Washington News

William J. Loeb, Secretary to the President, is quite ill of the grip. He had a severe attack of this insidious disease last year, and that makes it harder for him to resist an attack now. While the attack was first scheduled as a cold, it has developed into something more serious.

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The other day there passed the House the "omnibus claims" bill. The measure carries a total of $315,545, in payment of claims for stores and supplies furnished the Union army during the civil war. There were 321 items, each case included in the bill having been passed upon by the Court of Claims. This lump sum was distributed among claimants in the various States as follows:

Alabama, $21,600; Arkansas, $22,800; California, $1,800; Colorado, $550; Connecticut, $400; District of Columbia, $600; Florida, $4,400; Georgia, $17,155; Illinois, $8,800; Indiana, $4,000; Iowa, $2,400; Kansas, $1,300; Kentucky, $1,500; Louisiana, $21,000; Maine, $1,000; Maryland, $12,000; Massachusetts, $2,300; Michigan, $1,000; Minnesota, $500; Mississippi, $29,400; Missouri, $17,300; Montana, $50; Nebraska, $500; New Hampshire, $40; New Jersey, $20; New Mexico, $3,000; New York, $2,200; North Carolina, $1,200; North Dakota, $260; Ohio, $2,000; Oklahoma, $600; Oregon, $400; Pennsylvania, $3,000; South Carolina, $900; South Dakota, $4,000; Tennessee, $79,700; Texas, $1,100; Virginia, $27,300; West Virginia, $8,300; Washington $100; Wisconsin, $500.

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Talk about your graft! That same bill carried just about $300,000 of graft, graft pure and simple. Most of the claims are for buildings destroyed by Union troops during the war in Southern territory. You would think on reading the report of this bill that you were reading a church directory. The churches destroyed or damaged during the war down in Dixie must have been palatial compared to the shacks down there that they call churches just now. As a matter of fact, most of the churches are standing yet. The Union troops used them for hospitals, and turned them back in about as good condition as they found them, but "damages" were found, and certainly why shouldn't the Government pay for them. And now the Government is in a fair way to do so. If the Senate passes the bill, and it will for it is said that any old bill can get thru the Senate, people who have been hanging around Congress for the last 10 years asking for these sums of money will at last get them. It seems a little odd, however, that it should take 30 years to find out that certain churches were "damaged" during the war. As Confederate troops occupied the churches quite as much as the Union troops did, it seems a little out of place to make the United States Government pay for them. There ought to be an end of such graft some day.

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George D. Wise, for many years a member of Congress from the Third Virginia District, died recently. He was unmarried and 72 years old. He served four years in the Confederate army, the greater part of the time on the staff of Maj.-Gen. C. L. Stevenson, with the rank of Captain. He was elected to the 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52d and 53d Congresses as a Democrat.

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There is a man in Congress in whose veins runs the blood of Kings of two Nations. It is just Indian King's blood, but he is as proud of it as tho it had been the blood of a Bruce or a Stuart. The man is Senator Carter, of Oklahoma, and he boasts of the blood of Cherokee and Chickasaw tribes. Both are among the best of the Indian tribes. He began school at 11 years of age, entering the Chickasaw Manual Training School at 13, graduating when he reached his 18th year, having missed two years while working as cowboy on his father's ranch.

He has worked at cow-punching, store clerk, bookkeeper, cotton buyer and weigher. At the age of 23 he was appointed Auditor of Public Accounts for the Chickasaws, and three years later became a member of that Nation's council.

He steadily advanced among his people and was made Superintendent of Schools and Mining Trustee of Indian Territory.

When elected to the 60th Congress he was in the insurance business. Having lived so many years among the Indians, familiarizing himself with their habits and wants, Representative Carter will be a valuable member of the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which he was assigned.

