulty that enough of his remains could be gathered to hold an inquest over. The accident was caused by the men attempting to take out an old charge of dynamite which had failed to explode.

Fatal Mine Explosion.

Pottsville, Pa., Jan. 16.—An explosion of gas occurred yesterday at Maple Hill colliery, near Gilberton. Two miners are missing and are probably dead, and two others were injured. The missing are John Maguire and James Lasmishi, both of Shenandoah. The injured are: Inside Foreman David Adamson, probably fatal, and Fire Boss John Twaite. A naked lamp in the hands of one of the missing men caused the explosion.

Jury Says Guilty of Murder.

Chadron, Neb., Jan. 16.—After 72 hours' deliberation the jury in the Charles Russell case brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

The entire business portion of Arapahoe, O. T., was wiped out by fire Wednesday. Loss, \$50,000.

Captain Perry of the battleship Iowa angered Argentina by a toast predicting Chilean success in case of war.

Prince Henry of Germany will sail for the United States on the Kron Prinz Wilhelm of the North German Lloyd line Feb. 15.

Frank King, a printer at Kankakee, Ill., worked at his trade by day and committed many burglaries at night. The mysterious robberies were disclosed by his carelessness.

Thomas Johnson was instantly killed and John Frazier fatally injured in the Pigg & Collier coal mines at Spadra, Ark., Wednesday. The accident was the result of a blast.

At the meeting of the Ohio Farmers' Institute Wednesday, J. H. Brigham declared that reciprocity, insofar as it would affect the wool growers of the United States, would be disastrous to them.

John Hampton, prominent in negro church circles, shot and killed Mrs. Rosalia Evans at Chicago Wednesday and then drank several ounces of carbolic acid, dying shortly afterward. Both were colored.

The Lees & Wirsching block at Los Angeles was almost totally destroyed by fire Wednesday, with the saddlery establishment of the Hayden & Lewis company and the coffee and spice house of Newmark Bros. Loss, \$150,000.

The Indiana supreme court, in affirming a lower court judgment, held that an employer cannot by any contract he may make with his workmen relieve himself from duties and liabilities which the law expressly imposes on him.

The house committee on public lands ordered a favorable report on the bill of Mr. Martin of South Dakota, allowing settlers on forest reserves additional time to complete their entries when the delay is due to unavoidable accident or ignorance of the terms of the proclamation opening the lands.

KILL SHERIFF AND DEPUTY

Highwaymen Fire Fatal Shots at Their Pursuers.

MORE BLOODSHED IS EXPECTED.

Posses of One Hundred Pursue Oklahoma Bandits—Officers Make Dying Effort to Arrest the Robbers and Continue the Fight Until Killed.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 16.—Sheriff Frank Smith and Deputy George Beck met death while storming an Indian but eight miles west of Anadarko, Highwaymen on Sunday night had held up and robbed persons going home from church and Smith and Beck, accompanied by Deputy Briggs, located the robbers early yesterday. In attempting to enter Smith was shot through the breast and died in a few minutes. Beck was also shot through the breast and his left arm was shattered. The highwaymen fled. Sheriff Smith made a dying effort to arrest the robbers and shot several times through the door after being wounded. Beck continued the fight until killed.

A posse of 100 started immediately on the trail of the murderers, but no arrests have been reported. The posse expects a fierce fight before the men are taken, and it is known that the notorious highwaymen, Bob McCune, Ben Cravens and Bob Sims, are at the head of the gang in that region.

Sheriff Smith was appointed from Norman, O. T., where he had been on the sheriff's and marshal's forces for a number of years. A number of murders and robberies are charged to the gang that murdered the officers and efforts to capture them have been made several times.

COMMITTS BRUTAL ASSAULT.

Pole Kills His Wife and Seriously Injures His Children.

Pittsburg, Jan. 16.—A ghastly discovery was made yesterday when some neighbors, hearing cries coming from the residence of Vincent Vencelsick, a Pole at 209 Spring alley, knocked open the doors and found the bedroom of the house saturated with blood. Mrs. Vencelsick lay beside the bed, her face and head almost crushed beyond recognition, dead. Three little children, their heads and bodies covered with cuts and gashes, and the husband, Vencelsick, almost dead, were lying on the floor.

