

# Gossip from the Capital

**What Is Happening at Washington—Return of Ambassador Baron Des Planches Causes Surprise in Society Circles—Government Scientists Say Man Originated 300,000 Years Ago.**



WASHINGTON.—The sudden reappearance of Baron Mayor des Planches, as Italian ambassador to Washington, has stirred the haut monde to its foundation, officials and laymen alike being curious to know the reason why he has returned after the repeated announcement of his retirement from the diplomatic service of his country. Indeed, so positive were the statements regarding his resignation that Baron Hengelmeier of Austria-Hungary, the next oldest ambassador in point of service at this capital, was declared to be dean in the diplomatic corps in his stead, and congratulated accordingly, by his confreres.

The new dean returned to Washington from his summer vacation, November 1, and left a few days later for a brief business trip to Austria. Meanwhile, the would-be leader of the foreign official coterie arrived at his embassy as unexpectedly as he departed thence, some 18 months ago. Now everybody is asking: "Who's who?" in the diplomatic circle.

The present situation is the more remarkable since Baron des Planches first came to Washington as the successor of Baron Fava, a diplomat with so little regard for the place that he made his residence in New York city, only coming here on occasions when his presence was officially demanded. The latter became persona non grata, and in due time was recalled to Italy. The Italian government then began negotiations for the purchase of an embassy suitable for the residence of its official representative in the land of Uncle Sam, with a view to repairing the poor impression made by Baron Fava. The former palatial home of the late Senator Hearst, father of the recently defeated Democratic candidate for governor of New York, was finally selected, and Baron Mayor des Planches installed as its mistress. Then began a series of brilliant entertainments which continued with sufficient frequency to almost make society forget the baroness of the Fava regime.

Subsequent changes in the diplomatic corps resulted in the elevation of the Italian ambassador to its leadership, which made the social arbiter of the foreign group, and gave his wife precedence over all other ladies in society—except, of course, Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. Fairbanks.

Summer was then approaching, and the Des Planches did not remain in town long to enjoy their new distinction, and have not since returned until mentioned above, the baron arrived within the present month. Their prolonged absence was periodically explained by more or less official rumors that the ambassador was to be transferred to a European post. Finally, came the positive announcement of his resignation as a diplomatist followed by his surprising appearance at "the old stand" in Washington.

The return of such a host is naturally welcome news to society but without the presence of the baroness, the embassy will lose much of the reputation for elegant hospitality it acquired during her regime.

## MOVEMENT TO RAISE PAY OF POSTAL CLERKS.

Increase in the salaries of post office clerks will be a prominent question at the present session of congress. Already three movements of importance have been begun, all of which are directed toward this end and none of which can be ignored by congress. The three movements are headed by the post office department, by the postal clerks themselves and by the chambers of commerce all over the country.

Clerks in the postal service now receive a minimum salary of \$900 and a maximum salary of \$1,200. The prosperity of the country has created such a demand for service and the opportunities of betterment of the individual have so much increased that the postal service of the country may be said to be hanging on the ragged edge of disruption, owing to the large number of resignations from the service and the lack of sufficient applicants to fill the places.

This is particularly true of the larger cities and this situation has served to crystallize the movements of the department, which wants fair play and fair wages for its clerks; of the clerks, who feel they are entitled to more salary for their work, and of the commercial bodies, who fear an inadequate service may seriously jeopardize the business of the country.

The commercial movement originated with the chamber of commerce of Everett, Wash., and has spread all over the country with great rapidity. It has not confined its efforts to the first-class postmasters alone, but has canvassed the situation in the second-class offices as well, with the result that congress will be flooded this winter by an influx of petitions which cannot be laid aside.

## GOVERNMENT STUDY OF INDIANS COMPLETED.



The Bureau of American Ethnology, one of the most expensive and the least conspicuous of the government bureaus, is now completing a history of the American Indian, to which the labor of 25 years has been devoted.

The work will deliver another scientific blow at the biblical theory that the human race originated through Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden about 4,000 years ago. While they do not assume to explain the origin of the Indian, the scientists say human remains have been discovered in geological strata of this country showing that man existed here 300,000 years ago. It is not claimed that the remains are such as to prove that the Indian was the aboriginal creature of this early date. It may or may not have been

An interesting theory is put forward that the race may have originated in the vicinity of the north pole. That is to say, the argument is advanced that in the processes of the earth's cooling, those were the only regions sufficiently cool to be habitable by man as he is now constituted.

