

PEOPLE OF NOTE



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Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.



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In the Public Eye

Sir Evelyn Wood, the British field marshal, is about to bring out his fourth book. This is his autobiography—a work which he has not found it hard to prepare, as he has kept a diary for 44 years.

Father Hartmann von der Lan-Hochbrunn, a member of the Franciscan Order of Friars, has arrived in New York. He is a celebrated composer of oratorios, and has the distinction of being the third musician selected as a member of the Italian Academy of Immortals and the fourth German admitted to membership.

For the first time in the history of Mississippi as a state, a woman is a full-fledged member of the governor's staff, the appointment having been made by Governor Vandaman of Miss Henrietta Mitchell, an old-de-camp, with rank of colonel. The young lady has been a leader in society at the Mississippi capital for some time and is an accomplished horsewoman.

C. S. Rolls of London, who is only 25, has had many varied experiences as a motorist. As he once told the members of the Automobile club, he has run into a tree at 70 miles an hour, has pushed a car three miles in dress clothes, has had to walk nine miles for petrol, has five times been run away with (twice forward and three backward), has been overturned twice, has had a horse on top of him, has twice had his car burned, and has been run over by his own car.

M. Rodin, the famous French sculptor, has just completed a portrait-bust of Mr. George Bernard Shaw.

For the first time on record a woman's name appears on the list of presidents of the Welsh Eisteddfod. The lady is Mrs. Alicia Adelaide Needham, the gifted Irish song composer.

The emperor of Austria has only once been known to don a frock coat and silk hat. This was in 1887, when he visited Paris for the exhibition. Whether at home or traveling he invariably wears uniform, except when he goes out shooting—or which he is particularly fond—when he is to be seen in a Tyrolean costume.

Many Harvard men who went to the Philippines as teachers were under considerable obligation to Lieutenant Romeo Treadwell of the Philippine scouts, whose death at the hands of the Pulajanes in Batangas, Luzon, has been confirmed. Treadwell was a fine officer, and he went out of his way many times to assist the teachers in their work.

Dr. Lappont, the pope's physician, has come prominently into notice the last few years in consequence of the change in the occupancy of the chair of St. Peter. There is no doubt, however, especially among the faithful, in being medical attendant to the head of the Roman Catholic church, but the position has its disadvantages, for the fact that the pay is merely nominal, and the holder for the time being is forbidden to undertake practice elsewhere. While attending on the late pope, Dr. Lappont had other difficulties to overcome, for his holiness, as he said, was not a good patient in a medical sense, from knowing his own strength too well, and having too much confidence in it, which occasionally led him to pour his medicine out of the window.

Charles Dana Gibson is seeking a studio in Paris after a tour of the great art galleries of Italy and Spain. He acknowledges being a sufferer from homesickness and would have returned to America but for the persuasion of friends.

The only known survivor of the naval battle of Navarino, which took place in 1827, is still living near Rhyde, namely, John Staines, who has just passed his hundredth birthday. Staines was midshipman's steward on board the *Tilbot*.

The death in London of Mrs. Sam Lewis-Hill releases for charitable purposes two or three million pounds in which her late husband, the noted money-lender, bequeathed her a life interest. Mrs. Hill's first husband, the money-lender, left her the whole of his large fortune, which was estimated at the time to amount to \$20,000,000, for her life, with the stipulation that on her death \$5,000,000 of it should go to King Edward's hospital fund. Mrs. Lewis-Hill about two years ago married a young lieutenant of the Scots Guards named Hill, who had to resign from his regiment in consequence of the alliance, although the bride sent a check of \$15,000 to the general's charities in a vain attempt to mollify Hill's brother officers. They accepted the money, but remained abed.

ceive the Garter from the Duke of Connaught at what may prove a record age. He has been grand duke since he was 30 and has just celebrated his jubilee. He was regent at 24. Son-in-law of the old Emperor William as he was, he sided with Austria in 1866. But his Badensers were with Prussia in 1870, and, after Sedan, he was beforehand with them all in his suggestion to Bismarck of a German empire.

NATIONAL BUSINESS SHOW OPENED TODAY

(Latest News Service.)
New York, Oct. 27.—Virtually everything that is used in an up-to-date business office is to be seen at the Fifth National Business show, which opened in Madison Square Garden today, to continue through the coming week. Though national in name the exhibition this year is really international in its scope, as the exhibitors represent leading firms of Germany, France, Belgium and other countries, as well as the United States. The National Association of Manufacturers has arranged to hold its regular annual business convention during the week in conjunction with the show. The meeting will be attended by members of the association from all parts of the country.

