

FOR THE BUSY MAN

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

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The power of the President to suppress interference with the authority of the government. Mr. Harold Hughes is now in his prime, being sixty-two years old. Like Governor Hughes, he is the son of a Baptist minister.

WAYWARD MILITARY OFFICERS.

Of all the many hundreds of officers who have been turned out from the United States Military Academy at West Point only two, it is said, have ever been convicted of crime and sent to prison. One of these was Captain Oberlin M. Carter, who was convicted of defrauding the government out of large sums of money in connection with the work done by the contracting firm of Gagnor & Greene in Savannah Harbor, and the other was First Lieutenant Edward H. Martin, who figured in the news of the week as charged with murder in Portland, Ore. Carter was the most brilliant scholar ever graduated from West Point, where the course is far more severe than the ordinary college curriculum. He married the daughter of a wealthy man, and apparently he had no reason for participating in the profits of crime. It must be said for him that, despite his conviction by court martial and by federal court, he maintains his innocence, and expects to see it made manifest in the future.

Mr. Wu, the genial Chinese Minister, bids fair to renew and perhaps increase his former popularity by his ingenious speeches and keen comments on affairs. He has spoken several times in this city in the week, and each time was listened to with much interest. While he has abandoned the principles of total abstinence from intoxicating liquors, to which he pledged himself at the instance of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union when formerly in this country, he is now a total abstainer from the eating of meat. As it has been cleverly expressed, when he fell from the water wagon he landed in the vegetable garden. But Mr. Wu disclaims the designation of a vegetarian, saying that rather he is a "sanitarian." The only thing he has given up is the use of fresh diet, and he eats everything else he likes. Since the change he declares his health has been better and his enjoyment greater, and he is fairly convinced that he is on the right track. Minister Wu is desirous of having his fellow countrymen in this city erect a temple to Confucius, the master mind in Chinese history, not so much as a place of worship as a school of Chinese and Confucian philosophy.

plans to do what they like and keep the rules, too. Each morning the first business after prayer by the chaplain is motion that the anti-smoking rule be suspended for the day. By this device the no-smoke principle is maintained and no precedent is established for an anarchistic abuse of the habit. Theoretically the California Legislature has no use for nicotine; practically it is wrapped and steeped in a blue mantle of cigar smoke.

VIRGINIA.

So fierce did the legislative passion for peanuts become during the present session that often the Delegates and Senators were urged by the janitors to cast their hulls into the waste baskets. The water pipes were getting clogged with the influx of hulls thrown into cuspidors. By the way, the vocabulary of Virginia knows no such word as cuspidor, and a legislator who applied the term to another would have to fight. Peanuts flourish in the soil of the Old Dominion, and it is fight.

