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INTO DARKEST AFRICA.

The Hazardons Venture of a Boad of

The recent brutal butchery of Christians in China does not seem to deter other missionaries from seeking



ized countries for the spread of the gospel. In spite of the dangers which await them a small party of religious workers, composing the African Inland mission.

REV. PETER C. SCOTT. has just set out from Philadelphia for the region of the Endan, the most dangerous mission field in the world.

The party is under the leadership of the Rev. Peter Cameron Scott, an enthusiastic and determined young clergyman. He has spent seven of the 28 years of his life in Africa, two years of that time in the interior of the dark continent. Among those who will accompany him on his perilous mission is his sister. Miss Margaret Scott, who has retheir pilgrimage to darkest Africa they expressed the belief that they would be successful in overcoming the superstitions and bitter prejudices of the savages and were full of hope and courage.
It is the purpose of Mr. Scott and his

associates to land at Mombasa, on the eastern coast of Africa, and proceed at point the missionaries will work northward along the mountains of the Sudan.

Little if any Christian missionary work has hitherto been done in this vast region of eastern Africa, where there are 90,000,000 people wholly without the teachings of the gospel. It is ac-knowledged to be the most perilous mission field in the world, both on account of the climate and the bitter hatred and hostility of the Moslems, who hold almost undisputed sway in that portion of the dark continent. Facing the dangers of disease, the savage natives and the bloodthirsty and marauding Arabs, this little band of Christian teachers carry their lives in their hands, and that some or all of them will be sacrificed on the altar of their devotion seems more than probable.

HE REFUSED TO DRINK.

Colonel Wilson Declined to Imbibe With the President of the United States.

Colonel John M. Wilson of the engineer corps of the United States army is a familiar and popular figure in the military and social life of the national capital. By virtue of the retirement of General Henry L. Abbot under the age



COLONEL JOHN M. WILSON limit Colonel Wilson was recently transferred from Washington to the northeast division, which includes New York and New England.

Colonel Wilson has had the rather unique and, for an army officer, unusual experience of having refused to drink with two presidents of the United States. The first occasion was at the close of the long and fatiguing day of Cleveland's first inauguration, in conducting the details of which Colonel Wilson had an important part. When it was all over the president suggested that they take a "quiet little drink" togeth-A decanter of whisky was produced. With a moral courage not less conspicuous than had been his physical courage in the time of war the colonel firmly declined the invitation of the nation's chief executive, saying, "I cannot join you in a drink of whisky, for I have never drunk spirits and never mean to do so." The colonel therefore pledged the president's health in a glass of apollinaris. He had a similar experience on the occasion of Harrison's inauguration.

As before, the president, after congratulating him upon the successful anagement of the ceremonies, suggested that they take a drink together in honor of the occasion. Colonel Wilson again declined, and drank President Harrison's health in a glass of water.

Colonel Wilson has had a rather brilliant military career and combines in a high degree the distinguishing traits of a soldier and a gentleman. He was born in the District of Columbia, and is about 55 years of age. He entered West Point in 1855, being appointed from Washington territory, and graduated in 1860, joining the engineer corps, with which he has since been connected. He served with distinction all through the war of the rebellion and was successively promoted for gallant and meritorious service in the battle of Gaines Mill, Va., at Malvern Hill, during the campaign around Mobile, in the capture of Spanish Fort and at Fort Blakeley, Ala. His present rank is that of lieu-tenant colonel of engineers. During esident Cleveland's two terms he has held the position of superintendent of public buildings and grounds at Wash-ington. For four years he was superin-tendent of the United States Military scalemy at West Point.

Cut Off In the Flower of Her Youth, She

THE LATE MRS. ASTOR.

Had Mrs. William Waldorf Astor lived and died in New York, her natural and proper home, her death would have been reckoned little short of a gen-

eral calamity.

As her husband saw fit to expatriate himself and cultivate an indifference, if not a positive hostility, to everything American, except the huge income he derives from his native soil, Mrs. Astor's death will cause a slight sensation in England and a faraway feeling of regret in New York.

Mamie Paul was scarcely fitted to be the wife of the cold, proud, sensitive man who was head of the greatest famtly and fortune in American.

