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WHITTIER.

The one hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Greenleaf Whittier is celebrated with appropriate memorial services in Boston, Amesbury, and other places in Massachusetts, and the anniversary is being remembered throughout the country. This is as it ought to be. Whittier was one of the great champions of human liberty. He was secretary of the American Slavery Society and editor of a paper published in the interest of emancipation. He was also a friend of peace, and one of the sweet singers of the Society of Friends. But, notwithstanding his advanced views, his warm heart, and his peace-loving soul, he was, at times, the object of the hatred of mobs, to whom he was incomprehensible. In 1839 his office was sacked and burned by a lawless crowd in Philadelphia, and then he returned to Massachusetts, where he continued his labors for the freedom of slaves. His poems have given him a prominent place among American authors. His dreams of the freedom of the slaves were realized long ago. His hopes and prayers for the general brotherhood of man, will also bear fruit, in due time, through the regenerating power of the gospel of the Redeemer.

In a few days the one hundred and second anniversary of the birth of the Prophet Joseph will be remembered in this part of the country. He, too, was a champion of human rights, a prophet of peace on the only possible basis—human liberty, truth and righteousness. He, too, was persecuted and finally died a martyr on the altar of the cause of humanity. It is well for each generation to remember those who have gone before and paved the way for human progress. For without them, there could have been no civilization.

TIMES CHANGE.

It is a pleasure to pass along the business streets in the evening and study the store windows in which the decorator's art and electric lights have combined to surpass even the imaginary scenes of fairy land. That the beautiful displays are appreciated is proved by the surging crowds that throng the sidewalks every evening, as well as by the trade transacted during business hours. But these modern art exhibitions also suggest the great difference between civilized life now and formerly. We demand more of life than ever, in the way of comforts and amusements, and the demands are not in vain. In many respects the poorer classes in our age are better off than kings formerly. Solomon in all his glory, it has been said, did not own a shirt, and that expresses a general truth.

A great change has taken place in the world, even if we look no further back than the last century. And in no phase of human life is this more apparent than in the manner in which the Day of Nativity is being observed.

Scarcely any of the old customs remain. They would seem out of place in modern homes. Some may yet remember the Yule log, the candles, the many pastimes peculiar to the season, and, above all, the simple joys that were the delight of children.

Electricity has assisted, more than any one thing, in modernizing the Christmas celebration. The electric cars hurry Christmas callers from house to house. On Christmas eve the buildings and streets are ablaze with countless electric lights. Electric telephones and telegraphs are wishing everyone many happy returns of the day.

Year by year it grows more the custom to make Christmas presents as useful as possible. While expense is not considered so material as it used to be, it is important that the gifts should be useful, as well as ornamental. This is as it should be. Here again electricity finds a useful field.

The toys of today are, very often mechanical contrivances. Dolls not only open and close their eyes, but speak; the toy steam train runs by real steam power; the miniature electric car is driven by electricity; the toy animals and insects move about like real life. Even the Christmas trees are illuminated with electric lights instead of candles.

And so it goes. The Christmas celebration of today is as different as possible from that of a century ago. But the beautiful thought underlying it, lives throughout the ages.

AT GOLDFIELD.

An exchange vehemently denounces President Roosevelt for sending troops to Goldfield. It says among other things that "The system that breeds panic and enslaves workmen is also the system that requires a czar in the White House and soldiers at Goldfield to keep the Lords of Idleness in riotous luxury and their slaves in beastly ignorance and degradation."

Note, that in this quotation American laborers are depicted as slaves toiling for tyrants who live in luxury. What do American workmen say to this reflection upon their intelligence? Note also that the purpose of the author of such intemperate appeal to the passions is to influence one class against another, and to incite the torch of revolution. Some day such efforts may succeed. And who can foresee the consequences?

