VETERAN MUSICIAN WILL NOW RETIRE

Played in Marine Band for Thirty Years.

HAD INTERESTING CAREER

Was at One Time Principle Cornet to the Khedive of Egypt.

A reception was given yesterday at Odomel's Cafe on Eighth street, opposite the Marine Barracks, in honor of Louis Tilleux, a native of Belgium, and a celebrated French horn player, who has just rounded out his thirty years of faithful service in the United States Marine Band and has taken advantage of the law which permits him to retire on a pension from Uncle Sam.

Leader Santelmann and Second Leader Smith, of the Marine Band, were present and expressed their regret at parting with so valuable a man.

Tilleux became a member of the Marine Band, January 6, 1876. When he severed his connection with it yesterday, he was its oldest member in point of service, having re-enlisted three consecutive times and won a medal and two separate bars for good conduct, as well as six honorable discharges, for each of his enlistments.

Tilleux, who during nearly fifty years of his life has played in noted bands and orchestras all over the world, will now live in retirement with his family in Washington. He owns a cozy little cottage in Hyattsville, where he will live during the summer months.

Tilleux is one of five famous Belgian players who recently served with the Marine Band. He was born in Ghent, where his father was a fresco painter, and where he began as a singer at the age of seven years in the cathedral of St. Bavon. From there he went to the choir of St. Michael's, and later entered the Conservatory of Music in Paris, and was graduated in 1869. After that he traveled through France, Italy, Russia, and Germany, playing in various opera houses. He went to Cairo and enlisted in the orchestra of the Khedive, Ismail Pasha.

Cornetist to Khedive.

"I was cornetist in the Khedive's orchestra," he said, in recalling his career, "from 1869 until 1871. It was regarded as one of the finest bodies of playing musicians then in existence. The orchestra consisted of sixty players. In the winter season we played at the palace in Cairo or at the Italian opera, which was supported by the Khedive.

"One of the greatest evenings of my life was the occasion of the first production on any stage of Verdi's 'Aida.' It took place at the Khedive in Cairo, in 1871. It is not generally known that the book of this opera was written at the request of the Khedive.

"We rehearsed 'Aida' over and over again before the Khedive, who did not at first like the music. It was difficult to play. The more we practiced the better the Khedive liked the composition; finally, on the night of the performance, he though it splendid. After its original production, in Cairo, the opera was produced in Milan, Paris, and then throughout Europe. The Khedive's orchestra during the performance was led by Bonezine, the Frenchman, who was called the best string bass player in the world.

Round the World.

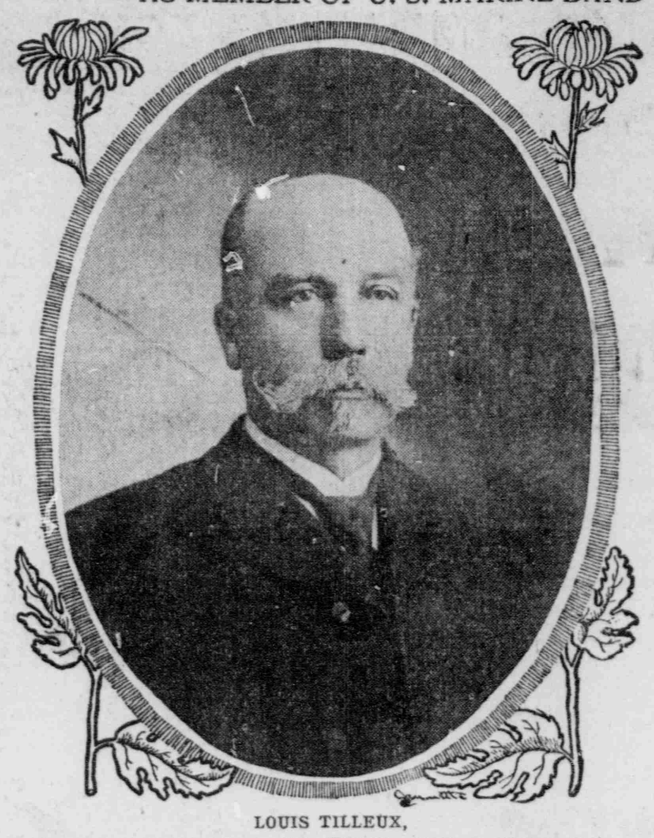
"In 1871 I left Cairo, traveled round the world and landed in the orchestra of the French opera at New Orleans, during the regime of Calabrazza, who for seven years gave New Orleans some of the finest operatic productions seen in this country.

