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Fitz-Hugh Lee and Memories. Tributes paid to the late General Fitz-Hugh Lee, and to men of his class by the northern press show a genuine regard for the personal qualities of the Confederates who are singled out for these unusual honors. Many of them rest as though they were inspired by veterans who were antagonists of the deceased in the civil war. General Lee had been selected to speak at the Grand Army Memorial day gathering in Philadelphia. For many years it has been the custom in the north for Federal veterans to invite ex-Confederates to join them in their Memorial day exercises.

The friendliness of old foes of the civil war at this date is natural, and it is wholesome. The strongest memories of survivors of the war are related to that period. The predominance of the Grand Army of the Republic is proof of that. The members of the posts of that organization are not natural comrades of the camp and field, but veterans of the great armies of the east and west. The majority of them never met until they joined the Grand Army. The sentiment which holds them together and the tie which binds them are memories of heroic days. In the sixties, when they were young, they experienced the loftiest emotions of their whole lives. They love to meet with the men who lived through the same crisis.

A soldier thinks profoundly on the dangers he has passed and next to himself regards the man who faced the same dangers. During the war on the occasions of a true test were eager to meet the very men in the opposing armies who had fought against them. And after forty years the feeling is the same. There is no justification of the cause for which the south took up arms in the present day friendliness of Confederate survivors. It is a matter of human sentiment and not a betrayal of political loyalty. He would be a strange American who, with but a mere book knowledge of the war, would not feel gratified to look upon the survivors of the army led by Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. Much more, then, do the northern veterans who tested their valor in battle savor to share them by the hand for old times' sake.

Hiring to the Biggest Boss.

A rush for places in the civil service is reported from Washington, the applications having jumped in a year from \$800 to \$1800. Various reasons for this are given by observers, among them, hard times, low wages and the pride which comes of an appointment by merit. None of these considerations is in itself strong enough to attract persons of ability into employment where the prospect of advance is exceedingly poor, and the life a veritable treadmill.

Wages paid by the government are lower than the same ability can command in the business world, and the prospect of permanent employment and certainty of pay doubtless influences the applicants for civil service positions. But the almost universal desire to be connected with the biggest concern possible probably induces the mass to seek government employment. Household and farm servants, mechanics and men in mercantile calling will work for less pay and serve with greater fidelity when employed by the rich than by the poor. The rich never lack for hired help, and they do not pay always fancy prices either.

Workmen's Insurance Abroad.

An interesting contribution to the growing discussion of insurance for workmen is to be found in a report to the state department by the Consul General Hayes, United States consul at Rouen, France. Such indulgence, the consul says, is in operation, either obligatory or voluntary, in England, Belgium, Austria, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Hungary, Poland, Italy, Switzerland and Germany. The English system is the most primitive, embracing only voluntary insurance, while that adopted by Germany is the most elaborate.

There is perhaps no country in the world where the workman is so well protected and cared for by the state as in the German empire. Every clerk and shop assistants are compelled to insure. There are three forms of insurance—namely, against sickness, accident and old age or indemnity. Insurance against sickness is especially intended for those occupied in industry and commerce. Among its benefits are free medical attention in the case of sickness to work, financial assistance for thirteen weeks equal to 10 per cent of the workman's wages or greater, use of a hospital and 25 per cent of the daily salary to the family, and in the case of death funeral expenses equal to twenty times the

daily salary. Two-thirds of the sick assessments are paid by employers and one-third by employees, in proportion to their wages.

Workmen in industrial and agricultural labor earning not over \$480 a year must insure against accident. Assessments are equitably divided between employers and employees.

Insurance against old age and indemnity is compulsory from the sixteenth year upon all workmen earning less than \$825.00. Resources for this insurance are furnished by employers, workmen and the state. The state gives a uniform subvention of \$12 to every pension and pays the workman's dues during his term of military service. All remaining expenses are shared equally by employers and employees. The lowest amount paid by a workman is 33 cents a week, the highest \$80. Indemnity pensions range from \$25 to \$100.25 and are not granted for less than 200 weeks' work. An old age pension is given to every workman of seventy years or over who has paid 1200 weekly dues. The minimum is \$20, the maximum \$35.50.

Now Zealand pays a pension to indigent persons who have lived in the country uninterruptedly for twenty-five years and who have not been convicted of crime. Belgium has a voluntary national retiring fund, which gives its members at sixty-five a pension of \$60.50. The Swedish city of Gothenburg pensions all employees of the municipality who have reached the age of sixty-five and who have served the city thirty years.

American Local Names. A bulletin recently issued by the geological survey gives some information about the family, the picturesque, the fantastic and the commonplace names that have fixed themselves throughout the country. It seems by the way, that not half of the numerous Jeffersons, Hamiltons, Adamses and so on were named in honor of the founders of these names, but commemorate the immediate founders of the settlements, who may have been humble farmers or traders. The name "Troy," the bulletin says, originated in the word "trophy," spelled backward and abbreviated. From Van was the meeting place of forces from Penn's woods and Vanes from east of the Hudson. Anthony Nose, in the Hudson highlands, is a duplicate in nature of a certain seed of the stock of one Anthony de Haes, who named the mountain as a compliment to Hipp Van Winkle.

