

OIL AS FUEL IN NAVY.

Congress Asked to Make Appropriation for the Purpose of Thorough Experiment.

Admiral Melville is in favor of experimenting with oil as fuel for the vessels of the navy, and through the secretary of the navy has recommended that congress appropriate \$20,000 for the investigation of the best means of burning liquid fuel.

"In view of the fact that there now appears to be an unlimited quantity of crude petroleum, both in California and Texas oil fields, which can be delivered at tidewater at a comparative slight cost, the bureau believes there is necessity to commence extended experiments for determining how this combustible can be adapted for naval uses."

"The bureau deems it unnecessary to tell of the many resulting advantages which would accrue from the successful burning of liquid fuel on board a warship. I would state that if the bureau deems it compatible with the best interests of the service to accept large quantities of this fuel for experimental purposes, an unlimited amount can probably be secured free of cost."

For some time Admiral Melville, who is one of the most progressive men in the navy, has advocated these experiments, and he strongly and specifically recommended them last year, as well as this, in his annual report. Those interested in the production of oil are also anxious to have the experiments made, as Admiral Melville intimates in his letter that they are willing to furnish free of cost all the oil necessary to demonstrate whether or not it would be advantageous and practicable for the navy to use oil for fuel.

DRUNKEN SPREE IN MADRID.

Wealthy Oregonian Goes on a Tear But Spanish Authorities Deal Leniently with Him.

United States Vice Consul Dean R. Wood at Madrid has cited to the state department an instance of Spanish forbearance which he regards as evidence of growing good feeling towards the United States. This grows out of the outrageous doings of a man from Oregon, who invaded Madrid, became intoxicated, cast money about the streets, knocked out with his fist half a dozen Spanish policemen and gentlemen, and yet was permitted to go free by the Spanish judges on the single condition of quitting Spain at once.

The state department does not care to publish the name of this man, because, according to Mr. Wood's account, he truly repented his exploits and misdeeds. He had not touched liquor for five years, and when he did yield he became so thoroughly intoxicated that he knew nothing of what he did. After he had been subdued with great difficulty by the Madrid police he was locked up and the American consular agent was sent for by the Spanish judges.

When he explained the matter to them the judges courteously offered to release the prisoner at once if he would leave Spain, and the Oregonian was shipped at once homeward.

FROM SOCIETY TO WORKSHOP.

Algernon Sartoris' Engagement Makes Him Ambitious to Become Electrical Engineer.

Much surprise was caused at Washington the other day at the announcement that Algernon Sartoris, the grandson of Gen. Grant, would follow the example of young Vanderbilt and enter the lowest department of an electrical works that he might become prominent in the business. Mr. Sartoris is a general favorite socially, but was not credited with any more serious thought in life than that afforded by society.

However, he has always been studious, a great reader, and was educated in the best schools of England. It is said that many conversations with Mr. George Westinghouse, who is an enthusiast in this work, led Mr. Sartoris to adopt his present plan, and he will enter the Westinghouse works at Pittsburg.

Mr. Sartoris is engaged to Miss Edith Davidge, daughter of the late well known resident of Washington, Mr. W. C. Davidge. Mr. Sartoris is the favorite grandchild of Mrs. Grant, and has spent much time with her in the last few years. Both his mother, Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris, and his grandmother have great hopes for his future success in life along the new lines chosen by him.

ASHES OF BEHEADED ROYALTY

Deposited in St. Peter's Church, London, and Tablet Erected in Memorium.

An interesting ceremony has taken place in the vault of St. Peter's church, in the Tower of London, cables the London correspondent of the New York Tribune. The ceremony was the erection of a tablet recording that within the walls of the vault were deposited two chests containing the remains of many distinguished persons who had been beheaded on Tower Hill, and which for a time were interred beneath the floor of the chapel and nave. The removal of these remains, which included the bones of Lady Jane Gray, her husband, Lord Guilford Dudley, the duke of Northumberland and the duke of Suffolk, all executed during the reign of Queen Mary, was carried out about 40 years ago.

The Unknown Millionaires.

There are 1,346 millionaires in the United States, says the Chicago Record-Herald, and less than 150 of them are known outside of their own countries.

