

THE NATIONAL GUARD.

Making That It Sustained Will Work to the Detriment of the Volunteer Troops.

Judge Advocate General Lieber has rendered a decision in which he holds that volunteer officers commissioned by the governors of states vacate their commissions in the state organizations upon being mustered into the United States army.

Gen. Lieber's decision is similar to that rendered by Adjt. Gen. Tillinghast, of New York state, several days ago, which, however, Gov. Black refused to approve.

In Gen. Lieber's opinion the national guard is thoroughly disorganized. In fact, the substance of his decision is that the state organizations do not now exist in fact, and that the governors of states have in their power to organize new regiments and give out new commissions, to the detriment of the volunteers now in the field.

OF LITTLE USE.

Actual Warfare Proves That the Revolver, Sword and Bayonet Are Really Only Encumbrances.

A Santiago correspondent of the New York Tribune says Col. Theodore Roosevelt killed a Spaniard with his revolver in the camp near San Juan hill on July 1. This is apparently the only case in which that weapon was used with effect by either side in the whole campaign.

REMARKABLE SPEED POWER.

An English Inventor Who Will Guarantee to Build a Forty-Knot Torpedo Boat.

Richard B. Painton, an English inventor living at the Broadway Central hotel, with offices at 52 Broadway, New York city, has planned a torpedo boat destroyer which he guarantees will make 40 knots, or nearly 47 miles, an hour.

GARCIA REPENTS OF ANGER.

Writes to Gen. Shafter Offering to Furnish Scouts—His Ill-Feeling Abated.

Gen. Garcia seems to be repenting of his wrath because Santiago was not turned over to the Cubans, and is indicating a desire to resume cooperation with the American army.

TWO NEW RAILROADS.

Every Prospect That They Will Be Built in California—English Capital Interested.

The San Francisco Examiner says: There is every prospect that two new railroads will be built in California within the next eight or ten months. One of them will be a line from Fresno to Tidewater at Monterey. The other will be a road from Manzanita, a station on the North Pacific Coast railroad, to Bolinas. The latter will be 18 miles long and its projectors have in view the erection of a big hotel on the sea shore at Bolinas.

Swiss to Control Railroads.

By the year 1903 the Swiss government will have again secured control of the five leading railways in the country.

UPRISING IN CHINA.

Drought Causes Destitution That May End in Revolution.

Missionaries' Lives Are Thought to Be in Danger—Mad Hordes of Chinese Will Be Uncontrollable.

News of an impending revolution in China is furnished by G. K. Sevey, president of the American Steam Navigation company, who has arrived at San Francisco on the steamer Doric.

He fears a violent outbreak among the hordes of Chinese in both the northern and central provinces, and believes that great loss of life and destruction of property will result.

"Owing to the effects of the drought destitution is certainly impending for millions of natives. The poorer classes have been squeezed by the mandarins and Chinese governors to such an extent that nothing is left them now but mere existence. This year there will be nothing for the governors to draw out of the people.

"There are several thousand American missionaries working in northern and central China, and when the uprising comes, as I think it will, for the famine-stricken Chinese will fight for food, they will be the first to suffer. The American missionaries are well treated in China, especially by the poorer classes, but when a Chinese population become mad in their rage for food they level all distinctions and set about sweeping everything before them. In Wuhu an outbreak was threatened recently, but the English governor, acting for the Chinese government, dared the mob. He furnished his troops with rifles, and is waiting for any attack that might come. He in turn threatened utter destruction to the Chinese discontents if they attempted violence."

LOST GIFT OF THE PRESIDENT.

A Volume of the Apocrypha Given to Him by His Father Has Been Returned.

A volume of the Apocrypha, handsomely bound and inscribed upon the fly leaf:

From His Father's Union His Eighteenth Birthday.

It had been returned to the president after an absence from his possession of nearly 40 years. The story of the book is interesting. Young McKinley, at the time of his father's gift, was attending school at Poland, O. Part of his leisure time was spent assisting the postmaster of the little town in assorting the mail and in similar duties. A book always accompanied the future president, for study or recreation during his otherwise unoccupied moments. The gift of his father was most frequently his pocket companion. Some time after he left Poland the book could not be found and remained lost for several years or until the former postmaster's assistant began his upward career.

One day it was found among the litter in the postmaster's store-room. Without realizing its value the book was added to the modest library shelves of the finder, which it remained untouched until a few weeks ago. It was then opened and the inscription read. The idea of returning it to the president at once suggested itself.

The former postmaster of Poland, now an old man, heard that a relative of his, Mrs. J. K. Rice, of Chicago, was shortly going to Washington on a visit, and sent the volume to her to give to the president. Mrs. Rice readily accepted the commission.

THE CONSCIENCE FUND.

The Total Amount Received by the United States Treasury Since 1811 is \$297,452.

