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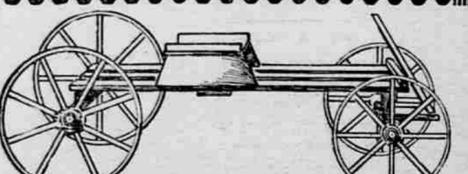
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DEALERS MUST KEEP THE INSPECTING BIG GUNS

Merchants Selling Dangerous Weapons Must Report Sales.

NEW BILL WAS DRAWN UP

It Will Be Presented in Congress Next Week—No One Can Sell These Articles Without a License and Monthly Report to the Police—Other News From the District Building.

The Commissioner has approved a bill to amend the existing law regarding the selling of dangerous weapons. The chief purpose is to fix a penalty for selling without a license and to relieve dealers of the necessity of making weekly reports. Inspector Hollinger, on December 5, called attention to the defective condition of the present law. He pointed out that the provision forbidding sales without a license makes the penalty \$100 to \$500 fine, but fixes no alternative, in case the offender should not be able to pay the fine. His suggestion was that a term in jail with six months' limit be set in default of payment of the fine.

PREPARED A DRAFT

The matter was referred to Commissioner's attorney, Thomas, for an opinion. He replied Monday saying Mr. Hollinger was correct as to the need of amendment of the law, and sent a draft of a bill embodying the inspector's suggestions except as to the \$20 fine for failure to report. The draft will probably be forwarded to Congress next week.

It is likely before the measure is enacted into law another feature which has been found unsatisfactory will be overhauled. This is the clause naming such weapons as shall be considered dangerous. It has given much trouble to the prosecuting attorney under the law to show conclusively that any weapon not named in the law is to be classed as dangerous. The list is "daggers, air-guns, pistols, bow-knives, dirks, knives, or dirks, bludgeons, razor blades, sword canes, slung shots, brass or other knuckles." This leaves out, among others, the ordinary pocket-knife, which may have a blade of such length and keenness as to make it more deadly than several of those named.

NO MONEY FOR MEN.

As stated in The Times, the last Congress failed to make an appropriation for such at the same time the money was set aside for the house. The department is therefore obliged to seek out existing companies in order to supply for the new recruits. When completed and accepted some weeks ago, an examination will be held in January to see which of the companies were appointed these new recruits will be assigned to the old companies while the company for truck D will be made up of experienced men, whose places will be taken by new recruits.

The Commissioner has ordered that every applicant for appointment as private watchman shall make his application upon a blank form submitted to the office that used for the regular police force. This does not apply, however, to employees of the Federal government whose police powers are the exercise of their official duties.

A. J. Collins was yesterday awarded a contract to furnish broken stone on the Broad Branch road at ninety cents per cubic yard.

Charles Burke, a fireman, at his own request, has been reduced to the rank of watchman in the place of James Lowe, deceased. The pay of the two positions is the same, \$800 a year, and the duties of watchman do not demand so much activity and are not so perilous, though more constant.

IN "THE RUSSIAN HONEYMOON."

Vassar Students to Present Mrs. Harrison's Play. The play to be given every night at Metropolitan Hall, under the auspices of the local branch of the Vassar Students' Aid Society, by Vassar students, will be a new and wonderful comedy, "The Russian Honeymoon," which was played for the first time in this country some ten or twelve years ago in New York. James Brown Potter in the title role, is the play that has been decided upon, and the entire cast will be taken from members of the present senior class of Vassar, among whom are three Washington girls: Miss Hill, the daughter of the member from the Fourth district of Congress; Miss Richardson, who comes from a family noted for its talent; and Miss Naderin, who has made a brilliant record at the college and is one of the most popular members of her class.

The proceeds of the entertainment will go to the Washington branch of the Vassar Students' Aid Society, and the success of this undertaking means that some poor, but talented and ambitious girl will next year be enabled to commence a college career and ultimately to become self-supporting and in a position to keep others.

The Vassar Students' Aid, is an incorporated society, composed of alumnae and former students of Vassar College, which was organized in 1890 for the purpose of aiding young women whose financial condition would otherwise prevent them from enjoying this privilege to a college education. The money advanced is not repaid, but is returned to those who accept it as a gift, but as a loan, and a moral obligation is felt by those who benefit by the society's generosity to return whatever sum has been loaned to them at their earliest convenience.

