

NEEDS A BIG COAST GUARD

Chief Says Government Should Have 41,833 Soldiers at the Batteries.

Washington, D. C.—Gen. Samuel M. ... chief of artillery, says that for ... the coast defenses of the United States a force consisting of ... and 41,833 enlisted men is ... while the corps has at present ... officers and 13,744 men. He ... the installation of firing ... equipment for coast artillery ... \$7,000,000.

Gen. Mills makes the following nine recommendations:

The separation of the coast and field artillery; provision for submarine mine defense; an increase of the coast artillery for gun defense; the proper organization of the coast artillery; adequate pay for technically skilled enlisted men of the artillery; an increase of the field artillery; the proper organization of the field artillery; examination of the promotion of artillery officers and all grades; increased appropriations for target practice by both branches of the artillery.

Gen. Mills says that of the 126 companies of coast artillery 47 are without ... and 31 without the prescribed ... The joint exercises of the army and navy, he says, emphasize the inappropriateness of the present company organization of the coast artillery, and he recommends that this be abolished and the artillery made to consist of specified officers and enlisted men. He also recommends that the field artillery be organized in regiments with batteries each, with an increase of field batteries.

SPEND FOR COLD LUNCH.

Chicago Pays Engineer, Whose Meal He Ate, Big Sum at Time When It Was Most Needed.

Pittsburg, Pa.—One thousand dollars ... lunch belonging to an engineer ... and eaten in the locomotive cab, ... price paid by Andrew Carnegie. ... Skibo has just settled that ... too, and the lunch money ... time it was sorely needed.

Fleck, an old locomotive engineer of the Pennsylvania railroad, ... retired, has received from Mr. Carnegie a personal letter containing an offer for \$1,000. In the letter Mr. Carnegie refers to a ride he had in Fleck's engine during a visit to Pittsburg some years ago, and says the ... for the lunch he ate out of a ... bucket he found in the cab. Mr. Carnegie had known Fleck slightly and ... to his home town ... to take a ride in the cab ... engine and he climbed on board ... train. The steel man became ... interested in the workings of the ... engine and also got hungry. He ... around in the cab until he ... a dinner pail, and without asking any questions opened it and began to eat. The engineer reported later ... Mr. Carnegie ate like a schoolboy, ... sorry when all the lunch ... Fleck belonged to Fleck, the engineer, but he made no complaint. He ... been retired, but Mr. Carnegie has not forgotten that cold snack ... so well, as the letter and ... show.

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CURE REVEALED BY GHOST

Girl Gets Message and Sight Is Restored at Exact Time and Date.

Indianapolis, Ind.—The case of Miss Eibel Kimler of Burlington, who was stricken blind nearly a year ago and who has just recovered her sight as suddenly as she lost it, has attracted widespread attention.

While employed as a stenographer Miss Kimler developed a peculiar nervous malady last January. She had daily attacks of coughing and nausea, and, after a particularly severe spell, she complained that her eyes were sightless. Expert opticians examined her, and, finding no impairment of any of the eye structures, diagnosed it as hysterical blindness, brought on by excessive nervousness.

Miss Kimler has been taking treatment ever since, but with no material improvement except in her general health.

The young woman astonished her relatives by asserting ten days ago that her sight would be restored at 3:18 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. This prediction was based on a spirit communication, and, while her friends gave it no heed, Miss Kimler impatiently awaited the coming of her deliverance.

While taking electrical treatment in the office of an oculist on Wednesday afternoon Miss Kimler suddenly exclaimed: "I can see three lights!" She walked alone to the outer office, and a few minutes later, at almost precisely the time she had predicted, the young woman experienced a complete restoration of sight.

MOTORING WITH ALFONSO.

President Loubet Tells of Hair-Raising Trips with Spain's King in an Auto.

Paris—King Alfonso of Spain has come to Paris in the most complete incognito. He engaged King Edward's bachelor apartments at the Hotel Bristol and is seeing the Paris sights in untrammelled fashion. His automobile is also here.

He will not, however, get President Loubet to enter it again, beg he never so hard. The president humorously recounts to intimate friends the mad freaks of the boy king during his official visit to Spain.

"He nearly killed me several times," said M. Loubet. "I was in perpetual peril of life and limb. When we went out together he would at first follow religiously his mother's instructions and keep a reasonable pace or almost, for he has a good heart; but as we went on he would forget and we would bound through the air until my teeth chattered. I don't like to go fast in a motor.

"Sometimes we would be careening through space at meteoric rate. I was in real terror. We ought to have been killed several times. Once I complained to the queen, but she only made a gesture of helplessness and reproached him with, 'How could you, sir?' The king merely said, 'I won't do it again, mamma,' and coaxed the queen into smiling forgiveness."

