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GIRLS FAIL TO LEARN FARMING

Experimental School Closed by Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont

When Servants Are Discharged and Girls Made to Do Housework. They Lose Interest.

New York—The experimental farm and agricultural school for young women, established as a suffragist institution by Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont and maintained by her, is a failure. The young women who forsook drawing-rooms to uplift agriculture have come back to town and the farm at Hempstead, L. I., will cease to be either a school for rustically-inclined girls or a branch of the suffrage movement.

From what has been said by the young women who peeled off their farm duds, put on their fall frocks and came to the city this week, the expense of maintaining the experiment station palled upon Mrs. Belmont. The staff of teachers and servants was cut down and the students, many of whom come from wealthy families, were compelled to scrub the floors and milk the cows. These tasks palled upon the students. They were glad when Mrs. M. A. Morgan, the society leader's confidential clerk, told the students of Mrs. Belmont's determination to close the school.

The first to leave under the order was Miss Leonora Brokaw, known as the prize pupil of the school and special favorite of Mrs. Belmont.

Miss Brokaw said she was amazed a few days ago, when informed of the society leader's intention to close the school.

"I consider 'my summer wasted,'" said Miss Brokaw. "I went into this thing seriously. The scores of girls who were enrolled at different times in Mrs. Belmont's school signed a contract stating they would abide by the rules of the farm, and in this contract Mrs. Belmont promised to teach them all branches of farming, including a course in cooking."

"I never did housework in my life," said pretty Miss Brokaw, cousin of Gould Brokaw, and member of the well-known and wealthy family of Bernardsville, N. J. "Imagine my astonishment," remarked Miss Brokaw, when, a few weeks ago, after a useless summer, Mrs. Belmont discharged all the help at the farmhouse and compelled us girls to do the housework. Why, just look at my hands! I scrubbed and oiled floors and washed dishes; just fancy!"

The school's failure," said Miss Brokaw, was due to lack of management. Mrs. Laura Williams, the superintendent of the school, left about six weeks ago. Since then we have had no head; we just drifted for ourselves."

Tornado Hits Vesuvius.

Naples, Italy—A hurricane of great violence, accompanied by a deluge of rain, swept the Vesuvian region causing a heavy loss of life and damage to property. It is estimated that 50 persons were killed. Numerous boats in the bay of Naples are missing, and are believed to have been sunk. It is impossible to estimate the total damage as the telegraph and telephone wires are leveled and roads blocked in all directions.

Dead Premier Succeeded.

St. Petersburg—The appointment of V. N. Kokovoff as premier has been gazetted. He retains the ministry of finance.

DESTROYED FROM OUTSIDE.

Ruins of Battleship Maine Are Cleared of Slime.

Havana—The Maine was destroyed by an external explosion. There no longer remains any doubt as to the manner in which the United States battleship was sunk in this harbor on the night of February 15, 1898.

The cofferdam about the wreck has been pumped out and the mud cleared away to a greater extent than ever before. The clearing away of wreckage reveals the double bottom of the ship with part of the keel standing in a perpendicular position 28 feet higher than the natural position.

This perfectly confirms the report and testimony which Ensign Powellson gave before an investigating board after the disaster and which was based upon reports made to him by divers just after the explosion.

It is indicated by engineers here that such a tearing of the ship's bottom could not have been produced by an interior explosion. It is further said that no regulation military mine could have wrought such terrific havoc. It must have been a huge mine, as Captain Sigsbee and others suggested at the time; perhaps a sugar mill boiler or large cask loaded with explosives.

500 SAILORS PERISH WHEN FRENCH WARSHIP BLOWS UP

Marseilles, France—Fire broke out in the ammunition hold of the French battleship Liberte and the vessel blew up and sank 19 minutes later. Nearly 500 of the crew are dead. The battleship was built about five years ago and was a sister ship of the Verite, which met with misfortune at the maneuvers a few days ago, going on the rocks and suffering considerable damage before being pulled off.

TAFT BUSY IN ST. LOUIS.

Urges Power of Impeachment Instead of Recall for Judges.

St. Louis—During a moderately busy day here Saturday, President Taft made six speeches, took a forty mile automobile ride, opened the local football season by tossing the pigskin onto the gridiron at St. Louis University, laid the cornerstone of a new Y. W. C. A. building, sat through nine innings of exciting baseball between the St. Louis and Philadelphia National League teams, visited the Masonic Club to be made a life member of that organization and, after addressing a throng in the Coliseum in the evening had nothing to do but travel all night in order to be in the insurgent state of Kansas on Sunday. On the eve of entering this reputed hostile territory, President Taft brought forward the suggestion of a wider power of impeachment as a substitute for the more radical proposal of a judiciary recall.

Cheese Poisons Child.

Portland—One wee slice of cheese nearly caused the death of Florence George, aged three, late Saturday night, and a like amount of the same food brought hours of agony to her four brothers, Theodore, seven; Roy, 10; William, 13; Adam, 16. The physician was called at 11 o'clock and it was not until daylight that he considered the little one out of danger. The illness was due to limburger. It resulted in ptomaine poisoning.

15,000 Socialists Protest.

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