

NOTABLES IN THE LIMELIGHT

Fairfax Harrison, New Head of Southern Railway.



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Fairfax Harrison, the new president of the Southern Railway company, was a close and trusted adviser of the late W. W. Finley, whom he succeeds. Since 1910 he has been president of the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville Railway company, which is controlled jointly by the Southern and the Louisville and Nashville railroad.

The Southern's new head is a native of New York city and a brother of Francis Burton Harrison, governor general of the Philippines. Born in New York city forty-four years ago, Mr. Harrison was graduated from Yale in 1890 and admitted to the bar of New York two years later. For several years he practiced his profession in New York and in 1896 became solicitor for the Southern railway. In 1903 he became assistant to the president of that corporation and three years later vice president, remaining in that position until elected president of the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville. Though Mr. Harrison entered the service of the Southern Railway company in the legal department, his experience has not been confined to that branch. He has given much study to financial, traffic and operating problems. Mr. Harrison's home is at Belvoir, Va.

For Government Ownership.

To place the telephone and telegraph companies under the ownership and control of the federal government is the aim of Representative John Austin Moon of Tennessee. He has introduced a bill in congress providing for such action and points to the great success of the postoffice department to support his contention that it will be a benefit to the public. In the event that congress will not make his bill a



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law, Mr. Moon will ask that a special committee be appointed to investigate the matter.

Congressman Moon hails from Chattanooga and is serving his ninth term as representative of the Third district of Tennessee. As chairman of the committee of postoffices and post roads he is thoroughly familiar with the workings of the postoffice department and speaks from experience. A lawyer by profession and judge, Mr. Moon served five terms as judge of the fourth judicial circuit of Tennessee before he was elected to congress.

Ready in Debates.

United States Senator Nathan Goff of West Virginia served in a presidential cabinet thirty years ago. During the Hayes administration he was appointed secretary of the navy to succeed Richard M. Thompson. Later the distinguished West Virginian was appointed to the federal bench. He has already figured as a master of law in senate debates, citing precedents without opening a book and quoting decisions without looking at the text.

ROUND THE WORLD

Skilly has an area of 25,739 square kilometers.

Canning periwinkles is a new industry in Norway.

There are sixteen cables across the north Atlantic ocean.

Constantinople has a newspaper that is run by eleven Turkish women. Golf enthusiasts in Massachusetts yearly expend about \$800,000 on the game.

Rubber flowers to be worn on women's bathing suits are something novel.

Scotland's population is 15,411 greater than that of Ireland. She is also twice as rich.

Chile has taken up the whaling industry in the southern seas dropped by Americans.

The United States produced more white arsenic last year than ever before, and the imports also were the greatest on record.

Pittsburgh now has a branch of the Drama League of America to censor theatrical performances.

A modern Chinese trade union has been formed in Shanghai by 3,000 goldsmiths and silversmiths.

Edward Nutry of Brooklyn has just had a needle removed from his leg, where it had lain for fifty years.

Liquorice root is a pest in some parts of Turkey and Russia, interfering with the cultivation of the land.

The tallest building in the world, 901 feet high, will be erected in Greeley square, New York city, to house the Pan-American States association.

Because of a lack of accessible quarries from which to obtain paving material Brazil is forced to import cobblestones for its streets from Portugal.

An African explorer found a very modern American sewing machine being operated by a woman in a native village in the heart of the dark continent.

A car to carry two members of a rescue crew, who propel it with bicycle gears as it runs on the track of a mine railway, has been invented in Europe.

In an electric fountain for table decoration invented by a Boston man the falling water turns a wheel which changes the colors of the lights which illuminate it.

During the recent salmon run in British Columbia waters salmon were sold at retail in Vancouver shops for 15 cents apiece, the fish averaging five pounds dressed.

Because the tonnage over the famous Forth bridge, in Scotland, was 60 per cent heavier last year than in the year when it was opened much of the structure will be rebuilt.

Judge Jackson of Los Angeles, Cal., has ordered a witness box for his court so constructed that jurymen may see only the heads and shoulders of women witnesses.

