

The Conning Tower

INKOATE THOUGHTS.
 There's more in ink than some men wot.
 Those only whom imagination
 Neglected use a single pot,
 Nor ever strive for variation.
 For me, I've mingled many inks
 In my career—none's wholly won me.
 I mix them as I do my drinks,
 According to the mood upon me.

BLACK.
 Actions black,
 Men that slink,
 I attack
 With black ink.

RED.
 Red blood rages when the ink runs red,
 Blood that bubbles in a furious fashion,
 Throbbing wildly through an angry head,
 Boiling blindly with a heart's fierce passion.

BLUE.
 When autumn twilight fades to winter night,
 And dying leaves the withered gardens strew,
 And you, my love, are banished from my sight,
 I write in indigo, for all seems blue.

GREEN.
 There are times I slip a cog in my measured mental log,
 And when by any chance I'm seen inc-
 Ubating of a wheeze that would make a turtle sneeze,
 You can bet it will appear in green ink.

VIOLET.
 And then I change to violet, to violet, to violet,
 When'er I greet my Violet, the fairest of the fair.
 I'd like to write a triquet in violet,
 And when I come to die, Oh, let my Violet be there!

*I'm sorry you found that my violet ink
 Inspired you no whit; I regret that you spurned it,
 But you might have filled me right up to the brim
 If you had returned it.* A. R. F.

That the subject of ink-hues was so fascinating we never dreamed. Our mail, the last few days, has looked perfectly beautiful.

It is a Terrible Secret why we use green ink, but if you promise not to Tell a Soul, we'll disclose it. Green ink, we find, is cleaner and more fluent than any other color. And green inkstains wash off more readily than blue, black, violet or red.

FAMILIAR MISQUOTATIONS.

"Fresh fields and pastures new."
 A Guilty Feeling is M. H. H.'s, which is that of being unable to see anything wrong with six of the Familiar Misquotations.

Mr. Anthony Gillilan, in "Casuals of the Sea," is m. or l. misquoter himself. "Do you remember," he asks Minnie, on page 145, "Henley's magnificent lines:

'Under the bludgeonings of fate
 My head is bloody but unbowed?'"

THE DIARY OF OUR OWN SAMUEL PEPPY.

August 26.—All the morning at petty labours, and in the afternoon I beat S. Spaeth two sets, he being no match for me any more. Thence with him in my petrol-wagon to Woodmere, where Mistress Margaret Grove and H. Steinkamp beat Mistress Rose Carlebach and me, and not because of R's poor playing neither. With L. Robertson the leather merchant to dinner, and thence to the city, my petrol-wagon running with great efficiency. To the office for a few minutes and so home and to bed.

27.—Drove with S. Spaeth to Nyack this day, to see Mistress Katherine Lane, who is growing well of a long illness; nor had I ever seen her look so pretty as now. Spaeth and I had five sets, and he won three of them, playing with great desperation. Back to the city, where I met Mistress Alma, and took her to a frugal dinner, and to her train, and so home, and read a piece of Emerson's, very full of wisdom.

28.—Early to Forest Hills, but it came on to rain, so I returned to the city, and worked all day at my desk, smoking more cigarettes than I should consume. But in the afternoon M. McLoughlin played a match, and seemed as puissant and graceful as ever.

"How about a little 10 to 7 bet," asks R. C. B., "that no matter which side wins the naval manoeuvres it will go to show that an enemy could easily capture New York?" Give us 280 to 0—the correct odds—and we'll take a dollar's worth.

As to the omission of yesterday's Tower, the gentleman we told to use a certain poem, already in type, said we didn't tell him, so the gentleman we told to use a certain poem may be right.

The Sunday Editor, who has a way of looking over our shoulder as we write, refers to Monday's Tower as being printed just to keep the franchise.

Gasoline Galety; or Fun in a Garage.

