

LOEB'S NEW POLICE.

Customs Collector's Force to Seize Smugglers at New York.

SEVERAL HAVE BEEN CAUGHT

Forty-eight Piers Are Watched Night and Day to Prevent Smuggling In of Contraband Goods—Colonel W. Lutz, Commander, Has Two Hundred and Seventy-five Men on Duty.

Every pier of New York city at which is tied a vessel containing dutiable goods is being watched night and day by a new federal police force to apprehend smugglers. This force was organized a few days ago as the outcome of Collector William Loeb's determination to stop leaks in the collection of customs revenue. Within six days an average of two smugglers a night were detected and the goods they sought to sneak through free of duty confiscated.

There are 275 men in the new force. Colonel W. Lutz, former chief of the insular police force of Porto Rico, has been named as commandant. His assistant is A. M. Beardsley.

There are three lieutenants, twelve roundsmen and 200 patrolmen or watchmen, as they are officially designated. The men are divided into three shifts of eight hours each. The greater number of men are on duty from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m., a lesser number from 4 p. m. to midnight, and a still smaller number from midnight until 8 a. m. There is at least one man to every pier in the city where a vessel is tied containing dutiable goods.

New Force Gets Busy.

The new department was formally organized July 21. Colonel Lutz got his patrolmen busy at once. In eight instances they caught members of the crews of different steamers trying to take ashore packages containing goods on which no duty had been paid. A valuable lace spread, a number of finely wrought fancy boxes, a valuable jewel case and boxes of cigars and bottles of bay rum were among the finds. In every case they were being brought ashore when it was supposed the customs officials had gone for the day.

Never before in the history of the customs service has a watch been kept at night. The steamship companies have always had watchmen at piers. At least they were supposed to watch, but according to general report they were either asleep or oblivious to what any of the crew might bring ashore.

There will be strict discipline maintained of the new force in order to demonstrate that its organization and operation may prove its usefulness. The roundsmen will be held accountable for the detection of delinquent patrolmen at piers where one man is assigned on the midnight shifts. The lieutenants will make unexpected trips to see that their immediate subordinates are really making the proper rounds.

Forty-eight Piers Watched.

The force until recently had under surveillance forty-eight piers. It is stated that the force will be increased to 500 patrolmen just as soon as it can be done.

The members of the newly organized force are all clothed with the "S.-S.-S." authority, as Colonel Lutz terms it. This means that they have the police and governmental right to "stop, search, seize." The watchmen are instructed to take no chances, but seize on suspicion if there is the slightest thing to warrant such suspicion. It is expected that hundreds of thousands of dollars will be added to the treasury by this increased vigilance before it will become generally understood that there is no use trying to leave a dock or pier with dutiable goods. When that particular time arrives Colonel Lutz says he will reduce the force somewhat, but never to the point where a pier is not covered by at least one man constantly.

Colonel Lutz had several hundred police under him in Porto Rico for ten years. The body was organized after the fashion of the new federal force he commands. All below the rank of major in the insular police force were natives. During the labor strike on the island three years ago Colonel Lutz gained a reputation for his energetic preservation of order.—New York World.

Monkey's Great Grief.

Grief over the death of Dr. Monroe S. Leach a few days ago caused the suicide of the physician's pet monkey, which refused to touch food after its master died. It succumbed the other day. When Dr. Leach was taken ill the monkey took up its post at the sickbed and refused to leave. On the day the physician died, it is declared by members of the family, the animal whimpered like a child. At the funeral the monkey was permitted to look for the last time on the face of its dead master. With shrill, almost human, cries it clung to the casket, and it was necessary to pull it away.

Real Butterflies For Hatpins.

A new enterprise in which the youth of Palouse, Wash., ranging from five to twelve years of age, are engaging is catching butterflies. The insects are delivered at a confectionery store, where they are chloroformed and sent to a plating company in Spokane, Wash., to be metalized and made into hatpins. Five cents each is paid, and dozens of little people are to be seen with their nets scouring the hills about Palouse.

TRIBUTE TO DR. HUNTINGTON

Jews Remember Episcopal Clergyman's Sympathy In Kishineff Massacre.

