

LOUD CRY FOR JOBS

How Professional "Old Soldiers" Work It.

SAY THEY'RE BADLY TREATED

But Government Gives Them the Preference—What Roosevelt Has Done—Ware's Difficult Task.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 14.—The professional old soldiers are grumbling in the public prints about the ill-treatment at the hands of the Government. One of the most indefatigable of these men is Dyrenforth, at the head of what is known in Washington as the "Old Soldiers' Legion." He breaks out into print every little while with the declaration that the soldiers are going to organize so as to get offices. Very little attention is paid to him, because he seems to make that a part of his stock in trade.

Another who has come forward with complaints is "Private" Daisel. This man has kept himself before the public for 40 years by writing to the papers from time to time, and signing his communications "Private" Daisel. He has written entertainingly, too, or else the papers would not have printed what he had to say.

One of Daisel's latest prints is a column full in the Washington Post, in which he says that from this time forth the old soldiers are going to vote their sentiments about as they please, and are not going to be controlled, as they have in the past, by the hope of party reward in the way of offices and appointments. He makes the bold assertion that heretofore the soldier vote has been swayed by the offices, or the hope of holding office. Of course this is a gross exaggeration. Soldiers have been recognized on all tickets, but it is a rank injustice to claim that the rank and file of the Grand Army that fought for the Union, have voted in the past simply with a view of obtaining personal preferment for themselves in the way of Government positions.

Daisel's complaint is that Congress has legislated so that the old soldiers can no longer hold office. He points to the civil-service law as being the thing that operates against the old soldier. He shows that under that law the old soldier cannot compete with college and high-school graduates. He knows, but he does not state, that the civil-service law has always given the preference to old soldiers in making appointments. He knows, but he does not state, that there are very few old soldiers under 60 years now, and consequently they cannot do the official work of the Government. He knows, but he does not state, that many of the old soldiers who entered during the closing days, and did not get near battlefields.

One of the greatest problems with which the Government officials, and especially heads of departments, have to deal is what to do with old soldiers who are now in office. Hundreds of them are outlived, and their usefulness. They cannot stand even the most ordinary one-half hour work of each clerical day, or if they do stand it, they accomplish little or nothing. Many of them are practically pensioners on the Government roll, because heads of departments do not care to dismiss them. In those bureaus that are governed strictly on business principles, and especially in the war, but that many of them were boys who entered during the closing days, and did not get near battlefields.

These constant complaints being made by the professional soldiers, such as Dyrenforth and Daisel, are even put for the purpose of frightening Theodore Roosevelt and compelling him to open the doors for all old soldiers who are applicants for positions under the Government, without regard to their fitness or capability. Now, as a matter of fact, Roosevelt is as great a friend of the old soldier as any man that has been in the office. He has shown it on several occasions. He did what McKinley would not do—removed H. Clay Evans from the office of Pension Commissioner, and appointed another man who was recommended by the old soldiers in order to gratify the demands of the Grand Army, and of the men who were speaking for the old soldiers of the country.

President Roosevelt was criticized for this act. It was believed that it was unjust to Evans, and it has proven so. Commissioner Ware, no matter what his fitness or liberality toward the old soldiers may have been, has found it impossible to grant pensions as fast as many of the old soldiers desired, and especially as fast as the pension sharks, known as attorneys here, demand. Ware is now being criticized as Evans was, and before the end of his term he will probably be as badly assailed by those who are determined to make a raid upon the treasury, as Evans was in securing more liberal administration of the pension laws.

The attack upon the President by the professional soldiers has been so open, the doors to appoint old soldiers right and left to the offices of the Government (something he cannot possibly do under the present laws), will avail nothing. It may be that some of the old soldiers to vote the Democratic ticket instead of the Republican ticket. That is their look out. The old soldiers ought to know that the only time the Democrats have had the Presidency they have fared badly in the matter of pensions. The Democratic party has never been anxious to increase the pension law. Whether the old soldiers will realize this cannot be foretold. What is probably a fact, and more to the point, is that these men who claim that the old soldiers have been governed by the spoils system, by the tick for office, and the hope of reward in the way they cast their votes, is a slander and that it represents but a comparatively few of the Daisels and Dyrenfords who have kept themselves before the public by posing as the friend of the old soldier.

The Feminine Cigarette-Smoker.

