

ODD HAPPENINGS IN A BUSY WORLD

A NEW LIFE BOAT.

A new style lifeboat has been invented by Captain Mayo, of the life-saving service on the Great Lakes. The boat is a cone, completely covered except for manholes to get in and out of. It is 30 feet long, 7 feet in diameter and will accommodate fifty people, with food and water for thirty days. The cones keep it from rolling, and the only openings besides the manholes are small ones for oars, which can be closed when not in use, and a hawse-pipe for an anchor cable. It is said to draw only four inches of water.

QUEER FISH THESE.

An extraordinary discovery of subterranean fish was made at Goshen, N. Y., recently, when a heavy explosive was used to fire a driven well. A column of water was spouted 300 feet, and with the debris came three very curious fish. One struck near the well and flapped back into it, and the other two were captured. The larger measured eight inches in length and weighed almost half a pound. The fish were similar in shape to a frankfurter sausage. A bystander caught the big one, but says he received a heavy electric shock when he touched it. He struck it with a hatchet and the blade glanced off the body. It soon died. The survivor is covered with small scales so arranged as to render it impossible to tell which end is head and which tail. Heading either way it swims equally well, but prefers to burrow under a heap of sand.

THE BIGGEST MAN.

Edward Beaupre, a young French-Canadian giant, is believed to be the biggest man in the world. Although but 20 years old, he stands seven feet eight inches tall, and weighs 362 pounds. His feet are 17 1/2 inches long and his arm close to the armpit measures 54 inches. Young Beaupre's father is a French-Canadian and his mother is a half-breed. He is in excellent health. All his brothers and sisters are of a normal size.

BRITISH LOSSES IN TRANSVAAL.

The losses of the British army in South Africa in the month of February add seriously to the total, which, since the beginning of the war, amounts to 56,155, all told. The killed in action in February numbered five officers and 123 men; died of wounds, six officers and 58 men, and of disease, sixteen officers and 556 men. There were two officers and twenty men accidentally killed. Total missing, 796. The number invalided to England was 60 officers and 1493 men, and 484 were wounded. The proportion of killed to wounded reached the extraordinary high ratio of 1 to 3. There were six officers and nine men reported missing and 62 surrendered. Altogether the deaths from all causes to the end of February amounted to 664 officers and 13,137 men. No fewer than 1763 officers and 46,594 men were sent to England as invalids, but most of these are reported to have regained the ranks in Great Britain or South Africa. The casualties from fighting and disease were greater in February than in January. The Boer losses from the same causes are unknown.

ODD CLUB FOR WOMEN.

Vienna has a new society which should rouse some American cities to noble emulation. No woman not divorced is eligible to membership, but there is nothing frivolous about the organization. It is to be called the Humanity Club, and its badge is a silver ring, engraved with that word, and worn on the wedding finger. The appropriateness of the name seems a trifle occult; but presumably, a divorced woman has more troubles of her own, in Austria, than here and needs moral support. The idea of a band of divorced women meeting weekly "for mutual entertainment and support" will probably strike the average American citizen as distinctly humorous; but it is a serious matter, in Vienna, and the club proposes building for itself a permanent home.

SAVED BY A MIRACLE.

N. Y. Sun. QUEBEC, Mar. 23.—The nuns of the Congregation of Notre Dame are at present saying prayers to thank providence for what they believe to have been a miracle in Montreal.

At the million-dollar fire which occurred in that city on Saturday last and which had been given them by warehouses in the rear of the famous parish church of Notre Dame, grave fears were entertained for the safety of the stately pile, and at one period almost every hope of saving it had disappeared.

At this moment the sisters sent to the firemen a piece of blue ribbon which is said to have belonged to St. Amable, and which had been given them by Monsieur Broches. The captain of the first brigade was asked to throw the ribbon into the flames where they threatened the church most, and it is declared that immediately after he had done so the fire miraculously subsided in that direction and the church was saved.

A similar miracle is said to have been wrought in this city some time ago. The exposure of a statue of the Virgin Mary in front of a convent is said to

have saved it from destruction in a fire which swept out of existence every other building for several blocks near it.

A. R. C.'S ON PIN HEAD.

There is a man in Philadelphia who wears a common-place looking little pin as a watchcharm. To the naked eye it is not different from the millions of other pins. Yet its head is a masterpiece of the engraver's art, for on it is engraved the English alphabet in Old English lettering, and in the center is cut the year when it was done.

