

RUSSIAN ILLITERACY.

There hardly could be a stronger condemnation of autocracy than the record of illiteracy of the Russian empire. Seventy-five per cent. of the recruits for the army, in which service is compulsory, can neither read nor write.

The new commissioner of Immigration at Ellis Island is doing good service to the immigrants, not only by finding employment for many of them or directing them to eligible localities in which to settle with their families, but also by guarding them from the machinations of designing persons.

Although the battleships Alabama, Maine, Kentucky and Kearsarge are comparatively new additions to the navy, they are all going out of commission for heavy repairs, which in the case of the Maine in particular will amount almost to reconstruction.

"A girl in her teens doesn't know her own mind, and cannot know the heart of the man she marries at that age." Such is the sage contribution of the dowager countess of Cardigan to a discussion now in progress in London as to the ideal age for marriage.

A new airship is being constructed which, in case of accidents, will float like a boat. This is a very wise precaution, and it only remains to add to the next invention a set of wheels so that it can run like an automobile.

In Pittsburg a marriage license has just been issued to a woman 81 years old, mother of 12 children by previous marriage. One of her sons, 62 years old, testified that she was of "legal age."

King Alfonso has stopped the practice of permitting men of means to buy immunity from army service for \$300 apiece, which shows that the riots by his subjects have taught him something.

The British seem to think American pork is of higher grade than Chinese pork, and the latter is boycotted by English consumers.

Another prehistoric lizard has been found, shaped like a lobster. This is drawing the antiquarian string a bit tight.

If the birds are not jealous of man before the season is over the early promises of the aviators do not count for anything.

COOK ARRIVES HOME

BROOKLYNITES TO NUMBER OF 2,000 SAIL DOWN BAY TO GREET DISCOVERER.

WIFE AND FAMILY MEET HIM

After Brief Family Reunion Whole Party Is Transferred to Special Steamer, and in Noisy Naval Parade Steam Into Port.

New York City.—Doctor Cook came into his own Tuesday.

No matter what might be the opinion of anyone else as to the merits of the claim that he was the first white man to reach the North Pole, Brooklyn accepted it as the gospel truth, and that intrepid explorer was given a welcome by his fellows of the City of Churches that delighted his heart.

More than 2,000 enthusiasts took advantage of the opportunity to go down the bay with the reception committee of the Arctic Club of America, which had chartered the big steamer Grand Republic for that purpose, and when the steamer left her pier she was crowded to the gunwales.

Wife Greets Him on Tug.

Preceding the steamer down the bay was a tug, on board of which were Mrs. Cook, wife of the explorer, their two children, Doctor Cook's brother, William, Roswell O. Stebbins and J. Knowles Hare, of the executive committee of the Arctic Club of America.

The two latter were the first to greet Cook as they went aboard of the Oscar II, as soon as she had been passed by the port doctor, and after presenting assurances of support from the Arctic club, escorted him aboard the tug, where he soon had his family enfolded in his arms.

There was a short delay while the members of the explorer's immediate family greeted him in the cabin of the tug and then all hands were transferred to the Grand Republic, which, with its siren wide open, had been floating on the tide with its passengers alternately cheering and pounding on the deck to show their appreciation of the return home of Brooklyn's favorite son.

Coler Welcomes Explorer.

So soon as all hands were on board of the steamer, the trip up the bay was begun, the objective point being Brooklyn, where an enormous crowd had gathered to see and cheer Doctor Cook.

On the up trip speeches were made by Bird S. Coler, president of the Brooklyn borough, and officers of the Arctic club, and when the party arrived at Williamsburg, automobiles were taken to the Bushwick club.

Doctor Cook received his first American greeting half a mile off quarantine from a news service reporter on the tug C. P. Raymond. His first words were an expression of thanks to the American people and a defiance of Commander Robert E. Peary and his charges that the Brooklyn explorer had not discovered the North Pole.

When the tug C. P. Raymond went about and moved alongside the Oscar II, as the latter steamed toward quarantine, Doctor Cook was at breakfast. One of the reporters, using a megaphone, signaled the captain on the bridge of the Oscar II, and sent a message to the explorer, asking him to come on deck.

