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HOME AGAIN

Interesting Interview with Returned U. S. Soldier who has Six years Active Service

Ben. F. McKay has returned from the Philippines with a Filipino bride, after a campaign of six years in the U. S. Army service in that country. Ben is a son of Willard McKay, the downtown restaurant keeper.

The returned warrior is a man of stature, but looks a good example of American soldiery. He first served in Company "G" of the Californians and afterwards with the 38th.

"I left Manila on February 8, coming home via Japan and Honolulu to Fresno. While I was in Japan news was received of the capture of two Russian warships," Mr. McKay told a Planet reporter shortly after his arrival in the city yesterday.

"I was a captain in the constabulary force at Manila for some time, but for the past year I have been in the candy business there, being a candy-maker by trade. I also have some property there where bananas, chocolate and elanglang are grown, the last mentioned being sent to France and is made into one of the most expensive of perfumes."

Mr. McKay describes the country, with an evidently thorough knowledge of the subject.

"The chief products of the country are tobacco, hemp and rice. Rice and fish are the chief articles of foods. There are five months of rain and seven months of dry season. The rice is planted in the wet season and harvested in the dry."

"Everything is small in the Philippines, the people—with the exception of one tribe, the Moros—are almost dwarfs. The animals are very small, wild deer and wild hogs being the only wild animals. Electric cars and railroads are going ahead fast in Manila."

Mr. and Mrs. McKay expect to remain in the city and Mr. McKay will enter the restaurant business with his father.

INTERESTED MOVE

Ex-Ald. G. W. Cowan takes a keen interest in the amateur raising of prize poultry. He has a splendid stock of fine brown leghorns, and yesterday there arrived at his business establishment a select and handsome thoroughbred cockerel he had secured.

The bird was a beauty, and Mr. Cowan decided to carry it home with him at six o'clock. And thereon hangs a tale.

"Over there by the bounty buildings one, Moses Robinson—a farmer, who dispenses and makes of sparkling champagne at \$9 per—heaved in sight. At the sight of the ex-alderman and his sack, Moses executed a sudden stampede in his direction, his eyes dilated and his very fingers twitched. 'Hello there, Mistah Cowan,' was his engaging greeting, accompanied by one of those winning, made-to-order, won't-come-off smiles, 'What you all got there? Why, never! It's a chicken!'"

"Just let's take a squint at 'em. I think I know a chicken when I sets eyes on 'em," Moses added modestly.

But the owner was discreet. He explained that he didn't at all doubt Moses' chicken-testing abilities, yet he felt constrained to hasten homeward and sacrifice for the present the advantages of expert examination.

"Why, how do, Mose? What's up now?" hailed the approaching reporter.

"Moses' smile flitted with alacrity. 'Hanst that Plover bunch?' he declared with impressive elocutionary effect. 'You can't turn round but one of them's on the spot. I ain't got through 'splaining' that Detroit trip they wrote up to mah wife quite satisfactory yet. Good day, Mistah Cowan. I hopes you gets that little laundry parcel of yours home quite safe.'"

And Mose vanished. Meanwhile Mr. Cowan heartily congratulated himself on not being too proud to carry his livestock home by day-light. "Suppose," he said, "I had waited till after dark and then met Mose."

"And be shuddered to think of the consequences."

RIVER RISES

The ice in the river started to run last night and the river began to rise. During the night it rose about a foot and was 12 feet above low water mark at ten o'clock this forenoon. This morning a huge cake of heavy ice lodged at the Aberdeen bridge and blocked the river. About 11 o'clock the ice began to come down and it looked like it would be a serious blockade. About noon the ice piece was broken and danger for the present is past. No reports have been received as yet as to the condition of the ice down the river to-day. Tom Merritt, who lives ten miles down the river in Dover Township, drove across the ice with a load of corn the day before yesterday. There was some talk this morning of using dynamite to break by the jam at the Aberdeen bridge, but it was not found necessary to do so.

