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THE SWAMP HOUND IS SNIFFING BY FREDERICK P. LATIMER.

Fifteen minutes of idle staring into the cavernous maw of a darksome typewriter have elapsed since we first began to think of writing this column. Our thoughts and emotions are foreign to literary composition at this time. The weather has been too "soft." We have done our best to bear up against it by a diet one night of pigs' knuckles and sauerkraut with apple-pie and Roquefort cheese, and next night of Daisy ham and spinach, with macaroni and rye bread and Portuguese boneless sardines done up in France; with sponge cake and whipped cream, but with poor luck. The weather still has us hipped. That phrase "hipped," by the way, probably originated in Wales, away back in the days of the Norman conquest, when the Welsh archers had a trick of shooting their arrows right through the hips of the Norman knights and pinning them to their horses. So when the knight was "hipped" he could not do anything but perish when another flight of arrows slew the horses.

It is wonderful how much power certain archers could put into their shooting. There was a Delaware Indian of Kansas, along about the year 1856, the era in which General Lane, of that state, would wear a black bear-skin overcoat winter and summer, only taking it off when he was going to make a speech, who used to be able to shoot an arrow right straight through a buffalo so that it would come out on the other side and fly on. He would give exhibitions of this kind of shooting, charging a small fee of rum and tobacco. And an Amazon archeress of India in the middle ages was said to be so powerful she could shoot three arrows at once, not one of them going less than 300 yards.

Speaking of Indians reminds us of Sheboygan, Wisconsin. That is an Indian name and it is very interesting how it developed.

There was a Wisconsin Indian named Mud Hole on account of having fallen into one when he was a boy. Indians got their names from episodes rather than christenings. And he had no heir. He had nine daughters one after the other and was deeply discouraged because in the Indian society girls were not considered good for much as compared to boys. The boy could be a warrior and hunter, and so be useful, and magnify his father's importance. When occasion arrived for Mud Hole to have another child the event transpired near a point in Wisconsin which has since crept into the gazetteer. Some settlers one morning saw him wandering rather disconsolately by the riverside and asked old Mud Hole what the fortune had been. He said, "Hump. Ugh. She-boy-gin." What little English he could speak had a French Canadian tang to it. At any rate, everybody in Wisconsin has called that place "Sheboygan" ever since. It sounds romantic, but you see it was prosaic enough. Old Mud Hole was so peeved he went off in the woods and was never seen again. It is sad, even now, to think of that nelancholy, aged redskin reving his last rove into the trackless forest among the owls and wolves, saying to himself, as starvation came more and more upon him, "She-boy-gin."

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Letters of General Joseph R. Hawley

Hero of the Civil War, Hartford Editor, Governor of Connecticut, Congressman and United States Senator.

Written to

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Petersburg was not taken that day nor the next. It did not fall until the very last days of the war. Grant entrenched and laid siege to it. Butler, hemmed into the Bermuda Hundred by Beauregard's strategy was maneuvering to find a way out. Meanwhile Hawley and his men lay behind their entrenchments waiting developments and fuming over incompetent command.

Hoping to distract Grant's attention, Lee had rushed General Early through the Shenandoah valley northward to threaten Washington and carry the war into the north. He crossed the Potomac Washington proceeded into Pennsylvania and burned Chambersburg and hurried south again only to be overtaken by Sheridan and his army virtually destroyed by defeats at Fort Fisher and Winchester.

The statement that death loves a shining mark was never better illustrated than in the striking down of Colonel Griffin A. Stedman in the fighting before Petersburg.

Colonel Stedman was one of the most illustrious figures Connecticut sent to the Civil war. Hartford's camp of sons of yeterans is named in his honor. He was a native of Hartford and was educated at Trinity college, taking up the study of law. He enlisted at the outset of the war in the 5th Connecticut regiment and became captain of Company I. He quickly established a reputation for bravery under fire. When the Eleventh regiment was organized he was promoted to major and transferred to it, later becoming lieutenant colonel. He was wounded at Antietam. After that battle he was promoted to the colonelcy of his regiment.

In the fighting before Petersburg Stedman served in the brigade under General William F. (Baldy) Smith and was constantly exposed to rebel fire. On the 7th and 8th of June the Courant reported that his clothing was pierced by seven bullets, yet he received no injury, although all the members of his staff were rendered hors, de combat by the two days of fighting. He was killed August 5 by a musket ball through his stomach. His commission to be a brigadier-general given in recognition of his splendid service, arrived at Petersburg the day after his death. His death caused profound sorrow in the army and in Hartford. His body was brought back to Connecticut and buried with the honors of the war.

