

NOTED HOTEL ENDS

St. Louis Loses Landmark in Passing of the Southern.

Hostelry That Was Built Just After the Civil War and Has Housed Most Famous of Nation Goes Out of Business.

St. Louis, Mo.—The Southern hotel, the oldest place of its kind in St. Louis, and one of the best known in America, is no more.

The hotel has remained true to the tradition of its founders. It was designed as a hostelry of the first class and it has never been anything else.

The history of the Southern hotel is closely intertwined with that of St. Louis. Its fame is not confined to its own city, state and nation.

Its spacious lobby, its wide corridors, its commodious rooms, its luxurious furnishings and its air of aristocracy have been enjoyed and commented on by men and women from all nations.

The Southern hotel was rebuilt on the site of the original Southern hotel, erected in 1866.

Before the old building was destroyed by fire the night of April 11, 1877, it was the most pretentious caravansary here. It sheltered many notable.

It was there, in the early '70s, that the Grand Duke Alexis was entertained when he visited America as the royal representative of the Russian government.

While the Southern was sheltering the grand duke it was also affording a temporary home for Lydia Thompson and a bevy of her famed English blondes, who had created a sensation in America after making a conquest of the old world.

Lydia and her cohorts were disposing themselves at the Olympic games, as now, just across the street.

A grand banquet was spread by the grand duke's orders, and after feeding the blondes Alexis decorated the fair Lydia with a royal bracelet that was the talk of the town.

All St. Louis eyes were centered on the Southern on the occasion of the first visit to this city of Lily Langtry, whose beauty had captivated the Prince of Wales, afterward Edward VII.

No sooner had the luggage of the Jersey Lily been deposited in her palatial suite than there appeared on the register another name, that of Freddie Gobbard, the rich American, who headed not the files of the newspapers, but persistently followed the professional beauty from one engagement to another and sought to win her.

It was only a few years later that the hotel burned with a frightful loss of life. Curiously the original Southern hotel presented the same appearance as the present structure. But when it caught fire it burned like tinder.

Phelan O'Toole and Mike Heister were the heroes of that fire. They rescued dozens of guests who were caught on upper floors.

The new building was completed in 1908, and from the opening it was one of the most fashionable hotels in the city. It was built from the burning of the old building and the huge loss of its attending it resulted in the new building being absolutely fireproof. It was subjected to the most drastic tests and withstood them all.

KITTENS IN BIRD'S NEST

Madam Cat Establishes Home High Up in Tree, Safe From Dogs and Boys.

Bristol, Pa.—Recently three pet kittens disappeared from the home of E. D. Smith and the little daughter of the house, almost heartbroken, searched high and low for several days without success. But the old mother cat did not appear to be particularly downhearted, and it was decided to set a watch on her.

Finally, by shadowing the old cat the kittens were located in the strongest environment that ever kittens were found. They were perched in a huge bird's nest, high up among the branches of an old elm tree not far from home. Old Fanny had chosen a place that was certainly safe from marauding dogs and small boys.

ALFALFA STEW IS CERTAIN

Newtown Trying Odd-Looking Bread Made From Product—Uses Steak Feed.

Cresley, Cal.—Leading hotels of Cresley have under serious consideration the proposal to supply their guests with an entirely new dish—alfalfa stew. It has been demonstrated that alfalfa is one of the most nutritious products of the soil. The attention of prominent business men has been called to the feasibility of a factory for the city, the center of one of the largest alfalfa producing districts in the United States. At Missoula, Mont., alfalfa stew has been turned into palatable bread, and the loaf, when baked, is somewhat the color of eggs, though darker. The only thing lacking is a method of treating the plant in such a way as to make it attractive to the eye as well as the palate.

"DEAD" WOMAN SUES HIM

Separated More Than Eight Years, Couple Meet in Court—Spouse Remarried and Had Family.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Separated from his first wife eight and one-half years ago, James Kynoch of a street, Kensington, believed she was dead until he found himself facing her in the Central police court, where she charged him with non-support. Several years ago, it developed, Kynoch married a second time and is now living with his second wife and child.

