Don't Have to Wait.

We don't have to wait, for cold, soreness and stiffness will come on from excessive exercise, but it will go immediately after using St. Jacobs Oil to soften and strengthen the strained muscles.

A Mere Formality.

"Do you know that in Russia a man doesn't become of age until he is 26 years old?"

"Yes, and as far as his citizenship is concerned it doesn't do him much good to become of age even then."—Cleveland Leader.

Shoppy.

His daughter—Yes, the story ends in the same old way; they marry and live happy ever after.

The furniture man—Ah! Antique finish!—Indianapolis Journal.

The Nile has a fall of only six inches in 1,000 miles.

Botanists say that there are upward of 50,000 varieties of plants.

A physician declares that people who sleep with their mouths shut live longest.

The Mexican dog has no hair. The hot climate makes such a covering superfluous.

Experiments to reproduce dead men's features from their skulls are being made in Germany.

A Norwegian engineer has invented a process for producing paper glue, dressing gum and soap from seaweed.

PRESIDENT OF FRANCE

Now Lies Dead From an Attack of Apoplexy.

HE SURVIVED BUT A FEW HOURS

Fears of Disturbances in Paris—Measures Taken to Prevent Disorders.

Paris, Feb. 18.—President Faure died from apoplexy tonight.

It has been known for some time that his health was weak, but the first intimation that he was sick was given at half past 6 this afternoon, when a message was dispatched to the premier, M. Dupuy, announcing that the president was ill. M. Dupuy immediately repaired to the Elysee. All medical efforts proved futile and the president died on the stroke of 10.

It was not until 12 o'clock that the news began to become known to the general public in Paris. From this time began a continuous arrival of public men. Strict orders, however, were issued, and only members of the cabinet were admitted to the Elysee.

The report spread rapidly throughout the city, and large crowds soon assembled in the vicinity of the palace.

It is reported that the recently formed league, known as La Patrie Francaise, will actively push M. de Beaurepaire's candidature.

Under the present exceptionally exciting conditions, anything may be expected to happen. Much depends upon what General Zurlinden, military governor of Paris, as the head of the military element, may decide to do.

M. de Freycinet has ordered the troops confined to barracks today.

THE TREATY APPROPRIATION.

It Caused a Long Debate in the National House.

Washington, Feb. 18.—In the house today the senate amendments to the agricultural bill were nonconcurred in, and the bill was sent to conference. Without further preliminary business, the house went into committee of the whole, and resumed consideration of the sundry civil bill.

When the paragraph appropriating $20,000,000 for the payment to Spain under the treaty of Paris was reached, Wheeler made a point of order against it. His point of order was that the paragraph was obnoxious to rule 21, invoked yesterday against the Nicaragua canal amendment. If the treaty of Paris was completed, if it was vitalized by the ratification of the Spanish cortes and the exchange of ratifications had taken place, he confessed that the treaty would be the law of the land and the amendment would be in order. He cited numerous decisions of the supreme court in support of his position.

Then followed a long debate on that portion of the bill, and without getting beyond that point the house adjourned.

In the Senate.

Soon after the senate convened today the house joint resolution authorizing the secretary of the navy to pay certain laborers, workmen and mechanics at the United States navy-yards and naval stations 50 per cent additional for work performed in excess of eight hours per day was called up and adopted.

The military academy appropriation bill was passed without debate, and consideration of the naval personnel bill begun.

Morgan offered the Nicaragua canal bill as an amendment to the river and harbor bill, and had it referred to the committee on commerce now considering that measure.

The military affairs committee reported the army reorganization bill, which brought out an extended discussion.

A house bill setting apart a certain tract of land, containing 10 acres, in Oklahoma to the Stella Friends Academy and Church Association was passed.

Consideration was then begun of the postoffice appropriation bill. Practically the only obstacle encountered by the bill was the committee amendment providing for special mail facilities on the trunk lines from New York and Washington to Atlanta and New Orleans, and from Kansas City, Mo., to Newton, Kan.

The amendment which appropriates $171,238 special mail facilities from New York and Washington to Atlanta and New Orleans, was then agreed to, 42 to 10. The amendment appropriating $25,000 for special mail facilities between Kansas City, Mo., and Newton, Kan., was also agreed to. Mantle of Montana, presented the credentials of William A. Clark, and Turley of Tennessee, presented the credentials of Hon. William B. Bate, each elected as senator from his state for the term of six years from March 4, 1899.

