

MARVELOUS VIOLIN PLAYING.

Ethel Calkins, a Twelve-Year-Old Girl, Astonishes Passengers in the St. Louis Depot.

Ethel Calkins, aged 12, traveling alone from Alliance, Neb., to her home in Duke, Ga., created a sensation at the Union station, St. Louis, the other day by her skillful manner in which she handled the violin.

Then she drew the bow across the strings and began to play. Again the strains of the great intermezzo floated through the crowded waiting-room, but this time there was a skill and touch in the execution of the notes that the machine could not give—the pure soul of the child seemed to permeate the sweet strains.

When questioned, the little miss said: "I have loved the violin since I was old enough to know what it was, and have been taking lessons two years. My ambition is to be a great artist and play in concert."

FAVOR CANAL PLAN.

Secretaries Long and Wilson Think Progress of the Age Demands Nicaragua Canal and Pacific Cable.

On the "Necessity of the Isthmus Canal," Secretary of the Navy Long and Secretary of Agriculture Wilson have written their views for the Independent.

Secretary Wilson says: "I believe in the isthmus canal. It will be invaluable for commercial purposes. It will greatly lessen the expense of transportation from ocean to ocean."

PREHISTORIC MINE FOUND.

Stone and Copper Implements in a Huge Wyoming Excavation—Valuable to Archaeologists.

Joseph L. Stein, owner of the Chicago mine, situated near Hartford, Wyo., passed through Denver the other afternoon on his way to Moberly, Mo.

He claims to have located what will prove more valuable to archaeologists than the highest grade gold mine. It is said to be the only prehistoric mine ever uncovered.

Money to Burn. Brazil has decided to burn \$50,000,000 of its new paper currency.

MUST LIE IN PARIS.

Plan to Bring Back Bones of Paul Jones to Be Abandoned.

Positive Identification Found to Be Impossible—Monument May Be Erected to the American Naval Hero.

The proposition to exhume the bones of Commodore John Paul Jones and bring them to this country for burial must probably be abandoned.

"It is the opinion of the ambassador that the remains of John Paul Jones are definitely located in the area clearly indicated in M. de Ricaudy's report, but it appears to be a matter of conjecture as to whether the actual remains of John Paul Jones could be identified."

"M. De Ricaudy states in the report above referred to that the information given therein is taken from documents existing in various archives, and from authentic plans of the city of Paris."

It was by reason of this uncertainty of identification of the body that M. De Ricaudy suggested the advisability of acquiring a part or all of the area formerly included in this cemetery, and after clearing it of the inconsiderable structures which now cover it, to make it a small square and erect thereon a suitable monument to the naval hero.

A VERY YOUNG SALVATIONIST.

The Infant Son of Booth-Tucker, Named After His Grandfather, Regularly Enlisted as a Soldier.

William Booth-Tucker, infant son of Commander Booth-Tucker, is now a regularly enlisted soldier in the Salvation Army of America, and represents the third generation of his family in the cause his illustrious grandsire, Gen. William Booth, of London, started against crime and poverty, and for the salvation of souls.

It was at the great prayer services at the fourteenth street barracks, New York city, in celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the invasion of America by the Salvation Army, that the little fellow was dedicated to the cause by his mother, Mrs. Booth-Tucker.

KIDNAPS "JENNIE JUNE."

New York Cabman Becomes Confused and Lands Her at the Wrong Place—Corrects His Mistake Later.

The kidnaping of Mrs. Jennie June Croly caused more than the victim an unpleasant quarter of an hour. It came near wrecking the peace of some 200 guests at the Valentine reception of the New York Woman's Press club at the Hotel Manhattan.

"Jennie June" had confided herself to a cabman, and caddy did the rest. He drove straight to the Manhattan Athletic club, left her smilingly bewildered in the center of a group of men and rattled away.

Mrs. Croly amiably inquired for the Valentine reception, and nobody seemed able to enlighten her. She wandered on through corridors, in and out of reception rooms, and was still in a maze when the kidnaper suddenly reappeared to reclaim his "fare," having discovered his error.

IRISH IMMIGRANTS.

There Were 23,095 Who Landed at New York During the Year, an Increase of 4,406 Over Last Year.

President James D. McKim, in his annual report to the Irish Emigrant society, says: "The total number of immigrants from Ireland landed at the port of New York during the year was 23,095, an increase of 4,406 over the preceding year. Of this number 10,380 were males and 12,715 females."

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FAVOR STUDY OF CHINESE.

General Opinion at the University of Chicago Approves the Teaching of the Language.

The announcement that a chair of Chinese will be established in the London university has aroused much interest in the faculty of the University of Chicago, and the general opinion of the professors is that the study of Chinese will form, at no distant date, an important place in the curricula of the universities of the country.

