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NOT THEIR WISH.

The following has been going the rounds of the country papers, and is a harsh and uncalled for criticism:

Congressman Young of Pennsylvania has introduced a bill in the house to exempt all ex-soldiers who served as long as ninety days, from the restriction of the civil service law, allowing them to be appointed to office without examination. It would seem that this soldier mania was perhaps being carried to a greater extent than will meet a favorable response from the people. It is not one's fault that he has been born since the war closed, and the doors should not be closed to this class of citizens any more than any others.

In the first place the old soldiers are not to blame because there are demagogues like Congressman Young who are out for votes. The old soldiers do not ask or desire any such legislation. The most they have asked for in this line is a slight reduction in the per cent necessary to pass an examination. For instance, where it requires 70 per cent, that old soldiers will only be required to obtain 65 per cent.

As to the doors being closed to those born since the war, it is hardly worthy of comment. The few places are filled by old soldiers; the many by those born since the war. Besides, the term of office of the veterans cannot be very long at the best for most of them, for they are getting up to that age where they will soon have to retire from active pursuits. The youngest are now 50 years old, and there are more over 62 than under that age.

SULTAN'S ATTACK ON ENGLAND.

"Unfortunately," said the Sultan of Turkey in his interview in the World last Sunday, "the conduct of the British ambassador has been a great obstacle in the way of a good understanding" (between England and Turkey.)

These words and the rest of the World's interview were cabled back the same day that the World published them, and appeared in the London newspapers and all the leading journals of Europe the next morning. There was no question that the Sultan had used the World as his medium of serving general notice that he was out of humor with England and not afraid to say so.

The rage of the English has been growing steadily. As our cable dispatches show this morning, they are at a white heat against their ambassador to Constantinople and against the Sultan. "The first question," says the London Chronicle, "is whether the Sultan's words are correctly reported," and with just confidence in the World's reliability, it adds, "We believe they are." And it closes its long review of the interview with this epigrammatic sentence: "The emperor's jockey us and the Sultan spits upon us."

Clearly the Sultan of Turkey knew what he was about when he made the World the medium of "his private opinion of England publicly expressed."—N. Y. World.

A San Francisco grocer was recently arrested and fined \$50 for selling adulterated syrup. He has now brought an action against the Pacific Coast Syrup Company, from whom he purchased the adulterated article, to recover \$25,000 damages. That grocer has taken the adulterated food question "by the horns," and by making the manufacturers of adulterated foods responsible for damages sustained from prosecution un-

der the law, will set a precedent, which if followed by others, will soon make the adulterated food business unprofitable, and encourage honest dealing with consumers. But it is necessary that the food inspectors should be diligent in enforcing the laws against adulterations, without fear or favor.

Judge Bradley, in discharging Havemeyer, commented upon the duties of witnesses in general, and rich witnesses in particular. He said, among other things, that Havemeyer had answered all the questions that he could reasonably be supposed to answer without having necessary data at hand, and that he was not expected to go and examine his books and then come back and tell what he learned. From which it may be inferred that Havemeyer, in Bradley's opinion had too much money to be compelled to obey the law. Is it not possible, in view of the ruling, that Bradley got some of that same money.

Senator Tillman recently made sweeping charges against members of that body, accusing them, or rather reading and repeating accusations made against them, to the effect that they were speculating in sugar stocks. One senator was mentioned by name, and his name was Smith. The dispatches yesterday show that Senator Smith rose in his place and replying to these accusations indignantly said: "It is unnecessary, Mr. President, for me to deny these charges." And he didn't.

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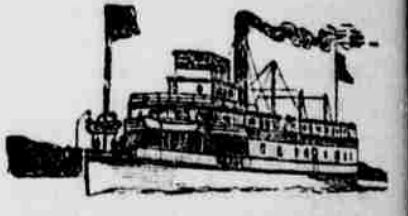


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