

THE ARTILLERY ACCIDENT?

houses. It was also rumored that Lady Curzon's sisters were going to be married to English noblemen so the prospect of a brilliant American season looked hopeful. We found too late that most of the Americans had decided to do their entertaining at the fashionable hotels, while many of them cleared out of London altogether and went to Paris. The report current in London a few days ago that Mrs. Goelet had called an offer for Devonshire House, the town residence of the Duke of Devonshire, is not strictly accurate. The facts are these: It was rumored in the clubs that the duke's heir, Victor Cavendish, M. P., would not be able to maintain the numerous residences which would come into his occupation after the duke's death and that he had decided to dispose of Devonshire House. An enterprising house agent, hearing the story and knowing that Mrs. Goelet was anxious to have a town house for her daughter, called to the duke that the Duke of Devonshire's house in Piccadilly was to be sold. Although a reply is expected it has not yet arrived.

REVELRY BELOW STAIRS.

This season has witnessed a commendable revival of the old fashioned custom of revelry below stairs which used to be an invariable accompaniment of Christmas in every country house, great or small, a generation ago. Royalty, in this respect, as in many others, has set an excellent example, both the king and queen, and the Prince and Princess of Wales having taken especial pains that their faithful servants and dependents should have a full share in the festivities of the time. At Arundel and Longleat, Ridge and Castle Howard, Chatsworth, Knowsley and Welbeck and some other stately homes the old traditions have been maintained. At Welbeck, the splendid seat of the Duke of Portland, the servants' ball was held in the great subterranean gallery, for the first time since the disastrous fire of four or five years ago. The duke led off the first dance in proper style with the housekeeper, while the house-steward had the honor of dancing with the duchess. But at no place were the servants more sumptuously treated than at Worth park where Mrs. Montefiore lives with her son, Sir Francis Montefiore. Here, if anywhere in the world, the servants live in clover all the year round. They have their own special ballroom, billiard room and stage for private theatricals.

THE TIPPING EVIL.

It is because of the growth of the tipping system that in many country houses Christmas is not kept at all, their owners preferring to disport themselves in the Riviera, or at some big London hotel which they find much less expensive. And for the same reason many others flee to foreign climes to escape invitations to Christmas country house parties. The tip which, according to demands of them on such occasions enables them to live in luxury abroad for a much longer period. At Chatsworth the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire not only give lavishly to all their own servants, but to those of their guests. Each guest in his or her turn liberally tips the house servants, as well as the keepers and outdoor employees who may have rendered some small service during their stay. It is only those who have long purses who can afford to participate in Yuletide merriment under such circumstances.

A ROMANTIC COURTSHIP.

The curiosity of all London has been aroused by a romantic courtship which has been carried on for many months in the agony column of the paper most favored by the social elite, the Morning Post, and which is still apparently no "forerunner." The lovers, or perhaps one should say the lover and her loved one, disguise their identities under the pseudonyms of "Silent Worshiper" and "Shy Lady," though the "lover" addresses the object of his adoration as "Sweet Lady." They first met each other at the fashionable Carlton hotel over a year ago. Since then they have exchanged many messages in print at a considerable expenditure of cash, but have never met. In this correspondence the lady has occasionally encouraged him and at other times has been more than shy. The "lover" has been consistently ardent and persistent, but apparently he has been lacking in the courage which counts for so much with a coy damsel. He insisted him to greater boldness she inserted this advertisement recently:

"Silent Worshiper—If you identified and still care, take the definite initiative now; confidence sacred; happiness counts."

But, alas for "Silent Worshiper," he cannot take a "definite initiative," for as subsequent advertisements have shown, he did not succeed in identifying her, perhaps because her bashfulness led her to conceal herself, or perhaps because she had selected as their meeting place the crowded railroad station which she had selected as their meeting place. However, what he lacks in audacity he seems to make up in hope, and the New Year inspired him to print this effusion as an "ad":

"Sweet Lady—May every blessing attend you in 1905.

"You'll love me yet.

"Love must beget.

"Love, I trust myself and fate.

"To gain you yet.

"You'll love me yet.

"I swear it.

"Say what you will.

"My patience, I declare it.

"Shall win you still.

"No matter how long I wait."

It is to be hoped that such patience and faith will meet with their reward some day, and that the lovers, shy and silent no longer, will meet to part no more. But perhaps what all London has regarded as a romantic courtship

LUNG TROUBLE OF THE MINERS.

More Than One-Fourth of the Deaths in Wheeling From Pneumonia and Consumption.