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Say, some things are a heap funnier than others. Word comes from Gawjah, suh, that the Wirz epitaph "is to be edited and made entirely inoffensive." Just as tho anything on earth could be said about Wirz that would be inoffensive. The very mention of the beast's name is offensive. The fact that anybody wants to recall his name is offensive. He was a living offense till hung, and his name should be anathema. Say that he was a weakling, a tool for stronger men, say anything you please about him, you can say nothing kind and say it truthfully. And yet gentlewomen, moderately well informed and decently bred, set him on a pedestal, and would erect monuments to creatures of his ilk. If the daughters of a dead flag really desire to do something commendable (as they believe), why do they not hunt up the grave of the man whom the Government had hung for individual instances of crime, and put a marker of some kind over it. It is here in Washington, daughters of the dead flag. The grave of the keeper of Andersonville lies in unconsecrated ground in the malefactors' corner of Mount Olivet Cemetery. It is level with the ground now, and is known only by a number. It lies near the grave of Mrs. Surratt, unkempt, desolate, shunned. Now, there is a place to put the lofty white marble tribute which the daughters of the dead flag are spending their candy money for. Neither the inscription nor the stone itself will intrude there, for nobody will see it in that corner of Mount Olivet but the people who like men of that character and go to hunt them out of their solitude. The body of Wirz was first buried in the malefactors' corner at the Arsenal, where the hanging took place, but later was removed to Mount Olivet.

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Delegate Cale, of Alaska, is called the Rip Van Winkle of the House. For 10 years before coming to Congress Mr. Cale had not been on the "outside," which in States English means that he had not left the interior of Alaska for the seaport towns.

But even that doesn't prove that he is the real and only Rip Van Winkle. Mr. Cale, however, can lay claim to that title because he has a good right to it.

Many years ago, just after the first Klondike rush started, Mr. Cale voyaged to the North to seek his fortune. He sought long and—after a time, well. But he kept wandering about in that vast unknown region for 17 years, and then returned to the States.

When he did reach this country—after about 17 years—his wife did not know him, nor did a small child, who, in all those years, had grown most noticeably.

He was a real Rip Van Winkle, altho he was more fortunate than the one of whom Washington Irving told, because this later Rip's wife finally recognized him.

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Now, would you think it? That the term "buckboard" as applied to the low setting, sideless thing that swings out over the trackless sands of the plains and deserts, and bumps 'round on the rocky roads of the mountains, got its name from a Washington scientist? It seems incredible, but this is the story they tell, and it will stand till a better one is offered:

It was back in the '20's, when the transportation of goods, wares and merchandise was almost entirely by wagon. A Dr. Buck, who, for many years afterward was the military storekeeper at Washington, was then in charge of military stores en route to Army posts in the Southwest.

In East Tennessee much difficulty was experienced by reason of the rough roads, and there were frequent mishaps, mostly from the wagons overturning. Dr. Buck overhauled the outfit, and, abandoning the wagon bodies, long boards were set directly on the axles or hung below, and the stores were loaded in such a manner that there were no further delays from breakdowns, and the stores safely reached their destinations. In special emergency, too, the load could be shifted or taken off in a hurry.

The idea was probably not new, but Dr. Buck's example was followed, especially when roads were rough, and soon much hauling was done by the use of wheels, axles and boards only. Now we have the buckboard, both in carriage and automobile forms, conforming closely to the original idea, tho few suspect the source of it.

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Senator Clay, of Georgia, who has been ill with the grip, is recovering. He is able to leave his bed, and it is expected that he will be able to return to his seat in the Senate next week.

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Here is Senator Burkett's opinion of "Government ownership" of property:

"Government ownership of railroads means a plunge into indebtedness from which we can never return.

"There are abuses under Government ownership and under private ownership.

"Government ownership will be ruinous in our day and disastrous to-morrow.

"No man contends that the Government can run anything as cheaply as an individual can run it.

"Russia and Belgium, held up as examples, do not present conditions such as ours. Russia has no railroads, comparatively speaking; Belgium has no territory.

