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CONGRESSMAN HIGGINS'. PENSION BILL.

Congressman Higgins, realizing the necessity for a new pension bill which will in a measure provide for soldiers' children under 16 years of age, has drawn a conditional bill in behalf of women and children representing the veterans' widows in the period since pensions have been denied to them.

Congressman Higgins has no sympathy for the woman who marries a soldier because of the pension he receives, expecting to receive permanent benefit upon reaching widowhood, but there are a good number of cases where the veteran married after June 27, 1890, where there was no expectation of the wife getting a pension and because she has lived continously with the soldier and has borne children to him and contributed to his happiness and comfort these cases deserve aid; and it is to reach these cases that he drafted and introduced this bill. This bill does not put such a widow in the same class as the other soldiers' widows, as it gives but $6 a month, and the pension for all widows is now $12, provided they married before 1890.

The bill reads as follows:

61st Congress, 2d Session.

In the House of Representatives.

December 10, 1909.

Mr. Higgins introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

Providing for pensions to widows married before January first, nineteen hundred.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That if any officer or enlisted man who served ninety days or more in the Army or Navy of the United States during the late war of the rebellion and who was honorably discharged has died or shall hereafter die leaving a widow who has continuously lived with him from the date of their marriage to the date of his death without other means of support than her daily labor, or minor children under the age of sixteen years, such widow shall upon due proof of her husband's death and of her living with him continuously, without proving his death to be the result of his army service, be placed on the pension roll from the date of the application therefor under this act at the rate of six dollars per month during her widowhood and shall also be paid two dollars per month for each child of such officer or enlisted man under sixteen years of age, and in case of the death or remarriage of the widow leaving a child or children of such officer or enlisted man under the age of sixteen years such pension shall be paid such child or children under the age of sixteen: Provided, That in case a minor child is insane, idiotic, or otherwise permanently helpless, the pension shall continue during the life of said child or during the period of such disability, and such pensions shall commence from the date of application therefor after the passage of this Act; And provided further, That said widow shall have married said soldier prior to January first, nineteen hundred, and lived continuously with him from the date of their marriage until the date of his death.

This is a matter of deep interest to veterans in all parts of the country and the justice of the measure is not open to dispute. It is very likely to meet with persistent opposition and that is why the veterans should take an interest in the matter and give it positive support.

The little Latin republics should become conscious of the fact that they cannot hurt the United States by hating it. That's a waste of wrath.

The announcement that there is to be no monetary legislation by congress does not disturb the people. They have all they can do to look after their daily bread!

Julia Ward Howe, the "Grand Old Woman of New England," does not longer rise to speak, but the audience rises to a man to show its respect and appreciation.

Happy thought for today: The man who always carries a smile is not half so useful to a woman as the man who willingly and joyfully helps carry the packages.

SOMETHING ABOUT NEWSPAPERS.

The New Haven Leader is to have a new name under a new management and will hereafter be known as the Times-Leader, and it is said it will hereafter be an independent republican paper. It strikes The Bulletin that it has been about as independent as it could well be under Colonel Pickett, whose double-leaded hot-shot style has given The Leader a distinctive style as well as forceful appearance; but all of this does not explain how it was that the New Bedford Sunday Standard came to The Bulletin containing the New Haven Leader's comic Sunday colored section, just as if it was not an exceptional performance. It was a fine advertisement for The Leader, and such a renowned paper as The Standard can afford it.

Wednesday evening the Waterbury American brought out a 32-page edition in the regular course of business. This following so closely its 60-page industrial edition shows that it has as good facilities for doing things well out of the ordinary as any newspaper establishment in New England. On the exchange table The American is always so clean and wholesome that it is a delight to handle it. The Bulletin might look on with envy, but it only gazes at this daily wonder of newspaper skill with pride.

AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE.

A conference is to be held in Boston the 13th of next month of a committee on education of the Boston chamber of commerce and the presidents of Massachusetts colleges and universities. Its purpose is to bring the heads of the educational institutions in close touch with the business men of the state and to indicate the interest which the business men take in the educational institutions.

This is the first important conference ever held to make popular education more practical by introducing the methods which will develop business men as well as scholars. It is generally felt that while this beginning at the top is most commendable, it is hoped that the reform will reach lower down.

Referring to the importance of this conference the Portland Express says: "There should be this close understanding between the business men and the instructors and school officers of every grade far below those of the colleges and universities.