Dr. T. W. Goodspeed, of the University of Chicago, went so far as to say that if anyone would donate the money to endow a chair of Chinese the university would not hesitate to establish it.

"Our intercourse with the Chinese is growing constantly," said Dr. Goodspeed, "and undoubtedly will increase more rapidly in the future, not only among young men who wish to enter commercial fields, but among those who want to enter the consular and diplomatic service. I believe, too, that the acquisition of eastern possessions will force a change for the better in the requirements of men in the diplomatic service."

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Prof. J. Laurence Laughlin was so confident of the present practical advantages in the establishment of the chair. He thought the persons who may need it would be able to learn it just as well after reaching the country in which the language is spoken.

"LUCKY" BALDWIN.

Preparing to Leave the Land Where He Made and Lost a Fortune—Will Go to Cape Nome.

The last of the California stock kings is going to seek new domains. Flood, Fair and Blanton have long since "shuffled off this mortal coil," and Mackay has become a citizen of the world. Now "Lucky" Baldwin is preparing to leave the land where he made and lost a fortune that at one time was valued close upon \$10,000,000.

The burning of the Baldwin hotel months ago left a \$2,000,000 hole in "Lucky" Baldwin's fortune. Lawsuits and "dry seasons" had already played havoc with his millions, and when the hotel was destroyed rumor whispered that Baldwin's luck had gone to roost elsewhere. Gossip insists that when "Lucky" Baldwin pays the mortgage on his Santa Anita ranch with the money realized from the sale of the Baldwin hotel lot he will be "land poor."

"Lucky" Baldwin believes that he can retrieve his vanished millions. Although he has passed the allotted "threescore and ten," he is going to try his luck in the gold fields of Cape Nome. In the days of old, the days of his good fortune, still clings to him the legend that he will get full share of the yellow dust of the northern gold fields. It may be that a new and larger fortune will rise, phoenix-like, from the ashes of his financial wreck.

HIGH HEELS AGAIN IN STYLE.

The Big Shoe Manufacturers Are Not Pleased with Return of That Fashion.

The prospect of "setting up," or equipping, for the manufacture of high-heeled shoes for women confronts the shoe manufacturers of New England, who are by no means pleased with the outlook. There is said to be a growing tendency toward the adoption of the high heel, and it is predicted that it may come into as great a demand as it did in the early '80's, when they were extremely popular for a time.

The changes necessary in a fully equipped factory on the adoption of such a radical departure from present styles would be numerous and entail a large amount of expense and trouble. New lasts would have to be secured, machinery would have to be renewed and altered, and the whole plant would have to be overhauled and fixed over before it could comply with the changed conditions.

The manufacturers of shoe machinery would gain the most in the event of the expected change. The amount of special machinery which would be required to equip the New England factories would cost several millions and some of the manufacturers hint that these interests are active in bringing about the adoption of the new style.

"Polly Co." An old lady lately asked President Hadley, of Yale—he tells the story himself—what he was teaching. To his reply, "Economics," she said, thoughtfully: "Oh, you teach the students to be economical! That is good. When I was a young lady, they never learned to be economical until they got married."—Youth's Companion.

Or the English to Get Out. The English find it just as hard to get into Lady Smith as do the Boers. It is not, says the Detroit Free Press, a hospitable place.

FOR A NEW CRUSADE.

Rev. Dr. Parkhurst to Make War on Immoral Drama.

Believes that the Stage is Worth the Attention of the Pulpit and Will Make It a Matter of Study.

Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst is about to start another crusade. This time it will be against the immoral plays on the New York stage.

He has not said whether "Sapho" is the particular play that caused him to turn his attention to the stage and its influence, moral or immoral, upon society. It is a fact, however, that "Sapho" is awakening uncommon interest among clergymen.

"I am not taking sides in a debate. I am merely telling you how these matters appear to my mind. I have never had the desire to satisfy my mind about this by the most remote personal experience."

It seems to me that if one goes the rounds of the uncluttered dance halls to expose vice one might on the same principle go to the morally uncluttered plays for the same purpose.

OSTRACISE THE SCHOOLMARS. American Teachers Tabooed in Porto Rico on Account of an Alleged Stolen Kiss.

A special dispatch to the New York World from Washington says: "American school-teachers in the City of Ponce, in particular, and of the whole island, are asked to certain social festivities on the island to which they had been welcomed."

The alleged incident occurred at a ball which both the American and Porto Rican women arranged. It was said the osculation took place on a balcony overlooking a dark courtyard, to which the young lieutenant had gone after the school-teacher and young lieutenant were the principals.

PAPER MONEY. Varying Designs Provided for New Bills Soon to Be Issued by the United States Government.

Secretary Gage has instituted a reform in the printing of the new silver certificates, gold certificates and treasury notes about to be issued. The one-dollar certificates will all bear a spread eagle in the middle, whether they are silver or gold certificates or treasury notes. The difference is in the seal and numbering, the silver certificate bearing them printed in blue, while the gold certificates will have the number and seal in yellow, while that of the treasury may be red.