The naked eye cannot distinguish a scratch on the pin's head, but a powerful magnifying glass, such as is used by a watchmaker, reveals the letters of the alphabet in proper order around the edge of the head, every character separate, and perfectly formed.

ONE ON THE NEW YORK SUN.

Washington Post. A contributor to the New York Sun's tobacco controversy writes as follows: "Why, yesterday I saw a respectable man coming home from church with his wife and a pipe in his mouth." A man with a mouth of such dimensions ought to be able to get a steady museum job. By the way, where was the Sun's office cat when this one slipped in?

\$4250 FOR IT.

Peter Greenhalgh, of Venango, Pa., bought an old safe for \$7 at an administrator's sale. The safe had been drilled open before the auction and nothing of value discovered. Greenhalgh carted the safe to the farm. "I think I made a bad bargain," said he to his wife; "this safe is not worth \$7."

But in prying between the partitions Peter found gold and bank notes to the amount of \$4250.

SOME NONSENSE.

The sons of Erin have long labored under the imputation of making more "breaks" with their tongues than any of their fellow-mortals, but from the following it would seem that the "bull" is not necessarily indigenous to Irish soil. It was a Frenchman who in writing to an acquaintance said: "I left my knife at your office yesterday. If you find it please send it to me. Yours, Le Rouge."

"P. S.—Since writing this I have found my knife, so you need not trouble to send it."

The same individual sent a present of some fruit to a friend, and in the bottom of the basket he placed a note, the postscript to which read: "You will find this note in the bottom of the basket, but if you do not, let me know immediately."

It was the Scotchman who said: "The butcher in our town does such a small business that he only has to kill half a beef at a time."

A German in advertising for a lost pig, said: "It has no earmarks except its tail, which is missing."

A British magistrate, on being informed by a vagabond that he had no wife, responded: "Well, that's a lucky thing for her."

At a prayer meeting in Vermont a pious old deacon invoked a blessing on a "poor young man whose father is a drunkard and whose mother is a widow."

At a negro ball the doorkeeper, on being asked what "Not transferable" on the tickets meant, replied: "It means that no gentleman admitted 'less he come himself!'"

The mother of an American girl who made a brilliant marriage with a son of a noted English family, once asked Chattran, the painter, for the address of a noted sculptor. In explaining her reason for so doing she said: "Mary has such a lovely arm, I want to have a bust made of it."

It was the same woman, who in speaking of masquerades, said: "I shall always like masquerade balls. The first time I met my husband was at a masquerade and he was in the garb of a monk."

Another American woman with unbounded wealth and ambitions started the hotel clerk by asking for the address of "any of the old masters." She explained that she wanted a portrait painted.

FOR STATE EXHIBITS.

Amount Spent by Different States at Buffalo Fair.

State has erected a handsome building and is preparing an exhibit. Missouri has appropriated \$50,000 for a building and exhibit. Wisconsin appropriated \$25,000 for a building and exhibit.

The New England states have joined together for the erection of a building and display of their resources and industries. Massachusetts appropriated \$15,000. Rhode Island \$30,000 and Connecticut, Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire are expending sums sufficient for suitable exhibits.

California will make a very extensive exhibit through the state board of trade and the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

Alabama proposes to appropriate \$25,000 for an exhibit.

Georgia has appropriated a sum sufficient to pay the expenses of a fine exhibit.

Iowa has appointed a commission and an exhibit is being arranged. The agricultural and horticultural boards will participate in the display.

Idaho has appropriated \$15,000 for an exhibit.

Pennsylvania's appropriation for representation is \$35,000.

Minnesota has appropriated \$20,000 for an exhibit.

New Jersey's appropriation for representation is \$25,000.

North Dakota will expend its appropriation of \$10,000 for an exhibit.

Kentucky has appointed a commission and an exhibit is being arranged.

Oregon will expend \$25,000 for an exhibit.

Maryland has appointed a commission to prepare an exhibit and the Baltimore Manufacturers' Association is co-operating.

Delaware has made an appropriation for an exhibit.

Washington, Montana, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and other states will be suitably represented.

FUNSTON'S EXCITING CAREER.

Captor of Aguinaldo and His Thrilling Exploits.

Brigadier-General Frederick Funston, whose daring scheme for the capture of Aguinaldo has just been crowned with success, has figured in many exciting adventures, not alone upon the field of battle, but upon others.

