

The Times' Daily Short Story.

What a "Quarter" Might Have Done

Nicholas Reid and Percy James were college chums. Reid was methodical, prudent, calculating—in short, must see his way clearly in everything, leaving nothing to chance. He had a big heart, but never let it run away with his head. James was a better skelter sort of a fellow who took all sorts of risks, but his intuitions were so nearly correct that he seldom made mistakes, except in the ostentatious of his sympathies, which were given to all who came his way. His chum used to reproach him for his indiscriminate charities, admonishing him that he would never be of any real philanthropic use in the world. Reid had visions for himself of one day endowing a great library.

After graduation the chums parted and did not meet again for thirty years. It was commencement time, and their class held a reunion at their alma mater. Seated in the chapel steps in the shade of the elms, where they had as youngsters often sang college songs, the two men compared notes of their thirty years experience. Both had been remarkably successful. "I remember well, old fellow," said the latter, "how you used to twit me on my misbestowed charities. I have learned that you were right about that, and I have been long ago converted to your views." "Don't," said Reid in a voice full of pain, at the same time laying his hand on his friend's arm. James looked up and saw that he had touched some tender spot. "What is it, Nick?" he asked. "Tell me how you came to be converted to my views." "Simply by investigating a few cases of persons applying to me for relief. They were all frauds." "All?" "I only looked into three or four cases. These were certainly undeserving."

MODES FOR THE SCHOOL GIRL

The Killed Skirt Still in Favor. Ways of Lengthening Frocks. Killed skirts are still in high favor for young girls' suits and dresses—they're too useful and becoming a style to be dropped in a hurry—and are at their prettiest when applied to plaid blouses. Shirt waists for girls are rather plain tailored affairs trimmed perhaps with fancy buttons. Lingerie blouses are made with long sleeves in absolute contradiction to the modes of the older ones, for short sleeves savor of more or less formal occasions, and nothing in the way of formal occasions must be connected with girls' clothes. New ways of braiding are a boon to the woman whose sixteen-year-old daughter is growing "out of all bounds," for under those braiding over pleatings are concealed which make the wearisome task of letting down somewhat easier. Bands offer the same opportunity, especially those graduated ones with the lowest one perhaps twice the width of the top.



DRESSES OF MAUVE TONNE.

A charming blouse for a young girl is of tucked crepe de chine in pale blue, with a yoke of Paris guipure veiled with double chiffon. The folded scarfs crossing the shoulders are inset with herringbone stitching, made with rouse silk of the same color. The yoke forms a point at the back, and the scarfs form a mitered point below the yoke. The sleeves are made on a fitted foundation of the crepe, and the full bell overpart and the deep frills are arranged upon this. The gown in the cut is of a pale mauve voile. The skirt about the waist is disposed in plaits and trimmed at the bottom with velvet ribbon several shades darker than the voile. The jaunty little jacket has a tiny vest of white cloth adorned with small gold buttons, and the velvet trimmings on the jacket are caught through gold buckles.

REPORT 8-HOUR BILL BY A TRICK

Coup Executed by Democrats of House Labor Committee

CATCH MAJORITY NAPPING

Three Republicans and Three Democrats in the Committee Room Prepared to Listen to Argument on Measure When Hearst Appeared.

Washington, May 31.—The Democrats of the House committee on labor caught their Republican colleagues napping on Tuesday and forced a favorable report on the eight-hour bill. The action was the result of a trap which the Democrats cleverly set for their opponents. Since the committee began hearings on the bill there have been only one or two instances, and then only for a few minutes, when a quorum of the committee was present. The labor advocates did not ask to be heard, but charged that the opposition to the measure sought hearings in order to delay action upon the measure. In the morning, when the hearings were resumed, there were six members present, three Republicans and three Democrats. As a rule the majority of the Republican members have remained away from the hearings, and they did so Tuesday. Judge Fayson, representing the Newport News Shipbuilding and dry dock companies and other interests antagonistic to the measure, was prepared to continue his argument by reading from several volumes of reports which he had piled up before him. Suddenly Representative Hearst appeared upon the scene, making a quorum of the committee present, four Democrats and three Republicans. Immediately Mr. Hunt of Missouri, who had been waiting for this opportunity, moved that the hearings be suspended at once. There was a scurrying for more Republican members, but none could be found, and Mr. Hunt passed a resolution of his motion. When it was put the four Democrats voted for it, and were able to carry it through. Judge Fayson was shut out, without an opportunity to say another word. Thereupon Mr. Rainey of Illinois followed up the advantage gained, and before any more Republicans could be recalled he moved that the committee report the bill to the House favorably. This was also agreed to, the four Democrats and Representative Gardner, Republican, the chairman of the committee, voting for the motion. The Democrats are rejoicing over their coup, and as soon as the action was taken hastened to report their triumph to Floor Leader Williams. In view of the threat of the American Federation of Labor to be reorganized upon those who oppose its measures and to reward those who are in sympathy with them, the Democratic men are jubilant over their victory in the committee on labor.