Secretary Gage is taking lessons from the South American republic, where this system of having a half dozen portraits on as many different bills exists. The one-dollar bills have already been issued, and the others will follow immediately.

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An East Indian Bridge. At Bahram-Ghat, in India, there is being finished a bridge which, on account of the character of the River bed, is quite an engineering feat. The bridge is 2,697 feet long, and has seven spans 260 feet high, each weighing 351,150 pounds.

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COMPLETES SURVEY.

Recent Trip of the Dolphin to the Mouth of Orinoco River Was Full of Danger and Adventure.

According to the report which has been filed at the navy department by Capt. Southerland, of the Dolphin, his recent survey of the mouth of the Orinoco river was attended by many hardships and dangers. Many times during the work, which was exceedingly hazardous, the lives of officers and crew were in imminent risk.

The small boats came near being swamped, and everyone was thoroughly fatigued. Two officers were sent to the hospital, the commanding officer injured his hand by falling down a ladder at the ship's side, and the men were completely exhausted at the end of each day's work.

The surveyors found a huge bar at the mouth of the river, which will block navigation during much of the year. For more than five months the depth of water over this bar is not above 16 feet, and during the remainder of the year the depth is not more than ten or twelve feet.

Quite a Contrast. Reports from Manila Show a Remarkable Difference of Custom in Army and Navy Officers.

The reports from Manila show a remarkable difference of custom between the army and navy officers in the Philippines. When the death of Vice President Hobart was announced it was ordered that all naval officers wear crepe on the arm on official occasions for the usual period. No such mark of respect appears to have been shown by the army officers.

WANT TO EXPERIMENT. Lighthouse Board Anxious to Test Practicability of Wireless Telegraphy for Lighthouse Use.

The lighthouse board is anxious to conduct some experiments with wireless telegraphy. Members of the board watched with interest the developments of the use of the wireless telegraph in Europe and the experiments made in this country with it.

FOR AN ACCURATE CENSUS. Gen. Merriam Prepares Plans for Enumeration of Absentees from Large Cities.

Gen. Merriam, director of the census, is preparing special plans for the enumeration of large cities and expects to be able to secure returns not only of the people in the city, but those who are absent for their summer vacations in the months when the enumeration is made. He will appoint special agents to have charge of districts in such cities as New York, Chicago, Boston, and Philadelphia.

AMERICAN SKILL TRIUMPHS. The Engineering World of Europe Is Astounded by Work of a Chicagoan.

The engineering world of Europe has not recovered from the surprise over the remarkable performance at Antwerp of a big dredge-boat constructed in Belgium for the Russian government on plans prepared by an American engineer, Mr. Hates, of Chicago. Under the contract the boat was to have a capacity of 1,600 cubic yards of dredging per hour. She received a capacity of 1,200 yards on trial. So great was the interest in the trial that most of the foreign ambassadors were present, the Belgian cabinet, commissions from Australia, India, Germany, France, the Argentine Republic and hundreds of engineers from all parts of Europe.

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SHARP NATIVE TRICK.

Filipino Belligerents Make Powder of Matches.

Import Immense Quantities of Japanese Matches—Practically Smokeless Explosive of High Power—Is in This Way Obtained.

An ingenious way of getting a smokeless powder out of the heads of Japanese matches has been disclosed in the Philippines. A report received at the war department from Panay, Visayan Islands, says: "The robber bands which are now devastating are badly armed and are arrant cowards, but cruel, and take no prisoners. An illustration was given a short time ago in the fate of three soldiers who, having made themselves stupidly drunk on tuba, the distilled sap of the cocoanut trees, were left behind by the command."

The natives of the Visayas have not many guns, but a greater need of ammunition. A curious trick has been discovered which shows their rascally ingenuity. For a long time we heard of quantities of Japanese matches coming into Hilo, and nobody could guess why so many millions should be received. Finally it was suggested the heads of these matches made a good explosive.

Experiments were made here, and we found by rubbing the compound from the stick a practically smokeless explosive was obtained, of higher power than black powder, giving a velocity so great the lead bullets stripped, but even entering sideways, penetrated about five inches further into sand than was the case with black powder, the bullet entering point on.

As the rascally insurgents slip out of what little uniform they wear, hide their guns and holos and come in dressed in the usual white shirt and trousers as emigos, smiling and friendly, they could readily obtain all the matches they required for the next attack. The cost is small, and no more identification is possible than of an individual mosquito."

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The exports have estimated that \$25,000,000 will be judiciously expended during the coming year. The lighthouse board has maintained wireless telephonic communication with a cable at the bottom of the ocean and light vessel, and thence with a shore station, but this work was abandoned for lack of funds for its maintenance.

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