(From the ANTI-AMERICAN (N. C.) Enterprise.)
 Possibly the largest crowd of people ever assembled together at one time on a social occasion here was the large number of guests at the house warming dance and picture show given by Stanley Auto Company at the formal opening of their large new garage Friday night. About one thousand invitations had been sent out and a good percentage of those invited attended. The large garage was thrown open and the guests made to feel at home from the time they entered the front door. The address of welcome was delivered by R. L. Smith, of Albemarle. The picture show given after the speaking was an interesting feature, being mostly scenes of and concerning the Ford Company's shop, shipping, etc., and "A Quiet Day With Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford." After the show and speaking an informal dance was given when a large number of those present tried the new concrete floor to the latest steps. Two bands furnished excellent music throughout the evening, and it was after midnight before the entire crowd hunted slumberland. Ice cream cones were served.

It is hard to make a copyreader keep the word "net" out of every headline that taps a tennis story. Most of this morning's headlines, our guess—made at eight o'clock last night—is, will be "Rain Halts Net Play."

A good many of us, this week, are in for the eight-hour tennis day.

THE IRREPRESSIBLE PRESS AGENT.

Sir: As you said once, the newspapers seldom mention the name of a motor car which figures in an accident. So they didn't tell which car of William A. Brady's it was that spilled him and Jules Eckert Goodman down a bank Saturday night, but I'll tell you. There's frankness, it was a Pierce Arrow, and its wheel broke. But it was a good car at that, for it carried the name of Mr. Brady's new production, "The Man Who Came Back," right on to the front pages. Could anything be more unselfish, to provide publicity for others, and then to shrink from it one's self?

DAVID H. WALLACE.

Well, Our Candidate is at Estes Park, and staying at the hotel possessing the only golf links in the Park. It is a nine-hole course, and you have to tee off every shot. And yet, Mr. Hughes, it is better as a links than the best tennis court in the Park is as a court.

"If the cost of white paper keeps advancing," said the newspaper proprietor, "we shall have to boost the advertising rates. And, by the way," he added, to his chief editorial writer, "write a hot one about the injustice of the threatened raise in railroad rates in case of a costly strike."

Things might be worse for the railroad presidents assembled in Washington.

Suppose the American League teams were on the Western trip! F. P. A.

PAN-AMERICAN TRENDS DROPPED

Wilson Fears Embarrassment in Discussion by Senate.

MEXICAN MUDDLE SERIOUS OBSTACLE

Had Obtained Approval of Most of the Latin Republics.

(From The Tribune Bureau.)
 Washington, Aug. 28.—Failure of the Wilson Pan-American treaty plan which was to have leagued the nations of this hemisphere to uphold republican government and to make war almost impossible, was disclosed today. Administration officials admitted tacitly that the scheme had been dropped, for the present, at least.

According to diplomatic gossip here, the President himself abandoned the plan after he had obtained the approval of most of the Latin-American governments, because he feared to give the Senate an opportunity to debate it. The debate would necessarily have involved a complete discussion of the Mexican question, and perhaps of the whole foreign policy of the Administration.

President Wilson made public announcement of his plan last January in a speech before the Pan-American Scientific Congress. Diplomats of every American nation were present, and the President's proposals were applauded heartily. At that time, Wilson had been working among the Latin-American diplomatic corps through Mr. Bryan and Mr. Lansing for nearly a year, and had obtained virtual assurances that the treaty would be acceptable to the South and Central American governments. He made the public exposition of the idea therefore, with complete confidence that he was being practically of a thing accomplished.

Wilson's Proposal in Detail.

The President's proposal was: To guarantee by treaty the sovereignty and territorial integrity of every American republic.

To guarantee the continuance of republican government.

To settle all present boundary disputes at once, and by peaceful means, if they were not already settled.

To provide means of arbitration for all possible disputes in the future.

To prevent the organization in any American republic of revolutionary movements against any other American republic, and to prevent the shipment of arms to revolutionaries in neighboring countries.

Most of the Latin-American powers, it is learned in diplomatic quarters, have accepted the plan, though none of them is believed to be ardently in favor of it.

"It is a little good," one diplomat declared today, "but, then, it can do little harm, either. Personally, I should advise against it, but my government took the view that if it would not be signed, there was no good reason for opposing it."

