

SHOWED CAUSE FOR ASSAULT

Stonemason Really Had Good Reason for Smiting His Impertinent Son-in-Law.

A stonemason and cutter who did odd jobs for graveyards while not otherwise engaged, was arrested for striking his son-in-law, Frank Andrews, over the head with a mallet and rendering him unconscious.

"Jim Renfrow, stand up," commanded the judge.

"Here I be, your honor," answered the self-possessed prisoner, a grizzled, brawny man of fifty years or more.

"Did you strike Mr. Andrews with a mallet?"

"I did, your honor."

"With what provocation?"

The defendant fumbled in his pocket for a moment and finally drew forth a bit of torn, soiled paper upon which words were scrawled.

"It was just this way, judge," continued Renfrow. "I was working in the yard, cutting stone, yesterday afternoon, when Frank came up to me and asked if I'd cut th' inscription of his wife's tombstone. Bein' as it was my own darter, I allowed I would, tho' I knew I'd never git no money for th' job. What do you suppose he had writ out fer me t' cut, judge. Read this:

"MRS. ELIZA ANDREWS.
Died Aug. 12, 1915.

"She was a purty woman, but she had the wust temper of anybody in Stark county. Her mother was a sweet lady, so where she got it from everybody kin guess."

"That's when I hit him, judge."—Case and Comment.

PLAN NEW CITY FOR CHINA

Hankow, Destroyed in Revolution, May Be Rebuilt in the Form of a Triangular Island.

The recent agitation regarding the proposed rebuilding of that part of Hankow, China, destroyed during the revolution, has developed into plans which may make the city a triangular island, and for this an English company offered (in July, 1914) to furnish \$50,000,000 at the close of the war then pending.

Commissioner Yan Tu has drawn up a comprehensive plan of improvement. One preliminary survey and one minute survey have been made, and all preparations for laying out the sites, digging the new canal and constructing the river bridges are being actively pushed on.

The best part of the city is now a strip of land along the river Yangtze, and this has been turned into concessions, so that nothing can be done in regard to it.

Next in importance is the land between the river and the old market place, which is the only area on which developments can be made. As the lower end of the market place is connected with the concessions, no extension can be made on that side.

At the rear is a shallow lake, and without great effort it cannot be turned into a market.

A comprehensive review of the situation which recently appeared in the Chinese National Gazette has met with widespread approval. It says:

"The strip of land behind the concessions and the site of the lake are all distant from the river, hence transportation is difficult. Chinese commerce should extend and expand, and other undertakings must be effected.

"Those in charge of the project now intend to open a canal, beginning at the upper part of the Han river, extending along the rear of the concessions and joining the Yangtze river. Thus Hankow will be a triangular island.

"On every side of it vessels will be able to cast anchor, and the development of industries and commerce will go forward by leaps and bounds."

WAR RELICS HELD OF VALUE

Gruesome Mementoes That Have Brought High Prices When Displayed at Auction Sales.

There was sold by auction a few years ago the spear that was used by a rebel dervish to kill General Gordon.

On another occasion the sword used by Lord Cardigan in the battle of Balaklava was disposed of at the same auction mart.

A very different war relic realized a very different price. This was the silver-gilt table service used by Napoleon in the course of his many campaigns, and it went for \$3,250.

A really extraordinary war relic was brought to light in an English court some years ago. A woman applied to the magistrate for a summons against a pawnbroker for damage to a hearthrug. She explained that during a campaign on the Indian frontier, her son had made a large hearthrug out of the garments of his slain comrades, and sent it home to her.

A few years ago a relic of the siege of Paris was discovered in a windmill near Besancon. This was the mummified body of a pigeon, to one of the wings of which a quill was attached. Inside this was a brief message, dated 1870, which read:

"Darling—All well, but starving.—P. P. G." The pigeon was one of the homers which had been released during the siege, and maybe shot by the Germans.

Bunyan a Typical Hypochondriac.

"If Hamlet, the Dane, is the prince of psychic miseries, then surely John Bunyan of Bedford jail takes rank as the king of hypochondriacs," writes Dr. Howard D. King of New Orleans in the New York Medical Journal. Doctor King analyzes Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" and calls his "Grace Abounding Unto the Chief of Sinners," the most vivid picture extant of a hypochondriac.

After quoting Bunyan's words, "I beheld the condition of the dog and the toad and counted the estate of everything that God had made for better than this dreadful state of mine," he says:

"No normal individual ever felt like that; but to the hypochondriac, alone in creation, no past, no future, can be so bad as the present."

Upholds His Cab's Honor.

It cost James A. Ryan \$25 to uphold the dignity of the cab which he drives. Judge Knowles, in the municipal court, imposed a fine of that amount as punishment for the beating Ryan inflicted upon Charles P. Milligan of Ninth street, near Butler, when the latter referred to the conveyance as a relic of Noah's ark.

