

SMOKELESS WARSHIP NEXT.

Wetland... Engine Expected to Solve the Problem.

New York. The possibility of the adoption of internal combustion engines for the propulsion of battleships has been discussed...

England's experiments, it is claimed, have been so successful that a huge battleship 540 feet long...

If the reports are correct, the vessel is designated for a speed of 23 miles an hour and will carry an armament of 12 guns of 13.5-inch caliber...

The advantages of the internal combustion engine over steam power are numerous. There will be no smoke to draw the attention of the enemy...

It is the absence of funnels, however, that will cause the most radical change in the exterior appearance of the war dogs. Except for masts, bridges and conning towers...

FRATERNITY BOYS DUCK GIRLS

Get Even with Sorority High School Members for Not Being Invited to Slumber Party.

Logansport, Ind.—Sorority high school girls to the number of an even dozen, in attendance on a slumber party at the residence of Miss Beulah Vernon...

The girls were asleep on the floor, in chairs and on couches in the parlor, and the boys attached a hose to the hydrant in the front yard...

The boys ran, but if they are found out they will be turned over to their mothers for a spanking.

DUMB THROUGH STAGE FRIGHT

Young Singer Breaks Down in Middle of Song Through Some Disease as Yet Unknown.

New Bedford, Mass.—Whether Charles J. B. Paquette, a young singer who broke down while singing at the Pastime theater in Boston...

Dr. Alphonse Normandin of this city has twice examined the young man and says that he can find nothing at all wrong with his vocal cords...

A Fall River specialist, after examining Paquette, declares he was stricken dumb from some mysterious cause, which as yet he has been unable to fathom.

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PATHOS IN REUNION

Brothers Thought Each Other Dead for Sixty-Two Years.

They Meet in the Hoosier State for the First Time Since the Battle of Cerro Gordo in the Mexican War.

Nashville, Ind.—When Everett Johnson came here from St. Louis to visit his brother, Charles, the final chapter was written in a romance that was brought about by strange combinations and circumstances.

The reunion of the two aged brothers was brought about by the sweethearts of their boyhood days. Charles Johnson is 81 years old and Everett is 80.

It was in West Virginia, their native state, that the romance began. There, while the two brothers were still mere lads, they began courting two young women of their own age, Miss Woods and Miss Asbury.

After many exciting experiences in which the two brothers were ever ready to sacrifice for each other, the eve of the battle of Cerro Gordo arrived.

Before entering the battle each promised that in case either was injured the other would stay by him until he recovered or until death relieved his suffering.

Charles gradually recovered, and after receiving his discharge went to New Orleans, where he engaged in business. At the beginning of the civil war he enlisted in the confederate army and at the close he went to the southern part of Indiana, where he was married.

After the Mexican war Everett Johnson went to California, where he made his fortune in the gold fields. He married and was prosperous.

The meeting of the two brothers was pathetic. With tears streaming down their cheeks they kissed each other.

PROTECTS THE RARE BIRDS.

Australian Government Prohibits Their Importation from Papua, Except for Scientific Uses.

London.—The Australian government informed James Buckland, whose work for the preservation of vanishing species of birds is well known, that a customs proclamation has been issued prohibiting the importation into the commonwealth from the territory of Papua of birds of paradise, goura pigeons and opepreys.

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Doctor Rebukes Church. Middletown, N. Y.—The people of the city are laughing over the controversy between the First Congregational church and Dr. J. B. Hulett, whose property adjoins.

YOUTH A HOPELESS FIREBUG.

Michigan Boy Has Strange Mania for Starting Fires, and Says: "Ain't It Nice?"

Ithaca, Mich.—Gratiot county has a seven-year-old firebug in Arthur Bobber, son of Richard Bobber, a Both-way township farmer.

Ever since he has been able to toddle around, say the parents, Arthur has had a liking for flames and took especial delight in starting them himself.

On several occasions he has started fires in buildings near his home, but they were discovered in time to prevent serious damage being done.

