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A Life of Great Battles Tom Schall and His Wife

THE career of Thomas D. Schall, senator-elect from Minnesota, should be an inspiration for all those who face the battle of life against great handicaps.

Until he was 10 years old Tom Schall could neither read nor write. His father was a German, a veteran of the Civil War and one of those Teutons who enlisted under Carl Schurz to fight for the preservation of the union.

In 1884, when James G. Blaine was the Republican candidate for President against Governor Grover Cleveland, Tom Schall, then a grimy little shrill-voiced "newsy," happened to attend a political meeting addressed by him.

After the meeting Blaine shook hands with the little chap. The encouraging words Blaine spoke to him had tremendous influence on Schall.

Forged Ahead Rapidly He began to take an interest in books. He studied hard. He acquired six years of grammar schooling in two, entered high school at 14, college at 17, and the University of Minnesota at 19.

He defrayed his expenses in many ways. He won a cow and \$25 in prize fights, and other money by wrestling. He entered oratorical contests for the cash prizes involved. He represented the University of Minnesota in three debates, winning third, second and first prizes.

After his graduation he married a school girl friend and opened law offices. Success was near when he went into a drug store one day to purchase a cigar. He attempted to light it with an electric cigar lighter. The lighter was defective. It exploded and blinded both his eyes. All efforts to restore his sight failed. He spent all his savings in vain.

Wife Spurs Him On He was ready to give up when his wife announced that they would continue his law practice and that she would be his "eyes." He owes his success since mainly to her cheerful help.

A few years ago he decided to enter the race for Congress. He was ruled out on a technicality. In preference to waiting two years to run on a party ticket he ran as an independent progressive and beat both old party candidates. He arrived in Congress to find himself holding the deciding vote on the speakership, the Republicans and Democrats being evenly divided in the House.

Last summer Senator Magnus Johnson's opponents looked long for a man to oppose him. He had the backing of the Farm Labor organization and the La Follette forces. Schall accepted what seemed a forlorn chance to get into the Senate. He made a tour of the state in a flivver—driven by his wife. He was elected by a majority of 10,000 votes.

Was Harding Competitor Marion Editor Is Elected

PERHAPS no man elected to a seat in the national House of Representatives for the first time is more widely known than Brooks Fletcher of Marion, O., Democrat. For years he was owner and editor of a newspaper rival of the late President Harding's Marion Star and a warm personal friend of Mr. Harding.

Fletcher will represent President Harding's own congressional district, the Eighth. Fletcher is a Chautauqua lecturer who has delivered more than 6000 addresses. Nearly 2,000,000 people have paid to hear him; nearly that many more have heard him for nothing.

Fletcher is a fighter. A native of Carroll county, O., his life story reads like a page plucked from fiction—farm hand, laborer in the steel mills, salesman in a hardware store, waiter in a restaurant, winner of honors as an athlete in college, honor man in oratory, chosen to represent his college in intercollegiate contests, newspaper circulation solicitor, then advertising director of that newspaper, later reporter, then business manager and editor, and finally owner.

The congressman-elect is a scholar, business man, organizer, and a leader of men, educator and author. Fletcher, now 48, was graduated from Mount Union college at Alliance.

IT WAS DIFFERENT

The ardent swain and his lady love had just encountered a bulldog who looked as if he might shake a mean lower jaw.

"Why, Percy!" she exclaimed, as he started a strategic retreat. "You always swore you would face death for me!"

"I would," he flung back over his shoulder, "but that darn dog ain't dead."

Flying Field Lack Is Bar Air Development Hindered

FINANCIAL timidity and, in America, the surprising lack of really adequate landing places are virtually the only obstacles in the way of a widespread use of airplanes, says Anthony H. G. Fokker, aviation inventor and manufacturer.

Otherwise, M. Fokker adds, we could desert the crowded open roads for the air highways at once. There are no other obstacles. It is not a question of knowledge, but of money. Aviation has become almost an exact science since the war. To be sure, there is still much to learn, but this acquired knowledge will be in the nature of a refinement, a whittling down of non-essentials. Airplanes will become more perfect mechanisms, they will be able to stay in the air for longer periods, their speed will increase. These, however, are merely inevitable improvements, M. Fokker pointed out recently. But the airplane made today more than suffices for the requirements of present-day civilization. Be it for use in war, commerce, transportation of freight, or for travel, the airplane can do its job.

