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plant, and their reasons are good. They argue that where the people own the plant, the element of great profits is removed; that good service at low cost is the foremost aim; that where the city can furnish cheaper power, because of the absence of the profit making features, more and more industries will be induced to come to the town; more and more poor people can afford electric light; better street service can be furnished in the residence districts, because the heavy expense under the private ownership plan does not stand in the way; if private plants pay corporations the enormous dividends that they now pay, the city could also reap a small income, after furnishing cheaper light; there is just as much business management among members of city councils as among members of electric light corporations, and there is no reason why it should not be a business success. These are some of the reasons advanced in favor of the municipal plant, and they are worthy of study.

The spectacle of savage ferocity, goaded by the higher ideals of patriotism, now exhibited in the trenches before Port Arthur and Liao Yang, will probably not be witnessed in the world again, if the civilizing influences continue to spread. In all the history of modern wars there has not been seen the same frenzied disregard for death in hand to hand encounters, in hopeless charges, in decimating cannonading, in savage sorties in which entire regiments are mowed down, as that now witnessed in the Russo-Japanese war. The old barbarism of the nations, still burns in each, while above it, and adding fuel to its frenzy, is a struggling civilized ideal of patriotism, which is as fearless of death and more cunning to direct its slaughters. When this war is over and that vexed Eastern question is settled satisfactorily to the powers, the last great international battle ground and bone of contention will have been removed and it is hoped that by that time, both Slay and Jap will have advanced beyond the stage of savagery that makes the present struggle horrible.

THE TELEPHONE IN WAR.

While the Japanese are greatly skilled in the visual system of communication—the time-honored "wig-war" and heliograph—yet in the present conflict they have clearly demonstrated the superiority of the telephone and the telegraph as a means of transmitting information from point to point.

Unlike the heliograph and flag systems, the electrical means of communication operates irrespective of weather, distance, and topographical conditions. It has the further advantage of being absolutely and entirely concealed from the enemy. It is shrouded in mystery, and there is no chance for the enemy to gain an advantage by reading signals, as has often happened in the past.

The character of the country, in which operations are being conducted, has no effect upon present military maneuvers. Where bullock carts cannot penetrate the Japanese have discovered that it is very easy to transport wire by having men carry it coiled upon their shoulders. These men advance the line at a rate of three miles or more an hour. The telephones are constructed of parts similar to those in commercial instruments but are housed in boxes, which make them more easily portable.—From "How the Japanese Communicate in Battle," by M. C. Sullivan, in the American Review of Reviews for September.

ONCE UPON A TIME.

Heard I once my old nurse telling
 Stories by the fire at night,
 All about big bearded giants
 Till I shivered with affright;
 The her voice came from a distance
 From a drowsy, far off clime,
 Echoing the sweet old cadence,
 "Once upon a time."

Read I once a golden story
 Of King Arthur's wonder court,
 Lancelot and Guinevere,
 All the knights of brave report;
 But amidst the loving, hating,
 Like a cuckoo clock repeating,
 "Once upon a time."

Will our lives when we have lived
 Seem like stories we have read?
 Stories which our nurses told us
 As we lay all snug in bed,
 Will they seem as vague as dreams
 Are,
 All the days we thought sublime?
 Shall we hear the faint, low whisper,
 "Once upon a time?"

When the earth, and day and sunlight
 Grayly fade away,
 When the years that we have lived
 Here
 Seem like one brief day
 Shall we hear again at twilight
 Echo of our nurse's rhyme,
 "Here you lived and loved and labored."
 "Once upon a time?"
 —Clifford Chase in Leslie's Monthly.

Walk to the Fair.

It is announced that the cadet corps of the Congregational church of Eureka, Cal., to the number of 100 at least, will walk from Eureka to Portland, a distance of 400 miles, to attend the Lewis and Clark fair. The members of the party will be from 12 to 18 years of age and will start for Portland at the close of school next spring.

Big Salaries of America

The largest salaries paid any railroad president in the United States is \$75,000. A. J. Cassatt of the Pennsylvania, James Hill of the Great Northern and J. F. Loree of the Rock Island draw salaries of \$75,000 a year. The presidents of a number of the other large railroad systems draw a salary of \$50,000. Three years ago F. D. Underwood was general manager of the Baltimore & Ohio, when one day he received a message from J. P. Morgan asking him to call at his office. Mr. Morgan asked him to make an inspection of the Erie and report on the possibilities of the company. After Mr. Underwood had made his inspection he was called into Mr. Morgan's office one day and asked what he had found. He replied that with free sway he could save 20 per cent of the cost of operating the Erie, and put in on a par with the other trunk lines. He said that it would take the hardest work of his life, and that he would stake his reputation on it for \$50,000 a year. His terms were accepted. Samuel H. Truesdale of the Lackawanna, E. H. Ripley of the Atchison, Marvin Hughitt of the Chicago & Northwestern, and William H. Newman of the New York Central are among the railroad presidents who are understood to draw salaries of \$50,000 a year. Jos. Ramsey, Jr., of the Wabash is credited with receiving a salary of \$40,000 a year. B. F. Yoakum of the St. Louis & San Francisco and Sir William Van Horn, the head of the Canadian Pacific, each draws a salary of \$35,000 a year. There are a number of other railroad presidents who receive from \$25,000 to \$35,000 a year.

