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CHANGES OF BENEFIT TO THE ARMY

Secretary Root's Appeal on Behalf of the Military Bill.

TO IMPROVE THE SERVICE

Lessons Taught by the War With Spain Used to Good Advantage in the Framing of the Measure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Secretary Root to-day appeared before the House Committee on Military Affairs and made a strong appeal to the committee to report favorably the bill drafted by him to increase the efficiency of the army. The Secretary said in part:

The bill is limited to three subjects. (1) Promotion in the line; (2) tenure of staff appointments and the relations between the staff and the line; (3) reorganization of the artillery. It is carefully framed to avoid raising the question of the size of the army, which, it is understood, Congress is not now ready to discuss, and its provisions are made applicable to any army of whatever size Congress may determine upon.

The provision as to line promotion is that every third promotion to the office of major, lieutenant colonel and colonel shall be by selection, leaving the other two-thirds to be as at present, by seniority. This is designed to afford some slight opportunity for recognition of exceptional ability and gallantry. Under the present law, which permits promotion only by seniority, the President is prohibited from recognizing meritorious or gallant conduct; the most effective and brilliant service must go unrewarded, the thoughtful, devoted and ambitious young man is precluded from advancing himself by his own exertion a hair's breadth beyond the indolent, the dull and the inefficient man who is just able to perform duty to keep from being turned out of the service.

Guarding Against Favoritism.

The only objections to the proposed measure are that there may be favoritism in the selections. The impartiality of the selection is safeguarded by the provision of the bill that the promotion shall be made from a list of three officers selected from the grade from which the promotion is to be made by a board of officers of superior rank convened for that purpose and sworn to make the selection according to the merits and fitness of the commandant as shown by his service records.

From these three the President is to make the nomination, which has again to pass the ordeal of confirmation by the Senate. The officers of the army have its efficiency and honor and justice to their fellows more deeply at heart than any one else in the world, and this bill puts into their hands the power and imposes upon them the solemn duty of confining these promotions strictly within the lines of justice.

The sections relating to staff organizations provide for the abolition of the present system of permanent staff appointments and for the substitution of details from the line or the staff for periods of four years, unless sooner terminated by the President, with the requirement that upon the expiration of a detail the officer shall serve at least one year in the line before he is eligible for another detail. The advantages of these provisions, I believe, will be manifold. I think the change will break up and prevent the tendency to bureaucratic government, of which there is always danger, and will increase the efficiency of both the line and the staff, by breaking down the division between them, by giving to each a more intimate and personal knowledge and appreciation of the difficulties and the needs of the other, and by creating a larger body of all-around men trained in every branch of the service and competent for any command, instead of men who have been trained in one branch only.

Efficiency of Bureau Chiefs.

The provision which permits the President to terminate a detail to the staff is of the highest importance. Nothing could be more unpractical than the present permanent tenure of the chief of a bureau. The President, as commander-in-chief, is responsible for the efficiency of the army. In time of war he is expected by the country to produce results by its use. He can determine who shall command the armies and can change generals in command as often as he chooses, but he is absolutely powerless as to the heads of these great departments which organize and assemble and feed and clothe and transport and arm and equip and care for the army. Victory or defeat is organized in the staff departments before a shot is fired. Inefficiency in them means necessary disaster at the beginning and the expenditure of countless treasure and the sacrifice of countless lives. Yet no matter how plainly inadequate to the task the head of one of these departments may be, the President is powerless to make a change unless the officer commits some distinct and heinous offense upon which he can be court-martialed and dismissed from the service.

The Secretary said care had been taken to protect the rights of incumbents of staff positions, and he understood the great majority of them were satisfied to accept the change cheerfully. Their opposition, he said, was purely personal and of the same kind which for years had undermined every attempt at improving army organizations. Such considerations should not prevail.

He then explained the provisions of the bill in detail, dwelling especially on those relating to the artillery. An increase of 6500 men, almost all in the coast artillery, had been provided for, but the increase would be spread over five years, and in order to avoid raising any question as to the size of our army at this time, the 1200 increase each year would be made up by recruiting that many fewer in other arms of the service. The regimental organization was abandoned as to the artillery, and the battery or company adopted as the unit of organization, substantially all military authorities being agreed that there was only a multiplication of red tape, and no sense, in trying to administer the artillery arm on a regimental basis when only one battery as a rule was in one locality. A chief of artillery was provided in order that this, like other important branches, should have a responsible head.

Some Opposition Develops.

