

REMARKABLE YARN OF INCOMPETENCE

Former Official of the Government Tells of Italian Incompetence at Messina.

MEN AFRAID TO GET WET.

Remained on Board Smoking and Watching the British Jack Tars Toss the Wounded.

(Special Correspondence.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—A former official of the government who has just returned from a trip through the Mediterranean tells a remarkable story of incompetence and neglect by Italian officers at Messina during the days following the earthquake. "We left Naples on an Italian steamer for Egypt on Tuesday evening following the shock on Monday," said this gentleman. "Our vessel was commandeered by the Italian government just as we were about to sail. About a thousand soldiers with their officers were put on board and in the hold were stowed perhaps 10,000 picks and shovels and about half a million rations. We dropped anchor off Messina on Wednesday morning within a hawker's length of the king's ship. That vessel was being used as a hospital for the survivors of the disaster as well as for a temporary morgue for the dead. During the entire day of Wednesday we were not permitted to go ashore, but we could see scores of boats loaded with wounded and dead brought off to the king's ship. The boats which carried these gruesome loads were manned by the jackies of the two British men-of-war which were anchored nearby. The work of recovery of the dead and injured was being done by British seamen from the same ships. The Italian military officers on our vessel smoked cigarettes and gazed over the rail, and not a single effort was made to land the Italian troops with their implements and rations during the entire day. The weather was inclement. A fine drizzling rain was falling and we remained inactive. During the night the men who wore the British uniform worked on without a complaint. "On Thursday morning our official passengers still smoked and waited. Finally some of us American passengers went to the commandant and asked why, with 10,000 men, women and children buried under the ruins on shore, he did not debar his troops with their shovels and picks and set to work at rescuing those who might be still alive. "The rain was still falling in a fine drizzle. The commandant replied to our inquiries, with a shrug of his shoulders, 'But don't you see it is raining.' And may be excused with Castrol. It that commanding officer of a regiment of the troops of the king of



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Highest Medical Authorities Agree on Treatment for This Painful Disease.

Neuralgia is inflammation of a nerve. This inflammation is sometimes caused by exposure to cold, sometimes by the nerve irritation arising from a decayed tooth. Of all causes, however, a general debility of the system is by far the most frequent. Authorities agree that the proper treatment for neuralgia is to build up the strength and health of the body. A nourishing diet and tonic treatment will accomplish this but external applications, as of liniments, cannot. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are the most valuable tonic for the home treatment of neuralgia, a fact proved by the following case recently reported.

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"The doctor pronounced my trouble neuralgia. I took his medicine faithfully for a long time but my condition grew worse instead of better. I really thought I would never get any relief. I decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and in a few days I began to feel better. After I began taking them I could see a change for the better in my condition. I continued using them and was cured. I would not be without Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and always recommend them whenever I hear anyone complaining."

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Italy would consent to go ashore until the rain ceased.

"I never was so proud before of the fact that I have English blood in my veins as I was when I watched those Anglo Saxon jackies working like beavers to save the countrymen of those who had been killed. I saw Scott! you cannot imagine the disgust which we Americans felt as we noted the calm indifference of the Italian officers to aid their fellow men. They were afraid of getting their uniforms wet and their epaulettes tarnished."

AFTER NEARLY FIFTY YEARS. Visitors to Washington who take a run out to Cabin John Bridge near the Maryland line, on the Potomac, will no longer have occasion to notice the blank line in the inscription stone of the structure. Jefferson Davis was secretary of war when that stone was set in the great arch, and that fact was recorded on the stone. But Jefferson Davis was president of the confederacy when the bridge was finished and feeling against him was so bitter that under orders of his successor, Secretary Stanton, his name was cut from the stone.

Forty years later a young man, Charles C. Carlin, was elected to Congress from the Alexandria district of Virginia. One of the first public bills he introduced was designed for the purpose of clearing the historical gap and directing the recutting of the name of Davis on that stone.

The bill never passed, because other measures crowded it aside. But it came to the attention of President Roosevelt, who saw the folly of permitting the blank space to remain unfilled. He ordered the name of Jefferson Davis to be again placed where it was nearly 50 years ago and the work is being done by a native of Mississippi who came to Washington for the purpose. There was not a murmur of protest from anyone so far as known and there probably never will be.

