

Com. Robert L. Butts Reviews Activities of Year in Legion Post

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those who contributed of their time and money to make this Post what it is today, I can say no more than Thank You.

During the coming year we should intensify the work and every comrade who has been chosen to serve in an official capacity should see that the work assigned to him is faithfully and conscientiously done. This should be attended to with all the promptness and care that one would give his personal business. I feel that the coming year will be one of great activity on the part of all.

I cannot close this report without expressing my sincere thanks to the officers of our Post as well as the members of all the committees for their wonderful help and complete co-operation. The machinery of our Post has functioned well, and not once has anything but the most complete harmony existed.

Comrades, I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for all you have done to make this Post what it is today. Without your help and assistance this Post could not function, and if it is the will of you men to again place me in the High Chair of honor, I will accept this great honor of again becoming your leader only under the assurance that I have the good graces of everyone in this Hall. Thank you.

Titan Topics

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Edgar A. Guest, America's most popular writer of verse, and Charles E. "Gus" Dorais, Athletic Director at the University of Detroit look so much alike that they are constantly being mistaken for each other.

Almost every day during the football season somebody stops Eddie Guest on the street and wants to know how his team is coming on. Just as often, somebody tells "Gus" how much he liked the verses that appeared in the morning paper.

One day just before the beginning of fall football practice "Gus" was playing a round of golf at the Detroit Golf Club, which is also the scene of Eddie's links labors and several members of the club came up and said they were glad to see Mr. Guest back in town after his summer at Pointe Aux Barques.

Fortunately, both "Gus" and Eddie feel flattered when mistaken for the other fellow. "Well, I didn't get any the worst of it when I was mistaken for you," said the popular poet the first time he met "Gus." "The pleasure is all mine," replied Gus. "I can't think of anybody I'd rather like or be like than Eddie Guest."

These two famous men not only bear a strong facial resemblance to each other, but are of about the same build. Eddie is considerably older than Gus, but looks remarkably young, while "Gus" after his team has been through a particularly hard game, sometimes looks a lot older than he is. The resemblance does not stop at physical appearance either, for both men are by unanimous opinion of all who know them "regular guys."

Crusaders, W.O.N.P.R. Answer Dry Leader on Primary Poll Result

In spite of the misleading statement issued by James Schermerhorn, chairman of the Wayne County United Dry Campaign Committee, the Crusaders and the Women's Organization for National Prohibition Reform are of the opinion that the recent Primary Election gave the prohibition cause one of its worst setbacks in Michigan's history.

The Crusaders and the W. O. N. P. R. after compiling the latest election returns, are pleased at the enormous majority of anti-prohibition votes cast in the Congressional elections. On the basis of returns available today, over 75% of the voters in the last election cast their ballots for candidates favoring repeal. And in making these computations, straddling and non-committal candidates were credited to the prohibition side of the ledger in order to give the dry groups any possible advantage.

In only three Congressional districts did repeal candidates fail to secure a majority of the total vote cast. In the remaining districts, the percentages ran from 53% all the way to 100%. Furthermore, such outstanding drys as Representative Michener and Representative McLaughlin ran far behind their former totals. Representative Michener only polled some 15,000 votes as compared with 26,000 in 1930, while Representative McLaughlin's support fell from 31,000 to 15,000, a decrease of over 50%.

On the other hand, Representative Person and Wolcott, Crusader and W. O. N. P. R. candidates successfully resisted the dry onslaughts of their defeated predecessors. Representative Person winning in the two counties he failed to carry in 1930, increasing his lead by 1,600 while Representative Wolcott was gaining 2,000 votes over his 1930 total.

We are of the opinion that the number of anti-prohibition votes cast constitutes success for the movement, and

the fact that 75% of the voters cast their ballots for repeal candidates indicates the success of the Red, White and Blue repeal petition measure at the polls in November.

Java's "Sacred Cannon" Reverenced by Natives

Outside the gate of Old Batavia, on the island of Java, lies the Sacred Cannon or "Marlam Besar" as the natives call it, half-trodden in the earth. It serves to remind the world traveler of the superstitions under which the Javanese still labor.

While barely 50,000 square miles, the island supports a population of more than 40,000,000 persons, making it one of the most densely populated lands in the world. The history of the Sacred Cannon is unknown and it bears no date. The breech represents a closed fist with a peculiar turn of the thumb. An inscription cast in the bronze reads: "Ex me ipsa renata sum," which means "Out of myself I was reborn." Natives believe the gun to possess the power of granting fertility to humanity, and for this reason childless women go there and burn incense as an offering.

