

# FREEDOM OF OTHER DAYS

### No Cheering Mobs Would Have Greeted Foch But Courts Would Have Taken Action.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—"To one freedom of the city—6 beaver skins." Entries like this would have dotted the debit side of the expense account of Foch, Diaz, Beatty, Jacques and others of the brilliant procession of old world figures drawn to America in the wake of the world war, had they come about three centuries earlier.

And instead of riding at the head of triumphal processions to the city halls of various municipalities, there to receive the freedom of the city at the hands of respectful mayors, to the accompaniment of bands and cheering throngs, they would have had to file petitions in court for their freedom and take oaths not to offend against the law of the land.

Conferring of the freedom of a city on a visitor has come to mean almost precisely the opposite of what it meant in the young days of America and—earlier—in the medieval days in Merrie England.

"The origin of the custom of granting the freedom of the city to aliens is virtually lost in antiquity," said Professor Harold McBain, instructor in municipal government at Columbia University, commenting on the round of brilliant receptions that have kept the mayors of New York and other cities almost constantly in tall hats and frock coats in recent months.

"It appears, however, to have grown directly out of the medieval organization of industry on a monopolistic basis, and was originally an economic measure, pure and simple.

"In the old English borough it amounted to a license to carry on business, later, to vote. Without the status of a free man, conferred by the grant, a man could not rise above the class of employee.

The early Dutch settlers of New Amsterdam—now New York—set up a similar status, called the Burgher Right, in 1648, as a protection against Scotch merchants and Petty traders who spoil trade and business by underselling." Persons not holding the Burgher Right were prohibited from conducting business "either with Christian or Heathen." The fee was six beaver skins.

"Freedom of the city was provided for in the Dongan charter of 1686—the first English charter of New York City, and its dispensation was entrusted to ye mayor or any three or more of ye aldermen. The fee by this time was reckoned in British pounds instead of beaver skins—3 pounds, 12 shillings for the shopkeeper class and 1 pound, 4 shillings for handicraftsmen.

"Persons receiving the grant were required to take the oath, 'Obeyant and Obedient Shall ye bee to the Mayor and Ministers of this City,' and swore to take turns at the watch, pay their taxes, and warn the mayor of 'any gatherings, Conventicles or Conspiracies made against the King's Peace.'

"It was in the latter part of the eighteenth century that the practice of bestowing gratuitous, honorary freedom of the city appeared.

"Early New York records recite the bestowal of the freedom of the city of New York on Captain Sir Peter Warren for his exploits against the French and to Generals Shirley, Monckton and Gage.

"Later there is an entry showing the honor was bestowed on three sailors of a vessel living in New York harbor, in recognition of their services in helping extinguish a disastrous fire."

The formality had nearly died out when the termination of the war brought a revival, designed to honor noted visitors. Professor McBain said he knew of no records showing the origin of the practice of delivering the "keys of the city" to persons receiving the honor.

### Brown Says It Has Oldest Graduate

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 23.—Brown University lays claim to having the oldest graduate of any American college. John Hunt, of Springfield, O., 99 years old on October 17, was graduated from Brown in 1842, nearly two decades before the Civil War began. He was born in Lowell, Mass.

During his undergraduate course at Brown, which then consisted of four buildings, tuition was \$21 a term and board \$1.25 a week. He has been pastor of eight different Baptist churches, five in New Hampshire, one in Vermont, one in Massachusetts, and one in Ohio. He was married twice and had one son. He has survived his entire family.

John Hunt is in good health mentally and physically. He attributed his great age to heredity. His mother lived to be well over a century old and he expects to duplicate this record.

**FLOOD HITS INDIANA.**  
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Nov. 23.—here was no prospect of relief in sight Sunday night from the high water which has flooded the lowlands close to the Wabash river in this district. The river reached a stage of 36.8 feet Sunday and was still rising. Many families in the low lands have been forced to leave their homes and much damage has been done to crops.

### Militaristic Plea Made At Conference By Premier Briand

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Premier Briand held the arms conference for an hour yesterday while he told of France's need for a larger army. Briand said that Germany had machinery to raise seven million men. At least a quarter million of Germans are receiving daily instruction he said.

"How can anyone ask France to disarm under such circumstances?" he asked throwing on the table a manuscript of Ludendorff circulars. Balfour pledged the British support to France. The Italian delegate said that Italy intended a further reduction of her army. Admiral Kato said that Japan wanted an army only large enough for defense. The land armament question was referred to a committee of five powers. The British were not inclined to repudiate the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

### ITALY WANTS MORE SUBS NOW

ROME, Nov. 23.—An argument for the submarine as a protection for Italy is printed by the Messaggero Saturday in an editorial.

