

# END DRAWS NEAR

## Life Forces Decaying Slowly

Rome, July 14—At 8:30 the Pope slowly dying. Uraemi continues the progress, and his hands and feet are swelling. Oxygen is now constantly administered.

Official bulletin issued at 8:45 tonight announced the end is near. It reads: "The Holy Father passed the day tranquilly with periods of heavy depression, pulsation is weak, registering 88, respiration 32, temperature 38.8. The life forces of the august patient are decaying slowly but progressively. Mazzini."

# FRENCH FOURTH OF JULY Fall of the Bastille Celebrated

Paris, July 14—The Parisians today have been celebrating the 114th anniversary of the capture of the Bastille in the customary manner, the holiday corresponding with the American Fourth of July. The first noticeable incident of the day was the annual demonstration of the League of Patriots before the Strasbourg statue and the Joan of Arc statue, where wreaths were placed by various deputations.

Throughout the forenoon the streets were enlivened by martial music of regiments marching to Longchamps, where the annual review was held this afternoon by President Loubet in the presence of a large number of people.

As the evening wore on vehicular traffic ceased on all the principal thoroughfares, and these were quickly crowded with people viewing in illuminations and fireworks, of which there were several fine displays.

Washington, D. C., July 14—The tricolor waved over the French embassy today, commemorating the French national holiday, the anniversary of the fall of the Bastille, on July 14 1789. M. Jusserand and his subordinates appropriately and quietly observed the day, the usual business of the embassy giving way to holiday recreations.

# WELTER WEIGHTS FIGHT

Buffalo, N. Y., July 14—Martin Duffy, the Chicago welterweight, and "Rube" Ferns, of Kansas City, in a twenty-round contest, is the attraction arranged by the International Athletic club of Fort Erie for its patrons tonight. The two have met in the squared circles several times before and are considered well matched. On the occasion of their last

encounter, which took place at Louisville a short time ago, the decision was awarded to Duffy; Ferns was dissatisfied with the result and so the meeting tonight was arranged. The winner of the bout will probably be matched to meet Matty Matthews in the near future.

# RACES ACROSS OCEAN War Vessel to Try the Record

Portsmouth, July 14—Captain Hemphill of the Kearsarge today received instructions to clean her propellers secure the best coal and go at highest speed with natural draft to Frenchmans bay in Maine.

Divers are cleaning the propeller today and she leaves Portsmouth at 9 o'clock Friday morning and follows the great circle route.

The Kearsarge returned the courtesies extended here by a reception aboard ship this afternoon. The quarter deck was canopied in flags of all nations.

Washington, July 14—Naval circles are greatly interested in the coming trip of the Kearsarge which is the first time in peace that an American battleship has been subjected to such a severe test. They expect that a new record will be made for long cruising speed.

# ANNUAL RAILWAY CONVENTION Commissioners in Con- sultation

Portland, Me., July 14—The fifteen annual convention of the National Association of Railway Commissioners opened in this city today and will continue until Friday. More than 31 states are represented by about 100 delegates. The subjects to be discussed are grade crossings, classification of operating and construction expenses, taxes and plan for ascertaining fair values of railroad property, unification of classification of tariff sheets, railroad statistics, legislation needed, safety appliances, rates and rate-making, and forms of reports of electric railways.

**Muffin and Gold Lace.**  
Officers of the army on duty in the war department wear uniforms the same as if they were on duty at military posts. The practice has resulted in making nearly every room occupied by officers a dressing room, where wardrobes are kept. Most officers dislike very much to appear on the street in uniform; it makes them too conspicuous. Uniforms for use in the department are kept in a wardrobe, and the officers put them on when they arrive in the morning, take them off and don civilian dress to go to luncheon, and upon their return in the afternoon and departure for home later go through the same process. They don't like it, but it is an order. For people doing business at the department it is much better, for a stranger knows whether he is talking with an officer or a clerk, and if familiar with the emblems can tell the rank of the officer.—Washington Post.

**Precious Seeds.**  
The calceolaria seed is so minute that the actual cost of producing the

finest strain exceeds ten times the weight of the seed in pure gold! The outlay in growing double begonia seed is so great that a liberal allowance for a five shilling packet is measured in a tiny spoon with an outside diameter of three-sixteenths of an inch. And yet in that tiny spoonful there would be enough seed to produce more than a hundred stately begonia plants! Naturally such very minute and precious seed has to be handled with extreme care, and as a sudden draft from an open door would scatter perhaps \$100 worth, the counters where the seeds are packaged are closed to traffic and so arranged that not a puff of wind can ever enter.—London Chronicle.