From what could be learned it appears that Vencelsick came home intoxicated last night and assaulted his wife with a meat cutter. The first blow inflicted an ugly gash on her shoulder and knocked her down, but she was on her feet again in an instant, and with such weapons as she could find in the room she defended herself.

The three children were asleep in one of the beds and the brutal father became so angry at his wife that he rushed to the bed and rained blow after blow upon the sleeping little ones. The sharp edge of the cutter hacked the children in a frightful manner and the hospital physicians say there is little hope of their recovery. The attack on the children infuriated the wife and with a knife in each hand she sprang at her husband and stabbed him a number of times. He managed to get in a number of blows during the close battle and seeing that she was getting weak, he gave her a shove and as she staggered back brought the cutter down on her skull with all his force, crushing her skull, and she fell to the floor dead.

BELIEVE THEY HAVE KERNS.

Robbery at New Orleans Results in Capture of Alleged Jewelry Thief.

New Orleans, Jan. 16.—George I. Kline of St. Louis and Robert L. West of Cincinnati were arrested for robbing the trunk of T. E. Manners of Chicago of about \$2,500 of jewelry. They represented themselves last night as Manners and another guest at the St. Charles, paid the bills and skipped out with the baggage. They crossed the river in a skiff and were caught before the train came on which they expected to leave. Later in the day Manners went over to identify the property and Kline accused him of being a thief under an alias. As the whole affair had a queer look, Manners also was arrested. The police believe he is Kerns, the alleged New York jewelry thief.

Logan Identified at "Kid" Curry. Helena, Mont., Jan. 16.—Harvey Logan, who was arrested at Knoxville, Tenn., on a charge of having stolen bills of the First National bank of Montana of this city, in his possession, and who made a desperate attempt to escape, is said to be no other than "Kid" Curry. Logan's picture, which was received by the National bank of Montana yesterday, was identified as that of Curry by T. A. Marlowe, president of the bank, who knows Curry well. Mr. Marlowe formerly employed Curry as a cowboy, and he says there is no doubt about the identity of the man.

Sheriff Prevents Lynching. Prescott, Ark., Jan. 16.—Three negroes, who are charged with the killing of two white men, were brought here from the penitentiary at Little Rock, where they were confined for safe keeping, to appear before the grand jury. A mob attempted to lynch them, but was prevented from doing so by the sheriff and six deputies, who held the crowd at bay with Winchester until they could board the train for Little Rock. The negroes have been returned to the penitentiary.

COMMUNICATE FREELY AT SEA.

Messages Are Sent Between Ocean Liners While They Are Sailing.

New York, Jan. 16.—Through the wireless telegraph system Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse of the North German Lloyd line, just arrived from Bremen, was for half the trip to the eastward and a large part of its westward voyage in almost constant communication with other vessels on the sea. The ship was practically a floating telegraph office.

Captain D. Hagemann of Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse told of the telegraphic marvels. "It was the most complete test of the Marconi system that we have ever had," said he. "Herr Kronkrent, operator of Kaiser Wilhelm, was formerly the Marconi expert on Lucania, and consequently familiar with the latter's instruments. On Dec. 16, off the banks of Newfoundland, Kaiser ran into a heavy fog. Late on Monday night Kaiser ran into clear weather again. Herr Kronkrent flashed to the Lucania this message: 'We are 25 miles east of the Banks and in clear weather,' to which Lucania replied: 'We are still in the fog, 60 miles astern. Many thanks.'"

"Communication between the two vessels ceased on Tuesday morning, Dec. 17, when we were 85 miles apart, or practically half way across the ocean and after we had conversed nearly 65 hours."

UNION AND TRUST LOCK HORNS.

Manager of Sheet Steel Mill Indicted for Discharging a Union Man.