A large portion of the work is devoted to a study of Indian languages. The linguists find that there is practically nothing in the languages of the Indians to indicate relationship to any other race known in the world. The bureau of ethnology rejects the notion that a study of language roots indicates that any of the Indian tribes originally were Africans, Siberians, Mongols or Aryans. Not only this, but recent investigations among the natives of the Kamtschatka peninsula are said to indicate very clearly that there was never a migration from Siberia to Alaska.

Instead, it is found that the Kamtschatkan natives emigrated to the peninsula from Alaska. Recently there was widely circulated a story that some philologist sharp had studied out many and marked resemblances between some of the Indian tribes of Indian territory and the Japanese. The bureau of ethnology takes no stock in the theory. It has been contended that both language and physiognomic likenesses exist. But the bureau scientists say that not only is evidence lacking to show Indian relationship to oriental stocks, but that there is no evidence of relationship among the great groups of Indian languages.

## WANTED ORANGES BUT GOT LEMONS.

Officials of the department of agriculture were handed a lemon the other day from a tree which they expected to produce oranges. The discovery is regarded as of the greatest importance, and may mean a revolution of the lemon-growing industry of this country.

Several months ago Prof. E. T. Galloway, chief of the bureau of plant industry, and Herbert W. Webber, his assistant, began experiments on grafting a Florida orange tree and the Japanese orange tree known as Trifolia. When the fruit was ready to pick several of the supposed oranges were taken off the tree and peeled. It was found that they were thin-skinned and they gave every appearance of the orange until one of the assistants bit one.

"It isn't any orange at all; it's a lemon the blamed tree has handed us!" he exclaimed.

Prof. Galloway was much interested. He too tasted of the fruit and found it as sour as a lime. He hurried to Secretary Wilson with the discovery, and made a glass of the excellent lemonade for him.

The department's scientists are puzzled at the production of lemons when they expected oranges, and have set about to investigate the cause. The Japanese orange is not so sweet as the Florida or California orange, but no person around the department expected such a result.

## HER OFFENSE.

The despondent dame had been apprehended in the very act of drinking carbolic. The speedy work of skilled physicians saved her life. The physicians afterward admitted that they had saved it. An officious constable arrested her on the ground of attempted suicide. Then a wise man present interfered and said:

"I object to this high-handed procedure. If this person is to be seized on any charge it should be as a violator of the pure-food law."  
"How so?" exclaimed every one in unison.  
"Because she was putting acid inside 'er."  
Whereupon the crowd released the woman and with one accord hanged the author of the pun.—Judge.

## TRYING EXPERIENCE.

Spent Over \$100 in a Vain Search for Health.

Miss Frances Gardner, of 369 Jackson boulevard, Chicago, Ill., writes: "Gentlemen: I heartily endorse Doan's Kidney Pills, as I have found by personal experience that they are an ideal kidney remedy. I suffered with complications of kidney complaint for nearly five years, spent over \$100 on useless remedies, while five boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills cured me in a few short weeks. I am now enjoying the best of health, have a fine appetite, the best of digestion, and restful sleep, all due to your splendid pills."  
Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

## VISION SHOWED SON DEAD.

Italian Mother's Dream Followed by Discovery of Body.

A strange case of telepathy in connection with a murder is arousing much interest in Milan, Italy. A woman named Lazzaroni awoke suddenly at three o'clock the other morning, and calling her son John, who lives in her house, told him that his younger brother, Leopold, living in the outskirts of the town, was dead. The mother was deeply affected, but John tried to comfort her by ascribing her fears to a bad dream. At dawn, however, Leopold Lazzaroni, a handsome and strong young man, the owner of a dairy, was found dead at a spot some distance from his dwelling. After having made an examination of the body, the doctors affirmed that Leopold had been murdered actually at three o'clock in the morning.

The next day the culprits were arrested.

The facts of the mother's vision, which have been duly authenticated, are the subject of endless discussion.

## TORTURED WITH ECZEMA.

Tremendous Itching Over Whole Body—Scratched Until Bled—Wonderful Cure by Cuticura.

"Last year I suffered with a tremendous itching on my back, which grew worse and worse, until it spread over the whole body, and only my face and hands were free. For four months or so I suffered torments, and I had to scratch, scratch, scratch, until I bled. At night when I went to bed things got worse, and I had at times to get up and scratch my body all over, until I was as sore as could be, and until I suffered excruciating pains. They told me that I was suffering from eczema. Then I made up my mind that I would use the Cuticura Remedies. I used them according to instructions, and very soon indeed I was greatly relieved. I continued until well, and now I am ready to recommend the Cuticura Remedies to any one. Mrs. Mary Metzger, Sweetwater, Okla., June 28, 1905."

## Squirrels as Waiters.

It has taken Fisk Goodyear of Burchtown, Pa., two years to train his pet squirrels, but his efforts are now repaid, and on Thanksgiving he treated his friends to a surprise.