To the Rev. Dr. William R. Huntington, rector of Grace church, New York city, who recently died at Nahant, Mass., Annette Kohn of New York pays the following tribute:

In the death of Dr. William R. Huntington the Protestant Episcopal church mourns the loss of a good Christian, a valuable and hardworking clergyman and a fine man.

But Dr. Huntington had a wider humanity, a spirit of truer religion and a finer manhood than can be confined within the bounds of any theological sect or creed. He was a cosmopolitan citizen of the world to whom all men were brothers and whose noble heart was touched by the sufferings and sorrows of any of God's children, whatever their faith, their race or their country.

At the time of the great Russian massacre at Kishineff, that electrified the civilized world, when 70,000 Russian Jews marched in funeral procession up Broadway, New York, bewailing with dirges the loss of kinsmen and compatriots, it was Dr. Huntington who ordered the funeral bells of Grace church to be tolled during the entire long day of that weird and solemn funeral procession while he stood with bared head watching it pass the church.

It was a fine and sympathetic act, noble in its simplicity, simple in its great nobility.

When the writer of this tribute expressed appreciation of this friendly sympathy to Dr. Greer, the bishop of the diocese, the good bishop disclaimed any personal responsibility for it, saying that "all the credit belonged to Dr. Huntington, for the act was his own entirely, though the good doctor had his highest commendation for having conceived it."

The Jewish population not only of New York, but of the United States, were deeply moved by this touching token of sympathy and fellowship.

Today as a body they join his family, his church and the Christian community in mourning his death and revering his memory.

TO CHECK THE DRUG HABIT.

State Department Preparing Legislation—Plan Worldwide Crusade.

The drug trade of the United States, so far as it is habit forming, is to be taken in hand by the government. In co-operation with the various states the federal government intends to stop the great increase in the sales of those drugs that lower the physical and moral standing of the people. Opium, morphine, cocaine, chloral and similar distillations are to be placed under the severest inspection. The state department at Washington is now engaged in drawing up legislation to prevent the spread of the drug habit by eliminating the cause.

It is the intention of this government to make the crusade worldwide. Hamilton Wright, the American delegate on the opium commission which has been sitting in Pekin, is drawing up plans for a conference of the principal governments at The Hague to take up the question of not only excluding opium (except that intended for medicinal purposes), but also the other deleterious drugs to which a large number of the people of all countries have turned as offering a surcease from the troubles of life and which sap the user's energies and abet crime.

It is the intention of the state department at the same time to bring about reform by placing the manufacture and importation of habit forming drugs under the inspection of some division of the government which will be held responsible for the results. It is now believed that the best custodian of the trust would be the bureau of internal revenue, but this question has not been settled. The federal government, however, will not rest with inhibiting the interchange of such drugs between states. It will place at the command of the health departments of the various states the information it gathers, so that local traffic in such drugs may be checked and ultimately eliminated.

Telephoning to Stop a Runaway.

Telephones were utilized to good advantage in stopping a runaway on a country road near Watsburg, in Wallawalla county, Wash., southwest of Spokane, and probably saved Bonny M., a standard trotter with a mark of 2:16, from injury by barbed wire fences. While the driver was exercising it on the city park track a few days ago the horse broke and started to set a new record along the road, heading for the Shell ranch, three miles distant. Instead of following the animal the driver went to the park telephone and advised the owner and other ranchers along the route to watch for a runaway. Several of them responded, and the horse was brought to a standstill before serious damage resulted. The animal is valued at \$3,000. This is said to be the first instance in which the telephone was pressed into service in that part of the country for similar use, though stockmen have used the instrument to call out assistance to check cattle stampedes.

Club of "Merry Widowers."

In Austin, Ill., twenty-five men whose wives are out of town have organized the Merry Widowers' club, says a Chicago dispatch. The object is to have a good time while the wives are away. "The club," said a member, "is organized for a harmless good time for men who cannot get away. Our wives know about it—that is, most of them."

SELLING OSAGE LANDS

Oklahoma's Last Indian Reservation Opened to Settlers.

GREAT NATIVE WILDERNESS.

Picturesque Hills and Prairies of the Osage Country Allotted in Severalty and Thereby Opened to the Influx of the White Man—How the Land May Be Sold.