Much of all this Hawley discussed in his letter of August 8:

Petersburg Assault "Double Blunder." Bermuda Hundred Intrenchments, Va., August 8th, '64.

Looking nightly for a letter from you. Want to hear about your trip to Clinton and Cazenovia, and the Hart ford gossip. Receive a table of contents of what would be a long letter if I should write it. The Petershurg assault was a double blunder. Hancock was over was a double blunder. Hancock was over 24 hours slow in getting to the north side of the James. It was intended that he should get over there and make an attack before the rebels could shift to that side, not that he should go over there merely to get them to shift away from Petersburg at the time of the assault.

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I want you, Charley, to publish as an extract from a private letter, as it is, what I have put within quotation marks. I have said it to you and on second thought I want it put in the

Officers "Get Mad.'

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I wish Lee would desolate Pennsylvania. What a whine over Chamberburg. Couch isn't to blame, nor Chambersburg. It is Pennsylvania, perhaps Washington also.

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Abe Lincoln is—God knows what I ought to say—he is certainly a "alamity and yet one we must support Great pity he was re-nominated. Don't hear a word of my promotion. Mark Howard told Hattie that he came down to see about it—bless his generous soul! But this labor to get it vexes my soul. Pretty soon I shall swear I won't have it on any terms and shall beg my kind friends to let it drop.

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My health is fair. Feel very well in My health is fair. Feel very well in the shade. Cannot stand hot weather marching or riding. A little stiff and lame sometimes,—frequently indeed. On the whole doing very finely. Mean to come home in 2 or 3 or 4 weeks for 30 days, 20 days anyhow. Should greatly delight to talk a week steady with you. Tell me all about your trip. Love to Susie, God bless her and all Nook Farm. Most heartily yours. Most heartly yours.

I've talked very freely. For pity's sake don't print. But you may know have to take the news if you have the

Twenty-five Years Ago To-day

President Theodore Roosevelt announces acceptances of large number of invitations to deliver addresses during remainder of winter, with special

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Twenty killed in trolley car in New York when one of largest automobiles made at that time crashes into tramacar and gasoline tank explodes.

U. S. federal court of appeals dissolves injunction of E. H. Harriman against the Northern Securities company in stock dissolution litigation.

Fire loss for past year \$247,000,000, an increase of \$100,000 over figures for 1904.

Party Caucuses held in Hartford be-fore opening of general assembly Jan-uary 4 by Governor-elect Henry Rob-

Former Chief Henry J. Eaton elected president of the Veteran Firemen's as sociation.

Dr. Harmon G. Howe elected president of the Hartford Medical society.

Touro club observes anniversary with presentation of play. "The Wonderful

Dr. Slick."
William P. McQuade becomes chief ranger of Court Ericsson, Foresters of

America.

Attorney General W. A. King's report to Governor Abiram Chamberlain shows state collected \$37,821 from federal government in Spanish war claims during year, with \$25,000 still due.

New high point reached in industrial dividends paid in Waterbury in January when disbursements exceeded

Kasaan Bay Mining company organ-ted in New Haven with capital of ized in N \$1,000,000.

Miles L. Peck succeeds Charles

Treadway, resigned, as president of the Bristol Tramway company.

America's champions for the year America's champions for the year were officially announced as follows: Track athletics, Thomas F. Kiely; automobile racing, Barney Oldfield; bowling, Michael Kearn; boxing, James J. Jeffries; billiards, J. Ferdinand Poggenburg; chess, Frank Marshall; cycling, (professional) Frank L. Kramer; cycling, (amateur) Mark Hurley; golf, (professional) Willie Anderson; golf, (amateur) H. C. Egan; golf, (women) Georgiana Bishop; tennis, Holcombe Ward; tennis (women) Miss May Sutton; trapshooting, Fred Gilbert.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Defends the Soviets.

To the Editor of The Times: On December 27, you published an editorial entitled, "Russia has the Keys." You began by saying, "That there is a government in Moscow representing for the present the Russian nation nobody can deny." This admisnation nobody can deny." This admission is gratifying, especially when it is made twelve years after the present government of Russia has assumed its power. Not so very long ago it was a common argument of the enemies of the soviet government that it did not represent the people but only a few thousand individual communists, and that the vast population of Russia was opposed to the present government.

