

PUBLIC OPINION

COMMENT OF LEADING NEWSPAPERS ON A VARIETY OF TOPICS—TECHNICALITIES OF THE LAW.

Pittsburg Post.

It is not a recent manifestation of a complaint of technicalities in the law and its application. The user has cried over the years about some body's escaping on a technicality. But now an agitation has been started by Judge Amidon, who compares our American tendency to insist upon technical adherence to the law in criminal cases, though guilt be clear, with the pell-mell system in England of striking at the heart of the case. Two radical errors exist in this reason. One is this disrespect for what are called technicalities ought to be extended out of the American people. There is no pliancy meaning to a technical law point in America. If it is at all a law point, it is part and parcel of the law, and if it be so, then it must be observed. Great Britain has a flexible constitution; that if it is not written, its courts proceed upon precedents, charters and parliamentary acts, and nothing is fixed, though the centuries of decisions seem to have given stability. We have, or until recently were thought to have, a precise organic chart, and statutes in the various States are construed by their printed words. The prescription of a procedure means obedience. If a court or court officer transgresses that manner of proceeding, if the crime proved lacks one element of the crime defined then the court action is compulsory, and is not asserting a technical point, but upholding the law.

American courts do deal with more appeals than British courts, for happily appellate tribunals are more frequent in this American land, with larger jurisdiction. The latter are immeasurably superior to French courts, where the judge acts like Rhabdamanthus of old, convicts, and then hears only the evidence to support his judgment. American courts always decide, after finding the error whether it did or might affect the juror unfairly against a prisoner. Granted a capable and honest judge, there is no real technicality that affects a case. If reversal occurs, the technicality of the bowler on the outside, and the shallow thinker in the magazine, is actually imbedded in the law itself, and is law as much as those larger principles which every body believes he comprehends. This technicality reform can wait a while of more pressing moment.

Silver Bullion.

Boston Transcript.

Silver bullion has reached the highest price which it has touched since the repeal of the Sherman act, in 1893, when the United States government went out of the market as a purchaser. It is now selling at slightly above 70 cents an ounce. At the rate of "16 to 1," which was so prominent an issue for so many years in American politics, silver would be rated at \$1.29 an ounce, and obviously at just half that figure under the 32-to-1 scheme which was recommended by the International Exchange Commission, and had been put into use in the Philippines, and in its essentials in Mexico. This latter legal barrier silver has broken over, the new price compelling a revision of the standard and a lessening of the bullion value of the coins. The reasons for the recent advance in silver are clear. The increasing supplies of gold, in which all the other commodities are measured, have changed the ratio between it and them, so that everything has become a little higher, including silver, which rises and falls like any other article in the commercial world. Silver is now largely a byproduct of other mining operations, and hence its volume does not respond classically in response to the demand as do most other commodities. Accordingly when Mexico or India want an exceptional quantity of silver for any coinage enterprise, the price is considerably lifted. There is nothing in the silver situation to-day, however, that will make its restoration to the old parity by the operation of law likely to become a live issue in the near future, to say the least; if, indeed, the bimetallic theory is not forever discredited.

The Channel Tunnel Project.

A persistent project heretofore held in abeyance by an equally persistent prejudice is to reappear in the new application to the next session of Parliament for a tunnel from France to England under the English Channel. This project was proposed by a French engineer 100 years ago. Bills to authorize it have been before Parliament eight times—the last one 13 years ago—and have always been rejected on the plea that it would afford an avenue for French invasion. Yet this is so baseless a fear that it casts doubt upon its own sincerity. England has hundreds of miles of coast on which an inimical expedition could land by a few hours' sail from the continental ports. Since the time of Napoleon there has been little reasonable doubt that a small invading force might suddenly reach the English coasts. But England's safety lies in the practical certainty that before this could be made large enough to threaten conquest her naval strength would cut off its communications by sea. But to suppose a tunnel, the mouth of which can be commanded by a battery of machine guns able to destroy any army that tries to pass the defile, or which could be destroyed and flooded in a moment by a charge of dynamite to contain any threat to English security is the delirium of insular panic. These effective precautions can be so easily supplied that it is safe to presume that no invading army would ever court destruction by trying to march through such a tunnel.

The Special Acre.

Philadelphia Inquirer.

A movement is in progress in the States beyond the Missouri which ought to be of wide interest and produce important results. The State agricultural colleges, the railways, the federal Agricultural Department and some private individuals have proposed a practical plan for educating the farmers. Each farmer is to select one acre and treat it according to scientific methods, following the explicit directions of the agricultural authorities. It is proposed to demonstrate

that from this acre more than twice the usual crops can be harvested. If this is done ten acres will next be tried, and after that the farmer is expected to need no urging.

It is of particular interest that the women of the farms are enthusiastic over the programme. While it is true that gardening will be tried to some extent, that is not the whole purpose of the movement. Rather, it is to show how the larger crop may be increased, and here it is more a question of scientific treatment than of extra labor. The very fact that labor is so difficult to secure is the reason for making each acre produce as much as possible. Farms are growing smaller because the laborer prefers to be his own boss, and till his own soil. If the Agricultural Department is correct, the cultivated soil of this country can easily produce twice as much as it does to-day without a great deal of added expense for fertilizing. If enough of fertilizer is discriminatingly used it is believed that the result will be much greater.