Wellsville, O., Jan. 16.—As a result of the grand jury at Lisbon, O., yesterday, D. S. Brookman, manager of the Wellsville plant of the American Sheet Steel company, was indicted on the charge of discharging one Leonard Shaffer, an employee at the local mills.

Shaffer was one of the men who went out on a strike last summer in order to join the Amalgamated association. When the strike was settled he was taken back in the mill and was given a job of rolling. A few weeks ago it is alleged that Manager Brookman called him into his office and asked him for his "union card." Shaffer refused to give it up, and in a few days thereafter he was discharged. The Amalgamated association took up Shaffer's case with the above result.

The case is one of unusual interest and will be bitterly contested.

ENTIRE TOWN IS IN PERIL.

Business Portion Swept by Flames, Causing Heavy Loss.

Erie, Pa., Jan. 16.—A special from Edinboro says: The town is fire-swept. A conflagration is raging that threatens the entire business district. Seven buildings have been destroyed and the Cutler house is threatened. The town is without fire protection and Erie and Cambridge have been appealed to, but no aid has yet been received. The buildings destroyed are: G. B. Prouditt, grocery; A. J. Johnson, jewelry; G. B. Hanson, harness store; James McKell, eating saloon; H. G. Billings, residence; E. B. Kenyon, clothing store, residence and hall; Greenfield & Kenyon, clothing store. The blaze started in the oil room at the grocery store of G. B. Prouditt. It is stated that it was of incendiary origin. The loss will probably reach \$40,000.

Bad Spill in Bicycle Race.

Philadelphia, Jan. 16.—Twelve minutes before the finish of the third day's racing in the six-days' bicycle contest at the Second Regiment armory last night there was a nasty spill, in which four riders were mixed up. Hatfield had his collar bone broken, Freeman badly sprained his right shoulder and Fisher and Gougoltz were considerably shaken up. The spill was caused by Leander. He had been spurting, with others close up. Suddenly he swerved slightly and his wheel struck that of Hatfield. The latter fell and the others also went down.

Rev. Illiff in Washington Hospital.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Rev. William Illiff of Hamilton, Ill., known throughout the middle west as an evangelist, was discovered walking aimlessly about the streets here yesterday in a dazed condition and was taken to the Sibley hospital for treatment. According to his statements Dr. Illiff has been away from home since the latter part of December, but his mind seems a blank as to what happened to him during the intervening time. He is of advanced age, and his condition is such that it will be some time before he can leave the hospital.

Engine Blows Up, Trainmen Scalded.

Connellsville, Pa., Jan. 16.—A Pittsburg and Western engine blew up yesterday near Broadford, on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, and sent clouds of scalding steam over the trainmen, all of whom were badly burned. They reside at Glenwood. The injured are: G. W. Peterson, conductor; A. E. Amberg, engineer; W. Whittinger, brakeman, and W. B. Artis, fireman.

Decapitated by the Cars.

Fort Scott, Kan., Jan. 16.—Charles L. Chapman, proprietor of the Pittsburg foundry and machine works, with plants at Pittsburg and Iola, Kan., was killed yesterday at a grade crossing, being knocked down by an engine on the "Frisco" and dragged for a distance of 100 feet. His head and limbs were severed from his body.

Owens Sentenced to Hang.

Oxford, Miss., Jan. 16.—The jury in the second trial of Whit Owens for the murder of Hugh Montgomery yesterday returned a verdict of guilty and he was sentenced to hang on Friday, Feb. 14, the same date fixed for the hanging of Will Mathis and Orlando Lester.

WAR IS NEARING AN END

King Edward Drops a Hint in Speech to Recruits.

EARLY PEACE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Says the War May Now Be Regarded as Approaching Its Conclusion—Brilliant Gathering Attends the Military Ceremony at London.

London, Jan. 16.—King Edward has given the royal endorsement to the belief current among the public that an early declaration of peace in South Africa may be anticipated. "The war might now be regarded as approaching its conclusion," were the words used by his majesty in addressing the officers of the Guards, after reviewing a draft of 1,200 of the Grenadiers, Coldstreams and Scots Guards who start for South Africa today.

