

POWER FROM FALLS.

More of Niagara's Energy to Be Soon Utilized.

Americans Secure Rights on Canadian Side and Will Establish a New Generating Plant of Immense Size.

Another great step in the utilization of Niagara power is announced by the Electrical World and Engineer. On the American side of the falls the Niagara Falls Power company has long had in operation 11 dynamos, each driven by its own turbine, and developing 5,000 horse-power.

PROF. M'GEE'S BIG WORDS.

Government Scientist Who is Said to Write in "Words of One Sentence."

One of the scientific officers of the government has made a bit among his companions by declaring that Prof. W. J. McGee has written an article in "words of one sentence."

In fact, Prof. McGee, who is at present in charge of the bureau of American ethnology, is said to have the largest and most complicated vocabulary of any man in America, and generally makes use of it all, and adds something to it.

HUMOR IN OFFICIAL REPORTS.

The English Post Office Department Unconsciously Causes a Generous Smile.

It is not often that an official report, either in England or in other countries, may be classed as a humorous publication. Now and then, however, stray gleams of humor are to be found in such publications.

PHONES AID IN WOLF HUNT.

How and Cry of the Beasts Over the Wires Summons Farmers and One of the Beasts is Killed.

Rural telephones were put to a new use in the country northwest of Aurora, Ill., the other day, when the hue and cry for a wolf hunt went over the wires and brought farmers out of their houses to scour the woods.

SNOW KILLS MICROBES.

Chicago Health Department Proves the Purifying Effects of the "Beautiful."

Experiments recently made by the health department of Chicago show that a snowstorm sweeps the atmosphere clean of many of its germs.

OLD COIFFURE MAY BE WORN.

There seems to be a probability of the revival of the old style of coiffure in London this season.

FOOLED HER MALE COLLEAGUES.

Mlle. Chauvin, the woman barrister, has played a fine trick on her male colleagues at Paris.

A GOLD MINER'S EXPOSITION.

An extensive exposition is proposed by the people of Victoria, Australia, to be held at Bendigo at the end of this year to commemorate the discovery of gold in 1851.

HAYTIAN TOBACCO.

Haiti, situated in nearly the same latitude as Cuba, will soon rival it in its production of fine grades of tobacco.

ARMY - NAVY PLANS.

Joint Maneuvers to Take Place Some Time Next August.

The First Line of Defense of New York City to Be Made the Point of Attack by the Navy with Army on the Defensive.

Army officers are hard at work on the programme for joint military and naval maneuvers next August. The conditions of war will be simulated as far as possible, and for these reasons the details which the services engaged will work out before the maneuvers take place will be kept secret as far as possible.

The general plan of the maneuvers provide for naval operations against the first line of defense of New York city, in the vicinity of the eastern end of Long Island sound.

It is contemplated that a simultaneous attack will be made against the defenses of Naragansett bay, which consists of Forts Adams, Greble and Wetherill, and possibly against Fort Rodman, which commands the entrance to Buzzard's bay and the Harbor of New Bedford.

The purpose of the attempt to take Naragansett bay is to secure a naval base for future operations against New York. Upon the failure of this attempt efforts will be made to pass Fort Rodman and secure Buzzard's bay for the same purpose.

Two artillery districts and an independent element will be involved in the defense. One district will consist of a New London group of fortifications and the Naragansett bay fortifications will constitute the other, while Fort Rodman will be an independent command.

Preparations are being made by the signal corps of the army for establishing connections between the commanding officers of the artillery districts and the various defensive units of his district, for the purposes of fire control and for other purposes.

LAUD YANKEE BOOKBINDING.

British Authors Express Their Views Freely in the Carlton Magazine.

Severe denunciation of British book-binding and uncomplimentary comparisons with American binding form a feature of the opinions expressed in the Carlton Magazine by British authors.

Edin Phillips complains: "My books are always dead flat and tame in their English covers, and nearly always bright and attractive as bound in America."

Israel Zangwill says: "Some new books are properly printed because their authors give special order, but the majority are only described as shoddy."

Bernard Shaw declares: "Well-printed books are just as scarce as well-written ones, and every author should remember that the most costly books in the world derive their value from the craft of the printer and not the genius of the author."

AMERICAN SHOW IN LONDON.

Exposition of Our Products and Industries to Be Held at Crystal Palace This Year.