Milligan, who is an undertaker, had solicited the services of Ryan's cab for a funeral which he had in charge, but when the vehicle appeared he jeered at its appearance. Ryan resented the criticism so vigorously that the undertaker caused his arrest for assault.—Philadelphia Record.

Gloom for the Early Riser.

"It's always darkest just before dawn," quoted the readymade philosopher.

"And yet," rejoined his pessimistic friend, "some people say 'early to bed and early to rise.'"

CUTTING OUT WASTE MOTION

Unnecessary Fatigue May Be Avoided and Much Greater Amount of Work Accomplished.

"There is no waste of any kind in the world that equals the waste from needless, ill-directed and ineffective motions, and their resulting unnecessary fatigue."

This remark was made in a talk before the American Academy of Political and Social Science by Frank B. Gilbreth, the man who discovered lost motions in bricklaying and who has since devoted his time to scientific motion study.

Devising ways of preventing this waste is now occupying a great deal of attention, and bringing to economy of labor the application of scientific principles has caused a readjustment of working conditions in many industries. The application of so-called efficiency methods in business means simply showing an exact regard for the relation of labor to a given task so that there shall be no waste effort. Our offices and factories are being re-adjusted so that time and unnecessary steps shall be saved.

Establishing motion standards for the performance of routine work has resulted in increased output and increased wages, with an accompanying decrease in cost. Mr. Gilbreth points out that most of us do not stop to think about the time we waste in the performance of ordinary duties.

It is declared that what motion study has done for the industry it will do for all human activities, and that a little more clear thinking about the things we do—a little less senseless hurry—and at the end of the day we will have attained greater accomplishment, with less fatigue, and will be in better sorts with ourselves and the world.

HISTORY ONE OF BLOODSHED

Record of Serbia Has Been a Continuous Tale of Atrocity and Wrongs It Was Powerless to Avenge.

The characteristics of no people in Europe are probably so little known to the world at large as those of Serbia. The Serbians are a primitive people with strong passions and inspired as are all primitive people by the clan spirit. The vendetta and blood feud prevail among them. Of the seven Serbian princes who have ruled the land since the beginning of the nineteenth century the first, Karageorgevitch, was murdered; the second, Prince Milosh, was expelled; the third, Prince Michael, was murdered; the fourth, Alexander Karageorgevitch, had to abdicate; the fifth, King Milan Obrenovitch, was expelled; the sixth, King Alexander I, was murdered; the seventh, King Peter, the present ruler, has spent much of his life in exile. Serbia is a peasant state with a liberal and progressive constitution. The national parliament is elected by universal male suffrage and a large proportion of the members belongs to the peasant class. It is a homogeneous nation of independent farmers. It has been called "the poor man's paradise," as there are inexhaustible mineral resources in the mountains, but Serbia has been less explored than the most remote parts of the United States.

Listening for Bullets.

X-rays have enabled doctors to accomplish miracles in the way of finding foreign substances in the human body and of treating internal wounds, and now there has come an invention that actually enables physicians to discover embedded bullets by sound. It is described in Tit-Bits:

The apparatus consists of a special telephone, with double receivers. One end of the telephone wire is attached to a small piece of platinum, which is placed on the patient's skin near the wound and held in position by plaster or by a bandage. The other end of the telephone wire is in the form of a disintegrated thread of silver, which is used because it can be readily attached to any of the surgeon's instruments—a knife, a probe, a needle or a pair of forceps. The only precaution necessary is that the terminating wire should be very firmly attached to the instrument.

When the surgeon puts the telephone receiver to his ear and begins to use his instrument on the tissues, he will hear with great distinctness a grating sound that is known as a microphonic rattle the instant the instrument touches any metal imbedded in the patient's tissue.

The value of this apparatus to surgeons on the battlefield is naturally very great.

Art and the War.

If every work of art existing in the western world were obliterated, and every artist killed, would human nature return to the animalism from from which art has in a measure raised it? Not so. Art makes good in the human soul all the positions that it conquers.

When the world is over, the world will find that the thing which has changed least is art. Certain withered leaves, warts, dead branches will have sloughed off from the tree; the sap will run at first a little faster for the temporary check, and that is all. The wind of war reeking with death will neither have warped nor poisoned it. The utility of art, which in these days of blood and agony is mocked at, will be raised again into the view even of the mockers, almost before the thunder of the last shell has died away. "Beauty is useful," says Monsieur Rodin. Aye! it is useful.—John Galsworthy, in Atlantic.

HOME TRAINING TO BLAME

Northwestern University Professor Points Out What He Considers One of Crime's Chief Causes.

Prof. Robert H. Gault of Northwestern university, in a report submitted to the crime commission of Chicago, declares that mental deficiencies and unfit homes are the contributory causes of crime.

Another report submitted by Professor Gault constitutes an attack on the present law by showing that criminals whose history should exclude them from probation are given their liberty. The cause of the latter, the sociologist says, is inadequate investigation.