"Government ownership means paternalism in politics, and socialism in commerce."

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The President celebrated Washington's Birthday by working harder than usual. Before 9:30 o'clock the visitors began pouring into the office building, and by 11 o'clock his anteroom was crowded. If the clerk of either the Senate or House had called the roll about that time enough "Here's" could have been secured to do business.

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A naval torpedo factory authorized by an act of Congress March 2, 1907, is now nearly complete at the Naval Torpedo Station at Newport, R. I., and by contract requirement has been turned over to the Government. The factory is the first of the kind to be owned by the United States.

Machinery has been installed with a capacity of turning out 50 18-inch torpedoes a year, but ample space has been left for additional machinery by which the capacity may be increased to 250 or 300 torpedoes annually. The factory will be ready for operation on April 1.

The building is a two-story brick affair, more than 200 feet long and 45 feet wide, connected with the administration building at the torpedo station on Goat Island. It was built at a cost of less than $100,000.

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We are always glad when our American women make a good impression abroad, and certainly our Mrs. Tower, wife of Embassador Tower, has made a most excellent impression at the "court of the Kaiser."

"The von Moltke of Society" is the unique title the Kaiser has conferred on Mrs. Tower, whom he also described, when lately regretting her impending departure, as "the most brilliant social leader of my reign."

Mr. and Mrs. Tower had a big flower ball on Feb. 21 which eclipsed anything in Berlin's social history. The Crown Prince, Crown Princess and other exalted personages attended. The women were dressed to represent flowers.

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Well, for the land sakes! Senator Depew is a candidate for the kid class, he is. He limped into the White House the other day, one of his feet encased in an athletic shoe.

"Gout, Senator?" some one in the anteroom queried.

"Not a bit of it," replied the Senator. "Just plain accident. It would be a good joke were it not so painful. You see, I've been a railroad man all my life. In my younger days I could hop on and off of moving trains, no matter how fast they were going. I could almost grab a lightning express as it whizzed by a station or crossing, and when it came to leaping off, why I didn't mind a 25-mile clip at all—never was known to hurt myself.

"Well, I was over in New York the other day riding on a street car. The car was going quite slowly at the point where I wished to alight, and, thinking it was scarcely worth while to stop the coach, I swung off, and twisted or strained or broke a number of ligaments in my ankle. The doctor says it will be three weeks before that foot is working well again."

And he is 74 years young. Phew!

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This is the way that Speaker Cannon tells the story. Speaker Cannon told about it at a dinner at which a lot of new Congressmen were present.

"First term I was here," he said, "I got awfully disgusted, and one day, wandering over to the corner of the smoking room, I saw Representative Hale, of Maine, then serving his third term in the House, and now one of the oldest Senators. I was a little afraid of him, but he seemed friendly.

"'Cannon,' he said, 'I'll bet $5 I can tell what you're thinking.'

"'Taken,' I said.

"'You're wondering,' he said, 'whether you'll resign right now or just write a letter home and say if you live thru this session you'll not be a candidate again.'

"'You win,' I replied, handing over the $5.

"'Now, Cannon,' went on Hale, 'let me tell you about it. You're in the same frame of mind that the rest of 'em get at first. They all have it. But pretty soon word will come from the district that some chap is out as a candidate for your job. You'll get mad and decide to run again just for vindication. You'll be elected. Then after two terms some other chap will announce that you've been a hopeless failure, just at a time when you're about ready to retire voluntarily. That'll get you mad again, and you'll go after the nomination once more.

"After that you'll get the notion that, being pretty well up on the Committee of Revolutionary Claims, you'd like to stay long enough to feel the sensation of being Chairman. And so you'll fight whenever it's necessary, and stay right along—if you have luck.'

"And it came out that way," declared the Speaker. "To-day my highest ambition is to be a member of the House of Representatives as long as I live, to die during the session of Congress, and to be buried at the public expense, while all you fellows at the funeral are talking under your breaths about who'll likely succeed me."

