FOR THE BUSY MAN.

Constant Reader Tells What He Missed in Last Week's Papers.

"The enlargement of New York keeps on, as I see by the interest in the North River tube opening," said the Busy Man, as he began his weekly confab with his friend the Constant Reader over the news of the week.

"Indeed it does," was the reply. "If the greater city is not able to incorporate within its own limits the adjacent territory to the west of the Hudson River, as it has in all other directions, owing to the existence of a state line of demarcation, it has been able physically to link itself with the New Jersey cities which are near at hand. Manhattan Island has been joined to the mainland ever since the first bridge was extended across the Harlem River, but the new tunnel under the Hudson is the only link between the easterly and the westerly sides of that stream south of the Poughkeepsie Bridge. It had been dreamed of and talked of for a generation to join New York City and the railroad terminals in Jersey City and Hoboken by tunnel or bridge. Many schemes had been planned and several begun. Designs have been drawn for two suspended structures stretching from the Palisades to the metropolis, but the capital for their construction has not been forthcoming. The beginning of work on twin tunnels was made nearly a generation ago, before the great city had any adequate transit systems, either elevated or underground, but the work lagged for various causes until the moving spirit in the present enterprise took up the unfinished task of constructing the tunnels now in use from Hoboken to old Greenwich Village, coupling therewith a subway extension to the heart of the shopping district, and a pair of similar tubes from the railroad terminals in Jersey City to the downtown business centre, where their system of transit will connect with the subway now in use. In connection with the latter under-river route, there is in course of construction the most gigantic office building in the city, with a capacity of not less than ten thousand tenants, a veritable city in itself. The celebration in connection with the opening of the first McAdoo tubes will have to be repeated or continued when the new route from the Pennsylvania terminal in Jersey City to Cortlandt street, on this side of the river, is thrown open for use. The exercises just held were marked by the participation of the governors of the sister states, newly linked, in actual presence, and the official turning on of the electrical current by President Roosevelt, who did not leave his duties at the White House to attend. Governor Hughes sounded the keynote of the occasion when he declared that rapid transit had been secured between New York and New Jersey 'subaqueously.'

UTTERANCES OF PUBLIC MEN.

"Any national affairs of importance in the public eye?"

"President Roosevelt has kept himself in the foreground by a message and a speech, both in one day. In the speech, made at the White House to a body of educators, he took occasion to say that he purposed to continue to smite the wrong and uphold the right, and that it was useless for any one to write to him to withhold his hand. He also urged his listeners to train the youth of the land in the homely virtues, to lead them back to the farm and the workshop and to inculcate the doctrine of the dignity of labor. In his message, which transmitted to Congress the report of the Inland Waterways Commission, which the President appointed, he commended the beginning made in the work of supplementing railroad means of transportation by the improvement of rivers and canals. There are now 25,000 miles of navigable rivers in this country and fully as many more can be made navigable. There are 2,500 miles of canals in use, and as great a distance of coast line waters can be connected by short canals. When the population of this country has doubled, as it will probably before the middle of the century, there will be need not only for the use of all these waterways, but also of any others that can be provided, as well as for all the miles of new railroad that the capital of the country can construct. Governor Hughes made no less than three speeches in this city in one day, as well as one in Hoboken, but none of them was devoted to political affairs, his utterances in Chicago having admirably supplemented his views on the same subject presented to the Republican Club here previously. He spoke at the dinner in honor of the McAdoo tunnel opening, addressed the City Club on the measure to prevent racetrack gambling, and, finally, appeared at the dinner of police lieutenants, formerly sergeants, at which he said it was not uncommon for a man who had attended two dinners to fall into the hands of the police. Controller Metz, who went to the same dinner from another one, said that it behooved a man who had an automobile to stand in with the police sergeants.

CANNON AND FORT.

"Secretary Taft has devoted himself to his official duties and has only been before the public as toastmaster at a college dinner at the capital. In the effort to promote the cause of Governor Hughes in New England, General Woodford, head of the National Hughes League, has stated that Governor Hughes is the only man who can beat Bryan in this state. The general belief is that Bryan will beat himself in New York, as his utterances in advance of the campaign have not increased his strength. General Woodford has also declared that if Speaker Cannon should be nominated he would be an active aspirant for a place on the ticket with him, as the age of each is seventy-two. It should not be forgotten that General Woodford came near being President once, as it was a close choice between him and Chester A. Arthur for Vice-President in 1880, the latter becoming Chief Executive when Garfield died from the wound inflicted by Guiteau. But, then, had the conditions in this state been different that fatal wound might never have been inflicted. In Ohio the efforts of the Foraker men to prevent a solid Taft delegation are continued and the Democrats believe that the dissensions may cause the Republicans the loss of the state. Congressman Dalzell in a speech on Republican policies has declared that all Republicans hope for the nomination of Mr. Bryan at Denver.