As for the Goldfield situation, the President is not to blame for the presence of the federal troops there. If any blame attaches to anybody, it is

to the Governor. The President had no choice in the matter, after being called upon by the Governor, President Roosevelt has very wisely ordered a strong commission, comprising the Commissioners of Labor and Corporations and the assistant secretary of commerce to go to Goldfield and ascertain the precise facts in the situation. The nation cannot afford to have a repetition of the Idaho charges that federal troops were used without warrant of law in the interest of the mine owners, and to the injury of the miners. The President has properly, therefore, warned the colonel commanding the troops now at Goldfield that they are to be neither for nor against strikers or employers, but are simply to preserve peace and order, molesting no man who obeys the law.

Why do agitators generally make their attacks upon innocent persons? If they did not, they would not earn their bread as agitators, and that is the main point where profit, and not principle, is involved.

INTERNAL WATERWAYS.

We recently called attention to the neglect of waterways in this country as compared with Europe, which makes extensive and profitable use of her rivers and canal systems.

The Internal Waterways Congress which recently convened at Washington with 2,000 delegates is an impressive demonstration of reviving public interest in an important subject.

The avowed aim of this gathering is to impress upon the people of the United States, and especially on Congress and the executive officials, the necessity of inaugurating a permanent policy to be followed up for years to come until the rivers and the interior coast passages are opened to commerce to the utmost extent of their carrying power. It will involve large annual expenditures, in the course of years aggregating an immense sum, but the returns to the people will be far more than commensurate with the expenditure, and they will be diffused through all classes of the community in the form of increased prices to producers and reduced prices to consumers, resulting from the cheapening of transportation.

In the past, many railroad corporations have opposed the improvement of waterways. Today, however, the railroads are active in support of the project, possibly because they are now confronted with a volume of business which they are unable to handle, and desire the waterways to handle a portion of this traffic.

That the waterways ought to be improved and used is self-evident. That the present Congress should engage in the work is open to question.

In past years, the river and harbor bills in Congress have not been of character to inspire public confidence in the work of internal improvement. Stigmatized as "pork" extracted from the national barrel by "log rolling" congressmen in behalf of their own particular localities, these bills in the past have not usually been characterized by any very noticeable displays of broad-minded statesmanship, nor have they been indicative of truly national policy.

It is little wonder, therefore, that the deep waterways people are not elated as a result of their interview with Speaker Cannon, who talked plainly, told the simple truth, and gave them some good advice.

While he approves of the enterprise and promises his support, he bluntly says that a big bond issue at this time would be a mistake, and he is right. Bonds may be necessary at some stage of the undertaking, but many things will have to be accomplished before it will be desirable to press that proposition.

The speaker will support the undertaking, however, and his support will be of great promise to the final success of the deep water project.

ALCOHOL AND NICOTINE.

In view of the interest manifested of late in the temperance cause, the following experiments by a Helmsfors professor are timely. Professor Lailinen has recently demonstrated that even small quantities of alcohol are injurious to certain animals.

With the most complete methods of physiological research, at great cost and with apparently every necessary precaution, he is said to have shown that alcohol in the proportion that a full-grown man would get in half a pint of beer a day (3½ per cent alcohol) lessens ability of some animals to resist disease, and induces their progeny.

The professor spent three years upon his investigations and used in them between six and seven hundred animals, mostly rabbits and guinea pigs. He divided the animals into groups that were treated alike in every respect except that some were given each day one-tenth (10) of a gram of alcohol (about 1.6 drops) for every 2.2 lbs. of body weight, and the others with which they were compared, received none. The animals that took this very small amount of alcohol were less able to resist diphtheria infection than the normal animals, they had the disease more severely and made a poorer recovery; more of their young died before or soon after birth; their living young weighed less at birth and grew less during lactation.

In view of these results, Prof. A. Forrel of Switzerland, asks: "What now remains of the so-called 'moderate' use of wine if one is obliged to confine himself to less than half a glass a day in order to escape demonstrable injury?"