The peculiar situation was disclosed when Magistrate MacFarland asked the woman, "How long has it been since he gave anything for your support?"

"About ten years," replied Mrs. Kynoch. "What?" exclaimed the magistrate, and thereupon the story was unfolded. Kynoch declared that his first wife left him about two weeks after their marriage, and although he searched diligently for her, all trace of her was lost. Believing her dead, he married another woman several years later.

Mrs. Kynoch's experience seemed to have been similar to that of her husband. She said that she left her husband and went to Wilmington, where she worked for several years, after which she came to this city, where she learned that her husband was living and married to a second wife. Thereupon she procured a warrant for his arrest. Mrs. Kynoch refused to have her husband arrested for bigamy, and said that she did not want to send him to jail. All she asked, she declared, was his support. Magistrate MacFarland held him in \$500 bail for court.

SAVES HER BABY WITH ROPE

Descent Easy Enough, but the Return Is One of Extreme Difficulty.

Sheridan, Wyo.—Standing for hours in cold water at the bottom of a deep cistern and racking brain and body to escape and save the life of her little two-year-old baby, for whom she had descended, was the experience of Mrs. A. W. Pradie, a rancher's wife, residing on Buffalo creek, 20 miles from Sheridan.

The story of the mother's heroism and devotion came to light when mother and child were brought to Sheridan for medical treatment.

While at home with her child, miles from the nearest neighbor, the baby fell into the cistern while at play. The mother followed instantly, dropping to the bottom of the well by a rope fastened to the top, and finally succeeded in rescuing the child and hauling herself by climbing the rope and hauling the child up after her.

BOY GIVEN THANKS FOR \$1,200

Brooklyn Boy Is Dismayed When His Honesty Receives No Substantial Reward From Owner.

Chicago.—Virtue may be its own reward, but the next time Charles Hertle, a messenger in the law offices of Ruger Brothers, No. 375 Fulton street, Brooklyn, finds a pocketbook loaded with yellow backs he probably will ask the anxious owner to pay a reward in advance.

Hertle picked up a woman's pocketbook in Fulton street and on opening it was astonished to find \$1,200 in bills and some change. He was still looking at his find and figuring how to spend it when he saw the owner, a handsomely gowned woman, looking all around on the sidewalk.

The boy asked her if she had lost a pocketbook, received a description that tallied with the one he had found, turned it over and to his dismay the woman put the purse in her hand bag and turned away with a hurried:—"Oh, thank you."

SUICIDES ALARMING SWEDEN

Authorities Want Newspapers to Quit Printing Reports of Persons Killing Themselves.

Copenhagen, Denmark.—So alarmingly is self-destruction on the increase in Scandinavia, that an anti-suicide movement is being advocated for Denmark.

The promoters urge to begin with, that the newspapers should refrain from publishing sensational details about suicides.

After that they propose to agitate for restrictive regulations to make it more difficult to obtain firearms and poisons. Such legislative action is, however, regarded as quite secondary in importance to the checking of publicity, for hanging is by far the most usual suicide in Denmark and the details published from time to time provoke a widespread ebullition of suicidal mania.

ROW ABOUT POET'S SKULL

One Archaeologist Says It's Schiller's—Other Denies This—Experts to Decide.

Berlin.—An extraordinary quarrel has arisen between two archaeologists, Prof. Neuhaus and Prof. Froeppel. Prof. Froeppel recently discovered at Wismar a skull which he declared was that of the poet Schiller. The skull was solemnly placed in the vault where Schiller's body rests. Prof. Neuhaus asserts the poet's skull is in his coffin, and proposes that the two skulls be placed before a commission of experts, who shall decide which is genuine.

CLIMBERS CAMP IN ROCKIES

Enthusiasts From Everywhere Join Alpine Club of Canada in Annual Gathering Near Banff.

