

HE GOT THE SNIPER.

An Incident of the Landing of Our Marines in Vera Cruz.

Uncle Sam's marines know how to handle a rifle; 50 per cent of the force are qualified, listed shots. There is a story about the occupation of Vera Cruz that tells of good shooting and a sure eye. Our bluejackets were marching up the street from the Plaza between rows of low two story houses. A well dressed Mexican gentleman, with a newspaper over his knee, was sitting on the balcony of his house, apparently intent on watching our sailors advance, but hidden under the paper he held a big revolver, and as our men went by he fired. The bullets were striking, but our officers could hardly suspect a well dressed Mexican, reading a paper and looking peacefully on from his own house, of being the sniper.

Dropping his paper, the Mexican went inside to reload. When he came out again on the balcony the glint of the gun caught the attention of Lieutenant Colonel Neville on horseback in the Plaza, a thousand or more yards away. Through his eight power field glass the colonel saw plainly the flash of the shot under the newspaper.

"Get him," he said, turning to his orderly.

The man raised his rifle, pressed the trigger—and the Mexican fell out of his chair.—Henry Reuterlahl in Youth's Companion.

WEIGHT OF THE FEET.

Greater When You Are Asleep Than When You Are Awake.

Your feet weigh more when you are asleep than when you are awake. At least that is the conclusion of a scientist who has experimented with the question. These tests were conducted in a most interesting manner. The subject was laid on a long plank, which was then placed upon a cross-tree, so-called fashion. The man upon the plank was balanced on this cross-tree, and the plank remained at a level without any effort upon his part. But the moment that he went to sleep it began to incline downward at the end opposite his head.

This experiment was repeated with a number of persons belonging to both sexes, and in every case the result was the same. In no instance did the sleeper's head incline toward the ground.

This phenomenon is explained by the fact that the head is drained of surplus blood when a person is asleep, and the blood naturally flows toward the extremities of the sleeper. Immediately this makes the head lighter in weight, the difference being sufficient to upset the balance of a man resting in the position described.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A Theodore Thomas Retort.

A characteristic story is told of one of the first rehearsals of the college choir (of the Cincinnati College of Music), at which Theodore Thomas had reprimanded some of the sopranos sharply for intonation. "He treats us as if we were members of his orchestra," exclaimed an indignant singer to her next neighbor. Thomas overheard the remark and let it pass for the moment, but at the close of the rehearsal, as the performers were leaving the stage, he passed the lady in question and, turning to her, said very quietly, but with that biting sarcasm which those who knew him did not care to excite, "Madam, you will have to sing a great deal better than you do now before I shall treat you as I treat the members of my orchestra!"—Memoirs of Theodore Thomas.

Origin of the T. Rail.

Robert Livingston Stevens sailed from New York to Liverpool before the advent of the ocean steamer. In those days the passage took two months, and Stevens passed many an hour, Jack-knife in one hand and a piece of wood in the other, brooding over a problem that had often worried him—how to run a railroad without stone stringers for tracks. He wanted to get an iron rail that would "hold" and would take the place of the thin strips fastened to the chair of the roadbed. Just before he reached England his whittling revealed to him the solution of his problem, and that solution took the form of a T rail with a broad base that could be applied direct to a solid wood support. That T rail is still in use on all the railways of the world.

To Be Kept Mute.

"That was a homely woman I saw you with last night."
"Don't tell my wife."
"She didn't know about it, eh?"
"Oh, yes; she was the woman."—Boston Transcript.

Illiteracy in Spain.

In many villages and small towns in the interior of Spain no one knows how to read or write. There are in Spain 50,000 rural villages without schools of any kind and many thousands which can be reached only by a bridge path, there being no highroads or railway communication of any kind. Attendance at school is voluntary, not obligatory. Seventy-six per cent of the children in Spain are illiterate.

Another View of It.

"How did Bink get all bunged up?"
"Tried to come between a man and his wife."
"Interfered in a family row?"
"Oh, no—tried to cross the street when each was coming toward him in an auto."—Florida Times-Union.

Ups and Downs.

