

Rear Admiral William P. Potter, who recently became chief of the bureau of navigation, succeeding Rear Admiral Pillsbury. This post is considered one of the best in the navy department. Admiral Potter was formerly commander of the fourth division of the Atlantic battleship fleet. He was born in New York and was graduated from Annapolis in the class of 1869. In the war with Spain he was executive officer of the cruiser New York, flagship of the fleet. On the world cruise he was in command of the Vermont until advanced to his present rank, coming home in charge of the fourth division.

Henry T. Bailey Says Advancement in Study Is Rapid.

Causes Outlay of Many Millions and Bubject is Becoming of Increased Importance to Industries and National Welfare.

Washington.—Art instruction in the United States, which is in its infancy, having less than 40 years' stand-* ing in American education, is widespread and rapidly increasing, according to Henry T. Bailey of Massachusetts, representative of the United States at the third International Congress for the Advancement of Drawing and Art Teaching at Lon-, don last August.

The results of an inquiry, mainly statistical in character, made by the the United States bureau of education, touching instruction in the fine arts and in the application of art to handicraft in this country, have been digested by Mr. Bailey and a monograph prepared by him on the subject has been made public by Secretary Ballinger of the department of the interior.

From incomplete statistics, a rough estimate of the annual expenditure for art instruction in the United States is \$11,565,241. Only in part is the interest of the people of the United States in the subject of art instruction measured by these figures.

Mr. Bailey declares that the history of art instruction in France, Germany and England furnishes ample data for predicting that in the near future the relation of art to industries and to national welfare will be so keenly appreciated by all our people that they will make more liberal appropriations to all effective agencies

for furnishing art instructions. Commissioner of Education Brown says the subject is of the utmost importance, not only to the upbuilding of American civilization in one of its finest forms, but also to the progress of many of these industries which underlie our civilisation.

Art instruction is promoted in the United States through the co-operation of many agencies, chiefly public schools, art educational publications, art instruction in normal schools, colleges and universities, summer schools, handiersit societies, public iibraries, lecture courses and local exhibitions.

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The federal government makes no " appropriations whatever for art instruction. Only 13 states require drawing as a part of the course of study in the public schools. It is approved by the state authorities and promoted by means of instructions in state normal schools in \$1 others, -making a total of 43 states interested in the sublect.

Massachusetts and New York employ state supervisors of art instruction and Massachusetts maintains a state normal art school.

Messenger Finds Gem.

Newport.-A published notice that a valuable diamond brooch attached to a black slik bow had been lost near the Newport Casino, started Robert Weish, a messenger boy, out on the mearch. He found the brooch on Bellevue avenue in front of the residence of Frank Work of New York. He returned the gem to the jeweler who advertised, and received \$25 for his honesty. The brooch is the property of Miss Ruth Twombly, daughter of H. McK. Twombly. It is worth 89,000.

> Check for Army Commanders. Washington.--Commanders of milltary divisions and departments have been probibited from greating leaves to themselves to pass beyond the timdts of their own commands, unless they first obtain the sanction of higher authority. A general order to this effect has been issued by Aciting Chief of Staff Wotherspoon.

GUARDS HEALTH OF RISKS

Insurance Company Organizes Bureau for Policy Holders to Keep Down Death Rate.

New York.-Declaring that there are 3,000,000 persons seriously ill in the United States at all times, an insurance company has announced its intention of establishing a health bureau for the benefit of its policy holders.

The idea originated with E. E. Rittenhouse, former state insurance superintendent of Colorado, who came here six months ago to take charge of; one of the companies.

Policy holders will be invited to keep the health bureau of the company fully informed at all times as to their physical condition.

The insured will be asked to describe all their symptoms, and then, at stated periods, the ailing may attend clinics conducted by the company's physicians in various parts of the country. They will be personally and thoroughly examined and fully advised as to what treatment to pur-

"The determined fight which has been made against consumption has reduced mortality from that source about 38 per sent. in New York in house. "There is no reason why we should not be as successful in the treatment of diseases of the heart, kidneys and brain.

"In the last 30 years the combined death rate from apoplexy and all diseases of the heart and kidneys has increased from 19.2 per 10,000 in population to 36.3, or about 90 per cent. increase.

"President Roossvelt's conservation commission estimated that more than one-third of the deaths in this country are premature. By reducing our death rate we can reduce the premiums the insured must pay."

THINK THEY CAN FOOL HENS.

Pennsylvania Farmere Will Experiment by Rapidly Alternating Darkinees and Light to Produce Eggs.

