

FINGER-PRINT IDENTIFICATION

War Department Will Take Finger Impressions of New Recruits.

GOVERNMENT IS FIGHTING FLIES IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Object Lessons Against Municipal Ownership of Lighting Plants.

Washington, Aug. 6.—(Special.)—With the introduction into the army of the finger-print identification system, Uncle Sam will have a unique method of identifying his fighting men, which the War Department asserts is more reliable and practical than any now in existence. The French system of Bertillon, based upon a series of all possible measurements, has been tried in the past, but with not great success, and the War Department is now substituting the method made popular by Mark Twain in "Pudding" Head Wilson. Briefly, the system consists of having every enlisted man place a print of his right thumb and first finger on a specially prepared gelatine covered slide on the back of which is pasted a slip giving his name, next of kin, height and similar information, the slides to be filed at the War Department. While the new process is to be put into general effect it seems probable, however, that it will be tried only on the new "rookies," as the recruits are called, for a protest loud and long has risen from the men already enlisted against being forced to have anything to do with a little dinky piece of glass, as though each were a probable deserter. That the system will be of great value there is no doubt. Nominally, it is being introduced in order to do away with the "unknown" soldiers' graves in the future. In the case of a corpse which cannot be otherwise identified, it will be only necessary to take a print of the fingers before burial to be compared with the original at the War Department. As a matter of fact, however, the new system will protect the government from frauds in pension cases, since no one enlisting under an assumed name can afterward claim in his own name a pension and hope to escape detection. Deserters, too, will find it harder than ever to escape the long arm of Uncle Sam, since in the future finger print plates will be supplied to all recruiting officers.

Washington, lending a carefully attuned ear to the Chataqua speeches of Senator La Follette, as becomes the city of future Presidents, is wondering whether the Wisconsin statesman's bark is worse than his bite. His enemies, it is true, are more or less uneasy, but his friends are getting some quiet amusement this week out of the recently published report of Edward B. Smith of the Wisconsin Free Library Commission, on the part which has been played in carrying on public utilities in the native state of the nation's "trustbuster." Although it might properly be supposed that the corporate powers eat out of the hand of the authorities in the LaFollette bailwick, statistics show that in every city of any considerable size the Wisconsin citizens are perfectly satisfied with the service of the private corporations, in the matter of the supply of light at least. Not one of the dozen enterprising cities of over 10,000 population in the state has a municipal electric light plant, and in all the hundreds of lesser towns only forty-six such plants exist in this day of municipal ownership agitation. The "trust-busting" element among the Wisconsin representatives here, however, retort that Wisconsin is not the only one, as Mr. Smith's figures show that in twenty-three other states of the Union not one city over 10,000 in population has an electric plant of its own today. It's the railroads and not the light companies that need taming in Wisconsin, they say.

Secretary Taft, it is rumored here, has started a D. D. F. F. Club with himself as all the officers and the committee on membership beside. To those who have received from him a letter beginning "D. D. F. F.," in place of the conventional "My dear Mr. Jones," the matter is no secret; those who haven't received such a communication evidently have not written him urging him to follow the advice of the President to put aside the proffered seat in the Supreme

Court, and instead shy his cast into the Presidential Arena in 1908. Likewise, those who have made bold to urge this course of action on the Secretary orally understand, when they have received from him the reply, accompanied by a Brobdingnagian chuckle, "I see I'll have to put you on my 'D. D. F. F.' list." Mr. Taft will not at first inform one as to the meaning of these cabalistic letters, but after one has pondered for awhile he will merely explain that they stand for "Dear Damn Fool Friend." That's as far as he will go at present, but it ought to bring relief to others in whose heads the Presidential bee is buzzing.

The man who resignedly endeavored to discover the purpose and usefulness of "bugs" will only be placed in a still more mixing situation if he reads the dicta of the government's medicos. The unpopular mosquito has been proven to be the conveyor of yellow fever, and now comes the report to the Bureau of Insular Affairs from the Philippines that cholera in those islands is to be laid at the door of the sleep-disturbing but hitherto otherwise unoffensive house-fly. Beside carrying on a more or less active internal war, the government is now forced to take up arms against the dangerous fly, and orders have accordingly been issued which when carried out will make his life about as unhappy as that of the unconstructed Filipino. Some skeptics, however, have made themselves unpopular by allowing that the flies and the Filipinos will be subdued at about the same time—that is, when they are dead.

A Moonlight Picnic.