"I threw up a good position to please that girl."
"Did she appreciate the sacrifice?"
"No, she didn't; she threw me down."—Baltimore American.

Of Interest to Women

High Heels Doomed During the War

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—High heels must go! High shoes also!

They are going by government edict in France. They will go by government request in the United States. They have gone in England by common consent.

Thus will women be brought down to man's level in the war to make the world safe for democracy. By demanding low shoes with low heels from their dealers, they will get them. Maryland women do.

And the idea of it all is to save leather for the lads who are lapping the Hun.

There will be less leather in shoes generally, too. That goes for England, France, Italy and the United States. England has a drastic law regulating the height of footwear. The Commercial Economics Board of the Council of National Defense is trying to eliminate high shoes in America, particularly military high-laced boots.

On this subject an editorial translated from Le Matin, Paris, by the Women's Foreign News Bureau of the Council exclaims at the dispropor-

tion between the height of boots for French women, and the scarcity of leather for military purposes.

The writer complains even more sharply, however, of the height of the heels, declaring that this is no time to deliberately undermine health and usefulness by such a fashion. If, he says, it were a fashion to carry the nose several inches further forward, he would have nothing to say, though it would be as unlovely to look at, were it raised to this unnatural angle. But seven out of ten feet subjected to high heels are tortured by being thrown out of balance, the toes are turned, the heels are treacherously thrown out of line, and soon worn over. And when one thinks that two centimeters less of heel would end all this, and restore normality, one is obliged to reflect "like feet, like head."

A few days after the editorial appeared the writer admitted that he had received many letters from women saying that they would gladly wear better shoes, but they must buy whatever there are in the stores, and that those who make the styles should be scolded, not they. Supply is regulated by demand, and demand is largely guided by education. Manufacturers will co-operate with women who demonstrate patriotism by continually asking for conservative styles which save leather for military uses.

RED CROSS News and Notes.

KNITTERS ATTENTION

Please turn in to the Red Cross all finished garments on Friday afternoon of this week. There are almost enough garments to fill a box and the box must be shipped Saturday. Your generous response on previous calls assures the full box.

Every week of late the Chapter has had "hurry up" orders. Last week the call was for triangular bandages. In one day in La Grande there were three miles of hemming done. The branch societies just as quickly responded to the call, Joseph sending in 75 bandages, Wallowa 200 and others a goodly number. These were sent direct to the pier in New York for immediate shipping. Yesterday the call came for comfort pillows. There were a nice number pledged at once by ladies who called during the day, but there are still about fifty to be

missed with cotton. The latter is supplied by the Chapter. Please send in clippings not later than Friday morning.

Who will make a Layette?

To help relieve the worries of fathers at the front, the American Red Cross is planning to provide every French or Belgian mother who may need it with an infant's layette. The Woman's Bureau of the Red Cross has published a leaflet, available at every Red Cross Chapter, describing this simple outfit of warm baby clothes.

The articles and garments in the layette have been chosen upon the advice of the Woman's Bureau representatives who have just returned from a two months investigation of Allied needs in France. The Red Cross is anxious that these baby clothes be made by women working at home instead of in the Chapter work rooms.

age in France, hot water is available in most villages only twice a week, while the greater part of the laundry work is done in icy streams. The method of cleansing is by pounding with stones. Warm baby clothes will save many a child who otherwise might perish this year.

Patterns described in the leaflet can be obtained at Red Cross Chapters, and at practically every retail drygoods store with a pattern counter. The outfit calls for:

Two daisy-cloth or outing flannel dresses; one flannel or knitted or crocheted jacket; three bleached muslin jackets; three thin white flannel brassieres; one heavy flannel or daisy-cloth hood; two pairs of booties; two swaddling clothes or woolen blankets; three flannel binders; twelve diapers; three undershirts; one bonnet, and a bag filled with sundries for the little new-comer into a warring world. Wherever possible, the Red Cross urges that the layette be completed before it is turned over to the Chapters for shipping. Where this is not possible, single articles will be acceptable.