The king's speech, otherwise, was not important. His majesty was accompanied by the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, the Duke of Cambridge and Lord Roberts, surrounded by brilliant staffs. A large gathering of privileged guests viewed the function.

It is announced here that Lord Kitchener has been authorized to expend £835,000 for the extension of railroads in South Africa, Lord Kitchener having arrived at the conclusion that this course would materially aid in the subjugation of the Boers.

REID PLEASES THE BRITISH.

Even the Globe Approves His Appointment as Special Ambassador.

London, Jan. 16.—The appointment of Whitelaw Reid as special ambassador to represent the United States at the coronation of King Edward has been received with much satisfaction in official and unofficial circles here. The Globe says:

"The selection is a very happy one, as Mr. Reid has always been persona grata in this country and has done all he could, and that has been a great deal, to promote good relations between his country and our own. The name of Mr. Cleveland was originally suggested, but we are glad President Roosevelt did not adopt the suggestion. We cannot quite forget the Venezuelan message to congress."

No Hope for Entombed Miners.

Breux, Austria, Jan. 16.—The water in the Jupiter mine, which was suddenly flooded yesterday, when the escape of 43 men, including the manager of the mine and two superintendents, was cut off, does not subside and hope of saving the men has been abandoned. The disaster was due to the overflowing of the River Blia near the mine. Precautions to prevent the flooding of the mine were taken too late. One engineer was saved. Subsequently, nine men courageously went into the mine a second time and never returned. Thirty-one of the victims were married.

Moncheur-Clayton Wedding.

Mexico City, Jan. 16.—The marriage of Miss Charlotte Clayton, daughter of General Powell Clayton, United States ambassador to Mexico, to Baron Moncheur, Belgian minister at Washington, was solemnized yesterday in the private chapel of the Duchess of Mier. The ceremony was private and quiet owing to the expressed wishes of both parties. President and Mme. Diaz were to have been present, but were prevented from attending by the death of the Mexican minister to Austria, brother-in-law of the president, whose funeral occurred at Vienna.

Steamer Strikes Rock.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 16.—The sound steamer Fairhaven, operating between this city, Laconner and way ports, struck a rock a short distance from Utsley early yesterday morning during a fog and soon after sank in ten feet of water. The passengers and crew all succeeded in reaching the life boats in safety and rowed to Utsley. It is understood the vessel can be raised.

Stampede From Dawson.

Port Townsend, Wash., Jan. 16.—The latest advices from Dawson were brought on the Cottage City by Charles Berryman, who left the Klondike capital the latter part of December. Berryman says there is a stampede from Dawson for Henderson creek, near Stewart river. He reports that several thousand men are on the creek and all claims have been staked.

Circuit Still Indefinite.

Kansas City, Jan. 16.—After a session devoted to routine business the Western League adjourned to meet in Denver on or after Feb. 15, when the circuit will be completed and a schedule arranged. It was decided at yesterday's meeting that the Western League season shall be of five months' duration and all players will be signed for that length of time.

Preferred Death to Prison.

Pittsfield, Ill., Jan. 16.—William Henry, who was convicted here recently of murdering his brother-in-law, Charles Jennings, and sentenced to the penitentiary for 21 years, cut his throat yesterday 30 minutes before the sheriff was about to start with him for the penitentiary. His windpipe was severed, but he may recover.

Refuses to Grant Requisition.

Pierre, S. D., Jan. 16.—On a hearing yesterday Governor Herrell refused to grant the requisition from Nebraska for Samuel Dayley, who was wanted on a charge of child stealing, the evidence not warranting the charge.

SPRING NEW CANAL SCHEME.

Company to Dig and Control It and Government Furnish the Credit.

New York, Jan. 16.—Plans for a new ship canal will be presented next Thursday before the senate committee on canals by General Edward W. Sereel for the American Isthmian Canal company. The route for the canal proposed is from the Gulf of San Blas to the Pacific ocean, behind the Pearl Islands, and is called the Mandigo route. It will be proposed that the company build the work under the supervision and protection of the government without any cost to the United States, which will be asked to guarantee the bonds of the company. The company will propose that the government have the use of the canal free of charge for all government vessels. The company asserts that it has secured a right-of-way.