She was an extremely simple and unaffected girl, who cared as little as possible for pomp and ceremony and still ess for gewgaws and jewels.

She would have made an admirable wife for a business man of moderate means and would have adorned a cottage with more grace and interest than she displayed in presiding over the splendors of Cliveden.

She was forced by her husband into a foolish quarrel with the other branch of cently returned from missionary work as willing to live abroad as among her on the Kongo river. Before beginning own kinsfolk. Her married life could not have been

a disappointment, though, for she had four charming children and was a most loving and devoted mother. Cut off in the flower of her youth and beanty and dying in a strange land, her

short career may serve as a lesson on the mutability of fate to those young woonce to Mount Kilima-Njaro, where a men who cried their eyes out with envy station will be established. From this and disappointment when her engagemen who cried their eyes out with envy ment to Willie Astor was announced.

The Astor family certainly deserves all the commiseration it should receive, for it has been getting some pretty hard and undeserved knocks of late. - Cholly Knickerbocker in New York Recorder.

WOMEN IN BRITISH POLITICS.

They Are Conducting a Three Cornered Campaign For the Premiership.

The influence of women in the high places of British politics has not been conspicuous in this generation. This fact adds interest to the particularly warm feminine campaign which has been waged over since Tory minds became convinced of the probability of an early return of the Conservative party to power. The prize which the fair disputants are struggling for is no less than the premiership of England. Three of the most brilliant women in Great Britain are the leaders of rival hosts which within the higher circles of Tory society are keenly pressing the claims of their respective champions.

These ladies are the Duchess of Devonshire, the Marchioness of Salisbury Miss Balfour. It is not an exaggeration to say that the ambition for the party's endership of the three men whose names these ladies bear has been allowed to the better off and the imports of rest in their hands as far as seeking sup-port within the party is concerned. It our currency without having to pay is no vulgar political canvass, but rival- such prices for our credit as we have ry none the less genuine and important. Those who know the three women credit the Duchess of Devonshire with greater skill and cleverness in political affairs than her husband or indeed most of the other party leaders, but most people agree that her present task is beyond

her powers. The situation most favors Miss Balfour. The ardor with which she is championing her brother's cause is exciting a good deal of admiration, albeit she succeeded somewhat in offending her aunt, the Marchiouess of Salisbury, by the warmth of her advocacy. It must e admitted that Mr. Balfour's following within the party is now considerably stronger than Lord Salisbury's.— London Letter.

Perfect House Uncarthed Near Pompell A valuable discovery has been made at Pianella-Setteimini, near Pompeii, on the property of a certain Vincent de Prosco. A house has been unearthed which was covered at the time the city was buried, and it is said to be in a more perfect condition than any building yet discovered. It contains several large apartments and three bathrooms, with the basins in sculptured marble, and with leaden pipes ornamented with bronze faucets. The three rooms correspond, says a writer in describing the discovery, to the "calidarium, tepidarium and frigidarium which were always to be found in ancient houses of the first class. In consequence of the eruption of Vesuvius in A. D. 79 the Pompeiian houses brought to light heretofore have been roofless almost without exception. Fortunately, however, that on the property of M. de Prosco is perfect, and archæologists are happy over the fact. The roof measures almost 44 feet in length."—Rome Letter.

Number of Postage Stamps Used.

Two hundred million 2 cent postage stamps that are reported as worthless by postmasters throughout the country have been called in by the postmaster general and will be destroyed. Although 200,000,000 seems to be an enormous number, it is really trifling compared with the number of stamps used by the American people each year and would last less than 20 days. It requires about 12,000,000 stamps a day to conduct the correspondence of our population, or a total of 4,380,000,000 for the year. There is not as much letter writing these times as there was when the country was more prosperous, but a decided in-crease has been noticeable during the last two months. The weight of the mails is an accurate barometer of business affairs. - Indianapolis Sentinel.

Got Their Itemized Statement. A bill nine feet long was presented to the Montgomery (Pa.) county commissioners at their last meeting. The amount was \$2,288.86 for repairs to a county bridge in Skippack. A previous bill had been rendered "in the lump," and a request was made for an itemized statement, with the result noted.

