

NEWS and COMMENT OF WASHINGTON

Smokes Cigar While His Toe Is Being Cut Off



WASHINGTON—Senator Shively of Indiana tonight, as a real hero, refused to take any anesthetic and smoked placidly a long black cigar while surgeons cut off one of his toes. The senator, despite the enormous pain that are usually his way, is modest about it. He would have preferred that his heroism should have gone unnoted, but the facts about the scene in the operating room finally leaked out and the senator finds himself in receipt of letters from various parts of the country commending his "nerve" and expressing the view that he has about the right sort of stuff in his makeup.

When Senator Shively made up his mind that a surgical operation was necessary, he confided the view to his physician, Dr. W. T. Rogers, who agreed with him.

"When will you be ready to have the toe taken off?" asked the doctor.

"This evening," answered the senator.

The physician was not prepared for such a really response and suggested that next day would be a better time. When Shively arrived at the hospital he was enjoying a good cigar—in fact, he had negotiated only about half an inch of it, and as there was about five inches of good "smoke" remaining, he was loath to part with it. He states positively that he had no intention of pulling off any heroics, and the only reason he clung to the cigar was that it happened to be a mighty good one. He was hustled into the operating room, and he never dreamed that the toe was being removed, following a light local application of cocaine.

As for his refusal to take an anesthetic, Senator Shively claims no credit on that account.

"There are two ways of rendering a man insensible to pain," said the senator. "One way is to take a base ball bat or a big stick and hit him on the head. The other way is to give him an anesthetic. In the first case he is apt to have a mighty sore head for a time after returning to consciousness. In the latter case there will be a sickening aftermath of nausea that is almost unbearable. In either case it is a complete knockout. My personal preference is to endure the pain while the operation is in progress."

Senator and Cabinet Minister in a Word Duel

A STORMY verbal encounter between a cabinet minister and a senator of the United States furnished a morsel of gossip here the other day. Senator Ashurst of Arizona thinks the mining laws are something atrocious, even when properly enforced. When decisions are rendered under this act he can find no expressions to cope with the situation. One of those obnoxious opinions was handed down by Mr. Ashurst, cleared his decks for action and walked down to the interior department.

The senator told the secretary that in his humble judgment the decision rendered against his constituent was the most unjust, unsatisfactory and awaybacked distortion of law and common sense into which he had ever bumped.

The secretary informed the senator that the opinion was twenty karat fine, platinum tipped, warranted to keep at the equator and in accordance with law and practice.

"Did you ever try a mining case?" asked Mr. Ashurst, after the sands in the dictionary began to run low.

"Do you mean to insult me?" shrieked Secretary Fisher, who was admitted to the bar twenty-five years ago.

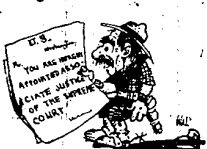


It was explained by the angry senator that he did not intend to insult the secretary, but that he really thought the head of a great executive department should have a little home sense; it would not impair his usefulness, and might prove wonderfully helpful in mining decisions.

In turn the secretary intimated to the supercilious senator that he was weary of scolding and denunciation. He conveyed the impression that the senator might find a number of suitable climates, but all of them were outside his office.

This broke up the party. The senator backed through the door. The secretary looked out of the window until he saw the visitor stalking down the street, being determined to guard against flank movements and rushes.

Tragic and Comic Elements of Office-seeking



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"Every senator has these experiences as a part of his routine work, and my applications are not at all exceptional," said the man.

The most remarkable and extraordinary incident in this line that I ever knew of was a reversal of the regular order. In this case a young fellow living in one of the territories applied for a job as postal clerk in the railway mail service. It happened a good many years ago, and nobody will be hurt by the narration at this late date. By some curious mix-up the application went to the wrong department and to the utter amazement of the man and all his friends, the fellow was sent him appointing him associate justice of the supreme court of the territory. He took the office and kept it for the full term and was, so far as I know, considered a very fair judge.

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This Dog Has Reasoning Power, Say Scientists

JASPER, an educated dog, entertained a party of scientists at the Smithsonian Institution the other day. He was examined by Dr. Frank Baker, zoologist, and Charles L. Walcott, secretary of the institution, and described as "wonderful."

It was demonstrated that Jasper is familiar with 300 words and that he understands any reasonable command given by his master, Dixie Taylor.

The following night Jasper was the guest of honor at a party of scientists given by Prof. Alexander Graham Bell.

For the occasion of the Smithsonian staff, the dog wrote on a typewriter, distinguished between "man" and "woman," picked up bits of paper and put them either in a cupholder or a waste basket as directed to do.

"Go into the room across the hall, and a typewriter and," said Mr. Taylor to the dog.



The dog obeyed, undisturbed. "Look out the window and then push this book over," said Mr. Taylor, placing a book on its end on the floor. The dog looked out of the window, turned and pushed the book over with his nose.