Reporters Greet Doctor. The tug then moved close alongside and the reporters and photographers clambered on board just as Doctor Cook came up from the dining saloon and reached the promenade deck, forward. He was smiling brightly, the gold in his teeth showing plainly. He wore a dark sack suit and a black derby hat. The first words of Doctor Cook were these:

"I want to send my thanks to the people of the United States for this great and hearty reception and for the great confidence expressed in me. Tell the people that I shall try to make myself worthy of it in every way.

He Has the Proofs.

"I have stated that I reached the North Pole on April 21, 1908. I reiterate that. My proofs of that and everything else will be forthcoming in due time."

"When will you publish these proofs?" Doctor Cook was asked.

"I shall publish them first through the University of Copenhagen. I consider the faculty of that institution entitled to their first perusal," he answered.

"Will you not submit them to some university in the United States?"

"No. I feel bound to submit them to the University of Copenhagen first of all, then the world may have them, the newspapers and everyone else."

Officer Kills Burglar.

Rushville, Mo.—An unknown man was shot and killed by Marshall John Brown while attempting to enter a general store here about midnight. There were three men in the gang, the others escaping.

Pastor Will Permit Smoking.

Dayton, Ohio.—In order to stimulate interest in the afternoon meeting for men, Rev. Thomas W. Cook, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal church here announced that he will permit smoking during service.

TEN MILLIONS TO SEE HUDSON FETE

NEW YORK PREPARES TO HANDLE GREATEST CROWD IN WORLD'S HISTORY.

BIG PARADE OF BATTLESHIPS

Dirigible Balloons to Race From Albany to New York for \$10,000 Prize—Wright and Curtiss to Make Flights.

New York City.—Preparations to handle the greatest crowd that ever gathered in the history of the world have been under way in New York for many months and Saturday, when the Hudson-Fulton celebration, which will last until October 9 and extend from New York to Albany, begins, it is believed 10,000,000 persons will be in New York.

The immense celebration is under the auspices of the Hudson-Fulton celebration commission, which was incorporated to arrange for the "public celebration of the tercentenary of the discovery of the Hudson river by Henry Hudson, in 1609, and the first use of steam in the navigation of said river by Robert Fulton, in the year 1807."

The commission will expend \$500,000 in the advance preparations for the celebration, which is to be participated in by scores of warships from all the leading nations.

60,000 Lights on Four Bridges.

Nearly every great public building in New York has been outlined in electric lights, while 60,000 lights have been strung on the four bridges across the East river and 150,000 are being placed on public buildings, the streets along the Manhattan line of parade and other main streets.

On September 25 and 26 there will be impressive religious services. On Monday, the 27th, the replica of the Half Moon, Hudson's ship, presented to the American people by the Dutch people, will sail out under her own sails to the head of the immense line of warships in the Hudson river. She will be joined there by an exact duplicate of the Clermont, Fulton's ship, which, under her own steam, will make the trip up the river.

The beginning of the great airship and aeroplane flights that are to be a part of the celebration will occur Monday. On Tuesday there will be a monstrous land and water pageant, followed on various days by numberless sports and fetes.

Naval Parade on the Hudson.

On October 1 there will be a great naval parade, one division starting at New York and the other at Albany, meeting at Newburgh. After that, festivities will be held in each of the upriver towns until October 9, ending on the night of the 9th with an immense line of beacon lights which will extend from Staten Island on the south to the head of navigation of the Hudson river, more than 160 miles.

Glenn H. Curtiss and Wilbur Wright, the foremost aviators in the world, have been engaged to give aeroplane flights.

PASTOR'S WIFE FORGIVES

Mrs. W. M. Stuckey Thinks Lorena Sutherland Also Should Be in Jail.

Ottawa, Kan.—Blaming 16-year-old Lorena Sutherland for the downfall of her husband, Mrs. Wallace M. Stuckey is here to visit the pastor-editor of Williamsburg in his cell at the jail, where he is held on a charge of abduction.

