

Hannibal Hamlin as a Cannoneer.

From The Lewiston (Me.) Journal. The story is told of an incident of the war, which took place at Pushaw Pond, then as now, a famous fishing resort for Bangorians.

Early in the strife the Government secured guns and cannons wherever it could, and every private foundry and machine shop in the land was pressed into service to produce weapons with which to arm the volunteers.

Now it so happened that the war Vice-President of the Hon. Hannibal Hamlin, arrived at home that day, and as he was zealous in everything pertaining to the country's welfare, he drove out to Pushaw to witness the proceedings, and for some time was an interested spectator of the vain attempts to hit the island, though it was plain to be seen the cannon could project a ball nearly twice that distance.

After the guns had been loaded and discharged several times, Mr. Hamlin joined the amateur artillerymen, sighted over one cannon and aimed it, after which it was discharged. The aim was true and the ball, skimming the water's surface, struck the island at the water line, a point aimed at was the actual warfare and when bombarding ships. There was much applause, though in the bustle and general hilarity no one seemed to have recognized the new-comer—probably the cannon.

The Government looked down by the water's edge when the report came, and when he saw how true the aim had been he took umbrage, as he had previously sighted the gun, and with that dignity which men clothed with temporary authority often assume, strode back to the cannon. With an oath he wanted to know who had been fooling with the cannon, and was told that "old fellow up on the grass" did it.

Hither he went, approaching Mr. Hamlin from behind, and as he whirled him about, wanted to know why in the blank and blank nation he was striking his nose in to Government affairs!

Then there came over the face of the second highest official of the Nation that quiet but characteristic smile never seen elsewhere, and which even the befuddled brain of the Bangor man recognized. He took a second look, gasped, became sober in an instant, and fled, nor was he again seen in town until Mr. Hamlin left it. The guns were accepted and sent to the front, where they did good service, but they were never better aimed than when the Vice-President "plunked" Dollar Island.

Courteous to Every One. A story-telling friend of the editor is very particular in instructing his children to speak politely on all occasions. The result of his teachings is sometimes amusing. This was the case one day last week when he was putting the youngest of four through his preparatory course. The question was asked: "Why is the Emperor?"

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