

continue whatever of good we have
gun, and to you also we leave the
ask of correcting our mistakes.

A PENSIONED PUGILIST

Jem Mace the Old Fighter.

The News-Letter does not usually
record the doings of the pugilistic
world. But an account of one of the
men published recently is of es-
pecial interest.

The writer remembers in his boy-
hood sharing in the feeling which all
boys have for an unconquered fighter.
Jem Mace was then the hero of the
rough crowd in the city of Norwich
England. "Jem" was born a gypsy
and many a time the writer admired
his wonderful muscular build and
his absolute fearlessness. Many a
story was told of his defence of the
weak and his gallant defence of the
women when needing help.

The following story is given in the
Literary Digest of a week ago:

The old-age pension scheme in
England is bringing out some for-
gotten characters, once rich and fa-
mous, but now glad of a little help
from the public treasury. One of
these is Jem Mace, once worth \$350,-
000, who won \$50,000 in one fight in
America (as he tells it, at any rate),
who now, at the age of seventy-eight
asks for aid. We read in the London
Chronicle:

Into the Goswell Road post-office
yesterday walked a stalwart, broad-
shouldered old man, with white hair
and mustache. He came to sign an
application form for an old age pen-
sion, and gave his name as Jem Mace,
born at Beeston, Norwich, April 8,
1831.

The old man with the well-brushed
silk hat was indeed none other than
the famous old pugilist, and former
undefeated champion of the world,
who now within a few weeks of his
seventy-eighth birthday, finds him-
self fallen on hard times.

Despite his years, Mace is as hard
as nails, and as jolly as a sand-boy
and he was delighted to chat with a
Daily Chronicle representative who
sought him out in his Islington
haunts. He was at his prime in the
sixties, and boasts five hundred fights
with only two defeats.

"Careful living and keeping off the
drink is the secret," he said. "In the
old days men trained harder, and
went through ordeals that would kill
present-day boxers. There's all the
old fights with bare knuckles and
glove-contests today, which are mere
pleasure outings."

Mace is still active and keen.
Within the last fortnight he has
been giving exhibitions of boxing at
Hill and Coventry, and he hopes to
have the gloves on with pupils and
others many times more.

Some big prizes have fallen in his
time to the lot of the old man who
today is applying for an old-age pen-
sion. In one fight in America he won
\$500,000 and he has known what it
is to have \$35,000 in the bank. A
fine old link with days when sport
was cleaner and more strenuous,
though perhaps more brutal, he is
now a genial old man who suggests
rather the pulpit than the prize ring
till you feel the steel muscles of his
arms, or persuade him to "fight his
battles over again."

**Illinois Upper House Passes Measure
Making Them Subject to Rail Com-
mission.**

Springfield, Ill., May 5.—Senator
Hearns' bill declaring express com-
panies to be common carriers, and as
such subject to the rate regulating
authority of the railroad and ware-
house commission, was passed today
by the senate.

It places all companies, corpora-
tions, and persons engaged in the
express business or business of "car-
riers by express" under the jurisdic-
tion of the railroad and warehouse
commission, which is given the same
authority to regulate the rates of
such companies as it has in the case
of railroad passenger and freight
rates.

Must Post Rate Schedule.

It is made the duty of the express
companies to print schedules of their
rates and to keep them posted con-
spicuously in their offices. It is pro-
vided that no increase in rates can
become effective until ten days after
the new rates have been approved by
the railroad and warehouse commis-
sioners. Provision is made for hear-
ings to be given on complaint of ship-
pers or other persons charging that
any rate is unreasonable, notice to
be given to the companies.

Glencoe News.

**The Visitation of Children in
Adopted Homes.**

BY LOUIS J. PIERSON

House of Representatives, Spring-
field, Ill., April 27, 1909.

During my first term in the House,
I supported a bill for an Act to pro-
vide for the visitation of children
placed in family homes. It became
a law July 1, 1905. Under its provi-
sions the State Board of Charities
appointed Rev. Charles Virden, of
Evanston, state agent for the Visita-
tion of Children, which office he still
holds. The law made it his duty to
visit homes where dependent and
neglected children were placed and
make official reports of his visits. His
first quarterly report showed place-
ment of three hundred and sixty in
private homes. The number of or-
phans and other dependent children
whose welfare, to a large extent is
in his hands, has now increased to over
5,000. The original law gave him two
assistants. At the 45th session the
number was doubled, but the approp-
riation was so small only one is em-
ployed. The law requires one visit a
year to each child. The growth of
population and other causes are add-
ing about three hundred and fifty
new homes for visitation every three
months. The greatest humanitarian
work the state ever instituted was the
creation of juvenile courts. Mr.
Virden's department in its helpful-
ness to helpless children is not sur-
passed by those courts. His work
requires nerve, capacity as a detec-
tive and fighting qualities. He comes
in contact with the worst elements
of society, and has more use for a
gun than a prayer-book. He has
made a splendid record, one which
needs only to be known to be appre-
ciated.