Members of the committee asked many questions and showed great interest in the Secretary's statement. The provision giving the adjutant general of the army the rank of major general developed some opposition, and Marsh of Illinois moved to strike it out, but the motion did not prevail. Section 2, which is intended to apply to General Shafter, again brought out a motion by Jett of Illinois to strike out, which also failed. The bill as a whole was then agreed to by a divided vote. The first section abolishes post chaplains, and authorizes the President to appoint a chaplain for each regiment, regular and volunteers. The other section is as follows:

That the President is hereby authorized to select from the retired list of the army an officer not above the rank of brigadier general, who may have distinguished himself during the war with Spain, in command of a separate army, and to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, the officer so selected to be major general United States army, with the pay and allowance established by law for officers of that grade on the retired list.

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BUSINESS MAN DENOUNCED

Citizens in Mass-Meeting Adopt Resolutions Branding Louis Kutner as a Moral Coward and Social Outcast.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

MADERA, Feb. 27.—Bessie Evans, a popular young waitress employed at the Yosemite Hotel, swallowed an ounce of carbolic acid last Tuesday morning and ran into the room of Louis Kutner, a prominent business man, where she died a few minutes later. At first the fact of her having died in the young man's room was regarded as a mere accident, but upon closer investigation evidence was discovered which appeared to argue more than that.

Two notes were found, both of which had been written by the girl and addressed to Kutner. In the first she said that she loved him and that if it were not for him she would not kill herself. The second note was written on the back of a postal card and was a trite quotation to the effect that "chastity is the most priceless gift that God has given to woman, and it should be returned to Him unsullied." This note was signed with the girl's initials, "B. E."

The Coroner's jury investigated the case and examined several witnesses. It read the notes written by the girl and addressed to Kutner. The inquest resulted in a verdict of suicide, the jury failing to fix any responsibility.

When the notes were read at the inquest and other evidence brought out, the facts created a sensation. A number of the society women of the town, headed by Mrs. Dr. Butin, held a meeting at which it was decided to issue a call for a mass meeting of citizens to take place at the Presbyterian Church last night. Fully 200 of Madera's citizens were in attendance and the discussion was of the most animated description. The facts in the case were reviewed and young Kutner was denounced. A set of resolutions was finally adopted without dissent, in which the young business man was declared to be morally responsible for the death of the girl. Some of the most radical portions are as follows:

Kutner Denounced.

Whereas, An innocent young girl of excellent reputation (by name Bessie Evans) having been betrayed by flattering promises and the hope of a future happy home into an unholy alliance with a moral coward, not to say libertine (by name Louis Kutner), who by his relationship with her and the conditions into which he wantonly hurled her has by these misdeeds caused her to seek and find a suicide's grave unavenged. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the citizens of Madera, in mass meeting assembled, in the name of moral purity, home and justice, do hereby call upon all to whom these presents may come to use every moral influence to erase from our midst the name of Louis Kutner, whom we brand as a social outcast.

Resolved, That we view with consternation the attitude of the Madera Times in this case, in which it makes an effort to gloss over this crime and by innuendo to blacken the reputation of the dead girl. We believe that where a newspaper tries to condone such a crime as this it is not worthy of the respect or support of the public.

The next resolution asks the Board of Supervisors of Madera County to withdraw all the county patronage from the Times. The paper is a weekly and is edited by J. E. Nugent. It suppressed the sensational features of the suicide in its account of the affair, and defended Kutner. The Mercury, another weekly, takes the side of the people as represented in the mass meeting.

The suicide and its consequences have worked up the people of Madera to a state of high excitement. Kutner has left town and it is said that he is in San Francisco.

OF INTEREST TO PEOPLE OF PACIFIC COAST

More Money Is Asked for the Lighthouse Tender.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CALL HEADQUARTERS, WELLINGTON HOTEL, WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The Secretary of the Treasury to-day submitted to Congress a recommendation for an additional appropriation of $30,000 for the new lighthouse tender now under construction for service in Alaskan waters. The last Congress appropriated $100,000 for this vessel, but the amount was found insufficient and the Lighthouse Board has asked the Secretary of the Treasury to recommend an increase.

Representative de Vries to-day appeared before the House Committee on Rivers and Harbors in advocacy of his resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to purchase lands for and to proceed with the works recommended by the California Debris Commission. The committee has taken the matter under advisement and will report to the House in a few days.

Representative Bell of Colorado to-day introduced a bill directing the Secretary of War to pay all volunteer soldiers who were in the Philippine Islands when the peace treaty with Spain was signed the difference between the full travel pay and the actual value of such accommodations as were furnished them by the United States Government. This bill is introduced in the interest of the Colorado Regiment, but will include California and all other regiments who were in service there at that time.

Senator Foster to-day introduced a bill reimbursing A. F. Learned of Port Townsend for the amount lost by him by having his safe blown up while acting as Postmaster at that place.