"A new political element will have to be reckoned with in the coming campaign for the Presidency. The Independence League men, of whom the prime mover is W. R. Hearst, have decided to call a convention to make nominations after the regular Republican and Democratic candidates have been put in the field next summer. It is also purposed to adopt the name National party, and a platform which judiciously combines some of the chief ideas of both parties has been drafted. That the prospect of a third ticket, which may attract many independent or dissatisfied voters and hold the balance of power in close states, is seriously disturbing to the interests of certain prospective candidates is apparent, and may have considerable to do with shaping the nominations. There was evidence as to the men Mr. Hearst would not be prepared to support in his alliterative phraseology in speaking of 'the truculent Taft, the conservative Cannon and the hypocritical Hughes.' In discussing possible combinations of names on tickets a man with a sense of the fitness of things said he would prefer to see Cannon and Fort the nominees, for nothing could withstand their combined forcefulness. The most astonishing rumor connected with the new Hearst movement is that after the other conventions have nominated, the National Independence League, having nothing to gain by indorsing their work or putting up its own candidate, will name Mr. Roosevelt as his own successor, willy-nilly, and keep him before the public despite any withdrawal, hoping to secure an uprising of the people for his re-election. Nothing more surprising could be found in the field of political developments.

ACROSS THE SEA.

The renewed attempt to end the life of the Shah of Persia would seem to lend verisimilitude to the report that the facts about the previous occurrence were suppressed in the interests of order in the empire. But this escape is not likely to end the disturbances of which the bomb throwing are indicative. The Queen of Holland has had a narrow escape, not from an attempt on her life, but from an accident in which an uncontrolled electric car smashed the carriage in which she was riding with her consort. Anything happening to this beloved sovereign would deeply distress her people, and they greatly rejoiced in her escape. In Portugal affairs are by no means serene, as shown by the uncensored dispatches sent from points beyond the frontier, and it may be that a republic will rise on the ruins of the monarchy, the cost of which is as great now as it was in the days when Portuguese dominion and resources were much greater. This country is planning to take steps to stir up Venezuela to right the wrongs of which Americans complain at the hands of the Castro government. The fleet of battleships has completed its ten day's stay at the principal Peruvian seaport, and will now make its way back across the Equator and into North American waters, being due to arrive at Magdalena Bay, in the Lower California part of Mexico, on March 14, after steaming 10,700 miles. Just how long will be devoted to target practice there is uncertain, but the people of San Francisco are so anxious in regard to the date of arrival there that Governor Gillett is in Washington to ascertain the approximate period. It is also said that, for fear of bubonic plague at the Golden Gate, it has been considered whether it would not be better for the fleet to go to Honolulu. That there is great probability of a return across the Pacific is surmised by the Australian invitation to the fleet to visit ports in that great island, or small continent. This would only be done if the vessels are to round the Cape of Good Hope on their way home, as it would be 2,000 miles out of the way if the voyage is by the Suez Canal.

"The sensation of the week at Albany was the action of the State Senate in dismissing the charges against Otto Kelsey, Superintendent of Insurance, and thus assuring his retention of office until the end of his term. This is the second time Governor Hughes has failed to get his own man at the head of the department, the investigation of which made him Governor and makes him a possible candidate for President. The shooting of a priest on the altar of a Roman Catholic church in Denver, as he bore the sacred elements, by an anarchist, who had deliberately planned the deed, sent a thrill of horror through the minds of many persons and renewed the feeling that undesirable citizens should be kept out of the country. Owing to the crime the church was reconsecrated before any more services were held in it. Belated facts in regard to a murder in a New Hampshire town have been one of the sensations of the week, the alleged perpetrator, who is accused by his wife of killing her brother, being in France, and it being a question whether he can be extradited. An echo of the financial flurry of the fall is found in the appointment of a receiver for one of the Gould roads in the Southwest. A vote is expected in a few days in the United States Senate on the Aldrich currency bill, but so much opposition has been developed to it that it does not seem likely that it will be the measure adopted to meet future emergencies. The Fowler bill, before the House, has secured the support of Andrew Carnegie. The increase in the number of unemployed probably has much to do with the added number of burglaries with which the police are called to cope, and one of which was in a house next door to Mr. Carnegie. The New York City Water Board proposes to go ahead with the expenditure of $30,000,000 on the future water supply of the city, partly to give work to those in need of it. An added impetus has been given to the movement to erect a municipal monument to brave firemen. Seven persons were killed by a train crashing into the vehicle in which they rode at West Nyack, N. Y."