"So it is to be hoped, while beginning at the top, and consulting with college and university presidents in the first place, that the educational committee of the Boston chamber of commerce and similar committees of other business men's organizations in the cities and large towns of New England, will continue the investigation thus worthily begun, and will bring into relations of amity and understanding those who have to do with the education of the youth, who for the most part go from the grammar school and the high school directly into the business world and those who will meet them upon the threshold of business life. By such means the work of the schools could be made more nearly to meet the needs of business."

RECORD-BREAKING PRICES.

Cornfed hogs and steers in the corn belt are fetching higher prices than ever. On Monday at Kansas City fat hogs reached the highest price in 27 years, commanding $8.40 a hundred pounds, which is $3.40 higher per hundred than one year ago. At St. Joseph, the price was $8.45 a hundred.

Corn-fattened steers are ranging upward with pork, and Kansas City reports a new record price for this product. Two carloads of steers were sold in the stock yards there at $10.50 a hundred pounds, the highest price ever paid in Kansas City, and a dollar higher than any steers have been sold in Chicago this year.

Hogs dress off about 25 per cent., and therefore nearly one-quarter of the price on the foot must be added to the dressed pork to arrive at the wholesale price, without regard for salvage through the utilization of the offal. In the case of the $8.45 hogs the dressed pork would cost the wholesaler about 10 1-2 cents a pound. Adding the reasonable profit to which all business men are entitled, and putting on top of that the profit of the retailer, based upon the uncertainty of dismemberment into the common and select cuts, and the high price of choice hogs when sold on the block is clearly explained.

Beef dresses off nearly 40 per cent., because the animal is deprived of hide, head and feet, while the hog is only shaved. Adding this loss to the cost of the dressed animal, and the price of the flesh of the $10.50 steers reaches $14.70 a hundred, or nearly 14 3-4 cents a pound, as it hangs in the cooling room awaiting the coming of the retailer.

This explains why the best beef comes high. The demand for the best is far in excess of the supply and families of means are ready to pay high prices for a choice cut.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Here is Banker Morse shouting for a square deal from his prison cell. Most folks think he has it now.

It seldom dawns upon us that the finished liar is an unfinished soul, but we have it authoritatively that he shall see his finish.

When it comes to buying Christmas presents the parson and the baby do not have to be questioned. It is right to surprise them.

There is a good deal of skating on thin ice that is not fatal; but the boys should remember that it is not their kind of skating.

If President Roosevelt should send the Ananias club a stuffed hyena for a Christmas present it would be expressive of his feelings.

It is a note of joy that brings out the fact that after January first eggs will be cheaper. No one cares whether the hens like it or not.

Not a few good men are found opposing progress because they are afraid that it will hurt business. It has never been known to.

If the right sound comes out from Copenhagen, there is no doubt that it will fix up Dr. Cook better than could a hundred doses of medicine.

Perhaps the most pressing need of Norwich is to get up and shake itself. The most pressing need often escapes the most scrutinizing observation.

Missouri is advertising in a hundred papers in this country for emigrants to come there and settle upon the unoccupied but fertile acres, and they are "coming."

Uncle Sam has decided that it is more profitable to accept two and three fourths millions from the Sugar trust and call it square than to spend $500,000 for its prosecution.

When Taft gives out that one term is all for him, he realizes that the powers cannot stand a continuous business administration such as he would give the country.

It would take the average parson or editor one hundred and one years to earn the money that Jeffries and Johnson can pound out of human flesh in a few minutes.

What does the National Apple association pay the doctor who is saying that apple-eating is a sure cure for the drink habit? He appears to be their advertising agent.

JUDGE AND PRIEST IN LETTER COMBAT.

McDonough Says Vicar General Instructed Him.

Fall River, Dec. 16.—Pointed sarcasm in the sermon preached last Sunday in the cathedral by Vicar-General J. E. Cassidy, who analyzed the vote whereby the city repudiated the anti-saloon system, provoked the following retort today in a public letter by Judge John J. McDonough of the second district court:

"Very Reverend Sir: Among your remarks on Sunday last was the following: 'Again, when, in an endeavor to keep out the saloon, we fought against the express companies and there was given to us the most wonderful decision of recent times, no man heard publicly from me any criticism.'

"May I beg to say that that 'most wonderful decision of recent times' was supported by Judge DeCourcy of the superior court and by the supreme court of the state, in the case of Commonwealth vs. People's Express company, 201 Massachusetss reports, page 564?