S. A. Johnstone was to-day appointed Postmaster at Amadee, Lassen County, vice J. H. Hart, resigned.

A postoffice was to-day established at Peanu, Trinity County, and Richard W. Cuff was appointed Postmaster. The postoffice at Oneonta, San Diego County, will be discontinued after March 15. Mail should be sent to South Diego. Pacific Coast patents were granted to-day as follows:

California: Charles Y. Delay, Murphy, elastic tread horse shoe; John T. Rister, Eagleville, nail; George Gates, Jackson, concentrator; Walter R. Hall, San Francisco, assignor of one-half to A. O. Colton, toilet soap holder; Dennis Jordan, San Francisco, rotary dredging and excavating machine; Martin J. Kerrigan, Stockton, coal and slate separator; Elias L. McClure, San Francisco, loose leaf ledger; John C. Myer, San Francisco, lock; August Newell, Pasadena, lock adjustment for journal bearings; Elmer E. Nye and L. C. McIntosh, Los Angeles, circuit closer for telegraph key; William B. Piess, assignor of one-half to P. F. Dundon, San Francisco, dredger; Edward J. Robinson, Santa Monica, attachment for ink bottles; William F. Schmidt, Blanco, beet plow; Arthur T. Snell, Los Angeles, hook and eye; Joseph L. Wilson, Los Angeles, coin operated mechanism and escapement releasing mechanism for coin operative machines.

Oregon—Almon S. Venen, Forest Grove.

HORRIFYING SCENES AT A TRAIN WRECK

Women Burned to Death in Full View of Rescuers.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 27.—The blizzard prevailing throughout Western Missouri was the direct cause of a train wreck to-night on the main line of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, in which at least two persons and possibly more were killed and several others were badly hurt.

The fast St. Louis day express, due to arrive in Kansas City at 5:45 this evening, was delayed by a freight train which stuck in a snow drift two miles south of Independence, Mo., about twelve miles out of Kansas City. The St. Louis local passenger train, running forty minutes behind the fast express, came on through the blinding snowstorm and crashed into the express train ahead, the engineer having failed in the driving snow to see the danger signal which the first train had sent back.

Such was the force of the collision that the parlor car, which was in the rear of the first train, was literally cut in two. When Engineer Frank Raymond and his fireman escaped from the wreck they crawled out through the windows of the parlor car. Fire added to the horrors of the wreck, coals from the furnace of the shattered engine having fallen among the debris of the splintered coach, and soon the whole wreck was ablaze. Two or more persons, it is believed, were burned. A list of the dead and seriously injured, so far as known, is as follows:

Dead:

MRS. J. G. SCHMIDLAPP, Cincinnati; instantly killed; body recovered.

UNKNOWN WOMAN; body consumed in wreck.

Injured: J. G. Schmidlapp, Cincinnati, will recover. Miss Schmidlapp, Cincinnati, scalded; will lose sight of both eyes. Mrs. J. Balke, Cincinnati; mother of Mrs. Schmidlapp, badly scalded, eyesight lost, but may recover. W. R. Vaughn, Cincinnati; newspaper reporter; scalded and right arm crushed; amputation necessary. L. F. Sheldon, Sedalia; assistant superintendent of Missouri Pacific, painfully scalded. Brakeman Frank McAfee, St. Louis; badly bruised. Mrs. Elizabeth Peters, Kansas City; scalded. Mrs. Elizabeth Lee, Cincinnati; scalded.

All of the injured have been brought to the University Hospital in Kansas City.

William Rost, a farmer, near whose place the wreck occurred, and who was one of the first to render any assistance to the imperiled passengers, is quite sure that at least three women were burned in the wreck. When he reached the car flames were crackling through the splintered woodwork of the car at one end, while at the other a cloud of blistering steam was belching from the locomotive, which had ripped the coach open from end to end. On every side were men and women crying for assistance.

Mr. Rost's first act was to pull from the wreck a woman whose legs were sticking out through a broken window. She was not badly hurt. By the time this had been accomplished other passengers from the forward coaches had come back and helped out all of those in the burning car who could be reached.

Mr. Rost states that he saw the body of one woman jammed in the roof of the burning coach, and that it was not reached by the rescuers. The body of another woman was consumed in full view of the passengers who gathered about the wreck.

Mr. Rost and others tried to drag her out, but she was pinioned under heavy wreckage. Mr. Rost says the young woman was apparently dead, as he reached her hand and there was no response to his efforts at rescue. He describes the woman as about 25 years of age. She wore a dark dress and a leather chatelaine hung from her waist.

Mr. Rost believes that he saw the body of still a third woman wedged between timbers of the burning coach, but before he could get closer the fire and smoke and steam obscured his view.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 27.—J. G. Schmidlapp is president of the Union Savings Bank and Trust Company in this city. He is connected with very many industries here and in Ohio and Kentucky, and is considered a multi-millionaire.

For years President McKinley has been his guest when he visited this city. When President McKinley was here two years ago Mrs. Schmidlapp gave a large reception in honor of Mrs. McKinley. Mrs. Schmidlapp was a patron of literature and music as well as of many charitable organizations. The Schmidlapps left yesterday for a month's absence at Pasadena, Cal.

