

Figures of The Passing Show



SECRETARY FRANKLIN MACVEAGH of the treasury department wishes every one was as conscientious about paying debts to Uncle Sam as a man at Annapolis, Md. About six months ago something struck the conscience of the Annapolis citizen,

and every two or three weeks since then he has sent a twenty dollar gold certificate to the secretary of the treasury with this note, "Due to U. S." There is not a word about the missive to indicate the name of the sender. The envelope is always plain and without any legend save the address. The envelope, the writing and the inclosure are always the same. The remittance comes almost with the regularity of a city tax bill. The money is credited to the conscience fund and is turned into the treasury.

The government has another regular conscience fund contributor residing in Washington. He is not so methodical in his habits as the man at Annapolis, and his contributions are smaller. His conscience hurts him every two or three months for some fraud imposed upon the government, and he sends \$10 to \$15 to the treasury with a confession that it belongs to the government.

A strange character is Warry Charles, the Americanized Chinaman who is under sentence of death in Massachusetts along with four others of his nationality. The names of the others are Win Sing, Hom Woon, Leong Gong and Joe Guey, and, according to the decree of the court, they will die in electric chairs in the state prison at Charlestown during the week beginning Oct. 10. All the men were



WARRY CHARLES.

convicted of the murder of several of their countrymen belonging to the Chinese society known as the On Leon tong. The murderers were members of a rival society known as the Hep Sing tong. The date of the wholesale slaughter for which the quintet are to pay the penalty the coming autumn was Aug. 2, 1907. The conviction of the group was secured by the Boston prosecuting authorities over a year ago, and the supreme court of the state overruled the exceptions taken to the verdict.

Warry Charles, who was said by some of those convicted of the crime to have been the moving spirit in the plot of assassination, protested his innocence when sentenced. He was formerly a court interpreter.

The curtain has fallen on a stirring scene in a tragedy in real life in which figures the great Italian operatic composer, Giacomo Puccini. The curious thing about the affair is the parallel which may be drawn between certain circumstances in the real tragedy and the fictitious one which forms the theme of the composer's famous masterpiece, "Madama Butterfly." In the latter the little heroine, Cho-Cho-San of the mikado's empire, commits suicide when she learns of the perfidy of her English husband. The story is somewhat turned around in the tragedy in which the composer and his wife figure. In this drama the heroine was a little peasant girl whose father lived and worked on Puccini's estate. She was employed in the composer's household after her father's death and, being a favorite of the great musician, excited the jealousy of his wife. She accused the young



GIACOMO PUCCINI.

girl of wrong relations with her husband and struck her in the face. The child, who is believed to have been innocent of any wrongdoing, was so affected by the humiliation and disgrace into which she deemed she had fallen that she drank poison and died. Puccini denounced his wife and at once separated from her, and the suicide of the girl having been made the subject of an inquiry, an Italian court sentenced Signora Puccini to imprisonment for causing her death.

DR. VON BETHMANN-HOLLWEG

Successor of Prince von Bulow as Chancellor of the German Empire. The successor of Prince von Bulow as chancellor of the German empire, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, was a college friend of the Emperor William, and they were members of the Borussia corps at Bonn. He is fifty-three years old and has Hebrew blood in his veins. His grandfather was a professor at the University of Bonn and received a patent of nobility for his learning. He was also a member of the cabinet as minister of education. The new chancellor studied law and has served as a judge, as president of the government at Bromberg and as minister of the interior. In his political principles he is a mild Conservative, but he is most particular in the



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application to himself of the traditional policy that the servants of the crown must be nonpartisan.

The new chancellor's speeches on social questions while minister of the interior were liberal in tone. This was particularly marked in an address in which he condemned certain aspects of morality in Berlin and defended warmly the need of the German workman of proper recreation. He has devoted himself to improving the condition of the artisan class, whereas almost all social legislation has been applied up to the present time to the working proletariat. As minister of the interior he distinguished himself by preparing an imperial insurance law and a law controlling a right of assemblage, both of which passed the reichstag. He possesses an excellent knowledge of the English language and is a student of American affairs.

GREAT GENERAL'S NAMESAKE

Lieutenant Ulysses S. Grant 3d and His Good Record.

