

SLANDER NAILED BY BRITISH POET

Alfred Noyes Speaks of the Aims
of the Allies.

THE "KNOCK-OUT BLOW"

American Pacifist Makes Statement
Regarding Meaning of Phrase
Used by British Premier, and
Is Now Told That He Owes
an Apology to Men
Now Fighting.

"THE stirring idealism which the Allies carried into the war has given way, little by little, even in the highest quarters, to brute desire, as it is even more brutally put, for a 'knock-out blow.' This complaint was uttered by Evans Clark, pacifist, in a recent letter to the Princeton University paper, The Daily Princetonian. In a later issue Alfred Noyes has replied to Mr. Clark by terming his statement 'a deliberate and malicious lie.' 'I am not in the habit,' the poet says, 'of wasting ammunition by writing letters to the press, and I am only moved to write in this instance



ALFRED NOYES.

by the deliberate slander contained in one sentence of Mr. Clark's letter.

"I have the honor," Mr. Noyes writes, "to know many of the men in the new armies of Great Britain. I have also the honor to know some of those responsible for the conduct of the war. I have seen men going up into trenches under shell fire, and I have also seen, on all sides of the Allied war, more flaming devotion to the highest cause on earth—the cause of freedom, the cause of justice and public right—than I had ever seen in my life before. The spectacle of this spiritual grandeur was a soul-stirring one, that goes down to the deep font of tears as one remembers it.

"What Mr. Evans Clark," the poet continues, "knows about these things I cannot even guess. If he writes without knowledge, the slander is not excused by his ignorance. He seems to be greatly perturbed by the phrase of Mr. Lloyd George, 'a knockout blow.' The phrase was not, perhaps, a very dignified one. But what in Heaven's name does he think that war is?

"It is certainly quite true, that with fist, with bayonet, with bullet, with shell, with all the legitimate weapons of war, the Allies are determined to put an end to the illegitimate murder of innocent men, women, and children. Presumably I, also, am a 'brute' for asserting this. Inasmuch as Mr. Evans Clark has slandered my own friends and my own brothers (who are in the new army) I am quite ready to meet his Christian violence of the tongue with my plain assertion that he owes all decent men an apology for his absurd logic and all literary men an apology for his bad grammar."

A Curious Spring.

Within a few miles of salt water, at a point not far from Tampa Bay, Florida, there is an immense spring, which has formed a pool perhaps 100 feet wide and of great depth. At times the waters of this pool lie clear as the summer air, gradually deepening into the green shadows of its mysterious depths. Schools of great silver tarpon may then be seen, and they give the spring its name. At other seasons its waters rise bubbling and gurgling; not with heat, but from some sudden subterranean pressure. At such times the waters of Lake Butler, a mile away, are seen to fall. It is believed that there is some connection between the two bodies of water and that the spring is an outlet for the waters of the lake in the rainy season.—All Outdoors.

Elephant Vacuum-Cleaned.

A New York show elephant that thoroughly enjoys the sensation of being cleaned has that part of her toilet attended to in a novel manner, says Popular Mechanics. Contrary to the popular notion, Lena, as she is named, does not care for rolling in dirt, but walls and annoys her keepers unless she is kept clean. An ordinary scrubbing fails to satisfy her, but when her vacuum cleaner appears she plainly manifests her delight and sinks to her knees that the work may be done conveniently. She is ready for the process at any time, and her deportment is especially good on days when the cleaner is regularly used.

A POLISH GENIUS.

One of the Greatest Writers of Descriptive English.

Joseph Conrad, who has gained a place among the greatest of British authors, is British only by adoption, as he was born in Poland, of Polish parents. His real name is not Conrad, but Korzeniowski, but he wisely changed it to a nom de plume better suited to English-speaking tongues when he entered upon his literary career. His father, a Polish squire and landowner, was a man of culture and literary tastes, and translated into Polish many French, English, and Spanish works, including several of Shakespeare's dramas, Hugo's "Les Misérables," "Don Quixote," "Gil Blas," and other romances and books of travel and history. For political reasons the elder Korzeniowski was exiled to Volodga, and, when he died, Joseph was taken in charge by an uncle, studying in the public schools and under a private tutor. From the time he was ten years old he was an omnivorous reader, and the books of romance and travel he devoured inspired him with a longing for adventures by sea, and he made his way to Marseilles, where he was given a job on a French ship. His first voyage was to ports on the Gulf of Mexico. In 1877 he got a berth on an English ship bound for the Azov Sea. There a cargo of grain was taken on board, and it was from this ship that Korzeniowski—as he was still known—first stepped on English soil. He liked the country and decided to remain for a time, and soon mastered the English tongue. In 1884 he became a British subject and changed his name to Conrad. The lure of the sea still held him, and he worked his way up from cabin boy to captain of merchant ships which sailed the seven seas. It was on a voyage in a sailing ship between Australia and the Cape of Good Hope that Skipper Conrad was transformed into a writer. His love for the sea was only exceeded by his love for literature, and he had even tried to write, although this remained a secret until the voyage in question. He had as passengers two young college men, who talked much of books, and to them Captain Conrad showed in fear and trembling a manuscript on which he had been working at odd times for years. The passengers were loud in their praises of the captain's work, and when Conrad returned to England he submitted the manuscript to a London publisher, who accepted it. One of the young men, who encouraged Conrad was John Galsworthy. Since then Mr. Conrad has written many books, and has become famous as one of the greatest writers of descriptive English.