Being connected with the agricultural department, he has twice been sent for botanical purposes, to Alaska. In the latter expedition, after his companions had aided him in building a canoe, he made alone the perilous trip of 1500 miles down the Yukon river. Nearing the end of his journey, the boat capsized and he struggled for life in the icy water. He succeeded in saving himself, only to be threatened with death from cold and starvation; but, fortunately, he came across a missioner's outpost. As it was, he nearly died of pneumonia and declared that he would never again take part in any dangerous undertaking.

But his adventurous spirit led him to Cuba. There he enlisted in the insurgent army and served under Generals Gomez and Garcia for eighteen months. He soon became commander of the Cuban artillery. In leading a cavalry charge he was wounded in both lungs. His horse, being shot, fell upon him, crushing his right leg. In endeavoring to crawl to the Cubans, a party of Spaniards captured him, but ready will served him a good turn. Immediately he told them that he was an American and had joined the Cuban army, but had all he wanted of it and had come to the Spaniards. It was at this time that President McKinley sent his first message. The Spaniards being quieted by its pacific tone and believing Funston's story, allowed him to leave the island.

On reaching the United States, owing to his wounded condition, he was obliged to go to a hospital, where he remained for some time. When hostilities with Spain broke out he offered his services and was commissioned as colonel of the Twenty-second Kansas. While the regiment was at San Francisco, previous to departing for Manila, the doughty colonel surrendered for the first time, but this time it was to Cupid. His beautiful bride accompanied him to Manila, where he soon distinguished himself by his courage and dash. On the march to Malolos his gallantry in crossing the Rio Grande river with a detachment of his regiment, the Twentieth Kansas volunteers, in the face of a galling fire from the rebel trenches, won for him the rank of a brigadier-general and made his name famous in the annals of the Philippine campaign. He was wounded in the arm in the attack upon Santo Tomas, but was soon in harness again, and, until recalled with his regiment to be mustered out of the service, was always counted upon when any service requiring more than ordinary pluck and activity was needed.

Upon his return the people of Kansas received him with every manifestation of joy, and he was presented with a gold sword, which cost \$1000, as a mark of popular esteem. Almost immediately after his regiment had been mustered out he was offered a brigade in the new volunteer forces, and, promptly accepting the position, returned to the Philippines in November last. Since that time he has frequently upheld his reputation for bravery and tireless activity in stamping out the struggling bands of rebels in various parts of Luzon.

General Funston is an Ohio man, born at New Carlisle on November 9, 1855, and is of Scotch-Irish descent, being one of that hard-bitten race of workers and fighters which move from Kentucky and Virginia to the Middle West before the middle of the last century. General Funston's father, Edward H. Funston, had a fine war record and re-

moved from Ohio to Allen county, Kansas, in 1867. He served four terms in the state legislature of Kansas, is a giant, physically and is known as a man of great force and courage. General Funston resembles his mother in the slenderness of his figure and in his rather delicate, though wiry constitution. His height being 5 feet 4 inches, he is properly described as a small man, yet he is so well proportioned, is so broad-shouldered, so erect and quick in his step and gestures that he leaves little impression of diminutiveness. He has brown hair and eyes, which beam good-naturedly.

He obtained his early education at the district and high schools of Allen county, and upon graduating from the latter in 1882 went to the state university at Lawrence.

After leaving school Funston taught for a winter, worked as a train cashier on the Santa Fe and attended the university of Kansas at Lawrence. He began to show signs of his tenacity, enthusiasm, intelligence and restless adventurous spirit in the collecting expeditions which the university sent out all over the western part of the continent. After leaving the university Funston worked as a newspaper reporter, and after a short time was sent on important government service by the department of agriculture into the far Southwest, to the scarred and arid desert west of New Mexico, and later to Alaska.

NOT SPEECHMAKING TOUR.

McKinley Will Not Address Multitudes From Car Platform.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The work of arranging the itinerary of the president's trip to the Pacific coast is proceeding slowly at the White House and almost everything on the program up to the present time is provisional and subject to change.

The trip is to be in no sense a speech-making tour, it being the president's desire as far as possible to avoid addressing the crowds which will conglomerate at the various places at which he will stop. Some set speeches at several places are already arranged for, but the president will make no rear platform speeches to the multitudes. Another feature of the trip will be the substitution of a drive through the city for a public reception. The trip will be so arranged that there will be no traveling on Sunday.

WATCHMAN KILLED BURGLAR.

Latter Had Been Wounded a Few Hours in Previous Attempt at Burglary.

