

### Dempsey Never Drank.

Interesting pen pictures of Willard and Dempsey are contributed to the New York Evening Journal by Miss Willie Bly, the American woman journalist. Of Willard, Miss Bly writes:

"Enormous! He reminded me of the big trees in California. Enormous, but splendidly proportioned. Every part of him fitted perfectly together. His head is not too big or too little for the rest of him. His hands are not misshapen or out of proportion. His feet are not too big and are well shaped. His shoulders are broad, but not too broad for the size of his body. He has good teeth and a smile that wins." Willard spent his early life on a ranch and for years rode bronchos and herded cattle. He has also run a circus. "The idea of boxing," he told Miss Bly, "came all of a sudden. I had never boxed in my life; I had never even thought of it, until one day the idea popped into my head that I would become a boxer and win the championship. I went into a gymnasium in Oklahoma City and told a fellow there what I wanted to do. He said, all right, and that he would be my manager. One week after walking into that gymnasium I went into the ring. I didn't even know how to put up my hands."

"Since then I have fought forty-six times. I was never knocked down, never had a black eye and never a bloody nose. I have only had two decisions against me. One unjust and one fair; at least, people say so."

Miss Bly describes Dempsey as a very big, good-natured boy, with innocent, guileless eyes. He was born on a farm in Colorado, the eighth of a family of eleven. His father was Irish, and his mother was part Indian and part Scottish. Asked what he did for amusement, Dempsey said: "I like friends around me, and I like them to dine with me. I like motor-car rides and good fishing and hunting, but I did not drink."

"Don't you drink anything?"

"Never! I never took a drink in my life. I never smoked either."

"Lots of people," Dempsey proceeded, "don't understand boxing as they should. They would have a different idea of it if they did. You see it is not drinking or putting in a good time. Everything is business, and it's got to be run like any other business. Everything goes by the clock. Everything is right on the dot, or it's a failure!"

—London Daily Mail.

### The Pioneer of Ballooning.

The curiosity of an immense concourse of people was gratified on July 20, 1812, by the ascent, in a balloon, of a Mr. Sadler, from a yard adjoining St. George's Fields, in Manchester. Immense crowds began to flock in as early as ten o'clock in the morning, and before the time fixed for the exhibition, every piece of vacant ground was completely crowded. At about half-past one, a gun was fired, and a pilot balloon was despatched to ascertain the course to be taken. A few minutes afterwards a burst of loud and reiterated shouts announced the interesting and momentous crisis—the ascent of the majestic traverser of the upper regions with the intrepid and venerable aeronaut, unaccompanied, firmly standing up with his hat in his hand, waving it and bowing most respectfully to the congregated multitude. In about a quarter of an hour from his departure he entered a cloud and became invisible for a few minutes; he again appeared for a short time, when he entered another cloud, and then totally vanished from sight. He descended at Oaks Woods, 6 miles eastward of Sheffield, at a quarter before three, having being 48 minutes in going about 51 miles. The place being a barren moor, he had great difficulty in fixing his grapple iron, and it was a considerable time before the balloon could be secured, owing to there being nothing to hold it but loose stones, which gave way, in consequence of the power the wind had on the balloon, and during which labor he received many bruises. The balloon was much torn, and the car greatly damaged. The marvellous advance since in aerial travelling is known to everybody, the present war having proved that it is quite a simple matter for machines to travel hundreds of miles by means of powerful engines. One invention investigates others, and amongst the latter must be mentioned the Hanks' Range-Finder, particulars of which we gave in Spare Moments on July 21, 1917, and by the use of which any enemy machine may be destroyed by a single shell from a gun. Unfortunately, Whitehall officialdom and vested interests has barred its adoption until now, with the result that thousands of our gallant men's lives are lost in battle, when by the use of this wonderful invention we could beat the enemy in a very short time by preventing him from making

observations of movements behind the allied lines.

### Sun-lit Lighthouses.

(Pearson's Weekly.)

There has been a good deal of talk of late of the new sun-controlled lighthouse on the Panama Canal, which lights and extinguishes itself without any attention whatever from human hands.

As a matter of fact, the principle is not a very new one, and there are several similar lighthouses in existence, one at least on the Swedish coast, and several on the wild and stormy rocks of Alaska.

The inventor is a Swede, M. Gustaf Dalen, and the cruel thing is that he, who has helped others to see, has himself been blinded by an accident. The principle of the invention is called the sun-valve. It is, in fact, a tap which, actuated by sun-power, turns the gas feeding the lamp on or off.

It consists of a glass cylinder containing four copper rods all of exactly the same diameter and size. The central rod is coated with lamp-black thus enabling it to absorb light or warmth while the other three are gold-polished so that they are not only non-conductive but highly reflective of the slightest ray of light.

As dawn breaks the increasing light acting on the blackened rod causes it to expand. It thus presses on the lever, and so gradually cuts off the gas. At night, as the rod becomes slowly to cool, it contracts, and thereby releases the valve, so that once more the gas is able to pass to the burner, where it is lit by a pilot light. The latter, of course, never goes out.

The beauty of the invention is that the instrument automatically adapts itself to the season of the year, so that not a foot of gas is wasted. It has been found to be perfectly reliable, lasting for years without any attention. For another thing, it does not need direct sunlight to actuate it. Even when the sky is overcast, the mere light of day is sufficient to make the bar expand.

### Bringing Wilhelm to Trial.

Although there is a brave show of bringing the Kaiser to trial for his manifold sins and iniquities, he is still in Holland, where he apparently has decided to remain as long as he can. As for trying him, it looks like a case of "first catch your hare." There has not been anything to justify the assumption that the Dutch Government will give him up.