The country is proud of the fact that Lieutenant Ulysses S. Grant 3d, one of the namesakes of the great hero of the civil war, is making a record so worthy of the family name. Lieutenant Grant, who is a son of Major General Frederick D. Grant and grandson of the General Grant of civil war fame, was recently appointed to the responsible post of superintendent of the state, war and navy departments building. The order was issued by Secretary Dickinson of the war department with the approval of Secretary Knox and Secretary Meyer, who have concurrent authority with Secretary Dickinson in directing the manner in which the affairs of the big building shall be administered. Lieutenant Grant, who is of the engineer corps, succeeds Captain J. H. Poole of the same branch of the service, who



LIEUTENANT ULYSSES S. GRANT 3D.

has been ordered to enter the next class of the army school of the line at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., on Aug. 15. The post given to Lieutenant Grant is one eagerly sought by officers of the engineer corps, to which it belongs. It gives the incumbent opportunity to exercise a wide authority and, besides, affords him a chance to advance his interests.

Lieutenant Grant has served as one of the aids to the president. He was married not long since to a daughter of Senator Ellis Root.

A Laugh.

A laugh is just like music, It freshens all the day, It tips the peaks of life with light And drives the clouds away; The soul grows glad that hears it, And feels its courage strong— A laugh is just like sunshine For cheering folks along.

A laugh is just like music, It lingers in the heart, And where its melody is heard The lills of life depart; And happy thoughts come crowding Its joyful notes to greet— A laugh is just like music For making the life sweet. —The Friend.

Tariff Notes.

The country now knows once more what is meant by revising the tariff by its "friends."

The current price of structural steel fixed by the Trust is \$32 a ton. At this rate structural steel from Belgium and Germany valued at \$20 a ton may still occasionally dribble through the custom house under the duty of \$10 a ton. If the trust should again screw up its price still more could come in to redress the balance in favor of American consumers. For this reason the Taft-Aldrich-Payne tariff favors the Trust with a prohibitive duty amounting to \$16 a ton on beams, channels, joists and all other forms of punched structural steel. Such is the redemption of the solemn pledges of the Republicans to so revise the tariff as to protect American consumers from the spoliations of the predatory Trusts.

A painting that used to be exhibited in one of our art galleries portrays a huge, robust fellow equipped with a double-barrel gun and large game bag and with powder horn and shot pouch containing enough ammunition for a long hunt. Followed by two big, formidable-looking dogs, he enters the bar-room of a country tavern and proudly flings a bleeding rabbit on the floor. The bar maid surveys his tremendous accouterments, and, pointing to the floor, says, with infinite scorn in her look: "Only a rabbit!" Something about the size of a rabbit is what President Taft has brought down after all his preparations for a tremendous battue of the wild beasts roaming at large in the vast field of American industries and gorging themselves with the immense spoil of the tariff.—Philadelphia Record.

Insidious Foe of Prohibition.

As a hot weather subject "near beer" takes the lead. Almost every news paper that comes to hand contains some reference to it. Our opinion of the business is that it is the biggest fraud and the greatest fake and the most transparent bluff that ever showed itself in North Carolina. Near beer is the most insidious foe that prohibition has today. Under its name whiskey and beer are sold, else why will men, numbers of them in the same town, pay extremely high license to handle the slop? Why do they take out federal license if they are not selling intoxicants on the sly? It is as plain as nose on a face. There is no living for any man in the sale of such stuff as near beer; the money comes from real beer and whiskey. Now's the time for officials sworn to do their duty to keep their eyes wide open and put some of the near beer vendors on the chain gang, along with other varieties of blind tigers. By hook or crook the legislature enacted a law which reads that the sheriff "shall" issue license to such dealers. Heretofore the county commissioners granted or refused license of all kinds. There is a law also that says that the sheriff shall raid blockade stills and break illicit traffic, and if it was obeyed with the same alacrity that the other one is, there would be less blockading in the state. Why don't all the sheriffs do their duty as the sheriff of Cumberland does, who has this week raided his twenty-fourth still? The same law applies as much to all the other counties as it does to Cumberland.—Lexington Dispatch.

'Twas a Glorious Victory.