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First Floor—Off Rotunda.

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Bargain Tables—Main Aisle.

20c Dress Skirtings and Linings 14c. 25 pieces only of 20c fine Metallic Stripe Dress Lining and Skirting, 33 inches wide, in the latest colorings—new blue, purple and cerise, also in black with gold, silver and purple stripe, an extra good value at the regular price; on special sale this day only.....per yard 14c

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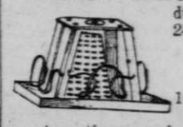

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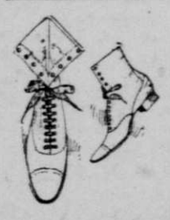

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Washington—William T. Dodd, Walla Walla, school desk; Jefferson J. Nagle, Marysville, tongue support; Thomas Redding, Seattle, fish trap net.

Eugene D. Sullivan of San Francisco and George W. Fogg of Tacoma, Wash., have been admitted to practice before the Interior Department.

Pensions—California: Original—Eugene Bogasich, San Francisco, $6; John McGraw, Soldiers' Home, Los Angeles, $6; John Weaver, Eureka, $8; Simeon Nixon, Soldiers' Home, Los Angeles, $6.

Renewal—John A. D. Arcy, Soldiers' Home, Los Angeles, $8.

Increase—John Hart, Soldiers' Home, Los Angeles, $6 to $8.

War with Spain, original—Daniel B. Raymond, Pasadena, $8.

Oregon—Original—Henry Charles Paulding, Oswego, $6.

Washington—Original—Michael Mulligan, Seattle, $6; Charles Smith, Issaquah, $8.

Increase—James E. Riggs, Napavine, $6 to $8.

PIPEMEN KILLED.

Horribly Crushed by Explosion in a Water-Purifying Machine.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 27.—F. Lemars, a pipeman, employed at the Ice and Cold Storage Company's plant here, was instantly killed this morning by the blowing out of a cylinder head in a hundred-horse power water purifier. Lemars was driving the head in place and stood directly over it. He was blown about twenty feet and every bone in his body was broken.

OFFICERS AT WAR OVER A CHINESE WOMAN

Highbinders File Various Charges to Gain a Slave.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN JOSE, Feb. 27.—Tai Gan, a comely Chinese maiden, was the bone of contention between two Chinese factions in the courts here to-day. Officers with warrants for various charges wrangled over the possession of the girl. It is the same old story of a gang of highbinders trying to get possession of a merchant's wife to make a slave of her. Tai Gan is the wife of Gee Hop, a Napa merchant, and was married to the latter last December in the office of the District Attorney of that county by an Episcopal minister. According to her story a highbinder entered her husband's store during his absence and demanded $100 of her as blackmail. He then tried to induce her to run away with him, and when she refused he charged her with stealing a watch.

The woman was brought to San Jose today to answer to the charge before Justice Rosenthal. The complainant failed to appear and the charge was dismissed. Deputy Sheriff Secord of Napa then took possession of the woman on a felony charge and Deputy Sheriff Bache made a grab for her to answer to a Federal warrant charging her with being unlawfully in this country. As a compromise the woman was taken to the County Jail, where both officers watched over Tai Gan. At 11:30 o'clock she was taken before Court Commissioner James to answer to the charge of being unlawfully in this country. A time was set for her examination, pending which she will be confined in the jail at Napa, unless she gives bail in the sum of $1000.

The felony complaint in Napa was probably only placed against the woman so as to get her back there. The fight over the woman promises to be a lively one, and her husband fears she will be kidnaped.

Presidential Nominations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The President to-day sent the following nominations to the Senate:

State—Henry B. Miller of Oregon to be Consul at Chungking, China.

War—Daniel Van Voorhis of Ohio to be second lieutenant of cavalry, U. S. A.

Navy—Daniel W. Blake of Mississippi to be second lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

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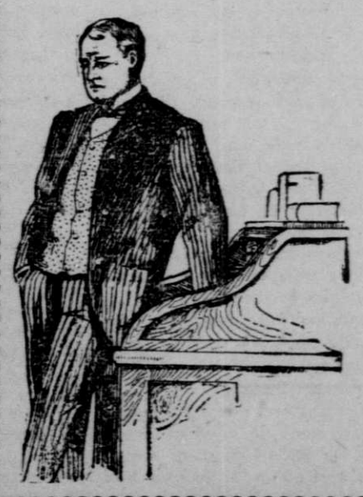
A WASTED LIFE.

A Broken-Down Man at 42.



"Here I am, forty-two years old, making money, good prospects in business, lots of friends, a social favorite, like to mix with a jolly crowd, look the picture of health, but don't feel it by a long shot. Don't seem to have any ambition; the old fire, the vim, the vitality that I used to have seems dead."

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