Alfred E. Post, the United States commissioner of the exclusively American exposition which is to be held in the London Crystal palace from May to October, this year, in an interview, said:

"The success of the exposition, as far as regards an abundance of exhibits, is assured, applications having already been received for more than 75 per cent of the available space. What is desired, however, is a truly representative exposition, embracing all sorts of American manufactured goods.

The London advisory committee comprises Sir Joseph Dimsdale, lord mayor of London; the duke of Sutherland, the marquis of Tweeddale, the earl Gray, the earl of Crewe, Viscount Duncannon, Sir Dudley Baines Forwood, bart; Alderman Sir Frank Green, late lord mayor of London; Sir Douglas Fox, formerly president of the British Institute of Civil Engineers; Sir Henry Irving, Winston Churchill, M. P.; Ernest H. Forwood and Alderman Joseph Lawrence, M. P., president of the Edison ore milling syndicate."

A HAT CHAIN LETTER.

Harvard Graduate Becomes Victim of Friends and Has Headgear Enough to Start Store.

Chester W. Bliss, assistant superintendent of the Boston & Albany division of the New York Central system, a Harvard graduate and son of William Bliss, president of the Boston & Albany corporation, remarked at the last Yale-Harvard football game to several friends who objected to his headgear that they could buy him a new hat.

The suggestion was acted upon and a "chain letter" was sent out. As a result hats of every description addressed to Mr. Bliss have been pouring into the Springfield (Mass.) post office from all parts of the country.

Every incoming mail brought its quota of hats until the post-office storage room was exhausted. The clerks say that over 1,000 hats have arrived and that they are still coming. They vary in style from the silk hat to the Tam O'Shanter, and come from Chicago, St. Louis and other western cities as well as from the east.

WILL USE THE ANCIENT MACE.

Curious Scepter Which Will Be Employed in the Coronation of King Edward.

"Since the lord mayor laid claim to the privilege of carrying the crystal and silver scepter or mace at the coronation there has been a great deal of interest displayed by Londoners to know the significance of this scepter and what it is like, for it is no exaggeration to say that not one of 100,000 was aware that this curious and ancient relic was still in existence.

There is no record of the period when this curious relic was made. It is evident that it has been altered from time to time, but in its present shape it has been assigned to the early part of the fifteenth century.

ROMAN RELICS IN GERMANY.

Some Interesting Discoveries That Have Been Made While Digging a Canal at Treves.

The new work on the canal at Treves brings to light some relic almost daily of Roman antiquity. A short time ago a magnificent tessellated pavement was discovered at a depth of four meters.

WINE AS FEED FOR HORSES.

Viticulturists in France have just tried experiments in feeding draught animals with bran mixed with wine, which seems to be successful. It appears that poor wine can be used to replace oats as food, weight for weight, a pound of wine for a pound of oats.

NEW CURE FOR TOBACCO HABIT.

The latest cure at Paris for smoking too much is to use cigarettes made of coffee leaves. They are not unpleasant, can be smoked without injury, and produce an unconquerable aversion to tobacco.

COLD-WAVE WARNING.

In case of a cold-wave warning, 100,000 telegrams are often distributed within a few hours, and the weather bureau claims that in one instance \$3,400,000 worth of property was saved.

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

Queen Anne of England was so reduced from her love of beauty that her not too respectful subjects called her "Brandy Nana."

Bavaria's legislature has surprised Germany by passing a bill limiting the number of magistrates in the kingdom who may be Jews.

Duvis de Chavannes' pictures are increasing in price. At the Weber sale in Paris a sketch, "Ludus pro Patria," brought \$8,000, "La Famille," \$2,100, and a pastel, "L'Enfant Prodigue," \$2,000.

At Montalto, in the province of Genoa, in tearing down an old church a small underground room was found full of art objects of the Roman time, chiefly chased silver amphorae and vases filled with gold and silver coins.

Overland telegraphic communication across Africa is almost attained. The Cape to Cairo wires have reached Ujiji on Lake Tanganyika. They have only to extend to the north end of the lake and then to the Albert Nyanza, which is connected with the Soudanese and Egyptian lines.

It is said that in France 85,000,000 picture postcards pass through the post office annually. That country takes the lead of all others. Austria-Hungary coming next with 31,000,000. The total in circulation throughout the world in one year is said by experts to be 2,500,000,000.

