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CAPTAIN'S TRIAL OVER.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—The trial of Captain Solomon Avery, Jr., Coast Artillery, U. S. A., whose administration of the funds of his company has been investigated by a court-martial, came to an end yesterday with arguments by opposing counsel. The findings of the court have been submitted to Colonel Maus commander of this department, but following military procedure will not be made public until passed upon by the Department at Washington. Mrs. Avery left for the east yesterday.

FREIGHT HANDLES STRIKE.

RIO JANEIRO, Sept. 16.—Freight handlers at Santos are on strike in an attempt to stop the work at the docks, especially the loading of coffee. A cruiser has been sent to that port to preserve order. The strikers today took the offensive and threw two bombs into the stores of the company on the docks, five men being wounded. The operation of charging and discharging the cargo continues under the protection of the local police.

DEVLIN'S STAR GAME.

Giants' Third Sacker Potent Factor in Team's Great Fight. When the many baseball critics are sizing up who is the greatest third sacker of the year it would be a good idea for them to look up Arthur Devlin's record at that important station for the New York Nationals this season.

Devlin is some pumpkins as a ball player, and the present standing of the



ARTHUR DEVLIN, NEW YORK NATIONALS STAR THIRD SACKER.

Giants is due as greatly to his remarkable efforts as to the individual work of any other man on the club, whether it be at the bat or in the field. In times of trouble and on occasions when a man of nerve and accuracy has been required to fill the bill Arthur Devlin has been right on the job.

Coach Griffith Gets New Job.

Dwight Griffith, Iowa's former star quarterback, has signed a contract with the board of education at Bakersfield, Cal., to coach the high school eleven and teach mathematics. He will resign from the post of similar character at the Bleeis Military academy in Macon, Mo.

CONVICTED AS A "VAG" HE APPEALS CASE

AN INTERESTING SIDE LIGHT ON GAMBLING IS BROUGHT FORTH IN THE CASE

In police court yesterday Frank Deneary was called upon to answer to the charge of being an idle and dissolute person—that is, of being legally a vagrant. Deneary was arrested a week ago on this charge of Patrolman Linville and the matter was postponed until his lawyer, C. J. Curtis, should return to the city.

At the conclusion of the case yesterday Deneary was fined \$40, with the alternative of 20 days in jail. Notice of appeal was filed.

This is the second case that Deneary will have in the circuit court, for recently he was also found guilty of the same charge and then as now his attorney appealed the case.

"I have known the defendant for a long time," testified Officer Linville. "I have never known him to do any work. He lives upon money given him by a woman."

"Is he married to this woman?" asked Attorney Curtis.

"No; but he has a wife and child in San Francisco whom he has deserted."

The attorney didn't pursue this line any further.

"Hasn't he ever done any work—hasn't he some business of a private nature?" again queried the attorney.

"Yes," said the officer. "He has private business in poker games. He was in one last week."

"Do you believe that poker games are lawful," asked Mr. Curtis, evidently seeing some fun ahead.

The witness stated that he knew poker games to be unlawful, and he said this in a decisive tone, but the interesting question of what game Deneary was in last week wasn't gone into. This matter was suddenly dropped.

Patrolman Houghton testified that he had known Deneary for a couple of years and that he had never known him to do any honest work. He knew that he lived in a house of questionable repute, and that he also was a gambler.

The defense offered no testimony at all. It is said that since Deneary was arrested a week ago he has been working as a bartender in one of the saloons at night in the redlight district. It was suggested yesterday that as long as the cadets are merely fined it is virtually impossible to rid the town of them; giving them a chance of "leaving town" simply unloads them upon neighboring cities. One man was "vagged" a couple of weeks ago and is now out in the Nehalem Valley, which seems to be a favorite place for some of these men when the fates are against them, and some day he'll come back to town and start tending bar in some saloon it is said. Why the state law cannot be invoked against them while they remain in the county has not yet been explained. A favorite way, too, is to have their cases appealed to the Circuit Court in the hope that something will turn up to present a loop hole for escape. It is said that there are in Astoria still a dozen or more men who never work, and who live off of fallen women, and that there are perhaps from 60 to 100 men here who bleed these creatures in one way or another. The whole subject is a repulsive one, but thanks to the energies of one or two of the police officers in particular the conditions are not at all as bad as formerly.

Yesterday it was suggested that one way of handling the cadets of the redlight district would be to impose jail sentences when convicted, with no alternative of a fine. Then, in addition to this they could be placed under the charge of the street superintendent and set to work on the streets.

MEXICO'S JULY 4TH.

EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 16.—With booming cannon and ringing bells the celebration of Dis Independence, Mexico's Fourth of July, began yesterday and the celebration was in full blast throughout the republic. The preliminaries to elaborate fiestas for September 16, which in a number of years in Mexico's history have been remarkable for revolutionary disturbances, passed off in Juarez across the river from here, without any demonstrations hostile to the Diaz administration. No report of any outbreak along the border was received here.

FOOTBALL PROSPECTS

Majority of Big Elevens to Start Practice on Sept. 20.

WEST'S OUTLOOK PROMISING.

Players and Coaches Are of the Opinion That 1908 Season Will Be Their Greatest, Owing to Lapse of Three Year Rule—New Coaching System.

The debut of the 1908 football season is nigh, and college boys say the outlook was never more promising for a series of hot contests which will test the skill and muscle of those who aspire to the championship.

While the official date fixed by the conference is Sept. 20, there has been plenty of work already in back lot punting and summer resort training stunts to harden the muscles and strengthen the breathing apparatus for the hard work soon to come.

The official call for candidates has been sent out at Yale, and first practice will begin about Sept. 15. Harvard's squad will get together at about the same time, and as there are many positions to be filled the early practice will be of more than usual interest.

