

Christian Smith, the oldest locomotive engineer in the country, lives near Harper's Ferry, Md. He ran the first engine on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at a speed of from six to eight miles an hour, which was considered rapid for those days.

A new and novel cure for dropsy and asthma has been discovered by Dr. John S. Cram, of Philadelphia, and the total cost of his treatment is \$1.50. Dr. Cram, who is 72 years old, had not eaten a morsel of food for 30 days, and during that time the only nourishment he had taken was frequent sips of a salt and water solution.

The German emperor ascribes his good health and vigor to the excellent advice given to him by his favorite doctor and he has learned by heart the latter's "rule of life" which is as follows: "Eat fruit for breakfast. Eat fruit for lunch. Avoid pastry and hot cakes. Only take potatoes once a day. Don't drink tea or coffee. Walk four miles every day, wet or fine. Take a bath every day. Wash the face every night in warm water. Sleep eight hours every night."

The principal hobby of the ex-Queen Regent of Spain is collecting of playing cards. She possesses a large number of curious packs, many of which have no little historical interest. One set, made of ivory, is believed to have belonged to Prince Eugene, who fought with the great duke of Marlborough, and to have accompanied him in all his campaigns. Queen Christina also owns some exceedingly rare cards of Egyptian, Arabian, French and Spanish manufacture.

Reinach has made a series of experiments upon children of 6 to 9 months, with chocolate. He found that the fat was well absorbed, and that a very small proportion of it reappeared in the feces. The children increased very rapidly in weight. The indications for the use of chocolate are acid dyspepsia, fat dyspepsia, chronic enteritis, cases in which the body weight does not increase with normal rapidity upon ordinary diet, and in rachitic and scrofulous children.

Greyhounds are the swiftest dogs known, and scientists say that they are the swiftest of all four-footed animals. Trained hounds can travel at the rate of 18 to 23 yards a second, which is about the speed attained by a carrier pigeon. These dogs are bred for speed alone. Every other consideration is lost sight of, and only the machinery that makes for motion and endurance is cultivated. Foxhounds are also very fast travelers, going at the rate of nearly 18 yards a second.

The great scarcity of platinum continues to be complained of. It is in such demand, for use in electrical and other scientific work, that the price is in the neighborhood of \$300 an ounce—that is about 20 times the value of gold, or five times what it was 75 years ago. The total world's output of platinum is less than five tons a year. Most of this comes from Russia. Formerly platinum was mistaken for silver, and considerable of it got into the Russian coinage without being discovered.

A band of gypsies traveling in an automobile arrived in Mount Vernon, N. Y., the other day and went into camp at Sherwood Park. The automobile, which is a gasoline affair, is large and very handsome and appears at a distance like a trolley car. It is especially built for the tribe. The inside is divided in three apartments, one a bedroom, another a dining room and in the front is the kitchen. The chief of the tribe says that he can make 50 miles a day in the automobile if he wants to.

Spiders are met with in the forests of Java whose webs are so strong that it requires a knife to cut through them, we are told. A spider weighing four pounds, which has taken up her residence in a cathedral at Munich, regales herself with a large supply of lamp oil. A Texas spider weaves a balloon four feet long and two feet wide, which she fastens to a tree by a single thread, then marches on board with her half-dozen little ones, cuts the thread and away goes the airship to some distant point on the prairie.

Capt. A. A. Rosehill, a master mariner of Honolulu, has become a king. He is now the ruler of Marcus Island, a little patch in the Pacific Coast, which, from a distance, seems no larger than a cork. Rosehill took charge of the island a few days ago. His only subjects are guano birds, but from them he soon expects to reap a fortune. Rosehill discovered the island in 1889, and claimed it in the name of the United States. Then he sent his claim to Washington, but it was not approved until last February. Rosehill will have complete control of the island.

While the average adult should inspire 396 cubic inches of fresh air a minute, this is impossible in the street cars of to-day. A New York sanitary engineer found as much as 26.2 parts of carbonic acid gas per 10,000 volumes of air in the trolley cars in New York city. This is, to some extent, due to insufficient heating of the cars, the windows being in winter necessarily tightly shut. The cocoon hulk mats on the floors of the cars have been examined, single fibres 1½ inches long holding from 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 bacteria.

