### LONGEST REIGN OF MANY CENTURIES

Francis Joseph Celebrates 65th Anniversary of Ascension.

#### FEW PARALLELS IN HISTORY

Rameses II., Sesestris of the Greeks, Believed to Have Ruled For Sixtyseven Years-Other Long Reigns Shrouded In Doubt and Mystery. Still Others Were Not Actual Reigns.

Brussels.-The longest actual reign in thirty centuries and more is what the world has just observed-the sixty-fifth anniversary of the accession of Francis Joseph, emperor of Austria. There are, indeed, only four longer reigns in the history of the world, and one of them is problematic, while two others were, in part, merely nominal. The primacy must be given to that Pharaoh who entertained Abraham. He is said to have reigned ninety-nine years, but who knows?

Rameses II., however, the Sesostris of the Greeks, is credibly believed to have reigned sixty-seven years, and that was, as stated, more than thirty centuries ago. Since then Louis XIV. of France, Diendonne, Le Grande Monarque, was king for seventy-two years, but as he was only five years old at his succession and had to let Mazarin rule until he was twenty-one he actually occupied the throne for only fifty-six years.

Juba of Numidia, too, was entitled to the throne for sixty-six years, but really occupied it only fifty. Victoria's long reign counted less than sixty-four years and James of Aragon's only sixty-three. No others surpassed threescore, and only eight more exceeded a half century-Henry III .. Edward III. and George III. of England; James IV. of Scotland, Louis



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XV. of France, Frederick IV. of Germany, Pedro IV. of Aragon and John Palaeologus of Byzantium. Francis Joseph was past eighteen at his succession and has actually reigned for sixty-five years-a record unrivaled since "the days of old Rameses."

There is a peculiar fitness in this, seeing that the Austrian empire is in a sense the successor of the oldest political institution Europe has known, "Of those who in August, 1806." says Mr. Bryce, "read in the newspapers that the Emperor Francis II. had announced to the diet his resignation of the imperial crown there were probably few who reflected that the oldest political institution in the world had come to an end. Yet it is so. The empire which a note issued by a diplomatist on the banks of the Danube extinguished was the same which the crafty nephew of Julius had won for himself against the powers of the east beneath the cliffs of Actium and which had preserved almost unaltered through eighteen centu ies of time a title and pretensions from which all meaning had long since departed."

Simultaneously with that resigna-tion, however, he who had been Francis II., emperor of Rome, became Francis I., emperor of Austria, "what ever that meant," to quote nor Mr. Bryce, but Mr. Freeman. And as the Roman crown had long been in the possession of the Hapsburgs and as Austria had been the dominant state in the empire, it is by no means untitting to regard the present Austrian empire as the direct successor of the Roman empire and the grandson of Francis II. of Rome as the remote successor of Augustus.

To paraphrase Mr. Bryce, we may say that in 1848, when the inept Ferdinand was compelled to abdicate his throne, there were probably few who imagined that the timid and untried lad who succeeded him was beginning the longest and one of the most important reigns in the history of the Hapsburgs or of the eastern empire.

Kills Albino Possum. Batesville, Ark.-Judge Charles Cofan has obtained from a farmer a white possum with blue eyes. Judge Coffin plans to have the little animal stuffed and mounted. The farmer who from his carriage. His five teeth were caught the possem says that there knowled out, his scalp cut and his were two of them, both white, but this nose broken. It is feared he will die og got only one

#### COYOTE BITES SLEEPER.

Animal Has Rabies-Victim Has to

Boises ida. Nicholas Doyle, a sheep herder in the employ of Sam Ross, had to come to Boise to get treatment for rables. At 2 in the morning, while asleep in his tent, he was awakened by a fierce pain in his forehead and the weight of a body on his bunk. He struck out with his hands and knocked a coyote across the tent.

Following it to the door through which it had disappeared, he was in time to see a full grown coyote, the foam flying from its bloody chops, leave the body of a wounded sheep dog and run for the hills.

The coyote had entered the tent of Doyle and bitten him while he was asleep. The teeth of the animal had entered above and below the eye. Without waiting for daylight, Doyle caught a horse and started from his camp on Jenkins creek for this city.

#### BURNS RELICS FOUND.

\$50,000 Glen Riddle Manuscripts Are Saved For Scotland.

Philadelphia.-Robert Burns' famous Glen Riddle manuscripts, for which the patriots of Scotland have been searching in this continent and in Europe, have been discovered. They are in the possession of John Gribbel, who announced that he would return them to the people of Scotland under a deed of trust, which will insure their permanent safe keeping.

These manuscripts were recently sold by the Liverpool atheneum for \$50,000. "Two weeks ago," said Mr. Gribbel, 'I was astonished to have a dealer

come into my office and offer me the Glen Riddle manuscripts. I made an investigation and found them to be

Mr. Gribbel later declined to say what he paid for them.

#### "FINDERS KEEPERS."

Road Must Return Unclaimed Money to Passenger Who Found It.

Mercer, Pa. - The old question of wnership of property found by page sengers on railway trains promises to be a question no more, following conclusion of the suit instituted against the Pennsylvania railroad by C. E. Battieger, who found a purse containing \$83.50.

The jury returned a verdict for Battieger in the sum of \$85.24, principal and interest. Battleger turned the find over to the conductor, waited until the expiration of the legal time limit and then claimed it. The company refused to give it to him, although no owner had appeared.