CHICAGO, March 30.—After having been wounded in a previous attempt at burglary a few hours before, Cornelius Doherty, one of four who attempted to break into the Newberry, on East Ontario street, met a tragic death last night while running away from Watchman Kelly, who shot him in the left temple and the left thigh. Kelly had driven away three men earlier in the evening, discovering them as they were climbing the fire escape. He fired several shots at the fugitives, and one who fell, but regained his feet, is believed to have been Doherty. Shortly after midnight the men returned. Kelly again discovered them and ran after them, killing Doherty. The others escaped.

WHEAT MARKET.

PORTLAND, March 30.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 57 1/2.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—Wheat May, 103 1/2; cash, 102 1/2.

CHICAGO, March 30.—Wheat, May opening, 76 1/2; closing, 76 1/2.

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READY FOR THE BEST.

Lipton Doesn't Want Any American to Say He Won Because He Didn't Meet Best Boat.

LONDON, March 30.—In reply to a question asked by a representative of the Associated Press regarding the controversy as to the selection of a defender in the race for the America's cup, Sir Thomas Lipton made this statement today:

"I wish to say nothing which can possibly be construed as a criticism or gratuitous advice to the United States. I want only to meet the best boat America can build. I never want any one to be able to say after the cup races, 'You have won but you have not beaten our best boat.' My ideas on the subject can best be gathered from what I am doing myself. I am putting the Shamrock II. in open competition with any boat in the world."

Regarding his plans, Sir Thomas Lipton said: "As soon as possible after the launching I am going to the Solent to have the trials. On my way back to the Clyde, I shall probably accept the Royal Irish Yacht Club, Kingston, invitation to race there. Then I shall go to the Clyde and enter the Glasgow exhibition contests. As soon as possible after that, probably about June 13, the Erin and Shamrock II. will sail for America. I have not yet decided if the Shamrock I. will accompany them. We shall first go to the Azores to replenish our fuel, for on the last trip I found the Erin's coal capacity scarcely equal to the long, slow voyage. I trust there will be sufficient wind to avoid much towing, for I believe towing, on account of the strain involved, is more harmful to a yacht than sailing."

"I expect the yachts will arrive in New York early in July. After the cup races, unless something unexpected happens, I shall accept the Boston board of trade invitation to take the Shamrock II. to that city and have a little racing in New England waters."

CHICAGO POST SOLD.

Pages Will Be Reduced One-Half in Size and Doubled in Number.

CHICAGO, March 30.—The Chicago Evening Post was today sold by H. H. Kohlman to a company headed by J. C. Shaffer, of Evanston, who will be proprietor and publisher of the paper. Samuel T. Grover, for several years managing editor of the paper, will be its editor.

The publication, which will be known hereafter as the Chicago Post, will appear Monday in an entirely different form. The pages will be reduced one-half from the present size, but increased in number from 8 to 16. The Chicago Post, it is announced, will make a feature of financial news, but will "present all the news of value to its readers and will continue to take editorial, reformatory and social life of special interest in the literary, educational and political."

The paper will be strongly Republican in politics.

SEVERAL VESSELS LOST.

Fifty-Four Men Believed to Have Been Drowned in the Atlantic.

PHILADELPHIA, March 30.—The Norwegian steamer Krim, the schooner Florence and the British bark Sevrin have practically been given up as lost. The crews of these vessels aggregate 54 men, and all are believed to have been drowned. The Krim, Captain Irjes, sailed from this port January 25 for Vera Cruz with a cargo of 220 tons of coal. Under ordinary conditions she

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should have reached her destination in about ten days. Since clearing the Delaware breakwater nothing has been heard of her. The Severn, Captain Reed, sailed from Philadelphia for Baltimore and Hampton Roads, last September and left that port for Santos. She has not since been reported. The schooner Florence, Captain Chandler, left Port of Spain for Philadelphia, January 19, with asphalt, and is long overdue.

ing provided the city will guarantee a site and sufficient annual income for its maintenance. The Portland Library Association now has a library and building valued at \$500,000 and the two will probably be consolidated. SENATOR MITCHELL ILL. Confined to His Bed With an Acute Attack of Grip.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, is confined to his bed with an acute attack of the grip and has been prohibited by his physician from giving any attention to correspondence or business. He is not considered seriously ill, but it is necessary he should keep quiet for a few days. PORTLAND, March 30.—Andrew Carnegie will give \$100,000 to the city of Portland for a free public library building.