

SHADE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON: "HEAVENS, CAN THIS BE MY LITTLE SON SAMUEL?"



GEORGE WASHINGTON AND SON SAMUEL FROM AN OLD ENGLISH ENGRAVING



—St. Louis City Journal.

**MORSE IN FINANCIAL STRAITS.**

Charles W. Morse, organizer of the Ice combine and of the Consolidated Steamship Company, and a few months ago regarded as one of the greatest



CHARLES W. MORSE

financiers, has had a meteoric career. He organized, consolidated and floated one enterprise after another. At one time he controlled banks, trust companies, insurance companies, steam companies and other corporations of aggregate resources valued at more than \$300,000,000. Morse's fortune several years ago was estimated at \$20,000,000. Three months ago he displayed quantities of securities and claimed to be worth \$11,000,000.

**POLITICS and POLITICIANS**

That there is no possibility of a war with Japan and that the sailing of the fleet to the Pacific is not a threat to any nation were the opinions expressed by Secretary Taft at the banquet of the Ohio Society at Philadelphia. But he added that it was sometimes helpful to have it understood that you can back up what you say. The influence of the navy in the Orient could not but be of great benefit.

The next day after the formal announcement of Gov. Hughes that he would not object to a unanimous expression of the Republican party in New York favorable to his nomination for the presidency Secretary of War Taft made public his letter to Chairman Parsons of the New York county committee, in which he said that friends of his should not attempt to divide in his interest the delegation from any State which has a candidate of its own.

Secretary Dover of the Republican National Committee, who submitted to a committee of three lawyers the question of the legality of the proposed primaries in Ohio for the choice of delegates to the national convention from congressional districts, as advocated by the Taft followers, now reports their decision as being unfavorable to that plan. While the opinion is not binding on either the committee or the convention, it is taken by the Forakerites to be a victory for them.

**THE ROD IN SCHOOL.**

Corporal Punishment Soon to Be Restored in New York.

As a result of investigation and discussion that have been going on for several months, principals and teachers in the New York public schools expect a new rule will soon be adopted by the Board of Education returning to corporal punishment under certain restrictions. This decision will have been largely influenced by an investigation recently made by a special committee appointed for that purpose. The chairman of that committee is Nathan S. Jonas, and he has sent out circulars to teachers in all the large cities of the United States asking for their experience and judgment in the matter of the use of the rod.

Answers received are overwhelmingly in favor of reasonable punishment in certain cases, and a report is soon expected from Mr. Jonas' committee recommending a revision of the school law of New York to that end. In twenty-six cities out of thirty-nine of the largest in the United States corporal punishment is allowed under certain restrictions.

The matter has been considered extensively in the latest report of the United States Commissioner of Education, Dr. Elmer E. Brown, of Washington, who, after extensive study and investigation, holds to the view that corporal punishment, judiciously administered, has been shown to be productive of the best results in most of the larger cities. When the report of Mr. Jonas' committee is submitted to the board it will be made public and the matter will be generally discussed before definite action is taken.

**Novel Treatment for Insanity.**

Dr. Henry S. Atkins, superintendent of the St. Louis Asylum for the Insane, has been testing an entirely new course of treatment for mild cases of insanity among the woman patients, it being nothing more or less than a Christmas shopping expedition. It is his theory that anything which occupies the mind pleasantly without causing too much excitement must be beneficial. He therefore sent about twenty of his patients under the charge of trained nurses, and each supplied with a moderate amount of money, to the department stores. The entire party was so dressed and conducted that no intimation was given of its real nature, and this was not suspected by the other shoppers, the unfortunate women deporting themselves in the most conventional and natural way possible. Luncheon was eaten at the restaurant, which all enjoyed, and it was with reluctance, but no attempt at resistance, that they returned to their quarters in the asylum.

**To Explore South America.**

A party of Boston scientists, under the direction of George Melville Boynton, has organized an expedition to explore the wilds of South America. A Gloucester fishing vessel has been bought and will be christened the Discovery. There will be about thirty-five men in all and the trip is expected to last five years. Operations will be confined chiefly to the unexplored regions south of the Amazon river, but the expedition will eventually follow the Amazon to its source and cross the Andes, coming out at Punta Parina, Peru. In the party will be botanists, mineralogists, ethnologists, taxidermists and photographers.

**Many Air Ship Bids Received.**

Gen. Allen of the Army Signal Corps is receiving a lot of letters daily containing bids for the proposed airships to be tested next spring. Most of them, however, are from irresponsible dreamers and the bona fide proposals are still few.



A series of articles now appearing in the Scientific American makes reply to the charges against the American Navy contained in the McClure article by Artist Reuter Dahl. The first article aims to show that the various boards which have determined the characteristics of the American Navy have had a majority of their membership composed of sea-going officers, contrary to the statement made by Reuter Dahl. The second one contradicts the statement that none of our battle ships has its main armor belt 6 inches above the water when fully equipped. It is asserted that our vessels show from 18 inches to 11 feet 6 inches of armor belt above the water line when fully equipped. As to the alleged low freeboard of our ships, the Scientific American points out that, with the single exception of the Dreadnaught, there is not a ship in the British Navy with the forward deck 28 feet high. As to the broadside guns, the writer holds that they are as high as similar guns in the German and Japanese navies, and from 2 to 4 1/2 feet higher than those of some of the modern British battle ships. The writer concludes that American ships in the matter of heavy armor are ton for ton superior to the ships of other navies.

