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Febiger, U. S. A., commands the left commanded by Captain Lansing, U. wing, and the mountain battery is S. A. Wagon trains are located a mile in the rear, which is the base. Cavalry occupies the lines of communication, backed by raipd-fire gun detachments from the Fourth U. S. Artillery. The Blue brigade is made up of the third battalion of the Secend U. S. Infantry, the Fourth Oregon, the Second Washington, the Sixth U. S. Infantry, two batteries Fourth U. S Field Artillery, two penses of the journey; for the Duke of the first institution in Washington to making an appeal to the heaftbroken troops Fourteenth Cavalry, and hos- Milan, 60 ducats; for the Marquis of recognize the value of Esperanto as pital, signal and engineer corps detachments. As soon as the battle now under progress has been com pleted hostilities will be suspended during a general discussion by officers of the tactical points involved.

DUELING STORIES.

Girardin's Satisfaction and a Winning Choice of Weapons.

M. de Girardin, the father of the statesman and author. Emile de Girardin, on one occasion entered a place where several men were firing at a target. A gentleman present, whom M. de Girardin did not know, hit the bullseye at every shot. Several bystanders expressed themselves in very great admiration of the gentleman's

"Yes," said De Girardin, "he shoots remarkably well, but it's quite a different thing to hit a man in a duel from hitting a piece of pasteboard."

The marksman overheard the remark and was offended.

"I think you are mistaken, sir." he said to De Girardin. "I assure you that If I had you before me I shouldn't miss "You can have me when you like."

said De Girardin.

the other.

An attempt was made to patch the matter up, but neither man would agree to an amicable settlement. The seconds were chosen, and the men went to a locality favorable for the duel. It was decided that they should fire separately, and it was left to a decision by lot which fired first.

The lot fell to the mysterious marksman. He fired at M. de Girardin and missed him. De Girardin stood still. making no sign as if to fire at his antagonist.

"Come. why don't you shoot?" asked his seconds.

"Why should I shoot?" asked De Girardin, "There is \$5 reason why I should kill this gentleman. I maintained that even a crack shot could easily miss his man at twenty-five contrary. He must now be convinced that he is wrong. I owe him no ill will for having discovered that."

A better method of meeting a dueling challenge was no doubt one which was employed on a certain occasion by a French statesman against M. Victor Noir, an illiterate bully of the press in the time of the second empire. The statesman received from Noir, for no real reason whatever, a challenge to fight a duel.

Noir was a densely ignorant man, and nearly every word in the challenge was misspelt. The statesman respond-

ed with the following letter: Dear Sir-You have called me out with out any good reason. I have therefore the choice of weapons. I choose the

spelling book, and you are a dead man, The duel was never fought.-London

POISONING AS A FINE ART.

Scale of Prices Submitted to the Vene tian Council of Ten.

Venetian poisoners first came into notoriety in the fifteenth century. At that period the mania for poisoning had risen to such a height that the governments of the states were formally recognizing secret assassination by poison and considering the removal of emperors, princes and powerful no-

bles by this method. The notorious council of ten met to consider such plans, and an account and record of their proceedings still ex. is when he is arrested for street fightists, giving the number of those who ing?-Los Angeles Times. woted for and who voted against the proposed removal, the reasons for the assassination and the sum to be paid

for its execution. Thus these conspirators quietly arranged to take the lives of many prominent individuals, and when the deed Times-Democrat. was executed it was registered on the

margin of their official record by the significant word "factum."

On Dec. 15, 1543, John of Raguba offered the council a selection of polsons and declared himself ready to remove any person whom they deemed objectionable out of the way. He calmly stated his terms, which for the first successful case were to be a pension of 1,500 ducats a year, to be increased on the execution of further

Pietro Guiarni placed this matter before the council on Jan. 4, 1544, and on a division it was resolved to accept this patriotic offer and to experiment first on the Emperor Maximilian. John. who had evidently reduced poisoning to a fine art, submitted afterward a regular graduated tariff to the council. The highest fee was for poisoning the' sultan, 500 ducats; for the king of Spain, 150 ducats, including the ex-Mantua, 50 ducats; for the pope, 180 ducats.-Health.