The smallest thoughts are sometimes expressed in the largest words.

PORT ARTHUR BOTTLED UP?

Another Report that Japs Sank Seven Steamers at mouth of Harbor

Russians Again Demand Withdrawal of Chinese Officials and Soldiers From Manchuria.

London, Friday, March 25.—The Daily Telegraph publishes a despatch from its Tokio correspondent, under yesterday's date, which says:—"On the night of March 22 the Japanese fleet renewed the attempt to bottle up Port Arthur. Sixteen warships escorted seven merchant steamers to the mouth of the harbor, and under cover of the bombardment the steamers were run in and sunk in desired positions. Three thousand Japanese officers and bluejackets volunteered for this duty. An official report is expected this evening."

A FEW SIDE-LIGHTS.

The Daily Telegraph's circumstantial report from its Tokio correspondent that the Japanese succeeded in bottling up Port Arthur on the night of March 22, is not confirmed from any other quarter. The special despatches to the other morning papers announce no new developments in the situation, but throw a few side-lights on the operations. The Standard's Tien-Tsin correspondent says that Viceroy Alexieff renewed his demand for the withdrawal of all Chinese officials and soldiers from Manchuria, on the ground that otherwise it would be impossible to conduct the war properly.

CONDITIONS AT PORT ARTHUR.

The Daily Mail's correspondents give from Japanese sources some details of the condition of Port Arthur which were gathered during the recent visit of a Chinese junk there. It is asserted that a boom has been placed across the entrance to the roadstead, which was alive with mines so defective and so carelessly laid as to equally endanger both Russian and Japanese vessels. The damaged Russian warships, these reports say, were repaired with such haste that it is dangerous for them to leave their anchorage. Eight battleships and cruisers and ten torpedo boat destroyers are now unharmed, and often leave the harbor, but never go far from the forts.

PRaised BY JAPS.

Japanese naval officers praise the quality of the Russian torpedo boat destroyers, which they consider have done excellent work, but they declare that the Russian shells are badly fused and failed to explode when they struck direct upon armour, and that their charges of gun cotton are insufficient to cause serious damage. The Daily Mail's Shanghai-Kwan correspondent says the Japanese are secretly engaging Chinese to act as irregular corps.

WIRENIUS' SQUADRON.

A St. Petersburg despatch says:—"Orders have been cabled to Admiral Wirenius to keep his squadron at Pireaus, Greece, until further instructions. As the squadron comes from its own coasts, it is not expected that Greece will order it away even should Japan make representations to that government, but that it will observe the same friendly neutrality which France displayed when the squadron stayed at Djibouti, the French port of the Gulf of Aden."

DEFENSIVE WORKS.

According to information received at St. Petersburg, strong fortifications have been made for the defence of Harbin and Liao-Yang. The construction of batteries at New Chwang continues to be actively pushed, and it is believed that that place will shortly be in a condition to resist even a determined assault by the Japanese. Eighty-two field engineers have left for the front for service in connection with the erection of fortifications and other work incident to the Russian operations.

GOING TO AN-TUNG.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Times says that United States Consul Davidson will start for his post at An-Tung next week, and that he has arranged with the Japanese naval authorities to assist his vessel to reach its destination.

SLIGHT SKIRMISHING.

Washington, March 24.—The following cablegram has been received at the State Department from United States Minister Allen at Seoul, dated to-day:—"Announcement has been made in Seoul that Yungampho will be opened. It is said that 1,000 Russian troops have been advanced to the Anju river, but that the floating ice makes crossing extremely difficult. There has been some slight skirmishing, but few casualties so far."

ACCUSED ESCAPES

Ottawa, March 24.—Jos. Menard, of the Brook, who a few weeks ago murdered his wife by shooting her head off and then attempted suicide, escaped from his guards last night and has not yet been captured. He is supposed to have been influenced by the result of the Goyette trial at the Prescott county assizes, where the plea of insanity failed. Menard was being guarded by two men in a house at the Brook, and slipped out while the men dozed.