Out of every thousand deaths in Wheeling during 1904 consumption brought 137 and pneumonia 129. Pneumonia is steadily increasing its mortality record; consumption's record stands about the same now as it did three years ago.

The figures quoted are from a book compiled by the United States Census Bureau, "A Discussion of the Vital Statistics."

"Think of this! Care for your lungs! All those who died said: 'It is only a cold. It will wear itself out.'"

Many of the victims worked in the mines. Nearly all miners have what is called Miners' Asthma.

You can cure this in a short time by giving your lungs the soothing and strengthening they need. A more cough syrup won't do this. The lungs are weak and sore, unable to cast off pneumonia and consumption germs. They need a healing and stimulating treatment.

You can actually feel Dr. Acker's English Remedy renew the lung energy, which is necessary to health. It goes straight to the lungs and saves them. I have used your English Remedy, which I am confident has saved my life. —E. M. Burgess, Spencer, W. Va.

Hundreds of testimonials like this. Write for them.

All druggists sell it on a guarantee, cure or money back. Bottles: 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1.00.

Any reader of the Desert News sending name and address to W. H. Hooper & Co., 23 Elliott St., Buffalo, N. Y., will receive a free sample bottle of Acker's English Remedy by return mail. Write for it today.



At the feast of the blessing of the waters of the Neva a battery on the Bourso fired a salute of calumet that raked the side of the Winter Palace and narrowly missed the czar. As it was an officer was killed, and had the gun been depressed a little more the entire Romanoff dynasty would have been wiped out. Accounts of the affair were quickly censored, on the ground that it was an accident and no pictures were allowed to be sent out of Russia. This picture is made from the painting of a German artist, who was an eye witness of the scene.

KUROPATKIN'S SUCCESSOR.



If Gen. Kuropatkin persists in his intention to abandon the command of the Russian forces in the Far East, it is very probable that Gen. Mstchenko, the dashing cavalry leader, will be elevated to the command. He appears to be the only man in the Far East sufficiently free of entanglements to be available for the post.

may be no courtship at all, but an exchange of messages by means of a carefully concealed code between skillful criminals engaged in baffling the police. The idea is full of possibilities for a thrilling detective story.

LADY MARY.

KAISER'S SECOND SON.



Price Eitel Fritz (Frederick) is dangerously ill. This is the boy for whom the Kaiser is playing a crafty game of politics in an effort to place him on the throne of Austria to succeed Franz people are said to favor the scheme.

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

On account of its property of being solidified by heat and liquefied by cold, the new substance known as "cryolite" has been regarded as quite unique. But M. Charles Tavelet, a French chemist, has now discovered other substances behaving in the same way. One of these is a glucoside that he has named "vitrinexin." This exists in a soluble and an insoluble variety, and a mixture of the two is also soluble. The solution coagulating at about 50° C. becomes a gelatinous bead in the hand and liquefies on touching anything cold. The basic crystalline of vitrinexin has the same property, as do also the "mammurins" which Vitulin has found in condurango and which are analogous to the vitrinexin if not practically identical with them.

The problem of obtaining a healthy potato seems to have been solved in France by the new species that has been under test. This was found wild in marshy districts of Uruguay, has lost its bitter taste after several years of cultivation and is reported to have an enormous yield. The blossoms supply a jasmine-like

heating the unwashed precipitate to whiteness for half an hour, a blende is produced that phosphoresces more brilliantly than the best "minium" paint.

The American blende appears to be gaining ground, and the extinction of this noble beast may still be far away. The latest census estimates the number in existence at about 1,500. These are largely scattered in zoological gardens and restricted parks in Europe and the United States, but a rapidly increasing herd, now thought to contain 50 individuals, is known to roam wild in the almost inaccessible region about the Great Slave Lake in Canada.

A varnish of melted sugar, applied with a soft brush, is the novel protective coating for butter that is finding favor in Germany and England.

The novel electric clock of Karl Siegl, of Innsbruck, is itself driven and gives impulses to other clocks without moving contacts or mechanical connections of any sort. A slot in a disc on an electro-magnetic pendulum and one in a fixed screen are so arranged that when they pass at each beat of the pendulum the light from an incandescent lamp some yards away passes through, and falls upon a cylindrical mirror. The rays are focused by this mirror upon two selenium cells—one in the circuit of the pendulum and the other in circuit with the clocks to be controlled. Each lighting and darkening causes a variation in the resistance of the cells, and the current of the actuating magnet is thus made to give periodic impulses. Retarding impulses on the return swing are prevented by a time lag in the action of the selenium cells.

A Menace to Health.