New Light on the Zones.

ined in geography, which had been pre-Among the questions in the geography paper was the following:

"Name the zones." One promising youth of eleven years wrote this answer:

"There are two zones, masculine and feminine. The masculine is either temperate or intemperate; the feminine is either torrid or frigid."-New York Sun

Then He Subsided.

"I never saw such a woman in all my life," said Bass, "You are never satisfied with anything."

"People who know the man I took for a husband," replied Mrs. B., "think, was 753. At the present time the any price, for two or three days more on the contrary, that I am easily satisfied."-Liverpool Mercury.

Trouble Ahead.

Book Agent-Madam, I was requested to call on you to show you this great work, "How to Cook Properly." Mad- number in December, 1907. am-Who sent you here? Book Agent -Your husband.-New York Press.

The Ring Finger

marriage ring should be placed on the left hand many answers are given. Some say because the left hand is much less used than the right, and Esperanto Association and in a therefore the ring is less liable to get public letter has recommended that er for the slowly trickling drops of broken. In the British Apollo of 1789 his countrymen take up Esperanto water. The solemn air of night is ing 'air runner') is then the name giv-It is stated that for the same reason which he called the gospel of the broken with the sounds of conflict, and en to this apparatus by Mr. Langley the fourth finger was chosen, which is not only less used than either of the rest, but is more capable of preserv ing a ring from bruises, having this one quality peculiar to Itself-that it cannot be extended but in company Three Killed and 20 Injured Owing with some other finger, whereas the rest may be singly stretched out to their full length and straightness.

Voltaire's Church.

Voltaire at no time claimed to be an atheist in the generally accepted sense believer in God, but not in "revelation," save as the revelation comes through the door of which he had inscribed the words, "Erected to God by Voltaire."-New York American.

Consolation.

"Wot's hup, Billy?" "Fader says my big brudder's gorn to

'eaven." "Don't ery"-hopefully "mebbe 'e ain't!"-London Opinion.

Mixed.

The following appeared in an Irish newspaper:

"Whereas, John Hall has fraudulently taken away several articles of wearing apparel without my knowledge. this is therefore to inform him that the underbrush is cut out. The area if he does not forthwith return the same his name shall be made public." -London Tattler.

An Imposition.

having stolen the overcoat. Anything down that unless unforseen circummore to say? Prisoner-Yes, your honor. I had to have the sleeves relined.-Punch.

Why is it that the only time the newspapers spell a man's name right Will be Held Today Throughout the

Not Exclusive. Nellie (aged five)-Our family is awfully exclusive. Is yours? Bessle (aged four)-No, indeed! We haven't any-

The United States Will Send a Representative

GERMANY

Official Recognition is Given to the Remarkable New Universal Language by the War Department-Congress to be Held in Dresden.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.-Esperanto has been recognized officially by the United States government in the recent appointment of Major Paul F. Straub of the Army Medical The presidents Guolando Duoda and Corps, to represent this country in the Fourth International Esperanto Congress to be held at Dresden, Germany, August 16-23, 1908. Belgium was the first nation to give its official recognition to this remarkable language by sending Lieutenant Cardinal to the third congress, held at Cambridge, England, last August.

an auxiliary language and it began the accumulation of Esperanto literature in January, 1906. The Washing-A class of boys averaging about ton Esperanto ociety was organized twelve years of age had been exam- in the Spring of 1907. Its presidents thus far have been James W. Cheney, ceded the day before by grammar librarian of the War Department, and Charles W. Stewart, superintendent of navy war records.

Esperanto has taken firm root hroughout the world. This is indicated by the number of groups formed in various countries and the diversity of their scope and composition. By its advocates Esperanto * destined to become one of the most important factors of the world's progress. At the end of December, 1907, the total number of Esperanto schools and societies throughout the world death. Water must be got now and at total is practicaly 1000. A proof of the progress of the Esperanto movement is the appearance of the new Esperanto gazettes, most of them monthlies, an increase of 15 over the these up the work is carried on during

In Bohemia, the Postmaster-General has authorized the use of Esperanto in telegrams on equal footing to save their crops end in tragedy and with European modern languages. In | death. Men are making a supreme ef To the question often asked why the Japan, Count Hayashi, minister of fort to avert disaster from their homes. foreign affairs, has accepted the and in the mad endeavor to gain the honorary president of the Japanese

FATAL COLLISION.

to Misunderstood Signal.