BOSS BARBER'S LAMENT

As Shop Owner, Can't Take Tips Like Employes.

The boss barber was out of sorts. It had been a good day and he was scooping almost record receipts from the cash register into his pocket, but he was disgusted clean through and through. "I'm going to sell out," he grunted, "and go to work at the chair for some one else. I have had enough of running a shop for myself."

"But," said the man who was the last to leave the whisker elimination emporium, "you've got a good trade here and must be making many times over each week what you could command as a common wielder of the shears and razor."

"Yes, that is all right, but there isn't a man working for me who doesn't come out with more than I do at the end of the month. I've all the expenses of this place to pay and there is a mighty little margin left for me, just about good wages, without the tips"—and the cat was out of the bag.

"But," persisted the man who was taking his time getting into his overcoat, "you don't expect tips; you always indicate by your manner that the boss barber is above that."

"True, but I have to do that because I am the owner of the shop and that is why I want to get out and drop into some other section of the city and take my place behind a chair and get a share of the tips that my men are now pulling in."

And because most of the shop owners feel the same way is the real reason they are not the jolly tonsors of old. They look with hungry eyes at the dimes and quarters that are constantly rolling into the capacious white coat pockets of the men they employ.

The average boss barber considers it beneath his dignity to accept a gratuity, and few of them are able to make a percentage deal with their employes. True, this is done in some places, and the bosses there are wearers of the usual smile that comes to the face of the man who has shaved, cut and shampooed and stands back of his chair watching the customer pick up the change and trying, not too hard, to hold back the hand that is in unseemly haste to project itself toward the collection of small coins. But in the big shops where the tips are the most liberal the boss must be content with what he himself earns at the chair and the percentage of profit above expenses on the work of his men.

WAIT FOR BOSS TO SAVE TIP.

And then there is another phase of the boss barber's lament. His disposition to dodge tips has become so well known that patrons of his shop who may have tired of paying a double price are getting more and more in the habit of waiting for the boss and saving the tip. There was a time when it was argued by men who make frequent visits to the barber that more satisfactory results were obtained in the chair of an employe than in the boss barber's, because he was interrupted many times to make change and that the quality of his work suffered thereby, but many are willing to overlook this, if it be so, to escape tipping.

There are cases, and many of them, where the boss gets tips, and they come in solid bunches around Christmas time. This is especially the case in the financial district, where patrons of the shop owner never offend his dignity by proffering a dime or quarter tip, but wait until the season of gift exchange and then give him something really worth while in the shape of a big box of expensive cigars, a piece of furniture for his home or an order for a hat or some article of personal apparel. But even in these instances this gratuity does not equal the sum represented at the end of the year by the constant flow of dimes and larger coins to the palm of the employe.

It has become easy for those who keep an eye out for this sort of thing to know when the boss barber is above and when he is beneath the persuasion of a tip. Did you ever know one to make change on the employe's ticket that did not include a couple of dimes? And most always there is a nickel for the boy who hands your hat to you and makes a bluff at brushing the lint of the towels from your clothes. It will be the same with the boss if he expects a tip. Small change is at a premium in a barber shop, and with half a dollar coming to you the boss will not divide it into dimes unless he expects the same amount for himself that you would give to one of his men.

But if he drops out a half dollar, it is a sure sign that your bill has been squared and an indication that he doesn't care a hang whether or not you give the boy a nickel. And nine times out of ten this is the barber that is wishing he was back of a chair with a chance to sit down and rest his legs when trade was slack.

FOR AND AGAINST TIPPING.

"No, I don't accept tips," said a boss barber the other day to a man who had put the question squarely to him. "I wish I could stop it altogether. Men come in here, where we charge 15 cents for a shave, and feel that it is up to them to give the balance of the change from a quarter to the man who shaves them. That is what has driven so many men to manipulating the razor themselves. It brings the cost of a clean face too high, yet I don't feel that I dare put up a sign saying 'No tipping here.' I know that my men would be looking soon for another place to work, though it is a fact that the shops that do this are able by the payment of a bit more in salaries to get first class barbers, but I am in an expensive district and I could not afford to give my men more money."

Another master barber took an entirely different view of the question when he said: "Yes, I encourage tipping. It results in better work. If the men cannot afford it they can go to places where it is not permitted. Probably several of my men, including their tips, make more money each month than I do, but that is all right. I am satisfied, and there are enough persons who desire our services to make it worth my while. The more money my men make the better satisfied they are to continue working for me, no matter whether it is the wages I pay them or the tips they are able to get through working in my shop."

But the boss barbers agree that the men who have frequent need of their establishments are looking into the question more and more of patronizing non-tipping places or waiting for the boss in the other kind of shops. The "tipping evil" bids fair to solve itself, in so far as it refers to barber shops, in time.