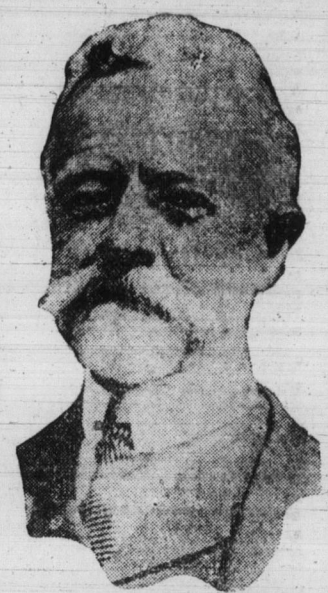
PACIFIST BULLY WAS KNOCKED OUT

How Senator Lodge Made at
Least One Convert.

A PICTURESQUE EVENT

One of the Most Famous Men in U. S. Politics Had to Uphold the Cause of the Friends of Democracy and He Showed His Willingness to Do So in Militant Manner

GREAT many historical incidents are carefully planned, but a few of them are spontaneous, or one might describe them as accidental. As long as the world hears the story of the entrance of the United States into the war, the picturesque incident of the encounter between Senator Henry Cabot Lodge and the pacifist Bannwart will be recorded as an interesting sidelight on the great days in Washington. Senator Lodge is one of the most distinguished men in the Senate. He comes of an old Massachusetts family, and has been connected with the better side of American public life for many years.



HENRY CABOT LODGE.

Sometimes he did a little twisting of the lion's tail, as in his book "The Hundred Years of Peace," which was not very kindly in its references to Canada and the British Empire, but he has been so strongly pro-ally since the war started that his little flings in the past can readily be forgotten. This was the man whom the unknown pacifist with the odd name tried to bully in the corridors of the Capitol at Washington.

The story need hardly be retold. Bannwart and several other men and women of pacifist delegations, called Senator Lodge to the door of his committee room and asked him to vote against a declaration of war with Germany. Senator Lodge replied that if President Wilson asked for such a declaration he certainly would support it.

"That is cowardice," retorted one of the group. "National degeneracy is worse than cowardice," replied the Massachusetts Senator.

"You are a coward," said Bannwart.

"You are a liar," retorted Senator Lodge. Bannwart advanced and struck the Senator, who then, despite his sixty odd years, launched a blow that sent Bannwart sprawling on the hard tiles of the corridor. Bannwart and several of his friends were taken in charge by the Capitol police.

Scores of Senators later went over to the Massachusetts Senator's desk and shook hands with him.

Next day Bannwart came up in court, but Senator Lodge refused to take action against him. It makes an appropriate finish to the tale that the pacifist should have confessed that the militant attitude of the aged champion of the cause of democracy had converted him from the cowardly and selfish attitude of the pacifists.

Germany's Only Aim.

In the German Reichstag recently, Herr Ledebour, Socialist, made some pointed remarks in criticism of the Government's policy. Comparing the Government's treatment of the Belgians and Poles with that of Great Britain's treatment of the Boers, he said the latter to-day are fighting on the side of their conquerors because the British immediately gave them full autonomy. He protested against the deportation of Belgians and Poles. The proclamation of a Polish kingdom was the most flagrant contradiction of the people's right to decide for themselves. The intention was to set a German or Austrian king on the throne and thereby chain Poland to the Central Powers. "You do not want a free Poland at all," he said. "Indeed, you do not look as if you could free anyone. You need recruits. That is the sole aim. But you would have no success with the present legislation in regard to the Poles, even if a German prince were already sitting on the Polish throne as cock of the walk." Herr Ledebour was finally called to order on various counts, among others for having made insulting remarks toward the German reigning house. An uproar ensued when he sarcastically asked, "Is that all?"

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Diplomats get more profit by listening than by talking even when they talk well.—Hanotau.



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The body of Mrs. Ellen Disher, seventy-five years old, was found in a cistern at her home at Ridgeway, Ont.

Workmen's compensation for the year amounted to almost \$2,500,000, largely in excess of the previous year's accidents numbered over 16,000.

Robert Bateman, while ill in bed, had some liquor carried into his hotel in Belleville by an employee to be used for a cold. Inspector Arnott in a search located the liquor and the proprietor has been fined \$200 and costs.

Miss Margaret Moag of Detroit, Mich., is acting as Superintendent at the Smiths Falls Public Hospital, pending the arrival of Miss Weldon, who was taken ill at her home in St. Thomas, just when she was ready to leave for Smiths Falls.

After being almost totally destroyed by fire on June 2nd last, the Fulford building at the corner of Court House avenue and King street, Brockville, has been entirely rebuilt and is now one of the finest office and store buildings in Eastern Ontario.

Andrew Broder, M.P. for Dundas, and one of the most prominent agriculturists in the Dominion, was stricken with apoplexy in the Commons Chamber at Ottawa, last Tuesday, and is in a critical condition.

The municipal committee of the Ontario Legislature has adopted an amendment to the Municipal Act, giving all municipalities the power to assess up to 25 mills on the dollar, irrespective of school and war taxes. The previous maximum was 20 mills.

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