A balance has just been struck of the "conscience fund" in the treasury of the United States on the 30th of June last, showing that the total amount received and credited to it since it was opened, in 1811, was \$297,452. These moneys are covered into the general treasury as a miscellaneous account and may be used like other assets of the treasury for any purpose that congress may designate. Remittances are received almost weekly. Occasionally there are two or three cases a week, and, as a rule, the letters are not signed. Frequently they are forwarded by clergymen at the request of penitents.

MAKE WAR ON A WOMAN.

Kansas Men Complain of a Bright and Thrifty Female Teacher in Kearney County.

The young men of Kearney county, Kan., have waged war on Miss Tillie Davies, the county superintendent of schools, because in addition to her salary she is trying to make some money on the side by teaching.

Miss Davies lives with her parents on a farm in school district practically depopulated. Miss Davies herself and her mother compose the school room population and they regularly meet in accordance with law and elect themselves as the three members of the school board. Then the board elects Miss Davies as the teacher of the school and votes a nine months' term at \$40 a month on the nonresident taxpayer basis of the district. Miss Davies' school consists of two pupils.

The complaint filed by the men of Kearney county with the attorney-general is based upon the proposition that the young woman cannot draw two salaries from the state at the same time. Back of it is a strong feeling against Miss Davies because the men have not been able to compete with her in school work. She came, with her parents, from the east several years ago, and it was not long until she drifted into politics and captured the office of superintendent of schools, which she has managed to hold ever since. Miss Davies says that she does not consider that she has violated law, for the money she made from teaching helped to keep the wolf from the door of her father's cabin.

Following in Chicago's Lead.

The street cars in Belfast, Ireland, contain a notice to this effect: "The habit of spitting in a public conveyance is a filthy one, and renders the person so offending a subject for the loathing of his fellow-passengers."

King Humbert's Abstemious Habits.

The king of Italy, like his famous father, Victor Emmanuel, takes only one meal a day when he takes a holiday from court pomp and ceremonies.

A NEW CRUSADE.

Dr. Parkhurst to Begin a Determined Fight on the Crime and Vice in New York City.

Dr. Parkhurst's agents are planning a crusade in a new field. The society, whose work is police protection of vice led to the Lexow investigation and the temporary overthrow of Tammany, intends to carry out a similar work in the sections joined to Manhattan by the consolidation, especially Long Island City and Brooklyn, including Coney Island.

Before he sailed for Europe, Dr. Parkhurst gave directions to the agents of the Society for the Prevention of Crime to gather all evidence possible against law-breakers in those sections of Greater New York.

They have been gathering evidence in various sections east of the river, where they say a frightful condition of affairs exists. The efforts have been directed particularly toward gambling dens and respectable houses. Just what Dr. Parkhurst will return to the officers of the society do not know, but he is not expected for two or three weeks. On his arrival the plan of campaign will immediately be mapped out. In the absence of Superintendent Burr, Agent Arthur Wilson said that the crusade would be of wide scope.

"We will start with Brooklyn," he said, "and continue to Coney Island, Long Island City, and the entire borough of Queens, if necessary. Enough men will be detailed to do the work thoroughly, and some startling developments may be expected. Rockaway Beach will also be included in the list."

The Brooklyn campaign will be in charge of Agent Wilson and Thompson, both of whom have had much experience in such work. The Tenderloin district in Manhattan will later come in for attention.

ALBUMEN FOUND IN COAL TAR.

Lilienfeld's Discovery Attracts a Great Deal of Attention in Scientific Circles.

The announcement of Lilienfeld's discovery of the chemical production of albumen from the products of coal tar and other similar, unappetizing stuff is attracting a good deal of attention in scientific circles. Despite the temptation of professional humorists to scoff, it is pointed out that the discovery may be a great chemical triumph and precisely what is claimed, but the practical value of a substitute for animal food is quite another question.

For instance, at first saccharine seemed likely to take the place of sugar, but after a time it was discovered that, while saccharine provided the necessary sweetness, it had effects on certain organs which sugar had not. One authority says:

"I quite believe it possible for a chemist to make a substance chemically identical with the albumen of nature. The point is, would it be physiologically identical? Chemically speaking, all nutrient necessary for man is found in grass and its seeds, but how would the man fare who tried to live on grass? Every scientist recognizes that man requires phosphorus for his nervous development, but nobody would dream of giving phosphorus in the inorganic state. It is the same with artificial albumen. I cannot say it will replace natural albumen as human food until it has been subjected to a trial on a large scale over a long period. Each animal best obtains nutrition from the kingdom to which it is adapted. Kittens fed on fruit, horses on goat flesh, and cattle on grass would not thrive as they would on natural foods."

MISS DAVIDS' SCHOOL.

Miss Davies' School in Kearney County, Kansas.

Miss Davies' school in Kearney county, Kan., has a reputation for being the most successful in the state. The school is a model of efficiency and the teacher is a woman of high character and ability.

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