AN AIRSHIP CONTEST.

International Competition Planned for St. Louis Fair.

Herr Victor Silberer, President of Vienna Aero Club, Talks of Regulations Necessary to Make It a Real Success.

It has been proposed to have an international competition of airships as one of the features of the Louisiana Purchase exposition at St. Louis next year. The aerostatic committee of the exposition has taken initial steps to bring this interesting feature to a practical realization. Herr Victor Silberer, president of the Vienna Aero club, whose experience in all matters relating to ballooning is very extensive, when interviewed in regard to the project, manifested deep interest, and expressed confidence in the possibilities of such airship and ballooning competitions. His ideas in regard to the best means of securing success for such an aerostatic programme are as follows:

The St. Louis aerostatic committee should issue a programme with the least possible delay. Due notice should be given now.

The programme should be exceedingly definite and detailed, just as conditions are usually printed in advance of an important horse race.

The airships, Herr Silberer thinks, necessarily will be limited in number. Many of those now existing will have disappeared entirely and new ones will have taken their place.

"St. Louis should be particularly careful to try to get the balloons all of the same dimensions," Herr Silberer continued. "It is impossible to handicap large and small balloons and give interesting results. I have seen balloon races in Paris with the interest in them spoiled by irregularity in size."

According to Herr Silberer, St. Louis should without delay fix the dimensions of the balloons, say, at 1,200 cubic feet.

"Let all the balloons be of the same size; then the result will depend upon those who direct them."

Professionals, he claimed, should not be admitted, and all European aerostatic clubs should be approached privately. If such conditions be observed the committee may expect every aero club to send a representative balloon, but otherwise not.

A MYSTERIOUS GIFT.

Admiral Schley Receives a Thousand Dollar Piano from a Sincere and Shy Admirer.

A mahogany piano stands in Rear Admiral Schley's apartments, and the rear admiral and Mrs. Schley are wondering where it came from. In the rear admiral's desk is a receipted bill of \$1,000 for the instrument. Several days ago a van drew up in front of the Richmond hotel in Washington and several men began to unload a piano, which they said was for Rear Admiral Schley.

The rear admiral came down stairs, protesting that he had ordered no piano. One of the men handed him the receipted bill for \$1,000 and also a short note. The note partially cleared up the situation. It concluded:

"Please accept this gift from a sincere admirer, one who desires no notoriety, but who wishes to take this method of expressing his regard for you."

There was no signature, nothing on the paper to indicate the identity of the writer, and the handwriting was wholly unfamiliar to both Rear Admiral and Mrs. Schley. When the man had placed the instrument against the wall the rear admiral offered them a bill of a large denomination. They politely declined to accept, saying that they had been paid, and that they were instructed to receive nothing from Rear Admiral Schley. The rear admiral could learn nothing from them concerning the gift. They evidently had been ordered not to talk about it. Since that time he has been able to learn nothing more.

A "DRUNKARD'S DIRECTORY."

Salvation Army Making a Classified List of All New York's Inebriates.

Catalogued, classified and indexed, the names of all New York's inebriates will soon be compiled in a "drunkard's directory." The publishers of the directory will be the Salvation Army, rich or poor of high or low estate, the men of dignified position and the man sans dignity and position, all names that belong there will be, without discrimination, without fear or favor shown, set down in naked simplicity as drunkards in the New York supplement, or volume, of what will be a worldwide publication.

The directory will not be for the public. It is part of a serious and far-reaching crusade against the liquor habit, a special temperance campaign inaugurated by Gen. Booth, of the Salvation Army, at a mass meeting held in London the other night. Commissioner Booth Tucker said that the crusade would be carried to America, and that the directory would be here, as there, a part of the work. "Names will not be divulged to anyone," he said.

Future for American Soldier. The French government is thinking of outfitting its soldiers with American cartridge belts. The time may come, says the Chicago Inter Ocean, when some of the great powers may want to fit their regiments with American soldiers.

Berlin's Richest Man.

Berlin's richest inhabitant has paid a tax of \$23,300 on his last year's income of \$58,750.

STEAL DOLLARS FROM FLOOR.