GILDED YOUTH.

What It Costs Them to Live Fashionably in London.

By Mrs. Humphry.

In a case that came before the Bankruptcy Court recently the debtor, a young man in the early twenties, gave in his accounts an item of £6,000, which, he said, was the amount he had lost owing to the compulsory sale of the furniture in his flat. The original cost of the furniture in question is left to the imagination. The truth is that our "golden lads" do themselves remarkably well (to use their own expression), and think that nothing in the world is too good for them. We are always reading in the papers allusions to the luxury and extravagance of women of the smart world. Now and then we may come across some reference to the elaboration of self-indulgence in which the young men of our wealthy class luxuriate. Two or three years since we had a description of the wardrobe of a New York "dude." It appeared in an American paper, and much of it had been communicated by the young man himself, especially some information as to the prices of the garments he affected. Not long after a paragraph went the round of the papers about a certain Italian poet and the little comforts with which he loved to surround himself. They were described as in no way inferior to those of the New York young man. So it is not alone in England that the dandy surrounds himself with the highest products of civilization and makes a god of his body.

The luxury of a woman of fashion pales almost to insignificance when compared with that, for instance, of her brother in the Guards, or heir to the family estates. The young man who was £6,000 to the bad in consequence of "the bankrupt sale" of his furniture is a case in point. He probably lavished between £8,000 and £10,000 on the plenishing of the rooms. This is not much beyond the usual with young men of the kind. Carpets alone make a large hole in £1,000. Something very special in wall hangings is proportionate in cost. Each piece of furniture is a gem in its way. The tradesmen know the kind of customer they have to deal with, and that—for the present—there is plenty of money. They bring forth their richest and rarest and not in vain. The high ambition of the young man is to "go one better" than any other fellow he knows in every detail of his surroundings. The civilized world is ransacked in order to provide him with the latest refinement of costly luxuriousness in such appointments as bed and bath, glass, china, ornaments, silver and dexterously shaded lights. His florist's yearly bill would keep two or three poor families.

As to dress, a single fact may throw some light on the relative values of the young man's wardrobe and that of the smart woman. The valet of one such gilded youth having complained to his master that in his large and luxurious West End flat there was no proper accommodation for his clothes, the resource of renting a second flat, equally large, for the housing of the wardrobe was suggested and at once adopted. A small room is devoted to clothes brushes and certain preparations for the treatment of shoe kid and boot leather. A larger room is given to the boots and shoes themselves and their familiar trees, and so on with the more important articles of dress. Country clothes have spacious quarters devoted to them. They include riding gear, cricket and tennis suits, sporting get-up, and travelling kit. Here are his portmanteau and Gladstone bags—an imposing array. A large wicker basket standing among them elicits a smiling inquiry from the interested relatives whom he has invited to tea, and to whom he is showing his new "diggings." "Oh, that?" he says. "That basket ought to know its way to France alone. It goes every fortnight with my washing. English laundries ruin silk things. We tried 'em. Tore them to pieces and made the sheets yellow in no time."

"Silk sheets?"

"Oh, yes! No one ever has any other now."

"And you send this huge basketful once a fortnight?"

"Every week," he corrects us. "One is on its way back now."

It is interesting to see the young men of the day at our smart restaurants, each seated alone at one of the tables, intent on doing himself thoroughly well. His whole mind seems occupied with the menu and its component parts. He regards this as a portion of his daily duty to himself.

In a novel written by a man the opening chapter shows us a ruined youth leaving London for Monte Carlo. He gives the guard five shillings to keep the rest of the world out of his first class carriage and regards with satisfaction three small hampers with which he has provisioned himself for the journey. One contains his dinner for that evening, another his luncheon for next day, and the third holds the wine that is to accompany these two meals and a neat contrivance by the help of which he makes himself a cup of superlatively excellent after-dinner coffee. He has left London to escape his creditors. They would be edified could they see the contents of his neat hampers.

Such is the golden youth of our day. He denies himself nothing, and his expenditure upon the luxuries of existence far exceeds that of the most extravagant of the women of the fashionable world. But we must not forget that the Duke of Wellington, a man who had no sympathy with dandyism, said that "the dandies fought well at Waterloo." Stoics in their particular way, they take as much pride in enduring such inevitable hardships as those of war, pioneering, big game shooting, as in emulating each other when at home in a friendly rivalry of expenditure.—The Queen.

THE DIGNITY OF LABOR.

Repairs were taking place at an English cathedral, and the dean, a very pompous clergyman, came in to see how the workmen were getting on. One of the men, a carpenter, took no notice of him, and the dean, who thought that the man should have lifted his cap respectfully, said:

"Do you know, sir, I am dean of this cathedral?"

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