One day recently he was passing the house of Charles Mills, a neighbor, and spied a box of matches on the window sill, inside the house.

San Francisco.—A single bush containing a hundred varieties of roses! That is the ambition of George Shima, better known as the California "potato king," one of the wealthiest Japanese in the state.

Shima's dream may come true. With infinite care Hugo Lillenthal, Berkeley horticulturist and landscape gardener, founder of the Juvenile Horticultural society, is pruning, trimming and grafting in an effort to produce the wonder bush.

Then he began the planting of a garden. Lillenthal was employed. Now Shima's garden is rapidly becoming talked of throughout Berkeley.

But the wealthy Japanese was not satisfied. He wanted something different from his fellows. So he conceived the idea of a rose bush bearing 100 varieties.

It can be done, said Lillenthal. Go ahead and produce it, then, said Shima.

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MUCH TIMBER LEFT

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Original Forests of Country, Which in Quantity and Variety Exceeded Those of Any Other Region on Globe Being Depleted.

Washington.—The annual report of the forestry bureau as to the timber supply of the United States indicates that a prodigal use of that product is still going on, despite the publicity given and the widespread interest in national conservation of all resources.

The original forests of the United States, which in the quantity and variety of their timber exceeded the forests of any other region of similar size on the globe, have been reduced by cutting, clearing and fire from an acreage of 850,000,000 to one of not more than 550,000,000, with a total stand of some 2,500,000,000 board feet.

Most of our forests are private property. About one-fifth of the standing timber in the country is held by the federal government in national parks and on the unreserved public domain, and by the states in state reserves or other state lands.

The private forests are of two distinct classes, (1) farmers' woodlots and (2) large holdings, either individual or corporate. The woodlots are chiefly scattered and detached remnants of the original forests.

The value of the forest products of the United States in 1907, the last year for which detailed data are available, was approximately \$1,240,000,000.

The fact that timber has been cheap and abundant has made us careless of its production and reckless of its use. We are cutting our forests three times as fast as they are growing.

The necessity for more farm land may eventually reduce our total forest area to 100,000,000 acres less than it is at present. It is entirely possible, however, to produce on 450,000,000 acres as much wood as a population much greater than we have now will really need if all the forest land is brought to its highest producing capacity and if the product is economically and completely utilized.

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WOMEN PLAN WAR AIRSHIP.

Women's Aer. League of England to Build One for Defense of Empire and Made as Home.

London.—An important movement associating the women of the empire with aviation in Great Britain was launched when a public meeting in support of the Women's Aer. League was held at the Society of Arts rooms, Lady O'Hagan presiding.

"We hope," said Lady O'Hagan, "to present to the nation an airship of British design, made by British workmen, of British materials, from the women of the empire in defense of the British empire."

Mrs. Tree moved a resolution— which was carried with enthusiasm— warmly approving the league "in speak," she said, "as one not only devoid of any particle of scientific knowledge, but also, to my shame, as one altogether unversed in the great subject of aviation; though, being a woman, nature has naturally made me somewhat flighty."

The league has nothing to do with any political party or with the ragged army of female fire eaters. We hope to build a British airship, followed by a fleet—or shall I say a flight—of airships.

An objection was taken by Maj. Baden-Powell to the use of a French airship in England. "The idea now seems to be," he said, "to get a French airship built regardless of cost, but what good will that do us? It is better to have a British airship, British built and British owned. One is not enough, we want 50. It is better to develop this industry than to buy from the foreigner."

Col. Massey prophesied that England would require a dozen airships within the next six months.

New York.—Thomas, son of Thomas and Maria, attached to the West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street police station as discourager of rats and mice, proved his honesty and earned the highest praise of Lieut. McNulty and the everlasting gratitude of Mrs. Helen Dorn of 1332 Amsterdam avenue.

Mrs. Dorn's son George, 18, was arrested for playing baseball in the street and locked up in the West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street station, which is quite a busy place.

