

DANTE'S 600TH ANNIVERSARY

Celebrated in Catholic World Yesterday—"The Greatest Singer of Christian Truth," Says Pope.

Rome, Sept. 15.—Catholics throughout the world yesterday especially in their schools, colleges and universities, commemorated the 600th anniversary of the death of Dante Alighieri, the great Florentine poet and "father of the Italian language," in accordance with the encyclical of Pope Benedict issued last May.

The Pontiff in his address quoted many passages from Dante as confirming the Catholic doctrine and as showing how profound was his respect for the teachings of the church and its authority. In concluding he proclaimed Dante as "the greatest singer of the Christian truth" and invited all scholars to study his works "in the same Christian spirit as they were written. The divine poet of Christianity," he said, "sang in divine accents those Christian ideals which he admired in all the vigor of his beauty."

In anticipation of the sixtieth anniversary of Dante's death the government of Italy recently authorized the expenditure of 100,000 lire for the publication of a new edition of his works and for the restoration of the Baptistery of Florence. For a number of months Catholics cholars have been renewing their acquaintance with "The Divine Comedy," "Vita Nuova," "De Monarchia," "Convito," "de Vulgari Eloquencia," "Elegies," "de Aqua et Terra," and his Letters.

Dante, in Italy, is almost a national city. So far as this adoration carried hat, some years ago, when Sir Henry Irving gave his drama which had Dante's hero, the Italian rose as one man a protest against the deification of the idol. In the historic house and over which the Count Anguillara built the 16th century and which was frequented by Dante, lectures by famous students of the great poet's life and works have been given in recent years.

ENTUCKY COUPLE JUST MARRIED FOR THE THIRD TIME

Blackey, Ky., Sept. 15.—That love rings eternal in the human breast is a phrase of an old saying, but it is proved by the fact that J. M. Taylor, 65, and Rebecca Brewer, 55, who were divorced twice, were married for the third time yesterday.

Taylor and Miss Brewer first married when she was a slip of a girl. Years of sorrow followed. The trouble arose and they were divorced. They tried single for a time, found they could not be happy apart, each made concessions and they were married again. This romance went upon the rocks in couple of years. A second divorce followed. After a time Taylor married another woman, who died after a few years. His first and second wife in one still at her mountain home. The day he called on her, wooed her and a third wedding was agreed.

Three times bride of the same man set to her lips, com. "There will be no more divorce in this family," she looked as he meant it.

LIGHTS UPON HEAD IS INSTANTLY KILLED

St. Evans Falls 20 Feet at Agricultural Building in Paris, Ont.

Paris, Ont., Sept. 15.—Fred S. Evans is engaged in replacing broken windows in the Agricultural Building, and some manner must have overbalanced himself, for he fell to the cement floor, seventy feet below, striking upon his head. Death must have been instantaneous, as he never moved from the spot where his head struck the floor.

He was the oldest son of ex-Mayor Evans, and Mrs. Evans, and for years had conducted a painting and papering business here.

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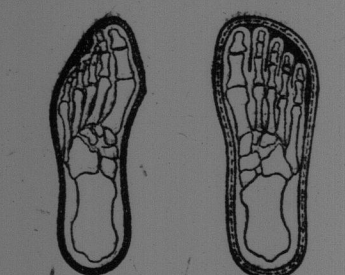
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PAYING LITTLE HONOR TO HEROIC DEAD

Bodies of Soldiers Brought From France Treated as "So Much Lumber."

Hoboken, N. J., Sept. 15.—Removal of soldier dead from the piers at Hoboken has become "fatigue duty." It is not by army order, at least by practice. Numerous complaints against the "irreverent manner" in which the bodies of A. E. P. dead are handled, after their return from overseas, led to an unofficial investigation which revealed that little care is shown in the handling of the coffins after they reach the army piers.