DRIFTING TOWARD POLE.

Steamer Portland Caught in Ice Pack and Carried into the Arctic Ocean.

OVER A HUNDRED PASSENGERS IN PERIL

Ship That Was En Route to Nome May Be Crushed to Pieces by Floes—Capt. Healy Starts the Thetis to the Rescue—Returning Steamer Brings Story.

Nome, June 7, via Seattle, June 23.—The steamer Portland, Capt. Lindquist, the pioneer of the Northern Commercial company's fleet, was, on June 4, caught in the ice pack and is being carried up Behring straits to the Arctic Ocean at the rate of from two to three miles an hour. The Nome City came near being caught in the same manner, but when she found a lead and bucked through the pack to the westward the Portland could be plainly seen drifting northward past the Diomed islands. Three whalers were also in sight but they were in the lee of the islands and in no danger of being carried into the Arctic by the floating-pack.

Vessel Sent to Rescue. When Capt. Daniels brought word to Nome that the Portland was in such peril the Northern Commercial company officials, who had friends aboard, were greatly worried and as soon as the Thetis arrived a petition was presented to Capt. Healy requesting him to go to the rescue. The Thetis left the same evening. If any one can render the imprisoned ship any assistance Capt. Healy is the man.

There is some danger of the ship being crushed in the straits. If she got through the straits and failed to find a lead to eastward or westward by which she could get clear of the pack she will be carried into the Arctic ocean and, failing to get clear of the ice, may ultimately be wrecked by heavy floes further north. In the event of her not getting crushed she will be greatly delayed and no doubt will run short of supplies and fresh water.

Ship Has 110 Passengers. The Portland sailed from Seattle for Nome April 26 with 110 passengers, 46 of whom were from San Francisco. Many of the most prominent operators in the Nome district were aboard the vessel.

The Portland is owned by the Alaska Commercial company. She formerly was the steamer Haytien Republic.

Nome City's Battle with Ice. Seattle, Wash., June 23.—The steamer Nome City has arrived here with the record of being the first steamer to reach Nome and also the first one to return from there out of a fleet of 30 vessels. The ship bears many evidences of the fierce battles with the ice in the north, but is not materially injured. The north-bound trip was an exciting one. From May 4 until a month later the ship was fast in the ice, being stopped short by a floe fully eight feet thick. The ship tried bucking her way through for two days, but when within 65 miles of Nome it was again hemmed in.

Drifted North Several Days. The pack in which the Nome City was caught was drifting to the northwest. For several days the vessel drifted around the island of St. Lawrence and on May 14 was raised clear out of the water by a sudden jam. The iron sheathing put on at Seattle before starting was all that saved the vessel from being smashed to pieces. The rudder head was twisted and the ship was badly shaken. Fortunately a lead opened on the morning of June 4 and Capt. Daniels gave the signal to go ahead at full speed, the ship bucking her way through the ice to open water and to Nome.

The Nome City brings \$200,000 in gold dust and 20 passengers.

Controllor Ridley's Wife Dead. Baltimore, Md., June 23.—Mrs. William Barrett Ridley, wife of the controllor of the currency, died late Friday night at the Johns Hopkins hospital in this city, after an operation for appendicitis. She was operated on Thursday night and was supposed to have been in a very favorable condition until Friday night, when a turn for the worse was observed. Mrs. Ridley was a daughter of United States Senator Shelby M. Cullom, of Illinois, who, with Mr. Ridley was with her when she expired. Her remains will be taken to Springfield, Ill., for burial.

Left an Immense Estate. New York, June 23.—An immense estate is distributed among the members of the Astor and Delano families by the will, which just has been filed here for probate, of Mrs. Laura Astor Delano, whose death occurred at Geneva, Switzerland, on June 15. Mrs. Delano was the widow of Franklin H. Delano and a daughter of William B. Astor. There is no precise estimate of the value of her property, but it amounts up in the millions and consists of real estate and bonds all over the world.

