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Balloon Trip From London to France.

The balloon of the Aero Club, which left London Saturday afternoon, crossed the English channel and descended in safety at Bermouville, twenty miles inland in France. The entire time consumed from London to the place of descent was four hours and ten minutes. The occupants of the balloon were Messrs. Pollock and Dale, who are members of the Aero Club of the united kingdom. The name of the balloon is the Vivienne III. A strong northwest gale was blowing during the passage across the channel, which was made in an hour and three-quarters. Once the balloon ascended to 10,000 feet, where a snowstorm was encountered, and the entire airship was incrusted with frost.

Mrs. Grace Taggart in Europe.

Positive information that Mrs. Grace Taggart, divorced wife of Major E. F. Taggart, has fled to Europe to retain custody of the two boys, Culver and "Tiddles," awarded by the courts to the father, came Saturday in a letter to Cincinnati from Miss Rose Rooney, who is Mrs. Taggart's companion on the trip. The letter was mailed in Liverpool. Mail addressed to Mrs. Taggart at Cincinnati has been forwarded to Paris, care the American legation.

EASTERN BASKET WORK

ABBOTT COLLECTION AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM.

The National Museum is busy cataloging and describing the "Abbott Collection" of basketry and other native specimens from the island region westward of Borneo and Sumatra. It is a long operation and one that has aroused the deepest interest, for the collection is one of the most complete and beautiful that has been sent by Dr. Abbott from that part of the world. It is now spread out in the museum galleries and occupies several rooms. There are altogether 537 pieces in the present group, and the mere description will take the experts some time. But Dr. Abbott has accompanied his gift by a complete set of notes, and the museum will be in a position soon to publish a monograph on the little known chain of islands west of Sumatra about which the civilized world has heretofore had but little accurate data. This island chain includes the Island of the Women and a number of others whose peculiar customs and social laws will make interesting matter for consideration. The Island of Women, for instance, is not an Adamless Eden as might perhaps be inferred from the name, but has certain advanced ideas on female supremacy and tribal government that make the more highly civilized places in Colorado and New Zealand look like back numbers and ought to furnish an ideal residence for Susan B. Anthony and Phoebe Cousins.

Specimens of High Grade.

But the most interesting feature of the basket collection from a brutally practical standpoint is that it contains a large number of very high-grade specimens that will be of interest not only to American manufacturers, but to the hosts of amateurs, women and otherwise all over the country who go in for basket-making and straw-plaiting either as a recreation or for profit.

The natives of that part of the world have reached a very high state of proficiency in basket work. They have the material growing to their hand, rattan, bamboo and a number of other pliable fiber plants that lend themselves admirably to this work. In fact, there are a number of the plants used in this collection that it may prove desirable for the Department of Agriculture to investigate with a view to acclimatizing them in the warmer regions of this country or seeing whether there is not something of the same sort already growing in the Philippines or in Porto Rico. Of course, even should some new industry grow in this way out of the present investigation, it would not be a very large or epoch-making affair, but there is a wide enough range of possibility in it to make the work worth following up.

There are all sorts of specimens in the collection. Hats of various sorts, some finished and some only partly made, so that the weave and the material can be more closely studied, baskets of a score of different sorts and shapes, fish traps, carrying panniers and household utensils. There is in the collectio nalmost every sort of material known to basket work, some of it entirely different from anything generally known or used in this country. There is also every conceivable stitch in the weaving from the big octagonal cane seat chair weave that is familiar to every one down to close woven grass and rattan baskets that look more like cloth than like wicker work, with threads as fine as those of a high-grade Panama hat.

Will Be Put on Exhibition.

All of these specimens will ultimately either be put on exhibition or will be placed where they are available for any one who wants to inquire into the subject with a view to getting new ideas on basket work. It is not realized how often the museum's collection is drawn on for ideas by both amateurs and manufacturers. Jewelry experts, cloth and other designers and a score of other artists drop in week after week to see what there is in their own particular line capable of being worked up to advantage. Aboriginal man has a good many basic ideas that are worth the attention of his more highly developed brother and manufacturers are not slow to realize this.