New Yorkers in Hard Luck, Extract Silver Decorations from a Noted Saloon.

Reform in "de Ate" district of New York city reached the saloon of the late "Silver Dollar" Smith, in Essex street, the other day, when, by order of the statesman's widow and his son, "Half-Dollar" Smith, the silver dollars in the marble floor were removed by a stone-cutter with a hammer and chisel.

Several days ago two prominent Engellites, without overcoats, but carrying canes, went into the saloon and sat at a table. They drummed on the floor with the canes for awhile and then went out without patronizing the bar. Soon after their departure, Simons, the bartender, discovered that three of the silver dollars were missing from the floor close to where the Engellites had been sitting. On the same day a member of the Essex Market Bar association went broke several times in a poker game not far from the saloon, but on each occasion got into the game again with a bright silver dollar. On that day he carried an umbrella with a sharp ferule. As he was a member of Florie Sullivan's vice committee, no suspicion was attached to the umbrella when more dollars were missed.

On Sunday afternoon an ex-office holder fell downward on the floor. It was discovered soon afterward that just where he fell another dollar had been pried out of the marble.

Several members of the ostracized set have been falling all over the place for several days, and each time they got on their feet they breathed audible curses against reform and the police, but cheered for free silver. It is conjectured that sometimes these falls were caused by the want of silver.

Within a week more than 50 of the dollars were stolen, and "Half-Dollar" Smith became suspicious of his political friends, especially as nearly all of them carried canes in clear weather and umbrellas when it was cloudy, and the order to dig up the remaining dollars was issued.

AN EPIDEMIC OF LAUGHTER.

Three Young People in Illinois Town Who Nearly Die from Irrepressible Merriment.

The young people of Wellington, in Iroquois county, Ill., are suffering from an epidemic of laughter, which has baffled the doctors and has caused much distress. The first victim of the affliction was Miss Effie Hamilton, the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hamilton. She laughed unceasingly for four days, until her father, not knowing what else to do, dashed a glass of cold water in her face. The shock had the desired effect, but for a long time the girl was exceedingly weak from the strain of her four days of laughing.

The second victim was Miss Rosa Butts, aged 15. She was taken much the same way as Miss Hamilton, but the cold water cure had only temporary effect. The girl was finally stopped; but not until her condition had become alarming.

The third victim is a young man, John Kimberlin, who laughed for almost a week, and then only let up owing to his excessive weakness. The young people were all similarly afflicted, and during their hysterical attacks were unable to eat or sleep, so the debilitating effect of their ailment can easily be understood.

The utmost solemnity is the rule in Wellington now, and anything calculated to start even a mild laugh is promptly suppressed.

BANISHED BECAUSE OF LOVE.

Son of Wealthy Cuban Sent Home from Washington for Falling in Love with Girl There.

On board the Ward line steamer Yucatan, which sailed from New York city for Havana the other day, is one passenger who looks upon the trip to the Pearl of the Antilles as an equal punishment to that which Napoleon suffered when banished to the island of Elba, notwithstanding that he is returning to the land of his birth. The young man is Octavius Smith, Jr., 17 years old, son of Dr. Octavius Smith, one of the Cuban reciprocity commissioners.

He has been a student at the Roman Catholic university in Washington, and met and fell in love with a beautiful girl of that city, the daughter of a physician. His father was opposed to the courtship, but the young man was haughty and announced that he would never return to Cuba.

Fearing that his son was about to marry despite his opposition, the father applied to the police and had them lock the boy in a station cell on a charge of incorrigible conduct until he could send him back to Cuba. Young Smith came to New York in the charge of a relative and sailed on the Yucatan under the same guardianship. Dr. Smith, the father, is a wealthy Havana sugar planter, and has his own matrimonial plans for this his oldest son.

Always Room at the Top. A man who began railroadng as a bridge carpenter is to be one of the vice presidents and practically the head of the New York Central railroad system. Go ahead, boys, exclaims the Chicago Record-Herald; the man who tries hard keeps on getting there.

A Reason for Pride. The crown prince of Siam and the heir to the throne of Japan talk of visiting the United States, says the Chicago Record-Herald. If this business keeps on we shall become so haughty presently that there really won't be any living with us.

