

RANK FOR THE NAVAL CLERKS.

Senator Bate Introduces Bill for New Corps.

TO AID EFFICIENCY OF SERVICE.

Heads of Clerical Force to Have Equal Rank with Warrant Officers—Men in Other Branches Eligible to Transfer—To Be Part of Enlisted Establishment.

No one in the Senate takes more interest in the welfare and advancement of the men in the navy than Senator Bate. Every meritorious measure for the promotion of the navy always commands the Tennessee Senator's support.

The object of the bill is to establish a clerical corps of the navy, which shall consist of chief clerks, warrant clerks, chief yeomen, first, second and third class yeomen. The Secretary of the Navy consist of chief clerks, warrant clerks, clerks, or as many more as the service may require with the rank, pay and privileges of warrant officers, and to enlist as many chief yeomen, first, second and third class yeomen as, in the Secretary's judgment, may be necessary.

Eligible for Transfer. The bill continues: "Enlisted men in the navy or the marine corps shall be eligible for transfer to the clerical corps, and vacancies occurring in the grade of warrant clerk shall be filled by the Secretary of the Navy by selection from those holding the rate of chief yeoman, yeoman first class, and clerks to yeomen in the navy."

The first one hundred warrant clerks or more appointed immediately after the passage of this act who have served ten years or more in the navy or marine corps, either as chief yeoman, yeoman, ship's writer, clerk, clerk to paymasters, or as all, shall be commissioned chief clerks, to rank with and after ensigns. Provided, That chief clerks shall on promotion have the same pay and allowances as is now or may hereafter be allowed a second lieutenant in the marine corps. Provided further, That nothing in this act shall give additional rights to quarters on board ship or to command, and that a warrant clerk who has served fifteen years in the navy or marine corps, either as warrant clerk, chief yeoman, yeoman, ship's writer, clerk, clerk to paymasters, or as all, shall, after having passed an examination before a board of chief clerks in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, be commissioned chief clerk in accordance with the provisions of this section.

To Do All Clerical Service. "All necessary clerical service on board vessels of the navy, Coast Survey, Fish Commission, and all other clerical service in the navy which may be performed by the members of the clerical corps while they are at sea or detailed on shore duty, and which shall be ordered by the Secretary of the Navy, shall be performed by the members of the clerical corps, and the corps shall be a permanent establishment of the navy, and be counted as a part of the enlisted force provided by law, and shall be subject to the laws and regulations for the government of the navy.

The pay of chief yeoman shall be \$75 a month; the pay of yeoman, first class, \$55 a month; the pay of yeoman, second class, \$45 a month; and the pay of yeoman, third class, \$35 a month; and to increase on account of length of service as is now or may hereafter be allowed by law to other enlisted men in the navy.

All benefits derived from existing laws, or that may hereafter be allowed by law to chief boatwains, warrant officers, or enlisted men in the navy, shall be allowed in the same manner to the chief clerks, warrant officers, or enlisted men in the clerical corps of the navy. Provided, That all honorable service of whatever nature in the army, navy, or marine corps shall be computed with the period necessary to entitle the applicant to retire under the provisions of existing laws."

To Receive Attention Soon. This bill, it was said last evening, will receive early consideration from the Committee on Naval Affairs.

YOUNG GOULD'S SURPRISE.

Nine-Year-Old Chauffeur to Receive a Tiny Automobile. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—When little nine-year-old George Jay Gould, Jr., opens his eyes tomorrow morning at his father's country seat, Georgian Court, Lakewood, N. J., they will gaze upon what probably will be the costliest and most up-to-date toy Santa Claus will give to any American boy this year.

For a nine-year-old boy he showed a propensity in automobile handling that was wonderful, and displayed a courage that would do credit to a Fournier. Pleasant, his father's chauffeur, suggested that young George's automobile enthusiasm might be directed into a less dangerous direction if a small automobile could be built to order for the youthful chauffeur. Mrs. Gould thought the idea an excellent one and commissioned Pleasant to have such a machine constructed.

There were but three weeks before Christmas in which to put the idea into execution. J. O. McDonell, former manager of the C. J. G. agency, and the order was at once given to a firm of carriage and automobile builders in West Sixty-seventh Street. They examined Mrs. McDonell's mechanical ideas with their own in the way of body construction.

The result in the hands of the most complete electric automobile in miniature yet turned out from an American shop. It was finished yesterday, ready for shipment today at Lakewood. The tiny vehicle weighs but 250 pounds, its length is four feet over all and its height from the ground to the seat is two feet. The body is three feet three inches by one foot seven inches. The pneumatic-tired wheels are twenty inches rear and thirteen inches front, and are wire spoked. The tires are one and one-half inches in diameter.

MR. CLEVELAND'S HEALTH.