Although comparatively young, the society has accomplished much and its roster lists more than a thousand names of regular and a like number of associate members. In 1895 alone it expended \$5,000 in scholarships and aided twenty-six young women. The patrons for next week's entertainment are: Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Olney, Mrs. Garfield, Mrs. Lamont, Mrs. Harmon, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Hoke Smith, Miss Morton, Mme. Romero, Mme. Mendonca, Mrs. Brice, Mrs. Lawton Baker, Mrs. William K. Browne, Mrs. George Whitfield Brown, Mrs. Burrows, Mrs. Cabell, Mrs. Philip E. Chapin, Mrs. Clephane, Mrs. Coates, Mrs. Dabell, Mrs. Joseph R. Edson, Miss Alice C. Fletcher, Mrs. John W. Foster, Mrs. Galludet, Mrs. Garley, Mrs. Hearst, Mrs. E. J. Hill, Mrs. Archibald Hopkins, Mrs. Joseph Taber Johnson, Mrs. Henry Babot Lodge, Mrs. Andrew M. Parker, Mrs. Mann, Mrs. Thomas Nelson Page, Mrs. Edward Murphy, Mrs. Painter, Mrs. Richard Park, Mrs. E. S. Parker, Mrs. Pollock, Miss E. M. Sherman, Mrs. Somers, Mrs. O. Stealey, Mrs. Sowter, Mrs. William H. Stone, Mrs. Totten, Mrs. Udegraf, Mrs. Walbridge, Mrs. E. H. Warner, Mrs. Deriah Wilkins, Mrs. E. H. Wright, Mrs. J. H. W. Alumnae Committee—Mrs. Sidwell, Miss Brosius, Mrs. Darwin.

Receipts and Expenditures. The Treasury receipts for December will probably exceed the expenditures about \$500,000, and leave the deficit for the half year at about \$1,500,000. So far this month the Treasury has exchanged \$18,000,000 in gold for legal tenders, and for the half year to date about \$74,000,000.

Living Up to His Occupation. Sam Downing, a painter, was locked up at No. 1 station last night for drunkenness. Downing is the man who a few months ago tried to poison his wife with rough on rats.

Major Gen. Miles and Senator Sherman at the Navy Yard.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE VISIT

Said to Be an Official Review of the Situation as to the Possibilities of Naval Equipment—Senator Sherman Says It Was a Casual Call. What an Army Officer Thinks.

Major Gen. Miles and Senator Sherman, who will be the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, made a visit yesterday to the Washington Navy Yard. This fact has been the subject of a good deal of more or less speculative comment.

What Miles has recently made what was called an unofficial inspection of some of the forts along the east Atlantic coast, and the general opinion has been that it was with a view of determining how long it would take to have them fully equipped for a defense in case of war.

WHY THEY INSPECTED.

This occasion when the war fever was pulsing strongly, and whether Gen. Miles did or did not take stock in the prospects of an early war, the examination was made. What will be done to put these places in shape for emergencies remains to be seen. It is not believed that Gen. Miles made an entirely sentimental journey.

An officer said yesterday that the general of the army did not propose to be caught in the predicament of M. LeBoeuf, who advised Emperor Napoleon to go ahead with the Franco-Prussian war, knowing less about the military status than any lieutenant in the French army.

Senator Sherman was asked last night what was the object of the visit. He said that he and General Miles had gone down to the Navy Yard and that they were given an opportunity to see what was to be seen and they were much pleased with their visit.

Senator Sherman was asked if he had seen the place where they make big guns for the navy had anything to do with the current talk about a rupture with England.

Mr. Sherman, while polite and courteous, was evidently disinclined to talk much about the visit.

The dispatches from London, published yesterday morning and afternoon, have not left the impression that the war cloud has by any means disappeared from the East or West. In fact, notwithstanding the pacific construction put on the accounts, it is just as it was when the war talk was believed to have a solid foundation.

Said an Army officer last night: "The utter disregard which President Cleveland will be selecting the commission is merely a truce to the violent act, but the result is to be expected not when the commission is appointed but when it shall have reported."

BRITAIN GOING AHEAD.

