

ANDREWS EXPEDITION

Some of the Difficulties Encountered in a Balloon Voyage.

DR. EKHOLM'S IDEA OF THE RESULT

The Balloonist Not Likely to Be Heard From Till Next Summer.

THE PROBABLE COURSE

From the Pittsburgh Press.

Dr. Ekholm recently lectured on Andrew's polar expedition before the Stockholm Anthropological Society, and I submit in translation a brief resume of his lecture, which I think may prove readable even to the American public.

The greatest difficulty during a balloon voyage is to keep the balloon at a proper altitude. The temperature of the hydrogen gas increases materially when the balloon is exposed to the sun, an increase which may amount to 50 degrees...

Drag Rope Navigation.

The drag rope system seems to be the only practical system of balancing a balloon. But it has several drawbacks, chief of which is that the weight and friction of the ropes retard the speed of the balloon...

The Emperor of Germany.

Has Made a Martyr of One of His Opponents.

The government of the German emperor could not do more political sagacity than it does if it were to...

In a Cyclonic Gale.

The balloon journey during the following two days, until the date of the pigeon message, may be explained considering the conditions in arctic regions, as Herr Ekholm has been able to reserve and calculate those conditions.

Leakage of Gas.

Among the different statements regarding loss of gas during the balloon storage only the records made by Gas Manager Stoke, according to the records of the balloon, during nearly eighteen days...

Men and Horses Killed in Battle.

In regular battles the proportion of loss among men and horses is quite close, and in hand-to-hand combats of cavalry, as well as in sharp artillery engagements...

The Literary Atmosphere of Paris.

A certain exaggeration is the "note" of literary talks in Paris. You must not expect the text to mean just what it reads to mean. The talkers do not intend that it shall be expected.

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The Great Russian canal to connect the Baltic and Black seas will be begun in the spring. The minimum waterway is to have a depth of 28 feet 4 inches...

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AMERICA HOLLAND

Dikes in Skagit County, Washington, to Protect the Land.

The Horses Wear Mud Shoes When Plowing and the Soil is Tremendously Rich.

From the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. In this great west-Idaho country, where there is so much wild land, where millions of acres of soil have never felt the touch of the ploughman's share...

THE VIRTUES OF TURQUOISE.

A Number of Precious Stones Now Unknown.

From Table Talk. The turquoise is especially rich in virtues. It is said to cure all the various shades of its turns tell-tale on the capricious and moods of its wearer.

A Christmas Song.

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Her Reward.

Frances Ekin Allen in the Chicago Interior. A throng of women who had served the Lord waited before heaven's gate for their reward.

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RANDOM VERSE.

Remember, Ye, the Poor! Written for The Evening Star. Across the frosty Christmas-tide a mighty chorus rolls.

Clear as the peal of church bells ringing over, And bright as the stars of heaven's sky, Hymned by the myriad choirs of sated and gladdened souls.

"Remember, ye, the Manger's Child at humble Bethlehem. The Crucified who spent His blood to ransom and to save."

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CORNSTALK PITH

It is to Be an Element of National Defense.

Cellulose for Armored Vessels to Be Produced in Large Quantities at a Western Mill.

From the Chicago Record. From a nuisance in farm economy the cornstalk has become a valuable product. It has attained to the dignity of \$4 a ton.

Already there are several thousand tons of the stalks collected and by the time the crop is all in there will be many times as many on hand.

RUSSIA'S PRISON HORRORS.

Using Prisoners in Chains as Beasts of Burden.

From the London News. The presence of a batch of convicts in Odessa, Russia, for deportation to Saghalien, has occasioned the publication of a report on the treatment received by the prisoners in the island.

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