At the conclusion of the reading of the postoffice appropriation bill, it was allowed to go over.

A bill providing for an additional circuit judge in the third judicial circuit was passed.

Washington, Feb. 18. — General Brooke today cabled from Havana, reporting three deaths among the American soldiers in Cuba since February 14.

The Rebels Retreated.

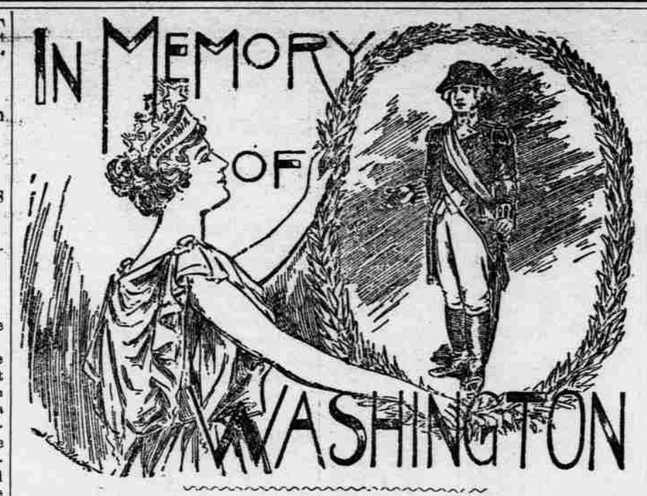
Manila, Feb. 18.—A large body of the enemy, presumably reconnoitering, was discovered on the right of Brigadier-General King's position, near San Pedro Macati, this morning. The entire bigade turned out, and after an exchange of volleys, the rebels retreated into the jungle and disappeared.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The department of state has been officially advised of the settlement of the great strike at Colon.

A Navy Yard Fire.

New York, Feb. 17.—Over $1,000,000 of government property was destroyed by a fire which started tonight in the large machine-shop of the Brooklyn navy-yard known as machine-shop No. 28, and the workings of the navy-yard have received a serious set back.

Stanley Brewer, single, aged 30, was thrown under his wagon, loaded with wood, near Eugene, Or., and killed almost instantly. He was found at midnight with a wheel on his back between the shoulders.



Oh, brave and wise and steadfast soul,
Whose nation decks thy tomb to-day!
So long as this vast globe shall roll
Thy praises shall not pass away.
And we, whose fathers felt thy hand,
Before whose blade they broke and fled,
Will honor, with thy native land,
The noble memory of the dead!

For more than fame, or patriot pride—
Before all things desired and fair—
Is freedom! Stand thou there beside
Her beauty in that native air
Thy lightnings cleared, that we might see
The tranquil splendors of her eyes
Smile down on all thy race to be,
And its unrivaled destinies!

Men spread the feast and pour the wine
In memory of thy stainless name,
And honors ever shall be thine—
Enduring love and deathless fame!
But though thy glory through the sphere
Were carved and spoken, harped and sung,
Thy ghost would not disdain to hear
One tribute from an English tongue.

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S DEATH.

Centenary to Be Observed by What Was Called a "Mock Funeral."

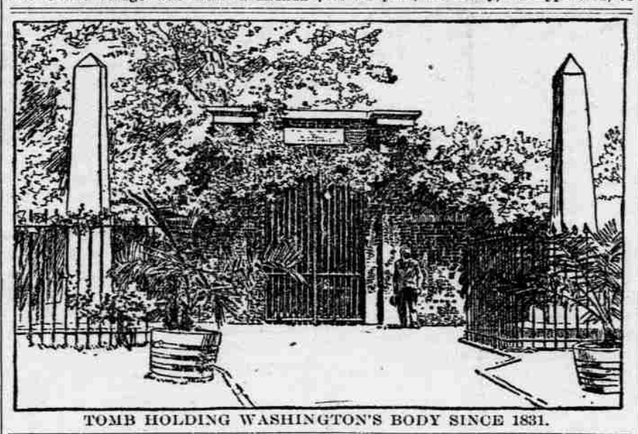
On that December day, nearly a century ago, when the body of Gen. George Washington was laid away in the vault at Mount Vernon, "mock funerals" were held in many towns and cities east of the Alleghanies. Our great-grandparents were in their infancy in those far-away days, and many of them saw these "mock funerals," which were conducted, of course, with all solemnity. From these sights of childhood springs the conviction in the minds of centenarians here and there that they were witnesses of the real funeral. Such is the trustfulness of old age in memories of times long ago.