A new electric flashlight pistol of French invention for scaring criminals not only displays a bright light when the trigger is pulled, but makes a noise like a real weapon as well.

The number of persons killed by lightning in the United States during a year averages nearly 600; about 4,000 cattle are killed, and annual damage by lightning is \$3,000,000.

An electric crane erected in Germany for mounting machinery in large steamships has a capacity of 250 tons, while the jib is 315 feet long and can be raised to a height of 330 feet.

Aluminum wire seems to have a property of shedding water that adds to its value for transmission lines, as ice will not form upon and break it as quickly as it will copper or iron wire.

During the calendar year 1912 one of the banks of Naples received in small remittances from emigrants domiciled in foreign countries \$11,870,885. Of this sum \$9,824,129 came from the United States.

Norway, according to the American Scandinavian Review, within the last five years has become the fourth seafaring nation in the world, counting the ship tonnage alone. In proportion to its population it ranks first.

When an epidemic of cholera is raging in the Philippines the authorities do not close the schools to avoid contagion. They keep them open as centers of hygienic information for preventing the spread of the disease.

In Germany liquid air is being experimented with as a mine explosive. Mixed with aluminum powder and detonated it forms an explosive about two and a half times as powerful as black powder. Its peculiar advantage is that there are no deleterious fumes.

The American residents of the Panama canal zone are worrying as to what they will do when the canal is finished and they have to return to the United States, for, they say, the canal zone is such an ideally healthy place for children that they dread the change to the more northern climate.

A Gluck association for the propagation of the works of that master has just been formed in Dresden. The society calls itself "Gluck community," and intends, little by little, to bring out in print all the literary and musical works of the composer of "Orfeo" and to foster a wider love of and understanding for the great man's music.

As an encouragement to further prospecting and mining in the new gold field near the boundary line between Alaska and Yukon territory the American customs officials have decided not to establish a custom house there for one year, believing that the miners have already undergone hardships enough in getting their outfits there without having to pay duties.

CARABAO SOCIETY SHAKEN.

Its Last Annual Dinner Stirs Up a Horness' Nest in Washington.

The dinner of the Military Order of the Carabao held during each December at Washington since the inauguration of the society has come to be regarded as an annual institution. Always the turmoil of army and navy politics and the foibles of government officials have been travestied. But at its last dinner the fun, from the administration's point of view, was carried too far. President Wilson was so angered over the satire of the administration's Philippine and peace policies indulged in that he canceled his honorary membership in the society and set the machinery of government to work to determine whether what



REAR ADMIRAL THOMAS B. HOWARD, GRAND PARAMOUNT CARABAO.

occurred was a breach of discipline or merely an exhibition of bad taste. The president's demand for an investigation caused a great commotion in army and navy circles. The general attitude of army and navy officers was that the spirit of the banquet was one of fun and should not be taken seriously.

A committee from the Carabao society, consisting of Rear Admiral Thomas B. Howard, recently elected grand paramount carabao; Major General J. B. Aleshire, quartermaster general, and General Frank McIntyre, chief of the bureau of insular affairs, called upon Secretary of War Garrison and Secretary of the Navy Daniels and in the form of a letter expressed the regret of the members of the Carabao for any occurrences at the dinner calculated to bring the administration policies into ridicule.

The Military Order of the Carabao was organized in Manila in November, 1900. Its purpose is to foster a high standard of military and social duty and to perpetuate the memory of Philippine service. Its membership is composed of army and navy officers, both regular and volunteer, who served in the Philippines between May 1, 1898, and July 4, 1902. The order is named after the water buffalo, or carabao, the slow going beast of burden of the Philippines, which was the main reliance of the army for the transport of stores while marching to fight a native foe in a strange and tropical land.

ALFRED NOYES ON A TOUR.

The English Poet is Gaining His First Impressions of the United States.

Alfred Noyes, the young and distinguished English poet, is paying his first visit to the United States and is lecturing in various cities. He will remain in this country for about six months. His poems and plays have been widely read upon this side of the water, and his popularity here is enormous.



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A LINCOLN FETE.