This is only one indication of the dying out of the feeling of animosity between the north and the south. There is another indication this week. Alexandria, the home of Congressman Carlin, has been celebrating the hundred and tenth anniversary of the inauguration of President Washington. There was a big celebration with music, flowers, parades and all those indications of joy and good feeling which accompany such functions. Among other things was the dedication of a new park. In this park is the first fort erected by the Union troops in southern soil. It was built immediately after the murder of Col. Elsworth in the streets of Alexandria and it was named after the gallant officer of the first "Zouave" regiment.

When the committee of Alexandrian citizens discovered that the ruins of this old fort were within the limits of the new park they decided to restore the works and the strange spectacle was witnessed on Thursday of a party of loyal southern men in the act of dedicating a hostile Union fort on the sacred soil of Old Virginia, and they did the work up royally.

The Civil war has certainly come to a close.

TAX ON OLEOMARGARINE.

Ten years ago there was on the statute books an act which provided for the taxation of all oleomargarine, butterine and other substitutes for butter at the rate of 2 cents per pound, whether colored or not. Nine years ago that act was amended by providing for a tax of 10 cents per pound on colored "oleo" while permitting the manufacture of the uncolored product under a tax of 1/2 of 1 cent per pound.

Consequently this change was made for the purpose of raising revenue. The actual result has been a total loss of some ten millions of revenue with an enormous increase in the production of oleomargarine and butterine. These facts have been brought to the attention of the finance committee of the senate through the reports of the commissioners of Internal Revenue. Inasmuch as the committee is endeavoring strenuously to find some ways of increasing the treasury receipts without increasing taxation, a proposition is on foot to restore the old rate of 2 cents per pound on all "oleo" and fix a severe penalty for its sale in any other than the original package. In other words to treat oleomargarine and butterine exactly as tobacco is treated. Force the dealers to sell it for just what it is and to so pack and brand the substance as to afford complete protection to the consumer. It is practically certain that with a tax of 2 cents per pound upon all varieties of butter substitutes at least a million dollars a year more than is now secured will be brought in. The treasury will be increased in this way into the treasury and with each package properly labeled and with government supervision of its manufacture and sale no one need buy the compound unless he prefers to purchase oleomargarine instead of butter.

GASOLINE IN SUBMARINES.

Naval circles are greatly stirred over

the report from Italy of the explosion on board an Italian submarine caused by a leaky gasoline tank. The standard submarines of the American navy now use kerosine instead of gasoline as fuel. The navy department has recently contracted for one new submarine of the Italian gasoline burning type. In view of the fact that the more volatile product of petroleum has caused about every accident that has ever been recorded in connection with the navigation of under-water vessels the navy people who will have to take the risk don't like the prospect.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brown announce the engagement of their daughter Ardelia to Mr. George E. Latham, the wedding to take place in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus Cannon, Jr., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Alice Spry, to Mr. George E. Latham, the wedding to take place in the near future.

Miss Joy Wilbeck entertained delightfully at luncheon yesterday in honor of Miss Merle Taylor who leaves shortly for California, the decorations being in pink and white with a Battenberg lace spread over pink, a bowl of pink roses and lilies of the valley placed on a mirror for a centerpiece and the place cards in rose-shape while the place-cards were hand-painted in roses. A musical guessing game followed, the prizes going to Miss Alice Spry and the guest of honor. Present besides the latter were Miss Alice Spry, Miss Mildred Miles, Miss Amy Farnsworth, Miss Tina Bowers, Miss Susan Hampton, Miss Geneva Wright, Miss Cutler and Miss Aline Taylor.

Mrs. Glen Miller gives the second in her series of card parties this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana Latham of Sugarhouse announce the engagement of their daughter Libbie to Guy E. Sorenson the wedding to take place in June.

About 50 enjoyed the musicale given by the Author's club last night, at the home of Mrs. W. C. Riter, when Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Brines assisted by a quartet comprising, Misses Edith Kingsbury, Maud Riter, Miss Edna Young and Miss Edith Grant, gave a program. Mr. Brines gave a short lecture on the subject and the quartet interpreting with various selections. Mrs. M. J. Brines and Mr. Tracy Green were accompanists. The rooms were bright with spring blossoms and a social hour followed.

Mrs. J. C. Hanchett entertained informally at bridge yesterday, her guests being chiefly members of her card club. The rooms were decorated in potted plants, and prizes went to Mrs. A. B. Hirth and Mrs. Clarence Warnock.