In the proportion that airplanes have been built in the last five years to drop 3000-pound bombs with surprising precision, compared to the 300-pound bombs haphazardly dropped in the World War, so have they progressed in their uses as vehicles of travel and commerce. M. Fokker makes the point that it is a foregone conclusion that airplanes will be important and terrific weapons in the next war, but in the meantime they can be used as weapons of peace with more benefit to mankind.

Airplanes as War Weapons

"Aviation today," he said, "must not be judged by the aviation of yesterday. For example, it is stupid to base one's idea of the part aviation will play in the next war on its part in the World War."

"The war caught aviation at a moment when it was unprepared and in its infancy. There were very few airplanes in the world. They were old models, constructed for flight and not for war. There were not many aviators. There were hardly any weapons for combat uses in the air. In short, what did we know about war-time uses of the airplane? Practically nothing. But war needs naturally forced many inventions. These were just beginning to be used when the armistice arrived. Thus the part aviation played in the last war was comparatively slight. However, aircraft makers were not halted by the armistice. The war pointed a lesson. They continued their researches and in the six years since the war have made the airplane almost an unswerving weapon.

"The governments of the world apparently think the next war will be won in the air," he said, "for most of them are buying great numbers of planes. I sell planes even to Soviet Russia."

"Have they many planes?" he was asked. "No, only 500. That is not many for so large a country. Moreover, many of their planes are old-fashioned. And when they buy new planes they have not facilities for repair. But they are buying more and more planes everywhere."

M. Fokker said that Japan is not buying many planes. France leads the world in quantity, he added, and this country leads in quality.

Meet Mr. Hamilton Holt Editor Runs for Governor

AN ex-editor and a college professor, the latter now a governor-elect of that state, will fight it out in Connecticut for the senatorial seat made vacant by the suicide of Frank B. Brandegee. The former editor is Hamilton Holt, internationally known as a League of Nations advocate. He formerly edited the New York Independent. His opponent is Hiram Bingham.

Both were nominated at conventions held since the fall elections. Holt is a Democrat and Bingham a Republican.

Holt announced that he accepted the nomination without pledges of any kind. Following graduation at Yale in 1894, Holt went to Columbia University, where he specialized in sociology. In 1915 Ursinus College conferred the degree of LL. D. upon him and in 1916 Wooster gave him an Litt. D. degree.

Among the organizations with which Holt is affiliated are the League to Enforce Peace, the Church Peace Union, the International Conciliation Society, the American Society of International Law, the National Institute of Social Sciences, Friends of Russian Freedom, Japan Society of New York, Italy-America Society, the "Committee of 100," the "Committee of 107" and the "Committee of 250," and American Scandinavian Foundation.

Japan decorated Holt with the Order of the Sacred Treasure in 1909, Greece made him an officer of the Royal Order of George the First, France made him an officer of Public Instruction, and Italy conferred upon him membership in the Order of the Crown of Italy.

At one time he toured the country as lecturer for the World Peace Foundation and for the Carnegie Foundation.

In the spring of 1918 Holt visited the allied battle fronts as guest of the British, American, French, Belgian and Italian governments. The following year it devolved upon him to contribute his services as representative of the League to Enforce Peace at the peace conference of Versailles.

The eminent sociologist—who, by the way, is in his fifty-third year—is the author of a number of books, including "Undistinguished Americans" and "Commercialism and Journalism."

OUCH!

It was a very hot day and there was not one man among the company that was drilling on the parade ground who did not heartily wish himself—and the drill sergeant—elsewhere.

Suddenly the sergeant called out: "All men who are fond of music take two paces forward!"

Instantly half a dozen soldiers, with visions of getting a cushy job in the regimental band, stepped forward.

"Now," roared the sergeant, "you six men bring that piano down from the fourth floor of the officers' mess and put it in the basement of the sergeants' quarters."

Future High Priest of India's Zoroastrians Learns in U. S.

By MARGERY PICKARD

NEW YORK.—In a month of meandering by Gotham's highways and by-ways, I think this is the best story I have come across:

Jai Dastur C. Pavry, who is destined to be high priest of the Parsis at Bombay, and as such spiritual head of more than 100,000 Zoroastrians in India, is learning his future duties in the United States.

He is the son of the present high priest of the Parsis, now 72 years old.

"I was sent here," Mr. Pavry explained, "by the leaders in my father's community of fifty thousand, who considered A. V. William Jackson, professor of Indo-Iranian languages at Columbia university, the greatest authority in the western world on the religion of the Parsis. I think Prof. Jackson knows more about Zoroastrianism than anybody anywhere in the world."