Of equal importance are the results of research into the effects of tobacco. It is the unanimous verdict of those who have given the subject any serious consideration that nicotine is as destructive as alcohol. W. L. Hudine, Superintendent of Compulsory Education, Chicago, recently stated that he had sent 1,015 boys to the so-called parental school. Eighty per cent of those who were habitual truants were addicted to cigarette. His statistics prove that cigarette creates the backward pupil, and from the ranks of the backward pupil we get most of our habitual truants. Out of the entire 1,015 boys only 145 were up in their grades. One hundred and forty boys came from the sixth grade, four from the seventh and one from the eighth. The few boys who were in these grades did not smoke

cigarettes. Evidently, if the use of cigarette by boys is to be prevented work in this direction must be begun very early by home and school.

To jump at conclusions is a leap in the dark.

A growing boy can hardly be termed a growing industry.

Anyone desiring to lead the strenuous life should go to Goldfield.

Whatever else he does, Admiral Evans will not repeat Rojevsky's Dogger Bank folly.

General Funston may be laying plans to capture the Aguinaldo of the Goldfield labor troubles.

"Mr. James Huxen Hyde has been thinking seriously of late," says a cable. Seriously, has he?

Statistics show that married men are more prone to suicide than bachelors are. Not strange but true.

Those Kentucky "night riders" doubtless use a great deal of "moonshine" to light them on their way.

Comptroller Ridgely says that confidence isn't completely restored yet. But it is convalescing very rapidly.

As a presidential possibility Governor Hughes is coming to the front without any effort on his own part.

The exodus of foreigners to the old home shows that America is still the land of the free, free to come and free to go.

The Nutmeg State was never greater than yesterday when the flagship Connecticut led the great fleet on its way to the Pacific.

What would Farragut have thought of that fleet that sailed from Hampton Roads yesterday? It is doubtful if he ever dreamed of so great a one.

To read some of the comments on the visit of the Atlantic fleet to our own ports on the Pacific, one might think that Japan owned that ocean and we were playing in her backyard without permission.

Comptroller Ridgely says that the trouble is with the reserve system, that it needs strengthening. Happy the man who can place his hand on the weak spot in the currency system and say, "Here it is."

Governor Cummins is a student of Aesop. He doesn't propose to drop the substance for the shadow and will not abandon his fight for the senatorship to chase the ignis fatuus of a presidential nomination.

Four exchanges all bright and attractive in their Christmas dressing have reached the News office. They are the Coalville Times; Mammoth Record and Lehi Banner, all Utah papers, and the Payette Independent, an Idaho exchange. All have a cover design in which Santa Claus is emerging from a forest in a sleigh loaded with toys and drawn by a double team of "Teddy bears" instead of the old-time reindeer. The papers are filled with an array of information about their home towns; states and affairs in general.

WHAT NEED OF MORE BATTLESHIPS.

New York Sun.
Congress must consider the recommendation of four new modern battleships for "this year," which should cost \$25,000,000 in round numbers; but what shall be the basis of necessity, or the exigency, to justify the appropriation? Shall we add four great ships to the fleet because The Hague conference failed to agree upon a limitation of armaments, or shall it be because the appropriations wanted are a "war scare budget"? If the latter, why should we be scared?

ONE VIEW OF IT.

Washington Herald.
It is for the country, and not for Theodore Roosevelt, to decide what Theodore Roosevelt's future shall be. If it has had enough of him and his policies, no machinations in which he might engage could possibly encompass his re-nomination. If, on the other hand, it really desires a prolongation of his administration and demands his further services, he will patriotically hearken to that demand—hearken and obey. This latest statement to the contrary notwithstanding, the Washington Herald still looks forward to the probability of Roosevelt's re-nomination in 1908. It believes that Roosevelt and Bryan will be the leaders in one of the greatest campaigns in American history; a campaign of radicalism, in which party lines will scarcely be recognized, and the outcome of which no prophet or son of a prophet will be able to foretell.

SAFEGUARDS OF CIVILIZATION DESTROYED.