A lady who bears a name well known in New York City has opened a "tea-room and cigarette parlor" for women. She warmly defends her course against the charge of impropriety and asserts that "in a little while New York will become accustomed to the sight of women smoking." Another lady has just been hailed to a police court for presenting in torrid language the remark of a boarding-house neighbor, "Can a woman smoke a cigarette and still be respectable?"

In the name of the seven dragons of propriety, can't the women leave some vices to the men? They bet on the races, they bridge for stakes that sometimes beggar their guests, and drink cocktails in public (at the wrong time of day). If they take to staining their pretty fingers and befooling the festive sweethearts of their breath with nicotine in its nastiest form, what shall we have to do to respect them?

This will be a dreary old world when women are merely light-weight men, if they cease to maintain the standard of

WILL NOT RESIGN

Governor Hunt, of Porto Rico, Denies Rumors.

ISLAND IS FAST IMPROVING

Business Conditions Show a Healthy Growth, and Relations With the United States Have Been Greatly Extended.

NEW YORK, June 14.—Governor W. H. Hunt, of Porto Rico, arrived tonight on the Ponce. He said there was no truth in the rumor that he would resign. Speaking of Porto Rico, Governor Hunt said: "There has been continued development in the island during the closing fiscal year. Business conditions have steadily improved and commercial relations between the Porto Ricans and the people of the United States have become greatly extended. Trade statistics show, for example, that from January to June of this year, more than \$500,000 worth of coffee was exported to the United States against only \$20,000 worth in the same period last year.

"As a political way there is substantial advancement. Peace and order now prevail, American laws are effectively administered, and the people aspire to the rapid adoption of the American system of government."

SEEKING THEIR FATHER.

Three Children, Ignorant of English, Arrive Here Penniless.

Penniless and in a strange city, Josefa Krytofska, aged 12 years, and her younger brother and sister, aged 9 and 11, were discovered yesterday at the Union Depot by Officer Hawley, of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, and taken in charge.

The children were on their way from Baltimore to Tacoma, where they say that their father lives. Their tickets were only for Portland and they had no money with which to complete their trip. The possession of the elder girl were letters telling her that they were asking and employes on the train to care for them, as they had but a meager knowledge of the English language.

The children are Poles and know but little of the ways of English-speaking people. The girl was able to make herself understood, however, and explained to the officer that she wanted to go to her father, who is in Tacoma.

"Our mother lives in Baltimore," she said. "Some time ago father went to Tacoma, and we want to go to him. Mother bought us tickets to Portland and put us on the train."

The baggage was checked to Portland and there was nothing about the letters or tickets to indicate that the children were going further.

"It is very strange," said the officer, "that the mother would only buy the tickets to Portland if she wanted them to go all the way to Tacoma. I will keep them, however, until we can get word regarding their father, if the story is true about his being in Tacoma."

CHILDREN'S DAY SERVICES
Special Programme for the Young Folks at Many Churches.

Yesterday was children's day at the Protestant churches. The First Unitarian First, Second and Immanuel Baptist, First Methodist and our churches celebrated the day with appropriate services and programmes of literary and musical numbers.

At the Taylor-Street Church the children had been under the instruction of Mrs. C. N. Rankin for some weeks, and rendered their parts with a precision and spirit that evidenced careful training. The interest of children in the religious programme. The church had been decorated for the occasion by Mrs. Elaine R. Smith with flowers and bunting, and the taste, making the church appear a veritable bower of floral beauty as a proper setting for the appearance of the children on the platform.

The services in the Sunnyside Congregational Church yesterday forenoon were specially pleasing. The time given to the Sunday school and regular sermon was devoted to the children's programme. A given in the auditorium, which had been attractively decorated. There were concert exercises and recitations by the children of the Sunday school. At the close of the exercises were held. The programme closed with the song, "Gentleness, Kindness and Patience," by the class promoted. Benediction was by Rev. J. J. Stubb.

Has Canning Been Muzzled?
New York Evening Post.

The Cincinnati Enquirer publishes what purports to be an interview with the wife of a prominent member of Roosevelt's Cabinet. The greater part of it consists of Washington gossip too trivial to be noticed, but it contains one political reference which may prove interesting to Governor McKinley, according to the story, the Governor got a severe rebuke from President Roosevelt, Secretary Root and Secretary Shaw when he (Governor McKinley) made a speech in favor of tariff revision. This trio let the Governor know that the so-called "Iowa idea" was un-American. If the Governor has since brought forward the tariff revision, it is (quoth the interview) he must have done so by changing the "idea." This conception of the Administration's position in reference to the tariff coincides with that which persons not in the inner circle have pretty generally formed; but it is not to be inferred that the "Iowa idea" has undergone any change, or that Governor McKinley has retracted one jot or tittle of his own previous sayings. Nor can such changes take place while tariff burdens continue to weigh upon Western industry. Petitions from makers of agricultural implements for relief from the duties on iron and steel and a great variety of articles which have been monopolized by trusts are now in circulation. They will be presented to the Senate and to the Congress of the United States as soon as the latter comes together in regular or special session. They embody the Iowa idea, and they will disturb the harmony of the party in many places where the delegates are elected to the next National convention.

