

LESSON FROM CIRCUS

French Soldiers Profit by Watching Methods of Big Show.

Expedition with Which Tent and Hoopings Arrive at the Circus People Profit by American Shows Create a Stir.

Under orders, the general staff of the French army were all present on the scene of the battle of Sedan...

In order to test the Thirty-sixth regiment of field artillery was ordered out of barracks, and the guns, horses, and all were ordered to entrain and detrain.

The staff was served with supper in the circus tent, after which they received a practical demonstration of American agility.

A HEALTHIER ARMY.

Report of Surgeon General Shows That Condition of Troops is Better Than Ever Before.

The report of the surgeon general of the army for the year ending June 30 last shows a gradual improvement in the condition of the health of the troops...

During the year the mean strength of the army consisted of 92,491 men, of whom 81,885 were regulars and 10,606 volunteers.

WANTS UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE

British Scientist Suggests That All Nations of World Learn to Speak Italian.

Two or three points of general interest developed at the sessions of the British Association for the Advancement of Science at Belfast.

AMERICAN METHODS URGED.

The Wife of President Loubet is Criticized for Inducing Co-education.

Mme. Loubet, wife of the president of France, has brought a severe storm of criticism upon herself by advocating, in a speech to the French Mothers' society, co-education and another American method in training young ladies.

Rivalry in High Society. Not to be outdone by the Newport nobility who devised the historic monkey dinner, the elect of New Haven, which is within halting distance, have buried a cat with all the sumptuous trappings of what could be devised by a fashionable "funeral director."

A WOMAN'S LUCK.

Mrs. Roosevelt's Private Secretary Hair to Rich Estate.

Miss Belle Hagner, After a Brave Struggle With Poverty, Will Enjoy Better Days Through Generosity of Her Aunt.

Miss Belle Hagner, the private secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt, will within a few days come into possession of a rich legacy from her late aunt's estate, the amount probably reaching \$100,000.

Miss Frances Hagner's admiration was great for the energy and ambition of her niece, who, when poverty overtook her, started out in the world not only to make her own living but also to support her father and younger members of the family.

While the report of Miss Hagner's good luck was gaining ground, Miss Hagner was at the temporary white house, wearing a large white apron, dusting and arranging the furniture for the arrival of the president and Mrs. Roosevelt.

Mrs. Roosevelt is fond of Miss Hagner and will regret losing her valuable services, which would be the case should she inherit the whole of the deceased aunt's fortune.

NEW LIFE RAFT.

Subjected to Severe Tests and is Found to Be a Great Improvement Over Other Devices.

The steamer Valley Girl took 300 shipwrecked, yachtsmen and others down the bay the other afternoon to witness a demonstration of the capabilities of the Carley life boat.

The Valley Girl went as far as the Homer beacon, and then the raft was thrown overboard. It took two men to slide it off the deck and 16 men who had been taken on the steamer jumped off the deck, swam to the float and climbed in.

The float has been put on some of the battleships of the United States navy and on transports, and it will soon be used on some of the ocean liners. It consists of a copper tube with many air-tight compartments.

WHITE HOUSE TREASURES.

Valuable Pieces of Furniture Will Not Be Kept in New Executive Building.

Inasmuch as the new executive building is not fireproof, all of the long-treasured pieces of furniture belonging to the white house, and which were formerly in the president's office, will be left in the executive mansion for safe keeping.

The Resolute belonged to the British government, and was one of the fleet of vessels sent in search of Sir John Franklin's arctic expedition.

Another treasure to be carefully guarded is the clock presented by Napoleon to Gen. Lafayette and by the friendly general to the president of the United States.

Exhibition of Motor Vessels. Consul R. S. S. Bergh reports from Gothenburg: According to the Gothenburg Aftonblad, there will be an exhibition of motor vessels at Malmo next summer.

A Complication in Names. R. Leszczynski and M. Grzegorzowski have been licensed to wed. It should not be very hard, says the Chicago Record-Herald for the lady in this case to get used to her new name.

Sawing Wood and Talking. Some people who are short on coal, says the Chicago Tribune, are sawing wood and saying a good deal.

AID IRISH INDUSTRIES.

American Capitalists Are Trying to Secure Wicker and Bamboo Work.

For some weeks past a number of American and German business men have been discussing a scheme having for its object the revival of an industry that used to flourish in Ireland.

A German named Kawe is behind the scheme to restore this business to Ireland, and it is said that ex-Attorney General Maloney, of Illinois, who is now in Ireland, has agreed to assist the scheme financially.

It is expected that employment will be provided at first for about 1,000 persons. A meeting of the parties interested will be held in Dublin in a few weeks, when it is hoped to enlist the cooperation of some local merchants in the scheme, which is expected to be in working order by the beginning of the new year.