Monday evening Miss Elizabeth Victory entertained a number of Madisonville young people and their chaperones, friends of her sister, Miss Margaret, at Loch Mary. The weather was cooler and the breezes that blew across the lake made a most delightful place for pleasure and comfort. Dancing and boat riding were indulged in. A delicious lunch was served to a queen's taste and each one present was glad to be there.

Colored Woman Kills Husband.

Billy Brown, of Roanoke, Va., was shot and killed by his wife near the Fair Grounds Friday night.

Both negroes were members of the "Old Plantation" company and the killing was the result of a drunken brawl.

Jas. Crawford, another member of the company, and from whom the woman borrowed the pistol was arrested and sent to jail with the woman, who claimed the shooting was accidental.

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GOTHAM HOTEL BUILT TO ENCOURAGE MARRIAGE.

Hotel for Working Girls, Called Trowmart Inn, Erected for Laudable Purposes—No Arbitrary Rules and Regulations.

New York.—Trowmart inn, the new hotel for working girls, serves a triple purpose. William R. H. Martin, who has erected it, believes that all true happiness comes through marriage. So a premium is to be placed on all matrimonial engagements which take place within the handsome new hostelry. Girls who work long hours in factory, shop and store, and whose leisure is spent within the dull confines of a cheap lodging or boarding house, have few opportunities for making and pursuing the acquaintance of desirable young men. The dingy parlor of the third-rate boarding house is not conducive to matrimony. Girls of gentleness and refinement do not care to be courted upon the open highway, nor in public parks, and thus the world is filling with spinsters who, according to Mr. Martin, had they a proper place in which to entertain their admirers, would develop into happy, excellent wives and still happier mothers.

Trowmart inn is to contribute to this laudable purpose. That is one reason for its erection. The primary cause for the construction of the handsome new hotel in Abingdon square is that a useful memorial may stand to a small son of Mr. Martin. It is also built in honor of his wife. The name of the new inn is a combination of that of the little boy who died, who was called Trowbridge, and the surname of the family.

While the requirements to become a guest of the Trowmart inn are few, even less are the rules and regulations.

The girl or woman who desires a room and board at this new hotel has simply to be of the class which labors for a small wage, and whose parents have no home within the city.

This hotel is six stories high, and will accommodate in the neighborhood of 400 girls. The interior of the



TROWMART INN, NEW YORK.

structure has the air of a commodious club. The wide corridor will be a resting place for those who do not care for the big general living room on the left. Between this long parlor and the dining-room is a series of small reception rooms. Here the guests may receive their visitors, who, Mr. Martin hopes, may be matrimonially inclined.

The kitchens, bakery and refrigerators are in the basement. Ralph Townsend, the architect of the Trowmart inn, points to these with pride, and insists that neither the St. Regis nor the Waldorf-Astoria is superior in its culinary appointments.

Here, too, is a good-sized laundry, with porcelain tubs, to which free access is to be had day and night by the occupants of the inn. The wages of clerks in stores, stenographers, bookkeepers and girls in manufactories are not so great but that they have to economize closely in the matter of laundry. The girl who may wash and iron her shirtwaists, her little turnovers, her handkerchiefs, and her stockings at her boarding house considers herself a particularly privileged person. At Mr. Martin's hotel she is to be encouraged to do her "small wash," and without extra charge she may use gas with which to iron it.

In no way is the hotel to be looked upon as a charitable institution. Upon this point Mr. Martin is most emphatic. The guests will pay for what they get. A single room with breakfast and dinner will cost four dollars a week. Where there are two girls in a room the price is to be three dollars each, and at these prices Mr. Martin is positive that the house will be self-sustaining. This far, however, he is willing to be a philanthropist. He does not care for any return upon the capital that he has invested. He will be satisfied if the girls have a happy home—and if a number of marriages accrue each year from the hotel.

The house is absolutely without rule or regulation. The guests will come and go as freely as though living at the Gotham, the Manhattan, or the Waldorf house.

If a guest goes to the theater every night in the week Mr. Martin insists that it is a matter of indifference to the management of his house. The hour at which she comes in will not interest the hotel clerk, nor will what she does in her leisure concern the proprietor. If she proves herself an objectionable guest her room will be asked for the same as in any other first-class hotel where a guest is considered undesirable.

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While the sale of lots Saturday in the Dan Daves Addition was very successful, yet owing to the rain in the forenoon and the threatening weather in the afternoon, only a limited number of lots could be sold in the short time the sale was conducted.