Gathering half a hundred or more gray squirrels, Mr. Goodyear taught them to go into the woods and pick up nuts, carrying them to his home.

On Thanksgiving night at a dinner his guests noticed a small board running from a window to a nut bowl. The host gave one knock on the table with his knife. A squirrel hopped down the plank and dropped a chestnut into the bowl. Two raps brought a squirrel with a walnut, three knocks a squirrel.

Finally, a grave old squirrel took his place and cracked the nuts, winding up the performance by brushing off the crumbs with his thick bushy tail.

## The Sunny South.

Now when all outdoor farm work has ceased in the north, the term "sunny south" and all that it means, appeals with full force to the northern farmer as he realizes that with him it is a case of remaining indoors for the next several months consuming everything that has been produced during the growing season. In the "sunny south" something can be raised every month in the year, and practically every day can be spent out doors. No blizzards. No sunstrokes. Cattle-raising is very profitable. Large profits are made with little labor in growing fruits, vegetables, etc., for northern markets. Strawberries and cantaloupes are great revenue getters. Water unsurpassed. Work plentiful. Lands cheap and productive. For reliable information, address G. A. Park, General Immigration and Industrial Agent, Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company, Louisville, Ky.

## One Peril of Ballooning.

One of the strange experiences of a balloonist is that of falling into "a hole in the air," which Mr. Rolker reports as follows: "So you continue sailing, enjoying the present with little thought of the startling surprises that may be before you. Ahead of you, unseen, may be what the balloonist calls a 'hole in the air,' resembling the vortex of a maelstrom, and down this you may literally fall at a rate which is terrifying until, by sacrificing two or three bagsful of sand at once, your pilot checks your downward flight. But these 'holes' are scarce, and, as a rule, the atmosphere is of uniform carrying power."  
—American Magazine.

## Actress a Loyal Kentuckian.

Mary Anderson De Navarro, who recently issued her memoirs, has sent a copy of the book to the Commercial club of Louisville, Ky., with the following note: "For the Commercial club of Louisville, with the best wishes of Mary Anderson De Navarro, a loyal lover of Kentucky."

At St. Oysth, Essex, England, an ejection order has been granted against a tenant who, it was stated, had paid no rent in 40 years.

## ATTRACTIONS OF WESTERN CANADA.

Magnificent Crop Returns for the Year 1906.

The manner in which the Canadian West has attracted settlers in recent years has caused many of our journals and public men to "sit up and take notice," to use a current phrase. From every European country and from almost every State in the Union large numbers of settlers have flocked to the prairie provinces of Canada, where free homesteads and wide opportunities are open to all who desire to avail themselves of them.

The greatest factor in attracting settlers lies in the inherent richness of soil and suitability of climate for producing what is universally considered to be the finest wheat in the world—the "No. 1 Hard" of Canadian growth—and other cereals that rank in the very first class. This year the harvest returns were: Wheat, 90,000,000 bushels; oats, 76,000,000 bushels; barley, 17,000,000 bushels; and when it is considered that the entire population of the three provinces—as evidenced by the quinquennial census just completed—is only 810,000, it is easily seen that the lure of the Canadian West is in its agricultural potentialities.

Another feature which attracts the settler is that railway construction is proceeding with such rapidity that almost every district is within easy reach of outside markets, and that good prices for all lines of farm products rule practically from the commencement of agricultural operations. This is a factor which did not prevail when the earlier settlements in the West were made in Canada and in the United States, and has given a great impetus to Canadian Western settlement in recent years.

The free grant system of homesteads which prevails in the prairie provinces, by which every settler who is able and willing to comply with the conditions of actual settlement (by no means onerous) is given 160 acres free, except \$10 for entry, is a great drawing card, and in the last fiscal year gathered in over 189,000 additional to the western population, of which 57,796 were from the United States.

The further fact, as is strongly brought about by the agent of the Canadian Government, whose address appears elsewhere, that a splendid common school system, practically free, prevails throughout the entire country, and is easy of access in even the most remote districts, is another great inducement to the settler who has the future welfare of his family in mind, and this, coupled with the fact that western Canadian law and order are proverbial, completes a circle of good and sufficient reasons why the tide of immigration has set in so steadily toward the country to the north of our boundary line.

## The Highest Bridge.

Work is now in progress on a suspension bridge over the famous "Royal gorge" of the Arkansas river, in Colorado, at a point where the channel is only 50 feet wide at the bottom and 230 feet wide at the top. This bridge will span the river 267 feet above the surface of the water, and will be, therefore, by far the highest bridge in the world. The material will be of flat steel and steel cables, the curved girders finding secure attachment in the solid sides of the canyon. The floor of the bridge will be of plate glass one and one-half inches thick, to afford visitors the pleasure of looking down the chasm. On each side will be strong, high steel railings. The bridge is part of an electric railway scheme.