Thus an American professor, a Christian, is a tutor in their own religion to the son of the high priest of the Parsis, and the final authority on it in the eyes of the priest.

Priests Must Marry

Zoroastrianism, derived from the great prophet Zoroaster, or Zarathustra, was the religion of Persia before the conversion of the Persians to Mohammedanism. The religion is a dualism, teaching that Ormazd, the lord of light and goodness, carries on a ceaseless war against Ahriman and the hosts of evil spirits who dwell in darkness. It holds that Ormazd created man to aid him, and eventually the good kingdom will be realized. The faith is, in essence, a doctrine of future life.

The Parsis of India are the far children of those Zoroastrians who fled from Persia following the Moslem invasion.

A Zoroastrian must not marry

during business hours should supply all their customers with gas masks.

Times change: We used to keep children in the house and the dogs outdoors; now we keep the dogs in the house and the children outdoors.

The science of cooking seems to have degenerated into the art of frying.

If the hair of the dog is good for the bite, is the bite of the dog good for the hair?

The "Heathen Chinee" pays his doctor to keep him well. The Christian American pays the undertaker to bury him.

Many of us proudly exhibit pedigrees of our blooded dogs when there isn't a scratch of the pen to show that our children have ever been born.

Entirely too many walking delegates are running for office.

Politics and efficient health service are usually two things.

And procreation, in the matter of health, is the vice of the many in their struggle for wealth.

The science of medicine can never be exact because the variety of its application is never-ending.

There'll be another dance Saturday evening, Dec. 13, in Keystone Booster hall. Good floor—good music.—Adv.



Jai Dastur Pavry in student attire

out of his faith, but a priest must marry. Asked about his intentions in this respect, Mr. Pavry displays a photograph, but says his choice was not actuated by obligation.

He sees good in many religions and thinks the priest of one faith should study the faiths of others and not condemn them.

He is giving at Columbia a course in his religion, and among his pupils are prospective Christian clergymen from a nearby theological seminary.

Mr. Pavry, 25 years old and one of the most unassuming young men walking the university campus, will have in his own community a distinction absolute and unapproached.

In New York, in his leisure time, he swims, walks, reads, studies western customs, and visits Christian churches.

HOW'S YOUR HEALTH? By Dr. W. F. Thompson

Alas! For Bill We shed a tear. He just would breathe the hot atmosphere.

Adulterated food is unwholesome; the adulterator, unholly.

Everything is being motorized; even the pedestrian is motor-driven.

Well, anyway, the fellow who appreciates sunshine doesn't moonshine.

"How often I've noticed," Said old Doctor Bland, "That they sell dusty fruit From the corner fruit stand."

No artificial stimulant, used over a long period of time, can fail to do harm.

The principal objection to the Third Party seems to be that there is a crowd.

The hope of every motorist is that there is more parking space in heaven than there is here on earth.

There's moisture on the mountain top. There's moisture in the dell; But in our heated living rooms—It's very dry indeed.

Custom demands interment—dust to dust; but cremation—ashes to ashes—is the more sensible method of disposal.

To be a good citizen, our first duty is to vote; our second, to cooperate with the health office in his efforts to eradicate disease.

Because the fat want to be lean and the lean want to be fat, the flesh reducing and the flesh producing quack does a thriving business.

With the increasing number of specialists in medicine, it will soon be necessary to disassemble the patient in order to secure appropriate treatment for his affected parts.

It's a funny world we're livin' in—We curse the cost that saves our skin; But when pleasures deign to beck, Right glad are we to write a check.

The true test of medical skill is in knowing what not to do.

Merchants who sweep their stores Hoopay! Boys and Girls (Continued from page 3)

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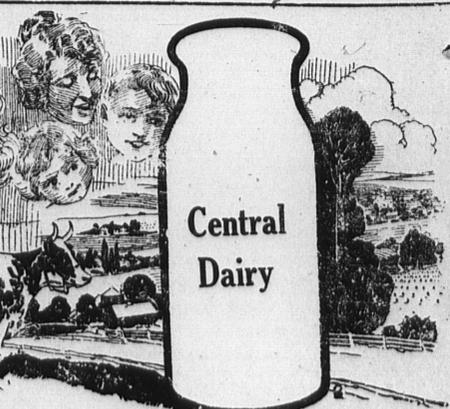
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