"May I also say that I may not know the law as well as you and your legal advisers and law tutors do? Perhaps that is the reason why you called at my home twice on June 9 last, a rainy day, before that 'most wonderful decision of recent times' was given, and instructed me on what you understood the interstate commerce and express companies' laws were, so far as they relate to intoxicating liquors.

"So far as the local 'tribunal of law' is concerned, I believe there is and has been in Fall River for 16 years last past, to use your words again, a 'respect for the tribunal of law,' and I believe that that respect attaches to the local court because there never has been, is not now and, with God's help, never will be a man, clerical or lay, who has commanded, does command or ever will command the opinions and decisions or even the vote, of that court.

"In sunshine or in shadow, when commended or when condemned, but always with a good conscience, that court has always looked beyond changeable, mercurial, fallible man, and has ever found consolation in the immutable, fixed, infallible words of the psalmist: 'The just man shall be held in everlasting remembrance, he shall not fear evil reports.' May all the blessing of the Advent season and of Christ's natal day be showered upon you."

Fr. Cassidy's acknowledgment says: "I called on you at the request, behest or persuasion of no one. Beset with difficulties, I sought your advice. * * * You will no doubt remember that I listened to you respectfully, made no attempt to argue, informed you (not instructed you) as to what I thought might be, and came away in heartfelt gratitude for you allowing me to take up even a small portion of your valuable time. If there was any contempt of court, or anything unseemly in my calling upon you you and thus seeking your advice, I did not recognize it.

"However, since your memory is so faithful as to this former very rainy day, you will recall that on that occasion you informed me that no-license was a failure, and that you did not believe in it. Nay, more than this, you told me that this express business was a 'humbug' and that it was plain that the companies were formed only for the carrying of liquors. In the light of such statements your decision in the matter was certainly 'most wonderful,' but your eleventh-hour declaration about the failure of no-license was most natural.

"The pastor of a flock has a right to command his sheep both to keep the grave occasions of sin away from themselves and not put them in the way of their neighbors. I commanded only my own parishioners. That some did not heed my command is not any more remarkable than the failure to heed the command of the shepherd in other moral matters."

The Life of Germs.

People are very careful about entering a room where a person is ill with a contagious disease, but M. Remliger of the Pasteur institute says that they never pay any attention to the pet animals which go in and out and are a grave source of danger. A typhoid bug will live for 17 days in the hair of a dog, and diphtheria germ for 24. Furry and woolly toys, such as children play with, are also very dangerous things to have in the sick-room.

In 1881, 2,362,331 persons were engaged in agriculture in the United Kingdom. Ten years later the number had decreased to 2,249,756; while in 1901 it was 2,109,812.

THE BULLETIN'S DAILY STORY

THE GIFT

That, as soon as I had made sure that my convictions were facts, I hurried to Bianca, merely followed out the perfectly natural instincts of a man to protect what he loves from harm. It seems to me that all the troubles I ever had arose from the fact that I have loved Bianca all my life. It was cruel enough that I should have to tell her this terrible thing, but to think of anyone else doing it was impossible to me.

Bianca received me with her usual cordiality. She was reading a paper as I entered and as she looked up at me she held it toward me with a smile. Pityingly I saw that she had been perusing Allan's last night's speech. Her face was set in lines of satisfaction.

"It's a good speech," she said. And I saw, glancing through it, that it was, filled with lofty sentiments framed in good words. "No better, however," added Bianca, "than is to be expected of him. If ever a man could be said to be born a politician Allan is that man. Three generations on his father's side spent their lives in political service and I am the daughter of one statesman and the granddaughter of another."

I sought to make a beginning.

"Allan——" I hesitated. "Is he a good son, Bianca?"

She shrugged her shoulders.

"I don't complain of him," she answered. "My great ambition was to give a great gift to my country. I have done it. I am very proud. Allan is not an attentive son to me, if you mean that. I don't expect it. His country demands his attention. I do not."

She turned to me keenly.

"You don't like Allan, August," she said.

"No," I wavered. "Bianca," I added, pursuing this new chance of beginning, "there are reasons, a great reason why I cannot ever like Allan again."

She waved her hand indulgently.

"August," she said, gently, "you don't like Allan because he leaves you and me to ourselves. Now I might share that feeling of yours if I didn't understand. I watched over him when he was a baby. When his father died I impoverished myself and denied myself things that were life itself to me that he might be educated for what he is. But reflect, August, that I reared him with the one idea of being that great gift of mine. Is it any wonder that he forgets me who never taught him sonship, but statesmanship alone?"

