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While on your vacation this summer, keep posted concerning Washington news and affairs by having The Times follow you. No matter how quiet and inaccessible the seashore, mountain, or woodland place where you are sojourning, you can be delivered promptly, providing you are careful to see that The Times is notified of the changed residence.

RAILWAY MAIL PAY AGAIN.

As soon as the sundry civil bill shall be passed by the House, effort will be made to command attention to the Moon measure for settling the railway mail pay question. Justice to the railroads, to the parcel post administrators, and to the country's business situation, demands that some measure of this kind pass at this session.

THE CONDUIT ROAD.

The automobile accident on the Conduit road last night in which a young woman was burned to death and several people injured when the automobile in which they were riding toppled over an embankment because their chauffeur was blinded by the headlights of a motor car going in the opposite direction, again calls attention to the lack of fencing along the south side of this popular automobile route.

IS BASEBALL DULL?

Ever since the English, observing that their King was quite taken with baseball, damned it with the faint praise of "glorified rounders," it has come to be the fashion to criticize the game. Whether the British example lent courage to our native critics and induced them to say what they had long been thinking or not is not established.

WHAT SHOULD LIGHTS COST?

Philadelphia's director of public service has asked councils of that city to appropriate \$5,000 to enable him to make an investigation to determine the reasonable price that electric lights for the city ought to cost. Director Cooke some months ago set out on a determined campaign to force a reduction of the cost of electricity, not only to the city, which is the largest consumer, but to private consumers as well.

Philadelphia pays about a million and a quarter of dollars a year for street electric lights, and its rates are so high that the company now holding the contract has promise of competition. Two new companies are being formed with the purpose of making propositions to the city. Thus would be introduced the ele-

and little sensational fielding doubtless does appear monotonous. But every true fan sees things that the outsider doesn't. He follows with keen appreciation the battle of wits behind the mechanical playing. He knows just what sort of ball Doyle likes and why Lavender doesn't give it to him. He sees strategies attempted and defeated where the outsider sees only meaningless moves.

THE CROSSER BILL REPORTED.

Three newspapers in Washington have been opposed to the Crosser bill for public ownership of the street car lines of the District of Columbia. They have seen fit to deride the idea and its supporters.

The hearings on the subject have largely been given over to the development of the views of the opposition. Notwithstanding, the bill for public ownership has been reported to the House of Representatives by a close vote of the committee. It will go to the calendar, and will force itself on the consideration of Congress.

Perhaps action on it will be impossible at the present session; but that is by no means certain. Indications now are that the debate on the anti-trust legislative program in the Senate will require a great deal of time, and with the session prolonged well into the autumn there would be a good chance for consideration of the public ownership measure in the House.

It has been a hard and uphill fight, this, in which the friends of the District have won the first round. The Commissioners and their corporation counsel, together with the citizens and organizations of citizens, made an excellent and evidently an effective showing for the measure; and the event proves that no mistake was made in the tactics of the fight, in permitting the opposition to talk itself out before the advocates made their showing. To the men who stood by the people of Washington, and at the end carried the favorable report, all honor is due. They have been responsible for the taking of a forward step in the relations between citizens and public utilities, whose significance will be more fully understood a decade hence than it possibly can be now.

What the fate of this legislation will be can only be conjectured. Its opponents will not fail to recognize that their best chance to defeat it lies in delay. There is widespread belief that if it can be forced to a vote it will pass, first the House, then the Senate. The expressions of individual Senators as to sentiment in the upper body indicate that there is reason for confidence that the measure will carry there, by an easy majority. It has recently been declared by a Senator who is taking active interest in it, that the opposition will dwindle to an almost inconsiderable fraction by the time the vote is reached.

Washington has been set far along on the way to better municipal conditions, whether this bill shall pass or not. The fact that it could be reported out of committee is a warning to the public utilities that they cannot disregard the interests of the public, and that if they do not deserve continuance in the privileges they now enjoy, they may at any time lose them.

The gateways on the world's great highways are natural centers of miscellaneous humanity's gatherings, and a miscellany of manners and moral standards is apt to be bad for the manners and degrading to the morals. We are going to be the masters of one of these world-gateways, at Panama; and it is time to inquire whether it shall be opened to the vice of the world.