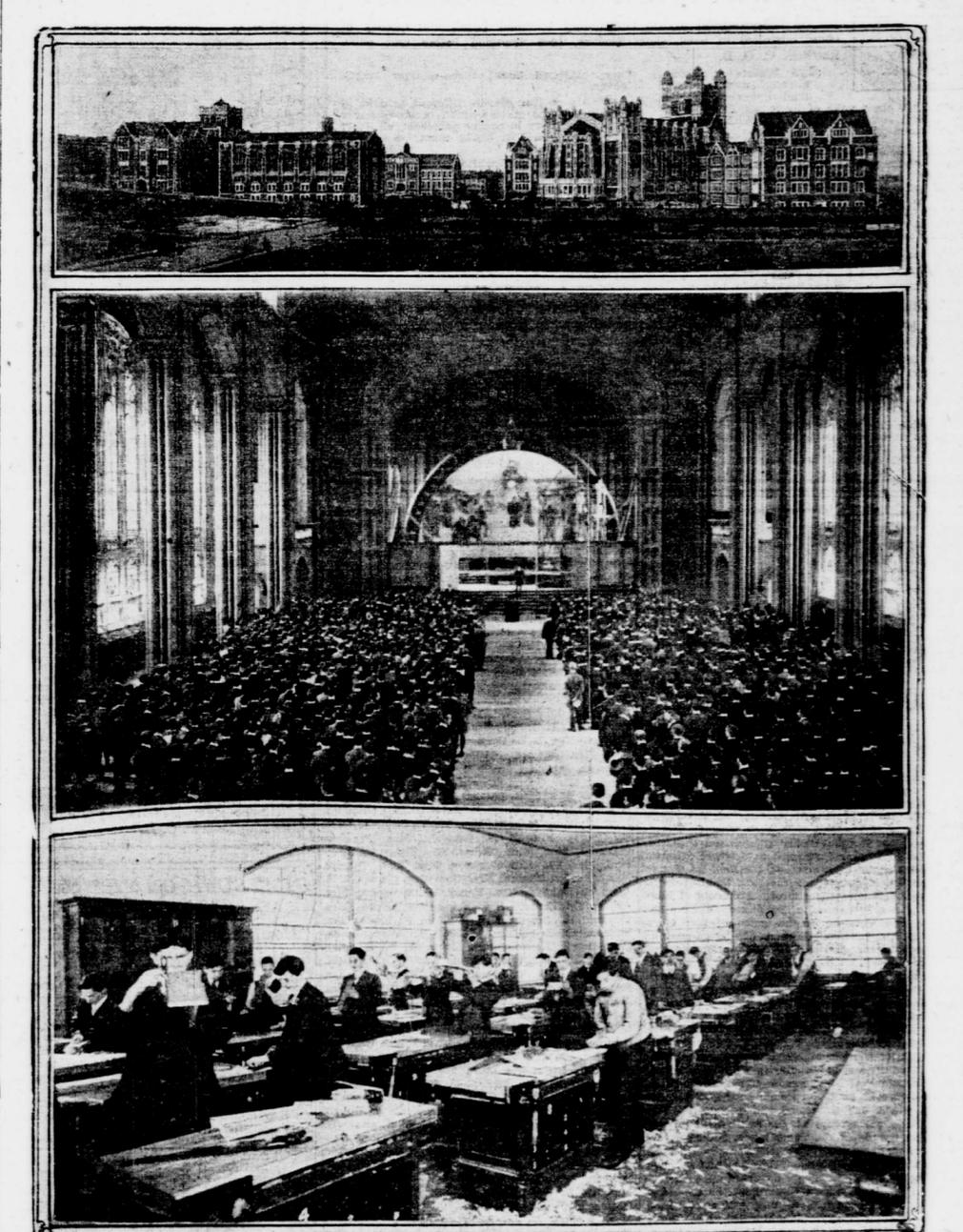
efforts of these legislative smokestacks could not fall far short of turning 100,000 cigars into ashes. COLORADO. A nickel in the slot candy machine beside a cigar stand on the floor of the Capitol at Denver draws statesmen like fly paper. They drop a nickel or two in the slot, generously give the girl at the stand a portion of the candy, and if they resume their seats with candy in their pockets are pounced upon by their colleagues and forced to divide. It is a common thing to see a member cornered and plintoned while a dozen others search his pockets for candy. In just what respect Colorado statutes reflect the sweet tooth of her wise men has not yet been determined.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

No greater proof of political sagacity on the part of South Carolina legislators, who meet at Columbia, could be given than the fact that they are always reading the newspapers. They want to

public and set upon the speaker's stand a steaming can of tamales and invited his colleagues to partake of them. Manuel said he had made them himself. To-day there are stringent rules against strangers invading the floor of the house, but the Mexican tamale boy is always welcome. He keeps candy as well as tamales and boldly marches up the aisles to minister to hungry lawmakers. Some mangle resides in the combination of sweets with the peppery tamales of cornmeal and meat wrapped in corn husks. No statesman thinks of making a speech till he has filled up on the mixture. He distills oratory from this food. There is a further value in the habit. When a member of the lower house desires to impress visiting constituents with his simplicity he "sets 'em up" to tamales and candy. On days when visitors from the rural districts witness the legislators devouring tamales while sitting in their seats and taking part in debates, it is said that occasionally a legislator overdoes the

GENERAL VIEW OF THE NEW BUILDINGS OF THE COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, ON ST. NICHOLAS HEIGHTS.



STUDENTS LISTENING TO A SPEAKER IN THE GREAT ASSEMBLY HALL, BEFORE SEATS WERE INSTALLED. CLASS IN CARPENTRY.

POP-CORN AND CANDY AID IN LEGISLATION

Capitol at Nashville reverberated with thunderous applause. Some years ago it was in contempt of the House to smoke on the floor of the hall, but sentiment has defeated that idea and 60 per cent of the legislators use their pipes as freely when in session as if they were in the lobby of some hotel. There is homeliness and amiability in the cob. The members not only bring their own tobacco from the fields, but spend their leisure time in carving out cobs whose exterior kernels have been gnawed off by the esteemed Tennessee hog. The Senate lately presented to a local 60 per cent of the legislators a job pipe made by a member who had been by resolution declared the champion pipe smoker in the hall. A minority of ultra chivalrous legislators forget their duty to the weed and women until a vote or some important debate calls them to the floor.

