

## THE C. E. AT LONDON.

## RELIGIOUS EXPOSITION.

Preparations Being Made for World's Convention in 1900.

The Big City to Be Stirred by the Greatest Religious Demonstration Ever Witnessed There—Russia Now in Line.

The United Society of Christian Endeavor has received an official statement of the preparations for the world's Endeavor convention, to be held in London in the summer of 1900. Rev. W. Knight Chaplain, secretary of the London convention committee, says: "We are not leaving things to pile up on us toward the last. The hospitality committee is preparing to make at once a preliminary test for handling visitors, by a systematic canvass and by advertising for available accommodations within 12 miles of Charing Cross, the center of town. The vice president of the National Christian Citizenship League, Edward Page Gaxton, of London, writes that "those who come to London, expecting to see the city swaying in banners and gala decorations may be disappointed, for such displays are not made even for royalty in this unexcitable latitude. But London will be stirred before it is done with, and a part of the process will be an half hour's international song service on Sunday afternoon, July 16, in Trafalgar square, after which the march will be taken, six abreast, down Pall Mall to Hyde Park, where the demonstration is expected to be the greatest religious gathering the United Kingdom has ever seen, if indeed its like has been known anywhere."

The Russian banner will wave for the first time at an international Endeavor convention, word having just come from London that the empire of the Slav has joined the world's Endeavor ranks with a society in St. Petersburg."

## LIQUID AIR.

Prof. Dewar's Interesting Lecture at Royal Institution — His Experiments.

It is now eight months since the final triumph of the laboratory in liquefying hydrogen. Prof. Dewar, at the Royal Institute, London, the other night described the most volatile of gases when reduced to the coldest substance ever known. When pure it was a colorless, transparent liquid of considerable refractive power. It had a well-defined meniscus, but no appearance of being a metal, as Faraday thought it might prove to be. It is not a conductor of electricity, and its density is very deceptive. At first he thought it might be about half that of water, but by measuring a given volume and seeing how much gas was produced, he found it only one-quarter that of water, or six times less than the lightest liquid hitherto known. One liter weighed only 70 grammes. It instantly froze and solidified air and oxygen, hence it enabled the density of those two solids to be ascertained.

A little ball coated in it and exposed to the air first covered with a coating of solid air and then began to drip liquid air. A piece of cotton wool soaked in it appeared to be magnetic, but the liquid itself, he was satisfied, was not magnetic, so this phenomenon must be due to the cotton wool being immediately filled with solid oxygen, which is highly magnetic.

## WEDDED TWICE AT SIXTEEN.

Pennsylvania Girl Includes in Her Matrimonial Record One Divorce as an "Infant."

Courted, married, deserted, divorced, courted again and remarried, all within a year, and only 10 years old, is the matrimonial experience of Mrs. Otto Mierendorf, of Homestead, Pa. Rev. A. R. Kuder made a return showing he had united in marriage Otto Mierendorf, of Allegheny, and Mrs. Annie Mohr Timm, daughter of Vincent Mohr, of Homestead. The bride was born July 26, 1882.

When the girl applied, with Mr. Mierendorf, for the marriage license, the clerk put the usual question: "Ever married before?" "Yes, and divorced," was the reply.

The clerk muttered something about the freshness of young girls, and asked to see a copy of the divorce decree. He also informed the girl she must get the consent of her father before he would issue the license. Mierendorf produced a copy of the decree, and then introduced his fiancée to the clerk. Mrs. Timm was too young to bring the suit for divorce herself, and the decree shows the title of the case to have been: "Annie Timm, an infant, by her father, Vincent Mohr."

## Wales Can Walk Again.

The prince of Wales has completely recovered from the severe accident which he met with in July. It will be remembered that while descending a spiral staircase the prince missed his footing and the extreme effort which he then made to recover his balance caused a rupture of the insertion of the left quadriceps extensor muscle, which tore away with it at the same time the upper portion of the patella. The knee now readily bends to considerable more than a right angle, and the prince can go up and down stairs and walk with ease and comfort.

## Law for Boston Police.

Under the workings of a new rule Boston's policemen are receiving instruction in the law. Every week a number of legal questions pertaining to matters which come under their daily observation are propounded to them, and this system of examinations is believed to have greatly improved the efficiency of the force.

## Proposed Ecclesiastical Display at the Coming World's Fair

at Paris.

