

## NOTED SCULPTOR DEAD

Col. Francis E. Elwell was known in Wolfville—His Wife a Former Resident

While waiting for a trolley on Noroton Hill, about noon today, Col. Francis Edwin Elwell, sculptor, of Hillside Avenue, Noroton, dropped dead. His body was taken to Pritchard's undertaking establishment. It is thought death was due to apoplexy. Col. Elwell is survived by his wife and one child. The Colonel was married twice.

Col. Elwell lived for many years in Weehawken before he became a resident of Stamford, a year ago.

Col. Elwell was very active during the war, taking part in the important work of "Americanization" conducted by the government.

Dr. George Noxon, of Darien, medical examiner for Darien, and acting medical examiner for Stamford, in the absence of Dr. George Sherrill, announced this afternoon, after an examination of the body, that Col. Elwell had died from cerebral apoplexy.

Col. Elwell was a son of the American Revolution, born in Concord, Mass., in 1859, where his ancestors date back in history over 250 years. Having lost his parents in early childhood, he was adopted by Miss Louise Alcott, the famous poetess, and her influence, also the later environment of Ralph Waldo Emerson, left a lasting impression upon the youth, whose mind was receptive to thinking on ideal, spiritual lines.

It was that basic training which equipped the youthful student to grasp quickly the lofty principles of sculpture as taught by Prof. Falguiere at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in France. Every piece of Col. Elwell's work is an inspiring embodiment of the mysterious, heroic soul qualities.

Before receiving the honor of being the first American sculptor who was commissioned to erect a monument in Europe, Mr. Elwell was decorated by the King of Belgium for the best work done at the Royal Art School in Ghent, Belgium.

The statue of the Mayor of the city of Edam, Holland, erected by Col. Elwell, is one of the art treasures pointed out by Baedeker to all tourists as worthy of seeing. Another piece of Col. Elwell's European work is a bronze portrait of Sir Peter Easlemon, member of Parliament, which beautifies the Library of Aberdeen, Scotland.

Believing that the history of a nation survives in its art, Col. Elwell set to work upon return to his native country to perpetuate some of the greatest monuments of the life of America.

His famous statue of Lincoln is the center of attraction of the Orange Park way.

About twelve years ago the Government commissioned him to erect the statue of Admiral Davis for the Vicksburg Naval Monument at Vicksburg, Miss., valued so highly that it was later transferred to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington.

The statue of Gen. Steele, erected on the battlefield of Vicksburg, and particularly the statue of "The Flag," owned by the State of Rhode Island, are known all over the world for their grandeur of conception. The latter work is unquestionably the Colonel's immortal piece of American art.

Mr. Elwell was made honorary colonel of the Seventh Rhode Island Infantry, by the State of Rhode Island, about seven years ago.

During the Chicago Exposition, the colonel received the highest reward for his "Dickens and Little Nell," which is erected in the Clarence Clark Park of West Philadelphia, and highly valued by its owners, the Fairmont Park Art Association.

In 1901, the colonel was awarded a silver medal at the Pan-American Exposition, and later the grand gold medal given by the Art Club of Philadelphia. He has several statues at the Universities of Harvard Yale and Toulouse; also in the Library of Topeka, Kan. Two statues are preserved for posterity in the Hall of Fame at Washington.

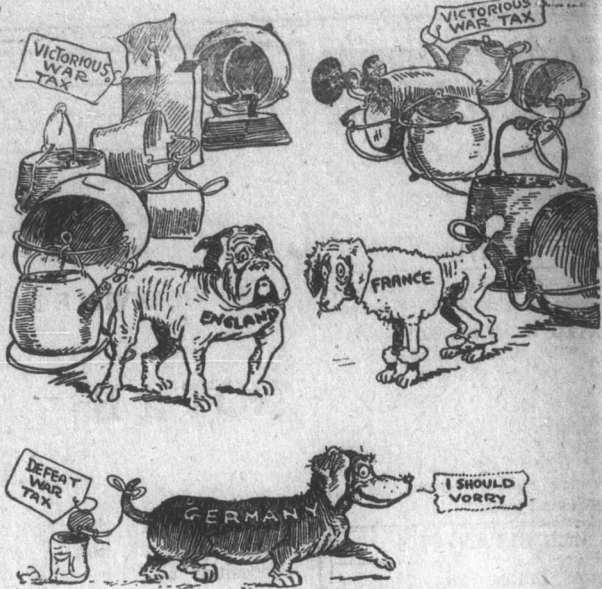
At the time of his death, Col. Elwell was working on a statue to be dedicated to the Child Welfare League, in which he had become interested through the efforts of Mrs. F. T. Towne. The statue was one of a child and a dog, and it was about completed awaiting criticism by Mrs. Towne, who suggested the subject. It was his last work and it was his hope that it might be erected in a central section of the city of Stamford.