There's rejoicing in Fedora, Tenn. A man's life has been saved, and now Dr. King's New Discovery is the talk of the town for curing C. V. Pepper of deadly lung hemorrhages. "I could not work nor get about," he writes, "and the doctors did me no good, but, after using Dr. King's New Discovery three weeks, I feel like a new man, and can do good work again." For weak, sore or diseased lungs, Coughs and Colds, Hemorrhages, Hay Fever, LaGrippe, Asthma or any Bronchial affection it stands unrivaled. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Sold and guaranteed by Hood Bros.

Care of the Teeth.

Mothers should feel that they owe it to their children to look after their teeth. If they are not coming in straight they should have a dentist's care while the child is young. The jaws can then be formed so that the teeth will come as they should. It has been found that if the jaws are not shaped right that the development of the bones of the rest of the skull will not take place as they should, and the result is that the brain development is interfered with, and the features of the face will be regular. A whole chapter could be written upon the way the teeth should be looked after at the time of their coming and while children are young, but I wish to direct your attention particularly at this time to the necessity of keeping the teeth clean, both for the sake of good looks and for their preservation.

The teeth of individuals vary greatly, and consequently demand different measures to keep them clean. The advice of the dentist should be sought in regard to the matter. Those who have perfectly regular teeth, the gums of which are closed nicely about them, will not find it such a difficult matter to cleanse the teeth as those whose teeth are irregular, especially if they have pockets in the gums made by the inflammation about the teeth. As a general thing the tooth-brush should be hard and stiff, in order to cleanse the teeth well. A good tooth-powder, paste or liquid should be chosen by the advice of the dentist who cares for the teeth, or one should be used that you have found beneficial.—"Health and Good Looks," in The Ladies World for August.

Fremont Defeated Selma.

Fremont, Aug. 3.—Fremont defeated Selma here this afternoon in a close game of ball the score being 2 to 0. The features of the game for Selma was the pitching of Whitaker striking out 9 men and allowing only 9 hits, and for Fremont was the fielding of Whitley.

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Selma	000 000 000 0 5 3
Fremont	000 000 002 2 2 3
Batteries	Whitaker and Ellis, Aycock and Aycock. Umpire Johnson. Time 1 hour. Attendance 250.

A Lazy Bug, Yes.

Are you always tired? Do you dwell in the land where it is always afternoon? Is it your only joy to lie under a spreading tree or on a shady veranda and, with half-shut eyes and vacant mind, let the busy world move on without you?

Be it so, you need not condemn yourself. Do not give yourself pain if the taunts of the strenuous do not sting you into action. That great modern apostle of quiet life whose dynamic force, diverted now from octopuses to lions, might some day be even as you are. For you may not be lazy. Possibly you are the victim of the uniaxialiss. The uniaxialiss, be it known, is for purposes of hot weather conversation, referred to as the book worm or lazy bug? Now, don't laugh. There is such a thing as the lazy bug. It gets into one's system and produces that feeling in its victims of "Oh, what's the use?"—Kansas City Star.

Just Like Heaven.

Sambo—Sambo am lookin' fine. He am jes' back f'um his souvern trip.

Lambo—Dat so? Did he trable fuss-class?

Rambo—Fuss-class? Well, Ah reckon he did! He come all de way from Georgia in a melon car!—Ex.

Honey Kept 25 years.

Mr. Ira D. Alderman, of Taylor's Bridge township, sent us last week a sample of honey that he had kept sealed up for 25 years, having been put in a honey tumbler on the 18th of June, 1884. The first winter after it was put the honey sugared, but it melted the following summer and has not sugared since. It was very light and clear at first, but with age it darkened until it is now about the color of dark molasses. We can't say that age improves its taste; indeed we prefer it fresh. Mr. Alderman is very successful in bee culture, and has this year taken 75 gallons from seven colonies of bees. —Sampson Democrat.

Warning to Those Who Would Lick the Editor.

It comes high to "lick the editor." Those who have been threatening to give the editor of The Record a thrashing are respectfully referred to the verdict in the York court on Friday, wherein the assaulant of Editor Grist was found guilty by the jury and sentenced by Judge Memminger to pay a fine of \$500 or serve six months on the chaingang or in the penitentiary.—Rock Hill Record.

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