Chili was the leader of a small group that dissented from the President's proposal, but, it is believed, the matter, after having obtained the adherence of nearly all the other powers.

Mexican Muddle an Obstacle.

The Administration's motive in dropping the scheme, it is understood, is to avoid giving the Senate an opportunity to open the general subject of States that have dropped the Mexican situation in so delicate a state and when the national election is so near. The President might have sent the treaty to the Senate months ago, it is believed, but he did not, and the Mexican muddle is assigned as the reason.

Senate leaders, even on the Democratic side, are understood not to favor the plan any too strongly, and in diplomatic quarters the gossip is going around that some of them have intimated as much to the White House.

The story goes that some of the political strategists of the party, too, have told the President that it would be foolish to give the Senate more opportunities than are absolutely unavoidable to discuss Administration foreign policies.

CAPTAIN JOHN ASTOR WEDS LADY NAIRNE

Baron Astor Sees War Widow Become Son's Bride.

London, Aug. 28.—Captain John Astor, of the 1st Life Guards, was married this afternoon to Lady Charles Mercer Naime at Christ Church.

Captain Astor is the youngest son of Baron Astor, of Hever Castle, who before being elevated to the peerage was William Wilton Astor, formerly of New York. The bride is the widow of Lord Nairne, second son of the Marquis of Lansdowne, who was killed early in the war in France. She is a daughter of the late Lord Minto, who formerly was Viceroy of India, and is twenty-seven years old. Her brother, the present Lord Minto, gave her away.

Baron Astor and other prominent men, most of them in uniform, attended the wedding.

Herbertmann Funeral Held.

Letters Bring Heartaches After Months of Silence

Long Delayed Mail from Russia Tells of Hardships and Pleads for Aid—Anxious Exiles Haunt Custodians of Pile.

Up the stone steps of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society, at 229 East Broadway, an old woman toiled yesterday. In a weak voice she inquired for some one in charge. She had learned that thousands of letters had been received from abroad, letters that had passed the eye of the censor and been mutilated by him. She had a daughter in Russia whom she hadn't heard from in nearly two years.

On a table were strewn the latest letters from Poland, Russia and Germany. The little old lady was told that if there was a message for her it would be delivered through the regular channels.

All day long they came—men with long beards and battered hats, young women with children in their arms, young men still perspiring from their labor, old women with shawls about their thin bodies and wigs covering their heads. Some of them had not heard from their dear ones since the war started. Many were waiting for the word that meant a week of mourning and a year of saying Kaddish in synagogues. But the big pile was too huge to be searched for the comparatively small number of supplicants who passed in and out of the building.

Asks Aid for Girl in Lodz.
 Near by lay a letter from Herz Sig-bald's mother to his nephew, M. Z. Wolomsky, in Montreal. The uncle wrote that financial help was needed to support Wolomsky's sister. The message ended: "Your mother died on the first of December, 1915."

If Wolomsky is a Jew he will tear his cloak, take off his shoes, light the candles of mourning, and sit on a box—though only for an hour. Had the letter been from a Christian, the uncle would have said: "I am sure that you will have pity in your heart—pity for your little mother."

In another pile was a letter from a more optimistic and characteristic of the East. It was a message from another mother to her sons, Zoro Markusfeld, in Siedlce, Russia, Poland, to Gibull Brothers, of 211 Main Street, in Vincennes, Ind. Mrs. Markusfeld asked money for two tickets for her daughters. The censor saw that she did not tell what had happened to the sisters or why they wished to come to America, and his courage in the lines and between them.

NEWPORT SEASON MAY LAST UNTIL FALL

Many Colonists Expect to Keep Cottages Open Until December.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)
 Newport, Aug. 28.—Further evidence was noted today of prolonging the Newport season, despite the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney and their family closed the season and departed for Rye, Lake and Mr. and Mrs. H. Rogers Winthrop returned to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Marsden J. Perry are not to close Black Horse, their summer home, until the first of December. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. A. Clark have announced that they will be among the late stayers, and former Commodore and Mrs. Edwidge T. Gerry will remain here until the end of October at least, and possibly longer.