Ninety-nine years of national life have

WASHINGTON'S FIRST TOMB.

passed since then, and America has given far more attention to anniversary celebrations of that happier event—the birth of its first President—than to the yearly recurrence of the day of the funeral.

This year, however, the centennial of that day will take place, and the observance at Mount Vernon will be on Dec. 14, the anniversary of the day of the death, instead of on the 18th, which was the date of the funeral. It is intended, nevertheless, that the observance shall take the form of a duplication of the funeral services, going over the same ground as in 1779. So elaborate are the contemplated ceremonies that already plans are being put into shape for the great event. As Gen. Washington was a Mason, the services over his body were conducted, in part at least, by the Masons, and so the anniversary services will be under the direction of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, Free and Accepted Masons. The Grand Lodge will meet in Alexandria, and, escorted by Lodge No. 4 of Fredericksburg, in which Washington received his first degree; Washington Lodge No. 22 of Alexandria, of which he was the first master, and Federal Lodge of Washington and representatives of every Grand Lodge in America will go to Mount Vernon and there repeat the services of Dec. 18, 1799. It is expected that President McKinley, himself a Mason, will make an address, and after the ceremonies a banquet will be given in Washington.



TOMB HOLDING WASHINGTON'S BODY SINCE 1831.

The march to the tomb will pass, of course, the old tomb in which Washington's body was buried, and in which it rested for more than thirty years, though the objective point of the procession will be the new tomb, where the coffin now is. In his will Washington stated that "the family vault at Mount Vernon requiring repairs, and being improperly situated, I desire that a new one, of brick, and upon a larger scale, may be built at the foot of what is called the Vineyard Inclosure, on the ground which is marked out, in which my remains and those of my deceased relatives (now in the old vault), and such others of my family as may choose to be entombed there, may be deposited." Notwithstanding his request, it was not until 1831 that the new tomb was built and Washington's body placed therein. And then the old vault was allowed to fall into a state of decay. In recent years it has been rebuilt from a drawing in the Congressional Library, and it is now surrounded by an iron fence, and is kept up with the same care as the new tomb. In 1837, when the marble sarcophagi in which the coffins of Washington and his wife rest were placed in the new tomb, the key of that tomb was thrown into the Potomac river.

At the request of Martha Washington a door was made to the old tomb at the time of the general's burial, instead of closing it with brick, as had been the custom at previous burials. The widow was sure that she would soon follow her husband. She lived only eighteen months after the death of Washington, keeping entirely, it is said, to her room on the third floor of the mansion, and upon her death, in 1801, her body was laid beside that of her husband in the old tomb. Washington was buried in a mahogany coffin, lined with lead, which was put in a case covered with black cloth.

WASHINGTON A RICH MAN.

Owned Thousands of Acres of Land and Stocks and Negroes.

When Washington died he was one of the richest men of his time. He owned lands and stock and negroes, and his estates amounted to thousands of acres. He had houses in Alexandria, Va., and property in Washington. He had valuable lands near the present site of Pittsburg. He was throughout his life a money maker, and when he was a boy he got $5 a day and upward for his surveying. He put his surplus money into lands, and an advertisement in a Baltimore paper of 1773 states that he had 20,000 acres of land for sale on the Ohio river. His will, which is now kept about twenty miles from Washington, in the safe of the old court house at Fairfax, Va., gives a detailed statement of every article he possessed down to the calves and sheep. His personal estate was then put down at $532,000, and this included a vast amount of tobacco, large numbers of cattle, sheep and horses, nearly all of which he willed to his wife. This will is now kept in a wooden box, the top of which is covered with glass. It was torn in two some time ago by some careless sightseer, and since then no one has been allowed to handle it. The account books which are kept in the State Department show that Washington was very careful about keeping a record of his expenditures. He put down everything.