MINNESOTA

Our legislators are not ashamed to say that their chief bunkering is for fruit, oranges being the favorite. St. Paul is the fruit center of the state. The approach to the Capitol are plainly marked with banana skins and orange rinds, so that not even a lobbyist can go astray. The Capitol fruit-stand sold during the last session of the Legislature 200 boxes of oranges of a hundred each. These accounted for the sub-aquid quality of certain railroad rate legislation. The question now in what kind of fruit did the federal Supreme Court. What kind of fruit did the Minnesota lawmakers also consumed 5,280 bags of popcorn and 2,000 bags of roasted peanuts while they were struggling with the rate problem. A few cigars likewise went up in smoke. The official cigar dealer reports up two-thirds of the members smoked fifty or more cigars in 120 days, and valued at \$4,248 in retail. But other cigars were bought and smoked than the official dealer wots of. In fact, the total

CALIFORNIA.

Rough house at the end of the biennial session is a marked trait of the higher intellects that gather at Sacramento. The honorable members fire things at one another, whether waste baskets, old papers, books or overshoes. It is a delightful spectacle that gives promise of American institutions retaining their freshness and juvenility. During the business days of the session everybody smokes. It is strictly against the law to smoke either in Assembly or Senate, but you can trust California

that they should be loved by the statesmen. The cheerful voice of the peanut vender sounds at the gateways of the Capitol building at Richmond, and many a bag of the dainty nut is stowed in the tall pockets of Delegates and Senators. An abortive effort to cause the chestnut to displace the peanut in popular favor has been made. It is said that it takes too much thought and care to disseminate a chestnut for consumption. There are too many chestnuts produced in the Legislature, anyway.

know what their constituents think; they want to see which way the cat of public opinion will jump. They have a proper respect for the views of editors. They are practical men, like the members of the Reichstag, who quit talking when the reporters went on strike. The moment that "The State" and "The News and Courier," the two leading daily newspapers, are placed upon the desks of members, it matters little what the subject of debate may be, they rear back in their chairs, cock their feet on their desks and are lost in the printed page. They read, yet lose no time on foreign affairs or advertisements. It is the record of the previous day's session and the editorial comment thereon which draw their fascinated gaze. If a member while reading happens to hear something of interest in legislative procedure he elongates his neck very slightly, raises his eyes from the paper, looks over his glasses at the speaker, takes a casual glance around to note the effect on his colleagues and then sinks back with the dignity of a deflated accordion to his absorbed perusal.

TEXAS.

Hot tamales and Mexican candy. The Capitol at Austin is resident of these two delicacies, without which no trust-busting law was ever framed. They are more characteristic of Texas legislators than sabres, horse pistols or anything else on the footstool. It is tradition that tamales were introduced by a venerable Mexican representative, old Manuel Rodriguez, who marched into the House of Representatives in the days when Texas was a re-

simplicity came by pretending to eat the corn husks along with the tamales.

STUDIO NOTES.

The New York Banks' Glee Club will give a complimentary concert for H. K. Humphries at Carnegie Lyceum on Monday evening, May 13. The Glee Club will be assisted by Miss Marie Stoddard, soprano; Dr. Carl E. Dufft, baritone; Karl Klein, violinist; William G. Hammond and Giuseppe Di-nelli will be at the piano.

Jean Heinel, instructor of violin, Nos. 113 and 115 East 126th street, says that by the simplicity of his method he can impart within a few months what has been known to take pupils a year to acquire.

At the concert given by Agnes Sumner Geer, the monologist and child impersonator, at the Waldorf-Astoria, on Wednesday evening, April 23, Miss Geer rendered "Billy and I" (Annie), "Brother's Deeds" (Foley) and "Ann Maria Simmons" (M. E. Wilkings). She also took part in a musical reading, "Your Violin," at which Miss Henrietta Fox acted as accompanist. The affair was considered a success.

Mrs. Adeline Stanhope-Wheatcroft, of the Stanhope-Wheatcroft Dramatic Studio, announces a summer term beginning on May 11 at her studio,

THE FLEET IN BEING.