Reported as Out of Danger, But Still Far From Well. PHILADELPHIA, N. J., Dec. 24.—Ever since his return from the southern gunning trip, Grover Cleveland has been confined to his house. During the trip he contracted a heavy cold which developed into pneumonia, and he was forced to take to his bed.

Under the care of his physician, Dr. James H. Wyckoff, he speedily improved, and was soon pronounced out of danger. He remained in his bed for about two weeks, when he was able to sit up, and finally left the bed, but still remained in his room.

Since his recovery several rumors have been heard that he had taken a sudden turn for the worse, but none of them was true, and he finally contemplated going out of doors. Another rumor suddenly developed yesterday that he was again in a serious condition. When a reporter called at Westland, Mr. Cleveland's home on Bayard Avenue, this afternoon, Mr. Cleveland could not be seen, but Mrs. Cleveland gave out the following written statement:

The reports that have been published in regard to Mr. Cleveland's improved physical condition have apparently been construed as indicating his entire recovery. He has already received severe epistolary chastisement at the hands of those who are impatiently waiting for answers to letters which should never have been written. While Mr. Cleveland's health is such as to entirely relieve his friends from any apprehension, he is yet far from well.

CATHOLIC CLERGY CHANGES.

Many Appointments Announced by Cardinal Gibbons.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 24.—Cardinal Gibbons has announced a number of changes and appointments among the Catholic clergy of the archdiocese. They are as follows:

- The Rev. Cornelius J. Dacey, to missions in Frederick County, these missions being St. Joseph's, Carrollton Manor and St. Ignace, Urbana. The Rev. Samuel Joseph Kavanagh, to St. Peter's Church, Libertytown, Frederick County, succeeding the Rev. John Norton, transferred to St. Maria's Church, Baltimore. The Rev. John Lawless, to Dodo, Anne Arundel County. The Rev. Edward L. Devine, to St. Bridget's Church, Canton. The Rev. James Augustus Smyth, to be assistant at St. Joseph's Church, Washington, succeeding the Rev. P. C. Gavin. The Rev. Edward P. McAdams, to Spylesville, Carroll County, succeeding the Rev. John H. Roth, who was transferred to St. Mary's Church, Washington, as an assistant priest. The Rev. Patrick C. Gavin, assistant priest at St. Joseph's Church, Washington, was named chancellor of the Diocese of Baltimore, with headquarters at the Cathedral, for the place of the Rev. Joseph T. O'Brien. Father Gavin, the new chancellor, has been a priest for about six years. He studied at St. Charles College in Rome. For a while he was secretary to the present Archbishop Keane, then living in Rome. He was recently in America. Father Gavin was assistant priest at St. Joseph's Church, in this city, and afterward was situated in Washington.

KING HONORS CHICAGO BOY.

Royal Humane Society Gave Medal for Saving Twenty-three Lives.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Arthur Egan, the seventeen-year-old boy who rescued twenty-three persons from drowning in Lake Michigan, has been decorated by Edward VII, King of England, for his heroism. The only medal ever given by the Royal Humane Society to a resident of the United States has been received in Chicago for the boy who, less than a month ago was one of the four recipients of gold medals presented by Henry E. Weaver, at the Strudshaker Building, for lifesaving at the free bathing beaches along the north shore.

NAVAL OFFICERS RETURN.

Death and Illness the Causes of Sudden Recall.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Captain Willard H. Bronson of the Iowa and Lieut. Harry George of the flagship Kearsarge arrived today from Havana by the Ward liner Mexico. Captain Bronson is here because a death in his family makes necessary the settlement of an estate. Lieutenant George comes on special duty. Commander Godfrey Blockinger of the cruiser Kearsarge arrived from Cuba by the steamship Atlanta, called home by the serious illness of a member of his family.

HUGE CROSS OVER THE MOON.

Strange Sight in the Heavens Seen at Reading.

READING, Pa., Dec. 24.—Early morning market men driving in from the country and motormen on suburban lines and others astir at 5:20 a. m. today saw an unusual sight in the heavens. A huge illuminated cross seemed to be flashed across the face of the moon. The moon was unusually bright. From the top, bottom, and sides extended for some distance the projecting ends of the cross, as if thrown upon the moon by some gigantic magnetic light.

SUIT AGAINST HER LAWYERS.

Miss Lewis Dissatisfied With Division of Damages.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 24.—Miss Nellie Lewis has brought suit against her attorneys, Cowell & Gombard, for an accounting and for \$1,000 balance. Miss Lewis was awarded \$50,000 in a breach of promise suit against the late millionaire mine owner, Sam Strong. On his death the suit was pending in a higher court to which appeal was taken, but Strong's widow paid \$10,000 to effect a settlement. The attorneys were to get one-third of this. They are alleged to have kept one-half.

Crime Veteran Dead.