Fatigue duty is non-military labor, frequently inflicted as a punishment, and which the soldiers usually do in "fatigue uniform" of blue denim or with shirt and jacket unbuttoned. It is an assignment of the "K. P." variety, not awarded as an honor.

At the army piers, crowded with coffins of soldier dead, there is no military guard in evidence, and no other honor to the dead than the flag covering each coffin box. An electric truck trundles the coffins to a loading stage, where a group of army trucks back up to the loading platform. Beside it a civilian in shirt sleeves checks off the coffins in the same manner that a shipping clerk checks off boxes of merchandise.

Outspoken Preacher.

"Surely those of us who are Christians are looking for happier days than this," declared Rev. Dr. Shields during his sermon last Sunday night in Jarvis street church, Toronto. Lawlessness could be detected in pleasure, politics, business and religion, he said, and at times he thought that he could almost hear the rumbly of hell.

ABANDON "SPUDS," JOIN GOLD SEARCH

Discovery on New Hampshire Farm Rouses Neighborhood for Miles Around.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 15.—Farmers within a radius of many miles of this vicinity have deserted their farms and equipped themselves with pickaxes, shovels, dynamite and optimism to search for gold.

The same anxious eyes that have been watching the skies for weeks past, eagerly seeking signs of rain, are now on the ground. Here and there the ledges of a hillside are suddenly and feverishly assaulted with picks and frantic digging is begun.

Meantime there is everywhere much rushing about, and at the railroad station here strange machinery is arriving by freight, including a digging machine of a type distinctly alien to these parts, and certainly not designed for the potato trade or farming purposes.

In the centre of the spotlight is the cause of all this excitement, one Curtis Tilton, a farmer of the little town of Hill, near Franklin. He has started to tear a portion of his land to pieces. The cause of this is a letter he has received from the assay office in Washington, stating that "nine dollars' worth of gold and two dollars' worth of silver per 1,000 pounds of ore."

Experts have decreed this percentage gives ground for optimism and predict that the New Hampshire farm may prove a second Klondike if there is enough gold-bearing rock to warrant installation of stamps and concentrating plants.

For many years it has been known that gold and silver existed in the ledges in certain sections of this state, and from time to time a gold fever has appeared and disappeared. The report of the present find is unusually optimistic. The search has not been limited to the Tilton farm, for scores of land owners in the neighborhood have asked themselves: "If on Tilton's land, why not on mine?"

JITNEY MEN FORM UNION AT HAMILTON Will Seek to Oppose Legislation Driving Them Out of Business.

Hamilton, Ont., Sept. 15.—Threatened legislation, which will drive the jitney owners out of business, it is alleged, was responsible for a meeting this afternoon of the jitney drivers, held in the Veterans' clubrooms, Rossby ave. and Cannon street. There were sixty drivers present, out of about 150 who hold licenses here.

The city, through a recommendation of the Traffic Committee, is considering keeping the men off the corner of King and James streets, and possibly the congested condition of traffic there and, according to the men, the nearest they are to be allowed to the centre of the city is Rebecca and John streets. They would lose the cream of the business if this law was put into force, it was stated.

To protect their business the men agreed to form an organization and apply for a charter. The plan is to affiliate with the Trades and Labor Council and gain the support of this body.

JITNEYS RULED OUT OF PORTLAND

Maine cities conclude that the competition of 'busses with electric railways is undesirable. Jitneys have been ruled off the streets of Portland, Saco and Old Orchard, Maine, where the conclusion has recently been reached that the 'busses that compete with the electric railway are a nuisance and should be restricted. These cities were introduced to the jitney idea during the spread of the jitney idea following the unemployment period at the start of the war. Like most other cities, Portland and the other places mentioned hesitated at the start as to what was best to be done about regulation. In 1915 Portland passed a law that all licenses to operate motor vehicles as common carriers must be filed with the city clerk showing the route and schedule to be maintained, and also to be accompanied by a bond depending upon the size of the car. The bond requirement was \$5,000 for a five-passenger car and \$6,000 for cars of greater seating capacity. License fee was \$20 for small cars and \$30 a year for larger cars. The street railway increased its fares, and this encouraged a number more of 'busses to come on without a license. These unlicensed drivers were arrested and prosecuted. Later on, in 1915, the board of aldermen of Portland refused to grant any more licenses, and the city came to the conclusion that there was not room enough in Portland for two forms of transportation, and that in as much as the railway was already on the ground it should have the sole right to transport passengers.