I could have wept at her words.

"Oh, Bianca," I cried. "If I might bear this for you!"

She turned with her first foreboding of evil.

"Nothing has happened?" she began, alarmed. "Allan——"

"If it were only that he were dead," I whispered. "If that were all."

"What is this?" she cried angrily. She wrenched my face out of my hands and held my eyes with hers as if I were a schoolboy. "Tell me what you have to tell."

"Bianca," I whispered, "you know I would not speak before I knew. You know that I could not but be honest to you. You have heard of the leakage of secrets intrusted to those alone who are honored with the trust of the government. It has been hushed up time and again. The service is baffled about it. The last time it was the fortifications at Brent. Copies got into the hands——"

"Yes, yes," cried Bianca, impatient, incredulous.

"The recent preparations for the defence of the north coast—only hinted at outside of the committee at work upon them nothing definitely known—have found their way into the same hands. And, Bianca, Allan is of that trusted committee, and one day last month I called upon him and saw him in his study. His valet was in the room and Allan sat talking to me, yet I saw him tear a piece of paper from a pad with an odd sketch upon it. It fell to the floor. At the same time he rang for wine. A man brought it and, in leaving the room, stooped over that bit of paper and picked it up, carelessly enough. In a fortnight, Bianca, the plans for the defence were known to have leaked out. No one knows, but I have watched. Allan is the man who is guilty of this crime and the man who waits at his table is the paid spy of another government."

For a moment I stopped, waiting for her to show angush in wrath, but neither came, and afterward it came to me that I should have known better than to expect it. She moved around the room quietly, and her silence was more terrible than tears to me.

"No one knows," I went on. "You must send Allan away. It has not been discovered all these years, and I love you, Bianca, and will never speak."

She went to her desk, and drawing something from within put it into her dress. She reached for a long mantle and put it on.

"We must go to him at once," she said.

During the short ride to Allan's great house in Grant avenue she did not speak. When the door was opened we passed a servant without a word and went up stairs to the floor where Allan's rooms were. Bianca pushed open the door and looked at her son. I held her dress like a child as I saw that look and would hove followed her in but that she pushed me away and closed the door between us.

I waited in the anteroom, pacing the floor. I could hear their voices, but no words. It seemed to me that he said little, only a sentence, where her rapid utterance paused. And then I heard what I somehow realized that I had feared, sharp and resonant. There was a stir below. A servant rushed up the stairs and into the room. In response to his shout other inmates of the house poured from all directions. All this before I got strength to move down the hall. Trembling with apprehension and grief I reached the room and looked in.

He lay upon the floor and Bianca stood above him, held by the arm by a badly frightened servant to prevent an escape which she did not meditate. She looked down upon the ever-widening stain at her feet.

"Bianca," I muttered. "Oh, Bianca, what have you done?"

"Is it a crime to take back an unworthy gift?" she asked me quickly. "This is the life which I reared for my country. It is unworthy, and I offer mine for it. Is this a crime?"

Who was I that I should judge? A shaft of mocking sunlight burst in at the window and fell upon the mother and son.—Boston Post.

ENDS DYSPEPSIA IN A FEW MINUTES

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If your Stomach is sour and full of gas or your food doesn't digest, and your meals don't seem to fit, why not get a 50-cent case from your druggist and make life worth living? Absolute relief from Stomach misery and perfect digestion of anything you eat is sure to follow five minutes after, and, besides, one case is sufficient to cure a whole family of such troubles.

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To Be Better Uniformed.

The news that the Connecticut National guard will no longer wear khaki uniforms upon parade will doubtless be welcome to many citizen soldiers and their admirers. There can be little doubt that the adoption of such an unbecoming dress has been everywhere a mistake both for militia and regulars. No doubt such attire is extremely useful in certain countries and under certain conditions, but its lack of neatness and soldierly smartness has condemned it from the first.