Jasper obeyed commands that he had never heard before, thus a number of the scientists said, proved that Jasper has reasoning power; that he is abnormally developed, going far beyond the range of pure animal instinct or acquired training.

MICHIGAN HAPPENINGS

Detroit.—Clutching the submerged paddle wheel of the steamer *Orion* in the vice-like grip of unexpected death, the body of an unidentified man was found at the foot of Griswold street by two men who were loitering on the docks. In an apparent effort to save himself the man had clung desperately to the paddle of the wheel vainly striving to pull his head above water. Ice had completely increased the body and when found it was frozen stiff. The two men who made the discovery were walking along the dock when they noticed between the boat and the landing, beneath a thin coating of ice, what looked like a hand. Investigation revealed the body.

Potosky.—The Emmet County Medical society, whose members reside in Emmet and Charlevoix counties, met at the Chestnut house here and elected officers as follows: President, John Rycraft, Potosky; Vice-president, J. H. Brown, Levering; Secretary and treasurer, C. W. Nibart, Potosky; censor for three years, J. H. Charters, Boyne City; member of medical defense, E. A. Runyan, Harbor Springs; delegate to state medical society convention, J. H. Charters; alternate, John Rycraft.

Saginaw.—Arrangements are being completed for the good roads meeting to be held in Saginaw February 7 to boost the project of constructing a state highway extending from the southerly limits along the prime meridian to the Straits of Mackinac. It is probable action will be taken asking the state legislature to appropriate funds to assist in the work, as the project would be too great for the counties to handle.

Lansing.—Representative Follett introduced a bill relieving Isoco county of the payment of costs in maintaining state militia at Okemos and Ashtabehn when the two towns were destroyed by fire two years ago. The state has presented a bill for \$1,400. A company of militia from Bay City was crushed to the burning city and remained on duty there several weeks supervising relief and guarding valuables.

Allegan.—Ray Henniger, who is employed on the Eagle farm just west of the city, is grateful for the friendship of a dog. He was attacked by a vicious horse and trampled upon and would have been killed had not a bird dog seized the horse by the nose and held the infuriated animal while Henniger crawled away. Several of the man's ribs were crushed.

Mt. Clemens.—The police department sent out warning that slot machines and other gambling devices found in violation will be confiscated. This is one of the most thorough cleanings the department has ever attempted and will affect about 50 places with several hundred devices now in commission. It is in accordance with instructions from the mayor.

Lansing.—The industrial accident commission has agreed to approve of lump sum payments in several cases where it was apparent the injured employees wanted the money to spend on liquor. The board has ruled that 300 days constitutes a working year. Many employees whose men work off and on requested a ruling on the question.

Richmond.—The Manley C. Perry farmhouse, one of Richmond's landmarks, burned to the ground. The occupants, John Fritz and family, were driven out, saving only a small part of their furniture. The building was insured for \$12,000, about one-third of its value. It belonged to Merton Fuller.

Lansing.—Lawton T. Hennans of Mason was elected chairman of the state railroad commission to succeed C. L. Glasgow. James Scully of Ionia, newly appointed member of the commission, took his seat and the Democrats are now in control of the commission.

West Branch.—While running the electric light plant for the morning picture show, William Davis fainted and in falling his legs became wedged under the exhaust steam pipe. After some time he was freed, but still unconscious. Both legs and both arms were severely burned by the contact with the exhaust pipe. He will probably recover.

Jackson.—Mrs. Lole A. Patch, eighty-three years old, a lifelong resident of Jackson county, died at her farm home in Liberty township after an illness of several months. She was the last of a family of 12 children and was the mother of Anthony J. Patch, secretary of the county superintendents of the poor.

Grand Rapids.—Police are attempting to solve the mysterious murder of George Sandler, a Moravia avenue pawnbroker. Sandler was shot down while standing behind a show case, evidently waiting upon a customer or receiving a pawn. The murderer used a 22 caliber revolver, the bullet striking Sandler on the left eye and shattering the skull in two places. Forty-eight dollars was stolen from the cash drawer. The safe, which stood open, contained diamonds and much currency, but was untouched.

INAUGURATING THE PARCEL POST



Postmaster General Hitchcock mailing the first package by parcel post. It was addressed to Postmaster Morgan at New York and contained a silver loving cup, which later will be suitably engraved and placed in the National Museum.

Inequality Found in Parcel Post. Patrons of the parcel post in the northern part of the country have discovered they are unable in all cases to send packages the full fifty miles prescribed as the extent of the first zone.

This is due to the fact that a degree of longitude is considerably shorter in the northern than in the southern part of the country.

The phenomenon has led to the complaint that parcel post patrons are being overcharged on first zone distances and to the suspicion that a mistake was made in the working out of the zone maps. The department states, however, that the variation is unavoidable and that no injustice is involved.

Michigan Office Holders May Keep Jobs.