In spite of what has been said by the enemies of Russia, we do admit that the Russian people have a government which represents them. Now you raise the question whether we as a nation should recognize officially the Russian soviet republic. You say that "the

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**Lt. *keems* to me that the conditions upon which you would base your terms for the recognition of the soviet government, are not the reasons for which we have hitherto refused to extend recognition to the soviets. Observe, for instance, that the American government has sent two expeditionary forces into Russian territory to fight the bolsheviks long before we had any idea of the bolshevik's intentions regarding the payment of foreign debts, and our forces have, without any declaration of war by congress, fought the Russian people on their soil, inflicting much damage upon life and property. As further proof, let me cite the fact that the American government had given to Boris Bekmetieff, representative of Kerenski, the sum of \$35,000,000 long after Kerenski had been debosed from office as head of the Russian government. For years after the soviet government had been in power, the United States together with other European powers, had plotted and connived the overthrow of the soviet government. We even sent gold and ammunition to bloody Petiura, to Kolchak and Deniken, so that these bandits could overthrow the soviet government by force. Russia has conquered her enemies against all odds; and now you demand of Russia as a condition the payment of her debts for our recognition.

May I inquire what debts the soviet government had contracted with the United States? As long as we do not recognize the soviet government, they owe us nothing.

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We would have a veranda on the east side the shack and beyond a kind of shed-el a sort of "galley" with a stone chimney and fireplace facing the veranda at about ten-foot distance. On topof the chimney we would have a sheetiron stove-pipe bent in the shape of a letter S, just to be picturesque. There would be other chimneys inside the shack and fireplaces, and benches and boxes for the boys to sit on when playing Old Sledge or eating a 'coon supper, if it was inclement, but we like the idea of the outside fireplace and veranda which would get the heat from it. We can see some dogs around there and a gun leaning up against the door. And the chickadees singing in the alders by the brook. "Looks like it might snow before night, Jimmie, don't it?" "Well, let's get some more wood in, because we don't have to get back to town until pext Tuesday."

This morning we saw a rich man coming into the city in his expensive car driven by a chauffeur. But he looked very dour, crouched nervously in the back seat. His mouth was shaped just like a saucer turned bottom-side up. He snapped at a cigar and bit it right in two. We bet he was wishing he could be out with the chickadees and that if anybody should say "shack" to him, his face would light up and radiate like the full moon in blushing May

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RECALLING A VICTORY OF PEACE.

(New York World.)

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Glory to the Lord and all honor to Farragut. Had Mr. Miller listened to the truth that Gen. Terry and I tole him and Mr. Lincoln last October, Farragut would have taken Charleston. Dahlgren is a very able, intriguing, lying (I can prove it) Fernando Woods sort of a man. By the way, do you get the Army & Navy Journal? The most honest historian of the war. I'm dreadfully anxious to get some home gossip.

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My health is fair. Feel very well in the shade. Cannot stand hot weather marching or riding. A little stiff and lame sometmes,—frequently indeed. On the whole doing very finely. Mean to come home in 2 or 3 or 4 weeks for 30 days, 20 days anyhow. Should greatly delight to talk a week steady with you. Tell me all about your trip. Love to Susie, God bless her and all Nook Farm.

Most heartly yours.

JOE.

I've talked very freely. For pity's sake don't print. But you may know how to take the news if you have the inside views. Correspondents lie frightfully. Butler won't let his tell the truth.

(Continued To-morrow.)

given the Japanese a sense of complete security as against America and has relieved us of any temptation to pursue a diplomacy of force in the Far East.

These were accomplishments of the Washington conference of 1921. They should not be forgotten. They must not be disparaged. They have done as much as any diplomatic effort anywhere be disparaged. They have done as much as any diplomatic effort anywhere and at any time to eliminate a specific, a major, an imminent danger of war,

WHY THE "PROM" IS DYING.

(Waterbury Republican.)

A social shock shivers the fair sex at the announcement from New Haven that Yale boys are threatening to let the famous Junior prom, century-old denoing factivity of out of evistence. the famous Junior prom, century-old dancing festivity, go out of existence. The students are evidencing no interest. Getting a committee to serve is not proving easy and few indicate that they care to attend, which means no support and consequent disappearance. Mammas who found the Prom a field for the sowing of future marriages for eligible daughters are in consternation. Whatever could have gotten into the heads of these boys?