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CONFERENCE REPORT OF STATEHOOD BILL.

Committee Will Favor Allowing Arizona and New Mexico to Vote on the Question of Union. Washington, May 31.—The conference committee on statehood expects to report before the end of the week it will favor permitting Arizona and New Mexico to vote separately on the question of union. Speaker Cannon promises to put the report through the House, but whether it will be accepted by the Senate is still a question. Senator Foraker, who, with others, is opposing any legislation tending to open the way for the admission of Arizona and New Mexico, is still unwilling to accept the proposed compromise. The President has endorsed the report the conference will make.

METHOD KILLS TWO. A Third Man May Die and a Fourth Is Made Blind.

Northport, L. I., May 30.—In the farming district of West Hills, this township, Charles Pashinsky and Dominick are dead from drinking wood alcohol. A third man is likely to die and a fourth has been made totally blind. They said that the wood alcohol was sold to them by Bruno Hecht, a druggist, and that they called for alcohol. The druggist has been held by the coroner for a hearing on Thursday.

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ABOUT 35 DELEGATES.

Conference in Rutland of Representatives of the Christian Science Churches of the State. Rutland, May 30.—Delegates to the conference of Christian Science churches of Vermont began to arrive yesterday. Nine societies are represented, those in Montpelier, Barre, St. Albans, Burlington, St. Johnsbury, Essex Junction, Randolph, Barnard and Rutland. The opening feature of the conference was the address of Judge Septimus J. Hanna of Colorado Springs, in Dunn hall last evening. Judge Hanna spoke on "Christian Science, the Religion of the Bible."

Among the delegates here are Miss Jane C. Rankin of St. Albans, Miss Margaret Axtell of St. Albans, Mr. Bowman of Essex Junction, Mrs. M. B. Jones of Burlington, Miss Fanny L. Milliken of St. Albans, Mrs. Ada E. Foster of Burlington, Mrs. Rose F. Walker and E. A. Walker of Barre, Mrs. W. O. Standish and Mrs. W. R. Simpson of Montpelier, Mrs. Nellie G. Ladd and Mrs. Laura W. Burt of St. Johnsbury, P. P. Lampron of Randolph, E. S. Webster, Miss Hattie Webster and L. E. W. Webster of Whitehall.

Several places in Vermont where there are not chartered societies are represented, about 35 delegates in all being present.

TWO PRISONERS BORING THE ROOF

Attempt Frustrated in the Massachusetts Prison—One of Them a Trusty.

Boston, May 30.—An attempt by two prisoners to escape from the Massachusetts state prison was frustrated early yesterday by a prison officer, who discovered the men, John Cummings of Worcester and John Brown of Salem, in the act of boring their way to liberty through the roof. Brown is serving a sentence of from twelve to fifteen years for breaking and entering a building in Salem. He was committed on Feb. 14, 1901. Cummings is under sentence for murder in the second degree and has been in the prison since June 15, 1905. Cummings was treated as a trusty at the prison a fact which is supposed to have greatly aided the pair, as they were provided with various tools and keys, besides two coats. According to the prison authorities Brown was located up in his cell on the fourth floor as usual on Monday night, and when Cummings went to him, according to custom, to give him coffee, he passed also through the cell grating a key made from a piece of tin and a wrench fashioned from a knife blade. By the use of the key and the wrench Brown could open the cell door and he is then supposed to have gone along the corridor to the door of the cell occupied by Cummings and to have assisted him in opening the door of that cell. By the aid of ropes to which hooks were attached the men managed to reach the top of the fifth tier cells. Standing there they reached the inside of the roof and they were engaged in boring a hole when discovered at about 3:30 Tuesday morning. Among the articles found in their possession were small bags of sugar and salt, which it is supposed, were intended to be thrown in the eyes of prison keepers in the event of the men being interrupted. Cummings and Brown, however, made no resistance when the prison officer discovered them.