The arrival of the fleet of battleships, which seemed so proudly out from Hampton Roads on December 16, at the Golden Gate, and its entrance into the Bay of San Francisco, mark the termination of a trip the start of which was viewed with many misgivings by no small part of the American people. No mishap has marred the long trip and the ulterior purpose of the longest voyage of its kind by so many vessels, whatever it may have been, has doubtless accomplished, but it is left for the historian of the future to solve what is now a diplomatic mystery. There will not be the same intense and eager interest in the return voyage and there will not be any doubt in regard to its purpose or destination. The return of Rear Admiral Evans to the command of his squadron served to bring him most prominently into the public eye on the occasion of the parade of the jacks in the streets of San Francisco, but the strain of that appearance was no great that he was unable to participate in the naval review the following day. His retirement from the active command will soon take place, and for a few days the vessels will be in command of Rear Admiral Thomas, when he, too, will retire, and Rear Admiral Sperry will take command.

The quadrennial General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which opened on Wednesday in Baltimore, bids fair to rank with its twenty-four predecessors as a meeting of weight and importance. The keynote of the address of the board of bishops is in keeping with the dignity and importance of the law making body of a religious denomination with more than three million members, a gain of a quarter of a million in four years—greater than the total gain of the United States since 1862—and a valuation of church and parsonage property of \$136,524,024. While legislative action is likely to be taken on a number of subjects of especial denominational interest, the public has the most concern in the selection of the new bishops. Since the last session in Los Angeles, in 1904, six of the bishops have died, leaving a vacancy in the board at present to attend to the multifarious and multitudinous duties which devolve on them under the constitution of the Church. It is probable that the committee on episcopacy, at the head of which is the veteran, if not venerable, Dr. James M. Beckley, the militant and spiritual editor of "The Christian Advocate" will report in favor of the election of eight. If not of ten bishops, affording the opportunity for the culmination of their ambitions to that number of the eminent ministers of the Church. It is hardly likely that any one elected will decline the office, as Dr. James Roosevelt, Chancellor of Syracuse University, did four years ago, in resigning his present office. There is no likelihood that an opportunity will be offered to him to decline again. The selection of men at the heads of the twelve important committees which in reality control, in a large measure, the business of the conference shows that the ablest and most progressive leaders of the denomination are in control. The proceedings at Baltimore for the rest of this month will be watched with interest.

IN THE POLITICAL FIELD.

With Secretary Taft at Panama, President Roosevelt resting at Pine Knot, Va., Governor Hughes stump speaking in Western New York, Speaker Cannon celebrating his seventy-second birthday, Bryan delegates being chosen in the Bay State, New Jersey and Connecticut only half-heartedly supporting the probable choice of the Chicago convention of Minnesota turning down the nomination for her own favorite son and the other incidental political developments of the week, the pot has been kept bubbling. The indications are now clear from the delegates already chosen and those to be selected, that Mr. Taft will carry an overwhelming majority of the convention at Chicago, and the only question is as to his carrying some of the doubtful states, which rolled up only a plurality for Mr. Roosevelt four years ago. Only Utah has instructed her delegates to support the President for re-nomination, and by the time she is reached in the rollcall there will be no doubt of the choice of the delegates from the Union. With the assurance that there is no possibility of his being named for the first place, and the declaration from himself that he will not take the second, Governor Hughes is being urged to accept a re-nomination for Governor, not only to strengthen Mr. Taft in this state, but to carry out his desires in legislation, which it seems doubtful he will secure from the extra session of the Legislature, to which he will transmit a message Monday night, to serve out his term, to which he was elected last year, rather than run for Vice-President. The New Jersey State Democratic convention expressed its preference for ex-Governor Franklin Murphy.

In selecting Judson Harmon as its standard-bearer in the Ohio Governorship campaign the Democrats have put forward their strongest man in a year when they think they see the possibility of success at the polls. They also gave a decided preference to the political aspirant of Cleveland, I. Johnson, of Cleveland, whose re-election over Congressman Burton last fall gave him considerable prestige as a factor in state affairs. As he is an adherent of Mr. Bryan, his being turned down will not help the perpetual candidate for the Presidency. In fact, Mr. Harmon himself is thought by a few Democrats to be the best man who could be named at Denver to carry the Democratic ticket in Cleveland. He is a representative of the best type of Cleveland Democrat, a Liberal Republican in 1902, he remained with the Democrats who supported Mr. Greeley in that memorable campaign. He had filled important judicial positions in Cincinnati when he was selected in Mr. Cleveland's second term to succeed Richard Olney as Attorney General when the latter was made Secretary of War. He succeeded Walter C. Gresham, Mr. Harmon's opinions and papers covered many important issues. He took issue with Mr. Bryan in regard to

TO DEDICATE CITY COLLEGE BUILDINGS

Ceremonies Will Take Place on Thursday of This Week.