"In the opera then were Michand, the great French tenor, and Mme. Aleza, the Belgian soprano. During the winter of 1875 and '76, however, financial troubles overtook the French opera, and it devolved upon the members of the orchestra to find other employment.

"Schneider was then leader of the Marine Band in Washington. He had previously sat beside me as first clarinet soloist in the French opera in New Orleans. I hastened up to Washington, took the necessary examination and enlisted as a musician in the Marine Corps. I have served under its successive leaders of the past thirty years—Schneider, Sousa, Fanciulli, and Santelmann. All are living. Schneider and Fanciulli are in New York city.

"I am now fifty-six years old and shall spend the remainder of my days enjoying the sunshine of my family."

SERVED THIRTY CONSECUTIVE YEARS AS MEMBER OF U. S. MARINE BAND



LOUIS TILLEUX,
Veteran French Horn Player Who Will Now Retire to Private Life.

g Birthday Party For Marine Band Man

ag birthday party was given Fri-ight in Southeast Washington to C. Lewellyn, of the Marine Band. Among the merry makers was DeRebstock, of the Postoffice mant, who not only furnished terusing anecdotes, but also en-a bhe guests with a rendition of Sisolo.

to Sousy a party was being given Mrs. B. Lewellyn at the home of the De Luca. The overseers of were of the respective parties assist Luca and Mrs. De Luca, Judge ctively, by Mr. William, the ev Judge. The event of Lewell the presentation to Mr. stein, o Judge of a beautiful Welbe were the words "Wein. later in A conspicuous figure tista, wing was Frank Bapstein." the "Man behind the King wa mous accord Frank ranks of as eligible to the his tragic nteurs, in view of Back to t Spider With His

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ALDERMAN TWED HARPER

RICHMOND. It is reported here the President of the United States is success Presidential, presiversity of Chicago, may the Uni-

WOULD TEACH SCHOLARS PRACTICAL POLITICS

Woman's Suffrage League Anxious to Organize Schools Under System Similar to City Government.

The District of Columbia Woman's Suffrage League met last Thursday night in the lecture room of the Washington College of Law, to consider the purposes of the Washington School City Federation.

The plan of the federation is to teach the children in the public schools the principles of municipal government by practical demonstration and participation. The federation hopes to stimulate interest in the project, and will urge adoption of the system by the school authorities.

Mrs. Paul, president of the federation, gave an interesting review of the work as carried on in other American cities, especially New York, and also Cuba and the Philippines. The plan is to organize the schools under a system similar to a regular city government. Each school represents a ward, and city officials, such as mayor, council, and aldermen are elected by the boys.

The Woman's Suffrage Association voted to join the league and urge the adoption of the system.

A resolution was also adopted to urge the passage of the bills now before Congress providing for a juvenile court and a child curfew law in the District.

Several other political and sociological clubs have joined the federation.

DON'T SAG AT THE MOUTH!

If the world is your debtor you'll find
she will pay—
Hold tight, my boy, hold tight;
But bear it in mind you must first earn
your way—
Hold tight, my boy, hold tight;
If the goal that you're seeking seems
distant and dim,
And you're sick of the struggle, the
strife and the din,
Don't sag at the mouth—there are
chances to win—
Hold tight, my boy, hold tight.
—Milwaukee Sentinel.

WEST WINS FRIENDS ON SENATE COMMITTEE

Body Not Impressed With Charges Against Him and Confirmation Will Probably Be Unanimous.