"It's too bad to let Miss Sutherland go home while my husband has to stay in jail," said Mrs. Stuckey, weepingly. "That girl is too brazen. She comes back here when she knows she has broken my heart. She is the more guilty of the two. She has caused suffering that can not be told in words."

"I am coming to forgive and forget and to stand by him in all his trouble," continued the clergyman's wife. "He can not do anything that would make me forsake him, and when he is in trouble he needs me most."

Miss Lorena Sutherland, forgiven by her family for her escapade with her pastor at Chicago and Waukegan, Ill., is in her own home, helping to nurse her sick father.

Ship Roosevelt Birthplace of Two.

North Sydney, N. S.—True to the spirit of him for whom she was named, the Roosevelt was a nursery at Cape Sheridan, for while Commander Peary was en route to the pole two Eskimo babies were born. Dr. Goodsell was away, but Eskimo mothers do not require the services of a physician.

Indiana Methodists to Meet.

Washington, Ind.—The Indiana Methodist conference, said to be the largest Methodist conference in the United States, is in session here. The conference has 361 members enrolled, and a lay membership of 100,000. It embraces all of the southern half of the state, including Indianapolis, and has churches valued at \$2,913,087, according to the report of the conference treasurer last year. Bishop William Frazer McDowell of Chicago presided at the conference.

BIDS GOODBY TO WIFE AND DIES

MINNESOTA EXECUTIVE TALKS AN HOUR WITH HER BEFORE BREATHING LAST.

HE HAD MADE A BRAVE FIGHT

Was Popular Idol of State, Being the First American to Be Elected Chief Executive of State—A Republican Successor.

Rochester, Minn.—John Albert Johnson, three times governor of Minnesota, and in 1908 a candidate for the Democratic nomination for president of the United States, died at St. Mary's hospital at 3:25 Tuesday morning, after five days of intense suffering, following an operation.

The governor had been barely alive for hours, and Mrs. Johnson was at her husband's bedside when the end came. She had been almost constantly with him since the operation, and



JOHN ALBERT JOHNSON.

her friends fear she will collapse. The end came peacefully and the executive was in full possession of his faculties practically all the time, right up to the minute of his death.

The splendid courage of the governor and his marvelous fight for life in the face of terrible odds proved an inspiration to those who were near him at the end.

Shortly after midnight Gov. Johnson began to have short lapses into unconsciousness. At first they were very brief, and at other times his mind was fairly clear.

In the room were Mrs. Johnson, Miss Margaret Sullivan, Mrs. Johnson's bosom friend; Miss Jamme, head nurse of St. Mary's hospital; Miss Powderly, a nurse, and Dr. C. F. McNevin.

Dr. Will J. Mayo had been in and out of the sick room and the hospital all night, but was not present at the time of Gov. Johnson's death.

Just as Gov. Johnson was lapsing into the final period of unconsciousness at 1:20 a. m. he shook hands with each of those present at the bedside and bade each good-bye. The hour previous he had spent in saying good-bye to his wife. At no time did he ask whether he was going to live or die. He seemed to realize that the end had come.

With Day was Fred B. Lynch, Democratic national committeeman. They had reached Rochester about 10 o'clock Monday night. For about an hour, beginning shortly after midnight, Gov. Johnson talked steadily to his wife.

"I guess I'm going, Norah," he said time after time. He held his wife to him, stroking her hands and face.

Two Hurt in Wreck Are Dead.

Little Rock, Ark.—Two of those injured in the Iron Mountain wreck at Farrell, 20 miles south of here, died. They are Robert S. Yopst, an engineer, of Argenta, and Stephen Evans, a Cotton Belt boiler maker, of Argenta.

Miner Killed by Rock at Bevier.

Bevier Mo.—Battista Taglian, 18 years old, a coal miner at mine No. 8, at the Northwestern Coal and Mining company, was instantly killed by a fall of rock in the mine.

Church Editor Is Jailed.

