

Dewey's Reverence for the Flag.

A story illustrating Rear Admiral Dewey's loyalty to his men and his reverence for the flag is told by Richard E. Walsh, of Harvey, who was bandmaster of the United States gunboat Pensacola when it was flagship of the European squadron in 1887. The hero of Manila was then Captain of the Pensacola.

While the boat was at Manila a number of sailors went on shore and engaged in a street brawl. An alarm was turned in, but the jackies succeeded in escaping to their ships. The next morning the Captain of the port came out to the Pensacola to complain to Capt. Dewey of the action of his sailors.

"What can I do?" asked Dewey. "Why, your men raised a riot on shore, and you can assist me in arresting and punishing them," was the reply.

The American Captain was very courteous in the expression of regret that sailors of the Pensacola should be lawless while on shore leave, but could see no way in which he might assist his visitor in searching out the guilty ones.

The reply of the naval officer angered the red coat, who said, somewhat peevishly: "You certainly can parade your crew before me in order that the rioters may be identified."

Looking aloft and pointing to the stars and stripes waving at the masthead, Dewey made reply: The deck of this vessel is United States territory, and I'll parade my men for no foreigner that ever drew breath."

—From the Pittsburg News.

Settled an Old Grudge.

An old man-of-war's man took a seat in a passenger car one day, attracting considerable attention by his dress and manner, says an exchange. An indiscreet neighbor ventured the question, "In the navy, eh?"

The sailor nodded affirmatively. "Well," went on the other man, "I am not exactly in the navy myself; I am a contractor—that is I furnish cheese to the navy."

"Oh, you are, are ye?" said the sailor. "You are just the chap I've been looking for," and accordingly he knocked the aspirant for naval honors over the ear seat, and added as he looked around, "now show me the con-of-a-gun that furnishes butter."

A Cross-Roads Parting.

"Bill, air you a-goin, ter the war?" "Yes, Sue; an' you'll fergit me when I'm gone?"

"No, I won't—not ef—"

"Don't cry Sue! Say what?"

"Not ef—"

Oh, Sue, don't take on so! Say what you started out ter say!"

She controlled herself with a supreme effort, and said, between sobs:

"Not ef—you'll buy me a cal'ker dress—an' a green veil—an' a pair of—"

No, 8 shoes—an' a box er snuff—when you're paid off, Bill!"

—From the Atlanta Constitution.

These Are Not Crimes.

Mankind progressed from the use of rowboats to sailing vessels and steamships. It is not "crime" to sailing vessels that makes us travel by steamships. It is no "unfriendly act" of a great newspaper against hand presses if it uses steam presses. It is no "crime" against horses if we transport our goods by railroads. Neither is it enmity to silver nor an unfriendly act, nor a crime toward it, if other nations and our own use gold for the transfer of values. We will continue to use rowboats and sailing vessels as well as steamships, just as we will continue to use copper and silver as well as gold. No act of congress could, however, give to our sailing vessels the great and almost uniform swiftness of our ocean steamers. Not even an international agreement would accomplish it.—D. Ochs.

Does Your Salary Go Too Far?

The Detroit Tribune, a free silver paper, says: "It is true that under an era of higher prices fixed salaries will not go so far as now, but now they go too far, and their purchasing power ought to be reduced. These salaries were mostly established before the hard times set in and now represent vastly more than was intended when the salaries were created."

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Dean Swift on Money.

"When the value of money is arbitrary or unsettled," wrote Dean Swift, "no man can well be said to have any property at all; nor is there any wound so suddenly felt, so hardly cured, or that leaves such deep and lasting scars behind."

Don't Go Blind.

The man who cannot see just how the free coinage of silver is going to increase the number of dollars in his pocket should not vote for it.

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