A DOCTOR'S OFFER.

Would Become Living Subject for the Surgeons' Knives.

The Startling Details of His Plans for Vivisection Not Likely to Be Carried Out Owing to the Objection of His Wife.

A Brooklyn doctor, James Edwin Russell, has come forward with the startling proposition of becoming the subject of vivisectionists for the advancement of science, and in defense of the practice in the interests of the human race, but his wife says he shouldn't, and it is probable her opposition will prevent the realization of his self-imposed sacrifice, even though he were able to find surgeon scientists who would meet his conditions and proceed to cut him up and experiment upon him as long as life lasted. Dr. Russell, who is one of the best-known physicians of Brooklyn, having practiced medicine there for 12 years, in his statement to the public says:

"I wish to publicly announce that I offer myself as a subject for vivisection in any direction or along any line whatever which may be selected," said Dr. Russell. "I will myself, when able and competent, assist my vivisectionists, by such notes as may be of interest or value to them or me.

"The experiments can be conducted until I am too exhausted to be of further value as a subject or when I succumb. Should I survive at the end of a year for observation and experiment I stipulate that I may elect to be released from further service should I so desire.

"I have two definite objects in view in thus offering myself for dissection. First, I believe every man owes a certain duty to mankind. This duty is to advance the beneficial knowledge of the human race. By vivisection I believe this knowledge is advanced.

"Secondly, I want to show to the anti-vivisectionists their error in thinking that the advocates of vivisection are cruel and heartless and unwilling to submit to the science they advocate. I am not pessimistic and I love life, but I love truth more."

And Mrs. Russell emphatically and promptly follows with the declaration that: "This thing is absurd. To think of a man in the prime of life, with a family and a good practice, offering himself for vivisection. Won't the X-rays tell them all they need to know without their murdering a man? But nothing will ever come of it. I won't have it. The law against suicide will prevent Dr. Russell from doing such a thing, and the law against homicide will prevent anybody from accepting his offer. I don't believe in vivisection in any form, not even in animals. I think it is a brutal outrage. The doctor knows that. He did not tell me what he was going to do."

OPPOSES THE CO-EDS.

Opening of Swimming Pool to Women of Columbia University Raises a Storm of Objection.

The first evidence of student interest in the question of coeducation at Columbia university was sounded the other day by an editorial which appeared in the Columbia Spectator, the undergraduate newspaper, which protests in no uncertain terms against the use of the swimming pool by women students. The editorial, which occasioned a great deal of discussion at the university, reads in part as follows:

"An announcement that the gymnasium swimming pool will be opened on Wednesday evenings for women calls for comment. We believe that student sentiment is directly against such action, not from any spirit of selfishness, but merely for a regard for Columbia tradition. Columbia is not a coeducational college, and, though certain schools for women have recently been included in the university, they were for good and efficient reasons located in buildings off the campus. The constant presence of women students on such buildings as the gymnasium is a bar to that spirit of cordial fraternity that is one of the pleasant characteristics of life at college.

DISEASE IS IMPORTED.

Danger from Imported Cattle Emphasized in Warning from the Secretary of Agriculture.

In a paper read before the Central Short-horn Breeders' association at its annual meeting at Kansas City, Mo., the other day James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, says it has been found that tuberculosis is being spread by pure bred imported animals, and he suggests the propriety of shutting down on the importation of cattle and sheep. Glanders, too, he says, is an imported disease, and he suggests that it might also be well to exclude foreign horses from the American markets.

"The idea," continues the secretary, "that foreign cattle as a class are better in the show ring or have greater potency than our cattle is a fallacy that the American breeder should set about dispelling now and for all time."

Mr. Wilson was unable to be present and his paper was read by George M. Rommel, an expert from the department of agriculture.

The Place to Study the Stars.

Boston has more than a dozen large ponds for skating, says the Chicago Tribune, and adds: Wouldn't that jar your spectacles loose?

Necessity is the Law.

Gen. De Wet, says the Chicago Tribune, will see the urgent necessity of capturing a few more guns at the earliest moment possible.