Compulsory education until the age of sixteen is one recommendation made by the professor to solve the delinquent boy problem, and another suggestion is that vocational training should begin at any time, optional with the pupil and his advisers—meaning his parents or guardians.

In the statistics compiled in the report, it is shown that many delinquent boys on probation in Cook county are not working at all, others work only half time, and of those that work many are errand boys, wagon boys, bellhops, and have other occupations that contain no future for them. Society would best be served, it is contended, if the delinquent boy had work where he realized he had a chance to make something of himself.—The Living Church.

NEGRO WAITER A DIPLOMAT

Was Fully Alive to the Importance of Keeping His "Mouf Shet" at Sundry Times.

Here is a story about a diplomatic negro waiter; also about two well-known Kansas men, who can go by the names of Smith and Jones, just to tell the yarn:

Smith and Jones look much alike, and are frequently taken for each other. One day Smith was in a certain big hotel not a thousand miles from Kansas City and went into the dining room for dinner. The negro waiter busily brushed off the crumbs and said: "Why, how is you, Mr. Jones, how is you? I 'se glad to see you. I hasn't seen you since I waited on your table when you all used to have a little game upstairs."

"I'm afraid you are mistaken," said Smith very quickly. "My name isn't Jones. You have the wrong man."

"Nuff said; nuff said," smiled the negro, with much bowing and scraping. "Ah knows all right when to keep mah mouf set; ah knows all right, Mr. Jones."—Unidentified.

Risk Anything When Duty Calls.

There seems to be no limit to which the moving-picture man will not go in the search of novelties to be thrown on the screen. In order that he may get pictures at night or in dark places, such as in dense forests, one company has had a complete electric light plant built on a motor truck, which is taken around the country wherever there happens to be a demand for its services. The portable lighting equipment includes a number of projection lamps which may be connected to the power plant by 2,000-foot cables. This permits the projection lamps to be taken into caves, ravines or other inaccessible places that may be found suitable as backgrounds for the photo plays. A 13-inch navy type searchlight is one of the features of the portable lighting plant. It is mounted at the side of the driver's seat, that its rays of light may be played in any direction. If need be, this searchlight may be employed to illuminate motion-picture settings in conjunction with the other lamps. The entire portable plant outfit weighs approximately four tons.

Defense Against Zeppelins.

An English military expert writes: "The question of how far aircraft can be utilized for defense against Zeppelins appears to be still under consideration. If they are to be used effectively for the attack of the enemy airship it is generally assumed that they must operate outside the London area, or between the capital and the coast. It would hardly do to have them passing through localities covered by gunfire. There is also the difficulty of descending at night to be met. Important subsidiary questions which are yet to be settled by consultation between the bodies concerned are the control of lights and traffic, as well as the alien problem. Perhaps of more personal interest to Londoners is the question whether the greater danger is incurred by being in the streets or in the houses. Upon this point the authorities might do well to publish figures showing the number of casualties in either circumstance."

Draw Power From Air.

The mission settlement at Mt. Hope, 100 miles north of the arctic circle, in Alaska, is contemplating the installation of an electric lighting plant to be driven by large windmills. During the long arctic winter the steady winds in that region seldom fall below 20 miles an hour, which is ample for driving the power plant. Since fuel of any kind is exceedingly expensive in that region, the power will serve the dual purpose of illuminating and heating.

Clever Invention.

William Beach, the New South Wales trooper who invented the rifle periscope which has been used in Gallipoli, is the second son of the champion sculler of the world. He is twenty-three years old.

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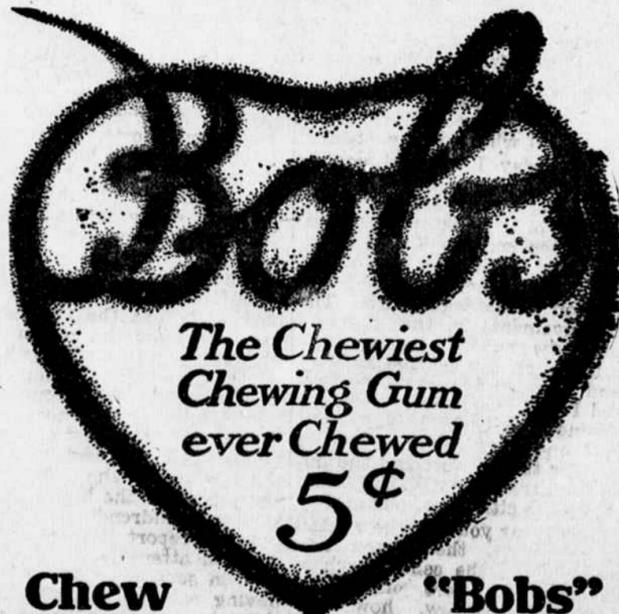
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