The inscription, it is told, is a reference to a recasting of the gun from some other cannon and in a way furnishes some reason why it should possess the power which the Javanese hold sacred.

According to another native superstition this old gun will some day be joined by its mate, which is believed to be the old cannon found in Bantam, on another part of the island, and that on that day the rule of the Hollanders in Java will terminate.

Senatorial Elections

When the Constitution was first written it provided that senators should be elected by the legislatures of the states. Gradually the opinion gained ground that senators should be elected by direct vote of the people, and gradually the states adopted laws providing for the name of the people's choice for senator on the ballots. The members of the legislatures would then pledge themselves to cast their votes for the person who secured the largest number of votes for the people's choice. As a matter of fact, long before the constitutional amendment providing for direct election of senators by the people the people in most of the states were actually electing their senators by direct vote in this roundabout method.

Greatest President?

Two elderly men at the village store had been reading convention news and had fallen into an argument on the relative merits of Presidents Washington and Lincoln. Finally they called in a local nabob who had a reputation for being a "well-read" man to settle the dispute.

"Well, gentlemen," said he, "I know that Washington was a great President, and so was Abraham Lincoln. But I have always been inclined to think that Stonewall Jackson was the greatest President we ever had."

To which, after some further argument, the others nodded assent.—Indianapolis News.

Swordfish No Easy Prey

Catching swordfish is considered to be the greatest sport in the waters of New Zealand. They call them the gladiators of the ocean. They run up to a thousand pounds in weight and 12 feet in length, and to land one (always a mark of great honor) often requires many hours of hard and careful fighting on the part of the fisherman. Often the fish leaps as much as 20 feet out of water after being hooked. Sometimes the fish finally gets away, taking the entire line with him.

How's Your "Currency"?

We stamp our own values upon ourselves and cannot expect to pass for more.—Exchange.

"Nap's" Distinct Value

The nap may serve as a pick-me-up, Henry M. Stegman suggests to the readers of Hygeia Magazine. A little "snooze" for the nervous, tired man in the afternoon may make his night sleep more soothing.

Many persons who have long rides on elevated trains or subways catch an hour or two of sleep in this way. It is surprising how one can mechanically train oneself not to sleep past one's destination. Others before going out in the evening catch a few winks of sleep. Housewives have found a short nap after the lunch hour of great benefit.

One can get a better quality of sleep in a nap than in the average of a full night's rest, for the first two hours of sleep are the deepest. The nap is hardly in consonance with the bustling American spirit, but that is all the more reason for it.

Golf's Remarkable Growth

Golf had humble beginnings in this country, and was very slow to catch popular fancy. Country clubs were few in number back in the '90s, very humble in appearance and most of them consisted of nine-hole courses laid out in someone's spare pasture. There is no need to point out that golf is one of the gliaits of the sporting world today, that country clubs, thousands of them, present resplendent courses to their members and that many municipalities have found the public enthusiasm great enough to justify the expenditure of public money for the maintenance of public links.

Hampton Roads in History

Hampton Roads received its name from the town of Hampton on the near-by shore of Virginia, says Pathfinder Magazine. "Road," in either its singular or plural form, is used in nautical affairs for a ship roadstead, that is, a place outside a harbor or otherwise less sheltered or inclosed than a harbor, where ships may ride at anchor. Hampton roads is a channel through which the waters of the James, Nansemond and Elizabeth rivers pass into Chesapeake bay. It was the scene of the historic battle between the first ironclad vessels, the Merrimac and the Monitor, on March 9, 1862.

Old Roman Postal System

A postal system was in existence in the Roman empire. It was known as the Cursus Publicus and was established by Augustus for dispatches between the government and the provinces. Previously messages were carried by tabellarii or orderlies known as stators. At a later period, carriages were employed for messengers and the cost was borne by the cities and the districts. There was an express post known as Cursus Velox. Postal boats, also plied between certain ports. The postal system was not employed by the general public.

And Will Tomorrow

The man who spends today bragging about what he is going to do tomorrow did exactly the same thing yesterday and the day before.

The Affections

Hearts may be attracted by assumed qualities, but the affections are not to be fixed but by those that are real.—De Moyses.

Ireland's Appellation

Innisfail is the Irish name applied by the bards to Ireland. It means the Island of Destiny.

Bitter and Sweet

What is to some sad and bitter, may seem to others particularly sweet.—Lucretius.

Before Gunpowder

The crossbow was used chiefly in the Twelfth century, but was not unknown in the Tenth and Eleventh centuries.

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