

WHO WAS GREATEST AMERICAN PREACHER
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He was among the first in our order to reject the New England Calvinism. He did not put a new scheme in the place of the rejected scheme. For that the time was not ripe; for that service Beecher had not the power. He had a glorious vision of the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ. He knew God in his own nature; he was a true son. He knew fatherhood as few have ever known it. He had a great nature, and guided by the humanity of Christ he sought God through his whole manhood. Here is the source of his doctrine. Christianity is the revelation of God through the divine humanity of Jesus; and Beecher took his own great human soul and reached through the divine humanity of his Master to the eternal humanity of the God and Father of men.

and subtle slander, if his glorious brightness of the day, instead of blasing a path through storms and thunder clouds, there would have been no name in the annals of the American pulpit to put in comparison with that of Henry Ward Beecher. It is with inexpressible thankfulness that all good people behold the vast shadow that once rested upon him lifting, and we may hope that his great soul may yet come forth clear as the sun, fair as the moon, and, for all the hosts of wicked men, terrible as an army with banners. What could Benjamin do when the cup was found in his sack? Could he prove that he was not a thief? Could he do other than await the revelation and vindication that time and the truth of things would surely bring? Such, in my judgment, was Beecher's case. The cup found in his sack had been put there by malign men. The evidence against him was manufactured, lied into existence by word and deed. What could he do; what could any man do but confront and defy it, and abide the righteous revelations of time?

Beecher's eloquence was of orchestral variety and fullness. He spoke with the inevitableness and ease of nature. He could storm and thunder, and he could utter in the lowest and sweetest notes the infinite compassion. Not his indignation, although that was grand; not his humor, although that was without guile; not his didactic address, although that was surpassingly clear; not his great enthusiasm, although that was instinct with high contagion; but his pathos, his deep-hearted sympathy, his wondrous tenderness, the incomparable way in which he carried the wounded spirit back into the divine consolation, was his supreme power. He could comfort men with a marvelous range of sympathy, he could comfort a continent—as when Abraham Lincoln fell—from his own great heart. And when in his human orchestra the rolling of the drum ceased, and the blast of the cornet was suspended, and the gay music of the violin was held up, and the soft notes of the solitary flute floated, as from heaven, into the soul of the congregation, one can imagine, but cannot describe, the magic, the mystery, of this man's speech.

Obliged As Duelist and Gets Jail Term

OEDENBURG, Austria (AP)—Erich Tyuka, court translator, is in jail for killing Walter Sets, government official, in a duel. Tyuka explained that Sets, having insulted him, explained that he must fight a duel or he could not take his place again in society. Society made no such demands on Tyuka, but he accommodated Sets. Unhappily, his fire was fatal.

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ers of sound American con- The movement for the League of Western Writers will go forward and, with its present organization, a second Parliament of Letters is being organized to be held on San Francisco Bay next July. All writers or those seeking to develop ability as such are invited to enroll and should address Secretary Frank Gates, Arctic Bldg., Seattle, or Chairman Pamela Pearl Jones, of the Advisory Board, 4350 Pasadena Place, Seattle, and enroll as members.

(The International League of Western Writers, organized at Seattle Sept. 28—Oct. 1, is the result of work done in 1927 by The Literary, noted Salem publication. In 1928 this magazine will be made a larger and more beautiful publication, from the press of Frank J. Bellemis of Portland, publisher of art books and brochures.—Ed.)

250 LIVING MEN RANK AS "BRAVEST OF BRAVE"
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Two civilians who by direction of General Mitchell (or Buell) penetrated nearly 200 miles south into the enemy's territory and captured a railroad train at Big Shanty, Georgia, in an attempt to destroy the bridges and track between Chattanooga and Atlanta.

While this is the first award, a preceding act of heroism for which award was made nearly 35 years later is recorded in the case of Assistant Surgeon Bernard J. D. Irwin. He received his medal in 1864, but it was for courage displayed in action against hostile Indians in 1861.

During 1863 only 20 of the precious medals were awarded, all to volunteers. In 1864 volunteers received 24 and regulars three. In 1865 the number of volunteer

awards leaped up to 1,154, of which 444, all to men of one regiment and awarded not for valor in action, were later stricken from the list while one regular won a medal in that year. From then on, year by year, medals were conferred for past action or during the later wars in small numbers until the world war bulge of '90, a third of which were awarded posthumously, came.

Lieut. Col. Charles W. Whittlesey, commander of the "Lost Battalion" in the Meuse-Argonne, and Private Thomas Nelbar, Co. M, 167th Infantry, were the first to receive the medal in the world war. Whittlesey is the only world war medal holder known by the War Department to have died since the war. Others included such outstanding heroes as Sergeants Samuel Woodfill and Alvin C. York.

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"Don't Tell" Says Tardieu Golf, Politics Don't Mix

PARIS (AP)—Andre Tardieu, the French minister of public works, has taken up golf, but he would rather not have it known. "Shhhh! Don't mention it," he told a Parisian journalist who found him swinging his woods and irons on the course at Vittef. "It seldom brings any happiness to a French statesman to have it known that he plays golf."

"I don't know why, but in France there is a prejudice against this innocent game, so fitting for solitary meditation."

Probably hoping the public wouldn't mind if the news were presented in a proper light, Monsieur Tardieu told the journalist that when he played golf his solitary meditations concerned vast projects for repairing the roads, building up the navy and

improving the nation's fisheries. In consequence, of which, he explained his golf game gets worse all the time.

The only other French cabinet officer ever observed playing golf is Aristide Briand and the fall of one of his cabinets was popularly ascribed to the publication of photographs showing him on a Riviera course with Lloyd-George, when French politicians thought he should have been "in conference" with the British statesman. Since then, M. Briand has confined his sport to fishing.

Will of Horses' Owner Provides Well for Them

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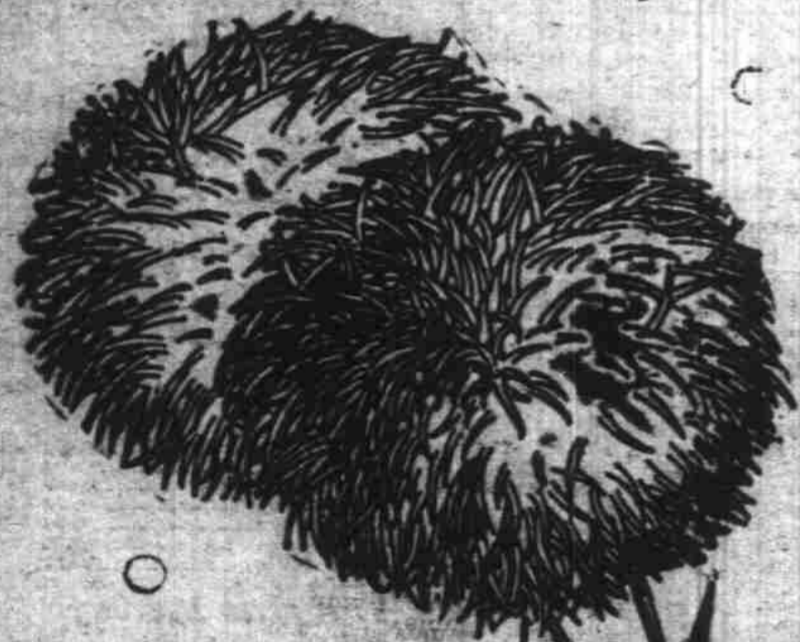
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