Another phase of the Irish boom is to be found in the unprecedented rush of tourists thither in August. Cork and Dublin have been crowded to overflowing. Most of the tourists have come from England, where the advantages of Ireland as a holiday resort are only just beginning to be known.

WAR ON BOGUS COLLEGES.

Connected and Energetic Effort to Stop Issuing of Fraudulent and Worthless Diplomas.

Commissioner of Education Harris is now engaged in making war on colleges which confer fraudulent degrees and exact fees from innocent persons. The field of operations of these concerns is in Chicago and the west, and the commissioner is endeavoring to break up their business by exposing them.

The bureau of education has been instrumental in prosecuting a number of persons who have appealed to it. Chicago was a favorite field for institutions of this character. Germany was flooded with fraudulent dental diplomas, and the matter was finally brought to the attention of the department of state.

In its investigation the committee found one medical college in Chicago which had 24 charters, so that, when one was annulled it could operate under another. The college was compelled to go out of business summarily. Others were compelled to retire.

BULL ROUTS FOOTBALL TEAM.

Angered by Brilliant Swimmers, Animal Forces College Boys Far Across Fields.

The Dickinson college football team, at Carlisle, Pa., had an encounter with a mad bull the other day which gave the boys the chase of their lives. The team started on a cross country run, and a few miles above Carlisle jumped over a fence into a pasture that contained a herd of cattle.

GIVEN CLARINET BY SHAH.

American Sculptress Gets a Compliment and a Souvenir from Persian Ruler.

Rosalyn Verian, an American sculptress, was permitted to make a bust of the shah while he was in Paris. She got three sittings, but the monarch was not satisfied with the result. He patted her cheek and said:

"You are a very pretty and fascinating girl but you can't make a good likeness. What can I give you as a souvenir? Here, take this and go away, because I am busy." Then he picked up from the table a clarinet which a member of his suite usually plays, handed the strange present to the astounded girl, and left the room.

Revival of the Rod. The Omaha schoolmarm who, with a little aid from the janitor, painstakingly and conscientiously whaled every one of her 150 pupils, deserves a monument and a public testimonial. It is a refreshing indication that the obsolescent and supremely true Solomon maxim respecting the rod and the child has not entirely fallen into disuse in this country.

Corn for Fuel. While corn may be bought for 50 cents a bushel, says the Chicago Record-Herald, why should anyone be expected to burn coal?

ROUMANIA A MENACE

Statistics Which Show Undesirable Immigration to United States.

Percentages of Hebrews Leaving Them Out of That Country—Rapid Increase in Number During 1900 Over 1901.

In view of Secretary of State Hay's note to European governments, relative to the Berlin treaty and conditions existing in Roumania, which are believed to result in enforced immigration to the United States from that country, special interest centers in the number of immigrants who arrived here from Roumania during the last fiscal year, and also during July and August of the present year.

According to official statistics there was a marked increase. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 1902 and 1901, the total immigration from the country of Roumania was as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Year, Male, Female, Total. Shows immigration from Roumania for 1901 and 1902.

Of these totals the greatest number in each year consisted of Hebrews, as shown by the following analysis by race or people, those not included being distributed among other nationalities:

Table with 3 columns: From Roumania, Male, Female, Total. Shows immigration from Roumania by race for 1901 and 1902.

The immigration from Roumania during July and August of this year has been as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Month, Male, Female, Total. Shows immigration from Roumania by month for July and August 1902.

Of the July total 681 were Hebrews and four Germans, while among the arrivals in August there were 1,006 Hebrews and three Germans from Roumania.

Only a very few of the 4,000-odd immigrants from that country during the last fiscal year were of pure Roumanian nationality.

SWARS TO SQUANDER CASH.

How to \$1,000,000 Says That Will Spend AM in Eighteen Months.

E. A. Robinson celebrated his coming of age and accession to \$1,500,000 under the will of his father, the famous man milliner, Peter Robinson, by entertaining 60 guests at a banquet at the Trocadero restaurant, London.

Young Robinson's career will be awaited with pathetic interest, as he swears he will spend his fortune in 18 months.

GAMBLING RIPE IN LONDON.

Well-Known Referee Declines That Fortune Change Hands Every Night.

J. M. Hawke, a well-known social reformer and the founder and president of the Anti-Gambling league, declared that the disclosures of the luxurious gambling dens in New York were quite equaled by those in England. He said: "Gambling in all forms is carried on to just as great an extent in England as in America. The existence of luxurious resorts is certainly not so blatantly advertised, but most men in society know where several may be found any night in the week. Every night hundreds, even thousands of pounds change hands. Moreover, New York is not alone in the matter of corruption. There is absolutely as much bribery offered and accepted in a quiet way in London as in New York."