NO WIFE; QUILTS HIS JOB.

Says None Wanted Him, So Cemetery Keeper Resigns His Position.

Bowling Green, Ky.—Because he did not have a wife and was unable to get anyone to keep house for him, Henry Somerville of Louisville tendered his resignation as superintendent of Fair View cemetery, this city. He was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the mysterious disappearance of Robert A. Rouleston, also of Louisville, who is now insane in Ireland.

When the board of public works elected Somerville he came here from Hill cemetery and seemed well pleased with his position. A day or two ago he suddenly disappeared, and a letter was received from him in which he says:

"Gentlemen: Having had the honor conferred on me of being elected to the position of superintendent of your beautiful cemetery, which I very much appreciated, but not being married, with no one to keep house for me, and not having been able to get any one, also cemetery too far for me to go to my meals, I hereby tender my resignation."

U. S. GOLD OUTPUT GOES UP

Increase in 1904 of \$7,943,948 Over 1903—Geological Survey Shows Remarkable Figures.

Washington.—A report issued by the geological survey says the production of gold in the United States during 1904 amounted to 3,919,729 fine ounces, worth \$80,825,648, an increase of \$7,243,948 over 1903. The largest previous output, in 1902, amounted to \$80,000,000.

The production of silver in 1904 amounted to 55,999,864 fine ounces, worth \$32,035,378, an increase of 1,699,864 ounces over 1903. The record output of silver, in 1892, amounted to 63,500,000 ounces.

The greatest progress is reported in California, whose production exceeds that of 1903 by \$2,300,000. Alaska and Arizona show increased yields, amounting respectively to \$476,893 and \$748,708.

California is the only state that produces magnetite.

Owns Skunk Farm.

A man in Butler county, O., has a skunk farm containing several hundred specimens of the mephitic Americana. If he can segregate the entire supply there will be no objection on the part of the country at large.

FINDS STRONG POWER

ENERGY HAS SIX TIMES THE STRENGTH OF STEAM.

Inventor Claims Great Things for His Creation—Uses a Mixture of Coal, Water and Oil as Generating Substance.

New York.—A new power six times as strong as steam has come into existence, according to J. C. Wood, a Brooklyn inventor and mechanical engineer. The first announcement of Mr. Wood's discovery has just been made in a technical magazine published in this city. According to the Motor World it has taken seven years of experimentation to develop the new power to a practical stage.

"The power which I have discovered," said Mr. Wood, "is neither steam nor gasoline, but embodies elements of both. It has the flexibility of steam, but does not require a transmission of gear or clutch and is easily controlled by the throttle.

"Coal and a mixture of oil and water constitute the fuel and motive power and applied experimentally to a truck used in hauling coal in New York it carried 10,000 to 12,000 pounds at an average of six miles an hour at a cost of 50 cents a day.

"The new power has a gain of 120 per cent. in strength over the power transmitted by means of electricity. Despite the popular notion, electricity is not a power, but merely a means of transmitting power. You get so much power out of coal, turn it into electricity and use the electricity as a manifestation of the power, applying it for transmission, for light, for heat or other purposes."

Mr. Wood has applied his new power to a dynamo. He uses it expansively, like steam, he says, in a cylinder, but requires no reservoir for storing it. Hence with the new power there is no danger of explosion and any required pressure can be developed and applied.

Mr. Wood has made a model application of wind pressure to an automobile and also to a locomotive. In front of his auto he puts a shield, which throws the air under it as it speeds along, thus accumulating a pressure of air under the front of the automobile which tends to buoy the front up, decreasing the dead weight and giving more speed for the same power, so that the automobile will not leave the ground altogether and skim up into the air.

The inventor has a way of applying the same principle to a motor boat by attaching flat runners along the sides which cause the boat in its forward motion to skim the water, no matter what the shape of the hull. To increase the tendency to skim he puts an extra screw propeller on each side of the boat nearly amidship. The wind shield attached to the front of a locomotive reduces the dead weight of the engine in motion in proportion to the swiftness of the speed.

GIRL HORSETHIEF IS TAKEN

Put in Jail After Raiding Indian Reservation—Paraded in Male Apparel.

Walla Walla, Wash.—Myrtle Tipton, aged 16 years, has been arrested near Prescott by Deputy Sheriff Nesley of Whitman county, on the charge of horse stealing.

She went to an Indian ranch on the Coeur d'Alene reservation and stole three horses and took them to St. Johns, a small town in Whitman county, where she sold them to a livery stable owner for \$225. She donned a suit of boy's clothes and went to the hotel and secured lodging. She stayed all night and in the morning boarded the train and went to Prescott, from which place she went to the Harkness ranch.