If we read the answer right, it's the mammas and the girls who have killed the Yale prom as they are in the process of killing other social affairs to which in the past young men have

Lionary movement of the internal communist organization with head ters at Moscow." It seems to me that the conditions upon which you would base your terms for the recognition of the soviet governfor the recognition of the soviet government, are not the reasons for which we have hitherto refused to extend recognition to the soviets. Observe, for instance, that the American government has sent two expeditionary forces into Russian territory to fight the bolsheviks long before we had any idea of the bolshevik's intentions regarding the payment of foreign debts, and our forces have, without any declaration of war by congress, fought the Russian forces have, without any declaration of war by congress, fought the Russian people on their soil, inflicting much damage upon life and property. As further proof, let me cite the fact that the American government had given to Boris Bekmetieff, representative of Kerenski, the sum of \$85.000,000 long after Kerenski had been deposed from office as head of the Russian government. For years after the soviet government had been in power, the United States together with other European rorrection for years after the soviet government had been in power, the United States together with other European powers, had plotted and connived the overthrow of the soviet government. We even sent gold and ammunition to bloody Petlura, to Kolchak and Deniken, so that these bandits could overthrow the soviet government by force. Russia has conquered her enemies against all odds; and now you demand of Russia as a condition the payment of her debts for our recognition.

May I inquire what debts the soviet government had contracted with the United States? As long as we do not recognize the soviet government, they owe us nothing.

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owe us nothing.
You say that Russia should stop its propaganda in the United States. The propaganda to which you refer had long preceded the Russian revolution and will continue in spite of Russia. The socialists have always preached a change in our political and expension. change in our political and economic structure.
You asked further, "What have we at

Moscow but an enemy?" I deny that the soviet is our enemy. On the contrary. I believe that the soviet is the best friend we have and the sooner we realize it, the better off we will be.

M. I. DONN.

Hartford, Dec. 31.

HAPPY WARRIORS.

(Cleveland Plain Dealer.) Football is going on as usual, indicating that the players have not yet formed a union and struck for higher salaries.

IT SOMETIMES HAPPENS.

(Florence Herald.)

Convincing proof that detective stories are real fiction is given by the end-ing in which the criminal is caught.

RADIO WILL DO THE REST.

(Des Moines Tribune.)

There may be spring where Byrd and is comrades are, but there will be no tulips through which they may tiptoe.

be twice as many boys or even three times as many boys as girls at affairs that they arrange. This will insure plenty of dancing and lots of attention for every girl, No consideration is given the fact that boys are thus made the wall-flowers. They may dance by battling in the "cut in" process, taking girls away from each other on the floor. They are not enthusastic over this prospect.

the Asiatic mainland. Ten years ago the Japanese of the development of great fortifications in the far eastern Pacific. Ten years ago the Japanese were preparing a navy to equal our own. All of these great disturbances to the peace have vanished. The Anglo-Japanese alliance is dissolved. In its place there is the four-power treaty to which the United States is a party. The policy of resisting the Japanese advance in Asia has been abandoned. In its place we have set up the policy of trusting the purposes of the Japanese. It has been justified by a profound liberalization of Japanese diplomacy. The race of naval armaments has stopped. Above all, the lightful time at the expense of connavel bases in the wichlity of Japan has book and the girls who have killed the Yale prom as they are in the yale process of killing other social affairs to see the yale prom as they are in the process of killing other social affairs to which the yale per between the past young men have been glad to go but which they are beginning to look upon as a bore. Everywhere a bout to begin holiday dances for young folks home from college. The women who supervise these affairs will do well to consider the fiasco threatening to end the famous Yale social affairs to been glad to go but which they are beginning to look upon as a bore. Everywhere a for young folks home from college. The women who supervise these affairs will do well to consider the fiasco threatening to end the famous Yale social affairs to been glad to go but which they are beginning to look upon as a bore. Everywhere a for young folks home from college. The women who supervise these affairs will do well to consider the fiasco threatening to end the famous Yale social affairs to been glad to go but which they are beginning to look upon as a bore. Everywhere the policy of the famous Yale social affairs to been glad to go but which they are beginning to look upon as a bore. Everywhere the famous yellows and exchanges figured have entirely disappeared. In days of old the boy who inv