James J. Van Alen, one of the enterprising of the city, has been named in honor of his grandson, James H. Van Allen, this evening. There was a large party for dinner, and many others of the summer colony, especially the younger set, came in for the dance.

Despite the rain some polo enthusiasts went to the Westchester Club field, but the final for junior championship was not played.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence T. Paul left for Bar Harbor today. Mrs. Paul has been ill for some time with blood poisoning, and her physicians have advised her to leave the city.

A bridge whist party for the benefit of the Society for the Relief and Prevention of Tuberculosis, at the residence of Mrs. Hamilton McK. Twombly, this afternoon.

LAST SOUTHAMPTON SUNDAY CONCERT GIVEN

Mrs. S. L. Parrish Hostess—Flower Competition Held.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)
 Southampton, N. Y., Aug. 28.—The last of the season's Sunday evening concerts was given in the Art Museum building last night. Those who sang were Mrs. Lawrence T. Gerry, Mrs. Alonso Potter, Mrs. Scaife and Edgar Lackland.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius N. Bliss, Jr., Colonel and Mrs. Robert G. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Babcock, Mrs. Henry H. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. George B. French, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Dilworth, Dr. and Mrs. Harold Barclay, Mr. and Mrs. Oren Root and Mr. and Mrs. F. Burrall Hoffman.

There was a large attendance at the meeting of the Southampton Club, at Mrs. Peter B. Wyckoff's residence here, which was a competition for the most artistic basket of flowers grown and arranged by a member of the club. First prize was awarded to Mrs. Edmund S. Coffin, second prize to Mrs. Rufus H. Patterson and third to Mrs. B. Aymar Sands.

The judges of the competition were Mrs. George Crawford Clark, Mrs. Alonso Potter and Mrs. Stuyvesant Pittot.

CAPTAIN JOHN ASTOR WEDS LADY NAIRNE

Edison's Caravan Off for Mountains

Outfit Includes Truckload of Letters for Henry Ford.

Amid the cheers of workmen in the Edison plant out from West Orange, N. J., the caravan set out for the mountains at Port Jervis at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon heading for the Adirondacks. Besides the touring car, carrying Mr. Edison and his company, H. S. Patterson's outfit included a motor truck, loaded with letters and telegrams that came for Henry Ford, after it was announced that he was to participate in the party, and camping paraphernalia.

At Port Jervis it was thought that the campers might keep on until they reached Roxbury, where John Burroughs was to join them, and next, as could be ascertained, they had made no stop since leaving West Orange. They inquired the road to Wurtsboro, Sullivan County.

On their way Mr. Edison and his companion passed the home of Gifford Pinchot, at Milford, Penn., and at Port Jervis they were near the summer home of Anthony Kuser, of Newark, another friend of Mr. Edison. They were not expected to stop at Mr. Kuser's, however. The trip will last three weeks.

Shark Scares Bathers Away.

CRIPPLED NEVADA IN REPAIR DOCK

Accident to Pumps Compelled Battleship to Quit War Game.

The Nevada, one of the two biggest battleships the United States has in commission, is in drydock at the navy yard as the result of an accident which compelled her withdrawal at a critical stage in the naval war game. Her main air pumps gave out in the midst of the maneuvers, and, as a limping battleship retarding the fighting line is worse than no battleship, the Nevada put about and made for New York.

Reaching the reservation Sunday, the Nevada went into drydock yesterday. It will take about four days to make the repairs. While these were going on hundreds of seamen, slung upside in boats' chairs, began scraping the vessel.

She will be thoroughly overhauled in preparation for her official steaming trials.

She is also to receive anti-aircraft guns during her stay in the yard, and will share with her sister ship, the Oklahoma, the distinction of being the only ships in the navy so armed. These two will have four each.

After returning from her trials the Nevada will be fitted with new torpedo nets of the type that is to be installed on all ships of the navy. The Nevada displaces 27,500 tons, carries twelve 14-inch guns and makes 21 knots.