VERY HUMAN EEL

Toronto Liberals Are Applying to Ross Hon. Mr. Blake's Remarks.

Toronto, Mar. 23.—There is trouble in the Canadian club, and all because of certain remarks made to it on Monday last by that erstwhile strong Liberal, Hon. S. H. Blake. The club is charged with introducing politics. Mr. Blake spoke on ideals and made the ideals high. He characterized in plain terms the man who would falsify these. It seems the present day ideals of Liberalism are not high and the Globe editorially told its old friend that his remarks were in bad taste.

Now a member of the club has written to the president entering his protest against what he terms "An attack on Ross."

The funny part of it all is that Mr. Blake never mentioned Premier Ross nor the legislature. He said it was not necessary for a man to be a human eel and that he should resign if he could not carry out his pledged policy. He made the application general, but Mr. Ross friends have chosen to make it specific and then they kick. Surely it is a case of a troubled conscience.

RIVER RISING

Dresden Threatened with Serious Flood—Precautionary Measures Taken

From The Planet Correspondent. Dresden, March 25.—The river Sycamban is higher than at any time since the memorable June flood of the early nineties and the water is rising steadily.

Owing to precautionary measures, but little damage has been done as yet, but should the water continue to rise, considerable damage will be done.

The ice is going out rapidly and the water being so high, there is little danger of a jam.

WANTS \$100

This morning when Messrs. Pridmore & Pettler went to open up their Urban establishment they found a neat little package awaiting them in the doorway.

An inspection showed its contents to be a small brass padlock stamped "V. R." which fitted the bolt holes found, and the following paragraph—
"This lock is my belonging and the bolt hole found in the Urban store. The story connected with this will be told for \$100 if left with some reliable man."

"Yours truly,"

CHAMPION BOWLERS

N. H. Stevens and John A. Walker will go to England this summer. They have been chosen to represent Western Ontario in the picked team of bowlers that will tour England, Scotland and Ireland this summer spending two weeks in the two former countries and a week in Ireland. When in Ottawa last week Mr. Stevens was asked if he would accept a position on the team. Both he and Mr. Walker received official notice yesterday of their selection and they will go. The following is the letter received by Mr. Stevens: Toronto, March 24, 1904. N. H. Stevens, Esq., Chatham, Ont.

Dear Sir,—Yours of the 22nd inst. received, and in reply would say that the committee on the "Bowlers Trip" to the old land meet to-day and your name and also the name of your friend, Mr. Walker, were formally presented, and the secretary, Mr. McCulloch, was instructed to write officially notifying you of your selection as a member of the team and also that of Mr. Walker.

The 23rd of March is the day set for leaving Canada for Montreal by the Steamship Lake Manitoba. A rate of \$121.50 return tickets from Montreal has been secured, and the agent of the company at Toronto informs to-day that 27 berths have already been booked for the bowlers. Mr. McCulloch, the secretary, will be pleased to furnish you with any information, and if I can be of any service to you I will be only too happy to do it.

With kind regards,
Yours faithfully,
DAVID CARLYLE.

HOSPITAL BOARD

The Board of Trustees for the Public General Hospital met yesterday afternoon in the offices of S. F. Gardiner. There were present, the chairman, ex-Mayor Macdonald, and Messrs. S. F. Gardiner, T. K. McKeand, Manson Campbell and his worshipful Mayor McKeough.

Routine business was dealt with and accounts passed. Many matters were discussed relative to the well-being of the hospital and the advisability of increasing its size. The question of erecting another isolation ward was considered, but it was thought better to let the City Council make the proposition for caring for the small fever and diphtheria patients, as provided by statute.

DIRTY WALLS

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to Call and See

the New Spring

Shoe Beauties.

We'll talk about some of the different styles and prices later. This is simply an invitation extended to the ladies, asking them to come to see our Spring Shoe Show.

TURRILL,

The Shoe Man.