Officials of Whitman county heard of her and instantly located her on the Harkness ranch.

When questioned she denied the theft and said that she sold the outfit for the purpose of securing money to go to Yakima to visit her mother and sister, who reside there. She is a sister of Charlie Tipton, who was convicted of forgery in Pendleton recently and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, but was paroled by the judge of the circuit court.

PA TO PAY COURTING COST

Held Liable for the Expenses of His Daughter's Wooer—Is a Lawyer.

Montreal, Canada.—The court of revision has reversed the judgment of the trial judge, who had found against the plaintiff in the suit of Jerome Internoscia to recover damages from Signor Binelli, because Binelli's minor daughter had broken an engagement to marry Internoscia.

Internoscia's statement of claim, filed about a year ago, attracted a great deal of attention, he having itemized charges for postage stamps, bananas, wearing apparel, and, being a lawyer, for two dollars an hour spent in the young lady's company.

The court of review, consisting of Judges Sir Melbourne Tait, Loranger and Doherty, found Internoscia was within his rights in demanding reimbursement for these expenditures from the father of the young woman, because the father had induced the daughter to break the engagement.

Coughing Party the Latest.

A whooping cough party was held in Appleton, Wis., recently, all those present being among the scores of Appletonians who are suffering of the disease. William Wright was the host for the 20 children who whooped all afternoon for their common amusement.

POPULATION OF INDIA

COUNTRY IS INHABITED BY 294,000,000 SOULS.

Annual British Report Shows Increase in Census of 41,000,000 Persons in Twenty Years—But Little Progress in Education.

London.—The visit of the prince and princess of Wales to India gives an exceptional interest to the thirty-ninth statistical abstract relating to British India, which was issued recently.

It contains nearly 300 pages of figures, but bidden away in its matter of fact columns the book contains the whole life story of the most romantic and remarkable country within the British empire.

India—that is, the British India and the native states under British influence—is 1,766,597 square miles in extent, and has a total population of 294,000,000, or nearly 41,000,000 more than it had 20 years ago.

This population lives in 2,148 towns and 728,695 villages, the total number of occupied houses being 55,841,315. There is no back-to-the-land problem in India, for its urban population totals only 29,000,000, against 265,000,000 dwellers in the country.

This point is emphasized in a classification of the occupations of the people of India, which shows that of the total population nearly 192,000,000 are supported by agriculture.

Rice forms the principal crop grown by the Indian peasantry, over 70,000,000 acres being cultivated for this purpose. Last year the crop amounted to 439,280,000 cwts. Wheat comes next, 9,600,000 tons being grown last year.

The religions of India are many, but the population is principally Hindu or Mohammedan. There are, in fact, 207,000,000 of the former and 82,000,000 of the latter faith. The total number of Christians is 2,923,241. Of these nearly 2,600,000 are natives. Ten years ago there were 700,000 fewer Christians in India than there are to-day. There are only 18,000 Jews in the whole of India. Of the total population of 294,000,000 nearly 277,900,000 are described as illiterate.

There are 763 municipalities in India, and in the government of these the natives play no inconsiderable part. They are ruled by municipal committees, with a total membership of 10,207, of whom 1,345 are Europeans and 8,862 are natives.

India has its "burden of ever growing taxation," like other countries. Ten years ago the taxes levied from various sources amounted to one shilling six pence per head. Last year, despite the increase in population, the average per head had risen to one shilling 10½ pence.

The state railways of India are a valuable asset, and last year the net profit reached £860,669, the highest yet recorded. It is but five years ago that a deficit of £620,000 was the result of a year's working, while in 1896-97 the deficit was £1,152,000.

Another pleasant feature of the report is that the amount spent on famine relief last year was only £20,000. The importance of this will be realized when it is pointed out that in 1900-1 over £4,000,000 was spent in famine relief.

BETTER CONSULAR SERVICE

Root Appointing Only Americans to Represent the United States in Foreign Countries.

Washington, D. C.—Not a single foreigner has been appointed to the American consular service abroad since Secretary Root assumed office. This marks one of the reforms that the secretary has adopted to better the service. There are a number of small places in the consular service abroad, consular agencies in particular, where the compensation, made up of fees, is so small that it is difficult to induce an American to take the places. In such cases reputable business men, natives of the places, have usually been appointed consular agents for America.

Although a number of vacancies have occurred in these places since Secretary Root assumed office, where it has not been possible to secure Americans to fill the vacancies the offices have been allowed to remain vacant until congress yields to his appeal for more liberal compensation.

COCK MAKES CHURCH MOVE

Woman Said the Service-Disturber Was Her Pet and Would Not Dispose of It.