Illinois is the third State, in the
Union in wealth, is generously char-
itable and justly proud of its high
civilization, but Mr. Virden's reports
for the last four years have brought
to light facts which for cruelty and
brutality are scarcely surpassed by
the records of the inquisition.

The facts of common neglect and
plain brutality which the orphan
children of Illinois have suffered in
that time would fill a book. The
number of criminal assaults, includ-
ing one upon an infant of 18 months
by her own father and upon many
other little girls ranging in age from
seven to eighteen years is incred-
ibly large. Here are some of the
facts in department records. In
one of our cities where churches are
numerous and foreign missionary so-
cieties well organized, a little four-
teen-year-old girl is blind in one eye
and carries upon her body three hun-
dred scars inflicted with a toasting
fork and scissors by her foster moth-
er.

In another case a little girl thir-
teen years old was criminally assau-
lted by her foster-father with the ac-
tual physical assistance of the foster-
mother. The details of this fearful
crime are unfit for human ear. The
child is still a physical and nervous
wreck. Mr. Virden helped to send
this brute to the penitentiary for 25
years.

Another little girl named Beulah,
four years old, was kicked in the
back by her foster-father and injured
so she became a hunch-back. The
foster parents parted, the mother
went to Moline, where she compelled
this baby, dressed in rags, with a
piece of dirty shawl over her head,
to solicit upon the public streets for
immoral purposes for the foster-
mother. This child through the ef-
forts of the state agent is now in a
home in Chicago, where she is re-
ceiving scientific treatment and it is
believed she will permanently re-
cover.

A little twelve year old girl of Al-
ton, lost her mother by consumption
and was given a home in that city.
She was made a household drudge.
The woman who had agreed to be a
mother to her beat her with a cudgel,
burnt her face with a hot iron,
hacked her hands with a case knife,
knocked out some of her teeth, de-
stroyed the sight of one eye and com-
mitted upon her numberless smaller
assaults.

In another locality a beautiful
little child between three and four
years of age was found by the state
agent covered with bruises from the
assaults of her step-mother. This
woman would throw the child across
a chair and compel the twelve year
old sister of the child's dead mother

to sit behind the chair and hold her
hands and feet while the step-mother
beat her bare body with a heavy
strap. The father belonged to the
same breed of brutes. He was ar-
rested and on his own confession was
convicted of criminal assault upon
the twelve year old girl, the sister of
his dead wife.

In one of our well known towns,
Peter Ebenezzer, a seven year old boy
was beaten with a garden hoe and
struck on the head with a tack ham-
mer until repeated cruelties rendered
him insane.

(Continued in next issue.)

**Glencoe Fire Puzzles-
Mother and Baby Hurt.**

Mrs. Rose Hessler of Glencoe, 28 years
old and the wife of an Illinois Central
auditor, is in a sanitarium at Wauwatosa,
Wis., badly burned and suffering from se-
vere mental strain. Her 4-months-old
baby, Marguerite, also burned, is in the
care of a neighbor.

Mystery surrounds the injuries to mother
and child because of conflicting stories
told by the husband, George W. Hessler
and those related by acquaintances resid-
ing near the Hessler home. Mr. Hessler
insists that the burning was the result of
an accident. Some of his neighbors are
equally positive that Mrs. Hessler, who is
said to have shown strong traces of reli-
gious excitement, set fire to the baby,
declaring that the devil was in the room
and had commanded her to do so.

The injuries were inflicted on Wednes-
day afternoon at 5 o'clock. Mr. Hessler
was in the yard in the rear of his home
when he heard his wife and baby scream-
ing. When he reached the kitchen he
found that the clothing of both were on
fire and he extinguished the blaze. Mrs.
Hessler's entire body was burned and the
baby's right arm and right side were
scared.

James Dennis, a neighbor and former
village trustee of Glencoe, asserts that
Mr. Hessler told him of the burning that
evening and related how his wife, when
asked for an explanation, said that the
devil had commanded her to set fire to
the baby. This Mr. Hessler, who was
found at the home of his father-in-law,
A. Petitclair, in Waukegan, denies.

Mrs. Hessler was not taken to the san-
itarium immediately after her injuries. In-
stead she was kept in the house and Dr.
P. Patton was summoned. It is said
that Mrs. Hessler, who is a believer in
faith healing, at first declined the services
of the physician, but later allowed him to
treat her. The doctor declined to discuss
the subject when he was questioned.

The removal of Mrs. Hessler to the
sanitarium in the Milwaukee suburb was
made yesterday afternoon. After she has
been taken there her husband declined to
state where she was or give any informa-
tion as to her condition. His father-in-
law, who was called to the telephone at
midnight, said he did not want "to be
bothered any more about it."

Chicago Record Herald, May 7.