The latest development in the senate's holding of presidential appointments is that Michigan postmasters have discovered they are unable in all cases to send packages the full fifty miles prescribed as the extent of the first zone.

Michigan will be one of the few states in the Sixty-third congress represented by two republican senators. The rule laid down a few days ago by the democrats of the senate may then be read back at them.

25,000 Albanians Slain by Serbs.

Twenty-five thousand Albanians have been "more or less wantonly" killed in the Turkish province of Kosovo by the Serbian regulars by them of European Turkey, according to the Reichspost of Vienna.

The newspaper demands the dispatch of a European commission to investigate the reports of horrible atrocities.

Michigan Electors Cast Ballot for Roosevelt.

Michigan's Ball Moose on the 14th of January entered into the fullness of their national duty in this state when 15 presidential electors assembled in the senate chamber in Lansing and cast their votes for Theodore Roosevelt for president of the United States.

Auditor-Gen. Wants Changes in State Laws.

Auditor-General O. B. Fuller has sent to the legislature several suggestions and recommendations as to what he thinks are good changes to be made in several of the laws now on the statute books. He also recommends the repeal of some laws.

The Lake Carriers' association clubhouse in Port Huron, has been completed. The structure is one of the finest of the kind on the great lakes. The association membership consists of masters, first and second mates and engineers on great lakes vessels.

Fire, which is believed to have originated in a clothes chest where someone carelessly threw a match, destroyed the Holly Inn at Holly.

After pleading with her husband for forgiveness, Mrs. Victor Smith, of Bay City, missing for about a week, went to her room and ended her life by draining a two-ounce bottle of poison. Almost exhausted from cold and exposure, a boy believed to be a pupil of the Michigan school for the deaf, was found wandering in the open road five miles south of Fenton.

LET GOOD CHANCE, GO BY

Bluffers Had Perfect Right to Be Mad, Considering the Extremely Unfortunate Circumstances.

Bluffers bounced into the club jammed his butt down on a table with a fierce, resounding bang, and flung himself into an easy chair.

"What's wrong today, Bluffer?" You look bad."

"I'll never forgive myself. I kicked a man out of my house last night!"

"Humph! I've kicked out many a one. Young fellow, I suppose?"

"No, not middle aged."

"Well, these old codgers have no business to be coming round courting young girls. I would have kicked him out myself."

"Yes, but I have found out since that this man wasn't courting my daughter. He was after my mother-in-law."

ECZEMA CAME ON SCALP

Lebanon, O.—"My eczema started on my thigh with a small pimple. It also came on my scalp. It began to itch and I began to scratch. For eighteen or twenty years I could not tell what I passed through with that awful itching. I would scratch until the blood would soak through my underwear, and I couldn't talk to my friends on the street but I would be digging and punching that spot, until I was very much ashamed. The itching was so intense I could not sleep after once in bed and warm. I certainly suffered torment with that eczema for many years."

I chased after everything I ever heard of, but all to no avail. I saw the advertisement for Cuticura Soap and Ointment and sent for a sample. Imagine my delight when I applied the first dose to that awful itching fire on my leg and scalp, in less than a minute the itching on both places ceased. I got some more Cuticura Soap and Ointment. After the second day never had another itching spell, and Cuticura Soap and Ointment completely cured me. I was troubled with awful dandruff all over my scalp. The Cuticura Soap has cured that trouble." (Signed) L. R. Fink, Jan. 22, 1912.

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PROPER WORD.



"Is aviation expensive?"

"Yes, the upkeep is quite considerable."

A CLERGYMAN'S TESTIMONY.

The Rev. Edmund Heslop of Winton, Pa., suffered from Dropsy for a year. His limbs and feet were swollen and puffed. He had heart fluttering, was dizzy and exhausted and the least exertion. Hands and feet were cold and he had such a dragging sensation across the loins that it was difficult to move.

After using 5 boxes of Dodds Kidney Pills the swelling disappeared and he felt himself again. He says he has been benefited and blessed by the use of Dodds Kidney Pills. Several months later he wrote: I have not changed my faith in your remedy since the above statement was authorized. Correspond with Rev. E. Heslop about this wonderful remedy.

Dodds Kidney Pills, 50c. per box at your dealer or Dodge Medicine Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Write for Household Hints also Hints of National Anthem (English and German words) and recipes for dairy dishes. All sent free. Adv.

Taste.

"Which has the best taste, you or your wife?"

"I am sure my wife has."

"That is very generous of you."

"I could not well deny it, in view of the period each of us married."

Important to Mothers.

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Fitch.

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Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

Shocks.

"Why do you refer to that orator as the 'Human Ape explosive'?"

"Because he is always getting the uplift confused with the outburst."

Red Cross Red Nose, always, best thing value in the whole world, makes the laugh dress smile. Adv.

Too Much.

"I tell you, money talks."

"Yes, and Wall street is trying to shut it up."