

# OCEAN NAVIGATION EXPERTS FROM MANY NATIONS MEET

Philadelphia, Pa., May 21.—Delegations representing more than 20 nations and consisting of the most noted experts in inland and ocean navigation of their respective countries already have arrived in this city and additional delegations are expected to reach Philadelphia today and tomorrow, to be present for the opening of the 2th international congress of navigation, on Thursday. In accordance with the arrangement of the local committee in charge of the congress the greater part of tomorrow will be devoted to a general reception and mutual introduction of the delegates. The congress will hold its first general meeting at the Metropolitan opera house on Thursday and it is expected that resident Taft, who has accepted the honorary presidency and has promised to attend the opening session, will deliver the opening address. Response will be made by M. Alexis Dufourny of Brussels, a high officer of the Belgian Engineer corps, who is one of the former presidents of the international congress.

This will be the first time that one of these congresses is held in the United States. Previous congresses have all been held in Europe, the last at St. Petersburg, in 1908. Preceding this there were similar congresses at intervals of three or four years in Belgium, France, Italy, England, Germany, Holland and Australia. With each congress interest and attendance increased as the nations realized the valuable work being done. The discussions and conclusions of these gatherings form the best existing guide for all navigation problems that may arise, because they represent the world's best experience and the consensus of opinion of the greatest experts. The invitation to hold the 12th congress in America was accepted with enthusiasm, because this country offers what is largely a new and quite enormous field for the attention of navigation experts and a great number of new and highly important problems growing out of the Panama canal, the Cape Cod canal and the numerous inland canals and waterways planned or in course of construction in the United States. The recent Titanic disaster has made the safety of ocean travel a subject of the most intense interest to all seafaring nations and the discussion of the various problems suggested by the unfortunate event will form part of the program and will undoubtedly occupy the attention of the congress for some time. In view of the many new and exceedingly important questions to be considered during the five days' session of the congress and in view, also, of the unusually large attendance, it is expected that this congress will greatly surpass its predecessors in interest and importance.

It is expected that more than 30 nations of the world will be represented at this congress by official delegates and in addition by a large number of unofficial delegates, mostly navigation experts and engineers prominently identified with inland or ocean navigation in their respective countries. The general presidents of the congress are Gen. C. W. Raymond, U. S. A., retired, and General William H. Bixby, the chief of engineers. Associated with them are other distinguished engineers and navigation experts, including Colonel J. C. Sanford, the general secretary of the congress.

The Canadian delegation includes Colonel W. P. Anderson, chief engineer of the marine department; John Kennedy, consulting engineer; F. W. Cowie, chief engineer of the Montreal harbor board and J. S. Armstrong, of Fredericton, N. B.

The largest foreign delegation will be that of France, which will be headed by M. Vellard, who is inspector general of roads and bridges of the French government, and holds the honorary degree of D. S. from the University of Pennsylvania. Germany's delegation will include J. F. Bubendey, head of the Hamburg harbor works; George Landsberg of Berlin and several other noted experts. Great Britain's delegation will be headed by Lieut.-Col. H. A. Yorke, chief inspector of railroads. The Belgian delegation will be headed by G. Helleputte, who was the first president of the navigation congress, and will also include Michel Bogaert and Charles Mertens of Brussels and Paul Rueff of Antwerp. Italy will be offi-

cially represented by Sanjust di Teulada, Carlo Valentini and Ignazio Inglesse; Sweden by a delegation headed by Col. Frederick Wilhelm Hansen, of Stockholm, president of the royal administration of hydraulic power, and among other noted delegates will be M. V. E. de Timonoff and General de Scholasky of Russia, M. Zoltan de Kohanyi of Hungary, Giulio Rota, the noted Italian expert and many others. There are also many other noted engineers and navigation experts, not to mention who will attend the sessions of the congress.

## PIPPINS OFF TO PENDLETON

NEW PLAYERS SLATED TO ARRIVE TODAY.

Week's Playing With Bucaroos Is the Slate Before Local Bunch.

Off for Pendleton to pull leather with the Bucaroos under the Pendleton banners, La Grande's Pippins set sail on the second journey of the Western Tri-State league season. They clash for a week with Garret's troops and then meander over to Walla Walla where for a week they will lock horns with Childers' colleagues. It is believed the local grounds will be in readiness after that time. Wells will report at Pendleton today and if information has been received by Manager Bradley correctly, the new men will be with him by tomorrow at the latest.