As a single instance, it might be mentioned that the common willow waste basket, such as one sees in every office, and which can be bought for a few cents, is a direct development of one manufacturer's inquiries into California basket making. The basket is a combination of two primitive ideas in weaving, but though it is now turned out by the thousands in cheap manufactured form, it is really an old specimen of artistic handicraft revived and adapted.

There may be similar usable ideas hidden in the present collection and if there are, they will soon be put in a position to use.

Dr. Abbott's Work.

Dr. Abbott is not one of the museum's regular staff, but he is looked upon with much affection and respect by the scientists. He is a man of independent means, a good all round naturalist, a fair artist and keen observer, with a working knowledge of geology, paleontology and the kindred sciences that go to make up an excellent field man. He went to the east a good many years ago and caught the fever of eastern life. On his last trip to Washington he told some of the officials of the museum that he thought at first he would not like the life in the islands, but finally he was like a good many others, the charm of oriental existence dawned on him. He "heard the east a-calling, and can't 'eed nothin' else." He bought himself a yacht over in Burmah and for several years has been going through the almost unvisited islands around Borneo and the Sumatra. He has made a number of collections of great value from an artistic and scientific standpoint and it looks as though he had a long term of usefulness ahead of him in his own peculiar line, which he is following in that little known quarter of the globe.

Display of Captured Colors.

The display in the rotunda of the Capitol of battle flags, standards and colors captured by United States forces from foreign enemies is provided for in a bill introduced in the House recently by Representative McNary of Massachusetts. The bill stipulates that if the rotunda is found not to be a suitable place, a memorial building shall be erected in Washington or at Arlington cemetery to house the trophies. The sum of $10,000 is appropriated. The President, the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy and the chairman of the library committees of the Senate and House are appointed a commission to carry the provisions of the bill into effect.

MEMORIAL FOR KING CHRISTIAN

Private Service for Members of the Royal Family.

There was an impressive memorial service over the body of King Christian in the "garden" room of the palace at Copenhagen, Denmark, last night. All the members of the royal family were present, but otherwise the ceremony was strictly private.

A striking feature of the lying-in-state of the monarch is its extreme simplicity and the abundant evidence of the loving reverence of the members of the royal family, who spend most of their time in the room aranging the flowers and disposing of newly arriving wreaths and floral designs.

Two sentries of the Foot Guard, wearing old-fashioned busbies, stand at the door. The coffin lies in the middle of the room, beneath the gaze of the former Danish kings and queens, whose pictures line the red-tapestried walls. It is covered with two Danish flags and lies amid banks of the rarest flowers and surrounded by wreaths, lilies, pink and white roses, violets, lilies of the valley and carnations.

On the coffin is the brass helmet, with its plume, and the crossed sword and scabbard worn by King Christian when he was the captain of the Danish Horse Guards, the standards of which regiment were planted on either side of the head, flanking two enormous silver candelabra from the collection of the Danish kings at Rosenborg.

A massive silver crucifix stands on a white-covered table, while palms and ferns are arranged in the corners of the room to complete the picture of impressive simplicity. The entire absence of black from the "garden" room is noteworthy. The red walls, gilded window frames and multi-colored flowers, among which the king's favorite Magna Charta rose predominates, completely remove the gloom of the usual death chamber. The whole rather suggests the glorious crowning of an honored life.

This note was also struck by the prayers and sermons in all the churches yesterday in which King Christian was eulogized, not so much as a monarch, but as a splendid pattern for every Christian.

PROPOSED NATIONAL THEATER.

Site in New York City Bought for the Enterprise.

The site for the Conried National Theater, which will also be used as an opera house, was acquired Saturday. It is bounded by Broadway and Central Park West, and takes up the whole block between 62d and 63d streets. The price paid was $750,000.

Mr. Conried will be at the head of the new enterprise, and the theater will be called the National Theater. The plays to be presented are to be the highest standard of art and to represent the best of all nations. The American drama will receive encouragement and comic operas will be presented twice a week.