The newly suggested route is less than 30 miles long and therefore is shorter than any so far proposed. No engineering difficulties are encountered, its supporters say, until a spur of the Andes is reached. This mountain chain must be pierced by a tunnel seven miles long and the plans state that it will be 200 feet high. The rock through which the tunnel will be cut is said to be solid granite. In the tunnel a trolley appliance would tow the ships.

BURLINGTON TO LOS ANGELES.

General Manderson Confers With Senator Clark About It.

Salt Lake, Jan. 16.—The Tribune says: There is little doubt that the Burlington road will within a very few days effect a deal with the Harriman people which will put its trains into Los Angeles via Senator Clark's road from Salt Lake city to the coast. A conference was held in Washington yesterday between General Charles F. Manderson, general solicitor of the Burlington system; R. K. Kerns of St. Louis, vice president of the San Pedro road; Senator Clark of Montana and several representatives of the Harriman syndicate, which controls the Oregon Short Line and the Union and Southern Pacific properties. Senator Clark made a proposition to buy the Short Line or failing in this to lease part of the line below Salt Lake. Failing in that, the senator said he would build a parallel line. If his proposition is accepted it is reasonable to predict that the Burlington will be running through trains via Lincoln and Salt Lake to Los Angeles before the end of the present year.

IOWA DEMOCRATS NOMINATE.

Thayer and Seerley Will Oppose Allison and Dolliver.

Des Moines, Jan. 16.—At a joint caucus of the Democratic members of the general assembly last evening, E. H. Thayer of Clinton was nominated for United States senator to succeed Senator Allison and John G. Seerley of Burlington was nominated to succeed Senator Dolliver. Both men are gold Democrats and their nomination is considered quite a victory for that wing of the party. S. M. Carey of Fort Madison, T. J. Phillips of Ottumwa and George Callison of Harlan also were candidates against Seerley.

A Story of Wendell Phillips.

At the close of the civil war and before he was well known Wendell Phillips, the distinguished abolitionist, went to Charleston and put up at a hotel. He had breakfast served in his room and was waited upon by a slave. Mr. Phillips seized the opportunity to represent to the negro in a pathetic way that he regarded him as a man and a brother and, more than that, that he himself was an abolitionist. The negro, however, seemed more anxious about his breakfast than he was about his position in the social scale or the condition of his soul, and finally Mr. Phillips became discouraged and told him to go away, saying that he could not bear to be waited on by a slave.

"You must 'scuse me, massa," said the negro. "I is 'bliged to stay here 'cause I'm 'sponsible for de silver-ware."

Twain and the Rivermen.

Mark Twain once told to a party of friends the following story on himself. On one occasion when he started on a trip down the Mississippi river on a flatboat he was advised never to answer the questions asked by rivermen on other boats and never to bandy words with them, as he would be sure always to come out second best. He followed the advice religiously for a time, but one day he thought he saw a chance to get the better of a riverman who called out:

"Hey, thar, what yer loaded with?"

"Jackasses. Don't you want to come aboard?" yelled back Twain.

"That's what I reckoned, seein' as how they let their biggest donkey hev their run of the deck!" came back. Twain made a dive below as all the rivermen in the neighborhood set up a derisive laugh at his expense.

Ahead There.

"I hope," said the drummer, "you were quite satisfied with my report for the past month."

"Well," replied the head of the firm, "there was one part of it that really exceeded our expectations."

"And what was that?"

"Your expense bill!"—Catholic Standard and Times.

A Scott Fan.

Calling one day on a Miss Ferguson and observing a fine honeysuckle in full blossom over the door, Sir Walter Scott congratulated his friend on its appearance. She spoke of it as trumpet honeysuckle.

"Weel," said Scott, "ye'll never come out o' your ain door without a flourish o' trumpets!"