

NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS

Famous Statue Again on Barney Lawn



WASHINGTON.—"Natalie," the famous Barney statue, has reappeared. Emerging from the seclusion into which it made an enforced retirement last fall the lovely bit of marble, which may or may not be a representation of the loveliness of Miss Natalie Clifford Barney by her sister, Miss Laura, again stands on the lawn of Studio House, the palatial residence of Mrs. Alice Clifford Barney-Hemmick.

No vandal eye, however, will be permitted to gaze upon the undraped loveliness of the statue which set all Washington talking last fall. The caretaker of the Barney-Hemmick home has not forgotten the stir the statue caused and the order of the chief of police, Major Richard Sylvester, which caused it to be boxed and taken indoors. The improvised fence

of barrel staves which the caretaker erected last year between the lawn and the street, where thousands gathered to gaze on the statue, has been replaced by a high concrete wall, penetrated only by a gateway. Hence only those who have field glasses and residences which command a view of the Barney-Hemmick backyard will be able to see the statue. Talented and vivacious Mrs. Barney-Hemmick (it was only last spring she was married in Paris to Christian Hemmick, thirty-five years her junior) has returned from Europe with her husband.

Mrs. Barney, the mother, was much put out by the stir made by the statue. The Barney family pooh pooh the idea that the statue was inspired by or represents Miss Natalie Barney. They say a professional model was used by Miss Laura Barney, as she then was, who maintains a studio in Paris. Some acquaintances insist,

With the idea of preparing a fitting surrounding for the statue an elaborate garden will be laid out about the Barney home. Unique plans, reflecting the originality and artistic taste of the mistress of the mansion, have been drawn. The statue will

Highway Building Soon to Be General

MORE money is being expended in the good roads movement throughout the United States this year than has ever before been utilized for this purpose. Some results of the work being done by the Touring Club of America in conjunction with the American Association for Highway Improvement toward educating the public to the value of improved highways throughout the country are illustrated in a chart just prepared by the United States office of public roads, which shows that nearly fifteen thousand miles of transcontinental, interstate and trunk line roads are contemplated in various sections of the country.

Although the chart was prepared by the office of public roads, it does not by any means represent all the work that has been projected or is aided financially by the government.

Practically every state in the Union is benefited to some extent by the proposed new highways, and the widespread interest in the good roads movement indicates that the time is



not far distant when the United States will be interlaced by a complete system of good roads.

Estimates prepared by the office of public roads shows that by improving 20 per cent of the roads of the nation almost the highest point of efficiency could be reached. Twenty per cent of the roads in each state could be improved by an expenditure of an average sum of three million dollars a state and the annual saving thereby in the wear and tear on horses, wagons and automobiles in the transportation of crops and increased land values is estimated at over one million dollars.

Proof That Mine Blew Up the Maine



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 Havana harbor on February 15, 1898. The double bottom of the ship has been revealed with part of the keel standing perpendicular, some 28 feet higher than its normal position. This confirms the report and testimony which Ensign Powellson gave before the investigating board after the disaster and which was based upon the reports made to him by divers just after the explosion.

Military experts who inspected the vessel recently found that the bottom of the ship stands in a perpendicular position, supported by stanchions. The lowest, or platform, deck is an up-

heaved mass of steel, above the submerged bow. The position of this part of the bottom, experts declare, indicates that what is now the highest point originally and structurally occupied a position at about frame 18. This suggests that there was an explosion of a mine under that part of the ship, say about midway between the stem and the midship section.

The explosion, experts believe, broke the ship into two parts, throwing one section, including the conning tower, toward the stern, the conning tower falling on the superstructure on the starboard side. From this position, in cutting away the wreckage, it has been allowed to settle to the main deck slightly forward of the after turret, which is on the port side. Thus the tower is on the opposite side to that on which the explosion took place.

It is a confirmed belief 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.

Destructive New Type of Torpedoes

THE range of torpedoes has been increased from 4,500 yards to 12,000 yards by the completion of two new types by the bureau of ordnance. Armor piercing torpedoes of this new type, it is claimed, can be fired from battleships, torpedo boats and submarine tubes at a range of nearly seven miles with the same accuracy that projectiles are hurled from guns.

Some time ago it was learned by the naval authorities that foreign torpedo companies had developed torpedoes with a range of 8,000 yards, and that some of the powers had placed orders for this class of projectiles. It became apparent that something must be done to meet this increase in the strength of other navies. A board of officers in the ordnance bureau was assigned to the task.

At the bureau of ordnance it was stated that unless some new defense against torpedoes is developed the most powerful super-dreadnought would be helpless against the attack of submarine and torpedo boats. Especially does this new type of torpedo



increase the destructiveness of the submarines already so formidable.