Four hours later Mrs. Dorn returned, greatly distressed. She said she had lost a \$10 bill, and thought she must have dropped it when she took out the money to pay George's fine. Every one began to look for it at once, but it could not be found.

Then it was that Thomas came to the front. With a deft swipe of his dexter paw he knocked a little round green ball in front of Mrs. Dorn and sprang after it with graceful bound, Mrs. Dorn held high in the air.

Mrs. Dorn picked up the little green ball and found it was her missing \$10 bill.

Paris.—The diamonds which a French manufacturer, Vicomte de Bolsmeu, claims to have artificially produced and which have been submitted for examination to a committee of the Academie des Sciences aided by other experts, are said to be so small that it would take about 100 of them to weigh a carat.

The largest is worth only about 75 cents. Since it costs \$75 to \$100 to produce each stone, the discovery, however genuine, has no commercial value.

Such, at least, is the opinion of the experts engaged in the investigation.

London.—A few days ago a man was run over and killed at Wolverhampton, and at the inquest a Walsall woman had no hesitation in identifying the body as that of her husband, John Bates.

Three days later, however, the woman was astounded to receive a letter from her husband, who, it appeared, had gone to Stourport to work at fruit picking.

Not only was there a remarkable resemblance in the form and features of the two men, but the clothes and small articles in the possession of the unknown man were almost identical with those of the real John Bates.

Defends Americans in the Congo. Brussels.—M. Vandervelde, the socialist leader, announced that he will go to the Congo to defend the American missionaries, Rev. Dr. William M. Morrison and Rev. Dr. William Henry Sheppard, who are under indictment there for criminally libeling the Kasai Rubber Company, a Congo Free State corporation.

DEAR OLD SPANISH SWINDLE.

South Dakota Victim of the Ancient Legacy Trick to Have \$1,200 Returned to Him.

Mailed.—The Spanish swindling agencies which have flourished in all parts of the world with stories of buried treasure and legacies continue to find victims in the United States.

A decoy letter signed C. Burrell Lopez informed Jones that a relative had died in a Spanish prison, leaving a daughter in a Spanish convent. A large fortune had been found concealed in his baggage, and the man's dying request was that the relative in South Dakota would give his daughter a home and take over the management of his fortune.

The address of C. Burrell Lopez was known, and the authorities opened the letter.

Two months ago a young lawyer from the state of Washington mortgaged his home, and with \$8,000 sewed in his undershirt, left his home to receive an involved legacy.

After the lawyer left New York nothing was heard of him for several months, and his wife became frightened, fearing that he had been killed. It was reported later he returned home.

Archaeologist Discovers Wonderful Caverns in Arizona Containing Natural Bridges of Beauty.

Denver, Col.—That mammoth cavern, containing caverns large enough in which to place a city office building, with natural stone bridges exceeding in beauty and grandeur those of Utah and Virginia, exist in northwestern Arizona, is officially announced by Prof. Edgar L. Hewett, director of the branch of the School of American Archaeology at Santa Fe, N. M.

Stories of the existence of these wonderful natural caverns have been told by Indians of that section for centuries, but were thought by white men to be merely legends of the aborigines.

Carrying out his determination to explore the region, Prof. Hewett organized an expedition which started from Gallup, N. M., and after a seven-day's journey by pack mule, the caverns were reached.

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Fortune Found in Bustle. Fort Plain, N. Y.—More than \$100,000 in bonds, bank notes, and gold has been found hidden in the home of Elizabeth Dieffendorf, an eccentric maiden recluse who died here the other day, leaving an estate estimated to be worth \$1,000,000.

First Calls Doctor at 96. Maryville, Mo.—William Huls, 96 years old, and the oldest person in Nodaway county in point of residence, was taken ill the other day and for the first time in his life was attended by a physician.

Aluminum Coins Abandoned. London.—The aluminum coins issued to Nigeria, East Africa, and Uganda during 1906 and 1907 have been found unsuitable for such tropical climates, and are being replaced by nickel bronze coins.