In the matter of salaries, the large industrialists appear to be more liberal than the railroads. S. C. T. Dodd, the general solicitor of the Standard Oil Company, probably receives as large a salary as any other person in the country. Including commissions he receives \$250,000 a year. Mr. Dodd is John D. Rockefeller's closest legal adviser. During his early life he fought John D. Rockefeller so successfully that Rockefeller determined to secure him as his own attorney. Next to John D. Rockefeller the up-building of the Standard Oil Company is more largely due to S. C. T. Dodd than to any other single individual. For many years Mr. Dodd has drawn a salary from the Standard Oil Company of \$250,000 a year. At the present time his salary is largely in the nature of a pension, as Mr. Dodd is not as active in the affairs of the company as he was five years ago. It is not known what salary John D. Rockefeller draws as the president of the Standard Oil Company. As chairman of the board of directors of the old Standard Oil trust he used to draw a salary of only \$35,000 a year.

When Charles M. Schwab was the president of the United States Steel corporation he drew a salary of \$100,000 a year. In addition he received a commission on the volume of sales of the company. When Mr. Schwab resigned the salary of the president of the steel corporation was reduced to \$75,000 a year. This reduction was made because of the fact that a number of the duties which Mr. Schwab had performed were turned over to various committees. In addition to the salary of \$75,000 William E. Corey, present president of the steel corporation, makes a commission on the volume of the business of the company.

Adolphus Busch, president of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association, receives \$75,000 a year.

It is not known what salary H. H. Rogers draws as president of the Amalgamated Copper Company. Mr. Rogers succeeded Marcus Daly, who received a salary of \$100,000.

Henry G. Havermeyer, president of the American Sugar Refining Company, is said to draw a salary of \$100,000 a year.

C. A. Coffin, president of the General Electric Company, is understood to receive a salary of \$75,000 a year.

THE ART OF EXTRAVAGANCE.
 Multi-millionaires, in their efforts to spend enough of the interest on their money to keep the increment from assuming unwieldy proportions, sometimes resort to strange expedients. Building enormous mausoleums, steam yachts, houses that they do not need, running racing stables, backin, theatrical companies—these are some of the well known methods. Others squander their money on jewelry and devise original ways of doing it.

Thomas W. Lawson, the Boston copper king, who is writing an exposure of the Amalgamated Copper frauds for Everybody's Magazine, however, has recently had made a bit of jewelry which, while it represents the art of spending money in a strange way, also expresses a pretty bit of sentiment.

Mr. Lawson's affection for his wife is notable, and it has been his wont to refer to her by the pet name of "Gypsy." At his request Mrs. Lawson has frequently figured in photographs in gypsy costume, and these pictures her husband thinks much of.

Recently he has had a watch chain made that reminds him of Mrs. Lawson, if at any moment she should leave his thoughts. It consists of 133 gold beads, each carved by hand, to represent a gypsy girl's head. The work is magnificent and consumed a great deal of time on the part of the cleverest engravers in the country. The chain hangs around the wearer's neck, and comes to his waist, emerging from beneath his waistcoat and attaching to his watch. This watch, which is a beautiful piece of workmanship, is further embellished by having in its case four pictures of Mrs. Lawson, all in gypsy costume. The chain and watch together represent a total expense of nearly \$40,000, making the combination about as valuable a one as is carried by any man in America for the sole purpose of telling the time of day.

AN INCIDENT OF WAR.

In his uniform soaking and draggled, with the blood in his sleepless eyes,
 Hungry and dirty and bearded he looks at the morning skies,
 He feels for his pipe in the blanket, he calls to his chum for a light
 When a bugle sounds on the chilling air, and he stands in his boots upright.

There is jingling of chains and the straining of harness, the clashing of steel,
 And the gunner swings off at a gallop as he buckles the spur to his heel,
 There are whispers, and jestings, and laughter—then the scream of a rushing shell,
 And the crash of the guns from the trenches that fling back the gateways of hell.

In his uniform soaking and grimy he stands with his gun in his place,
 While the bullets peck at the riven ground and spit up the earth in his face;
 He stands as he stood in a scarlet coat with a crowd at the bar-rack gate,
 But the colonel knows what his heart is at, and he whispers: "It's coming. Wait!"

So he glares at the smoke from the trenches, so he chats to his chum on his right,
 Muddy and thirsty and frozen—but setting his teeth for the fight,
 And he stands like a rock through the morning with the butt of his gun at his toe—
 Till the bugles ring and he leaps to the front, with his bayonet-point at the foe.

To the mouth of the sputtering cannon, to the ridge where the rifles flame,
 On! with a shout that is strong as the blow—though he's tortured and spent and lame,
 Through the line of the reeling foe-men, through the hail of the hissing lead
 He wins to the rocks with his bayonet-point and staggers among the dead.

In his uniform soaking and tattered he lies with the mist in his eyes,
 The sun has set and the air is still, but he looks no more on the skies
 The lips of the cannon are frothless, there is rest in the worn brig-ade
 And the only sound on the stricken field, is the noise of his comrade's spade.

—Harold Begbie, in Denver Post.

CAMPAIGN HOTAIROGRAPHS.

Now soon the helpless atmosphere with gestures will be rent
 And air of heated temperature upon its bosom spent,
 And suffering platforms will be pawed with wild, uneasy feet,
 And all the echoes be ablaze with oratoric heat.
 One set of stiffs will point with pride to national affairs,
 Another view them with alarm in vocal trumpet blares;
 The country will be safe from harm—and on destruction's brink,
 When salaried spellbinders come, to tell us how to think.
 —James Barton Adams, in Denver Post.

"The fellow th't c'n see things he's lookin' fer don't have a very hard time gettin' along in this world."

NEW THOUGHTS.

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