The Evils of Constipation. are many; in fact almost every serious illness has its origin in constipation, and some medicines, instead of preventing constipation, add to it. This is true of most cathartics, which, when first used, have a beneficial effect, but the dose has to be continually increased, and before long the remedy ceases to have the slightest effect. There is one preparation, however, that can be relied upon to produce the same results with the same dose, even after fifty years' daily use, and this is Brandreth's Pills, which has a record of over 100 years as the standard remedy for constipation and all troubles arising from an impure state of the blood.

Brandreth's Pills are the same fine laxative tonic pill your grandparents used, and are for sale everywhere, either plain or sugar-coated.

Deer Through Store Window. A three-year-old buck created a sensation in Bank street, Providence, R. I., the busiest thoroughfare, by charging through the plate glass front of a jewelry store.

Upon finding itself cornered the buck retreated through the window and a minute later went into a store and knocked down the proprietor, who is a heavyweight. The buck took to the street, and after leading scores of men and vehicles a merry chase, escaped by taking to the gardens in one of the residential sections.

Important to Mothers. Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson*.

Gas Engines on Canal Boats. Canal boats propelled by gas engines supplied from plants on the boats which make the gas from coal, are used in Germany. For slow boats of moderate capacity the system seems efficient and economical.

First Author—"Oh, the unutterable monotony of existence! I am thoroughly disgusted with it all. Would that I might completely disappear for a while!" Second Author—"Then why don't you marry a famous woman?"—Judge.

"Has your wealth brought you happiness?" asked the philosopher. "Perhaps not," answered Mr. Dustin Star; "but it has at least stood between me and a lot of annoyances."

When a man is broke his friends are always ready to give him advice.

A man's conscience is his private watchman.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, soothes the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. See a bottle.

Blushes may come and blushes may go, but freckles hang on forever.

Anyone can dye with PUTNAM FADE-LESS DYES; no experience required; success guaranteed.

As a rule, when people say what they mean a lot of explanation is unnecessary.

Lewis' Single Binder straight 5c cigar is good quality all the time. Your dealer or Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

According to the last census there are 11 female well-borders in the United States.

For flexibility, smooth finish, stiffness and durability, DeFiance Starch has no equal—10c for 16 oz.

Says a woman: "I care not who does the thinking so long as I am permitted to do the talking."

National Pure Food and Drugs Act. Serial No. 384, assigned by the Government, and Guaranty that the preparations comply in every respect with the requirements of the Pure Food and Drugs Act, appear on every package of the Gardell Tea Company's preparations.

Ambitious Youthful Violinist. Miss Selma Gustafson, of Delhi, Ont., a youthful violinist, has applied for the leadership of one of the orchestras the Colorado Midland railroad is organizing.

Give DeFiance Starch a fair trial—try it for both hot and cold starching, and if you don't think you do better work, in less time and at smaller cost, return it and your grocer will give you back your money.

To Get Military Pointers Here. Gen. Brugere, former minister of war of France, is expected to visit this country in the near future to make an inspection of American posts and study the organization and the methods of training the American soldiers.

Starch, like everything else, is being constantly improved, the patent Starches put on the market 25 years ago are very different and inferior to those of the present day. In the latest discovery—DeFiance Starch—all injurious chemicals are omitted, while the addition of another ingredient, invented by us, gives to the Starch a strength and smoothness never approached by other brands.

New Hobby for Collectors. The ingenuity of collectors in the discovery of new fields having been exhausted, there is still open to them that of collecting the finest specimen of forged or spurious works of art and this is capable of becoming a hobby scarcely less interesting or admirable than the pursuit of the genuine article.—Art Journal.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It is prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is the best combination with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. Sold by DRUGGISTS and C. O. Props., Toledo, O. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Where Lawyers Are Unpopular. A lawyer made his appearance at Colabar, West Africa, the other day and a Gold Coast newspaper, noting the fact, said: "It is very unsafe for the people for lawyers to practice at this place. Their appearance in this river will soon inveigle everyone who is not careful in their folly, thereby ruining them."

Laundry work at home would be much more satisfactory if the right Starch were used. In order to get the desired stiffness, it is usually necessary to use so much starch that the beauty and fineness of the fabric is hidden behind a paste of varying thickness, which not only destroys the appearance, but also affects the wearing quality of the goods. This trouble can be entirely overcome by using DeFiance Starch, as it can be applied much more thinly because of its greater strength than other makes.

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