Tradition says that Custer Island was so named from the number of rabbits found there. Staten Island, just across the bay from the fan resort, is still a noted breeding ground for bunnies. Peleg's nest put into a recess in Lake Erie's shore one day, and so Peleg Bay is a reminder of the fighting seafarers. Duryea, the name of an Arkansas town, looks like a grotesque invention, similar to "Troy," but is a name in memory of the French King of Navarre, "the stoutest," and the dainty, pasty Elshorn of California is a corruption of el sonoro, Spanish for "the gourd." The name Dade didn't accidentally drop down and roll on a plane on the Hudson, but a Sioux established aerry service there in the long ago and stamped his real patroonage or an American substitute upon Dade Perry.

Symphony in the Eastern Room.
A report is current that in official Washington circles there is a drift of sympathy away from Japan toward Russia, particularly in the United States. Aside from my possible drift to the western world in the triumph of Japan, it is not natural that the English court should resort in a respecting position to the conditions of the east.

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leum is prepared which shall be to the memory of Paul Jones what Mount Vernon is to Washington, the Chapel Des Invalides, in Paris, to Napoleon and the crypt by the Hudson river side to Grant.

Cuban Politics.
The political parties of Cuba are two, the Liberal and the Moderate, not, as has been frequently stated, the Conservative and the Radical. The Liberals are the successors of the former Nationals and the Moderates of the Republicans. The line of difference between the professed aims and purposes of the two parties is very vague. Cuban parties are groups of supporters of particular leaders rather than exponents of some special policy. President Palma has until recently avoided affiliating himself with any one party. In January last, however, in view of his campaign for re-election he announced his definite connection with the Moderates, a step which caused the resignation of his cabinet and a split in that party's ranks. A strong holding contingent is now supporting Jose Miguel Gomez, who is likely to be President Palma's most formidable opponent. The liberal candidate has not yet appeared, but he will probably be General Emilio Nunez, who has the support of General Maximo Gomez. Still there is the chance of a coalition between the holding Moderates and the Liberals in the interest of Jose Miguel Gomez. It is understood that Maximo Gomez would not oppose such a union. The old warrior is not on good terms with President Palma.

Russia has met with disasters which it was supposed would dishearten her, but still she fights on. An army is lost, and she sends out another; a fleet is destroyed, and more ships are dispatched to the seat of war. Revolution breaks out, and the throne now collapses and now reappears. The enterprise in Manchuria is only a side show in the affairs of Muscovite kingdom, yet, having put her shoulder to the wheel, Russia will take no backward step. In the long run mankind respects power, whether of determination, courage or resources. Russia has all three. As an empire she is backward, rotten, brutal, but she is ever bold.

Modern Naval Expansion.
France finds that her navy has fallen behind that of England, and it is now proposed to bring the outfit up to date. Only a couple of years ago England was finding the same way about her navy and that of France. The British went to work and finally got the lead of all the world in naval armament, and now France must be a long hard pull up the cup for more ships.

The winter is when this thing will start with any nation wishing to be the match for every other. England used to be content with a power equipment that is, a very strong enough for any two first class navies. Now her ambition is in three power equipment, and the next step will be a navy which can rule the whole world.

There is no other logical ending for the nation that wishes to be ahead of all.

The enterprising managers of the Lewis and Clark expedition have dug up the original outfit used by Washington through the war of the Revolution and will exhibit it at Portion this summer. There will be no end of curiosity among housewives who visit it about the material in the relic and how it was put together that it could go through a seven years' war and be recognizable as a quilt nearly a century and a quarter after.

According to the recent census office estimate, Uncle Sam now holds it over \$25,000,000 worth. The figures are based upon the theory that the annual expense since the census of 1890 would be one-tenth of the total increase for the decade between the census of 1890 and that of 1900.

The fate of Paul Jones. It is natural to think that the proper place for the bust of John Paul Jones is the cemetery at Ardinghough, because of the historic character of that place. But in life Paul Jones was not more estimable, but it would seem that he is fully honored now by being chosen for his bust the highest post of distinction. It is proposed that the bust will be mounted upon a pedestal as a shrine of special religious.

The effect of Paul Jones was singular. He did not make his living by his sword, he was a gambler and earned a poor pittance. No one could say that he was a great American, although he did much to benefit his country. The father would have been happy if that means that Lord Nelson would be a found in heaven in the here of the Paul Jones Richard.

Jones himself first conceived the idea of carrying the star into the home waters of the ocean. He first gave the stars and stripes to the breezes on the ocean, commanded the first ship that dropped in and sought on her decks, but did not make a common sailor within sight of haughty Albion's shores. A grateful people will give the hero's remains a fitting ceremonial voyage and welcome, but the occasion will not be complete unless a man-

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