If there are persons who love the Osage Indian reservation for its streams, its hills, its forests and its broad prairies and feel the charm of its history and traditions and look upon it as almost the last remaining expanse of native wilderness, they should hasten to look upon it, as the old things and the old ways are soon to vanish forever. The lands, to which the Osages have fee simple title, have finally been allotted in severalty and each Osage citizen has been given title to his allotment.

Old Villages Still in Use.

This does not mean that the Osages have abandoned their village camp life and are living on their individual lands. As a matter of fact the Osage lands generally are lying wild as they have since the beginning of time. Allotment, however, means the incoming of the white farmer with his industry and the turning of the grass grown, flower strewn acres into productive fields. Such lands as the Osage citizen cannot sell he will rent, and to that extent the entire reservation will be placed within reach of the white man.

There are 2,230 certified allottees in the Osage tribe, of which any one who failed to get his share of lands will be paid an equivalent in money. Each Osage has 657 acres of land. At first he was allowed to make three separate selections of 160 acres, any one of which he was permitted to designate as his homestead, to be inalienable for twenty-five years. Then he took a fourth selection of 160 acres, or a total of 640.

After the bestowal of all these riches it was found that there still remained untaken land of which the allotment commission made a per capita distribution amounting to seventeen acres.

Already white men are gathering on the horizon of the Osage country to spy out its resources and possibilities and real estate agents are opening offices in the different towns to engage in land traffic. It will be possible for an Osage citizen to sell all his land save his 160 acre homestead under certain conditions. He may rent all his land for grazing or agricultural purposes. The sale of his surplus land or that in excess of his homestead and amounting to 497 acres will be permitted in two ways.

Ways of Selling the Land.

One is that he may receive from the secretary of the interior a certificate of competency to manage his own affairs. For this certificate 175 Osage citizens have made application, of which twenty-eight have been submitted to the secretary of the interior, who approved twenty-five. The filing of applications will move more rapidly in a month or two, the secretary having asked that further applications be withheld until he has finished issuing the deeds to the surplus lands. All the homestead deeds are ready for delivery.

The surplus lands of the full bloods and the incompetents may be sold upon application if the secretary of the interior is convinced that the sale would be for the benefit of the owner. The latter would be permitted to spend the money from the sale of his surplus lands only in such manner as would be approved by the commissioner of Indian affairs.—Pawhuska (Okla.) Cor. Kansas City Star.

CONTEST OF WORLD ANGLERS

Tournament to Be Held at Van Cortlandt Park, New York, in August.

The Anglers' Club of New York, under whose auspices the third international tournament of the National Association of Scientific Angling Clubs for fly and bait casters will be held, has perfected all the details for the event, which will be held at Van Cortlandt park, New York, on Aug. 19, 20 and 21. The headquarters for the contestants during the tournament will be at the Grand Union hotel. On the evening of Aug. 18 a meeting of the executive committee of the National association will be held, and on Aug. 21 there will be the annual business meeting of the association. The schedule of the tournament has been arranged as follows:

First Day—9 a. m., accuracy, quarter ounce; 1 p. m., distance, fly, with five ounce rods; 4 p. m., distance, quarter ounce, average of five casts.

Second Day—9 a. m., dry fly, accuracy; 11 a. m., accuracy, fly; 1 p. m., distance, half ounce, average of five casts; 4 p. m., distance, fly, weight of rods unlimited.

Third Day—9 a. m., accuracy, half ounce; 1 p. m., salmon fly; 2 p. m., surf casting with two and one-half ounce weight, average of five casts.

A special medal will be awarded for the longest cast made in each of the following events: Distance, quarter ounce and half ounce and surf casting.

Airship With Rowing Attachment.

An airship covered with waterproof canvas and fitted with propellers at its bow and stern, which will work like oars in water, is being built by an airship company in Cleveland, O. These strange appliances have been added in order to prevent it from sinking in case it should fall into water. The builder, Carl Bostel, says he expects to be able to carry from six to twenty passengers in the airship and will provide a compartment for baggage.

FREE TO HOMESEEKERS.

Opportunity to Obtain Government Farms in Fertile Section of Nevada.