According to Mr. Hawke, the past season has been notorious for the large sums that passed over the bridge whist table. He describes the game as the most fascinatingly dangerous form of modern gambling.

WOMAN GOES WITH TRAMPS.

Disguised in Male Attire She Goes from Chicago to California and Enjoys Novel Experiences.

The police of San Bernardino, Cal., in conducting a wholesale arrest of hobos found sleeping in Santa Fe box cars discovered a woman disguised as a man. She was young and comely and gave her name as Mrs. James Smith, of Chicago. She said she and her husband, who was arrested with her, had married in Chicago last September and determined to beat their way to California as a novel kind of honeymoon. She declared they had been arrested eight times and had all kinds of experiences. She had learned to ride the brake beam and knew what it was to be hounded in the heart of the Yuma desert.

Telephones Without Wires. Encouraging results of wireless telephony have been obtained on the Wannsee lake, Germany, by Ernest Ruhmer, the physicist, who followed the line of Prof. Graham Bell's experiments with light. Clear and comparatively loud sounds were heard at distances of about two and a half and four and a quarter miles. Ruhmer's invention is said to act on a principle of the transformation of light waves by using a searchlight and a microphone.

THIS STORY HARD TO BEAT.

Mr. William McKee Duncan, of Kentucky, Has a Hen That Has Laid a Petrified Egg.

William McKee Duncan, of Kenwood, has a hen that has reached the stone age. She lays petrified eggs.

It would seem that the stone age, like the second childhood, comes on unexpectedly. In fact, the alarming occurrence in this particular producer of eggs developed only three days ago, says the Louisville Courier-Journal. Up to that time her schedule had been one a day and they set the clocks by her. Then, five days ago, for the first time, she was late. The lawyer missed his car and the whole house went wrong.

About noon the eight o'clock egg arrived. The hen cackled as though she had really done something to be proud of—something that no other hen had ever done before. So she had, but they did not discover it until later.

The egg was intended for use for supper. Then the egg was broken, at least the outer shell was knocked off. The inner part did not break. They worked on it with a spoon, a knife, a chisel; some suggested a hatchet and an ax; but still the oval lump held solid. It was petrified.

Mr. Duncan is watching his choice bird cautiously. He expects in the course of the next few days to have the feathered wonder carefully examined, for he is sure that he can prove by any number of scientific tests that this is the only and original descendant and miniature reproduction of the ancient rooster. His Kentucky friends are advising the lawyer to start a quarry.

RUSSIAN CROPS PROMISING.

Extremely Large Yields of Cereals Are Reported in the Coast's Dominion.

Russia, like the United States, will produce extremely large crops of cereals this year. Consul Freeman in a report to the state department says: "The year 1902 has been an extremely satisfactory one in Russia so far as the crops are concerned. With the single exception of fax seed, which is almost an absolute failure, the crops of the present season are the largest this country has produced for the last ten years. The yield of barley and rye has been much above the average in quantity, though the quality of the barley is not so good."

"The wheat harvest is exceptionally large, and as a rule the quality is also good. Oats yielded largely in almost all localities and I am informed that the weight is heavy. Corn is reported to be suffering from some sort of insect, but on the whole the crop in Bessarabia will, I believe, be an average one. Sugar beets are progressing favorably and have thus far escaped the many enemies which attack this vegetable. As to fax seed, it is to be feared that Russia will be obliged to import it from Argentina. The above does not apply to sor in-clude Siberia. Reports from that section are unfavorable."

CORSETS FOR DANDIES.

London Tailor and Cutter Makes a Great Discovery in Respect to Frenchman's Dress.

The London Tailor and Cutter has made a discovery. "It is reported," it says, "that the French dandies are applying to corset-makers to supply them with belts to improve the shape of the waist and hips. They have apparently caught onto the latest idea in London fashions, and are having their garments made to fit very closely at the waist and to be well padded on the hips."

"They have their trousers made very long, so that they may wear them turned up. Their collars are worn so high at the back that they make the wearers stoop, and they crown all with a bell-shaped hat. "There are many Londoners who don the same styles. We notice that a leading corset-maker in Charing Cross road is making a specialty of gentlemen's corsets, so that even in their follies London and Paris are not far apart."

THE MINERAL OUTPUT.

Production for the Last Ten Years in the United States Makes Satisfactory Showing.

