

MILLIONS OF EGGS.

An Unprecedented Run of Wall-Eyed Pike Reported in a Minnesota Stream.

The greatest haul of fish eggs ever made in America, and probably in the world, has just been completed by the state fish commission at Pike River, north of Duluth, Minn. The commissioner returned a few days ago with 13 cans of eggs, which he immediately sent to the state hatchery, near St. Paul. These 13 cans contained 10,000,000 eggs each, all apparently in good condition, and all artificially taken from the females, and all artificially impregnated. It is the experience of the hatchery that about 90 per cent. of them will hatch, and the commission expects to be able to see 100,000,000 wall-eyed pike later among the rivers and lakes of the state.

Pike river is famed among fishermen for its spring runs of fish to the spawning grounds. This spring during the stay there of the egg gatherers the fish were running so plentifully that it was difficult to navigate a canoe, and a person could reach out of his boat and pick up the fish as fast as he could throw them into the boat. They seemed to form a dense mass of steadily moving fish extending the width of the stream, and within an inch or two of the surface. For a week the fish ran steadily up stream in dense crowds, and many millions must have passed the state's nets.

Besides the catch of wall-eyed pike for the state the government hatchery at Duluth annually requires 100,000,000 whitefish eggs and from 70,000,000 to 100,000,000 eggs of various other varieties. The fish resulting from the hatching of all these vast numbers of eggs are deposited almost entirely in waters of Minnesota. With its 10,000 lakes, its 200 miles of shore line along Lake Superior and its network of rivers, the state is an ideal one for fish propagation, and the commission has lately mapped out a comprehensive scheme of improvement under which, in a few years, it is expected the water area of the state will produce more actual wealth to the acre than the land area.

OBTAINS UNEXPECTED RESULT

Experiment by Young Edison Explodes a Bomb in His Desk at Electrical Exhibition.

A singular accident at the electrical exhibition at Madison Square garden the other day resulted in the partial demolition of the desk of Thomas A. Edison, Jr., and a severe shock to the nerves of its owner. One of the most interesting features of the exhibition has been a demonstration of the Clarke wireless telegraph system, illustrating by means of a small tank of water and miniature gunboats how mines having no cable connection with a firing station on the shore may be exploded in a harbor.

Mr. Edison was experimenting before the exhibition was open to the public to find a method of exploding the mines one at a time. Some 15 feet away from the task was Mr. Edison's desk, in a drawer of which one of the small bombs used as mines in the tank was stored. Through the divergence of the waves, as is supposed, the bomb in the desk was exploded, reducing the desk to kindling wood and damaging a portable electric light set on it. Splinters flew about Mr. Edison, but he was uninjured except for the shock of the explosion. In the desk a number of valuable papers belonging to Mr. Edison were blown to bits.

SIR HENRY IRVING'S TRIBUTE

Replies to a Toast Proposed by Andrew Carnegie, the English Actor Refers to Alliance.

Mr. Henry Irving made a characteristically graceful contribution to the Anglo-American alliance discussion.

Replies to a toast to his health, proposed by Andrew Carnegie, at the annual dinner for the newspaper press fund at London, Mr. Irving said: "It is an added pleasure to me that the proposer of the toast should in his own person typify a nation which I love; a nation to which, for many years past, I have been much beholden for the most gracious hospitalities, for the keenest sympathy with and understanding of my work and for innumerable kindnesses; a nation whose welfare is as dear to us as ours; a nation kin with us in blood, in feeling and in all that makes for the highest good of men."

This declaration was received by the highly representative company of journalists, artists and politicians with much enthusiasm.

HER GIFT ACKNOWLEDGED.

Government Sends Miss Helen Gould a Handsome Pen Certificate.

Miss Helen Miller Gould has acknowledged the receipt of a certificate of deposit for \$100,000, which she donated to the United States for use in the war. Her letter was addressed to Treasurer Robert, and read as follows:

"When you stated in your letter of May 1 that a certificate of deposit would follow in due time I had the pleasure of receiving such a handsome acknowledgement of my gift to the government, as the certificate that has reached me. I am much pleased with it and shall always value it highly. Very sincerely,

"HELEN MILLER GOULD."

The certificate was prepared by the best penman of the department, and in addition to being a splendid example of penmanship is quite artistic. It relates the purpose for which the gift was made, and at the top is an eagle with outspread wings, the drawing and lettering being done entirely with a pen.

Military Courage.