In the theater there are to be 30 boxes arranged in the shape of a horseshoe. The owner of each box is to pay $100,000 for it, and they are to be the property of the buyers in perpetuity. The holders of these boxes are to be selected by a committee, which is to endeavor to choose people of undoubted social standing. Besides its entertainment feature those who have made possible the theater believe that it should be largely educational. At a greatly reduced price, 25 cents for each performance, 600 seats are to be reserved for students. A committee chosen from the professors of the leading universities will decide what plays are suitable for them to witness.

Plays of modern times are to be passed on by a committee on fashions and manners, and special effort is to be made to have costumes and accessories represent exactly the period of the play. The stock company for the theatrical performances is to use English entirely. Several of the best Greek tragedies are to be presented, and these as well as other plays in foreign languages will be translated and presented in English. The theater is to be completed in time for the season of 1908, when there are to be thirty weeks of plays and operas.

A MURPHY-HEARST TRUCE.

New York Gossip of a Possible Political Treaty.

There has been much quiet talk at Tammany Hall and the city hall in New York in the last few days about a combination between Charles F. Murphy and William R. Hearst to promote the purposes of both. Murphy wishes to remain at the head of Tammany. Hearst, it is said, wants the democratic nominaton for governor. Hearst can help Murphy by instructing his followers to vote for district leaders favorable to Murphy at the next primaries. Murphy can help Hearst by sending a delegation to the state convention which will vote for Hearst for governor. It would be a strong combination—there is no doubt about that—and the talk about it seems to be something more than gossip.

It would be strange, indeed, to see Hearst working for Murphy, after picturing him in his newspapers in prison stripes, with ball and chain attachment, but stranger things have happened in politics. It has been observed lately that the Hearst newspapers have been dealing more gently with Murphy. They have dropped the prison stripes and deal out to him only the ordinary yellow journal abuse and at rather long intervals.

Murphy's newspaper organ on the other hand has no longer a word to say against Hearst. It is too busy attacking Mayor McClellan. Politicians would not be at all suprised if within a few months the Hearst newspapers call the Tammany leader Mister Murphy and refer to him as the "sturdy bulwark of democracy in New York city."

Shah Alarmed Over Revolt in Persia.

According to private advices the picturesque revolutionary movement in Persia is assuming a more acute character. The shah in great alarm summoned his most trusted advisers in Europe in order to consult them as to the best methods for meeting the crisis. A "constitution" has not yet been realized, even on paper. The church party, which includes the all-powerful mullahs, is pressing its advantages to the utmost.

The developments are being watched with interest in diplomatic circles as Persia is one of the pawns in the larger game of international politics.

The Persian minister at St. Petersburg has departed for Teheran.

UNDERGROUND WIRELESS.

Inventor of a New System Proposes to Send Messages to Europe.

An underground telegraph message to Europe is expected to be the next great triumph of Father Joseph Murgas of Wilkesbarre, Pa., whose new system of wireless telegraphy is now in practical operation.

Since the completion of the aerial wireless system and its development to its present stage of perfection Father Murgas has been experimenting with an underground service which he believes will be more valuable than the aerial system. His experiments so far have been limited to short distances with moderate electrical power and shallow holes. But he is now completing underground stations in Wilkesbarre and Scranton and will conduct the experiments on a larger scale.

So far as he has proceeded with this work so successful has his theory of underground wireless telegraphy proved that Saturday he announced he had no doubt of his ability to send an underground message to Europe, and that the experiment will shortly be made, despite the fact that it is estimated it will cost $20,000.

He will require, he says, a shaft 3,000 feet deep in this country and one of similar depth in Europe. Each of these will have to be concreted to render them impervious to dampness, which would destroy the efficiency of the wires with which the sending and receiving apparatus will be connected with the surface. A great deal of power will also be required.

The shafts at Wilkesbarre and Scranton are 300 feet deep and the distance is eighteen miles. The shaft at the former city was completed and partly concreted when it filled with water and another one will have to be bored. The Scranton shaft is now nearly completed.

Father Murgas' wireless system differs from all others in use by dispensing with the Morse system and substituting musical tones, each tone representing a letter or a code word or group of words, so that a speed about ten times as great as the fastest Morse code can be attained.

WORK ON WHARF PIERS.

Preparations for Coming Excursion Season by Steamer Companies.