Sioux City, Ia.—Rev. J. J. Clifton, 60 years old, editor of the Progressive West, an interdenominational church publication, is locked in the city police station, charged with attempting to attack Gracie Mable, 4 years old, daughter of D. G. Mable.

Chloral Kills Fireman.

Jacksonville, Ill.—Samuel Fenstermaker, a member of the Fenestaker, a member of the city fire department, died here from an overdose of chloral taken to relieve headache.

MISSOURI NEWS

Dies in Officer's Arms. Moberly.—John Cameron of this city fell dead at Union station while waiting to take a train to St. Louis. He was taken suddenly ill at the Wabash foundry and arrangements were made to take him to St. Louis at once. Officer John Patterson was assisting him to the depot. Mr. Cameron and Officer Paterson had just reached the station when Cameron fell back in the officer's arms and expired.

She Rides in Auto at 100. Carthage.—The celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Mrs. Polly Moody was held near this city, and was attended by 1800 or 2000 persons. Mrs. Moody's ambition was to live to be 100 years old and to ride in an automobile on her one-hundredth birthday day, both of which were realized.

Congressman's Son Dies.

Jefferson City.—Hall Shackelford, son of Congressman D. W. Shackelford, died here at 2 o'clock Tuesday morning of typhoid fever. He was the only son. The remains will be taken to Boonville for interment.

Murder Trial Leads to Carthage.

Carthage.—Chief of Police G. Lange of Pittsburg, Kan., and W. J. True, prosecuting attorney of Cherokee county, Kan., who have been working on the murder of Mrs. Nellie May Luke, of Pittsburg, who was found beaten to death with an iron bolt on August 31, have been in this city, and much of their time has been spent in Jasper county, Kan.

Maryville Wants Curtiss.

Maryville.—The Maryville Commercial club instructed Secretary G. A. Pickens to write to St. Louis and ascertain if it would be possible to secure Glenn Curtiss, the world's champion aviator, for a series of flying machine exhibitions as a sort of fall carnival which would be Maryville's treat to the country far and wide.

Two Die in Pistol Duel.

Neosho.—Henry Estes, one of the prominent farmers of this county, residing near Newton, was trading in that city, when Ben Marshall, desperate character in that community, started a quarrel with him. Both drew their pistols and fired at the same moment. Neither lived more than five minutes.

Girl Who Aided Prisoners Dying.

Nevada.—Ada Depratt, the 15-year-old girl who passed a steel saw into the county jail here to two prisoners, Jess Cherry and James Drew, with whom she had become infatuated and intended fleeing with had they escaped, and who shot herself, is lying at the home of a sister in this city in a critical condition. The attending physicians say there is no hope for her recovery and refuse to let her talk, although she seems anxious, it is said, to tell her side of the story.

Island Duellist Shot 197 Times.

St. Louis.—One hundred and ninety-seven shot were removed by physicians at the city hospital from the body of Ed A. Malkorn, who was wounded in a duel with John Robitoux on Arsenal island, opposite the foot of Cherokee street. Two bullets were imbedded in the brain of Robitoux, and these were also removed. The condition of each man is serious.

Killed by Dynamite Blow-Up.

Unionville.—Walter Burnhart, 32 years old, was killed by the accidental discharge of five pounds of dynamite. He was working with a gang of men constructing a new telephone line. The pole holes were being excavated with dynamite. A sack containing ten sticks of dynamite carried by him was accidentally discharged. His body was mangled.

Boy Is Record Bean Grower.

St. Louis.—James Moore, youthful agriculturist, at present holds the record in the State of Missouri for the cultivation of giant string beans. James is 12 years old and devotes all his spare time to the growth of fancy vegetables in the back yard of his home at No. 4018 Ashland place. The giants of this season's crop, as culled from the boy's pet bean vine, measures 36 inches from tip to tip, beating the record established two weeks ago by five and three-quarter inches.

Ten Years For Murder.

Kennett.—Leslie Cox, who, on July 4, 1908, at Malden, shot and killed Joe Scales, pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree and was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

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Grants Cape Girardeau Requisition.