Sir Henry Havelock in speaking of military courage once said: "In my experience in any British regiment there are always 100 men who would storm the gates of hell, 800 who, if they did, would follow in 100 who want to skulk in the ditches, and about 30 who do skulk there or elsewhere."

WATCH FOR SPIES.

Spain Has Her Emissaries at Work in the United States.

Secret Service Bureau Using Every Means to Detect Persons Supplying Our Enemy with Information.

Spain has scores of spies at work in the United States, and John E. Wilkie, of the secret service bureau, has nets spread everywhere to entrap them. These spies could do great injury to the cause of the United States during the war. They could tell the enemy of our movements and point out weak spots where an attack would be effective.

In order to detect the spies the most stringent rules have been made. All letters addressed to Spaniards in this country or to people in Spain are sent to the dead letter office of the post office department. The clerks read them and all that indicate treason or give any information that may be valuable are promptly turned over to the treasury department. Chief Wilkie reads them and details some of his expert detectives to investigate them. The work is, of course, done with the greatest secrecy, for only thus can detection be made certain.

Wilkie's sleuths then shadow suspected persons and seek to secure evidence against them. All Spaniards or Spanish sympathizers are watched and means are taken to prevent them communicating with the enemy and aiding them in conducting the war against us.

Death is the punishment of a spy, and a Spanish spy caught by the United States would be promptly hanged. Nor would the fact that the spy was a woman influence her captors. The laws of the United States provide that if a citizen obtains information, even in a legitimate manner, and betrays it to the enemy, he shall be hanged. Nor does the fact that the person convicted is an American citizen have any weight with the government.

Not only has Spain her spies in the United States, but it is more than probable that the United States has spies in Cuba, Puerto Rico and perhaps Madrid, who keep us advised of the movements of the enemy. There is nothing wrong about this. Although odium always attaches to spies, yet in the words of Gen. Halleck: "The employment of spies is considered a kind of clandestine practice, a deceit of war, allowable by its rules."

KITES TO DROP DYNAMITE.

An Inventor Has a Novel Plan to Destroy the Defenses at Havana.

William E. Eddy, whose kites have been experimented with at Madison barracks, Sackets Harbor, N. Y., by Lieut. Wise, of the Ninth infantry, has invented a sliding messenger kite, which carries dynamite up the string.

Mr. Eddy says he believes Lieut. Wise, now at Tampa, Fla., has a supply of his kites and cameras apparatus ready for the exploration of the enemy's encampments as soon as the army invades Cuba.

Inventor Eddy states that the messenger kite is still in an experimental state. Five ascensions have been made by it at Bayonne. The kite carried a lighted lantern up the string and dropped it as an experiment, instead of she entered into debate.

GOT THE GOLDFISH.

An Office Seeker Becomes Convinced That His Mission Was Not a Total Failure.

"A friend of mine who came on to Washington after a pretty high office lately returned home, but he didn't get what he went after," said Mr. J. G. Smedley, of Wisconsin, to a Washington Post man.

"He is one of the best-natured fellows in the world, and though disappointed, took his failure with excellent good humor. He told the story of his experience at the capital with great gusto.

At first, he said, his standard was pretty high. He wanted to be minister to some of the minor powers, or at least consul-general. When he found out that all these places were given out he agreed to go as a mere consul to any old place the administration might send him. But he couldn't land even a \$1,200 foreign job, at which he wasn't cast down, for he didn't much want to leave the United States anyway.

"Then he thought that a place in some of the departments in Washington might suit, and an active search for something eligible was started. The hunt panned out bad and his backers had to own up that they were unable to do a thing. The jig was up, but at the last moment he remembered that all his life he had wanted some goldfish, so he went to Senator Blank, who had tried to fix him in office, and asked if he'd use his influence to get a few goldfish. This time he struck it right; the senator was three As on the fish question, and my friend came home convinced that his mission here had not been a total failure."

COMPARING NOTES.

Faults Which a Politic Couple Found with One Another Cause a Coolness.

"Why can't women be natural?" growled Bumbley, according to the Detroit Free Press. "They make me think of a lot of bluejays with their clatter and their pluming and their efforts to improve on nature. They can think of more crazy plans and develop more unmitigated nonsense than so many inspired imps. Look at your hair, Mrs. Bumbley, plaited and twisted and fluted and banded till it looks no more like what it does in its normal state than a junk pile looks like any of its original elements. And those sleeves and those three-story heels and that stiff-necked collar. Honestly, if men compelled you to rig up in that barbarous fashion you'd inveigle against them as brutal savages."

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