Of course, if soldiers were mere fighting machines, they would not care how they were dressed provided they could beat the enemy. But, after all, "the times that try men's souls" come only once or twice in a lifetime while to most volunteer soldiers and many regulars they never come at all. As soldiers they are very human like the rest of us and they find in the gay dress which before introduction of khaki used to distinguish them from the sons of peace a compensation for some of the restraints their calling imposes upon them. "The gayer the uniform the more popular the service," used to be almost an axiom in the days when nations and regiments tried to vie with each other in sending forth the most magnificently attired soldiery. Perhaps the growing tendency towards sobriety of costume has not a little to do with the steadily increasing unpopularity of military service. The enormous advantage with the fair sex which has always been attributed to soldiers was undoubtedly derived in part from their splendid apearance. As a mere matter of fact the change from army blue or dazzling scarlet to khaki in which no smartness is possible, seems to be a mistake outside of actual warfare in which the dun uniforms safeguard a regiment by making it look like a cloud of dust.—Bridgeport Telegram.

A Christmas Warning.

The state fire marshal sends out a warning about the dangers peculiar to the Christmas season which is as sensible as it is timely. He directs attention to several simple but effective precautions against holiday season fires, with their frequent loss of life as well as destruction of property.

Christmas trees often burn because they are decorated with extremely dangerous materials and are then left unguarded. Occasionally a fire which starts by contact of a lighted candle with a bit of cotton burns down a house and kills little children. Holiday decorations have been responsible for terrible fires in stores and in churches. Hastily "wired" show windows are dangerous, when the holiday materials and ornaments they contain are close to the electric currents. Gas jets are even more perilous. There are many holiday fire risks which might be cut down greatly by easy precautions.

One is the use of mineral wool instead of cotton batting. It can't be burned, but the cotton is extremely dangerous. Ornaments made of celluloid ought not to be used on a Christmas tree. They are liable to explode in even a small blaze. Cotton should never be put under a Christmas tree to represent snow. Mineral wool will serve, and it is safe. No strong draft of air ought to be allowed to move the branches of a Christmas tree while it is lighted. All the candles should be extinguished before anything is taken from the three.

In addition to these methods of prevention there are simple precautions which go far in the way of cure if a Christmas tree gets afire. Several pails or basins of water ready in the kitchen, or nearer, may put out a fire so quickly that little damage can be done. A heavy rug ought to be ready to wrap around anyone whose clothing takes fire while the candles are burning and children are playing around the Christmas tree. Such preparations for possible accidents may prevent grave consequences—even loss of life.

These simple means of averting Christmas-tree tragedies or less serious mishaps may well be kept in mind by every one who is responsible for the care of houses where trees are used or inflammable decorations are employed. In schools and churches and other places where Christmas festivities are on a large scale the need of precautions is correspondingly greater than it is in private houses. There pails of water, or buckets of sand, or fire extinguishers ought to be ready for use, close to a Christmas tree or light and flimsy decorations. The exits ought to be well marked and kept cleared, and any Santa Claus costume of quick-burning material should be dipped in some solution which will make it fireproof.

If these hints were generally heeded the list of Christmas season fires would be short and the damage done to property and life would be comparatively insignificant. The safe path is easily pointed out, but there is danger that it will not always be followed.—Cleveland Leader.

A Fight Ahead.

Speaker Cannon doubtless has his faults, but no one ever accused him of not being a good fighter. Whatever success the insurgents may achieve in getting the better of the speaker, it is certain that they have their work cut out for them.—Philadelphia Press.

Wear a Bow if You Would Be Stylish.

There is no end to the methods that will be employed this winter in the use of bows. They will be worn at the neck, back and front, also at the belt, back or front, and always at the top edge.

The bow or rosette will not be placed at the bottom edge, as it was last season.

The newest spot for a bow to be used is at the front of the bodice, just below the yoke. This is of a different color from the frocks, and is usually made of liberty satin. It is not full and loose, but long and trim. The loops and ends are the full width of the ribbon, and are laid out in flat lines.

These will touch up not only dressy costumes for theater, restaurants and informal dinners, but they will be worn on simple house frocks. The most vivid colors will be used to give brilliancy to simple gowns, such as white, gray or black.

Among the colors are apple green, plum, purple, parrot green, turquoise blue, geranium red and black, with a rhinestone center.

The Country's Timber Supply.

According to the report of forest service, Washington, Louisiana, Mississippi, Washington and Wisconsin, in the order named, lead in producing the country's lumber supply, the valuation of which for the last year exceeded $500,000,000. Texas, Michigan, Oregon, Minnesota and Pennsylvania come in order after the five leaders, with Utah the lowest on the list, and Nevada and North Dakota unmentioned because of their very small timbered area.

Lottie—At the charity fair he gave me a sovereign for a kiss. Dottie—Yes; there's nothing he wouldn't do for charity.—Life.

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