Yale has lost by graduation Tad Jones, H. Jones, Alcott, Paige, Dines and Congdon, while those remaining of the regular team are Goebel and Cooney, guards; Murphy and McBride, halfbacks, and Coy, fullback. How to fill the position of Jones at quarterback is the task before the coaches, which staff will consist of former Captain Biglow, Tad Jones and R. B. Burch.

Cornell coaches will call out the Ithacans on Sept. 21, a week later than usual, although all of the old team and many candidates who expect to make the new one this year have begun preliminary work. C. H. Watson, left end for two years, may not play this season because of an injury to his leg received in spring baseball practice.

Princeton has finally arranged its dates, and Coach W. W. Roper will get the squad together for first practice on Sept. 23. This later than usual date is due to the desire of the faculty to have the athletic season made concurrent with the beginning of the college term. At the same time the candidates have been taking preliminary work, and when they report on the field their training will have reached a somewhat advanced stage.

Francis Burr, the Harvard tackle and guard and one of the greatest punters the game has ever known, will have to work with almost an entirely new team, and his success as well as that of Coach Haughton will be watched closely.

As matters stand now Harvard's prospects for the season are very hazy. Plenty of preliminary work will have to be gone through before any line will be obtainable on what the crimson has.

The 1908 season, in the opinion of players and coaches, will mark a decided boom in football in the west, owing to the lapsing of one of the most disagreeable features of 1907. Last year both the seniors and the freshmen were out of the running as the result of the retroactive effect of the "three year" rule, but all of the four year men are eliminated this year, and the freshmen, sophomores and seniors will all be available as football material.

The normal adjustment of the three year statute will have an important effect on practically every one of the "big eight."

Another source of satisfaction in the football camps is the fact that the objectionable features of the forward pass have been largely eliminated. The offensive team this year will not be likely to have such an alleged undue advantage over the defending team in the use of the forward pass, owing to the changes which were made at the last meeting of the rules committee.

Football preparations are being made at the University of Chicago, and Coach A. A. Stagg will take charge of the early practice in person, and he and Assistant Coach Leo De Tray will have all the candidates out at the start. Gilmour Doble, formerly star player on the Minnesota football team, successful assistant coach at Minnesota for four years and who attracted national attention by his success as a coach at North Dakota last year, has gone to Seattle to take up his new position as football coach of the University of Washington team.

With a new coaching and managing system and with twelve "M" men sure of returning, together with an abundance of other good material to draw from, prospects never looked better than they do this fall for a winning football eleven at the University of Missouri.

When asked concerning the new managing and coaching system to be tried at Missouri this year Coach Moulton said it was sure to prove an advantage over that of last season in that it practically gives the coaches of the various teams full control over them both at home and abroad. The coaches of the basket ball and baseball teams, for instance, make their own schedules and rules and manage their teams when on the road—work that has heretofore been done by a general manager of athletics—and they co-operate with the other coaches during their various seasons on what is known as a coaching board.

Doolin Playing Sensational Game. Shortstop Mickey Doolin of the Philadelphia Nationals has been putting through some wizard-like fielding feats of late.

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NAVAL MOVEMENTS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—The auxiliary cruiser Buffalo sailed yesterday for Panama with a number of enlisted men from Asiatic stations, whose terms have expired. At Panama the Buffalo will receive a draft of recruits for vessels of the Pacific fleet.

THE BUCKBOARD.

Invented in the Year 1820 by a Pennsylvania Doctor.

Though the name "buckboard" is applied to thousands of carriages, few people know how the word came to be used.

Back around 1820, says the American Vehicle, in explaining it, when the transportation of goods, wares and merchandise was almost entirely by wagon, a Dr. Buck, who for many years afterward was the military storekeeper at Washington, was in charge of military stores en route to army posts in the southwest.

In east Tennessee much difficulty was experienced by reason of the rough roads, and there were frequent mishaps, mostly from the wagons overturning.

Dr. Buck overhauled the outfit, and, abandoning the wagon bodies, long boards were set directly on the axles or hung below, and the stores were loaded in such a manner that there were no further delays from breakdowns, and the stores safely reached their destinations. In special emergency, too, the load could be shifted or taken off in a hurry.

The idea was probably not new, but Dr. Buck's example was followed, especially when roads were rough, and soon much hauling was done by the use of wheels, axles and boards only.

Now we have the buckboard, both in carriage and automobile forms, conforming closely to the original idea, though few suspect the source of it—

Present Giving Worse Than Tipping.

The trend of the times makes itself felt in the matter of presents and present giving. In the days of our grandmothers these tokens of affection were few and far between and were marked by a stern simplicity. But we have changed all that, and the up to date riot of presents means a deadly drain on our bank balances.

The tipping tax is bad enough, but the burden of countless presents can give it points and a beating.—London Tatler.

In a Bad Way. "You seem much upset, my good man," remarked the curate, who happened to call when Murkie was laying down the law somewhat emphatically to his family circle.

"Hupset?" bellowed Murkie. "I should think I am hupset! Our blessed kid's just set 'issel on fire, an' blowed if the missus 'ere ain't bin an' put 'im out with my pot o' beer, an' me stony broke too!"—London Answers.

A More Advantageous Time.

"Why do people always say, 'Kiss and make up?' I thought people usually were friends before they kissed." "Well, you see, it's a good deal more satisfactory to kiss before the make-up is put on."—Chicago News.

A Simple Remedy.

"My cocoa's cold," sternly announced the gruff old gentleman to his fair waitress. "Well, you see, it's a good deal more satisfactory to kiss before the make-up is put on."—Chicago News.

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