PIQUE, Aug. 10.-Three were killed and 20 injured in a collision between two cars, on the Western Traction Company's line, 20 milés paces. This gentleman maintained the of that term. So far as can be learned north of here today. The cause of from his own utterances and those of the wreck is thought to have been his contemporaries he was a deist, a though a misunderstood signal. The north bound car ou of Pique was run- to his heart's content in certain well flew a distance estimated by Dr. Bell Commerce: Pharmacy. God's visible creation. Voltaire built ning on time while the south bound a church in Ferney, Switzerland, above car out of Sydney was running at a great speed.

BIG TREES IN DANGER.

All Efforts to Check Forest Fire Are Unavailable.

SONORA, Aug. 10-The forest fire the outhern Grove near the Calaveras, big trees. All efforts to check it have been unavailing so far. Advices from the scene are that the big trees are in no immediate danger owing to the of burned section is now about 30 miles square, but the property loss is small. The trees are on swampy ground which makes the fighting eas-Magistrate - So you acknowledge ier than elsewhere. It may be set stances arise they will be saved.

CALIFORNIA PRIMARIES.

State.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 10.-The primaries will be held tomorrow throughout California, for the elec- Subscribe to the Morning Astorian, noon it is expected Mack will go out Subscribe for The Morning Astorian. tion of thre sets of delegates-to the 65 cents per month, delivered by car- to Fairview where he and the demo- 60 cents per month. Contains full thing to be ashamed of .- New Orleans state convention which will select rier. Contains full Associated Press cratic nominee will discuss the gen- Associated Press reports, besides all the presidential electors; to congress reports and all latest local news.

sional conventions, for the nomination of eight congressmen, and to the county and local conventions. More than usual importance attaches to the election of the full house and half the senate, because a United States senators is to be chosen this year. 'In also every county in the state two factions are contesting for control in both parties. In the Republican party there is a contest on between the Lincoln-Roosevelt League and the regular organization with both wings expressing the confidence that they have the majority in the legislature.

The democrats are in a similar position. They have a regular organization known as the McNab faction, and adherents of ex-Congressman Bell who routed McNab at Fresno. In addition to the tickets of the great parties, there are in the field those of the Independence League and the Union Labor ticket.

A CHINESE DROUGHT.

Tragic Scenes That Come With Long Spell of Dry Weather.

In many districts of China water becomes very scarce during the summer months. Some of the fearful results of the drought are described thus by the Rev. John MacGowan; "The great sun blazes down from an unclouded sky and drinks up the water that is clinging to the roots of the rice. The soll now cracks with the fervent heat The War Department library was and every blade of rice seems to be farmer for the water that alone will enable it to live. He is now at his wits' end to save his crop, for that perhaps is the only thing now that lies between him and poverty and despair A failure of a crop means very likely that he will have to sell his daughter or a son perhaps or even barter away his wife if he would keep the homestead from slipping from his grasp Some of the most piteous scenes in the many tragic ones that cast their shadows over the home in the experience of the Chinese husbandmen can be witnessed during the summer months made successful flights of over half when there has been a shortage in the fall of rain.

"The wells have become dry, and the little ponds have been drained of every drop of water they contained. The 12 years ago. The small aerodromes, rice in the field has lost the dark green color that with its rich sheen tells of health and vitality and is turning into a sickly yellow that means decay and of this will see the grain blasted in the death, has never been fully tested, a fields. They accordingly dig the ponds break occurring in the launching apdeeper to catch the tinlest rills that may flow into them, and as the work in the blazing sun might at once drink the midnight hours, so that not a drop fessor Langley's experiments workof the precious fluid may be absorbed ed out through his scientific study is by the great thirsty dragon in the sky expressed in one of the papers pub-

"Often these most pathetic endeavors lished originally in 1897: water for themselves the wildest passions of the heart are aroused, and neighbors will struggle with each oththe stars looking down from the midnight sky see murder committed by men whose sole and controlling motive is the preservation of their homes."-Chicago News,

LONDON'S SAFETY VALVE.