Kidney trouble is an insidious danger, and many people are victims of a serious malady before the symptoms are recognized. Foley's Kidney Cure corrects irregularities and strengthens and builds up the kidneys, and it should be taken at the first indication of kidney trouble, as it is impossible to have good health if the kidneys are deranged. For sale by F. J. Hill Drug Co.

performs. One planting of a field is sufficient for any number of years as broken roots left in the soil spring up each season after the first.

The new Tuscan alloy, "radium argenteum," contains copper, iron, and minute portions of silver, radium and phosphorus. It is about as heavy as copper, has a fine gold color that does not tarnish, is claimed to be stronger than steel and a better conductor than copper, and it is much cheaper than bronze.

Water now supplies 1,500,000 horsepower for electrical power, about one-third of it in the United States.

A new kind of heat precipitates is produced by chemical treatment. Lime, a mixture of potash, soda and saccharine matter are mixed with the raw peat, the educt being to absorb the water and oil, and to dry and harden the mass throughout. Only slight mechanical pressure is required by the process. The product is a fuel claimed to equal the best coal in density and heating value, to be free from sulphur, and to be suitable for domestic use, gas-making, steam raising, or conversion into coke for iron smelters. By taking the machinery which is simple and automatic to the bog, it is estimated that the cost of production can be reduced to 25 cents per ton, the expense for chemicals being 20 cents or less.

Brilliantly phosphorescing zinc blende has been supposed to require the use of chemically pure zinc, but two German chemists have lately shown independently that traces of impurity are necessary for the best results. A blende containing one ten-thousandth of copper gives a beautiful green phosphorescence, while silver, lead, bismuth, tin, uranium or cadmium may be substituted for the copper with good effect. By adding common salt and magnesium chloride to a solution of pure ammonium zinc sulphate, precipitating with hydrogen sulphide, and

"News" Correspondent on The Far East.

Japanese Theater Horror Graphically Described—American Friendship is Much Appreciated—An Unsatisfactory Financial Policy—The Czar's Speech—Exchange of Prisoners.

Special Correspondence.

TOKIO, Japan, Jan. 29.—The Shikishima theater, in Taichikawacho, Maebashi, was destroyed by fire on Sunday, the 15th inst., at 8:20 p. m., a play being enacted at the time. Twenty-nine persons were killed and several injured. Four other houses were also destroyed and three damaged by the fire.

The fire was due to a maker of fireworks. A pyrotechnic display was to be given after the conclusion of the dramatic performance, and the workman in charge was lighting the fireworks when the chemicals ignited and set the house on fire. It is reported that the terrible loss of life might have been averted but for the intervention of the promoters of the play. It seems to be customary in Maebashi for the theater goers to pay for their boxes toward the end of the performance, and when the fire broke out these fees had not been collected. The flames spread with terrible rapidity and consumed the stage decorations and scenery, while the entire house was filled with smoke. The audience rushed toward the doors, but the latter had been shut, by order of the stage manager, who was afraid that he might lose his fees. He shouted excitedly to the audience that the flames would be instantly brought under control. The heat and smoke, however, became unbearable and the people within raised agonizing cries and at last forced the stage manager to open the doors. The doors had been closed not more than two minutes, but these two minutes were sufficient to cause 29 deaths, the victims being chiefly children and women. In addition eight persons are reported missing. The killed include, since his daughter and maid servant, and two actors. The workman who caused the fire was totally blinded by the ignition of the explosives.

Referring to fire it may be interesting to know that in Tokyo alone during the year 1904 there were 512, which destroyed 643 buildings completely and 350 partially. Ninety-five are attributed to incendiaries, 65 to overturned lamps, 36 to tobacco ashes, 33 to defective chimneys and 33 to braiders.

GENERAL PRINCE FUSHIMI.

All the journals, metropolitan and provincial, throughout the empire join in being rejoiced at the safe return home of General Prince Fushimi, who arrived Monday, the 15th inst., per the s.s. Mongolia, from his mission to the United States, and in giving expression to their sense of highest satisfaction, indeed, gratitude, at the profound respect and royal welcome extended to his highness on his arrival and throughout his stay there. They are unanimously convinced that the imperial visit has been most fruitful in cementing still closer the spirit of the most cordial friendship that characterizes in pre-eminent the relationship between Japan and the United States.

AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP.

In acknowledging the great moral debt that Japan owes to the United States, the Nichi Nichi dwells on certain prospects of a long, protracted campaign.