Ringtown, Pa.-Can a hen be fooled by a trick of the imagination into laxing three eggs instead of one every

34 hours? This is the question which several farmers in this agricultural region propose to test. Hens are to be kept in absolute darkness for several hours to represent the night, then a brilliant electric light is to be turned on at

Chicken fanciers declare that hens carry large numbers of embryo eggs which are never laid because of the long established habit of laying but one every day. They theorise that if this habit can be broken up and the hens given additional nutriment the supply of eggs can be greatly increased.

intervals to represent daylight.

Frustrate Land Grabbers.

Washington.-To frustrate as all leged attempt on the part of combina, tions to get control of the water powed sites of the country and to carry out the policy of the administration for the conservation of the nation's natural resources, approximately 42, 000 acres of land for water power sites have been temporarily with drawn in Colorado, Montana and Utah by Acting Secretary of the Interior

Japan is Fortifying Formosa. Victoria, B. C .- Paul Bell, a civil en gineer who has returned from For moss, says that millions of dollars are being expended on Formose's harbot works and fortifications in pursuance of a plan to establish Japanese navai bases in Keeling to the north and Takes to the south.

Married 4.000 Elegera. Bristol, Teas.-Rev. A. H. Bus roughs, of the Bristol Greins Green probably holds the world's record as a marriage parson, having reached the mark of 3,000 couples of elopera He married the first couple August 14

NEW MOUNTAIN ROAD

Picturesque Austrian Line from Gastein to Spitall Finished.

Cost Millions to Build and Open New Country to Tourists-Also is an important Connecting Link.

Vienna, Austria.—At a cost of \$60,-000,000 the Austrian ministry of railways has just completed building the Tauern railway between Gastein in Salzburg and Spittal in Carinthia. The line is only 30 miles in length and its enormous cost was due to the engincering difficulties, which included the construction of a tunnel 51/2 miles long. costing \$6,000,000.

For Austria the Tauern railway will have great value in opening up a new stretch of country to the home and foreign tourist of surpassing picturesquenees. But it has also great international importance, as in conjunction with three other railways built by the Austrian ministry within the past few years, the Wocheiner, Karawanken and Pyrhn lines, it forms a new connecting link between central Europe and the Adriatic. This means lower freight rates between Germany and the Meditorranean. And it is not without political significance, too, as these lines, making a second route to Trieste, pass through German districts of Austria, whereas the present main line to the south runs largely through Italian and Slav districts.

The Tauern is one of the prettiest bits of mountain railway in the Alps, running as it does through a magnificent region of mountains and fertile valleys. It is specially interesting from the engineering standpoint. The Tauern tunnel is the second longest in Austria and took seven years to build. The work was full of trouble and peril. Water rushed in frequently and the laborers suffered greatly from the heat when reaching the center. The rock was unusually hard and the boring process was necessarily

A new kind of explosive rock met with for the first time, gave the ongineers much trouble. The "knallgestein," as it is called, detached itself from the sides of the tunnel without the slightest previous warning, and with a loud report, in great siabs haif an inch thick, causing much alarm among the workmen and frequently bruising and injuring them.

The building of the line, in fact, was at the cost of many lives. An avalanche suddenly swept down the mountain side one morning in March, 1908, carrying away a workmen's dining room, where some 50 men were breakfasting at the time. Only 11

The workmen, of whom there were some 3,000, were a very cosmopolitan lot. Italians were the most numerous, but there were also Macedonians, Croatians, Albanians and Servians,

TRADE SLUMPS \$550,000,000

Big Decrease for 1908 Shown in the International Union of American Republice.

Washington. — Economic causes which affected commercial centers throughout the world during 1906 had serious effect on the countries composing the international union of American republics, as shown by figures compiled by the international bureau of American republics.

The aggregate of trade for the varione countries during 1968 was \$4,848,-015,947, against \$5,415,796,197 in the preceding year, a loss of over \$550. 000,000. In the total for the year the share of the United States is represented by \$2,869,282,928, as compared with \$2,346,596,025 in 1907, a decrease of \$477,313,097 being indicated. Latin-America figured in the grand total for 31,977,737,019, showing a decline of \$89,647,569 in the trade volume as compared with 1987.

Imports into all of Latin-America during 1906 showed a decline of \$107.-642,854, while on the other hand exports show a gain of \$15,578,701 over

Rides Heres into Hetel. New York.-Frank J. Mackey, the well-known California millionaire, who has resided chiefly in England for a number of years, has been fined \$10 and costs in a London police court for riding a horse into one of the hotels, according to a cablegram recelved here.