The Senate Committee on the District of Columbia completed its investigation of the charges preferred against Commissioner Henry L. West by Warner Stutler, which it is understood Mr. Stutler based on the grounds of favoritism.

It is said that the charges were not sustained and that in consequence Mr. West will be unanimously recommended for confirmation as soon as the committee has formulated its report, which will be submitted with the Commissioners' credentials for appointment.

Harrison Stidham, superintendent of the street cleaning department, and J. T. Petty, ex-auditor for the District of Columbia, were before the committee with Mr. West and Mr. Stutler at its meeting yesterday. They testified in Mr. West's defense.

AMERICA'S CHAMPION CHEESE COUNTY

The Sheboygan County Dairy Boards of Trade sell annually 8,000,000 pounds of cheese, or almost one-half of all the cheese sold in this great dairying State of Wisconsin. But this is not all. Of the 116 cheese factories in Sheboygan county, only sixty-five sell their product in the county. All elements considered, $1,500,000 is paid annually for Sheboygan county cheese. So enormous is the Sheboygan county output of cheese that a careful mathematical computation, hopefully begun and laboriously concluded, leads us to the astonishing result that Sheboygan county, alone and unaided, could at this rate produce an amount of first class, full cream, American cheese equal to the total volume of the moon in only 11,417,752,611,917,564½ years. Gentlemen writing up other cities would do well to note these figures. We challenge a comparison.—W. C. Howe in National Magazine.

REPAIRING CABLES HARD AND COSTLY

Fifteen in Atlantic With Dead and Live Mixed.

LIFE OF ONE THIRTY YEARS

Rocks in Bottom, Strain, Icebergs, Anchors, and Earthquakes All Break Ocean Wires.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—Fifteen cables stretch across the bed of the Atlantic.

Though four of them are "dead" they still enter into all the calculations of the repairers, because in the region of the Grand Banks, where several lines are laid near or over each other, a mistake in judgment may mean bringing to the surface a "dead" cable or one belonging to another company which is undamaged and very much "alive."

Can't Tell Poor Work.

This arises from the fact that in splicing the cable after cutting it—for it must be cut by a mechanical grapnel, and one end gripped by it and brought to the surface, as the strain would otherwise cause it to break on the grapnel and both ends be lost—the splicing may be badly done and the line cease to work; and this he cannot know till he returns to port, because the splicing and insulating of the cable shut him off from any knowledge of its condition.

Some serious and costly failures to effect cable repairs have occurred on the Grand Banks. One instance is recorded of a break which cost 116 days and $375,000 to make good; another occupied eighty-seven days and cost $230,000, and a third eighty-one days and almost a similar sum.

It takes fully twenty-four hours to grapple and lift a cable from 2,000 fathoms of water; and as the strain caused by the ship pitching often causes a new break, it is easily seen that the existence of fine weather is essential to success.

Outfit Costly.

The maintenance of a cable ship costs $1,500 a day, exclusive of the cost of the cable which has to be used to make the splice, which, in some cases, runs from 150 to 300 miles, according to the luck in the weather and making connections, and, at the figure of $750 to $1,000 a mile, which deep sea cables are worth, it is not difficult to estimate the amount that a company will drop in a repairing venture unattended with good luck.

What stands alone in cable repairing annals is the extraordinary case of the 1874 line, which, owing to a series of unfortunate mishaps, occupied more than a year and cost almost $500,000, or about one-fourth of its original cost. Ordinarily, however, it is estimated that the repairs of every working Atlantic cable cost $40,000 a year. After thirty years a cable deteriorates so from natural causes that it becomes cheaper to lay a new one than to repair that in use.

Bottom Cuts Sometimes.

In the earlier days of submarine telegraphy it was found necessary to abandon 50 per cent of the deep sea cables within twelve years of their being laid. It has been found possible to construct cables so as to lengthen their existence considerably, and when cables break in their early years, in waters where icebergs, trawlers' anchors, seismic disturbances and kindred causes are not possible, their fracturing is due to their being badly laid, sections being suspended over irregularities of the bottom and breaking apart from abrasions due to the currents acting thereon.