BRITISH BATTLESHIP GOES ASHORE IN FOG

The Montagu Aground in Bristol Channel—In a Bad Position But Sea Is Smooth.

London, May 31.—A despatch to Lloyds from Lundy Island, in Bristol Channel, says that the battleship Montagu went ashore on Shute Point in a fog. She is in a very bad position but the sea is smooth.

OVER 600 SALOONS CLOSED. More to Shut Down in Cleveland Owing to High License Law.

Cleveland, May 31.—More than 600 saloonkeepers in Cleveland Tuesday night closed their saloons at midnight when the Alken law, raising the liquor tax from \$350 to \$1,000 a year, goes into effect. Returns from the various wards show that the greatest number of saloons are closing in the outlying districts. In the opinion of Auditor Wright, about 850 discontinuances will be caused at present and many more within the next six months. The total number of saloons at the last report was 2,475. Taking Mr. Wright's estimate as a basis there will be 1,825 saloons left in business after last night. With \$1,000 tax on each, the income will be \$1,825,000, nearly double last year's figures.

DRUMMER'S SUICIDE. L. B. Condes, Native of Wardsboro, Cuts Throat in Rhode Island.

Providence, R. I., May 31.—Leon B. Condes, a commercial traveler for a boot and shoe house and a native of Wardsboro, Vt., was found dead with his throat cut in a deserted farm house several miles from Providence in the country Tuesday. The body was in such a condition that identification was possible only by means of a key ring in his pocket. He was 37 years old, and had lived in Providence 16 years. He has a wife, mother and sister in Brattleboro, Vt. He represented the firm of C. S. Sisson & Co.

FIRE AT PROCTOR. \$200 Damage in Vermont Marble Company Tenement.

Proctor, May 31.—Fire yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock in a double tenement owned by the Vermont Marble company and occupied by foreigners did about \$200 damage practically destroying the roof. The fire originated in a room adjoining the living room, where cooking was done. The fire gates of a stove fell down, igniting the wood work. The department arrived promptly on the scene and soon had three streams of water on the flames.

IN LOCAL MARKETS

Potatoes Easier and Some New York Shipments Received

RHUBARB ABUNDANT

Fowls More Plenty—Pork Easier—Eggs Steady at 15@16c—Butter Unchanged—Veal Is Very Plenty.

Barre, Vt., May 31, 1906. Potatoes easier and some New York shipments are being received. Fowls more plenty. Native rhubarb is abundant and low. We quote wholesale prices as follows: Dressed Pork—Easy at 7 3/4 @ 7 5/8c. Veal—Plenty at 8 1/2c. Western Lamb—12@13c. Mutton—9@10c. Fowls—17@18c. Eggs—Steady at 15@16c. Butter—Unchanged; creamery 21@22c; choice dairy, 15@19c; seconds, 16@17c. Potatoes—Small lots offered at from 80 to 90c. Native Rhubarb—Abundant, at from 1c to 1 1/2c per pound.

RICKER'S ST. JOHNSBURY MARKET. Wool Inclined to Be Lower—Beef Is Firm.

St. Johnsbury, May 29.—Wool is inclined to be lower. Beef is firm, hogs are a shade lower and veal, unless extra, lower. The receipts at W. A. Ricker's market for the week ending May 28 were as follows: Poultry—2,500 pounds, 8@9c. Lambs—4@5c. Hogs—400, 5@5 1/2c. Cattle—60, 2 1/2@3c. Calves—70, 2 1/2@3c. Milk Cows—20, 82@86c.

IN BOSTON MARKETS. Butter Held at Higher and Fuller Prices.

Boston, May 31.—Receipts of butter do not increase, but since most of the stock costs high it is held at higher and full prices. Light receipts and strong outside advices cause increased firmness in cheese. Eggs show no material change. Quotations follow: Butter—Creamery, extra Vermont and New Hampshire, 21 1/2c, northern New York 21 1/2c, western 21 1/2c, northern creamery first, 19@20c, western creamery first, 19@20c, creamery seconds 16@18c, creamery thirds 14@15c, eastern creamery, best marks 20c, fair to good 17@19c, western milk 14@15c, packing stock 13@14 1/2c, renovated butter 13@17c, boxes and prints 14@21 1/2c. Cheese—New York twins fancy 10 1/2@11 1/2c, fair to good 9@10c, Vermont twins fancy 10 1/2@11 1/2c, fair to good 9@10c, Wisconsin twins 9 1/2@10 1/2c. Eggs—Fancy henney 21, eastern extra 19c, common to good 17@18c, fair to good 16 1/2@17c, fresh laid southern 15 1/2@16 1/2c, western dirties 15@14c, storage packed western firsts 14@15 1/2c.