The work of enlarging the pier used by the River View and Colonial Beach steamers has been started in preparation for the coming excursion season. The passenger shed on the pier is to be made twenty feet longe rand twenty-five feet is to be added to the length of the pier, which will be brought to the harbor lines as laid down by the United States engineers. This addition to the pier has been made necessary in order to make a safe berth for the big steamer St. John's, which will be put on the River View and Colonial Beach route during the coming summer. The St. John's will be brought here early in April. She is 250 feet lon gand will be the largest side-wheel steamer ever in service on the Potomac river.

The overhauling of the pier used by the Mt. Vernon and Marshall Hall steamer has also been started, and in a few days the work of bringing it out to the line of the new ferry house and erecting a new, modern and ornamental office building in keeping with the new buildings recently erected along the river front will be started. The new building will be a two-story structure, with ticket offices and waiting rooms on the ground floor, and the general offices of the company in the second story.

All the wood work has been completed about the new warehouse which, as has been mentioned in The Star, is being built on the K street wharf for the depot quartermaster of the army for the use of the freight shipped on the tug Lieutenant Cushing, running between this city and the Potomac forts, and as soon as the metal which is to cover the sides and roof of the new structure arrives and is put on the building will be ready for the reception of freight.

PURE FOOD BILLS.

Lively Fight Promised Before a Measure is Enacted.

There promises to be a lively fight in Congress over the pure food bill before it comes to a final vote. The opponents of the measure have already shown their hand in the Senate in the resolution of Senator Money to strike out all except the enacting clause of the Heyburn bill and substitute for it a bill prepared by the National Food Manufacturers' Association. There are charges of graft and counter charges of personal egotism and aggrandizement in connection with the several bills already introduced, but it is said that Mr. Hepburn's bill, which is ready but not yet introduced into the House, is about the counterpart of the Heyburn bill in the Senate, both of them being in line with the policy of Dr. H. W. Wiley and the Department of Agriculture. The opponents of the department's bill, it is said, would like to see a measure enacted that would leave the sellers of all misbranded and adulterated goods free to pursue their vocation and ultimately escape on the plea of ignorance, the word "knowingly" having been inserted at several points for this especial purpose.

But the advocates of the Heyburn bill contend that the measure is all right as it stands and that the measure will pass over all substitutes and amendments and that there will not be a dozen votes against it on its final passage.

Absolutism Possible in Hungary.

The negotiations looking to the settlement of the Hungarian situation ended in a complete failure in Vienna yesterday, and Count Julius Andrassy, one of the leaders of the coalition parties, returned to Budapest after a lengthy interview with the emperor-king, who refused to accept the modified program of the coalition. Unless the coalition yields at the last hour this failure to reach an agreement must, it is thought, result in an effort by the crown to establish an absolutism in Hungray.

Unlawful Wearing of Uniform.

A fine of $100 and imprisonment for thirty days is provided by a bill introduced recently by Representative Lafean of Pennsylvania as punishment for the unlawful wearing of the uniform of the army, the navy, the Marine Corps or the revenue cutter service of the United States.

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WORK OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY—PROPOSED LEGISLATION.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

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The session of the general assembly is just three weeks old, and the work is hardly more than under way. The session is limited by the constitution to sixty days, except for emergency. One of the matters which has attracted most attention is the action of the senate in holding up two of the appointees of Gov. Montague. The old administration died with the two nominations "up in the air," as a member said, and the indications are that the senate will adjourn and find the two men named by Gov. Montague unconfirmed and never reappointed. There is a possibility, however, that one of the men, Eugene H. Clowes, will receive favorable consideration at the hands of the senate. A committee has been named to sit in secret and to inquire "into his fitness for the position as director of the state hospital at Williamsburg."

Members of the senate are not saying much, but from hints and expressions used there is ground for the belief that the "charges" concerning Mr. Clowes may be the beginning of a rigid inquiry into the conduct of all state institutions. The real nature of the objection—that is, that which appears on the surface—is that he has voted against appointees of the superintendent of the hospital, one of whom was a former patient (and is now on parole) at another state hospital. It is a fact that the word "graft" has been mentioned in connection with the hospital row, but no name is connected with the use of the word.