In Saco, Maine, a similar ordinance had been passed and became effective in 1919. The town of Scarborough, Maine,

declared the motor 'bus competition with the electric railway a nuisance and prohibited the 'busses from using the streets.—Advt.

QUINCY MAN TAKES OUT HIS GLASS EYE BEFORE HE STARTS IN TO FIGHT

Quincy, Sept. 15.—"Discretion is the better part of valor" even when it comes to taking your own eye out of your head to save it from possible injury.

This, according to the police, was the theory on which Warren H. Tobey proceeded last night when he got into a fight with Joseph F. Drohan. Tobey was the first Quincy soldier to go to the front after war was declared and was the last to come home. During the war

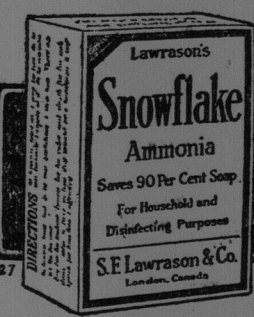
he lost an eye and has been wearing a glass substitute ever since.

The police say that when he and Drohan got into a fight last night on Hancock street, Tobey took out his glass eye and put it in one of his pockets so it wouldn't get injured.

The two men were arrested by Patrolman Sullivan and were arraigned in court today on charges of assault and battery on each other. They pleaded not guilty and the cases were continued till Sept. 24.

Might Help Some.

Charlie—Don't you think that travel broadens one's mind.
Dolly—Yes, you should take a trip round the world.—Stray Stories.



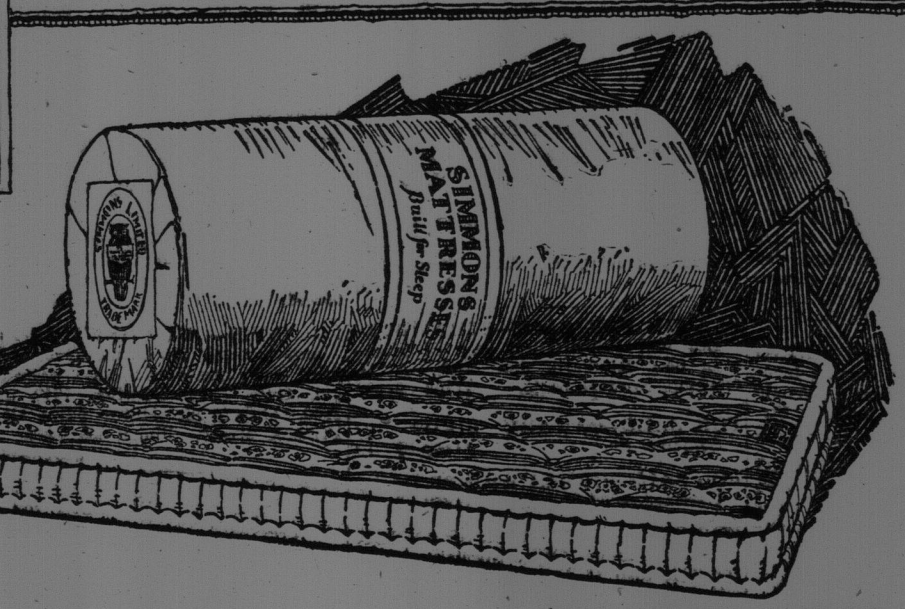
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