Fell Five Stories. New York, June 23.—While chasing an alleged thief across the roof of a five-story apartment house in Ninth avenue, in broad daylight, Edward Dolan, a private detective, fell down an air shaft, received a fractured jaw, a broken ankle, a fractured hip and internal injuries which resulted in his death, two hours later.

Street Car Men Strike. Toronto, Ont., June 23.—The street car men of this city went on strike Saturday morning.

VALLEY A SEA OF FLAMES.

Destructive Fire Sweeps Neighborhood of Hot Springs, Wash.—Tacoma Sends Aid.

Tacoma, Wash., June 23.—A special to the Ledger from Hot Springs, Wash., says: For a distance of seven miles the Green river valley is a sea of flames. Since noon Friday Dr. Kloeber and the employes and guests of the Kloeber hotel, Hot Springs, have been persistently and successfully fighting the fire to save the hotel. Steadily the fire was held back and assistance was asked for from Tacoma, which was promptly sent by Mayor Campbell.

Near Maywood, three miles below here, a lumber camp has been burned out. On each side is a seething furnace, so hot that the crew on the relief train was compelled to seek protection inside the caboose while passing it. Morgan's camp, one mile down, is partially destroyed, though it is thought the most valuable effects can be saved.

At Canton, nine miles below Hot Springs, are congregated the few settlers and woodmen of the vicinity. They declare the forest for miles around to be ablaze.

At Eagle gorge the same condition exists and several smaller fires are reported within a radius of 5 miles.

DARK WORK SUSPECTED.

Story in New Orleans to Effect That Boer Sympathizer Poisoned Horses Bought by British.

New Orleans, June 23.—It has developed about the boarding houses where the sailors and muleteers were recruited for the British during the South African war, according to a story printed here, that the diseases now raging in South Africa among the live stock there are due to inoculations made in this port by Boer sympathizers and disgruntled muleteers playing even with the British. It is said that the virus was secured from a Philadelphia chemist and that it consisted mostly of carbon and glanders. It also stated now that the British suspicion that this crime was being constantly committed, and for that reason removed their headquarters from this city to Montreal. The inoculations, it is stated, were also made in Lathrop, Mo., so that it was necessary to break up that camp as well. The British are now retaliating, so it is intimated, by refusing entrance of Louisiana cattle in South Africa.

Killed in Railroad Wreck.

Fairbury, Neb., June 23.—One man is dead, two others buried in the wreck, and three tramen injured, as the result of a freight train leaving the tracks on the Rock Island road at Thompson, a small station six miles west of this city, Friday evening. Eighteen cars of merchandise followed the tender of the engine into the ditch and blockaded the track for eight hours. Ten tramps were riding on the train, on their way to the Kansas wheat fields. One of them was pulled out of the wreck in an unconscious condition and brought to this city, where he later died. His name is unknown. Two others were buried in the wreck and are supposed to be dead. Conductor Alcott and two brakemen were lightly injured. The wreck was supposed to have been caused by spreading rails.

May Revolutionize Warfare.

New York, June 23.—Col. Humbert, a French artillery officer, has invented, according to the Paris correspondent of the Tribune, an apparatus, which, applied to a rifle or to a rapid firing cannon, completely suppresses the flash, sound and smoke, even of black powder. Col. Humbert says: "I have succeeded in converting the explosive powder which has been known for centuries into a motor power giving impulse to projectiles from rifles and cannons without report, without smoke, without flash, without recoil and without any diminution of force or effect. The military authorities here attach supreme importance to this discovery, which they consider will bring about a complete revolution in the methods of warfare.

Telephone Girls Strike.

Des Moines, Ia., June 23.—Seventy Central telephone girls walked out of the two telephone exchanges at nine o'clock Saturday morning, tying up the Iowa and Mutual lines. The managers of the two companies are trying to fill the places of the strikers and expect to have the instruments working in 24 hours. The strikers, however, have organized a union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and will attempt to make the strike general over the state. They demand an increase of wages to \$30 a month and a nine hour day.

Trouble Over a Corpse.