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It is now said that another American girl will give her millions, and incidentally break her heart, in a foreign marriage. It is Miss Katharine Elkins, daughter of Senator Elkins, this time. She is a handsome, showy girl of great athletic powers, mentally bright, and an all-around, fine girl. She is reported engaged to the Duke of the Abruzzi, who was in this country a few months ago with the Italian fleet. Everybody is wondering what "Old Steve" Elkins will say to the match. Be it known to you, Senator Stephen B. Elkins is an American to the backbone, and will not like one little bit the wandering of his daughter's affections off after this foreign dago. By the way he is the chap whose gold articles the people stole for souvenirs, when he was here in command of the Dago fleet.

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Herr Emil Steinhardt, a manufacturer of Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, is here "observing" us, and he smiles when we speak of hustle, and tells this story:

"A German paper manufacturer at Esenthal," continued Herr Steinhardt, "has just made an experiment to see how rapidly it is possible to transform a tree into a newspaper.

"Three trees in the neighborhood of his factory were cut down at 7:35 o'clock in the morning. They were instantly barked and pulped, and the first roll of paper was ready at 9:34 o'clock.

"It was lifted into an automobile that stood waiting, and conveyed to the press room of the nearest daily paper. The paper being already set, the printing began at once, and by 10 o'clock precisely the journal was on sale on the streets.

"The entire process of transformation had taken exactly two hours and 25 minutes. How is that for hustle and energy in the Fatherland?"

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George B. Cortelyou, Secretary of the Treasury, occupied last week for the first time the offices that have been fitted up for him in the custom-house in New York. It was also the first time he had been in the new building. With Collector Fowler and Appraiser Wanamaker, the Secretary discussed methods for simplifying the business operations of the custom-house and the appraiser's department, which he suggested last Fall. The general object of the plan is to do away with much of the red tape between the Government and importers.

The Secretary has refused all offers to engage in business, either as president of the Knickerbocker Trust Company or as head of any other financial institution or corporation. His reason for declining all of them was that he intends to remain in the Treasury Department until the end of the Roosevelt Administration.

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ARLINGTON CEMETERY.

A Proposition for Improving It.

Editor National Tribune: I would like, thru the columns of your excellent paper, to call the attention of all interested to the suggestion for memorial vaults or tombs for each and every regimental organization that desires to take advantage of it. The old Fort Arlington, within Arlington Cemetery, could be arranged both inside and out of the earthworks, making the sloping embankment with an elaborate front and within a receptacle for the cremated ashes of as many as desire, and as friends and relatives desire to remove to it, with suitable tablets within bearing their names, all of which could be suitably arranged and controlled by those now conducting same, and thus allow many privates to lie with their officers in a place that they may jointly provide; and many a private would contribute the whole expense for the regimental monumental vault, thereby preserving in an ornamental manner the earthworks of the old fort as originally built by them. The monument now being erected by his comrades for Capt. Vanderbilt, 10th N. Y. Cav., near this fort, called forth this suggestion. Hoping that yourself and others may take up the matter and give it a boom.—W. G. Himrod, Adjutant, 10th N. Y. Cav. Association.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE POTOMAC.

The Woman's Relief Corps of Washington to Have the National President, Kate E. Jones—Some Points in Relief Corps Law Worth Knowing.

The Nineteenth Annual Convention of the Department of the Potomac Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, was held in Grand Army Hall, 1412 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, Thursday, Feb. 20, 1908.

In her last General Order the Department President, Isabel Worrell-Ball, in extending greetings to the newly-elected Corps officers, says:

"But, remember, yours is no easy task. Those who care only to tread the primrose path of dalliance toward past honors will not augment the interest or attendance of Corps, and will do much to increase the lists of suspended and dropped members.