SPERMINT WINS THE DERBY WITH MATHER UP

American Jockey Pilots Syke's Colt to Victory. Epsom, England, May 31.—The Derby, the blue ribbon event of the turf, was run over the historic course on Epsom Downs yesterday and was won by Sir Tatton Syke's Jay colt, Spermint, by Carbine—Maid of the Mint, which was ridden by the American jockey, Danny Maher. J. J. Dugdale's chestnut colt, Beton, was second and the Duke of Westminster's brown colt, Troutbeck, was third. Twenty-two horses ran. The betting was 6 to 1 against Spermint, 18 to 1 against Beton and 33 to 1 against Troutbeck. It was about a dozen years ago that Danny Maher began riding. He was born in Hartford, Conn., and took his first lessons in jockeyship from "Father Bill" Daly. He made rapid strides and was soon a formidable rival to Tod Sloan. Maher went to England in 1900 and made a success there from the start. In 1901 he rode some of King Edward's horses and earned about \$25,000. In 1902 he rode 11 1/2 winners. He rode Rock Sand, the winner of the Derby in 1903. Maher has saved his money, and is said to be worth about \$200,000.

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FASHION'S FORECAST.

Some Handsome Reception Costumes Pointed Toes on the Spring Shoes. Long flared silk jackets worn over lace or chiffon gowns are very effective for reception costumes. But the long silk jacket effect is rarely worn in the evening, although silk and satin boleros are to be seen on many of the satin and velvet ball gowns. Extremely pointed shoes are the models promised for the spring. Handsomely marked tortoise shell combs delicately incrustated with a net work of paste along the entire length.



A REMNANT BLOUSE.

or at either end with a graceful design in enamel in the middle are considered the most up to date styles in combs. Black canvas skirts plaited and ready to be seamed up the back are to be purchased in the shops. One handsome example was elaborately embroidered in black silk several feet around at the bottom and sells for \$25, facilitating material for the waist. The blouse in the cut is a remnant affair that well fulfills its destiny, being composed, as it is, of three different materials in quite short lengths. The vest is of zephyre lace, the pretty bertha is of silk, while any soft falling fabric is used for the bloused part and short elbow sleeves.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

How Coney Island Got Its Name.

There have been many ingenious definitions of the word "coney," but the simplest one—that it means "rabbit"—and was conferred upon the island because rabbits abounded there—is the definition that seems always to have been properly accepted.

The Woodpecker.

The woodpecker is an excellent carpenter. The hole he bores in a tree is as exactly round as though lined out with a pair of compasses.

Red Ears of Corn.

"Red ears" are one of the vagaries of the cornfield and always seem to interest because of their strange appearance and still more strange appearing. Two years ago a row of corn was planted with grains from a solid red ear between rows made up of a long list of wane varieties, and in no instance was there any red color marked upon any grains in the many white rows alongside, and contrariwise no white grains could be detected upon the red ears then produced. It was also observed that many of the stalks from the red grains produced white ears with colorless grains and husks. If there is a law underlying the production of red ears it is not understood by writer.—B. D. Halsted.

Tea From Farm Journal.

Early tomatoes, before the neighborhood, a Michigan subscriber recommends liquid manure, pouring half a pint around the early plants every few days. Sopsids, strong, made of good soap, are excellent to destroy insects—ants, lice, red spider, etc.—on vegetables. Ever see the tender pea vine leaves when they first show above the surface of the ground—look ragged in places, as if eaten by something? Look out for the English sparrows. Do you know how to get rid of plantain on the lawn? Just keep cutting it.

Thrashing Machines.

Thrashing machines go back to 1750. A German artisan, Hofffeld, designed one in that year. In 1786 Andrew Meikle, a Scotch mechanic, produced one so perfect that despite nearly a century of improvements it is today in all essentials the same as the original.

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