Banff, Alta.—Mountain climbers from all parts of the Dominion, from Great Britain, continental Europe and the United States have been gathering for several days at the seventh annual camp of the Alpine Club of Canada, which has been pitched this year in the forest on the south side of Palliser's Vermilion Pass, main range of the Rocky Mountains, about eight miles from Castle and twenty-five miles southwest from Banff.

The camp site is at an altitude of 1,300 feet above sea level and amid highly picturesque surroundings. By its side is a rushing glacier torrent, the initial source of Vermilion river. The pass is hemmed in by snow-clad peaks. To the east rise Storm Mountain and Mount Ball, to the west Boom Lake Mountain and Mount Whymper. Prospectors' Valley, in which flows Tokum Creek, gives access to a traverse of a wide snow field to the southern faces of six of the ten peaks forming that part of the range.

It is expected that a number of alpinists will avail themselves of the opportunity to graduate as full-fledged members of the club by ascending to the required height of at least 10,000 feet above sea level. Storm Mountain, the lowest and most accessible of the peaks, is 10,209 feet and its conquest will be accepted as a graduating test.

WAISTS BARRED BY CARDINAL

Women So Clad Cannot Attend Confirmation or Be Godparents in Vienna.

Vienna.—Women dressed in clothing which reveals or slightly conceals the shoulders and arms, or who wear tight-fitting skirts, will be barred from confirmation either as sponsors or as godparents to children, according to Patriarch Cardinal Cavallari, who preached a sermon recently which has set all the society women of this city into a flutter of excitement.

Taking as his text St. Peter's words on feminine apparel, the cardinal attacked "immodest, uncouth fashions," saying in part: "The extravagance of women's dress has reached such a point today that even men—I do not speak of Christians, but ordinary men of the street—feel disgusted."

"How can respectable women appear in public when thus arrayed? For my part I will not permit women so bedecked to attend confirmation, either as sponsors or as godparents to children. I possess the right to exclude any and every person who thus shows a want of respect for the holy sacrament."

RURAL ACTORS ARE TALENTED

Humble Theatricals in Poland Depict Stories With Realism on the Stage.

Warsaw, Poland.—There has been a surprising increase in the number of peasant theaters, which are making their appearance in every part of Poland. These institutions are run almost entirely by the peasants and are made to pay. Only pieces dealing with their own life are attempted and the result is most realistic, especially as the Poles have a strong dramatic instinct.

Any hall in a village does for a theater, as the scenery is of the most primitive kind. What carries conviction is the entirely natural way in which the actors and actresses play their parts. For the foreigners they give a far deeper insight into national life than all the pieces produced in the larger cities.

The actors mostly train themselves, choosing one of the cleverest men in the village to coach them, and they bring with them a whiff of the stable and the cowhouse, which other managers have tried to introduce into their plays.

BOY REGAINS HIS EYESIGHT

Youth in Wilmington, Del., After Fourteen Weeks' Blindness, Can Now See.

Wilmington, Del.—Following an accident by tripping over a carpet in the kitchen of his home, George W. Morgan, Jr., aged twenty-one years, of East Thirteenth street, who 14 weeks ago became totally blind, has had his eyesight restored.

Morgan 11 years ago was hit in the eye when a small boy hurled a stone. Since that time he has been afflicted with eye trouble. Last September he went to Baltimore to the St. Joseph's hospital and while there worked in the Maryland Workshop for the Blind. Fourteen weeks ago he became suddenly totally blind while sitting in his boarding house.

PLAYS PIANO FOR 74 HOURS

South African Musician Makes Record for Musical Endurance in Moving Picture Theater.

Cape Town.—William Kendall, a twenty-three-year-old South African musician, now holds the world's Marathon piano-playing record, having played the instrument at a Potchefstroom moving-picture theater for 74 hours without stopping. A crowded house witnessed the end of the performance, which he concluded with "God Save the King." The best previous record is said to have been that of a young Kentonian—36 hours and 24 minutes.

