

FIRST STRIKE ON RECORD.

It Occurred in Rome and Took Place in the Year 300 B. C.

Day in his famous book, "The Annals" 2, 30, relates in the following suggestive words the story of a singular strike which occurred in Rome in the year 300 B. C. and was probably the first strike ever known:

That year occurred an event little worthy of being related and which I would pass in silence had it not appeared as involving religion. The flute players, dissatisfied because the latest emperors had forbidden them to take part in the banquet in Jupiter's temple, according to the ancient custom, with almost every one of them, to Tibur, so that nobody was left at Rome to play during the sacrifices. This incident shocked the religious sentiment of the senate, and the senators sent messengers to invite the inhabitants of Tibur to make every effort in order that the players should be restored to the Roman. The Tiburtines, having promised not to neglect anything necessary for that purpose, caused the flute players to come to the place where the senate met and exhorted them to go back to Rome. Seeing that they could not prevail upon them to do so, they employed a stratagem in keeping with their character.

On a day of festival under pretext that music would increase the joy of the feast every citizen invited the flute players individually to his house, and wine, of which people of that profession are usually fond, was given to them in such quantities that they fell into a deep sleep. They were then thrust into wagons and transported to Tibur. They only became aware of what had happened on the day after, when dawn surprised them lying on the cars, which had been left in the forum. A large crowd had assembled, and they were induced to promise that they would remain at Rome. The right of attending the banquets was restored to these flute players.

ANCIENT LIGHTHOUSES.

Beacon Lights For Mariners Coeval With the Earliest Commerce.

Beacon lights to guide the waves toward mariner to a safe harbor must have been almost coeval with the earliest commerce. There is positive record that lighthouses were built in ancient times, though few evidences now remain to us from old writers or in crumbled ruins. This is not strange, for light towers, never the most stable architectural form, were exposed to the storms of sea and war.

The Greeks attributed the first lighthouses to Hercules, and he was considered the protector of voyagers. It is claimed by some that Homer refers to lighthouses in the nineteenth book of the "Iliad."

Virgil mentions a light on a temple to Agallo which, visible far out at sea, warned and guided mariners. The Colossus at Rhodes, erected about 300 B. C., is said to have shown a signal light from its uplifted hand.

The oldest towers known were built by the Egyptians in lower Egypt. They were temples also, and the lightkeeper priests taught pilotage, hydrography and navigation. The famous tower on the isle of Pharos at Alexandria, built about 285 B. C., is the first lighthouse of undoubted record. This tower, constructed by Sostratus, the architect, was square in plan, of great height and built in offsets. An open brazier at the top of the tower contained the fuel for the light. At Dover and Boulogne, on either side of the English channel, were ancient lighthouses built by the Romans. But the lighthouse at Coruna, Spain, built in the reign of Trajan and reconstructed in 1634, is believed to be the oldest existing lighthouse.

The Humming Bird Flower.

Alcedo arvensis, the wonderful so-called "humming bird flower" of the plains of eastern Turkey, stands unique and alone among the many specimens of floral mimicry that have been classified by modern botanists. It is a beautiful blossom of variegated hues, the total length of the entire flower being about one and three-quarter inches. As one might imagine from its name, it is an exact image of a miniature humming-bird. The breast is green, the wings deep rose color, the throat yellow and the head and beak almost pure black. The only particular in which it is not a perfect bird is that the stem gives it the appearance of having but a single leg and foot.

Too Polite.

Mrs. Jasper—I shall never send for Dr. Veriswell when I am ill. Mrs. Jumpspire—Why not? Mrs. Jasper—Because he is so excessively polite that if he found me at death's door he would hasten to open it for me.

A One Night Stand.

Beck—Is Blank on the stage? Joseph—No. Beck—Why, yes he is! He told me that he made his first appearance two years ago. Joseph—Faintly! He made his last appearance on the same night.—Detroit Free Press.

Efficient Support.

Tom—I hear Miss Strongmind has asked you to be her bridesmaid. Is that so? Jim—No, indeed. She has asked me to be her "best woman."—Philadelphia Press.

HUMOR OF THE HOUR

Joseph's Postscript.

There lives near Richmond, Va., a family of some social distinction who have in their employ a small negro boy. Much to the annoyance of the ladies of the household, this pickaninny for a long time would persist in neglecting his nominal duties and would lile about the grounds of the place. Finally one day the mistress of the establishment, adopting a strategic course, handed the boy pencil and paper, saying:

"Here, Joe, write me a letter." With a grin the lad obeyed. In a short time there came from him a shrill call:

"Mrs. Blank, I've got it wrote! It says: 'Dear Missus—Kin I go down to the croquet court and see 'em play proquet? Respectfully yours, Joe Jones.'"

Mrs. Blank, not yet ready to allow him that recreation, said:

"Very well. Now write me a postscript."

Then she forgot all about Joe. Some hours afterward she chanced to observe a note stuck in a door jamb. Opening it, she read the message first written by Joe and underneath it this postscript: "I have went."—Saturday Evening Post.

One on Pa.

Young S.'s table manners distressed his father extremely. After repeated rebukes he said sternly:

"My son, do you know what a pig is?"

The small boy looked up for a brief moment from his pudding.

"Um-um," he answered serenely; "it's a hog's little boy."—Lippincott's Magazine.

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