New York, June 23.—Relatives are fighting for possession of the body of Camille Lemoine, the miser toolmaker who was found dead recently in the basement of his shop. Louis Lemoine, a nephew, finally has applied to the supreme court for an injunction to restrain the present custodians of the body from disposing of it and asking that it be returned to this city from New Jersey, whence it was taken when the trouble first began by a scramble between rival undertakers backed by the disputing relatives.

Gambling Houses Raided.

Seattle, Wash., June 23.—Chief of Police Sullivan closed all public gambling Friday night, acting under orders from Mayor Humes. Both state that the action was taken because of the business men's complaint against gambling running in the district below Yezer way. Some of the gamblers declare that the action was inspired by political motives in view of the coming county convention.

PERMANENT INJUNCTION.

Knocks Out Mayor Johnson's Three-Cent Fare Project in Cleveland.

CITY ORDINANCE DECLARED INVALID.

Circuit Court Says It Is in Conflict with a Previous Ordinance—Also Declares Against Municipal Ownership and Arbitration Clauses—Mayor to Try Again.

Cleveland, O., June 23.—The circuit court Saturday granted a perpetual injunction against the construction of the so-called three-cent fare street railway in this city. The court declared that the ordinance granted by the city council to the promoters of the new company to build roads on at least three of the 17 routes was invalid.

The court pointed out that the original ordinance called for bids for 17 separate lines, aggregating 75 miles in length; that the council had granted a franchise to the new company for lines aggregating 13 miles, or covering only three of the proposed 17 routes, and that possibly other bidders would have been willing to carry passengers for less than three cents on a 13-mile road, while not caring to bid on the whole 75 miles.

The court also declared against the municipal ownership and arbitration clauses included in the franchise as "unreasonable provisions."

Mayor Johnson is credited with be-

ing back of the three-cent fare company. The mayor stated Saturday that steps would be taken to amend the franchises and a new start taken on the project.

Little Girl Charged with Murder.

Clare, Mich., June 23.—Annie Curtis, of this city, a 12-year-old girl, was taken to the county jail Saturday morning by Sheriff Welch, charged with murdering the 13-months-old son of George Pardee by administering carbolic acid while the child was sleeping at her home. Her arrest was ordered by Prosecuting Attorney Cummings. The examination will be held before Justice Maynard, of this city, July 2. The babe was, Thursday, discovered by the people in the house, frightfully burned about the mouth. There was nobody in sight and search was begun for the person who must have administered the dose. Suspicion fell upon the Curtis girl.

Jury Returns Verdict of Guilty.

Detroit, Mich., June 23.—William M. Jones was Saturday convicted of the murder of George H. Heywood on April 9 last and sentenced to life imprisonment at the Marquette prison. The jury was out only ten minutes. The murder was well planned and it is generally believed that but for the evidence of a child of the victim Jones would have escaped conviction. Jones lay in wait for Heywood, who had attended a dance that evening unaccompanied by his wife. He first shot and then crushed Heywood's skull with a hammer. The evidence was entirely circumstantial.

Strike Ties Up Iron Industry.

Easton, Pa., June 23.—The coal strike has had a serious effect upon the iron industry in the Lehigh valley. Every furnace in the district is either banked or blown out and an iron dealer is quoted as saying that there is not a pound of pig iron on the market in the valley. The scarcity of pig iron will be the cause of the shutting down of many other industries using that product unless the miners go to work in a very short time.

Jealousy Causes Tragedy.

Trinidad, Col., June 23.—Sontora Doetta, a coal miner, shot and killed Emil Carmina, near this city, and fatally stabbed a friend of Carmina who attempted to save him. Doetta fled to the mountains and a posse is searching for him. Jealousy was the cause of the tragedy.

Cold June Weather.

Marysville, Mo., June 23.—There was a slight frost in the low places through Nodaway county Friday night. The coldest June weather for years has prevailed in this section for several days past.

SILVER FOR PORTO RICO.

About Three Tons of Coin Shipped From New York—Currency of Island Depleted.

New York, June 23.—About three tons of silver coin of the United States was shipped from this city Saturday for Porto Rico, in payment of bonds just purchased by a banking house with branches in that island.