Already Cove has responded with their usual promptness with a box of NEW knitted undersuits for children. Merchants have contributed from their stock good garments to add to Cove's generous gift. But the shipping cases are large and there is yet room for others to emulate Cove's good deed or that of the merchant. The box must go on Saturday.

SOCIETY

Mrs. E. C. Tuckey and Mrs. Groclove entertained at the home of Mrs. Tuckey Tuesday night for the Red Cross. Five tables of "500" were played, the honors going to Mrs. L. M. Hoyt, and Mrs. Van Valkenberg won the consolation prize. Delicious refreshments were served. Those present were Mesdames E. W. Parsons, P. A. McDonald, Anna Washburn, Grump, Safford, Peter Biever, Henry Hill, Hibberd, Ed. Reynolds, Steve Gardinere, G. L. Higgins, Van Valkenberg, W. D. McDonald, Hartford, Harrison, Okey, Spencer, Lou Givens, L. M. Hoyt and Miss Pauline Lederle.

Mrs. D. W. Jesse entertained for the Red Cross last night at her home on Adams avenue. Three tables of "bridge" were played. Etta Foley won honors. Dainty refreshments were served. Those present were, Mrs. G. L. Larson, Mrs. T. J. Scruggs, Mrs. J. F. Corbett, Mrs. W. B. Bollens, Miss Bollens, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Roscoe Neal, Mrs. E. E. Lintley, Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp, Mrs. Dick Jones, Mrs. Geo. Cochran, Mrs. J. Van Buren, Mrs. Frank Redlin, Mrs. Wm. Seigrist and Miss Etta Foley.

Train Service Resumed.

PORTLAND, Jan. 9.—The O-W. R. & N., Northern Pacific and Great

Northern have announced the full resumption of the Seattle-Portland passenger schedules of nine trains

each way daily with the full former equipment last night. The curtailment move was a measure during the floods. Transcontinental traffic has been resumed.

Wallowa—75,000 foot capacity mill to be located here.

Stomach Troubles.

If you have trouble with your stomach you should try Chamberlain's Tablets. So many have been restored to health by the use of these tablets and their cost is so little, 25 cents, that it is worth while to give them a trial.—Adv.

Coat With Emplacements of Fur-Fabric



Coats, coat suits and frocks, with collars and cuffs of fur or fur-fabrics and emplacements like them on the skirt are among the season's noteworthy and handsome offerings. On separate long coats and on coats with coat suits the collars and cuffs are attached to the garments, but on frocks to be worn indoors as well as out, the collar and cuffs may be detachable. Collars are nearly always of the convertible variety on all coats.

A handsome coat of taupe wool velours is shown in the picture, finished with fur-fabric in the same color. It is full and straight-hanging, with a handsome half girdle of the material that extends from the side seams to the front. Here its two long ends, bordered with the fur-fabric are looped over. There are three large covered buttons at the front of the coat and one on the collar, all covered with the same furlike material.

These marvelously woven and dyed materials have established themselves as a permanent feature of each new season's production of fabrics. When they are made to imitate natural skins

timony of touch to tell woven broad-tail or seal or mole plush from these furs. They are at their best when used in the manner illustrated, either on coats or suits or frocks.

Now that everyone is practicing economy and prolonging the usefulness of garments by remodeling them, these fur-fabrics have proven themselves the best of aids. They help to change the appearance of made-over clothes so completely that there is no recognizing original suit or frock that is enriched by them—and their durability means a long-time lease on life for such garments.

Entire coats of fur-fabrics are very warm and hardly suited to the milder climates of the South, but scarfs and muffs, or collars and cuffs on fashionable coatings worn with muffs to match them, make an ideal coat for any latitude. In the North a sweater worn under a coat of this kind makes it as warm as a fur coat and the cloth coat trimmed with fur-fabric. At least the equal of an entire coat of the fabric, in elegance and in rich appearance.



MODART Corsets Front Laced

through the corsets themselves.

We cannot hope to convey in words the merit of a corset which finds its most fitting expression in figures.

We can only tell you that the new design of MODART Front Laced Corsets seem to have acquired an added grace and to impart to the figure still something more of beauty and of poise.

We consider MODART the best corset at any price.