Eastern Oregon League Games.

Haines trimmed North Powder at North Powder last Sunday by a score of 10 to 3. On the same day Union lost its third game at Baker by a score of 11 to 2.

These Eastern Oregon league games attract much attention invariably and the interest is keen at all places. Haines is the team that has apparently done the most toward strengthening up since the first game.

The House of Lords. The House of Lords was composed of 400 members until the time of Edward III. There in 1257 the peers were only 100 and forty-nine lay lords, including twenty archbishops and bishops, sixty-seven abbots and priors and three masters of orders. Many clerical dignitaries summa cum laude did not attend at Westminster, refusing to recognize the authority of parliament over their own convocations of Canterbury and York. It was partly from this cause that the lords spiritual decreased in number until early in the reign of Edward III, the upper house consisted of eighty-six lay and only forty-five clerical peers, while during Elizabeth's parliament there were forty-three and twenty-six respectively.—London Standard.

Smallest Books. The smallest book in the world was made in Italy. It is not much larger than a man's thumb nail. It is four-tenths of an inch in length, a quarter of an inch in width and contains 208 pages, each with nine lines and from 55 to 100 letters. The text consists of a letter written by the inventor of the pendulum clock to Mme. Christine of Lorraine in 1615.

The next smallest book is an edition of the "Divine Comedy" of Dante. This is something less than an inch wide, with type so small that a microscope is needed to read it.

Bars to Happiness. "Now that you've made your pile I suppose you're happy?" "No. Mother won't let me see any show I want, daughter won't let me wear anything I want, and the doctor won't let me eat anything I want."—Washington Herald.

Looking Ahead. Village Policeman (who has locked up his quarrelsome wife)—There, I shall have a little peace now! But how about tomorrow, when I let her out?—Fleeguide Blatter.

Same Old Story. She—How did they ever come to marry? He—Oh, it's the same old story. Started out to be good friends, you know, and later on changed their minds.—Puck.

## POPULARITY OF BASEBALL

Qualities in the Game That Endear It to the Public.

There must be special qualities in a game that can take and keep such a hold on millions of hard headed, healthy Americans from boys to earnest old men. What are these qualities? Here is an attempt to define them:

First.—Efficiency. No other spectacle shows the human being to such advantage on the side of efficiency. If polo be mentioned to controvert this it certainly cannot compare in the next three advantages to be mentioned, and the inferiority of the circus the astute reader can figure out also from what follows:

Second.—Visibility. A person who understands the game sees almost every play perfectly. He sees the delivery by the pitcher, the preparation and swing of the batter, the ball dashing away, the rush, grasp and recovery of the infielder, the race of the runner down the line, the catch of the baseman and is ready to dispute with the umpire whether the ball arrived a tenth of a second before or a tenth of a second after the runner.

Third.—Sustained suspense. An English student of American affairs, endeavoring to make his countrymen understand the hold of the game, stated that if they would imagine the most intense moment in the fifth set of a tennis match being played for the championship of the world they might get an idea of the intensity of interest that pertains to a ball game at almost any time in any one of the nine innings.

Fourth.—The democratic background. The interest of watching the experts is inseparable from the fact that almost every boy in the United States is brought up to play the game itself. One sometimes hears it said that watching the game is less desirable than playing it, which is creating an absurd dilemma, as the clerk in a great town, who may be able to spend two hours of healthy interest in the baseball park, could not possibly be indulging in the game himself and also because watching the game makes one all the more eager to play it if he has the chance, just as playing it makes him all the more eager to see how it is played by the greatest experts in the world.—Norman Hargood in Metropolitan.

No Military Needed. Thomas McKean, chief justice of Pennsylvania, was a man of gigantic stature and a fiery temper.

A mob in Philadelphia defied the efforts of the sheriff to disperse it. He so reported to Justice McKean, then sitting in full court.

"Have you read the riot act?" "Yes, your honor. It had no effect." McKean's eyes flashed dangerously. "Have you ordered out the military?" "Yes. Shall I fire on them?" "No; I'll disperse them."