How to Celebrate the Birthday of the Famous Emancipator.

February is certainly the gala month of the year for special days. Now Cupid is busy sharpening his arrows for conquests on St. Valentine's day, and school children are experiencing thrills of patriotism as the stories of Lincoln are retold. His birthday on Feb. 12 will be celebrated with reverence and honor not only in schools, but in private homes.

For Lincoln's birthday this year a clever hostess has planned what she calls a patriotic luncheon. The dining room is to be decorated with flags, the centerpiece being a representation of a southern scene, with a realistic log cabin and darky dolls dressed in blue gingham pinafores. A saucy little mule draws a cart loaded with bales of cotton. Over the table there is to be a fern ball in which small silk flags will be thrust, to be taken out by the guests for their hair. The place cards are to be ornamented with a picture of Lincoln having the United States shield beneath it. At either end of the table there will be large bows of red, white and blue. The menu is unique. First comes cream of corn soup with bread sticks tied with tricolored ribbon. Tiny stars cut from cold boiled beets will be on top of the whipped cream which tops the soup. Next there will be breasts of chicken with cannon ball potatoes cut with a small round cutter that is obtainable at any kitchen furnishing department. Red and white radishes and green peas are the vegetables. Then a patriotic salad follows, made of tomatoes on white lettuce hearts, with mayonnaise served on blue plates. The dessert will be ice cream forts, made by taking cones of vanilla cream, placing candied cherries on them, like gun sights, capping all with a flag. The cake will be cut and led to look like American flags, blue candies being used for the stars. Drum shaped boxes will hold nuts and bonbons.

Cards will furnish the pastime after luncheon, the score cards being ornamented with patriotic symbols. For prizes the hostess is going to use some of the recent books upon the great emancipator, of which there are many adaptable for gifts.

SEWING ROOM HINTS.

How to Fasten Guimpes of Net and Lace.

Since guimpes and yokes of net, and all over lace are used a good idea is to place a piece of lawn under the buttonholes to be worked.

This is just basted and the buttonholes cut and worked through lawn and lace. Afterward the lawn is cut away, and the result is a firm buttonhole that has been quite easy to make.

Some women use books and eyes for closing yokes, but this method is not very durable. Buttons and buttonholes will last longer, also look neater.

Time and trouble may be saved by this plan. Before buttonholing scallops, or, in fact, any edge that has to be cut out, run over the line with a very small stitch on the sewing machine.

It will be found not only easier to cut out by the edge, but will not fray. Every woman knows how annoying these little bits of threads are that present themselves every time the cut out article comes from the laundry.

Supposing one wishes to work a buttonhole on the bias of the cloth, just stitch back and forth, say, from four to six times and then cut the buttonhole between the stitchings. When this is worked the buttonhole will be very firm indeed.

HOW TO CURE THROAT TROUBLE WITH APPLES.

Few persons realize the efficacy of apples in throat disorders and indigestion. Apples contain more phosphoric acid than any other fruit, and everybody ought to know that the best thing to do to promote the action of the liver and thereby secure sound sleep is to eat an apple before going to bed. Apple puddings of all kinds, apple sauce or salad of apple and celery for lunch, baked (with cream) for breakfast—any and all ways the apple is the old standby.

How to Test Serge.

If those who are puzzled to determine which is the right side of serge will follow this rule the difficulty will vanish. Whenever there are diagonal lines in the weave, as in serge, or in the pattern, as in some suitings, these lines run from the upper right hand corner to the lower left hand on the right side. In many materials other than serge these diagonal lines may be seen, such as merino, cashmere and even broadcloth, though not so evident in the latter.

How to Use a Darner.

Instead of using a wooden egg darning tray putting the worn stocking over your own shoe tree. Then you will be able to see exactly how the darned place will fit on your foot and can make it loose or tight as necessity requires.

When selecting a darning egg always get a white one, so that when mending black or colored stockings you will be able to see the work more plainly.

How to Make Handles Safe.

Electrician's tape to cover part of the handles of hammers and hatchets will prevent them from slipping out of the hand when in use.

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