The case of Mr. Beazley is different from Mr. Clowes. He is believed to be persona non grata to some of the senators—possibly to some who do not know him. He was severe during the campaign in his attacks on Senator Martin, Mr. Swanson, some of the members of the senate and several state officials. His paper has been filed away with some people for reference, and that reference is being used now. Mr. Beazley attacked a candidate for member of the house last fall, and now that member is making war on the editor. It looks as though Mr. Beazley will be put on the waiting list.

After Patent Medicines.

Delegate E. W. Gaines of Norfolk has offered a bill in the house which is aimed directly at the patent medicines sold in this state. It requires the proprietors of the medicines to print the formulae of the various "tonics" and "blood remedies" offered for sale in the state, and provides that whenever any patent or proprietary medicine shall be sold, offered for sale, given away or distributed, which contains as much or more than 8 per cent of ethyl alcohol, or as much or more than one twenty-fifth of 1 per cent of morphine, heroin, cocaine, or of salts, or of derivations thereof, or as much or more than one-fourth of 1 per cent of chloral hydrate, or any particle of cotton root, ergot, or other abortifacient the fact that such remedies containing the stuff shall be stated, "in plain English, across the top label of the box or package, the facts that it does contain such ingredients, the letters to be in size not less than what is known as eight point, and shall be printed in red."

This, in addition to the formula, is to be printed on the outside wrapper and on the package, box, parcel, or bottle. All packages containing any of the ingredients named are to be labelled plainly that the formulae are given in accordance with the laws of the state, and are to be branded "poison" in type not less than eighteen point in size. The penalties are heavy, ranging from a fine of from $50 to $200 to thirty days to six months in jail.

Must Sell Pure Liquor.

Senator F. S. Tavenner of Shenandoah has offered a bill in the senate which is aimed at the liquor men, and strikes a blow not surpassed by the measure proposed by Delegate Gaines. Senator Tavenner wants to see the liquors sold in the state brought up to the standard of purity, for which the state was famous many years ago. And he proposes to put manufacturers and dealers in jail and to make them pay heavy fines if they violate the provisions of a bill which he has offered, which contains the following language:

"Any person who shall adulterate, for the purpose of sale, any spirituous, alcoholic or malt liquors, used or intended for use as drink or for medicinal purposes, with vitriol, opium, alum, capsicum, copperas, laurel water, logwood, cochineal, sugar of lead, aloes, tannic acid, or any other substance which is poisonous or injurious to health, or any substance not a necessary ingredient to the manufacturer thereof, or whoever offers for sale, keeps for sale, any such liquors so adulterated, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, for the first offense, be fined not exceeding $200, and for each succeeding offense shall be fined not exceeding $300, and confined in the jail of the county or city not less than a year." The bill is now in committee and will be taken up next week.

Monument to Pathfinder of the Seas.

Senator J. Lawrence Campbell of Bedford has offered a bill in the senate to provide for the erection of a monument to Commodore Matthew Fontaine Maury, the distinguished Virginian. The monument is to be placed on Capitol Square and is to cost not less than $20,000, one half of which shall be paid by the state. The state some years ago appropriated $10,000 for a monument to Gen. J. E. B. Stuart, the condition being that it should be placed on Capitol Square. Another point was chosen, and so the money has never been called for. It is now proposed to use that money for a monument to Commodore Maury.

Corporation Commission Muddle.

Some time ago the state corporation commission entered an order directing the removal of Maj. A. S. Lanier, a clerk in the commission. Maj. Lanier is said to have been under the impression that he was removed because of charges made by Chief Clerk Upshur against the assistant clerk, and brought suit, alleging damages. It seems that Lanier got information that letters had passed between the chief clerk and the members, and a rule has been issued against the commission and the attorney general directing them to appear in court and to produce the letters or copies of them.

The trouble began a year ago, and had its origin in the formation of a company which had for its object the obtaining of charters, perfecting charters and doing a sort of general practice before the commission. It is alleged that more than one person connected with the commission was identified with the company, among them Major Lanier. Interest in that company, directly or ind