"Having accepted office, perform its duties in strict accordance with the rules and regulations, the ritual and orders from proper authority. If not disposed to do this the wiser plan is to resign and let some one take up the work who has regard for our solemn obligation and our splendid motto. When Corps lose members and members lose interest it is proof positive that Corps officers are not alive to their responsibilities.

"'Ye shall know them by their fruits.'"

LITTLE JOSEPHINE GIVING THE FLAG SALUTE.

Attention is again called to the Appomattox Surrender House Association, of which Christine Walton Dunlap is Secretary; address 1335 Q street northwest, Washington, D. C. Patriotic people everywhere are earnestly urged to assist in preserving this house, with its tremendous historic associations.

The Department President also calls attention to the following matters and says:

"The following decision made by National Convention in 1887 is still in force:

"Communications from Presidents and members of Corps asking for decisions from the National President must be forwarded through the Department President, and properly indorsed by her."

National Presidents do not give official opinions directly to Corps Presidents, nor receive official communications from them, except through the medium of the Department President. There can be no appeal to the National President on a question that has not been considered and decided by the Department President. A National President will not act in Department matters over a Department President's head except it is shown on appeal through the proper channels that a Department President is recreant to her obligations."

The Department President pleads for more uniform work with the Flags, and then refers to a matter much discussed just now:

"The crowning infamy at Andersonville is about to be consummated by the erection at the very gate of our beautiful Prison Park of a statue to the foreign fiend, Wirz, the keeper of Andersonville prison, who is thus honored by the Georgia Daughters of the Confederacy.

"Also, Robert E. Lee's statue will soon be placed alongside those of Grant and Lincoln in the National Capitol.

"My friends, it is time for the Woman's Relief Corps to get busy and erect a monument in Chattanooga Park to the Loyal Women of the War that shall overtop towering Lookout Mountain. We must no longer sit supine, permitting these daughters of the South to outstrip us in their zeal to erect their monuments to the lasting memory of an unholy cause. Let us show by our every thought and act 'that we honor and uphold the Flag,' let us firmly resolve to keep green the memories of the men and women who sacrificed their all upon the altar of country, and let us give practical expression to this by contributing liberally to the Loyal Woman's Monument Fund.

"Attention of Corps Presidents is called to the careless manner in which election returns are signed. It is the sworn duty of each Corps President to see that all blanks and reports are properly filled in with all figures and data required, and with honors given to all to whom honor is due. It is not within the power of a Department President to add a name to or take a name from any report made by the delegated authority of a Corps. If an error is discovered, reports must be returned to Corps for correction, causing annoying delay.

"Corps Presidents should instruct Secretaries to record each regular meeting night the number of officers and the number of members present. Except this is done, a proper average cannot possibly be reached for the information of the Department Inspector."

As Chairman of the National Committee to Prevent the Desecration of the Flag, the Department President says: "I have to report that, at my request, bills of a stringent character exactly alike, have been presented in the United States Senate by Hon. William Warner, of Missouri, Past Commander-in-Chief, and in the House by Hon. Washington Gardner, of Michigan. There is work for every one in getting Congress to act on these bills. The sentiment of keeping the Flag free from blot or stain should be as dear to our hearts as the purity of the Cross to Christians. Corps Presidents will please select a committee of three from each Corps to cooperate with the Department Committee.

"The President-General of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. Donald McLean, has appointed the following committee from that organization to cooperate with the committee of the Woman's Relief Corps: Mrs. Frances S. Kempster, Chairman of the National Committee on Patriotic Teaching of the D. A. R.; Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey, Vice President-General of the National Society; Mrs. J. Eakin Gadsby, National Historian, and Mrs. Howard L. Hodgkins, State Regent of the District of Columbia, D. A. R.

"The President of the District W. C. T. U., Mrs. Clinton Smith, has appointed as a committee from that body Mrs. Jennie R. Cusick and Mrs. Lucius F. Randolph."