Mr. George W. Tracy will repeat his
very interesting lecture on Russia illus-
trated with beautiful pictures made by
Mr. Tracy while a resident of Russia—
Tuesday evening, May 11th, at the next
meeting of the Glencoe Men's Club St.
Paul's Guild Hall, at 8 P. M. All Glen-
coe men are cordially invited to attend.

**Capt. Walker of Zion Force Says He
Will Arrest Other "Chief" If He
Makes an Arrest.**

If the chief of police of Zion City
makes an arrest, the chief of police
will arrest him.

This sounds strange, doesn't it?
But, such is the fact. The only thing
is, "Who is the chief of police of
Zion?"

Capt. Walker, the efficient chief for
the past several years, holds that he
is the lead of the department and
claims authority from the old council
which named him. John Japp,
the man named by the new council
as chief, also claims he is "it" but
Captain Walker seems to "have it on
him" by being in possession of the
fire and police department building
and equipment.

Japp has said that he is chief—
Walker denies it as do all the old
council; the new council says Walk-
er is not chief and that Japp is. And
thus matters stand.

Japp appears on the street in un-
iform and poses that he is the officer
in command.

As yet, Japp has made no arrests
and Chief Walker has given him
warning not to, for, if he does he
(Walker) will arrest him (Japp).

The strange part of it is, supposing
Japp should make an arrest—where
would he put his prisoner? Captain
Walker has possession of the jail and
Japp would have no place to put a
prisoner hence that may be his rea-
son for not trying to get a few.

**AGAINST THE WHITE PLAGUE.
Counties May Now Construct Hospi-
tals.**

Governor Deneen has signed the
act of the legislature authorizing
counties to establish and maintain
hospitals for the care and treatment
of persons suffering from tubercu-
losis.

GREAT SHOW AT MCVICKER'S

Chicago has gone wild over Brooks
& Dingwall's production of "The
Sins of Society" at McVicker's thea-
tre. The big playhouse is the scene
nightly of great demonstrations, the
sensational incidents of the drama
arousing frenzied applause and
cheers. The newspapers of the city
were more enthusiastic in their en-
dorsement of the great presentation
than they have been to any other play
of the year. The Tribune in com-
menting on the great scenes of the
play said: "They are truly stupen-
dous and succeeded in working the
audience into a furor of excitement
and enthusiasm." The Inter Ocean
was even more enthusiastic, the crit-
ic, C. W. Collins, beginning his re-
view with the statement that the
drama was "A Dreadnought of melo-
drama." He also said: "This huge
diversion is superlative. There is a
sense of illusion that is absolutely
startling. A cast of gifted people;
scores of them, all competent, and
troops of supernumeraries splendidly
drilled."

**Lake Forest Athletic Association Do-
nates Several Trophies for May 8.**

Lake Forest, Ill., May 5.—Over
150 entries have been received by
the North Shore invitation meet to
be held May 8 at Lake Forest acade-
my field. All the events have a big
entry list, and on some excellent con-
tests are expected. Ex-Mayor David
H. Jackson of Lake Forest will act as
starter.

The following schools have entered
teams: Evanston township, Deerfield
township, Racine and Kenosha high
schools, Evanston, Northwestern
military, De Paul and Lake Forest
academies, and the Chicago Latin
school.

The Lake Forest Academy Athletic
association has offered a handsome
tanner for the winners of the meet,
a silver loving cup for the relay, and
suitable prizes for first, second and
third places.

**Declared That Hundreds of Men Daily
Ask for Work and Are Refused at
This Place—Out of town Men.**

It is said that never before has
the demand for work at the North
Chicago Naval station been as great
as it is at the present time. It is
said that there is not a morning when
there are not at least from four to
five hundred men waiting for work
when the hour to begin comes around
The same condition to a less extent is
said to be found at the Wire Mill
and the Sugar Refinery.

The condition at the naval school
is said to be especially bad. Many of
the men fairly beg that they be given
some kind of work. Some of them
assert that unless they are given work
that they have families who will
starve. Scores of men come to
the school from all parts of the coun-
try. They have heard of the work
in progress there and naturally im-
agine that there must be work to be
had there. Many of them come for
hundreds of miles.

There is not a day that passes that
there are not several stay-overs at
the police station who assert that
they have come here to get work at
the naval school and falling in this
find themselves without any means of
support. As a rule they are sent out
of town but still there are others who
come here to take their places.

One foreigner living on the ex-
treme south side declares that there
are thirty men living in one house
in that part of the city and says that
there is not one of them employed.
This is a condition of affairs that
is not usually made public but it is
one that should be remedied if pos-
sible.

Dispatches received at London and
Berlin confirm the reports that the
Servian premier has declared that
Serbia, on the advice of Russia,
France, Great Britain and Italy, does
not insist upon territorial compensa-
tion from Austria-Hungary.

Orders were issued at the navy de-
partment for the rendezvous of the
Pacific fleet under Admiral Swinburne
at Magdalena bay on March 23 where
the spring target practice will take
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