[The above from the Stamford, Conn. Advocate of Jan. 23rd, refers to a gentleman who has several times visited Wolfville, and is remembered by a number of citizens. His widow, nee, Miss Annie Marion Benjamin, is well known in Wolfville, where she resided for some time.—Ed.]

## TO EXECUTE CRIMINALS AS THEY SLEEP

The execution of the first two men to be sentenced to death by lethal gas was set in Carson City, Nevada, for some time in the week ending April 22.

The condemned men are two Chinese tong men convicted of murder at Mina, Nevada. The statute provides that the exact day of execution is left to the discretion of the prison warden, who is to put the prisoners in the lethal chamber for several days and turn on the gas some night while the condemned men are asleep.



The English Bulldog to the French Poodle:—"Sometimes I wonder who won the war?"

## PLEA FOR ORAL READING

Each year we have seen silent reading crowded down through the grades, till at the present time, in some schools there is so much "silent" or "comprehensive" reading done, that there is practically no time left for oral reading. While it is possible that reading aloud in some former years consumed too much time in preparation to the benefit derived from it, the lack of this form of oral expression will be a handicap to many a man and woman of a later day. For how great an asset to one is it in everyday social, business or professional life to be able to read with good inflection and well modulated voice?

There is of my acquaintance, a young man who will serve as an example of one handicapped by not having had any practice in oral reading in his high school days, having been excused from regular class reading then because of a tendency to stammer. This defect in his speech he overcame during his college days by perseverance and will power; but, although today he is a high school teacher, he is perfectly miserable when obliged to read aloud even a few words, being uncertain of his pronunciation. He counts this slight in his elementary education the most serious one of all.

Each teacher of considerable experience has discovered that pupils, when reading silently, adopt many peculiar pronunciations, which cannot be corrected unless made obvious by oral reading, while at the same time, they may be getting the content so as to pass a "comprehensive" reading test with high rank. I should not wish anyone to think that I advocate eliminating silent and comprehensive reading from our schools, but are we not making a disastrous mistake in substituting it for oral reading?—W. P. Wentworth.

"I hearn tell," said Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge, upon his return from the county seat, "that they are figgering on putting a pipe organ into the new church in town."

"Well, it may be all right for them that likes it that-away," severely returned Mrs. Johnson, "but as for me I'm plum ag'in smokin' in church!"

## ADVERTISING HELPS CREDIT

There is one way by which a business man's credit is improved, says a contemporary, and that is by a policy of consistent advertising. Bank men believe in advertising, for they know it pays. The feeling, therefore, is that when a merchant who is a good advertiser applies for a loan that a reasonable amount of goods, bought by him on credit, is likely to be turned over quickly and promptly paid for, on account of his methods of keeping his goods constantly before the public. The banker would have confidence that the goods would be disposed of and turned into cash before they got out of date or shopworn.

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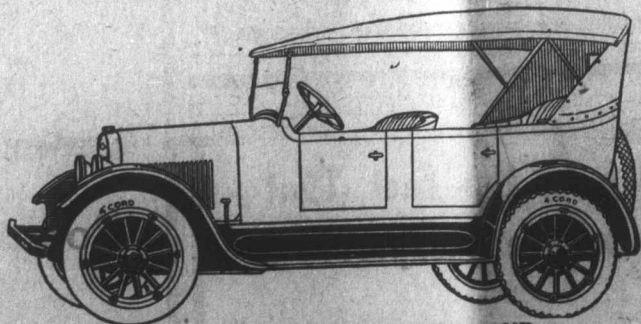
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No more important gathering of learned men has ever met on Canadian soil than the American Association for the advancement of Science, whose seventy-fourth annual convention was recently held in the Convocation Hall of the University of Toronto. Nearly every field of knowledge and research in the scientific world was included in the lectures and discussions which followed. The practical nature of the work of these scientists was illustrated in the presidential address of Dr. L. O. Howard, chief of the Bureau of Entomology of the United States Department of Agriculture, who gave a picturesque description of the ceaseless war, unknown to a large section of humanity, which is being waged between the human race and insects. Best fitted of all living creatures to challenge man's supremacy, Dr. Howard said, insect life threatened humanity's food supply, clothing, and even its very existence. The work of one of the great departments of scientific research is to discover means of meeting and averting this great peril to humanity. Today governments on both the European and American continents are spending large amounts of money to enable men of science to carry on their work. Few laymen realize how much we all owe to the researches and discoveries of such men for perils averted, relief from suffering, and comforts of life enjoyed, apart altogether from the intellectual satisfaction and enjoyment furnished through the new vistas of knowledge opened up in many provinces of life.

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