Mr. H. L. A. Culmer and Wells Culmer have returned from a trip through Southern Utah.

Miss Abbie Wells entertained this afternoon and the topic will be given by Mrs. T. W. Sloan.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gilmer are here from Chicago visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sadtler.

Mrs. Evelyn Hanchett entertained the afternoon bridge club yesterday assisted by Mrs. James Arrasmith and Mrs. Paul Potter, a number of the officers coming in from out of town. Prizes in the card contest went to Mrs. Harter and Mrs. Conrad.

Miss Lydia White gives a luncheon tomorrow for the members of the senior class of St. Mary's academy.

Mrs. J. White has returned from New York where she has been visiting. Her husband, Mr. J. White, will be with Dr. and Mrs. T. J. White till Mrs. Lockyear's return from Europe.

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Mrs. Eldridge Thomas is visiting in Logan the guest of Capt. and Mrs. H. R. Perry.

Major and Mrs. S. S. Rowan entertained at dinner this evening at the post in honor of Major C. G. Morton.

Mrs. George H. Hancock has returned from Redlands, Cal. where she has been visiting her mother and sister who have been spending the winter there.

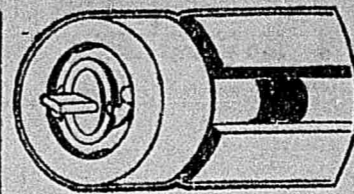
Mr. and Mrs. John Farrington left last evening on a visit to their ancestral home and health in England, which Mr. Farrington left 10 years ago. Yesterday was the thirty-sixth anniversary of their wedding.

STRANGE COLORING OF A WATER SNAKE.

Among snakes even partial albinism is rare, while wholly white individuals are unknown. Considerable interest therefore attaches to an account of a common water snake of the former type recently given by G. Tornice in a Berlin natural history journal. The specimen, which was obtained in the neighborhood of Berlin and is preserved in the museum of that city, is not altogether colorless, although much of the coloring is very pale. On the back are a number of brownish red spots. There is also a pale yellowish neck band with a blackish brown band behind it. In the eye the iris presents a number of yellowish brown pigment spots and the pupil is mainly red. Very noteworthy is the fact that the tongue is white instead of the normal black.—The Field.

THEY HAD WILL POWER.

I was sitting one morning in a quiet corner at Monte Carlo when two elderly men sat down beside me. One was evidently a Scotchman, and the other, I gathered, was from Yorkshire. The former remarked, "I have just managed it." This, I discovered, meant a win of 20 francs. Their daily routine was to appear at the same roulette table at an early hour and play the lowest stake of 5 francs on even chances—



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that is, on black or red or on the odd or even numbers. They would lose and win and win and lose, but they remained calm and self contained and persevered until they had each 20 francs to the good. I observed them daily. Some mornings they scooped in the amount in 20 minutes, and at other times it was a tough struggle until luncheon time before they managed it. I never saw them fall once, and I learned that they had pursued the same plan for four months. One thing was clear—nothing could tempt them to go beyond the modest stake, and they had the will to stop when they won the stipulated amount. It was really one of the best illustrations of will power I have ever seen, for, few, indeed, who enter the portals of the casino are able to

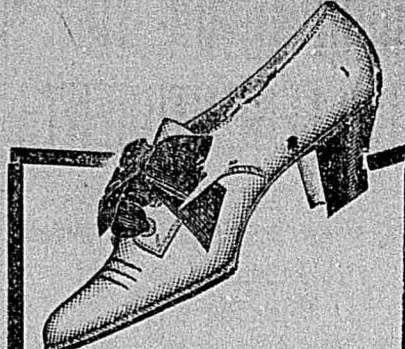
resist the compelling atmosphere of the tables to play on if losing and to plunge if winning.—Chambers' Journal.

SIX BEST SELLING BOOKS. RECORD FOR MARCH.

According to the foregoing lists, the six books which have sold best in the order of demand during the month are:

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3. Septimus. Leckie.....1.50
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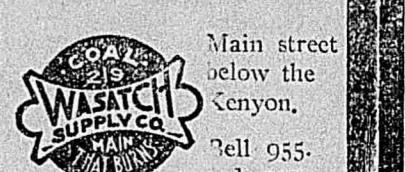
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