



Hon. Henry White, Ambassador to Paris, has made representations to the French Government because of a threatened embargo by France upon American exports of dried fruits to that country.

The French Government objects to the American exports, because it is claimed they have been treated with sulphur in the process of drying or evaporation. After considerable correspondence on the subject, the Agricultural Department recommended the State Department that the United States resort to reprisal by refusing to permit the entry into the United States of French wines which it is asserted by the chemists in the Department of Agriculture, have also been treated with sulphur, and are, therefore, not eligible to admission under the pure-food law.

The controversy has been suspended temporarily at the request of the State Department, pending a report from the Tenson Commission of pure-food experts, of which Prof. Ira Tenson, President of this Commission has been instructed to report fully upon the American exports to which objection is made. The Tenson Commission is composed of Prof. Ira Tenson, President of this Commission has been instructed to report fully upon the American exports to which objection is made. The Tenson Commission is composed of Prof. Ira Tenson, President of this Commission has been instructed to report fully upon the American exports to which objection is made.

Why the confusion of tongues? But it seems that it must be so to the end. Esperanto has been recognized officially by the Government of the United States in the recent appointment of Maj. Paul F. Straub, of the Army Medical Corps, to represent this country in the 14th international conference of the Esperanto movement in Dresden, Germany, Aug. 16-22, 1908.

Esperanto has taken a firm root throughout the world and carries back some memories—yet not so many, for, don't you know, there can't be such a lot of people living who were young with the total number of Esperanto societies throughout the world was 757. At the present time the total is practically 1,000.

In Bohemia the Postmaster-General has authorized the use of Esperanto in telegrams on an equal footing with European modern languages. In Japan, Count Hayashi, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has accepted the Esperanto Presidency of the Japanese Esperanto Association, and in a public letter he recommended that his countrymen take up Esperanto, which he calls the gospel of the world.

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There was a pathetic burial here the other day, when a man was laid to rest in a little old-fashioned roadside cemetery, while his sepulchre ought to have been beside a grander monument. The story of a man who forgot to honor in the army, was divorced by his wife, married again beneath him, and was set off by everybody and died at an early age, is told in a book by Baron Alexander de Purv-Herve, a scion of one of the oldest families of Germany, and the final chapter was written in a pathetic story of his life. The Baron was a friend and comrade of Bismarck, to whom he was once Aide-de-Camp, was an officer of the German army in the Franco-Prussian war, and was married to a Princess of royal blood; but 28 years ago he committed a fault, and rather than endure the reproaches of those around him, he associated he quit the army and came to America.

Shortly after leaving Germany his Princess wife divorced him, and in New York he married an actress, and this led to the cutting off of the \$200 a week allowance he had been receiving from the family. He then came to America for German newspapers in New York and elsewhere.

He requested that no flowers be placed on his grave, and that no lilies and a red rose, these flowers constituting his ancestral coat of arms. This request was complied with.

Only a few friends, who he associated with the German Embassy attended the funeral services.

The Baron led no money, his savings having been consumed when he died in Germany. He was buried in the cemetery of the German Embassy, and Count Hermann von Hatzfeldt-Wildenburg, Charge d'Affaires, who is Secretary of the German Embassy, was present.

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very shortly. He sat directly in front of his mother, and in the excitement of his busyness with the drows from his pocket a bunch of punk sticks and lighted them. The smell of the things drew the attention of everybody, but it was not till Mrs. Roosevelt felt all eyes turned upon herself that she realized what Archie was doing. At her bidding he put out the fire in the punk sticks, but it was too late; everybody had recognized him by that time.

The American Red Cross Society has just opened a tuberculosis day camp on the grounds of the Tuberculosis Hospital. Accommodations are provided for 12 patients.

The day-camp idea originated in Germany. Patients report to the camp at 8:30 o'clock each morning, and receive a breakfast of milk and eggs. They also undergo a physical examination. At noon they have a substantial dinner, and before they leave for their homes late in the afternoon they have another lunch. Spacious lockers are provided for resting in the open air.