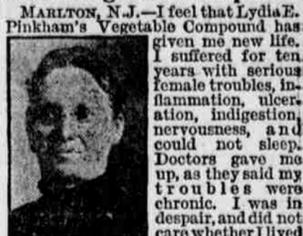
Springfield, Ill.—Governor Deneen has honored the requisition of Governor Hadley of Missouri for the return to Cape Girardeau of A. B. Hawkins, under arrest at Salem, Ill. Hawkins is wanted for furnishing prisoners with tools for escape.

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AFTER SUFFERING TEN YEARS

Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound



MARLTON, N.J.—I feel that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has given me new life. I suffered for ten years with serious female troubles, inflammation, ulceration, indigestion, nervousness, and could not sleep. Doctors gave me up, as they said my troubles were chronic. I was in despair, and did not care whether I lived or died, when I read about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; so I began to take it, and am well again and relieved of all my suffering. Mrs. George Joppy, Box 40, Marlton, N.J. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from native roots and herbs, contains no narcotics or harmful drugs, and to-day holds the record for the largest number of actual cures of female diseases we know of, and thousands of voluntary testimonials are on file in the Pinkham laboratory at Lynn, Mass., from women who have been cured from almost every form of female complaints, inflammation, ulceration, displacements, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, indigestion, and nervous prostration. Every suffering woman owes it to herself to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial. If you would like special advice about your case write a confidential letter to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. Her advice is free, and always helpful.

From Overhead. A canopy hung directly over the big square table in the Hungarian restaurant.

"Once," said a woman who was dining there, "the bottom dropped out of the cage, the bird flew at the orchestra yonder, and we had bird seed in our soup. It was awful."

"That reminds me," said the cross-eyed man, "of one time when we were having a little game of poker on the B. & O. You know how those trains roll. Well, just about the middle of the game down came all the grips and dress suit cases straight into the kiddy and broke up the game. Money flew everywhere. We got so mixed we couldn't tell which had won or where the money was that whoever had won it won. Talk about bird seed!"

Carnations Go to Sleep.

Florists often suffer losses through a habit carnations have of sometimes "going to sleep" and never opening again. A series of experiments made in the Hull botanical laboratory and described in the Botanical Gazette makes it seem probable that this "sleep" is caused by the effect of illuminating gas, to which, even in very small quantities, these flowers are surprisingly sensitive.

Its Troubles.

The family skeleton complained. "I wouldn't mind being exhibited once in awhile," said the skeleton, articulating with difficulty through its set teeth, "but they air me so frequently in the courtroom, where the air is always notoriously bad."

But who ever thinks of looking at such exhibitions from the family skeleton's point of view?

Dodging Work.

"It's too hot to do housework," sighed the wife.

"I know it is."

"Let's go and spend a few days with the Browns at their summer cottage. They'll be tickled to death to have us."

THE DOCTOR'S WIFE

Agrees with Him About Food.

A trained nurse says: "In the practice of my profession I have found so many points in favor of Grape-Nuts food that I unhesitatingly recommend it to all my patients."

"It is delicate and pleasing to the palate (an essential in food for the sick), and can be adapted to all ages, being softened with milk or cream for babies or the aged when deficiency of teeth renders mastication impossible. For fever patients or those on liquid diet I find Grape-Nuts and albumen water very nourishing and refreshing."

"This recipe is my own idea and is made as follows: Soak a teaspoonful of Grape-Nuts in a glass of water for an hour, strain and serve with the beaten white of an egg and a spoonful of fruit juice for flavoring. This affords a great deal of nourishment that even the weakest stomach can assimilate without any distress."

"My husband is a physician and he uses Grape-Nuts himself and orders it many times for his patients."

"Personally I regard a dish of Grape-Nuts with fresh or stewed fruit as the ideal breakfast for anyone—well or sick."

"In any case of stomach trouble, nervous prostration or brain lag, a 10 day trial of Grape-Nuts will work wonders toward nourishing and rebuilding and in this way ending the trouble."

"There's a Reason," and trial proves. Look in pkgs. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.