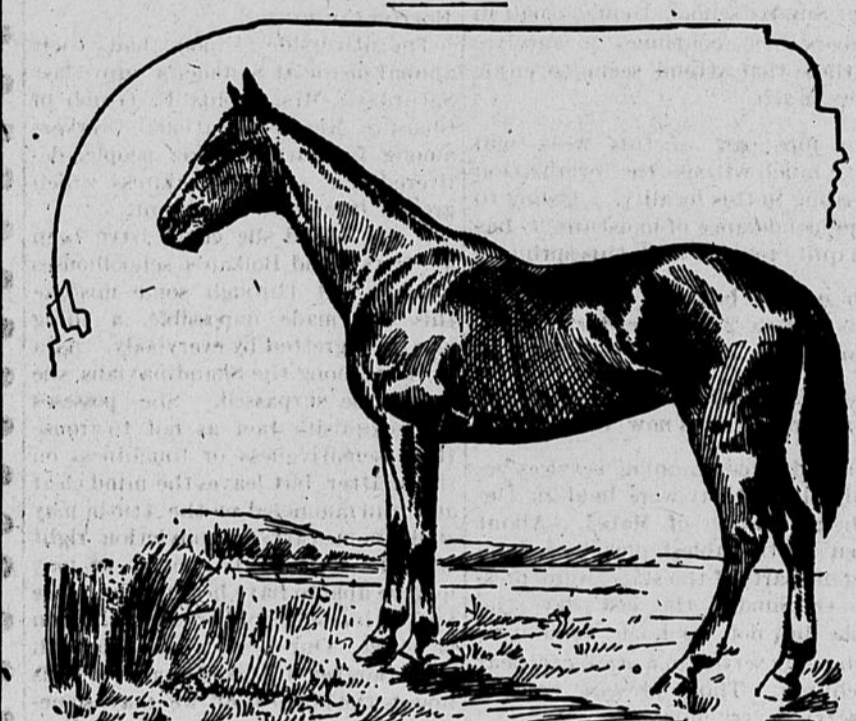
Heretofore, when bills and bank notes were shipped to the island they disappeared very rapidly. For some time the disappearance of paper money was a mystery. Finally, it was discovered that the people of Porto Rico were just beginning to find it handy to send paper currency through the mails, especially when it was desired to send small amounts out of the island. In this way the currency supply was being depleted constantly and the bankers determined to try silver coin, in the belief that it will take a good deal in postage to send it all out of the country in letters and may discourage the practice.

THE PEORIA SAENGERFEST.

Coliseum Not Able to Hold the Crowd—Soprano Sang While Her Child Was Dying.

Peoria, Ill., June 23.—The third day of the Saengerfest was attended by a greater crowd than on any other day. The streets were packed with people and additional singing societies were arriving on every train. The concert Friday night was attended by 6,000 people and Saturday afternoon the Coliseum would not accommodate the people who asked for tickets. A pathetic incident occurred Friday night. Mme. Ragna-Linne, the famous soprano soloist, received a

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THE WINNER OF THE AMERICAN DERBY, AT CHICAGO.

NEW CRUISER LAUNCHED.

Great Enthusiasm in Philadelphia When the Denver Slides Into the Water.

MANY NOTABLES ATTEND THE AFFAIR.

Miss Roberta M. Wright, Daughter of the Mayor of Denver, Christens the Vessel—Description of the Boat—is in the Unarmored Class—Shipyard Was Gaily Decorated.

Philadelphia, June 23.—In the presence of a distinguished company of naval officers, many leading citizens from Colorado and a large number of persons from New York and other near-by cities, the unarmored cruiser Denver was successfully launched Saturday afternoon at the Neafe & Levy shipyard.

Miss Roberta M. Wright, daughter of Mayor Wright, of Denver, christened the vessel. Elaborate preparations had been made for the launching of the Denver and the shipyard was gaily decorated with flags and bunting for the occasion, but the heavy rain spoiled the decorations.