Patients are kept in the open air all the time. The camp is supervised by a nurse from the Instructive Visiting Nurses' Society.

The flag of the United States Consulate at Tabriz, Persia, has been shot down by loyalists, according to a dispatch received at the State Department from American Consul at that place. The Consul also reports that a man standing near the door of the Consular Office was wounded.

The shooting is reported to have been an incident of the disturbances which have been going on at Tabriz for some time, and in both cases to have been accidental and unintentional.

Former United States Senator Roger Q. Mills left Corsicana last week for a surgical operation.

Former Senator Mills was a poor man when he left the Senate. His old lands have since been sold, and he is now a miserably poor man.

People not infrequently come home from a summer vacation, if not with a cold, at least with bad malaria or stomach disorders.

This is often caused by impure water, and it is well, especially in going into the country, where you do not know a few simple tests by which the condition of the water can be told.

About the simplest is one that is well known, called the Hirsch test. Buy a pint bottle of clear water, and fill it with a glass stopper. Fill it two-thirds full with water, to which is added a half teaspoonful of granulated sugar.

After the departure of their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Reid started for Scotland, where they will winter with Andrew Carnegie at Skibo Castle.

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steps. He found that he would have to be there for a train, so he "hot-footed" it across country in an auto, and managed to keep his important engagement with Mr. Tatt.

Miss Ethel Roosevelt celebrated her 17th birthday Aug. 13. Now, that is by the book—the family Bible, in fact. She was created on four birthdays this year, three previous to this one, scattered thru July and August. But she has had only one really and truly happy birthday.

When the people were being harried by a hazy rain of the "muckers," who were busy in the Senate, Senator Allison came in for his share of abuse. It was charged that he was a multi-millionaire, that he amassed his fortune in the stock and bond market, and that he was a miser.

Ex-Vice President Stevenson won in the Democratic primaries for the nomination of Governor of the State of Illinois. He was among those who "also" ran, and who he was cheated out of the nomination.

The great practical utility of the magnetic survey made in the Pacific Ocean by the U. S. S. Albatross, under the command of the late Admiral Thayer, is being demonstrated by the new magnetic chart, from which it appears that the charts previously used by navigators in the Pacific Ocean were in error to the extent of from three to five degrees, and the errors at times were systematic.

One of the last acts of the recent Congress was the enactment of a law providing that any person employed in the United States as a laborer in any of its manufacturing establishments, arsenals, shipyards, river and harbor fortifications, or in any other line of duty, shall receive wages until he has recovered.

The ownership of \$20, found on the body of an unidentified sailor which was washed ashore at Key West, Fla., has caused a large amount of work and worry to the legal shrews of the Executive Department.

Life savers notified the Treasury Department, and claimed the money by right of possession. The body was found in the Gulf of Mexico, and the commanding officer of the cutter, who had been on duty at the time, had been notified of the discovery.

Down in the Isthmian Canal Zone steps have been taken to provide for the housing of the employees. The Marine Corps who are now in the Canal Zone are being housed in the new barracks.

Much Activity Displayed by the Order Everywhere. Editor National Tribune: The Circle at Logansport, Ind., recently erected a monument to the "Women of the G. A. R." on the lots they own in the local cemetery.

The Circle at Anoka, Minn., last week was dedicated the new building, the building costing over \$2,000. The Ladies of the G. A. R. of Minnesota own and maintain a colony of Homes at Anoka for veterans and their female relatives.

The Circle at Savelle has recently completed the eighth cottage, and it was dedicated with proper ceremonies. The Circle at Greensburg, Mass., last week assisted in the presentation of flags, Bibles, swords and guns and other necessary paraphernalia for a Camp of the Sons of Veterans.

Mrs. Hannah Coates, the newly elected Department President of Nebraska, tendered a brilliant reception on her return to her home in Aurora, the pleasing feature being the giving of the G. A. R. flag salute by 16 little girls, all blood kin of veterans.

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The Presidents' Association have a new President in the person of Mrs. Mrs. Anna M. H. Coates, who is well known among the National Delegates.

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