The very fact that the English government is entertaining propositions for the grant of territory to companies within the territory claimed by Venezuela ought to be more than an intimation to our government that the commission may be a thing to help the United States, but will not affect the determined policy of Great Britain. It is already known that Britain claims the disputed territory partly by a cession from Holland and partly from treaties with native tribes. The United States is on the other side of the proposition, and it would so appear that the record is already made up.

In my opinion the commission is a plan for delay and the delay is being utilized by our government and by no one more so than by Gen. Miles himself. I believe that there is a great deal of feeling against the visit of Gen. Miles and Senator Sherman to the Navy Yard. If this government took stock in the talk that our coast defenses are inadequate, it would have taken the interest of a mere casual visit. It is to my mind also a rather singular coincidence that Senator Sherman, who will soon become a member of the committee on the Senate in foreign affairs, should have been coupled with the commanding general in this visit to the Navy Yard.

WHAT THE VISIT MAY BE.

Now to the real inside talk in military circles. No one with ordinary common sense fails to see that either of two things must happen. If the commission finds that England's claim to the area in dispute rests on the Holland or rather Netherlands, concessions and alleged Indian treaties, this country will be obliged to back Venezuela, in which case England must yield up the territory of Gibraltar.

"It can safely be assumed that England is not going to admit to the world that it has lost its case in the future claims at this time. You can also assume that this country will not back down if Mr. Olney has been quoted correctly, and he has not made any correction of the speech attributed to him by our ex-minister to Colombia, who stated at a public meeting recently that Mr. Olney said that if England thought this country was identifying itself with the United States, it would not like to be quoted, that the commission will only delay the war and that is its reason for it. In the meanwhile there is some more visits to many yards and coast defenses by our general and officials, who learned what the real temper of England towards this country was yesterday when the Rothschilds declined to offer their money for an American loan. People who talk peace ought to think more and read less of the romance of the lion and the eagle."

JUDGMENT CREDITOR'S PLEA.

Suit to Sell Valuable Property to Satisfy a Debt. Lambert Abipinai has instituted a suit against Archibald Oliveri and others in the equity court to compel the sale of certain real estate mentioned to satisfy a judgment held by the complainant against Archibald Oliveri, amounting to \$8,244, with interest from November 1, 1893. The latter is a resident of Philadelphia, while his wife, who is made a defendant, is said to reside in Chicago.

The property in which the defendant, Oliveri, is asserted to have an interest, which it is sought to have sold, is described as lot 14, block 36, of Sherman's subdivision of parts of Mt. Pleasant and Pleasant Plains, located at the intersection of Fourteenth and Kenyon streets.

The lot was conveyed by deed of trust to secure the payment of \$1,600 to Charles E. Babbitt, and the proceeds of the sale were to be applied to the payment of the debt. The defendant, Oliveri, is alleged to have failed to pay the debt, and the complainant is seeking to enforce the obligation to Mary E. Redfern, both being made defendants to the suit and required to discover how much, if any, of the amount due to the complainant is unpaid. Joseph R. Herford, a trustee named in the deed of trust, is also made defendant.

Attorney John A. Barthel appears as complainant's solicitor.

Made Too Much Noise. Residents of K street, between Fourth and Fifth northwest, have complained of disorderly assemblies, and last night William Johnson and Rebecca Bell, colored, were locked up at police station No. 6 for the offense indicated.

An Ex-Policeman's Benefit. A benefit to Samuel D. Drane, an ex-policeman, will be given by local talent at the Metropolitan Hall during the first week in February. Mr. Drane was formerly stationed in the Third precinct, but was dropped from the rolls for physical disability.

ONLY 2 DAYS LEFT.

We must give up the keys on the first of January. We have still quantities of goods stacked upon our tables—come in and take your pick almost for any price you like to offer. We are going out of business and we want everything sold. We don't care what we lose on the goods—better to get what we can for them, than have them left on our hands.

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Stormont & Jackson, 522 12th St. N. W. CREDITORS AND DEBITORS. The failure of the Y. M. C. A. basketball team to put in an appearance at the Washington Light Infantry Hall last evening was a great disappointment to the spectators who had assembled to witness the game.

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Preserves. 5 lb. Pails Assorted, per pair.....50 20 lb. Pails Assorted, per pair.....\$1.00

Potatoes. N. Y. Burbank, full bushels.....45 Hams. Baltimore Sugar-cured.....31 Breakfast Bacon, per pair.....10

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