Cardinal Richard, archbishop of Paris, is at present in Rome for the purpose of laying before Pope Leo XIII, a new project for organizing at the Paris exposition of 1900 a display of ecclesiastical art, history and relics illustrative of all forms of religion—the Catholic faith holding, of course, the principal place. A scheme of this kind was suggested before, when the exposition was first mooted. The pope, at the outset, seemed to sanction the idea, and in speaking with Cardinal Gibbons he displayed what might even be called enthusiasm, but when he became more fully acquainted with the details, and it was found that a discussion of the different religions was projected, the vatican retired into its shell, and refused to take part in the scheme. Of course, without the adhesion of the church of Rome, both because of the importance of the Catholic religion and because it is the faith of the country where the exhibition is to be held, the idea had to be abandoned.

Now it is revived under another form—namely, that the vatican should participate in a kind of religious exhibition resembling, but on a larger scale, the religious and missionary show so much admired last year at the fair in Turin.

It would comprise a great panorama, including all the most important events in the history of the church since the beginning of Christianity down to our days, reproductions of all the popes, of all great Catholics, and of the monuments connected with the church, such as the Holy Sepulcher, Calvary, the Mount of Olives, the Catacombs, and the principal churches and shrines. Moreover, there would be representations of musical religious masterpieces, and a museum of sculpture and the best paintings of religious subjects. According to the promoters, says the Rome correspondent of the London Pall Mall Gazette, this scheme should result in the apotheosis of Catholicism at the opening of the twentieth century; but it is a question whether Leo XIII can be induced to again change his mind on the subject, although it has been pointed out to him that it would be strange not to allow in Paris what was not forbidden at the world's fair in Chicago.

## DEAD MAN WINS CYCLE RACE.

The Victor in an Australian Contest Goes Under the Tape a Corpse.

We shall have to alter that line about "pearls from the ocean and gems from the mine" now that an ingenious Italian has found out how to grow pearls in aquaria by the aid of tame oysters trained to do his bidding. This is, of course, a very different thing from the dodge of inserting a small sphere in an oyster shell which in time will become coated with mother of pearl and resemble a pearl. The Italian's system is to make real pearls. The pearls, as we learned in tender infancy from "Mangan's Questions," is an excretion in the shell of the right kind of oyster, the translucent lining of the shell itself being a winner, though dead.

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## SHE SAW DAVY CROCKETT DIE.

Mme. Candelaria, Last Survivor of Alamo, Expires at the Age of 114 Years.

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## Napoleonic Pension List.

France has paid its last pension to Napoleon I's soldiers. In 1869 a law was passed granting \$50 a year to all noncommissioned officers and privates who served ten years in the armies of the first republic or of the first empire and had received a wound. For the first year the payments amounted to \$60,000; last year the sum was \$50, and the last recipient is now dead at the age of 105 years.

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## HIS PAY IS CUT OFF.

Dewey Placed in Curious Position by an Oversight of Congress.

Advanced the Hero of Manila to Rank of Admiral, But Fail to Make Provision for His Salary.

Congress has made an odd mistake in providing for the promotion of Dewey; it has made no arrangement as to his pay. In the joint resolution which has passed the senate no mention is made of remuneration for the new admiral. This has given rise to a good deal of cogitation at the navy department, and among the youngsters there have been a few chuckles of amusement. The navy has had no full admiral since Porter, and his salary of \$13,000, as well as the law creating it, died with him. Obviously, the hero of Manila will vacate his present commission when he accepts the new one; he cannot hold two ranks at the same time, and consequently he will lose the pay to which he is entitled as a rear admiral.

The situation is thus a curious one, but, of course, congress will remedy it by an amendment to the joint resolution. Doubtless a salary of \$13,000 per annum will be provided for Dewey, and he will draw it for the rest of his life. The resolution authorizes the president "to appoint, by selection and promotion, an admiral of the navy, who shall not be placed upon the retired list except upon his own application; and whenever such office shall be vacated by death or otherwise the office shall cease to exist."

This is the first occasion on which the privilege of active service for life has been granted to a naval officer in this country. Porter was thanked three times by congress and this extended his active term 30 years, the existing law giving ten years extra for each thanks. If he had lived to be more than a century old he would still have remained on the active list. Dewey now receives \$6,000 a year, sea pay; on shore duty he would get only \$4,500. As full admiral he will draw \$1,093.33 a month under all circumstances—a comfortable income for a widower.

## ITALIAN MAKES REAL PEARLS.

He Has Formed a Company and Will Use Tame Oysters in Production.

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