Washington's Golden Words.

Interwoven is the love of liberty with every ligament of the heart.

To persevere is one's duty, to be silent is the best answer to calumny.

Without virtue and without integrity, the finest talents and the most brilliant accomplishments can never gain respect or conciliate the esteem of the most valuable part of mankind.

Promote as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge. In proportion as the structure of a government gives force to public opinion, it is essential that public opinion should be enlightened.

Observe good faith and justice toward all nations; cultivate peace and harmony with all.

Let me warn you most solemnly against the baneful effects of the spirit of party. * * It exists, under different shapes, in all governments, more or less stifled, controlled or repressed; but in those of the popular form it is seen in its greatest rankness, and is truly their worst enemy.

My first wish is to see this plague to mankind, war, banished from the earth, and the sons and daughters of this world employed in more pleasing and innocent amusements than in preparing implements and exercising them for the destruction of mankind.

Rather than quarrel about territory, let the poor, the needy, the oppressed, of the earth, and those who want land, resort to the fertile plains of our western country, the second land of promise, and there dwell in peace, fulfilling the first and great commandment.

Dignity and Usefulness.

During the American Revolution, an officer, not habited in the military costume, was passing a company of soldiers at work making repairs on a redoubt. The commander of a little squad was giving orders to those under him, relative to a stick of timber which they were endeavoring to raise to the top of the works. The timber went up hard, and on this account the voice of the little great man was often heard in his regular vociferations of "heave away! there she goes! heave ho!" etc.

The officer before spoken of stopped his horse when he arrived at the place, and seeing the timber sometimes scarcely move, asked the commander why he did not take hold and render a little aid. The latter appeared to be somewhat astonished, and turning to the officer with the pomp of an emperor, said:

"Sir, I am a corporal."

"You are not, though—are you?" said the officer. "I was not aware of it." And taking off his hat and bowing, "I ask your pardon, Mr. Corporal."

Upon this he dismounted his elegant steed, flung the bridle over the post, and lifted till the sweat stood in drops on his forehead. When the timber was elevated to its proper station, turning to the man clothed "in a little brief authority":

"Mr. Corporal Commander," said he, "when you have another such job and have not men enough, send for the commander-in-chief, and I will help you."

It was Washington.

There are 40,000 native pupils in the Sunday schools of the Fiji islands.

The two little islands of Zanzibar and Pempa furnish four-fifths of the cloves consumed by the world.

Malleable glass, a patented article, is now used to fill decayed teeth.

Female fish of all species are considerably more numerous than males, with two exceptions—the angler and the catfish.

Creating an Impression.

Billson—Whose pocketbook is that you are advertising for?

Jimson—Mine, of course.

"Get out! 'Pocketbook containing a roll of notes and a large number of checks and securities. Finder can keep the money if he will return papers.' Get out! You don't see a roll of notes or a check once a year."

"No-o, but Bertha Bullion's father takes the paper I advertised the loss in, and he'll see that advertisement. See?"

"Humph! Where did you get the money to pay for that big ad?"

"Bertha lent it to me, bless her."—Tit-Bits.

Porous glass is a recent invention and is said to promise much in the way of superior ventilation.

Our Policy of Territorial Expansion.

Extreme annexationists are advocating the addition of Canada to this country, and think it can be accomplished in a peaceful manner without exciting a quarrel with England. Such grave questions call for the wisest statesmanship, just as dyspepsia, constipation, liver and kidney diseases and malaria call for a thoroughly reliable remedy like Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. No experimenting should be done with untried medicines when an old established preparation is to be had.

The bones and muscles of the human body are capable of over 1,200 movements.

The dentine of the teeth is permeated by tiny canals 1-12,000th of an inch in diameter.

The Ceylon yellow silk spider has a body that weighs nine ounces.

Among the Kols of Central India a sham fight always accompanies the wedding ceremony.

An employer of German clerks says that they work 20 per cent slower than English ones.

Seat of the Disturbance.

Take up the White Man's Burden,
Be sure you don't forget,
For Aggy's Filipinos
Must have their spanking yet.

Then get your breakfast, Dewey,
While Otis takes a whack
At the seat of the disturbance
Where the native pants hang slack.