Mr. Mackey is said to have made a wager that he would ride the horse into the hotel and around the billiard table. He did so and was cited to appear in police court. In paying his fine, he said he was satisfied because he had won the wager.

Japan to Rebuild Railroad.

Tokyo, Japan.-Japan has completed preparations for going on with the reconstruction of the Antung-Mukden rallway in Manchuria even if China does not consent to the enterprise. The government here, however, is still trying to persuade the Chinese authorities to reconsider the matter. In any event it is expected that a colution of the difficulty will be reached within a few days.

Votes \$1,250,000 for Good Reads. San Diego, Cal.—At a special election the people of San Diego county voted on a proposition to lause \$1,354, 600 bonds for building 455 miles of first-class highways in the county. Returns indicate that the required twothirds vote was cast in favor of it.

AWAKEN INTEREST IN AMERICA

Dr. Max Henlus of Chicago Tells of Big July 4 Celebration Held at Copenhagen.

Berlin, Germany.—There has been a remarkable awakening of Danish interest in America as a result of the big Independence day celebration in Copenhagen, according to Dr. Max Henlus of Chicago, who was one of the leading spirits in organizing the affair. Dr. Henius made a flying trip to Berlin the other day, returning at once to Copenhagen.

"The success of the celebration was a surprise both to the Danes and the Americans," he said before his departure. "It really surpassed all expectations. I have had an opportunity in the last few weeks of observing some of the effects in the way of spreading a better understanding of America in Denmark and of promoting a mutually cordial feeling. The way in which the event was handled by the Danish press, both immediately after the celebration and since then, is in itself significant. I have nearly seven hundred clippings, some of them two pages long, from the Danish papers. The press is also devoting more space to dispatches from America now, and I believe the effect of the whole affair has been to give the Danish people a far better and warmer appreciation of us than ever before."

CRANE OPTIMISTIC ON CHINA.

Sees Bright Future for American Commercial Interests In Far East-Need Banking Institutions.

New York.-Charles R. Crane, the newly-appointed minister to China, was in town the other day and had something to say about the chances for American commercial enterprise in the far east. "Among the things most generally sold in China," he said, "are American mowing machines and reapers. They have been introduced into North China and Eastern Siberia. Manufacturers have not only established three or four distributing stations in northern Asia, but one of them is arranging to build a repaer factory in Moscow, which will serve as a means of supply to the Chinese and Siberian trade as well as in Russia proper.

"We shall need strong banking institutions in China," he went on. "and no doubt in due time we shall have them. The recent opening of branches of the International Banking corporation in Pekin and Hankow is the beginning of a move in the right direction. With good administrative support and strong financial interests emlisted every banking requirement for the promotion of American interests in China will, without doubt, be forthcoming.

WOULD WED TYPHOID MARY.

Michigan Man Makes Only Stipulation That Woman In Quarantine Must Be Good Cook

New York.—Stipulating only that Typhoid Mary Mallon, held under quarantine, must be a good cook, and disregarding the verdict of numerous physicians that the woman is a "living culture of typhoid bacilli," a Lansing (Mich.) man writes that he would like to marry Mary. The letter was received by Health Commissioner Darlington.

The man, whose name is withheld, writes that as he lives on a large farm there would be no danger of Mary transmitting typhoid to any one in the neighborhood. He incloses a lenghty list of references, and warms Dr. Darlington not to let the federal health officials know that Miss Mallon contemplates the trip, as they might

try to stop it. The correspondent evidently has no doubt that Miss Mallon would be glad to marry him. One thing, he says. that he must make known, is that he has been insane, but has fully recovered. Dr. Darlington says he thinks be will be unable to accommodate his correspondent, as Miss Mallon does not yet appear to be free of bacilli.

WAGES BITTER WAR ON RATS

Ohio Cat Piles Up Remarkable Record of Extermination in Twenty-Eight Years.

Cleveland, O.-G. F. Neidlinger of Bettsville has the prise rat killer of, the world, a cat called "Roosevelt." "Roosevelt's" total kill during his long life of usefulness is estimated at 45,625 rats. The cat is 28 years old -probably the oldest cat in the world and has outlived two masters.

During 25 or more years of active campaigning against the mice and rats of Bettsville the cat averaged four mice and one rat per diem. There are 9,125 days in 25 years, and as "Roosevelt" worked with equal fidelity on Sundays and weekdays, he must have caught and consumed during his career at least 9,125 rate and \$6,500 mice, a total of 45,825 rodents.