The greatest of midwinter repairs was made in the last season at a depth of just 2,600 fathoms—two and six-tenths nautical miles. This had occupied one ship for four months without success, and later another ship spent a similar period in a futile endeavor to repair a second cable, these two vessels costing $300,000 for ships alone, besides the value of cables required to replace that destroyed in the efforts to recover them.

BIG SHOW FOR KING LAVISHED ON POLICE

Excited Gatekeeper Touched Button for Elaborate Electric Display When Carlos' Advance Guard Arrived at Henri de Rothschild's House for Dinner.

PARIS, Jan. 13.—A curious failure of plans marked the reception of the King of Portugal by the Baron and Baroness Henri de Rothschild, whose invitation to dinner he had acepted.

Baron Henri has a beautiful chateau at Vaux-de-Cerny, and it is there that it was proposed to entertain his majesty.

Light-Bedecked Trees.

As the King was to arrive at nightfall the plan was to cover the trees and line the driveways with colored electric lights, which were to be turned on suddenly as the carriage conveying the royal guest from the railway station entered the gates. The impression intended to be conveyed was one of bewildering brilliancy, such that King Carlos, passing suddenly from the dark roadways to the gloriously illuminated park, would for an instant have the sensation of being transported into fairyland.

The myriad electric bulbs were in place, the button which was to light them all at once was placed in the lodge by the gate, and all was ready. The concierge was instructed to press the button the instant the gates were flung open to welcome his majesty.

Forgot Advanced Guard.

Only—the King's hosts had not taken into consideration the usual police surveillance, and an unfortunate incident occurred. The carriage which conveyed the King was preceded by a hundred yards or so by that which contained the private detectives who are ordered by the government of France to follow the royal hosts everywhere on French territory.

The concierge, unable in the darkness to distinguish a king from a secret service man, turned on the lights as the detectives drove up, and later, when the King arived, there was no surprise awaiting him.

SEARCH YOUR POCKETS!

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Bankers in the East have discovered a new counterfeit $20 gold piece!

Can you discover one in your pockets?

The exterior of the new counterfeit coin is solid gold and shows exquisite workmanship. The ring of the coin when it is thrown on a substantial surface is as good as the genuine, but the weight appears to be lacking for the reason that a certain amount of lead has been introduced into the interior of the coin to fill up the space that should be occupied by genuine gold.—Detroit News.

LIKE AN AMAZON CHORUS.

I'd be horrified if I was
Like old Santa, I declare,
To have everybody meet me
With their stockings in the air.
—Houston Post.

RUSSIA MOVES GERMANS TO DEMAND SUFFRAGE

Revolt Stirs Socialists to Activity in Kaiser's Domain and Government and Conservatives Will Resist.

BERLIN, Jan. 13.—The revolutionary movement in Russia is having the effect of arousing the German Socialists to renewed activity, which is assuming the phase of a demand for changes in the election laws which will grant universal suffrage. As such a change would vastly increase the strength of the Socialists, it will be fought with all the vigor possible by the government and the conservative forces generally.

A campaign for this change already has been begun by the Socialists and is being pushed with vigor. Some of the more radical leaders are openly in favor of trying the Russian method of armed resistance to the government in case the demands are not complied with, and agitators have been particularly busy in Poland and Alsace-Lorraine, fanning the embers of discontent.

WOMAN'S IDEA OF SUCCESS.

A Kansas woman, Mrs. A. J. Stanley, of Lincoln, has been awarded a prize of $250 by a Boston firm for the best answer to the question, "What constitutes success?" She wrote: "He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration; whose memory a benediction."

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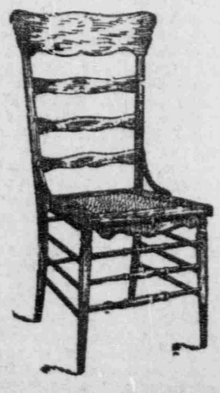

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