#### GIRL, ONLY 13, FOUND **GUILTY OF MURDER**

#### Faints When Convicted of Killing Her Flaymate.

Prince Albert, Sask .- Standing in the prisoners' dock, with pale face and an evident realization of her predicament, Kathleen Oka Simmon, thirteen years old and small for her age, heard a jury return a verdict of murder in the first degree against her in the local courtroom. As the foreman uttered the word "Guilty" the little girl, who was standing alone and nervously twisting the ends of two braids of bair thrown over her shoulders, collapsed and fell forward, unconscious.

Earlier in the trial she made a complete confession of her crime, which was the killing of Julia Jenex, a playmate, nine years old, on the afternoon of July 21 last. She told of a trip into the woods which they had taken to get berries and roots for medical purposes and how her little companion had bothered her from the beginning of their walk. She said that finally, after she had warned Julia several times not to plague her, Julia picked up a prairie chicken as they crossed a field and deliberately struck her in the face

She told of throwing her playmate to the ground and of the struggle which ensued when Julia in a rage tried to get to her feet. They fought with fists and nails until Julia was overcome, the witness said, and then she was so enraged that she sought for something to strike her with. She picked up a shovel and, after knocking the Jenex girl senseless with it, pound ed her face until it was unrecognizable and killed her.

#### 29 BABIES; WANT MORE.

Father Would Like Enough to Make a Nice Family.

Stevens Point, Wis.-Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kostruck of Stevens Point broke the Wisconsin record for bables when their twenty-ninth offspring ar-

Mr. and Mrs. Kostruck don't think twenty-nine babies too many. In fact, they said they wouldn't mind if there were a few more. "I want just enough to make a nice family." said the delighted Mr. Kostruck,

Lost His Last Five Feeth. Whitehouse, N. J.—Returning home from the office of a dentist, where be had his last five teeth attended to. Miller Kagan, seventy-one, was thrown

# PUT IN FIGURES

Statistician Shows Percentage of Correct Diagnoses.

#### STUDIED DEATH RECORDS

Roger W. Babson, Himself Accused of Blunders, Has Novel Satisfaction. Asserts That 2,500 Postmortom Examinations Revealed Professional Ignorance of Fatal Diseases.

Roger W. Babson, statistician and analyist of business conditions, announces to the New York Sun the reenits of an investigation somewhat out of his line, but to which he devoted his time for the benefit of certain members of the medical profession.

Mr. Babson explains that he had no guarrel with physicians and surgeons in general, but he was aroused over a recent discussion at a convention of medical men at which it was suggested that Mr. Babson achieved his results chiefly by guessing and that at times his guessing was not of a high order.

"This led me to try to find out just how many times our medical men guess right," said Mr. Babson. He said that in investigating the mistakes made by medical men in diagnoses the statistics of a leading hospital in Massachusetts were put at his disposal. He had the results of 2,500 postmortem exam-inations at the hospital, covering a period of several years, which he com-pared with the history blanks filled out when the patients were admitted to the hospital and with the death certificates giving the supposed cause of death.

The following table shows the persentage of correct diagnoses made on the history slips and death certificates according to the statistics examined by Mr. Babson:

	History	Dea
Disease.	stip.	teal
Diabetes	55	
Appendicitis		100
Typhoid		150
Cancer		
Pneumonia	10	
Tumor	80	
Tuberculosis	25	
Heart disease	20	
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Mr. Babson said that in looking up appendicitis cases he found that in 17 per cent of the operations for appen-dicitis the postmortem examination showed that the appendix was in perfect condition. His investigation prought him in touch with a report on postmortem examinations made by the public health, hospital and budget com-mittee of the New York Academy of Medicine, in which Dr. Hosst Oertel, director of the Russell Sage Institute of Pathology, in discussing diagnoses.

"It is apparent that only a few of the most evident diseases exceed 75 per cent in the hands of an experienced diagnostician. Many important diseases fall below 50 per cent in recognition and some even below 25 per cent. Professor Bashford, director of the Imperial Cancer Institute in London. was quoted in the same report as se verely criticising the diagnoses made in America. He said that the returns

from Ceylon were more reliable than

those for New York city. "This whole subject reminds me of true story I heard in London when I was there recently," said Mr. Babson. "In the hospitals there the ailment of the patient when he is admitted is denoted by certain letters, such as 'T. B.' for tuberculosis. An American doctor was examining these history slips when his curiosity was aroused by the number on which the letters 'G. O. K.' appeared. He said to the English physician who was showing him around: "There seems to be a severe epi

demic of this G. O. K. in London. What is it anyhow? "'Oh, that means God only knows," said the English physician."

#### BUTTON A DOG'S WINDPIPE.

That's How to Put a Canine Hors de Combat When You're Up a Tree. A veracious correspondent at Pat-

choque, N. Y., submits this gem: Nebody ever acted with more presence of mind than did William Rogers letter carrier of Patchogue, when a bad bufidog got after him. PRogers went to the nearest tree and climbed it. Then he cut a brass button from his unifown and plumped it squarely into the snarling dog's mouth.

While the dog was busy choking over the button Rogers cut a branch off the tree, trimmed it and descended. With this he patted the dog on the back in an effort, he says, to dislodge the button. . The dog, a hitherto untamed brute, refused to cough up.

Woman Braves Perils of Savage Joles Joio, Philippine Islands, the tiniest walled city in the world, where Mrs. Lorillard Spencer, a rich New York widow, has gone as a missionary is populated, by treacherous fanatics, who believe that to murder a Christian is to gain immediate admission to the heaven of Islam. Mrs. Spencer is accompanied by Miss Virginia C. Young. also of New York.

Another Woman Mayor. Mrs Clara Latourelle Larsson, daugh ter of a pioneer, has just been al mayor of Troutdale, Ore. She we

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