The great agricultural development now going on in the west is attracting widespread attention, and every "land opening" calls out thousands of letters of inquiry concerning the opportunity for settlers. Just now unusual interest centers in the Truckee-Carson irrigation project in Nevada, where a thousand farms offered to homeseekers by the government open alluring possibilities.

These lands are free to every bona fide homeseeker, the only expense, with the exception of the nominal filing fee, being the pro rata share of the cost of building the irrigation system. This charge amounts to \$30 per acre, payable in ten annual installments, without interest. There is no drawing or any element of chance in applying for one of these farms. It is only necessary to make a homestead entry at the land office at Carson City or at the office of the land commissioner at Fallon, Nev.

Nature has endowed few regions more liberally with all the elements necessary to build up a great commonwealth than are found in this section. The fertile fields grow alfalfa, cereals, fruits, vegetables—in fact, practically all the products of the temperate zone. The climate is dry and delightful, and the valley is singularly free from severe storms. The sun shines almost every day in the year. The great mining regions furnish a home market and good prices for everything that can be raised, and splendid transportation facilities connect the project with the commercial centers of the country. The government irrigation system assures the farmers an abundant supply of water. The rivers offer unlimited possibilities for the development of power.

LIFE JOB OFFER FOR HONESTY

Brakeman Won't Leave Railroad and Is Promoted—He Found \$30,000.

Declining a life position of \$100 a month, Brakeman William J. Robelen of the Long Island railroad, who a few days ago found a hand bag belonging to Mrs. A. Schwab containing \$30,000 worth of jewelry, announced recently that he would stick to railroading and was forthwith promoted from brakeman to be collector, which is but a step removed from that of conductor.

Robelen said he had been with the railroad four years and as he is only twenty-two years old he hopes ultimately to work up to a position in railroading that will eventually pay him seven times \$100 a month. It was on his return from Rockaway to Long Island City that Robelen found the hand bag in a seat in a passenger coach. Opening it he found it filled with diamonds and pearls, besides a sum of money. He turned it over to the company, and it was identified as the property of Mrs. A. Schwab of 318 West Eighty-fourth street, New York city, who had left it in the train when she got off at Hammels station.

Representatives of Mrs. Schwab gave Robelen \$100, two suits of clothes and offered him a life position at \$100 a month.

Robelen will continue on his run. He declined the company's offer of two weeks' vacation with pay, saying that he preferred to "keep on the job."

DIAMOND GOWN FOR ACTRESS

Anna Held Orders Designer to Make Most Startling Dress in the World.

Anna Held, the actress, is determined to make her "fawewell" appearance in a veritable "diamond gown." For this purpose Miss Held gathered all her jewelry, with the exception of her pearls, a few rings, etc., and gave them to a skillful designer in Paris with the naive instruction, "Take these jewels and make the most startling dress in the world."

The gown itself is of the softest oriental fabric of rose pink color. Over this is draped a filmy silver tissue, embroidered around the lower edge with great crimson princesses. The left side of the gown opens over a scanty underdress in a paler shade of pink, which is drawn closely to the figure. The bodice and sleeves on this same side are entirely composed of an arabesque design of purest white stones, hundreds of diamonds being used to carry out this inspiration.

Where the costume opens from hip to knee clasps of diamond solitaires hold it in place. The cloak worn at the same time is of a soft gray meteor, lined with varying shades of pink and the same color scheme of red princesses is carried out in delicate hand painting. A deep fringe of the latest novelty known as pearl pipes finishes the lower edge of this superb garment.—New York American.

National Target Range.

United States army officers favor a national target range of sufficient area for all kinds of practice for the army, navy and marine corps. The suggestion is to buy 15,000 or 20,000 acres of land in Virginia, near Washington.

The Call of the Air.

When the woodlands are folded in opaline mist
And the clouds are of mother-of-pearl
Then I long to go up in my swift aeroplane
With propeller blades madly awchirl.
I yearn to ascend to the azure above,
Like a bird, sweeping hither and yon,
Rising up with delight to a star people
height.
Coasting down on a beam of the sun.
Oh, what joy to look down on the tower
and the town,
The field and the river below,
The first glinting gold of the morn to behold.
Or the last of the evening's red glow:
To float like a boat to the planets remote,
By moonlight alone in the sky,
With the wind out of space blowing cool
in my face—
But the blamed old machine will not fly!
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