OUR AMERICAN SUGAR that if by any chance cholers should main a foothold in this city it would

It Should Be Used in Preter- cilated houses have provided a material ence to China's Product.

Every American Should Demand the Native Product and See That He Gets It.

It is a singular thing that, while the inhabitants of the United States are a most prosperous people and consume more of both the necessities and luxuries of life, generally speaking, they are behind the English in the consumption of sugar.

In 1890-91 the sugar used in the United Kingdom was an amount equal pounds per capita.

What the reasons are for this great difference have puzzled many per- dustry. sons, and we must look carefully for them if we are to find the causes.

American workmen receive more pay than the laborers of any other country, and as a rule have the money to obtain for their table everything wanted. It dawn of that day when the millions seems fair to assume that the older the spent for sugar will be kept at home country and civilization the more carefully are the questions of household this is true why can we not argue from opening to appear when they can engage the premise stated that we have failed to a great degree in discovering the wholesomeness and the economy of using large amounts of sugar?

Looking at this question from the the Astor family, and after that was just | national side we see some reasons why we should be heavy consumers of sweets and again we see that we are obliged to buy most of the sugar we use from other countries, and we owe it to ourselves to carefully consider what we as individuals can do to stimulate the sugar producing and sugar manufacturing and sugar consuming

industries of our country.

The United States sent out of the country in 1893 the enormous sum of \$116,000,000 for sugar, and this amount known hymn, "Return, O Wander if it could only have been retained at er, to Thy Home." The visitor, howhome would have done much to make this country prosperous and would have been a great help during the awful panie of the last two years. The policy of the United States has been very clearly determined to be of protection to home industry and home

voice of wisdom we may all be pardoned for the maintenance of those opinions which will help to shape the domestic and foreign policies of the United States for the ensuing genera-

If it were necessary that we should buy a staple like sugar abroad in order that we might sell our surplus of other products we might perhaps as well buy sugar as anything else, but this is not the case. We can sell our products at the world's price, and that is what we do always when we export: if we can take back coin instead of other prodnots that under the right conditions we can raise at home we are so much money will assist us in maintaining

recently paid. Again we come to the question of practical importance: How can you as a citizen do anything to promote the

objects the country desires to obtain? In the first place, what kind of sugar do you consume yourself? Charity and wisdom begin, or should

begin, at home. quire as to whether you are getting that of domestic production that of domestic production or manufacture? If you do not you have neglected your duty as an American citizen and you should remove the beam of carelessness from your own eye before you censure your representatives and senators for overlooking some things that might promote the welfare

of your country.

It is true that we not only import immense quantities of raw sugar but on the Pacific coast a pernicious trade has recently sprung up in the manu-factured sugar of Chins, many retail grocers handling it surreptitiously.

Think of it, in a section of the United States as sparsely capitalized as the West coast, actually sending its money to a notoriously cheap labor country for an article of household consumption which is refined and produced

Of what use are such legislative enactments as the Chinese exclusion act if our people, the very ones who were most clamorous for the prevention of the competition of cheap labor, are going to suffer their hard earned coin to a boy, and I never hoped be sent to China for sugar refined

The idea that the price of sugar is kept at its present low figures on the Pacific coast by the importation of Hong Kong sugar is an erroneous one. for whenever the American refineries advance the Chinese importers have invariably followed. If American granulated sugar was selling at say nine cents today the price of foreign would be about the same. The truth is that supply and demand makes the world's market on sugar as it does on wheat and other great staples, and when the New York and London markets advance or decline the price of all sugars, either American or Chinese, is

Ask your dealer for American-made sugar and do not be afraid to ask him if he handles the China goods, and if he does read him a lecture on his politics and morals, and you will have fulfilled part of your duty as a ctizen. Many leading stores now display signs, "We Handle the American Refined Sugars Only."

immediately affected.