Speaking of the observance of the anniversary of McKinley's birthday, the tremendous audience and the ceremonies of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Ball says: "The attendance of all nine of the Corps Presidents, each with all her Flags and Color Bearers, and many of the Corps members, was extremely gratifying to your Department President. The moral effect of that patriotic display of 36 Flags will be a tremendous power for good work in the community. It has occasioned a healthy interest in our work, and invoked great admiration."

On a point of Relief Corps law Mrs. Ball says: "The Woman's Relief Corps is an incorporated body. It can sue and be sued, hence the name of none of its Corps can be used by any person, or company of persons, for any purpose whatever, except by permission of regularly constituted authorities. To use the name of a Corps or any number of Corps to obtain money from the public, or for any purpose whatever, without first obtaining the consent of individual Corps by a majority vote of the Corps, is a violation of Relief Corps law, and the violator is liable to prosecution, or if a member, to suspension."

Mrs. Ball then announced that the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Kate E. Jones, of Illon, N. Y., would be the guest of the Department.

In closing her General Order the Department President announces the death of Maj. J. P. Hart, a gallant veteran of the famous Ringgold Cavalry, and husband of the Department Patriotic Instructor, Lida J. Hart; also the death of Dr. B. F. Tiefenthaler, father of the Department mascot, Josephine, and son-in-law of the Past National Junior Vice President and Counselor, Lida A. Oldroyd.

FLAG AT HALF MAST.

Josephine, the Color-Bearer and Mascot of the Department of the Potomac, W. R. C., Is Dead.

The Convention of the Department of the Potomac, Woman's Relief Corps, held in Grand Army Hall last week, was shocked to learn that just as the gavel fell to open the Convention the Department Mascot, Josephine Oldroyd Tiefenthaler, slipped out of life.

She was a general favorite with everyone in all circles of life, but more particularly was she loved by the patriotic societies. She was always in demand to recite, and was a born leader among her young companions.

She was buried with all the honors of her office, the 36 Color-bearers of the Department turning out with their flags. They stood in open ranks while the little white casket was borne between to the little white hearse, led by the Acting Department Color-bearer, Mrs. Hannah Devo, and Master Henry Moulton Gounodie, her little playmate, also carrying a silk flag.

The floral offerings were so numerous as to almost fill a room.

When a tiny child Mrs. Ball, the Department President, to whom Josephine was very dear, taught her the flag salute. The picture represents her out in the park, where she had gone with her grandfather, Capt. O. H. Oldroyd, to practice the flag salute for Flag Day exercises in 1902.

In her honor the Department President, Mrs. Isabel Worrell-Ball, issued a special order, which is as follows:

National Tribune Building,
Washington, D. C., Feb. 21, 1908.

Special Order No. 2.

Little Josephine, the Department Mascot and Color-bearer, fell asleep Thursday, Feb. 20, 1908.

She was the granddaughter of the Department Counselor, Lida A. Oldroyd, and the daughter of Daisy Oldroyd and the late Dr. Benjamin F. Tiefenthaler. Just 12 bright years were hers. She was born in the house in which Lincoln died, 516 10th St., Washington, D. C. Her grandfather, Capt. O. H. Oldroyd, placed in her hour-old hands a tiny silk flag, around which her wee fingers closed, and love of the flag grew with her growth.

Gentle, winsome, beautiful and bright, her going away is like the crushing of a rose. The fragrance of her little life will be with us forever, tho the rose has faded.

She was appointed Department Mascot and Color-bearer March 4, 1907.

The sorrow of her loved ones is our sorrow.

Oh, Little Queen, whose realm on earth
In ruin lies, leave not the road
Between thy world and ours untrod;
Come sometimes back to the old hearth!

We will not bar the chamber door
To hinder thy departing feet;
We know thou canst not tarry, Sweet;
But come, oh, come to us once more!

By command.—Isabel Worrell-Ball, Department President; Emma C. Littlejohn, Department Secretary.

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