McKean rose and rushed out of the court in his wig and gown, his face flushed with passion, into the midst of the riotous mob.

"I am Thomas McKean, chief justice, and I command you to disperse!" So saying, he seized two of the ring-leaders, literally tucked them under his arms and returned to the court, while the crowd crept home, silent as frightened sheep.—Green Bag.

Dickens' List of Names. It is not really surprising that the names of Dickens' characters, odd as they are, should be found in real life, for it was from life that many of them were taken. Some, as we know, were copied from the names over shop doors, etc. But this was not the novelist's only source of selection. Among his papers John Forster found carefully drawn up lists of names, with the sources from which he obtained them, and the longest lists were those drawn from the "Privy Council Education Lists." Some of the names thus noted are too extravagant for anything but reality—Jolly Stick, Bill Marigold, George Muzzle, William Why, Robert Gospel, Robin Serblam, Sarah Goldsacks, Catherine Two, Sophia Doodson, Rosetta Dust, Sally Gumblet.—London Chronicle.

It is said that Pitcher "Wild Bill" Donovan, of the Detroit Tigers, will give up active baseball and become manager of some minor league team.

# PAID OUT \$2880 And The Other Fellow Owns My Home

It does seem strange that some people permit themselves to get into one rut and there remain.

This week a man came into my office, whom I thought owned his home and when I asked him how long since he purchased, he replied, "Why, I have lived in La Grande for the past twelve years and never bought. I have sometimes thought I would but it seemed I never got to it."

Inquiry revealed the fact that this man has paid on an average of \$20 per month, which means that he has paid out \$2,880 and has nothing to show for it.

Had my friend invested soon after coming here he would today be living in a \$2,000 home all paid for. Not only that, he would have been a better father, a better husband and a better citizen. The possession of a home creates an independence that no one can possess in a rented property.

We dare say there are no less than fifty people in La Grande today who occasionally think about buying a home but keep on paying the other fellow when if they will come to my office I will show them how easy it is to save this constant drain on the family purse.

# Geo. H. Currey Real Estate

School Discipline. The young teacher should learn and the older teacher remember that for every teacher that fails on account of lax discipline there is another who fails on account of overgovernment. Some teachers assume the same attitude as the policeman who found two men talking on the street corner and ordered them to move on, as there was an ordinance prohibiting crowds gathering on the streets. One man remonstrated, saying that two did not make a crowd. "One makes a crowd if I say so," answered the policeman. A teacher who assumes that whatever he says is law, and it is law because he says it, is making a sad mistake. When the pupils have a definite aim to do and the teacher has a definite aim in what he does there will be no time or occasion to "maintain order." It will maintain itself.—Missouri School Journal.

Origin of the Postmark. Great Britain. It is said, can without fear of contradiction claim the honor of having originated the postmark. The first one, which was used in London as long ago as 1660, was a very simple affair, consisting of a small circle divided into two parts. In the top portion were two letters indicating the month, while in the lower half the day of the month was shown. No endeavor was made to denote the year, and it is

only by the dates of the letters on which the mark is impressed that it is possible to fix the date of its use. The earliest known was a letter written in 1680.—London Telegraph.

Looking to the Future. "I guess I'll make a lawyer of Josh," said Farmer Cornfossil. "But your wife wants him to be a physician." "Yes, he's got to be a professional man, and we'd want to show our confidence in him. And I think it would be a heap safer to take Josh's law than his medicine."—Washington Star.

Stung! "How fat and well our little boy looks!" "Ah, you should never judge from appearances. He's got a gumball on one side of his face, and he has been stung by a wasp on the other."—Pelo Melo.

The Difference. Little Willie. What is the difference between character and reputation, pa? Pa—Character is a luxury, my son, while reputation is a necessity.—Chicago News.

Veterans at South Bend. South Bend, Ind., May 21.—Civil war veterans by the thousands and

other visitors in large numbers are here to attend the annual encampment of the G. A. R., department of Indiana, which began today, and is to continue until Friday. Despite the fact that the soldiers are so rapidly lessening in numbers, the encampment promises to be one of the most successful ever held in this state. Annual meetings are being held also by the several auxiliary societies. The annual parade will be held tomorrow and each evening there will be camp fires with prominent speakers.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case that fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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