Divorce is very easy in Turkey and does not require a judge and jury to settle matrimonial troubles. All that is necessary is for the injured party to say: "I divorce you," three times, and the deed is done.

Boysling seems on the way to join roller skating in France as an extinct craze, and the big "velodromes," like the links, are empty. An attempt is being made to turn them into open-air theaters for classic plays and operas.

WERE NEVER CROWNED.

Seven of the Royal Women of England Who Never Wore a Diadem.

England has had many royal women queens in their own rights and queens by virtue of marriage, with the reigning sovereign, but it is not generally known that seven of the women who are known in history as queens were not so in fact, says a London paper.

King Henry VIII. took care that Anne Boleyn should be crowned with extreme magnificence. He desired to show the world how much he loved her and how very much he valued the bishop of Rome.

Henrietta Maria, wife of Charles I. refused to be crowned. She was young, she was pretty, she was a French princess and a bigoted Roman Catholic and she declined to take part in a state function which would compel her to partake of the sacrament according to Church of England rites.

Sophia Dorothea of Zell cannot be reckoned among the seven, because she was never called queen of England at all. While George I. was being crowned and anointed, and before the Lady of Alhden was pining in her long, monotonous captivity.

Caroline of Brunswick is the last, and most remarkable, instance of the uncrowned English queens. Though George IV. had been forced from popular indignation to give up the bill of pains and penalties against her, nothing would induce him to let her share in his coronation.

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HER BISCUIT EXPLODED.

Newark (N. J.) Girl Will See Company for Loss of Teeth in an Unusual Accident.

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INDIAN NOBILITY IN SCHOOL.

Two Descendants of Sioux Aristocracy Attend Commercial College at Omaha.

Two Indian boys of aristocratic blood have recently come to Omaha, Neb., to attend a commercial college. In their veins flows the blood of the last of the Sioux Indian princesses and Col. Charles Percival Jordan, the noted Indian scout and fighter and cousin of Gen. Custer and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant.

It was to Col. Jordan that Crazy Horse surrendered after the Custer massacre, thus paving the way for the opening of the Sioux nation to civilization. As an Indian fighter Col. Jordan had no superiors, and his services in that capacity and as an Indian scout were rewarded by President Arthur, who made him a colonel in the regular army without enlistment.

When Col. Jordan learned that his old friend of the frontier, John W. Evans, resided in Omaha, he opened communication with the Evans family, which resulted in his two sons, Edward and Willie, the former known on the reservation as Spotted Horse, being sent to Omaha to school, they having already secured the advantages of the common school. The boys are respectively 19 and 17 years of age.

A BLIND BANK PRESIDENT.

Man Sightless for Fourteen Years, Successfully Conducts Affairs of New Jersey Institution.

Probably the only bank in the United States, if not in the world, that has a blind man for president is the Second national bank of Orange, N. J., the directors of which recently elected Hubert L. Pierson its executive head.

Mr. Pierson is a man of wealth, and, notwithstanding his infirmity, conducts a large business in South Orange, where his home is. He owns two flour and feed mills and personally manages them, besides attending to affairs in his office. He also is an investor in real estate, and owns large pieces of property in the town, and he makes and keeps track of investments in other lines. Mr. Pierson has been blind for 14 years.

WEDS BY PHONOGRAPHER.

Young Ohio Couple Overcomes the Dilemma Into Which Smallpox Had Plunged Them.

Miss Nellie Stone, of Ottawa, and J. F. Dimean, of Oswego, N. Y., were married at Toledo, O., the other day under the most trying circumstances. They had been engaged for some time and the bride-to-be went to Oswego to have the ceremony performed. She stopped with a family, one of whose members was suddenly stricken with smallpox.

The quarantine of the house put the young couple in a quandary. Finally a phonograph was taken to the young woman. She spoke her marriage vows into the machine and it was taken to the office of the health department, where it was disinfected.

Armed with the phonograph Duncan sought a minister and made the responses in the marriage service, while the brass transmitter ejected the vows of the Ohio girl and they were pronounced man and wife. The bride is a contributor to eastern papers and the groom is a newspaper man.

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The long lost bust was discovered in a cavity of a wall, where it had been bricked up nearly 40 years ago. It was hardly anything the worse for its long confinement.

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