From Paris comes the story that a company is being promoted for the purpose of establishing a great world gaming resort and vice capital on the Canal Zone. It is to be quite as magnificent and dazzlingly alluring as Monte Carlo. If the prospectus writers have not overdrawn their case, as they are liable to do. At any rate, to handle such a problem may involve difficulty for this Government.

The Republic of Panama has leased certain governmental and administrative rights to the United States, within the Canal Zone. But after all the Panama republic is the real sovereign, and its ideals of moral and social affairs are likely to prevail unless this Government is firm from the very beginning. Moreover, even outside the Zone such an establishment as the French promoters have in mind could be located, without any uncertainty as to jurisdiction. The moral good offices of the Washington Government will have to be exerted if Panama does not yield to the blandishments of amiable gentlemen with promise of easy revenues and plenty of them. The American people don't want another Suez at Panama, and they will not permit it. They want no Monte Carlo under the flag or the protection of the United States.

ment of competition, which in public utilities has repeatedly proved a temporary benefit at the expense of a permanent injury. Duplication of plants and service means duplication of investment, and the probability of loss to both competitors. The result has almost always been consolidation, increased capitalization, and higher prices than ever under the new monopoly.

Washington has examples of this condition in both the gas and its street car situations. One large and rapidly expanding sections of the city pays more for gas than the rest of the community, because it gets gas from a small company that, under proper conditions, ought to be consolidated with the larger. But the proposition, to consolidate has been rejected by Congress because it was accompanied by a program of inflation to which Congress would not consent.

The street railway situation is equally unfortunate from the standpoint of public interests, service, and costs; two companies competing when there ought to be one unified system handling the needs of the whole town on the most economical basis possible. In each case, the only way to consolidation and proper systematization seems to be through public ownership; and public ownership is coming faster than most people, even of its advocates, believe.

JEFFERSON ON LAWYERS

Somebody has resurrected an old letter of Thomas Jefferson, in which he discussed the proneness of the Congress in session when the latter was written to prolong discussion of public affairs. It is interesting at the present moment, in view of the interminable speeches on the tolls question of which the country now is being made the victim.

Jefferson wrote as follows: I served with General Washington in the legislature of Virginia, before the Revolution, and during it, with Dr. Franklin in Congress. I never heard either of them speak ten minutes at a time, nor to any but the main point, which was to decide the question. They laid their shoulders to the great point, knowing that the little ones would follow of themselves. If the present Congress errs too much talking how can it be otherwise, in a body to which the people send 150 lawyers, whose trade it is to question everything, yield nothing, and talk by the hour? That 150 lawyers should do business together ought not to be expected.

In the Sixty-third Congress forty-five Senators out of a total of ninety-six and 247 Representatives out of a total of 435 are members of the profession at which the Sage of Monticello fired his Parthian arrows. In other words, lawyers make up about 55 per cent of the membership of the present Congress. If the Jefferson letter was written around 1810, the 150 barristers to whom he referred constituted about 63 per cent of the nation's lawmakers at that time.

Perhaps we cannot afford to get too excited over this showing—8 per cent in 104 years—but at the worst it indicates progress. All that is necessary is to keep eternally at it and the cantails of the last lawyer-Congressman will vanish through the Capitol's door just as the millennium dawns.

A PANAMA MONTE CARLO

"Take me somewhere east of Suez, where the best is like the worst," sings Kipling, fixing the Red sea canal as the dividing line between east and west, and celebrating it as the capital of cosmopolitan wickedness. The characterisation is not so far erroneous, though Suez is a good deal decenter today than a decade or two ago.

The marriage of Miss Rose Mary Bradford, daughter of Rear Admiral and Mrs. Bradford, and Lieut. Clarence Alvin Richards, U. S. N., whose engagement was announced last week, will take place on June 20.

Miss Josephine Tinslow will spend the summer at East Gloucester, Mass. Mrs. Burton Harrison has closed her home, 167 I street, and has gone to Bar Harbor, where she will spend the summer at her villa, Sea Urchins. Mrs. Harrison is accompanied by her son, Archibald Harrison, who has just returned from the Philippines, and his little daughter.

Mrs. Watson F. Clark and Miss Clark have gone to Cambridge, Mass., to attend the marriage of Mrs. Clark's niece, Miss Evelyn Carpenter, and Edward S. Pratt, on Tuesday. Following that event they will go to their summer home on Cape Cod.

The News of Society

By JEAN ELIOT.