The group of buildings for the College of the City of New York erected by the city on St. Nicholas Heights at an approximate cost of \$10,000,000 will be dedicated on Thursday, May 14, by imposing ceremonies. This new home is considered by some to be one of the most interesting groups of college buildings in this country architecturally, and the noblest provision that has ever been made by a city for collegiate work. The exercises will begin at 10 o'clock and continue throughout the day. They will open on the quad, in the center of the quadrangle, the flagpoles, in the center of the alumni, and the city colors, presented by P. F. McGowan, president of the Board of Aldermen, will be broken out on the flagstaffs in the plaza and on the tower and receive a salute fired by the 1st Battery. The presentation speeches will be made by Edward Lauterbach, of the State Board of Regents; the former chairman of the board of trustees of the college, and President McGowan. There will also be a prayer by Dr. Joseph Anderson and the singing of "America" by the assembled students. The outdoor exercises will be ended by the academic procession, in which about seventy-five colleges and universities will participate, the Mayor and members of boards of education will be represented, and in which there will also be city officials, about one hundred clergymen and the faculty

teaching staff and a group of alumni of the City College itself. The procession, after passing around the quadrangle and through the four ornamental gates, will enter the great hall, with its Tudor architecture, for the chief exercises. These begin at 11 o'clock and include an address of welcome and presentation by Edward M. Shepard, chairman of the board of trustees, a dedicatory address by Mayor McClellan and a brief address by President Roosevelt. Following this will be addresses and greetings by Governor Hughes, if he can be present; Secretary Straus of the Department of Commerce and Labor, who has been delegated by President Roosevelt to bear his message; Ambassador Bryce, Exeption L. Winthrop, Jr., president of the Board of Education, and President Eliot of Harvard, for the colleges and universities.

The various buildings will be open to general inspection between 2:30 and 5 p. m. At 2:30 o'clock the building of the department of chemistry will be specially dedicated. At this time there will be addresses by Edgar E. Smith, Ph. D., vice-provost of the University of Pennsylvania; Ira Remsen, Ph. D., president of Johns Hopkins University; and an alumnus of the college; Professor W. D. Bancroft, Ph. D., of Cornell; W. H. Nichols, Controller Metz and Edward M. Shepard. The students will hold exercises in the great hall on the plaza at 2:30 o'clock, the features of which will be the singing of a cantata entitled, "Wisdom," composed for the occasion by Professor Samuel A. Baldwin, who has charge of the musical work of the college, and the naming of the gates. The gate overlooking St. Nicholas Terrace

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No. 47 Fifth avenue. The term will comprise private classes and courses of individual instruction, preparing for either the drawing room, the platform or the stage.

The Henry Liff Orchestra, which is under the management of M. E. Rogers, No. 155 East 126th street, played an interesting program at a dinner given for Justice William K. Day at the Hotel Manhattan on Saturday evening, May 9.

Mrs. Alfred Fox, a post-graduate student of the Guilman Organ School, will give a final organ recital in the series under the auspices of the American Guild of Organists next Wednesday evening, in the First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, N. J., assisted by Hans Kronold and Everett MacLachlan. Mrs. Fox is a pupil of William C. Carl at the Guilman school.

The general plan of work at the summer classes of Louis Arthur Russell, of the Normal Institute of Music, Carnegie Hall, New York, and Newark, N. J., is defined by the following—piano-forte, vocal and theory classes. The lecture course for the summer session includes English diction and fundamental principles in piano-forte teaching. Mr. Russell will have personal charge of the summer sessions, which are planned for the training of teachers in the Russell methods.

Under the auspices of the New York School of Music and Arts a concert will be given in Carnegie Chamber Music Hall on May 14. An interesting program will be presented by the vocal pupils of Raffae Leach Sterner, assisted by the Messrs. Pratt and Stuart and the Messrs. Huber, Spencer, Kupfer and Rahland of the faculty.

NEIGHBORS DO THE REPEATING. "I wonder what's the meaning of the expression 'History repeats itself'?" asked Dublin. "I don't know," replied Subbs, "but I do know if it's a scandalous family history it needn't exert itself at all."—Philadelphia Press.

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