The results of exhaustive experiments conducted by the Bureau of Chemistry of the Department of Agriculture to determine the poisonous effect of such drugs as borax, benzoic acid, benzoate of soda, sulphate of copper, sulphur dioxide, formaldehyde and salicylic acid when used as preservatives in foodstuffs have been outlined before the House Committee on Agriculture by Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief of the bureau. The main conclusion is that the expulsion of these and kindred drugs from the body shortens the term of the average man's life in the United States, and that kidney disease, so prevalent among Americans, is largely the result of constant introduction into the system of such substances. Dr. Wiley told the committee he had discovered that salt solution was a perfect substitute for sulphur in the whitening and drying of fruit, and he exhibited samples of apples so dried to prove his statement.

Dr. J. Walter Fewkes, an investigator employed by the Bureau of Ethnology, who has been looking into the origin of the first inhabitants of the island of Porto Rico, now reports his conclusion that the West Indies were formerly connected with South America, whence came the primitive Caribbeans to Porto Rico, and not from Yucatan, Florida or elsewhere, as held by the scientists who accept the theory of a prehistoric island extending almost across the Atlantic Ocean from the Caribbean Sea to Africa. This fabled Atlantis, now supposed to have been submerged in some change in the earth's crust, has served as the hypothesis to account for immigrations of primitive man, mammals and plants from the Old World to the New, thus accounting for the ruins of Egyptian pyramids and architecture in Yucatan. Dr. Fewkes virtually shatters this theory by asserting that the ridge of the Antilles extends from north to south instead of from east to west.

That the duty on sugar and tobacco be removed is again recommended in the report of Secretary of War Taft on the Philippine Islands. This course, he says, is necessary in order to have these industries attain their former prosperous condition, and he believes that the removal of the duty would not injure any American interest nor affect the prices of sugar and tobacco in this country. He also urges Congress to remove the present restrictions on the acquisition of mining claims; to authorize the insular government to conduct an agricultural bank, and that our coastwise laws be made inapplicable to trade between the United States and Philippine ports. The President concurs in the Taft recommendations and gives especial praise to Governor Smith and his associates for their conduct of affairs in the Philippines.

William J. Bryan appeared before the House Committee on Election of President and Vice President for the purpose of urging the passage of a bill providing for publicity of campaign contributions to the political parties. He took the ground that all arguments used in elections should be used publicly, and all means employed to secure the election of or to defeat a candidate should be means which the one using them would not be ashamed to have the world know. He insisted that the most important thing to be done was to make the campaign contribution known before the election.

**RHEUMATISM CAN NOT BE RUBBED AWAY**

It is perfectly natural to rub the spot that hurts, and when the muscles, nerves, joints and bones are throbbing and twitching with the pains of Rheumatism the sufferer is apt to turn to the liniment bottle, or some other external application, in an effort to get relief from the disease, by producing counter-irritation on the flesh. Such treatment will quiet the pain temporarily, but can have no direct curative effect on the real disease because it does not reach the blood, where the cause is located. Rheumatism is more than skin deep—it is rooted and grounded in the blood and can only be reached by constitutional treatment—IT CANNOT BE RUBBED AWAY. Rheumatism is due to an excess of uric acid in the blood, brought about by the accumulation in the system of refuse matter which the natural avenues of bodily waste, the Bowels and Kidneys, have failed to carry off. This refuse matter, coming in contact with the different acids of the body, forms uric acid which is absorbed into the blood and distributed to all parts of the body, and Rheumatism gets possession of the system. The aches and pains are only symptoms, and though they may be scattered or relieved for a time by surface treatment, they will reappear at the first exposure to cold or dampness, or after an attack of indigestion or other irregularity. Rheumatism can never be permanently cured while the circulation remains saturated with irritating, pain-producing uric acid poison. The disease will shift from muscle to muscle or joint to joint, settling on the nerves, causing inflammation and swelling and such terrible pains that the nervous system is often shattered, the health undermined, and perhaps the patient becomes deformed and crippled for life. S. S. S. thoroughly cleanses the blood and renovates the circulation by neutralizing the acids and expelling all foreign matter from the system. It warms and invigorates the blood so that instead

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**On Edge.**  
The stranger was looking at the network of railway tracks that monopolized the lake front.  
"They call this the Illinois Central, do they?" he asked.  
"Yes," said the old resident.  
"H'mph! It looks more like the Illinois Marginal!"—Chicago Tribune.

**All the More Deserving.**  
Woman of the House—A big, strong man like you going around begging! You ought to be ashamed of yourself!  
Tuffold Knutt (touching his eyes with a grimy handkerchief)—I am, mum. It mortifies me 'most to death. Folks generally treats me well on that account, mum.

**No Time for Details.**  
An American speeding over the continent of Europe in his automobile asked his chauffeur, "Where are we?"  
"In Paris," shouted the man at the wheel, and the dust flew.  
"Oh, never mind the details," irritably screamed the American millionaire, "I mean what continent?"

**Had None.**  
"Going to write a book, eh?"  
"Yep, thought I would."  
"Gong to tell about your early struggles?"  
"Nope; never had no early struggles; didn't get married till I was past 40."  
—Houston Post.

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