Oppressive Knowledge.

Washington Star.

He was a man so passive that he could be taken like a wildflower and classified and analyzed and talk about it by the hour.

He knew what muscles must contract to make the smile that cheers the eye. He could describe in phrase exact Just how your breath will form a sigh.

In twilight colors rich and fair Refraction's part he would explain. A sear was in his eyes and in his hair Which might or might not promise rain.

I'd rather be a butterfly, To perch with the early frost And roam the fields and love the sky, Than to be wise at such a cost.

Philadelphia has the largest number of Christian Endeavours connected with any one church, and Ahmednagar, in India, has the second largest.

THE "DIFFERENT" STORE

The Great June Clean Sweep Sale Opens This Morning.

JUNCE JOSH SOLILOQUIZES.

Someone asks: "What shall we do when stores cut the price of an article for a day, or as a bait, as you say, shall we pass it by and lose the chance of saving money?" Certainly not. Buy it. Take all the money they offer, but look out for the sting in the other goods. You'll have to be up and early, though, to find the stuff there as advertised—a minute or so after the doors are open—or you will be told: "Awfully sorry, but the last one was just sold a moment ago; here is something just as good"—and there you are, the bait is beginning to work.

Legitimate reductions in prices were told of in our big page announcement yesterday and more are here today—A page—nor would this whole paper contain mention of the thousands of radically underpriced bargains on sale here this week during the progress of our

MONSTER JUNE CLEAN SWEEP SALE, WHICH OPENS THIS MORNING

Prices stay reduced until lots are gone—and there are goods enough back of the offers to last the day out at least, and in most cases the week—unless we WARN YOU IN ADVANCE.

A HOPLESS CASE

The man or woman who won't save money is either hopelessly rich or hopelessly shiftless. To be sure the word "bargain" has been debased by low ethic stores, and they have made people suspicious. But that a quack does queer things does not set people against great surgeons and practitioners: An Olds, Wortman & King bargain is exactly what we say it is. The saving is real. The shoes we tell of today are those very good lines that the general shoe stores have to rely on for storekeeping expenses. We're making a clean sweep however and we'll close our eyes to loss this week. The lots named are big enough to supply all who come today—and probably all who come tomorrow. But early choosers always pick choicest fruit.

BOY'S SHOES—for vacation or dress wear, all solid leather, unlined calf.

\$2.00 values, sizes 11 to 2, swept out at \$1.48

\$2.50 values, sizes 4 to 5, swept out at \$1.78

10 styles of the celebrated EMPRESS \$3.50 shoes for ladies, Oxford or high cuts, swept out at \$2.68.

Women's Kid Juliettes, toes square or round, values to \$2 a pair; swept out at \$1.48.

MISSSES' STRAP SLIPPERS, sizes 6 to 10½, \$1.25 values 83c

" 11 to 2, \$1.50 values 98c

These are of patent leather or kid, with 2 or 3 straps or large buckle

Old Ladies' HOUSE SLIPPERS, sizes 3 to 8, values are \$1.25; swept out at 98c.

(1st floor)

Profits Swept Away

On druggists sundries, toilet articles and leather goods. You may pocket the profits and part of the cost this week on the following named articles:

6-oz. bottle, full proof witch hazel, special 10c bottle.

8-oz. bottle toilet toilet ammonia, special 35c bottle.

10-oz. bottle Florida water, special 15c bottle.

8-oz. bottle bay rum, special 10c bottle.

Small size bottle bay rum, 10c bottle.

Whisk brooms, special 10c each.

Celloid handle whisk brooms, special 10c each.

Quill toothpicks, special 2c package.

Royal tooth powder, special 5c box.

Graves tooth powder, value 25c, special 10c bottle.

Violet talcum powder, value 15c box, special 5c box.

Tanpau talcum powder, value 25c box, special 10c box.

Velvet skin toilet powder, special 14c box.

Pure castile soap, value 5c cake, special 3c cake.

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