SCARED BY STRANGE BEAST.

Virginia Farmers Alarmed by a Monster Which Has Its Refuge in the Dismal Swamp.

Another monster has come forth from the dismal swamp jungles, and is spreading alarm among farmers around Driver, 12 miles from Suffolk, Va. Last week an unclassified animal not indigenous to high lands terrorized residents of Pleasant Hill so that they were afraid to leave home at night. After being chased by numerous armed posses this beast was killed by Harrison Walker, a colored hunter.

Now Edward Smith, a farmer of Driver, says that a strange being visited his premises and killed seven dogs, two of which were eaten, while the other five were mutilated. Another dog took refuge under a barn, and Smith, hearing the dog's yells, went out with a pistol. The monster sprang upon him. Smith fell, and the beast tore his clothing to shreds. He finally beat it off, but the revolver, being corroded, would not fire.

Whit Walker, of the same neighborhood, says the animal visited his home, too. From Smith's description the animal is larger than a wolf, with shaggy, yellow hair, long head and sunken eyes. It is giant and vicious.

People are wondering what will next come from the unexplored swamp made famous by Tom Moore's verses. The more superstitious regard the visitation as supernatural, and families are having much trouble with their servants.

FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY.

Eastern Pastor Outlines the Grounds on Which the Hope of Years May Be Realized.

In his sermon at the Collegiate church, New York city, Dr. Donald S. Mackay, talking on "A Plea for Christian Unity," expressed the belief that this goal can be reached only along the line of interdenominational cooperation. It is a dream, he said, that all Christendom can be made one in creed, doctrine and ceremonial. The former plan, however, he considers feasible, and he presented in his sermon a basis on which he thought it could be accomplished.

"At no time has there been such a yearning for a united Christendom as to-day. The reformation of the Twentieth Century—if we live to see it—will be based on the sanctification of collectivism, and one of its dominant features will be unity of churches.

"First of all, we must do away with the competition between churches. If there is anything destructive to spiritual life, it is such competition. It removes the central idea of the prayer, 'Thy Kingdom Come,' every time it is said—from Christ, who ought to be the center, to some particular denomination."

Dr. Mackay gave the following conditions as being essential to the consummation of Christian unity: Mutual recognition, mutual forbearance, mutual service and mutual prayer.

LADIES TO GIVE DOG SHOW.

Will Precede Coronation of King and American Women Are Expected to Exhibit.

Amid all the public functions and exhibitions to take place immediately before the coronation, not the least interesting will be the annual open-air show of the Ladies' Kennel association in the Botanical gardens at Regents' park, London. The queen is a patron of this association, and takes as much interest in its welfare to-day as she did when princess of Wales. The Ladies' Kennel association is the only woman's club with which the queen is connected. The show this year will be held on June 12, 13 and 14. It promises to surpass all previous ones and to be rather international in character, as several American ladies, who are coming over to London at that time, have communicated with the officers in regard to the exhibition of dogs. It is thought there will be little difficulty in arranging for this occasion a modification of the present restrictions on bringing dogs into England. In fact, it is understood that steps have already been undertaken with this purpose in view.

TELLS ABOUT THE OKAPI.

Prof. Lankester Lectured Before Royal Institution on the Recently Discovered Animal.

Prof. Ray Lankester, director of the natural history department of the British museum, lectured at the Royal institution in London the other evening on the okapi, a new mammal discovered in Central Africa.

Sir Harry Johnston drew attention to the absence of secondary hoofs and anything like a horn and also to the curious fact that the canine teeth in the lower jaw bifidiate, the giraffe being the only other known animal to have this peculiarity. The extinct helladotherium with which the okapi was originally compared differed too much to justify placing them in the same genus, though doubtless they were nearly related.

It was scarcely possible to decide whether the okapi was primitive in being hornless or whether its ancestors had horns and had lost them. Personally he thought the okapi never had horns.

Might Feel Worse if They Did.

The New York doctor whom the vivisectionists refuse to vivisect, as it were, feels awful cut up, says the Chicago Tribune, over their decision.

A UNIQUE DINNER.

Tables Are Set to Represent Iron Works in Full Blast.