"Blow Off Steam."

There is perhaps no other great city where the measure of free speech which is accorded to agitators of all kinds is larger than it is in London. It is the practice there to give anybody recognized places of rendezvous, such at about 3000 feet or more than half a as the spacious Trafalgar square, and especially the far more spacious expanse of field or common in that portion of Hyde park where the "reformers' tree" stands and where there is room not only for thousands and Regarding Political Outcome Affect, chine work, etc. tens of thousands, but even hundreds of thousands.

Ordinarily in favorable weather on almost any fine afternoon or in the early part of the evening little meetwhich has been raging has reached ings are going on there, each having a police, but on a Sunday, from early in the morning until well into the night. litical outlook as affecting his candithese assemblages are very numerous and in full blast. Twenty, thirty, forty, even more, I have seen in operation at big crowds on every theme imaginable -religion, spiritualism, politics, the tariff, woman's rights, astrology, penology, the faith cure, bad literature, theosophy, socialism, aharchy, governmental abuses, the abolition of the house of lords, home rule, local reforms and the vices of the aristocracy, while the red flag was as likely to be as conspicuous as any other emblem on the poles that are stuck in the which are rolled in on wheels. The whole practice has long been regarded by many Englishmen as an excellent means of letting the people "blow off their steam."-Philadelphia Bulletin.

Deluge of Requests Made on Aero-Dynamics

AERONAUTICS STUDY

Smithsonian Institute Has Prepared Booklet Containing Four of Principal Papers Written by Prof. Langley, a Pioneer in the Movement.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.-With interest aroused by Count Zeppelin's airship flight several days ago and the tests now being held at Fort Myer, the Smithsonian Institute is being deluded with requests for the works on aero-dynamics, by Professor S. P.

To meet these demands the institution has prepared a booklet conaining four of the principal papers written by Professor Langley, on his flying machine. The "Stories of Experiments in Experimental flights." The Langley Aerodrome," "The Great Flying Creature," and "Experiments with the Langley Aerdrome," n which Professor Langley gives his version of the last attempt to fly his airship which ended disastrously.

Professor Langley was probably the pioner instigator and experimenter with machines heavier-than-air, that were supported in flight only by their own mechanical energy. He designed and built several small models and a quarter size model of a larger man-carrying machine which a minute each, keeping in the air as long as fuel lasted. The first of these flights was made in May, 1896, over two driven by steam and the third by gasoline engines, are on exhibition in the United States museum.

The latter large machine built not long before Professor Langley's paratus at each of the two trials in

The underlying principle of Pro-

"What is popularly known as 'Fly ing Machine' is literally a machine without gas to support it, in no way resembling a balloon and which its inventor has called the aerodrome. The aerodrome (from words signifyto indicate the principle of its action which in no way resembled that of a baloon that floats because it is lighter than air, while the aerodrome is hundreds of times heavier than air."

Although some of Mr. Langley's models had flown short distances be-Trafalgar Square, Where Agitators fore, he preferred to consider the flight of May 6, 1896, over 12 years ago, referred to above as the first really successful one. Dr. Alexander

REPORTS PLEASE BRYAN.

ing His Candidacy.

FAIRVIEW, Aug. 10.-From the lips of a number of callers from var formation on application to the ious parts of the country and letters Registrar, free. plece of ground allotted to it by the received Colonel Bryan today heard gratifying reports regarding the po-

Altogether he had one of the busnature of the ground and the fact that the same time, the speakers, men and jest days since his nomination. In women, harangulag to groups or to addition to some traveling men and visiors, including Representative Clayton of Alabama, delegation of of Christian Scientists from various parts of the country and 300 Epworth Leaguers to whom he delivered a brief address. Numbers of the notification committee are rapidly coming in. Tomorrow important conferences by the democratic managers will be ground or on the folding platforms held in Lincoln. One of these will be between Chairman Mack and the members of the executive committee, for forage and bedding at and others between Mack and the committee appointed to compile the campaign text book. In the aftereral of the camapign.

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