Extends Use of Oli as Fuel. Salt Lake City.—The trial of an oilburning locomotive on the Southern Pacific division between Sparks and Carlin, Nev., has proved so satisfactory that the company has decided to retire all the coal-burning engines on that division. The change will be made at once.

Lethem to Try Again. Calais.-Hubert Latham, the aviator who made two unsuccessful attempts to cross the English channel in his acroplane, has determined to attempt to win the Deutsch prize of \$5,000 for the first aeroplanist to cross the channel with a passenger.

BIRD SEED BILL \$7.000.000

Large Amount of Money is Spent Each Year to Provide Food for the Canaries.

New York .- The manner in which this country spends money on articles which the average man never considers as contributing to the cost of living was strikingly illustrated recently when it was shown by figures from the customs office that we annually consume \$7,500,000 worth of canary bird seed.

There are not less than 5,000,000 caged birds in the United States, according to the closest computations available. The ordinary house canary consumes about twenty-five pounds of seed a year, or some 200 times his own weight, at an average cost of \$1.50 per bird. New York, with its 400,000 canaries, leads all the other cities with a bird food bill of \$600,000 annually.

Most of the canaries in this country, according to the report, come from Germany, 250,000 of them being shipped from that country every year. The wholesale average price, according to the largest local importer, is 71 cents for male birds and 17 cents for females. According to his statement canaries are about as cheap a luxury as can be found, because of the fact that they are most generally purchased by persons of small means, who at the first attempt to boost the price immediately stop buying.

Including the birds themselves, seed, other food, cages and dishes and the like, it is estimated that this country invests annually about \$25,000,000 in canary music, a figure to make even a grand-opera impresario jealous.

DOG PULLS MAN OVERBOARD.

Owner of Canine Entangled in Chain *Dragged from Wharf and Nearly Drowned.

Chicago.—In the presence of a crowd of spectators John Anderson of 316 Division street was dragged from the wharf at the foot of Division street into the lake by a huge St. Bernard dog and had a narrow escape from death. His feet were entangled in a chain by which he had been leading the dog. The latter, becoming frightened at the struggles of Anderson, proceeded to swim out into the lake.

Anderson was saved by John Monson, Samuel Magnuson and Carl Peterson, clerks at the post office.

The rescuers in a rowboat pursued the dog, who was dragging Anderson to his death, reaching them some distance out in the lake. The animal fought the rescuers off, and it was almost impossible to reach Anderson, whose head was beneath the water.

Finally Monson leaped into the water and engaged in a battle with the dog, while MGagnuson and Peterson seized the chain and drew Anderson to the surface. Anderson was taken rom the water unconscious, but after reaching shore was revived. The dog was fastened to the boat and also

CARRIED MAIL 24,000 MILES.

Young Pennsylvania Woman the Only Star Route Carrier Who Has Never Boen Late.

Bristol, Pa.—After carrying the mail 24,000 miles, during her 11 years and five months' service between Bristol and Woodbourne, Miss Grace Van Hart of Roelofs has given up her posk tion and has been succeeded by Thaddeus M. Eustis.

She carried the mail on what is known as a "Star" route, traveling in a small cart. Her route was from Bristol via Emilie to Woodbourne. about eight miles, and as she covered the round trip \$00 times a year the total of her traveling is almost the same as the circumference of the earth.

The post-office clerks at Bristol state that Miss Van Hart was the only one of the Star route postmen from this point who never was, in her whole term of service, behind time with the mail, being always so punctual, no matter what the weather, that farmers along the routs used to set their clocks when she came in sight. She won many warm friends along the route because of her courtesy and her willingness to accommodate petross.

To Book South Pole. Los Angeles, Cal.—Capt. Rowland W. Webster, appointed by the Royal Geographical society to lead an expedition in search of the south pole, has left for New York. He will embark from there for London to prepare for the antartic trip which will begin next August.

Notification of the appointment came to Capt. Webster as he reached San Francisco on his twenty-fifth journey across the world.

He earned his title in the Soudan with Lord Kitchener. He also served in the Boer war.

Fall in Naval Test.

Washington.-Because of mental or physical deficiencies half the candidates for commissions in the United States marine corps failed to pass the examinations here. Eighteen of 29 who failed were mentally fit, but were deficient physically. Seven failed mentally, and the four other candidates did not pass the final, or professional, examinations.