American Medicine.
The recent acquittal of Judge Loving (in Virginia) is of tremendous medical importance, and of vital interest not only to the general practitioner, but to the psychologist as well. It is now a legal precedent that all a murderer need establish for a valid defense, is true or perjured testimony that he was told the victim had assaulted or attempted to assault a member of the murderer's family. The prosecution is not permitted to prove that the testimony is perjury and that the tale was never told. It cannot even prove that, if it is true testimony, the tale as originally told to the murderer was false. It is accepted that intense emotion aroused by the recital of the true or fictitious wrong, unbalances the mind to such an extent that responsibility ceases, and that the emotion is too great to expect a man to find out if the story is true. The safeguards of civilization are destroyed, for no one is now safe. In wild communities, a newly made widow sometimes receives an apology from a lynching committee when they have made a mistake, but the whole fabric of civilized law is to make such mistakes impossible. The very basis of law and order is the invariable ruling that a man is responsible for his acts, and if in hot blood he kills without legal reason, he must suffer the penalty of imprisonment to deter others from giving way to their passions. If a man is of such a nervous organization that he is unable to restrain his passions, he is unfit to be at large, for he is liable to kill many more.

AMERICA A TWO-OCEAN POWER.

Pueblo Chieftain.
In nothing will the cruise of the battleships to the Pacific be more valuable to the nation than in the demonstration of the double frontage of this country.

Ever since its beginning the great republic has faced the Atlantic, and this has been the attitude of all the great civilized nations, without an exception. But the victory of Japan over Russia, and the awakening of China has brought about a new situation. It is not sufficient for the future that we safeguard our Atlantic coast and leave the Pacific coast to the chances of peace or war. The Pacific coast demands consideration of and for itself, and no nation situated as we are situated can afford to neglect its evident duty.

JUST FOR FUN.

German Angels.
Howard's mamma has ideas on bringing up children, and one of them is that the modern languages might as well be learned together. Once for all, consequently little Howard absorbs some German along with his English and is particularly gifted in prayer, spelling off each night his Teutonic petitions with his English "Now I lay me," and "Vater, lass die Engel dein über mich Bette sein."
The other night found the youngster a very weary, somewhat refractory small person. He did, indeed, say his "Now I lay me," properly, but balked at "Muete bin ich."
"What, sweetheart," reproved his mother, "don't you want the Father to lead His angels watch over your bed?"
"No, no," wailed the tired baby rebelliously; "they're only old German angels anyway."—Brooklyn Life.

Car entrance and exit. In at one jerk, out at another.—Life.

Mr. Stingley—"I think it's a mistake to make children believe there's a Santa Claus." Mrs. Stingley—"I can't see any harm in it. Mr. Stingley, 'Why it makes them expect too much.'—Judge.

Markley—"Scribbles is coming along famously, isn't he?" Crittiek—"How do you mean?" Markley—"He tells me that he has been spoken of as the coming novelist." Crittiek—"Yes, he has spoken of it a good deal."—Philadelphia Press.

Class in Physiology.
Was the story of the \$5,000,000 conspiracy to defeat the President that came out at Senator Bourne's dinner a nature fact?

(Severely) That's a question for the class in physiology.
Why the class in physiology?
Because that's where we discuss the effects of alcohol.—Gridiron Club Colloquy.

Owens Servants Through Bridge.
He—How can Mrs. Smythe afford to keep three servants? She—My dear, she plays bridge with them every Monday and they owe her money.

"Rastus, does you nex' do neighbor keep chickens?" "Well—er—huh-huh! He keeps as many as he kin. Yassuh."—Cleveland Leader.

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(For the "News" by H. J. Hapgood.)

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It isn't so much that the boy hasn't the brains to decide what to do and what not to do; but rather because he does not possess the knowledge of all the facts in the case. I went into the office of a friend of mine in Louisville, at one time, and found him raising all kinds of dust because the boy had made the very common mistake of accepting a check in payment for a C. O. D. package. When I asked my friend if the boy had ever been instructed never to take anything but cash, he only raised some more dust and replied, "The fool ought to have known better." As a matter of fact the boy had only just left school and this was his first job. He didn't know the difference between a check and real money and thought that the one was always just as good as the other.

he next day I met my friend again and asked if the boy had made any more mistakes. "That's all he does," was the reply. "Why this very morning when a clerk from one of our biggest customers came over and presented a check in settlement of their monthly account, the boy promptly told him that he would have to pay the bill in United States money."

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