VESSEL DRIFTS FAR

Japanese Fishing Smack Driven Off Course by Storm.

Five Men Are Picked Up by United States Immigration Inspectors After Being at Sea for Three Months.

San Diego, Cal.—A story vying with Homer's famous tale of the wandering of Odysseus is that told by five Japanese fishermen picked up by the United States immigration inspectors in southern California. The men were captured on the road from Encinitas to Escondido. Their clothing was in rags and they themselves were weary and famished. They were taken to jail and there, through an interpreter, told the history of more than three months of wandering, beginning with a typhoon off the coast of Japan and ending with shipwreck near San Diego.

Last May the men put to sea in their little 50-foot, three-masted fishing junk Bymiyoshi Maru (Good Luck Boat) from Yokohama. They were bound for Kakodate, 500 miles to the northward, on a fishing trip. The first day out all went well, but on the next day a typhoon came up. The junk, unable to make headway, was forced to run before the wind and was driven 1,000 miles to the southward. When the wind subsided the boat was found to be badly damaged and the steering gear demolished, making her unmanageable.

There was nothing for it but to drift and sail as best they might, trusting to their good fortune to bring them safe to port. The first land they sighted was Honolulu, but the wind changed as they neared that port and they were driven 100 miles farther south. They sent distress signals, but no ships passed to notice them.

A crude compass, such as is used by the primitive sailors of the Japanese islands, was their only means of discovering their heading. Two weeks out their supply of water was exhausted and they were just beginning to suffer the agonies of thirst when a tropical rainstorm burst. Rushing on deck they placed buckets to catch the fall and secured enough for a few days, renewing the supply from time to time in the same manner.

It was not long afterward when their food gave out. In the extremities of hunger they ate the spare sails, composed of grass matting, and their straw sandals. Down across the equator they sailed, past the Christmas Islands and then northward again, toward Central America. Then they were blown out to sea again, just as they sighted land.

More than a month ago they passed the Galapagos islands, fast in the grip of the wind. Aimlessly they drifted off the coast of the continent, nearly always within sight of land, until they finally went ashore 30 miles north of San Diego, ending their journey of more than 7,000 miles.

The five Orientals gave their names as Yasu Kamezuro Yoshida (captain), Takamatsu Kono, Enzui Shimizu, Kamicki Worsaki and Shalankosuke Kono. They are being held in jail here until orders are received from Washington for their return home. They have been visited by hundreds of crowds beginning to arrive as soon as the story of their strange adventure was learned.

HEBREWS RULE TWO TOWNS

One is Angola in Southwest Africa and Other is Village in Central American State.

Vienna.—Those Jews who dissent from the Zionist movement, with Mr. Zangwill at their head, have now found two new countries where Hebrew settlers could form a majority and so secure an autonomous administration. The advantages of these latter lands of promise are now under consideration.

One of them is the Portuguese Colony of Angola, in southwest Africa, and the other a Central American state which may not yet be mentioned as negotiations are still in progress.

In this connection a congress of the Jewish territorial organization, with Mr. Zangwill in the chair, sat here for four days with closed doors. It was learned that Mr. Zangwill pointed out the great difficulties that had been encountered in finding a suitable country. In 1907, Turkey, fearing an Italian occupation, offered them Baroa (or Cyrenaica), the eastern division of Tripoli, but this proved unsuitable for colonization owing to the lack of water.

BUGS SCARE MILL WORKERS

Millions of the Insects, Driven by Heavy Storm Settle in Nitro-Glycerine Vats.

Acton, Ind.—Millions of lightning bugs caused terror among workmen employed in the powder mills here at night, after a thunderstorm. The little insects, driven from the Kanabakee marshes by the storm, settled down upon a tank containing several hundred gallons of nitro-glycerine. The employees saw the brilliantly illuminated bugs near the great tank and immediately scattered, running terror-stricken in all directions, in fear that the tank would explode. It required foremen of the mills nearly an hour to dispel the fears of the employees and induce them to return to work.