OSAGE CITY, Kan., Dec. 24.—William Fay, who was an English soldier in the Crimean war, died here yesterday, aged more than a hundred years. Until a few weeks ago his mind was vigorous. The old man wandered away during last week's cold wave and was badly frozen. This was the direct cause of his death.

Mr. Payne's Private Secretary.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 24.—Frank H. Whitney, who for ten years has held a confidential position in Henry C. Payne's office, will be the private secretary of the new Postmaster General. Mr. and Mrs. Payne will leave for Washington on January 7. They will be accompanied by Miss Louise Jones, a niece of Mrs. Payne.

Kate Greenwood's Will.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The will of Kate Greenwood, the children's artist, who died November 6, was proved today. The estate amounts to £9,200.

CHRISTMAS AT WHITE HOUSE.

Young Roosevelts' Joy Will Bubble Over.

SIX STOCKINGS HANGING UP.

Everyone Connected With the Household to Receive Appropriate Remembrances from Chief Executive—Many Packages for Family Arrive Yesterday.

No children in Washington last night were more in the dark, or more curious regarding the presents they will receive this morning, than the younger element of the Roosevelt family. Six stockings were hung from the mantel in the hall, and six very curious young persons will arise very early this morning to find out what they have received for Christmas.

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt selected the gifts carefully and were very lest the children should gain an inkling of what they were to receive. The White House will see a merrier celebration of Christmas today than it has for many years, for there have never been so many lively young folks in the old mansion for a long time. The exuberance of the youngsters yesterday could hardly be restrained, and it will probably be redoubled today after they have received their Christmas remembrances.

Decided to Have No Tree.

There will be no Christmas tree at the White House, as the Roosevelt children do not care for Christmas trees. They have never had one at the Yuletide celebration, and the President has rather a partiality for the customs of Holland and the Hollanders.

The attaches at the White House were rather disappointed when they learned that there would be no tree. They had supposed that, with so many children, the tree would be indispensable.

The President will spend the day as quietly as possible with so many children in the house. In the morning he will receive a gift from each member of the family. The gifts will not, for the most part, be expensive, for the children have been required to purchase them from their regular allowances, and each has selected something which he thinks will especially please the father.

Mrs. Roosevelt, of course, will receive a remembrance from each one, as also will Miss Emily Carew, Mrs. Roosevelt's sister, who is visiting in Washington.

Festivities at Mrs. Cowles.

During the morning the President will attend divine service at Grace Dutch Reformed Church on Fifth Street northwest. He will probably be accompanied by one or two members of the family. In the afternoon the White House children will go to the home of Commander and Mrs. Cowles, where they will receive more presents, and where a pretty Christmas tree will be lighted.

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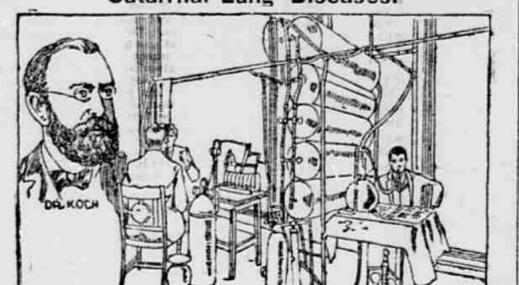
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The Grippe Generally Attacks the Lungs.

Dr. Koch's New Invention for the Cure of Catarrhal Lung Diseases.



This is a picture of Prof. Koch, of Germany, the only man recognized by the last international congress of consumption doctors, at London, last July, as having successfully cured Consumption. He is a professor at the National German University in Berlin and the discoverer of the germ-poison, bacillus, causing Consumption, also of the Tubercular medicine that kills this germ and cures the disease.

By the Inhalation Method, as used by the original Koch Lung Cure, this germ-killing remedy is combined with healing oils and breathed directly into the tubes of the lungs, and it comes in direct contact with the disease itself, and thus the poison which causes Consumption is killed, and the healing oils of the inhalation are enabled to heal up the sore places.

At the Berlin University Prof. Koch teaches this treatment to his students. At the German Government Laboratory, of which he is chief, he promulgates his formula for curing Consumption. By the use of the inhalation invention, which carries the healing oils directly into all the air tubes, decay of the lungs is arrested and the oily medicated vapors are brought directly in contact with the affected parts through the tubes of the lungs, and results are secured in the treatment of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh and Asthma which never were, and never could be, accomplished by the old way of taking medicine into the stomach.

The German Government endorses his treatment and makes the Tubercular medicine which cures Consumption, Asthma, Bronchitis, and Catarrh in their own laboratories, under the supervision of Prof. Koch. It is sent to the original Koch Lung Cure, at 827 E Street, northwest, Washington, D. C., and to the other offices of the German-American Company, which are located in all the principal Eastern cities.

Thousands of people die every month of lung diseases, especially in such a changeable climate as Washington, just because they do not know of this treatment, or their family doctor prefers to treat them with stomach medicines, which passes right by the lungs and which never did cure a single case.

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