Findlay, O.—With the regularity of clockwork the congregation of the West Park Evangelical church has had its attention to the pastor's sermon distracted by the crowing of a rooster in a yard adjoining the sacred edifice. It is said that every time Mr. Conklin, the minister, began to preach or pray in the church the strident note of the cock broke in. Its owner, a woman, was told of the trouble, but she declared the rooster was a pet and declined to dispose of it.

After enduring the annoyance for three months the congregation finally decided to move. A new site was purchased and the church building, a small frame structure, was removed to the new location, which is out of hearing of the rooster's crow.

Courtship Expense Account.

In a breach of promise suit a Montreal man has included two dollars an hour spent in the young lady's company. His prospective mother-in-law certainly must have lingered long in the parlor.

EMPRESS ON THE STAGE.

Jacques Lebaudy's Former Companion Singing in a Berlin Theater—Called "Commonplace."

Berlin.—Mme. de Dion, the companion of Jacques Lebaudy, whom he for some time designated empress of the Sahara, has been displaying her accomplishments upon the variety stage in Berlin with more or less success. The story told by the German press agents is that she and Lebaudy quarreled because she refused to make her entrance into the Sahara towns on the back of a camel.

Notwithstanding this, all the billboards in Berlin heralded her coming with highly colored pictures of a lady riding upon a dromedary, clad in a costume of green leaves, which, the irreverent German paragraphs point out, is much more suitable to the climate of the Sahara than to that of northern Germany.

Toward the end of the performances at the theater where she appears two negroes, wearing turbans and tropical suits of linen, trot upon the stage, carrying a sort of sedan chair. Out of this the empress of the Sahara emerges, clad in an everyday variety of stage toilet of black jet trimmed with bunches of violets. She nods in friendly but rather careless style to the audience and sings two songs, the first being a sentimental one, and the other of a decidedly opposite character.

Her performance stirs up no great excitement in the audience. She usually receives a polite but not very enthusiastic allowance of applause from the spectators. Then she curtseys slightly and, with a gracious and condescending smile, vanishes from the stage.

The German newspapers, so far from finding anything romantic about her, cruelly describe her as a commonplace, second-grade variety actress.

ADD TO TRADE OF CANADA

United States Shippers Get Large Share of Dominion Business—Great Britain Loser.

Ottawa.—The detailed statement of Canada's foreign trade, just available, for the past fiscal year not only shows a continued increase in the volume of trade between Canada and the United States, but it also exhibits a large decrease in the aggregate trade with Great Britain.

In spite of the discriminatory tariff of one-third in favor of British goods, the imports from Great Britain last year to the Dominion fell off by nearly \$1,500,000, while Canada's exports to the mother country in the same period decreased by over \$15,500,000. The total imports from Great Britain were \$90,538,811, and the exports from Canada to that country amounted to \$101,953,771. On the other hand, Canada imported from the United States last year goods to the value of \$166,040,890, making an increase of over \$9,000,000 as compared with the preceding year, while Canada's exports to the United States for the same period were \$75,563,015, which shows a betterment of nearly \$5,000,000 over the year previous.

The total foreign trade of Canada for the year ending June 30 last aggregated \$470,151,289, showing a decrease in the sum total as compared with the year previous of \$2,581,749. The import trade reached \$266,834,417, an increase of \$1,622,614, and the export trade \$203,316,872, a decrease of more than \$10,000,000, of which \$7,559,493 was in domestic products only.

LIVING IS HIGH IN FRANCE.

Surprising Figures Given in New Bulletin of Bureau of Commerce at Washington.

Washington.—Economists and tariff revisionists are furnished material for argument in a comparison of the cost of living in free trade England and high protection France, which has been published by the department of commerce and labor. It is claimed in the publication that the English have one-third more to spend than the French, and more money is earned in England than in France. The cost of living in England is far less than it is in France.

Butter in France costs 30 to 60 cents a pound, Swiss cheese 25 to 30 cents a pound, and fowls 30 to 50 cents each. Milk is 10 cents a quart, bread 4 cents a pound and meat 30 to 50 cents a pound. Fruits, which are grown abundantly in France, cost twice as much as they do in England; bananas and oranges, which Algeria exports by millions, cost four cents each. Coffee is 50 to 60 cents a pound, tea as much as \$1.40 to \$1.80 a pound, and sugar 10 to 12 cents a pound. Coal in Paris is worth \$14 a ton, and in many houses heat is a great rarity. In London two boxes of matches are given for one cent, but in France each box costs two cents, and the matches are bad. Drugs are almost prohibitively expensive.

Economy is so essential in France that it is as common in that country as it is rare in England. The French have made an art of utilizing remnants, and this applies to dress as well as to food.

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