Odd Facts and Fancies

When the congregation entered Rosegrove chapel, near Kerry, Montgomeryshire, England, it was found that millions of flies had taken possession and the service had to be conducted outside.

In their annual report the railway commissioners for South Australia state that the past year's revenue is the best on record, exceeding that of the previous year by \$382,220.

An industry in Nanking which is said to employ 50,000 or 70,000 of the inhabitants is that of paper fan making. The paper for the fans is imported, and is cut, pasted and folded in Nanking, the result appearing in the export tables as "fan papers."

It is reported in the native papers of China that a limited liability company, with a capital of \$100,000, has been formed by the Chinese for the manufacture of cigarettes in Nanking. Low prices, rather than good quality, seem to be the essential for success in this

branch of industry. Coolies are constantly to be seen smoking cigarettes, which are gradually replacing the long and cumbersome tobacco pipe.

The Paris *Eclair* states that the port of Toulon has been advised by the minister of marine that it will shortly receive high-tension wireless telegraphic apparatus which will permit the transmission of communications a distance of 400 miles—to Algiers, for instance.

The capital invested in American manufacturing establishments in 1904 amounted to \$12,584,295,673, according to recent figures of the census bureau. This shows an increase in five years of 41 per cent. The gain in the products of manufacture was 30 per cent, the 1904 aggregate being \$14,802,147,037.

Five of the thirteen Jurymen present at the Southwark (England) coroner's court recently were unable to sign their names, one of the number remarking that he did not believe in such "newfangled notions."

Interesting particulars have been given by the Dutch papers about a telegraph messenger, living at Broda, who, by self-tuition, has become a master of languages. This man, now about 20 years of age, can speak and write Eng-

lish, French, German, Danish, Spanish, Italian, Arabic, Latin, Greek, Hebrew and Sanskrit, and is able to decipher hieroglyphics and cuneiform inscriptions. He has also a knowledge of cosmography, astronomy, physics, the history of art, and various other sciences, and can write Quack poems.

The Edinburgh board of works is taking active steps for the preservation of what remains of the Standing Stones of Stenness, in Orkney—next to Stonehenge the most interesting Druidical relic in Great Britain.

Eighteen miles is said to be the longest distance at which a man's voice has been heard. This occurred in the Grand Canyon of Colorado, where one man shouting the name of "Bob" at one end was plainly heard at the other end, which is 18 miles away.

Australia has the largest duck farm and the largest incubator in the world. The incubator has a capacity of 11,440 ducks' eggs or 11,000 hens' eggs. The machine is, in fact, a hothouse. It stands in open ground and is constructed of ordinary pine boards, with corrugated iron roof.

Some investigator of curious subjects has discovered that the inventor of traveling incognito was Peter the Great of Russia. The next to adopt the practice was Joseph II. of Austria, who in 1777 made a short stay in Paris under the title of Count von Falkenstein. During the revolutionary period Louis XVIII. buried his temporarily assumed royal dignity under the privacy of Count de Lilla, while Charles X. passed as the Comte de Marlas.

Fiji is the only British colony in which natives pay their taxes in kind, chiefly in coconuts.

The strength of hair has been found by a German experimenter to vary greatly with color: A single black hair supported 4 ounces; one of very dark brown, 3 1/2 ounces; brown, 3 ounces; but yellow scarcely held up 2 ounces without breaking.

A trapper going his rounds at Leeds-town, Cornwall, came upon a rabbit nursing her little ones, and lying on her side to do so, while she was evidently in excruciating pain. Her two forelegs were broken and bleeding, and securely held in a steel trap.

The largest mass of ice in the world is probably the one which fills up nearly the whole of the interior of Greenland, where it has accumulated since before the dawn of history. It is believed now to form a block about 500,000 square miles in area, and averaging a mile and a half in thickness. According to these statistics, the lump of ice is larger in volume than the whole body of water in the Mediterranean.

It has been discovered that the new "washable" testaments supplied to the Highgate police court by the county of Middlesex, England, are minus the book of Revelation. The question arises whether witnesses using these volumes are being legally sworn, and whether their depositions can be taken as evidence.

In New York City are about 700 signs that read "Watchmaker," and not a single one of them belongs to a watchmaker, and few that have them could make a watch, and if they could and did the watch would cost about \$100, while any of them can sell a better watch for \$20 that came from a great factory.

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