Try Water Cure for Pellagra. Hot Springs, Ark.—The thermal waters of Hot Springs are to be tested in an effort to find a cure for the disease of pellagra. Two subjects have been brought to this city from Mississippi for treatment and observation by lecal medical mea.

MAN SERVED IN FOUR WARS

Capt. Joseph Downing, Delaware Soldier, Celebrates His 103d Birthday-Lives on Pension.

Dover, Del.—Capt. Joseph Downing, a hero of four wars and a native of Philadelphia, celebrated his one hundred and third birthday the other day. He served in the Creek-Seminole war of 1832, in the Mexican war, in the Crimean war of 1855-56-57, and in the civil war of 1861-65.

"I always felt that whenever war broke out men ought to go and get into it and get it over with just as soon as possible," said Downing, "for war preys alike on life and property."

And then the captain bundled up his roll and reel and his string of catfish and started down the road for

Capt. Downing now lives on his pension of \$20 a month from the United States government for services in the civil war. He is able to do odd chores. and is fond of rod and line angling for fish. He has a sister in Philadelphia 20 years his junior. She is his only living relative. He makes his home at Little Creek village with Joseph Gamble. Downing's wife has been dead 16 years. They had no children.

After his 70 days in the Seminole war in Florida fighting the Indians into subjection, Downing entered the Mexican war, where he served under Capt. John King. The Anderson convoyed supply ships and met the American troops at coast towns with supplies and arms, but was often fired at and in hot engagements.

In the Crimean war Downing's assignment was on the Golden Gate, a transport, and the work of this ship kept its men under hot fire.

Downing enlisted from Philadelphia in the civil war. His term began July 37, 1861, and extended three years and nine days. Most of his time in the conflict was served as master-asarms on the Yankee.

YEARN AFTER THE INFINITE

Oklahoma Man Sava Five Years' Underground Course Will Make Him Grow Into Spirit.

Guthrie, Okla.-G. W. Limerick, theosophist and capitalist, of Oklahoms City, recently divorced, will dispose of his earthly possessions and join the college of occult science at Simla, India. It will be a five years' course in the underground caves of the college, silent, alone and in darkness. It will be five years of yearning after the infinite assisted by the concentration of adepts who are far advanced along the path leading to the unknowable.

"I shall leave in the fall after winding up my earthly affairs here," said Limerick. "I have aiready been admitted to the seventh degree of the order through correspon the head of the college at Simia. Upon arriving at the college I shall go underground to the caves of silence, there to dwell upon the infinite and to grow by silent concentration into the spirit."

Limerick was left \$20,000 out of his \$80,000 estate when Judge Stilwell-Russel of Ardmore, handed down his divorce decree freeing Mrs. Della Limerick, a few days ago. Mrs. Limerick obtained \$25,000 of the estate, the balance going to the children. Mrs. Limerick's grounds for divorce were drunkenness and threatening to kill. The decree gives to her custody of their three children and the handsome Limerick residence in Okiahoma

ANTELOPES WON'T GO AWAY.

Animale Enjoyed Farmer's Hospital-Ity All Winter, New Refuse

Denver, Col.-There is considerable of a laugh on Hugh Hoy a ranchman, near Fort Morgan, but the joke is acostly one to him for feeding a herd of 14 antelopes through the hard win-

Now he has a kick coming. The antelope feel that one good turn deserves another, and they refuse to forsake the acres of Farmer Roy, and troop regularly up to the back door and ask for a handout. They browsed for a while on the

prairie grass, but lately have discovered the growing wheat fields and gorge themselves.

Farmer Hoy leved the gentle eyed antelope during the cold months, when his stock of alfalfa was the only. thing between them and starvation, but they have waxed fat and bold and a few days ago he set the dogs on

The big bucks charged the dogs and. they had to retreat.

Farmer Hoy has written to the game and fish commissioner for relief. He cannot find it in his heart. to slay the once timid creatures, but. he wants to protect his wheat fields.

Commissoner Holland accordingly sent instructions to Deputy Warden Ed. Raugh of Brush, directing him to take some good dogs to the Hoy ranch. and drive the antelopes out on the prairie.

Girl is House Painter.

Lawrenceburg, Ind.-Miss William Mee Corbin is one of the city's girl painters, and one who paints artistically. The result of her work may be seen by observing the residence of her mother, Mrs. Duma Buyard. which Miss Corbin has just given at new coat of ivory white with green trimmings. It is a two-story frame. structure, with front and rear porches, and the girl applied the brush to the estire surface.

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