**Timber Books.**  
There is at Cassel a library probably unique in the world. It is bound in timber, printed on timber pages—possibly from wood blocks—and deals exclusively with timber. The library in question is the Holzbibliothek, which was compiled at the end of the last century by Karl Scheldbach and is composed of about 500 volumes made from trees in the park at Wilhelmshöhe. Every volume bears, on a tab—not in timber, but, queerly enough, in morocco—the name of the tree from which it was obtained. There are plates of the tree in all stages of its growth, and the letterpress is a treatise on the foresting and natural history of the tree.

**The Panama Silk Tree.**  
One of the greatest curiosities of the Panama isthmus is the vegetable silk tree. It is a plant that grows from fifteen to twenty feet high, and in appearance does not differ greatly from other trees, but the inner bark is a perfect silky fiber, long, smooth and strong. The natives separate it by some method best known to themselves, the process somewhat resembling that of beating flax. When once it is separated and spun into threads, it can be woven into a fabric so closely resembling silk that it is difficult for any one not familiar with it to distinguish between the two.

**Wrong Foot Out of Bed.**  
About half the world puts the wrong foot out of bed in the morning. But which is the wrong foot? It is a superstition as old as the hills that if the left foot touches the floor first you will have bad luck that day. Probably multitudes of men avoid this by sleeping on the right side of the bed, so that in rising the right foot naturally comes first in contact with the floor. It is said to be a fact that most people lie on their right side because of the prevalent notion that the heart has freer action.—New York Press.

**When Romans Kissed.**  
Rowena, the beautiful daughter of the Saxon Hengist, is credited with having introduced kissing into the British islands. The Romans had a really delightful word for a kiss—osculum, which came from os, the mouth, and meant a little mouth, a sweet mouth. "Give me a sweet little mouth" would be the phrase used when a good little Roman boy asked his mother for a kiss.

**The First Allusion to the Horse.**  
In that portion of Genesis which tells the story of Joseph, the famine, etc., we find the first historical allusion to the horse, and farther on in holy writ we read of the horses of the great and wise Solomon, which numbered 40,000—that is, if the 40,000 stalls for horses are to be taken as a criterion.

**He Dared.**  
Parke-Peterkin has a lot of moral courage, hasn't he?  
Lane—How do you know?  
"Why, I got half way through a story I was telling him when I asked him if he had heard it, and he said he had."—Detroit Free Press.

**Unhappy Man!**  
"Yes, my old friend, I have been the victim of misfortune in all my life affairs. My first sweetheart died, the second jilted me, and the third became my wife!"

**The Jordan's course in a straight line** is only sixty miles. Along its stream it measures 213 miles.

**Conjugal Life!**  
Married men live longer than bachelors. In other words, conjugal life seems a necessary condition of longevity. An authority cites the cases of fifty centenarians, not one of whom is a bachelor. A curious fact, too, is that these fifty centenarians were all widowers.

**Just to Make Sure.**  
Customer (to waiter who has brought him a beefsteak very much underdone)—Waiter, just send for the butcher, will you?  
Waiter—Why, sir?  
Customer—This steak doesn't seem to be quite dead yet!—Humoristisches Blatter.

**The Waiter's Impudence.**  
Mr. Wayback (at hotel)—What's that?—  
Waiter—That's a finger-bowl, sah.  
"What's it for?"  
"To wash y'r fingers after eatin', you know, sah."  
"Consarn y'r impudence! I don't eat with my fingers if I do come from the country. I eat with my knife, same as other folks."

**TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.**  
**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon.  
May 8, 1903.  
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.  
WILLIAM STINER  
of Roseburg, county of Douglas, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 577, for the purchase of the Northeast quarter of Section No. 30, Township 25 South, Range No. 20 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Roseburg, Oregon, on Saturday, the 12th day of September, 1903.  
He names as witnesses: Charles Thom and John Thom, of Roseburg, Oregon; William Long and Frank Long, of Cleveland, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 12th day of September, 1903.  
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