"It can be understood why Great Britain should be averse to submarines," the editorial says, "but that is no reason why France and Italy should accept Mr. Balfour's limitations. We are unable to construct ships because we have not the financial means. There is nothing hostile in our policy to Great Britain but our only hope of independence consists in owning many submarines."

"Let us remember that the Mediterranean is still a British lake, presenting a problem more important and more delicate for us than that of the Pacific."

Balfour has said the existence of his empire is impossible without the safeguarding of its long lines of communication, but Italy as are all the Mediterranean nations is at the complete mercy of England, who is able to stifle them at will. Italy cannot consent to any limitation on submarines unless she can obtain absolute guarantees."

The Times expresses the opinion that the story of naval bases will be necessary at the conference. "All of these," says the newspaper, "are under the control of England or America. It is impossible for Italy and France to accept England's superiority in the Mediterranean."

### Modern Swiss Family Robins Is Found

HONOLULU, T. H., Nov. 23.—The tale of a modern "Swiss family Robinson," composed of two men and one woman who for nearly a year have been living a life of isolation on Palmyra Islands, a lonely, isolated spot 700 miles south of Hawaii, but officially a part of the city of Honolulu, in an effort to start a copra plantation was related here when the United States Explorer boat number 4 returned from a survey and aerial survey of the pin-prick on the map.

Mrs. William Ming, the only woman in the party, returned to Honolulu aboard the vessel, for medical treatment. She, her husband, Colonel William Ming and Edward Benner were the only human beings on the island which is far outside the regular steamer paths, without wireless or the regular communication with the world.

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### SIX SCHOOLS ARE ACCREDITED

### Union County Educational Standards are High in its High Schools.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Nov. 23.—Six high schools in Union county—those at Coys, Elgin, and Union—have courses of study of such high grade and taught with such efficiency that they are accredited by the University of Oregon, whose entrance requirements are among the most rigid in the United States.

To be admitted to the freshman class of the University of Oregon a student must have completed a four-year high school course or its equivalent, requiring not less than 15 units of work. The term "unit" means the equivalent of five recitations per week of not less than 40 minutes each in one branch of study, for a school year of not less than 36 weeks. Considering these high school requirements it is a distinct honor for a high school to be on the University accredited list.

Although there are more than two hundred high schools in the state,

only 177 are accredited by the University. The University of Oregon makes the following specific requirements: Three units of English, one unit each of algebra, plane geometry, history and science, two units of one foreign language, an additional unit of any of these five units in elected subjects. But it is recommended that in electives significant amounts of each subject be taken, not just a little of several subjects, which is described as buttering your bread too thin.

### AMERICA'S FRIEND

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The late Premier Hara of Japan viewed the United States as "the strongest and longest friend of Japan," the Rev. R. Tsunashima of Tokio said Sunday in an address. He quoted Premier Hara as holding it "unthinkable that this friendship" should be broken.

"Strains may come and misunderstandings may arise," the speaker said the premier, not long before he was assassinated, told an American missionary, "but that the time should ever come when they shall be unable to find solution to their problems—that to my mind is absolutely unthinkable."

The monthly payroll of the Southern Pacific company in Lane county is \$36,000, which goes to 277 men in Eugene.

### UNION COUNTY SIXTEENTH AT UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Nov. 23.—(Special.)—Union county has 23 students enrolled at the University of Oregon. This is the sixteenth place among the counties of the state.

Out of 2095 students, 1736 are residents of Oregon. But in spite of the registration fee charged non-residents, 242 come from other states. Ninety-five are from Washington, 72 from California, and 20 from Idaho. Twenty-seven states, in all, are represented. There is one Alaskan.

"Twenty-nine are registered from other countries, including 12 from the Philippines, 3 from Hawaii, 5 from Canada, 3 from China, 2 from India, 1 from Japan, 1 from Siberia, 1 from France and 1 from Greece.

### SAYLOR KILLED

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Nov. 23.—Milburn Saylor, 29, of Indianapolis, a Big Four railroad fireman, who a

few years ago was a prominent contender for the lightweight boxing championship, was killed Sunday when a string of cars running wild crashed into his engine. Saylor was pinned against the boiler head and scalded to death by the released steam. The engineer was seriously injured. In 1914 Saylor won the lightweight and welterweight titles of Australia.



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