From a hygienic standpoint it should be remembered cholera is now raging in the Orient. San Francisco's board of health has determined to take every precaution to prevent the disease from obtaining a foot-hold in this city, and to that end Chinatown will be subjected to a rigid examination. The physicians composing the board consider

make its appearance in the Chinese quarter, where the crowded condition of the narrow streets and the illy-ven-

orceding place for the plague. All the sugar that comes to the Northwest is from Hong Kong, an infected port, and is handled by coolies ENCOURAGE HOME INDUSTRIES there probably close to cholera patients. A well-known manufacturer and agent in the Orient says:

"Every package of merchandise, sugar, silk, etc., should be thoroughly fumigated and the cholera germs, if my, thus cradicated. Think of Americas using sugars and silks handled and worked upon by natives who receive 12 cents a day for their labor and live in squalor and dirt with pestilence and

disease raging near by. The sugar business of this country is largely in the hands of a great combination, but the reason for this is that the policy of our legislators has been to 781 1-2 pounds per capita, while the so parsimonious that instead of buildfigures show an average consumption ing up the small factories for the manin the United States of only 591 1-2 ufacture of beet sugar, the bounty has been withdrawn and our people have been discouraged in working up the in-

Time will come when in every state there will be refineries and no section of the world can produce better beets than Oregon and Washington. If, therefore, you wish to live to see the begin as you are now advised to do and buy American sugar and encourage economy and hygiene studied, and if those who are waiting for the proper in the production and manufacture of domestic sugar.

A Sparrow Chorister.

The Free Parish church congregation had rather an amusing experience one Sunday. A little sparrow, evidently tired of the warring of the elements outside the kirk, thought it would pay a visit inside and did so, not by the orthodox manner, coming through the door and leaving a donation in the plate, but through the window, thereby dodging the elders' eagle eyes. Just as it arrived and had started a cheery chirruping the choir rose up and burst into the well ever, did not take the hint, but remained to the end of the service and assisted the choir at intervals.-Rothesay (Scotland) Chronicle.

A SYNDICATE OF MONSTERS.

protection to home industry and home manufactures, and whether we consider the recent tariff laws as wise or unwise the fact remains that they are unpopular and do not fill the bill.

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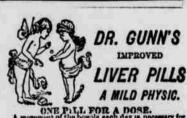
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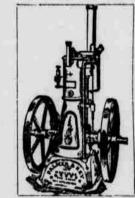
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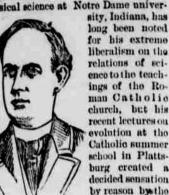
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DR. ZAHM ON EVOLUTION.

His Liberal Views Have Created a Sense tion In the Roman Catholic Church. Rev. Dr. J. A. Zahm, professor of physical science at Notre Dame univer-



long been noted for his extreme liberalism on the relations of science to the teachings of the Roman Catholie church, but his recent lectures on T evolution at the Catholic summer school in Plattsburg created a decided sensation by reason by the novel and unorthodox onin-

REV. DR. ZAHM. Conservatives are ions advanced. breathing hints of heresy, and rumors of a possible church trial are freely circulated. The doctor and his friends, however, profess to fear no such result. The following portion of the doctor's lecture is one to which exception has

been taken: "The evolution of the body of man from some inferior animal and the subsequent endowment in this body by God of a rational soul is antagonistic to no dogma of faith and may be shown to be in harmony with the teachings of St. Thomas. The theory may encounter certain grave difficulties in the domains of metaphysics and Biblical exegesis, but I do not think that such difficulties are insuperable. At all events, whatever one may be disposed to think of the theory, it is well always to bear in mind that it has never been condemned by the church, although it has been publicly discussed and defended for full five and

Father Zahm's degree of doctor was lately conferred upon him by the pope, proprio mote, and it is an interesting fact that the only other scientist upon whom this honor has been conferred from the Vatican is St. George Mivart, whose excursion into forbidden fields of belief and its sequel of reprimand and recantation are well remembered. It is asked by not a few whether such a fate is not in store for Dr. Zahm.

Dr. Zahm was born of German and Irish parentage at New Lexington, O., in 1841. In 1871 he was graduated at the Notre Dame university and soon afterward entered the Congregation of the Holy Cross, which was founded at Notre Dame 50 years ago by the celebrated Father Sorin. For a quarter of a century Dr. Zahm has been professor of physics in the faculty of his alma mater. During that time he has traveled widely and has contributed largely to scientific and religious periodicals. He was the first American to be elected a member of the Societe Francaise do Physique.

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