At Banquet at Stevens Institute of Technology in Honor of Mr. Carnegie the Food is Cooked and Served in Novel Way.

The dinner and the table decorations on the recent occasion of the dedication of the new laboratory of engineering presented by Mr. Andrew Carnegie to the Stevens institute of technology of Hoboken, N. J., were of such a novel character as to be worthy of public notice. The tables were set to represent iron works in full blast. Oysters were served from an open-hearth furnace, cakes were baked in miniature bessemer converters and the punch was drawn from a roaring blast furnace.

Around the table was laid a tiny track on which was run trucks filled with "steel ingots" and "railroad spikes" of bread. The ice cream was in the form of "T" rails.

At the conclusion of the dinner President Henry S. Morton, on behalf of the Alumni association of the institute, presented Mr. Carnegie with a piece of the first "T" rail ever made. In accepting the basket containing the "T" rail, Mr. Carnegie spoke of the honor he felt in having his name associated with that of Robert L. Stevens, and suggested that a fitting epitaph for him (Carnegie) would be: "Here Lies a Man Who Knew How to Get Around Men Much Fewer Than Himself." The extract of this portion of his address is as follows:

"To think that my name should figure on the same basket with Robert L. Stevens is an honor beyond all expectation, for among men none was of more value than he. In the list of geniuses that you can count on the fingers of two hands, no list is complete without the name of Robert L. Stevens.

"I had no inventive mind, simply a mind to use the inventions of others. I think a fit epitaph for me would be: 'Here Lies a Man Who Knew How to Get Around Men Much Cleverer Than Himself.'"

WIRELESS 'PHONES ON FARMS.

Two Men Who Live Near Hagerstown, Ind., Encounter a Mysterious Circumstance.

Robert Hall and Axum White, farmers living ten miles southwest of Hagerstown, Ind., have been using wireless telephones for two months. Each of these men is at the end of a farmers' system of telephones. Hall lives at the north end of the system that ends in the village of Lewisville, six miles to the south. Axum White, whose house is a mile west of Hall's, has a phone on the north end of a system entirely independent of the one with which Hall has connection. The two lines terminate in the village of Lewisville, one at the west end of the town and the other at the eastern extremity. The wires of the two systems are not less than half a mile apart at any point on the entire course, and the houses of Hall and his neighbor are almost a mile apart.

It was noticed after the telephones were put in that when Hall rang his bell that of White responded, and the latter was able to hear every word of conversation spoken into Hall's phone. Likewise, when White rang his telephone bell Hall's also rang, and the voice speaking into White's phone could be heard distinctly through Hall's receiver. There is absolutely no communication between the two systems, and no electrical expert has yet been able to explain the mystery.

PLANS FOR ARMY POSTS.

Fort Sheridan to Be Made the Largest and Most Complete Military Post of Army.

For some time a general board of army officers has been in session for the purpose of selecting sites for four great camps where troops can be mobilized and trained. The board has adjourned and the recommendations will not be made public until passed upon by the secretary of war. In addition to selecting the camp sites, one of which is to be near Fort Riley, Kan., the board has been charged with the duty of determining what army posts shall be retained and what shall be made important military centers.

While the report of the board is still withheld, it is known that it favors the retention of Fort Sheridan, near Chicago, and in fact its large development. It is not suited for the purpose of a large practice camp, but members of the board say that in all probability if congress gives the necessary appropriation it will be made the largest and most complete military post in the United States.

A Good Eater.

The Kewanee (Ill.) Verdict declares that it has found in Jacob Hartsock, of Tempico, the champion eater of that section. At a recent trial he ate 63 bananas in a single hour, but this is as nothing. Inspired by a bet he ate and drank in an hour and a quarter 18 large cinnamon rolls, a quart of cider, a pint of water, and two cans of embalmed beef, and then calmly suggested that in about an hour he would be ready to repeat the feat.

Cooler Than Flowers.

A woman in the French chamber of deputies hurled eggs at the representatives of the people, the other day, says the Chicago Inter Ocean, which would indicate that the season is much further advanced in France than it is in this country. That is, if they were not cold-storage eggs.