At one o'clock the delegation were driven to the big shipyard, where they were received by President Seddinger. Because of the heavy rainstorm the launching was postponed until nearly three o'clock. Miss Wright was escorted to the platform by President Seddinger. When all was in readiness and just as the last blow which was to release the new cruiser was being struck, Miss Wright stepped to the edge of the stand and broke the traditional bottle of champagne on the bow of the new addition to the United States navy. There was tremendous tooting of whistles from the vessels lying at anchor close to the yard and deafening cheers as the Denver slid gracefully into the Delaware river.

The Cruiser Denver.

The Denver is one of the six sheathed and copper protected cruisers provided for in the naval appropriation act of 1900. Her keel was laid June 28, 1900. She is 232 feet in length by 44 feet in extreme width, and has a displacement of 3,100 tons. The Denver and her class have splendid batteries, consisting of ten five-inch rapid-firing guns in the main battery, and eight six-pounder and two one-pounder rapid-firing guns, four Colt automatic guns, and one three-inch field gun in the secondary battery.

Her engines are of the twin screw, vertical triple-expansion type, with water tube boilers, giving a combined horse-power of about 4,000. The engines are to be located in separate water-tight compartments on opposite sides of a fore and aft, amidship bulkhead.

The ten five-inch guns of the main battery of the Denver are arranged one forward and one aft on the midship line of the upper deck, and four on each side on the deck below. The guns of the secondary battery are distributed about the vessel so as to give a large arc of fire.

The Denver is provided with a water-tight deck, extending from stem to stern, the sides sloping and joining the vessel's side below the water line. The slopes of this deck protect the engine and boiler spaces are protected by nickel-steel plates, two inches thick by eight feet in width. The vessel has commodious quarters to give comfort and accommodation to her authorized complement of 27 officers and 285 men.

She is rigged as a two-masted schooner, the masts fitted with gaffs and signal yards, and fore and aft sails. Her coal bunkers are well arranged, with ample facilities for rapid coaling, and have a capacity of 700 tons.

The vessels of the Denver class are required by their contracts to make a speed of 16½ knots an hour for four consecutive hours before acceptance. To sum up it may be stated that the provision of the act of congress for the Denver class to "have the highest speed compatible with good cruising qualities, great radius of action and to carry the most powerful ordnance suited to vessels of their class" has been fully borne out in the case of the Denver, and she will prove a valuable addition to the list of our naval vessels.

Five Cowboys Killed by Indians.

Albuquerque, N. M., June 23.—Five cowboys were killed in a fight near Tucumcari with "Bud" Lee, of Dona Ana county, and an old Indian fighter, Lee, in watering his cattle at a certain spring, had walked them through the water, against the protests of other cattlemen, who warned him that if he repeated the act he would be killed. The next time Lee, accompanied by an Indian fighter, appeared with his cattle, eight cowboys were lying in wait. When the battle was over five of the eight cowboys were dead and the other three had fled. Lee and his partner, who were unhurt, surrendered to the sheriff. The names of the dead are not given.

One of the Injured Dies.

St. Paul, Minn., June 23.—A Brainerd (Minn.) special to the Dispatch says: Harvey Zimmer, a passenger who was injured internally in the Northern Pacific collision near Staples, Friday, died Friday night at the hospital here. He resided at Hammond, Ind. H. Montgomery, fireman, with a compound fracture of the thigh, is in the hospital and death is expected hourly. All the other injured are doing well. Nothing definite has been learned as to the cause of the accident.

Lynch to Be Tried June 24.

London, June 23.—Col. Arthur Lynch, member-elect of parliament for Galway, and formerly of the Boer army, who is in custody on the charge of high treason, was Saturday again remanded until June 24, witnesses in the case not having arrived in London.

Quarrel Proved Fatal.

Milwaukee, June 23.—An Evening Wisconsin special from Ironwood, Mich., says: Elias Matteson shot and killed John Lien during a quarrel. Both are Finlanders. Matteson has been arrested.

Frosts in Iowa.

Sioux City, Ia., June 23.—Heavy frosts were experienced throughout this section Friday night, but no serious damage to crops has been reported.