VISITING ON COAST



Miss Marjorie Aleshire, daughter of Brig. Gen. and Mrs. J. B. Aleshire, is visiting Mrs. Conger Pratt in California. Mrs. Pratt was formerly Miss Saddle Murray, daughter of Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Arthur Murray.

Senator John W. Weeks entertained a small dinner party last night, motoring with his guests down to Dover House, where the dinner was served.

The Misses Mellon are touring abroad for the summer. Mrs. Harriet Blaine Beale has gone to Maine for a month after which she will make a series of visits along the North Shore.

Mrs. and Mr. John Sidney Webb, with their young daughter, Miss Sidney Webb, and their son, Haywood Webb, left today for Easthampton, Long Island, where they will spend the summer.

Miss Estelle Pope will be the guest of honor at the Congressional Club on Friday afternoon. There will be a dramatic recital, followed by tea.

Lieut. Commandant and Mrs. Chester Wells have issued invitations for a garden party in honor of Vice President and Mrs. Marshall, on June 20 at their country home, "Woodend," Jones' Chevy Chase.

Congressman and Mrs. Ira Copley have gone to New York for a short stay. Later they will make a flying trip to Illinois, returning to Washington in about two weeks.

Mrs. Victor Kauffmann is spending a few days at the Lawrenceville School, where her son is a pupil.

Mrs. Edward Burr will go to West Point today for the graduation exercises of the Military Academy, where her two sons are members of the class of 1914.

Miss Elizabeth Trimlow will sail this week from New York for Naples, in charge of a party of young people. They will spend three months in travel in Italy, Switzerland, England and Scotland, returning from Glasgow, Mrs. H. B. Munn, of this city, also Miss Mary Warden, daughter of Charles W. Warden, of the Continental Trust Company, will be of the party.

The Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Lane have selected a cottage at Essex, on Lake Champlain as a residence for the summer. Mrs. Lane and children will go there this week, to be joined by the head of the family as the duties of his office will permit.

Mrs. Houston, wife of the Secretary of Agriculture, will also leave town for the summer this week, accompanied by her children. The Secretary and Mrs. Houston have selected Woods Hole, Mass., as their summer home.

Mrs. E. St. John Greble and Miss Mildred Greble will go to Atlantic City June 20 for a stay of ten days with Dr. and Mrs. William L. Eaton, Jr., of South Bethlehem, Pa., who will be there at that time for the medical congress, which Dr. Eaton will attend.

Lieut. Edwin St. John Greble, U. S. A., who arrived at Paris a few days ago, will go to Tours for the rest of June and July. He will join the French army in the middle of October, and will be with it for a year, being one of several young officers selected for the benefits of such an experience.

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THE OLDEST INHAB SEZ

"Mexican situation is a national calamity. Still, th' fish are bitin' pretty good in th' Basin, at that."

Giving the convict ship Success a glance over, being to understand how Congress feels about this extra stuff, Awfully warm weather to be cooped up.

Sure, take a lot of interest in the Mexican war, but can't forget the team is still in first place.

Keeps a fellow busy wiping the beads of perspiration off his forehead. Baldhead man, whose forehead runs all the way back to his collar, has got some territory to cover.

Well, even if we do have to get along without Walter Johnson, the outlaw league will have to get along without the hundred thousand dollars.

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It is through our human affections that the soul first learns to feel that its destiny is divine.

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The Silver Lining

Edited by ARTHUR BAER.

Faith in our chief exponent of peace gets a terrific jolt. Mr. Bryan's income tax returns show, among other personal property, a hundred dollars' worth of firearms.

After paying \$3,000 to get them back, guess Enrico will realize that his forte is singing, not writing, notes.

See that Vanitie finished first in a tickle breeze. Which is very apropos.

Give each one of the mediators a latest model rifle, and let them all shoot the rapids.

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Truths by Women Who Know

Encouraging Ideals by Ornamentation

Decoration of Public Schools

Women, individually and collectively, are today interesting themselves in the public schools, realizing that it is there the foundation of the characters of our future citizens are laid.

The League for the Decoration of Public Schools is one organization of women which endeavors to make school conditions perfect by making the surroundings of school children pleasant and artistic.

Miss Myra Hendley, an active member of this league, explains here how this is done.