By the plans now being prepared submarines are to be equipped with 12 of these new projectiles. It is not thought it will be necessary for submarines to fire at a longer range than 2,000 yards. From that distance it will be impossible for officers on a battleship to locate a submarine, and there has not yet been devised any way to attack these boats. Officers of the ordnance bureau declare that at a distance of 2,000 yards a submarine could drive its 12 monster torpedoes under the armor belt of a battleship and sink her without giving the battleship the least opportunity to reply to the attack.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Cures all blood humors, all eruptions, clears the complexion, creates an appetite, aids digestion, relieves that tired feeling, gives vigor and vim.

Get it today in usual liquid form or chocolate tablets called Sarsatabs.

Ill-Fitting Shoes to Blame.

The cause of many broken insteps comes from imperfectly fitted shoes. When fitting, if there is too much space left in the toe of the shoe there is no doubt about it that as soon as the shoe is worn for a short time the heel will begin to chafe and cause the wearer much annoyance that could be well dispensed with, if the clerk is given enough time to fit the foot right. The ball of the foot should be at the curve of the sole.

Lightning Seemingly at Play.

That the gambols of electricity are most fearful and wonderful was illustrated in the month of June, 1873, when, according to Flammarion, the electric current entered a butcher's shop and followed the iron bars from which the quarters of meat were hung until it reached a hook on which the skinned carcass of a whole ox was suspended. This was galvanized, and for several seconds it was frightfully contorted as if in convulsions.

Magnetic Influence.

People with magnetic bodies are not unknown and six years ago doctors discovered at Vladikavkaz, in the Caucasus, in girl of twelve, whose body was practically a magnet. According to a medico who examined her, every object which she approached would move. Once she walked close to a kitchen dresser, and in an instant the crockery upon it began to dance. On another occasion a heavy bottle standing upon a table was raised in the air when the magnetic maiden went near it.

Value of Cheerfulness.

Cheerfulness is a thing to be more profoundly grateful for than all that genius ever inspired or talent accomplished. Next best to spontaneous cheerfulness is deliberate, intended and persistent cheeriness which we can create, cultivate and so foster and cherish that after a few years the world will never suspect that it was not a hereditary gift.—Helen Hunt Jackson.

Finland Appeals to Tourist.

Finland, with its thousand lakes, is now considered attractive enough to be on the general tourist's list.

SHE SUFFERED FIVE YEARS

Finally Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Erie, Pa.—"I suffered for five years from female troubles and at last was almost helpless. I went to three doctors and they did me no good, so my sister advised me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and when I had taken only two bottles I could see a big change, so I took six bottles and I am now strong and well again. I don't know how to express my thanks for the good it has done me and I hope all suffering women will give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial. It was worth its weight in gold."—Mrs. J. P. ENDLICH, R. F. D. No. 7, Erie, Pa.



Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from native roots and herbs, contains no narcotic or harmful drugs, and to-day holds the record for the largest number of actual cures of female diseases we know of, and thousands of voluntary testimonials are on file in the Pinkham laboratory at Lynn, Mass., from women who have been cured from almost every form of female complaints, such as inflammation, ulceration, displacements, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, indigestion and nervous prostration. Every suffering woman owes it to herself to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial.

If you want special advice write Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass., for it. It is free and always helpful.



DISCOVER BABY FARM

PHILADELPHIA POLICE GET TIP FROM INFANT'S BODY.

Alleged Tots Can Be Purchased for \$5 Each—Woman in Cell for Connection With the Death of Child.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Investigating the death of an infant that was found scantily clad and drenched by the rain, in an alley here, Coroner Ford made the startling discovery that there exists in Philadelphia a baby farm where innocent babes are bartered and sold.

While the coroner listened aghast he heard from Special Agent Kinkaid of the Society to Protect Children From Cruelty, that women have attempted to coerce men into matrimony by getting babies from the farm and foisting them off as their offspring upon the men whom they sought to wed.

From the lips of Lillian Hinkle, he learned that she had purchased a baby for five dollars from the baby farm.

The woman was held, charged with the death of the child, by Coroner Ford, by special request of Assistant District Attorney Patterson, without bail, to await the action of the grand jury.

With the Hinkle woman was held Edwin Rose, who gave the same address as the woman. He was charged with being implicated with the girl and was not admitted to bail. It was brought out in the testimony that Rose and the Hinkle woman had been engaged to marry, but that the union was opposed by the young man's family.

The woman admitted when questioned that she and Rose had schemed together to outwit his parents by buying the baby then declaring to his father and mother that the child was their own. Explaining the infant's death, she says it sickened suddenly, and she did not know what to do with it. When she found it dead in the morning, she says she walked the streets for hours carrying the body, and finally abandoned it in an alley.