Even if he is ultimately surrendered, the advantage of bringing him before an international tribunal is far more clear. There is considerable to be said in favor of hanging him, if such were the intention. But since the Allies have disclaimed the desire to take his life, what useful purpose can be served by finding him guilty of "a supreme offense against international morality and the sanctity of treaties?"

No doubt the accusation is quite true, but what law has he broken? The utmost punishment threatened against him in any event, is to exile him to some presumably undesirable place from which he can't get away, but where he could be supplied with enough to make him comfortable for the rest of his days. Is such an outcome really worth the trouble?

Many of the officers of the German army are in a different position. They have been guilty of direct personal violations of the laws of war. In other words, they have committed crimes against laws already existing and to which they knew perfectly well they might become amenable in case of defeat.—Vancouver Sun.

### Fads and Fashions.

Irish crochet blouses are new for Fall.

Handkerchiefs are very high colored.

Skirts have no suggestion of a flare.

The stately Medici collar is again in favor.

Large hats are prophesied for early Fall.

Simplicity is the keynote of all the new styles.

Long silk gloves are tan and cream colored.

Browns are the first choice among colors for the Fall.

Pale yellow is cool and becoming for a summer frock.

Tailored blouses for Fall are made of heavy satin.

Blouse coats are really becoming only to small women.

Always use a narrow leather belt with your linen frock.

Some coats have a panel back longer than the sides.

Feathers and fruit is a novel millinery combination.

Guimpes with square Dutch necks are conspicuous.

The flounced dress of linen lawn has returned in Paris.

Brown net flouncings are one of the prettiest novelties.

English eyelet embroidery is revived for heavy linens.

Many of the new sports skirts have rather deep yokes.

### St. Bon's Association.

The annual meeting of the St. Bon's Alumni Association was held in the Aula Maxima yesterday morning, Sir Michael P. Cashin presiding. The reports for the last year were read, and showed that the Association was in a flourishing condition. Before the adoption of the report, the Hon. Vice-President, Mr. J. J. McGrath, B.L., in a few choice words on behalf of the Association, congratulated the President on having attained since last annual meeting the highest position in the gift of his native land, viz., Prime Minister of the Dominion. Upon been duly seconded, the resolution was put to the meeting and carried by acclamation with the greatest enthusiasm. After a general discussion on the rules and other matters, Mr. McGrath outlined a scheme for the establishing of a Memorial Scholarship, which was endorsed by the meeting, the details of which are to be finalized by the Council. The officers then vacated their seats and Rev. Bro. J. B. Ryan, Principal of the College and Hon. President of the Association, took the chair, and with his well-known tact and ability, conducted the election of officers for the coming year. The result of the ballot was as follows:

President—Hon. Sir Michael P. Cashin, K.B.E.  
Vice-Presidents—Mr. W. J. Carroll and Mr. L. E. Emerson, B.L.  
Treasurer—Mr. Walter A. O'D. Kelly.  
Secretary—Mr. Cyril J. Fox.

The election of the Council for the ensuing year was also conducted, one or two changes being made. In congratulating the officers on their election, the Rev. Bro. Ryan took occasion to heartily and sincerely thank the Association, both individually and collectively, for their whole-hearted and enthusiastic support during the year. Their hearty co-operation with the College authorities was a source of the greatest strength and encouragement to the Brothers in their work. Some members of the Association had been pupils of the School over half a century ago, but their enthusiasm and loyalty were an example to the pupils of the present day. The Memorial to be erected in the public entrance to the College, to those who died at the front, would be more potent in its teaching to future generations of students than any sermon. He congratulated the Association on the success of the last annual reunion, and pointed out that, excepting that of 1915, it had eclipsed all previous gatherings, in numbers, in its representative capacity, and in general success. He referred in complimentary terms to the Souvenir Committee, who had evolved such an artistic and appropriate souvenir. In this connection the thanks of the Association were later tendered to Rev. Bro. P. V. Strapp, one of the Professors of the College, who took infinite pains to make the "Roll of Honor" as complete as possible. He also thanked the Committee of Management, led by Mr. J. J. Barron, Chairman, and Mr. Stan McGrath, Secretary-Treasurer, who put such go and energy into the work, that the success of this year's gathering was beyond question. The refectory had been dressed very artistically by Rev. Bro. Perry, another of the Professors, and Mr. Philip Brown, a charter member of the Association, who is noted for his artistic skill, which he has displayed at the College on many occasions. After the learned and revered President had concluded his really eloquent speech, the officers resumed their seats at the table. Sir Michael, on behalf of himself and his colleagues, thanked the Association for the honor conferred on them, and guaranteed that on a year from to-day, they would give a good and faithful account of their stewardship. Mr. C. J. Fox, in an eloquent address, proposed that F. J. Doyle, Esq., in recognition of his services to the Association, generally, but particularly as presiding officer last year, be raised to the dignity of Hon. Vice-President. It was carried unanimously. The other Hon. Vice-Presidents are, Hon. F. J. Morris, K.C., O.B.E.; J. J. McGrath, Esq., B.L., and W. J. Carroll, Esq. After some other routine matters had been settled, one of the most successful meetings of this flourishing Association adjourned till future notice.

PARADE POSTPONED.—The C.L.B. church parade set down for yesterday, was postponed till next Sunday, when the battalion will attend Divine Service at St. Mary's Church at 10 a.m.

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