CZARINA ALARMED BY CAT

Incarnations of Herself and Lady in Waiting Bring Guards of the Palace.

Peterhof, Russia.—People here still are laughing at imperial adventures the night before the czar met the German Emperor. The imperial family went to bed early to get up fresh for the cruise into the Gulf of Finland.

At midnight fearful screams came from the czar's room, which is immediately next to that of the czar, who sleeps with an adjutant, and is guarded by six soldiers and an officer quartered in the ante-room. The czar and the guard rushed into the czar's room and found her in a terrible fright. An assassin was somewhere in the room; both she and the lady in waiting, who sleeps on a mattress stretched near the bed, heard him moving about.

In a few seconds the room was filled with soldiers, who blocked all exits and had orders to shoot down any one who tried to go in or out. Every corner of the apartment was searched in vain. Suddenly a noise came from a cupboard in a distant corner and the czar's guard grew hysterical.

Several soldiers, headed by their officers, surrounded the cupboard door with drawn swords and called upon the hidden assassin to disarm. Dead silence reigned as the captain heroically opened the door.

Out jumped a huge black cat. The czar, suddenly relieved, laughed heartily and all followed suit except the czarina, who was too confused to do anything.

CUPID'S VICTIMS ARE ROUTED

Girl Flees From Mother's Grasp and She Would-Be Husband Follows—Couple Finally Lost in Throng.

Denver.—Although Cupid's aim had been perfect and his arrow had pierced the heart of pretty Margaret Ann Sample, his prize was stolen from him, or at least hidden for a while.

John Shorts had led the pretty Miss Sample through the portals of Magistrate Gavin's matrimonial chambers, and the magistrate was preparing to administer the "Unto death do us part" ceremony, when suddenly the doors swung back and a woman rushed in and shouted, "There's nothin' doin', judge." The woman was Mrs. Louise Crabtree, mother of the would-be bride. "Come here to me," said the woman to her daughter as she grasped her daughter's arm.

The daughter, whose tear-filled eyes showed the essence of her disappointment, made a dash through the doorway of the chamber and was hotly pursued by young Shorts. The mother followed, but was soon outdistanced, and the couple was lost in the throng.

The woman then made the rounds of all offices of justices and cautioned them not to perform the ceremony as her daughter was too young.

The young couple has not been heard from since.

SEEKS SANCTUARY; IS SEIZED

Condemned to Death, Convict Is Pursued into Cathedral of Veszprim in Hungary.

Vienna.—During the celebration of mass in the Cathedral of Veszprim, in Hungary, a man in convict's clothes burst into the cathedral and, rushing up the aisle, attempted to conceal himself behind the high altar. He was followed by a prison warden with rifle and fixed bayonet. Mass was suspended while the warden chased the convict round and round the high altar and finally captured him. The refugee was Vendelen Makkoz, under sentence of death for the murder of a pawnbroker. He had jumped from one train to another while being escorted from Budapest a few weeks ago, but was recaptured. Later he escaped through a prison window and made for the cathedral, apparently with the idea of obtaining sanctuary.

KILLS SELF WITH DYNAMITE

Foreman of Logging Camp at Nelson Island, B. C., Lies on Explosive and Sets It Off.

Vancouver, B. C.—Chris Dunn, foreman in a logging camp on Nelson Island, a short distance up the coast, blew himself to pieces with four sticks of dynamite.

Dunn had been suffering a great deal from a leg which was broken a year ago. He also brooded over the loss of a friend, killed in a dynamite accident two weeks ago.

At daylight he arose and went out to the top of a cliff. There he lay down on four sticks of dynamite and set them off. His body was hurled sixty feet down the bank.

Dunn was 35 years old. He lived in Seattle until three years ago.

FINGER SEVERED BY RING

Spectator Watching Ball Game at Springfield, O., From Tree Leases Digit in Fall.