MUST NOW PRESS OWN PANTS

California Officials Hit Hard by New State Rules Limiting Expenditures.

Sacramento, Cal.—Any official of the state of California who cares to wear creased trousers on official business can pay for the creasing himself. The state does not recognize any responsibility in this direction. The official also will pay for the laundering of collars soiled in travel or else go on wearing them. As for "valeting"—there being no permissible terms strong enough to express the disapproval of the state board of control against such luxury. The new regulations, wherein are set forth these facts, simply say it is "not a proper charge against the state and will not be allowed."

Necessity for confining expense accounts of state officials within cast iron rules is said to have originated partly in the alleged conduct of a former state adjutant general, who on an official trip to Washington, went as far as to have his wrinkled uniform pressed at the Washington end of the trip and put the expense thus incurred up to California's taxpayers. It never can happen again.

Other restrictions fixed by the new board are \$1 a day for hotel room rent, or \$1.50 a day for train space; \$3 a day for food off trains and an extra \$1.50 on trains; no tips, no cabs, no special conveyances; vouchers for all expenses over \$1 and itemized accounts for smaller sums.

STORK LEFT \$500,000 BABY

Birth of Child Validates Bequest of Half-Million to the Infant's Parents.

Scranton, Pa.—When the stork dropped into town on his usual rounds it called at the home of Charles R. Connell, nephew of former Congressman William Connell, and now Scranton is boasting of a "half-million dollar baby," while the boy's mother is proudly displaying its charms to her friends and at the same time showing a \$10,000 diamond sunburst, the gift of the proud father.

Under the will of the baby's grandfather it was provided that if its father died without issue the estate was to go to the children of the former congressman, and inasmuch as Mr. and Mrs. Connell had been married eight years without having their union blessed by children, it began to look very much as if the behest of the will would stand. The arrival of the baby, however, sets aside this proviso of the will and the \$500,000 will now remain in the other branch of the family, no provision having been made by the decedent for its conversion in the event of the child's not living.

Do You Feel Bilious? Your Liver Needs Assistance

TRY HOSTETTERS STOMACH BITTERS

It has a toning and invigorating effect on the liver, stomach and bowels.

Read to Something Better.

Everything we endure patiently is a key to something beautiful we could never enter otherwise. By the tollsome road of study a scholar learns to get joy out of books and stones and trees. By the hard road of discipline a man learns to get joy out of everyday living.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation. Constipation is the cause of many diseases. Cure the cause and you cure the disease. Easy to take.

Ancient Hebrew Calendar.

Sabbath keeping appears in history soon after the Babel confusion among all the scattered nations, and when Israel left Egypt there were five known methods of Sabbath counting. The ancient Hebrew calendar was the nearest approach to a scientific calendar of any of which we have any record.

Effort That is Foolish.

Many splendid natures have been made absolute cyphers by their efforts to become something they were never intended to be.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

As She Saw the Notes.

When my daughter was 4 years old she sat gazing at the notes on a piece of music, when she suddenly looked up and said: "Mamma, here's a lot of little boys on a wire fence," and, looking down at it, said, after a moment's thought, "and some of 'em got hats on."—Exchange.

If a dose of Hamlin's Wizard Oil taken at night will prevent your having a bad cold in the morning, isn't it a good idea to have it ready to take the moment you feel the cold coming?

An Ideal.

I will strive to raise my own body and soul daily into higher powers of duty and happiness; not in rivalry or contention with others, but for the help, delight, honor of others, and for the joy and peace of my own life.—John Ruskin.

Wedding Ring Lightning's Mark.

During a violent thunderstorm at Berwick, England, an extraordinary incident occurred. Mrs. Mason of Castlegate was in bed with her hand resting on the counterpane when a flash of lightning entered and struck her wedding ring, taking a small piece clean out of it. Her hand was uninjured.

Hits Himself in Head With Hammer.

It is just as reasonable to hit yourself in the head with a hammer to cure a headache as it is to try to cure rheumatism with alcohol. Salgrene contains absolutely no alcohol. Provable at all druggists.

Ready for the Summons.

"Suppose you knew you were to die tonight at 12 o'clock," asked a lady of Wesley, "how would you spend the intervening time?" "How, madam?" he replied. "Why, just as I intend to spend it now. I should go through with my business, go to my room and to sleep at 10 o'clock, and wake up in glory."

FOR ALL EYE DISEASES Pettis' Eye Salve

A Many-Horned Cow.

A cow with 17 horns is the interesting monstrosity reported by a traveler from the south. The horns, we are told, protrude from the cow's back, each one resting on a joint in the spinal column. The farmer who owns the horned wonder is proud of her. She is proud of her gift, and out of thankfulness for her distinction produces more milk than any other cow on the farm.—Detroit Free Press.