China's Rebuke to England.

New York World.

That there is a new order of things in China the outer world is well aware. It has heard of chopped-up idols floating down the rivers, of mandarins sending their sons to American schools, and of the adoption of western ideas of government. The lesson of Japanese success has been applied in the reorganization of the army. The nation has ousted the American syndicate and will build its own railways. The Empress Dowager has come out of her seclusion and cast off her conservatism.

But it is China's revolt from the opium slavery to which it was subjected by Great Britain that gives most striking proof of its awakening. By governmental decree the degrading traffic which British guns enforced and which British opinion still sustains is prohibited within the next 10 years. That the first act of an oriental power emerging from barbarism should be to throw off the moral shackles imposed on it by a Christian nation is a rebuke almost unique in history.

The loss of the opium trade will cost India nearly \$12,000,000 annually, and the government a revenue second only to that derived from land taxation and railway earnings. The cultivation, restricted almost entirely to opium is a government monopoly in Bengal and the united provinces. Government funds subsidize the poppy-growers, and government factories at Patna and Ghazipur prepare the drug for the market. The monthly auction sales in Calcutta, in which it is sold for export to China, are conducted by the government.

MEN AND WOMEN.

Edwin L. Frizzell, formerly of Leyden, Mass., in charge of the bridge-building for the Boston and Maine railroad, has lived on a railroad car for 20 years.

Bishop MacDonald, of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harbor Grace, N. F., has been appointed archbishop of a titular see. He will shortly retire from active duties and will reside in Pictou, N. S.

Major Herbert J. Stoen, of the Second Cavalry, a nephew of the widow of the late Russell Sage, will soon tender his resignation from the army to take up the active management of the Sage estate, of which the father of Major Stoen is executor.

Senor Enrique Cortez, the new Columbian minister to the United States, who has just arrived in Washington, has spent most of his life in the financial world of London. For a quarter of a century he has been at the head of one of the biggest South American banking houses in that city.

Secretaries Root and Shaw will address the Trans-Mississippi Congress, which will meet in Kansas City, Mo., the latter part of November. Secretary Root will speak on the recent Pan-American Congress in Rio Janeiro, and Secretary Shaw's subject will be "Financial Problems of the United States."

Andrew Carnegie opened to new engineering and natural philosophy department of the Edinburgh University. Former Premier Balfour, chancellor of the university, in thanking Mr. Carnegie, Lord Elgin and other contributors to the funds, conferred the degree of doctors of laws on Mr. Carnegie and Lord Elgin.

William A. Bradford, Jr., who will shortly be made president of the Wisconsin Central Railroad, is a direct descendant of William Bradford, who came over in the Mayflower and was the first governor of Massachusetts. While still a boy Mr. Bradford began his career in the railroad business in Boston, starting at the very bottom step and gradually working upward.

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THE STAGE

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Dina de Wolfe is to join Robert Loraine's company in "Man and Superman."

Laura Burt and Henry Stanford are to play in "Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall."

Lottie Collins, of "Tar-tar-a Boom-de-ay," fame, is making a vaudeville tour of the English provinces.

Madame Modjeska began her season this week in Plainfield, N. J., under the management of Jules Murray.

Irene Bentley has been engaged by Thomas W. Riley to play the part of the princess in "The Belle of Mayfair."

Frank Moulton and Maud Lillian Berri are to appear in "The Grand Mogul," by Frank Pixley and Gustav Lunders.

"The Measure of a Man," by Coen Maynard, is pronounced by Augustus Thomas the best of its kind now before the public.

Frank Gilmore is leading man this season with Henrietta Crossman. Mr. Gilmore is a favorite with Baltimore.

Bad Stomach Makes Bad Blood.

You can not make sweet butter in a foul, unwholesome churn, and the same is true of the human system. If the food is being digested, if it is weak, sluggish and the result will be torpid, sluggish liver and bad, impure blood. The ingredients of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery are just such as best serve to correct and cure all such derangements. It is made up without a drop of alcohol in its composition; chemically pure, triple-refined glycerine being used instead of the commonly employed alcohol. Now this glycerine is of itself a valuable medicine, instead of a deleterious agent like alcohol, especially in the cure of weak stomach, dyspepsia and the various forms of indigestion. Prof. Finley Ellingwood, M. D., of Bennett Medical College, Chicago, says of it:

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DECLARES THE NAVY HAS BEEN INSULTED.

Commander Harlow Indignant at Hotel for Refusing Admission to a Bluejacket.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Oct. 20.—On receipt of orders from Washington Commander S. H. Harlow, of the naval recruiting station at Pittsburg took up the case of Seaman John Crouse, who some days ago was denied admission to the dining room of the Hotel Marietta, at Conneville, Pa., the clerk taking the ground that he was not clothed properly and that "too much of his neck showed."

Commander Crouse spent a day in Conneville and came back to submit a lengthy and indignant report to his superiors at Washington. The officer takes the ground that the actions of the hotel people were nothing but an insult to the Navy Department. Commander Harlow said:

"This has got to be a serious matter and the whole Navy Department has been aroused. Seaman Crouse was working in advance of me in Conneville and had to wear his uniform. If our sailors are refused bed and board because they wear the uniform of Uncle Sam I may as well pack up and go home. The department will not stand for such things, for they are a direct insult."

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