Reports reaching the navy yard yesterday showed that the submarine division acquitted itself well in the maneuvers, suffering no mishaps.

FLEECED MILLIONAIRE DEFENDS EXPENDITURES

Morrison Says He Adopted Girls to Please Mother.

Chicago, Aug. 28.—Edward W. Morrison, reclusive millionaire, who will go into Federal Judge Landis's court tomorrow as a witness in proceedings to throw his estate into bankruptcy, said today that he made most of his own fortune and had a right to spend it as he pleased. Morrison, it is alleged, had spent himself to be fleeced out of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"My father was rich," he said. "He left me about \$3,000,000 when he died, in 1868. I doubted that speculating in mines and real estate. I had a right to spend it as I pleased, and I did."

Morrison explained today his version of the adoption of Margaret and Alice Burnstein, whose father, Joseph Burnstein, declared they were actually the daughters of Morrison himself.

"I was a lifelong friend of the girls' mother," he said. "She came to me last spring and said she was going to be operated upon and feared she would never see me, for sake of friendship, to watch out for her daughters. She died, and I adopted them. They seem like grandchildren to me."

WILL SEEK A PARDON FOR ESCAPED CONVICT

Prison Commission Secretary Believes Lee Deserves Aid.

Edward J. Lee, escaped Indiana convict, who was betrayed by his "bunkie" to win a reward, may not have to go back to prison. E. S. Roach, secretary of the National Commission on Prisons, has called his case to the attention of the Governor and there is a chance he may be pardoned.

In his investigation of the case, Mr. Roach discovered that although Lee's sentence was an indeterminate one of from two to fourteen years and his behavior had been of the best, no one had brought up the matter of releasing him on parole. It is said that in Indiana, as in other states where the prison contract system is in operation, indeterminate sentences are almost meaningless.

"This is a matter in which other people, the newspapers and corporations ought to help," said Mr. Roach yesterday. "The more people who telegraph to the Governor of Indiana, asking him to give Lee a fair chance, the greater is the probability it will come to him."

MME. KURT AT THE GARDEN

Dramatic Soprano to Sing in Last Concert To-night.

Melanie Kurt, dramatic soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company, will be soloist this evening at the last of the season's concerts of the Civic Orchestral Society at Madison Square Garden. She will sing Senta's ballad, from the "Flying Dutchman," and Isolde's love death, from "Tristan and Isolde."

On September 18 Mme. Kurt, with other Metropolitan artists, will appear in the Lewisohn Stadium of the College of the City of New York for the benefit of the Civic Orchestral Society.

Honor Men at Sergeant's Funeral

Polliceman of the Honor Legion attended the funeral of Sergeant F. J. O'Grady yesterday at the Church of Our Lady of Victory, at Webster Avenue and Claremont Parkway.

The American Consul General here, as to the cause of the seizure of the fishing schooners.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Free admission to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, American Museum of Natural History, New York Zoological Park, Van Cortlandt Park Museum and the Aquarium.

TENNIS SEASON DRAWS SOCIETY

Many Admirers of Sport on Courts Hurry Back from Country.

FALL RACES BRING OTHERS TO TOWN

J. D. Rockefeller, Jr., to Give Housewarming at Seal Harbor, Monday.

Tennis and the opening of the fall racing season at Belmont Park today have brought many members of society back to the city, some of whom will remain in town for a few days only and others for an indefinite period. The Long Island set in particular will be well represented to-day both at Forest Hills and at the Park, for tennis and racing are strong drawing cards for members of society. Many arrived in town yesterday from Newport, the Maine resorts, Lenox, Saratoga and other places and the fashionable hotels and restaurants were filled with well known persons.

Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harriman, Miss Miriam Harriman and Henry Walters arrived in New York yesterday on board the Jones yacht Narada.

Frits V. Holm gave a luncheon yesterday at the Ritz-Carlton for the Danish Consul General to Mexico and Mrs. Adolfo Grimwood.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Shepherd and Miss Maude Gwynne Shepherd have returned to their country place at Rye from an automobile trip through the Berkshires.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen Townsend have returned to Ardley, N. Y., from Bar Harbor.