Springfield, O.—Excited by a home run smash in a baseball game which he was watching from a seat in a tree, Ernest Rich lost his balance and fell. As he shot toward the ground Rich clutched at a limb. A ring he was wearing on the third finger of his left hand caught. Rich was suspended for several minutes, struggling desperately to free himself, until a sudden jerk threw all his weight on the ring and tore the finger off.

TUNNEL GREAT FEAT

New York's Subway System World's Biggest Effort.

Cost of the Addition New Building Is Greater Than That of the Panama Canal and the Whole Is Worth a Billion.

New York.—Coincident with the report that the city's new subways are now about 15 per cent completed, New Yorkers have suddenly been made aware of the fact that this \$1,000,000,000 system, as it will be when finished, is entitled to be known as the world's biggest undertaking. Never since the beginning of history has such a work been attempted or such an amount spent in an equal area. Some idea of its vastness may be realized from the fact that the building of the pyramids, looked upon as one of the greatest labors of any time, becomes insignificant. The cost of the new additions alone to the existing system will be greater than that of the Panama Canal.

The need for such a mighty system is indicated by the traffic estimates for 1925, based on the rate of growth in the past. By that time it is figured the number of passengers carried will be more than \$,000,000,000 during the year, a total of more than three times the number of passengers carried on all the steam railroads of the country at present.

Necessarily the financing of this work has proved an enormous problem, but as matters now stand the city is to furnish an amount equal to the investment of the operating company for construction with certain agreements covering any further needs for the completion of the projected lines.

The need for such a costly system is indicated by the increase in land values in New York in the last ten years. During that period the increase exceeded the combined output of all the gold and silver mines in the country by \$170,000,000, and was greater than the dividends paid by all the railroads of the country by \$278,000,000. It is to furnish traveling facilities in keeping with such expansion that New York is now undertaking the completion of the greatest job on record.

FORCED INTO NEW "DANCE"

But Originators of the "Toboggan Slide" War Fortune to Escape Injuries.

London.—An exciting experience befell a wedding party in the Hickington house in the working class district of Nottingham on Saturday night.

Dancing had been kept up vigorously for some time, when suddenly at about 10 o'clock there was an ominous cracking, then a rousing sound, the joists gave way, and the floor subsided into the cellar.

Luckily the beams in one corner of the room stood firm with the result that the flooring, held together largely by the beams, tilted down at an angle, and the wedding guests slid to the cellar as if tobogganing.

Several men with knowledge of first aid were taken to the spot on fire engines, and a number of ambulances were sent at full speed. It was discovered that while to the angle at which the floor had descended no one had sustained injuries more serious than a few bruises and superficial cuts. There were no cases so grave as to require hospital treatment.

TO CALL WOMEN "MADAME"

New Society Formed in Vienna Would Abolish Distinguishing Label of Married Portion of Sex.

Vienna.—A woman's society has been formed here, under the presidency of Baroness de Rosenwerth, a Polish woman of note, with the object of bringing the title "madame" into universal use for women of all stations in life, married and unmarried. By thus placing all women on an equal footing, so far as title is concerned, the "League of Madame," as the unique organization styles itself, hopes to democratize womanhood generally and infuse into the sex a new spirit of camaraderie. Also, with the abolition of the title "mademoiselle," or its national equivalent, it is argued that the privileges generally accorded to married women should be extended to their single sisters, while men and women would meet on more equal terms.

OLD SMELTER IS TREASURE

Metal So Far Taken From Debris Worth \$62,000—Searchers Expect \$25,000 More.

Kansas City.—Gold, silver and other valuable metals from an old smelter dump at Argentia, Kas., a suburb of Kansas City, have yielded \$62,000 in the last 18 months. The site is now occupied by a structural steel company. Officers of the steel company said they believed \$12,000 more in metal was in the dump. It is said the company paid \$45,000 for the property.

In the years the old Argentine smelter operated, the metal splashed from the ladles and escaped through crevices in the floors of the buildings. The smelter suspended operations 15 years ago.