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Don't wait until these lots are all gone and then regret that you did not make an investment that is sure to be very profitable.

A LOOPHOLE IN SAGE'S WILL.

A Scrivener's Carelessness That May Cause Litigation.

New York, Aug. 3.—Three strokes of a scrivener's pen may tie up the estate of Russel Sage in so many years of litigation that the principal beneficiary and the executors will be dead and buried before the final settlement.

In the clause to which the testator attached his signature there is an erasure on a date and another date submitted. That the scrivener's carelessness in framing a testament disposing of an estate valued at \$100,000,000 will give an additional peg on which to hang a contest is beyond any question in the opinion of lawyers competent to pass judgment.

The paragraph begins, "In witness whereof I have herewith subscribed my name and affixed my seal, at No. 2 Wall street, New York city, in the borough of Manhattan," and then follows "this 11th day of February, 1901 (1900 with three pen strokes through the figures), in the presence of Edward Townsend and Richard W. Friedman, whom I have requested to become attesting witnesses hereto.—Russel Sage."

A HOT BATTLE WITH YAQUIS.

Sanguinary Fight Lasting Two Days In Mountains of Sonora.

Las Guaymas, Tex., Aug. 5.—The hottest Indian battle that has taken place in Sonora for some months was fought last Friday and Saturday in a remote mountain section back of Las Guaymas, according to an army messenger who arrived here. Seven Mexican soldiers, including Sergt. Carlos R. Robles, of the national guard, were slain in the two days' battle, while the Yaquis left behind a score of dead and many wounded, the latter being now held as prisoners.

Denied a New Trial.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 8.—John M. Speyer, a circus performer, formerly of New Orleans, convicted of killing his young son, has been denied a new trial, and sentence to be hanged September 21. Speyer will appeal to the supreme court.

King to Meet Kaiser.

London, Aug. 5.—It is officially announced that King Edward and Emperor William will meet at Friedrichskron castle, near Homburg, Germany, August 15.

Fatal Fight At Polling Place.

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 5.—J. Q. Wellington, a saloonkeeper, was killed; W. J. Cooke, a judge of election, is fatally wounded, and a third man less seriously injured in a fight at a polling place a few minutes after the closing of the polls for the election of county officers here.

Ships Launched Differently.

At shipyards on the coast vessels are launched endwise because it economizes the use of water frontage. In Cleveland and other lake ports they are launched sidewise because they are dropped into channels too narrow to permit a big ship to slide in lengthwise.

Will Make a Strong Protest.

New Orleans, Aug. 3.—A strong protest against the treatment which Americans are receiving in the Isle of Pines is to be made to the state department at Washington by a delegation made up of Capt. J. A. Miller, of Chicago, and J. J. Symms, of Michigan, who arrived here from Havana.

ISAAC D. GEORGE, OLD PRINTER.
Was First President of International Typographical Union.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—Isaac D. George, former president of the International Typographical union, died at the Presbyterian hospital, after an illness of eight weeks.

George was 69 years of age. He was elected first president of the International Typographical union at Albany, N. Y., in 1869. At the time of his death he was president of the Old-Time Printers' association.

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TEMPLE THEATRE

Opens August 20th—Electric Fans Are Installed—Other Improvements Made.

Temple Theatre will open August 20th, with the Beggar Prince Opera Co. Electric fans have been installed and the audience will be kept cool and comfortable. Other arrangements have been made for the comfort of theatre goers and the season of 1907 will doubtless prove one of the most successful ones of the opera house. Temple Theatre will continue under the efficient management of W. S. McGary, who has demonstrated his ability to successfully handle the business.

HECLA COLORED NEWS.

Mr. Thornton Eaves has decided to make this place his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Isabel have gone to Zeiglar to make that place their future home.

Mrs. Corrie Hamilton entertained a number of widows at a dinner last Sunday. All report a fine time.

Miss Lula Brounagh is very ill. There will be a chicken supper given here the sixteenth of this month for the benefit of the church.

Miss Dora Robb, who has been visiting relatives in Pembroke, has returned home.

Our school opened Monday. Miss Sarah Anglin, teacher, enrolled 43 pupils. Quite a number of patrons of the district were present. Also Mr. Lee Childers, of Earlington, made a fine lecture, which was enjoyed by all who heard him.

Lucy Eaves was sick this week with a very sore throat, but is able to be in school again.

Myrtle Porter is on the sick list this week.

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