Mrs. Rutherford Stuyvesant is a guest of Mrs. John B. Drexel at Newport. She will sail for Europe about the middle of next month.

Mrs. Newbold Morris is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Kingsland at Southampton, Long Island.

Mrs. Augustus Kountze and Mrs. Karl W. Neuhoff will return to town from the White Mountains on September 14, and after a short stay here will go to Alliance, Ohio, for the fall.

Mrs. Philip K. Rhineland and Miss Symphora, and Miss Grace Brasted are guests of Mr. Albert H. Ely at Southampton, Long Island.

Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes and Miss Helen Phelps Stokes will go to Ridgefield, Conn., from the Adirondacks next month for the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., will give a housewarming at Ely Seal Harbor, on Monday. About five hundred invitations have been issued.

Mr. and Reginald C. Fincke are guests of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Clark at Southampton, Long Island.

GIRL DOESN'T KNOW HER ALLEGED FIANCE

Early Morning Caller at Police Lieutenant's Home Held.

James Sullivan, a mystery to surgeons and the police, was arraigned in Flushing police court yesterday on a charge of disorderly conduct. Early on the morning of June 29 Police Lieutenant Edward F. Hayes found Sullivan on the porch of the lieutenant's home at 99 East Park Avenue, Corona.

Hayes knew Sullivan didn't belong there, and an argument followed that aroused the neighborhood. Household utensils clattered about the pair, and somebody fired a revolver. The bullet struck Sullivan, making thirty-six internal punctures. His case was regarded as hopeless by the surgeons of St. John's Hospital, Long Island City.

To their amazement he recovered and to the astonishment of Hayes and his daughter the patient avowed he had gone to Sergeant Hayes' home, who had promised to marry him, and that he had fallen asleep on the porch. Miss Hayes declared she had never seen him before. His case was postponed until September 8.

AMERICAN FISHERS FREED

Britain Releases Two Taken Off Coast of Iceland.

London, Aug. 28.—The American fishing schooners Maxine Elliott and Lizzie Griffin, which were taken last week by a British patrol boat into Lerwick, Shetland Islands, having been seized while fishing off the coast of Iceland, were ordered released today. The schooners will be permitted to depart on condition that the owners in Norway of the cargoes of fish give bonds amounting to double the value of the fish on order to insure their arrival at a Norwegian port.

On August 24 inquiries were made of the British government by Robert P. Skinner, the American Consul General here, as to the cause of the seizure of the fishing schooners.

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BRITAIN MODIFIES RULE ON NEUTRALS' CHILDREN

Allows Two Months' Grace to Choose Nationality.

(By Cable to The Tribune.)
 London, Aug. 28.—Notifying Consul General Skinner that children born of neutral parents in Great Britain will be given to the age of twenty-one years and two months before being obliged to declare which country's citizenship they wish to adopt, the War Office made a concession affecting several thousand neutrals in this country.

According to international practice, such individuals must make election when they attain the age of twenty-one, but since the introduction of compulsory military service in Great Britain, they have all been regarded as British subjects, and automatically become soldiers on their eighteenth birthday.

The reply to Consul General Skinner's query will likely prevent numerous cases of hardship due to uncertainty.

W. W. HAYES WARD, EDITOR, IS DEAD

Archæologist Contributed to "Independent" Forty-eight Years.

South Berwick, Me., Aug. 28.—The Rev. William Hayes Ward, D. D., editor of "The New York Independent" forty-eight years and an archæologist of note, died in his home here today. He was eighty-one years old.

For nearly a year Dr. Ward had been an invalid as the result of a fall from a carriage, but he remained active in his duties as a contributing editor of "The Independent." His association with that publication began in 1868.

For two years he was associate editor. From 1870 to 1896 he was superintending editor, and until he resigned, in 1913, on account of advancing age he was editor in chief.

In 1885 Dr. Ward was director of the Wolfe expedition to Babylon, which did much to reveal the buried history of that ancient land. The cylindrical seals in the collection of the late J. P. Morgan formed the subject of one of Dr. Ward's books.