It is reported that her majesty the empress has expressed her wish to provide mutilated Russian prisoners from Port Arthur with artificial limbs and eyes—presents hitherto made more than once to invalids both Japanese and Russian. In this connection, the medical bureau of the war office is now making the necessary arrangements.

FOREIGNERS IN TOKIO.

According to the government's latest

report there are in Tokio 1,566 foreign residents, divided among the different nationalities as follows: Chinese, 564; Americans, 286; English, 185; Russians, 164; French, 91; Germans, 77; Indians, 46; Canadians, 21; Philippines, 15; Swedes, 8; Siamese, 8; Italians, 7; Belgians, 6; Sweden, 4; Dutch, 2; Danes, 1; Portuguese, 1; Spanish, 1.

The government has decided not to sanction, for the time being, any fresh enterprises in this country which will require the importation of materials from abroad. No doubt the present war is responsible for this action.

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS.

In a report from the Yomiuri's correspondent attached to the Kuraki army, it is stated that not long ago, in the direction of the Shasho, where the opposing forces are now encamped, a detachment of Russian troops attacked one of the Japanese troops at the result that two Japanese were reported missing. It was surmised that the two men had been taken prisoners, and in order to ascertain whether this was so or not, a Japanese officer wrote a letter under date of Dec. 5, requesting that if the soldiers in question had fallen into the hands of the Russians, the latter would accord them kind treatment and that any information concerning the men would be greatly appreciated. The letter was then left at a spot not far from the enemy's first line of defense. In reply, a Russian officer, writing under date of Dec. 15, addressed a letter to the two Japanese, which he stated that the two private soldiers, one being badly and the other slightly wounded, and that both were receiving treatment in the Russian hospitals. In addition, the Russian officer hoped that despite the bitter cold weather, the enemy's officers and men would continue to fight.

HORACE S. ENSIGN.

WHAT WHISKEY COSTS THE DRUNKARD. Cure the Drink Habit With Orinone and Save Money.

Whiskey drinking does not pay. Take the lowest possible view, without counting the loss of friends, the loss of business, the loss of manhood that comes to the drunkard, consider simply the actual money paid out, and see what it costs in dollars and cents. Good authorities state that nearly one-third of the wages of the laboring man goes over the bar. How much are you contributing? Figure up for one month how much you pay out for your wife and children and pay out in exchange for drink. The total will astonish you, and you will swear off. Will-power alone will not cure the habit. The Orinone, the only guaranteed cure for the habit, can be used without pain, nervousness, gives a good appetite and refreshing sleep. The cost is small, it is sold in all drug stores, and is recommended by Smith Drug Co., Salt Lake City, Utah.

THE CARE OF THE HAIR.

women's crowning glory, should be of interest to all. If gray or blackened hair can be restored to its original color or of any shade desired from black to the lightest ash blonde without injury to health or scalp by the use of the

IMPERIAL HAIR REGENERATOR.

The Standard Hair Coloring. Its use makes the hair glossy, soft and silky; is unaffected by baths, permits curling, and one application will last months.

Sample of your hair colored free. Privacy assured.

Sole manufacturers and patentees Imperial Chemical Mfg. Co., Ltd., 155 W. 23rd St., N.Y.

FOR RICH WOMEN—FOR POOR WOMEN—WINE OF CARDUI

Wine of Cardui has been the favorite medicine with women of all classes for over three-quarters of a century. It has been curing both rich women and poor women. They have the same troubles. Female weakness attacks both rich and poor. Periodical disorders and bearing down pains attack poor women because they generally overdo and strain themselves in their daily round of duties.

In many cases lack of proper exercise, late hours, indigestion and trying social duties so undermine rich women's health that disordered periods, bearing down pains, ovarian trouble and nervousness are the result.

The irritating causes are different but the pain is the same—and the cure is the same—that never-failing woman's tonic, Wine of Cardui.

Wine of Cardui is universally known as the best medicine for women. Rich women take it because it cures them completely, even when the most expensive treatment of a specialist fails. Poor women take it because the cost of Wine of Cardui is slight. It is within the reach of any woman.

It is a cheap treatment because it costs but \$1.00 a bottle and a very few bottles do the work. Wine of Cardui cures those troubles which women prefer not to talk about—those troubles which are the hardest to cure and those troubles which generally demand the most expensive treatment. Wine of Cardui cures these troubles and cures them quickly. It stops the pain—that unnecessary pain that is so common—and it makes operations unnecessary. It can be taken in the privacy of the home. This recommends it to every suffering woman. Ask your druggist for a \$1.00 bottle of Wine of Cardui and a package of Thedford's Black-Draught and give the treatment a trial in your home.

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