From a chart just issued by the division of mining and mineral resources of the geological survey by Dr. D. T. Day, the quantity and value of the mineral productions of the United States for the last ten years, ending with 1901, is shown. From the arrangement of metallic and nonmetallic resources on a single sheet it is possible to follow the yearly production of about 60 of the most important mineral productions of the country during the decade. The value of the total output of metallic ores, such as iron, copper, silver and other ores in 1901 was \$52,473,284, against \$307,936,193 in 1892, and the value of nonmetallic products, including coal, petroleum, natural gas, and building materials was \$56,351,096 in 1901, as against \$339,959,992 in 1892.

A Safe Prediction. Edison says electricity will have superseded steam entirely as a motive power 30 years hence, says the Chicago Tribune. He has put the date so far in the future that he will probably be out of the reach of the I-told-you-so fend by that time if his prophecy fails.

A Nightly Chic Affair.

Hen socials are raging in western Iowa, which leads the Chicago Tribune to add that a hen social is a highly chic affair.

THE DEVIL'S TOWER.

One of the Natural Wonders of Wyoming is Carefully Mapped by Geological Survey.

The United States geological survey is at present engaged in making a topographic map of the Devil's Tower region in northeastern Wyoming, the work being in charge of Topographer W. E. Herrow. The Devil's Tower, or, as called by the Indians, "The Bad God's Tower," is one of the natural wonders of eastern Wyoming. It is a volcanic core of great age, a wonderfully symmetrical shaft of stone, towering 635 feet almost perpendicularly above the surrounding country. In spite of its great height it is in reality but the remnant of a former widespread lava flow.

When the region has been mapped the topographic work on the Black Hills uplift, which has been carried on for some time by the geological survey, will be completed, and maps of this important region will be available to the public. Within recent years two special maps were made by the government of the valuable mining belt in the vicinity of Deadwood and Lead, and since then the remaining area has been carefully surveyed on a scale of 1:80,000. The Black Hills are partially occupied by a government forest reserve, of the same name, covering over 1,300,000 acres; they contain rich deposits of valuable ores, and also bear an important relation to the water supply of the Great Plains, as the water-bearing beds underlying the plains are here upturned on the flanks of the mountains and receive a considerable portion of their supply from the streams of the region.

WILL NOT DESTROY ISLAND.

Prof. Hill, the Scientist, Declares Head Pelee Not Likely to Annihilate Martinique.

Prof. Robert Hill, the scientist sent by the geological survey to inspect and report on the destruction of Mont Pelee, is in favor of at once establishing an observatory on the slopes of Corbet, overlooking Pelee from which studies could be made with perfect safety. He does not believe the island will be annihilated. "The previous recent deaths were all within the previous zone of danger, coincident with the slopes of Montagne Pelee proper, but the great of Martinique, except villages at sea level in reach of tidal waves, is perfectly secure."

Dr. Hill says a party should be sent to Martinique for a stay of some months, with spectroscopic, seismographs, chronographs, special photographers' outfits and everything else favorable and useful in a perfect report, to study the eruptions with special reference to their electrical, magnetic, gaseous, and other physical behavior. He insists that seismographic stations throughout the West Indies and our southern coastal plain, probably aided by our coast geological surveys or weather bureau, should be put in operation at once, as this is the most propitious time for the work.

TO TRAIN OFFICERS.

Secretary Root Establishes a General Scheme for Improvement of the Army.

Secretary Root has issued an order establishing a general scheme of education and training of officers of the army. The order establishes schools at every post in the army for officers, including all lieutenants and captains of less than ten years' service as commissioned officers. These schools take the place of the former method of training in the officers' schools and lyciums. Officers will be able generally within two years to secure certificates in all the courses which they are required to pursue. The purpose is to give officers a thorough technical knowledge of drill regulations, guard duty, target practice, service with troops in camps, military law, field engineering and other branches of knowledge indispensable to military men.

Officers who establish the greatest professional aptitude under the provisions of this order shall be selected for further instruction at the general service and staff college and the war college at Washington.

TO MARRY COUPLES GRATIS.

The Mayor of Hammond, Ind., Announces a Novel Matrimonial Scheme.

For the next 30 days the mayor of Hammond, Ind., A. F. Knotts, will marry Hammond young men free of charge. He will also give every other help that lies within his means to start a home for themselves. He makes no conditions save that the men must live in Hammond. Their brides may come from any part of the country. He has made special office hours for the ceremony, but is uncertain as to whether his proclamation may do more than shame Hammond's bachelors into matrimony. This novel matrimonial plan is in line with other ideas that the mayor has received from his studies in social economy. Ministers and judges do not believe that his scheme will be successful.

High Pains for Whiskers.

A New York man has injured for \$10,000 damages because of injuries which compelled him to have his beard shaved off. The artist who shaved him, says the Chicago Chronicle, must have been pretty bad, even for a New York barber, if the operation hurt him \$10,000 worth.