The league was organized in 1908, at a meeting held at the residence of Mrs. Charles W. Richardson. With such able assistants as Miss Leila Mecklin, the second president, and Miss Grace Lincoln Temple, chairman of the committee on decoration, the league had an auspicious beginning.

The actual work of the league is accomplished by the committee on decoration, consisting of Mrs. Myra Hendley, Miss Temple and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Simon. This committee visits the school buildings from time to time, those whose walls are in the worst condition, and sends this list to the Superintendent of Schools, recommending that they be cleaned and retinted as fast as the appropriations will allow.

As soon as a building has been designated for renovation, Miss Temple determines the most appropriate color scheme for the walls and superintends the mixing of the paints by the workmen to insure satisfactory results.

When the District has completed its labors, the league does its share by providing pictures and casts, curtains and flower-boxes, to complete the artistic example. In a few instances, where no District funds are available, the league has furnished pictures to be hung in the District. In this way, dingy and apparently artistically hopeless schools have been transformed into cheerful and attractive educational centers.

The most notable examples of this metamorphosis are the Threlkeld, the Dent, the Lenox, and the Henry schools. The Threlkeld is an old four roomed building in Georgetown, but soiled, whitewashed walls and the principal ornament in each

ing May 15, while the gold raid was still on, the bureau delivered these silver certificates in exchange for the gold at the rate of \$2,000,000 a day. This enabled the Treasury to meet the demand for ten, twenties, and fifties without having to hand out gold certificates—the equivalent of gold.

The present officers of the league are: President, James Rush Marshall; vice presidents, Miss Leila Mecklin, Mrs. Myra Hendley, secretary, Miss Myra M. Hendley; treasurer, Charles J. Bell.

Banks Get \$40,000,000 of Treasury's Gold

The story of how the Treasury was drained of about \$40,000,000 of its gold supply, known as "free gold," has just been told by John L. Kennedy, associate editor of the Plate Printer, the official organ of the International Steel and Copper Plate Printers' Union.

The new currency law caused the bankers to need gold. The law provides that "every Federal reserve bank shall maintain reserves in gold or lawful money of not less than 25 per centum against its deposits, and reserves in gold of not less than 40 per centum against its Federal reserve notes in actual circulation, and not offset by gold or lawful money deposited with the Federal reserve agent."

That meant, of course, that the member banks making up the Federal reserve banks must furnish the gold. They had large holdings of gold certificates and coin, but not so much as they needed to get in from the Treasury. They began the accumulation soon after passage of the act.

Of course, the banks did not set out to get the actual metal. What they wanted was gold certificates, which could be stored in their vaults, and on which gold could be had at the Treasury for the asking. The Government, the bankers figured, could bear the expense of keeping the metal in storage.

The device the banks adopted was to send to the Treasury large amounts in small denominations silver certificates and United States notes, and to request in return bills of larger denominations, specifying tens, twenties, and fifties. The banks well knew the Government did not have in possession bills of those denominations in silver certificates, since most of such bills were stored in their own lawful reserves and also in such reserves of State banks and trust companies.

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Army and Navy

ARMY.

Leave of absence for one month, to take effect June 22, is granted to Lieut. Col. E. W. MAGRUDER, Coast Artillery Corps.

The leave of absence granted First Lieutenant L. E. WEBB, U. S. Army, is extended two days.

The leave of absence granted First Lieutenant SAMUEL J. TURNER, U. S. Army, is relieved from temporary duty at Fort Preble, Me., and will return to Fort H. G. Wright, N. Y.

NAVY.

Lieutenant Commander E. C. WOODS to sick leave.

Lieutenant Commander F. D. BERRILL to Inspector of Ordnance in Charge, Naval Magazine, Hingham, Mass.

Lieutenant A. W. FITCH, to Duncan.

Lieutenant R. A. KOCH, to command Trippe.

Lieutenant F. H. ROBERTS, to Works E. W. Bliss Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Lieutenant (junior grade) J. C. LATHAM, to Naval Academy practice grounds, Annapolis, Md.

Ensign BERT M. SNYDER, to navy yard, Mare Island, Cal.

Ensign F. S. CLARENCE, to Duncan.

Ensign E. E. HUNN, to navy yard, New York, N. Y.

Ensign A. S. MERRILL, to Naval Academy, at Newport, R. I.

Paymaster E. C. GUDGER, to Mayflower.

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS.

Arrived—Marietta at San Pedro de Macoris, Puerto Rico.

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