

Gossip of People and Events Gathered in Washington

Next Mistress of the White House



WASHINGTON.-When Mrs. Roose-March her place as "first lady of the pendence of bellef, added to a mind land" and mistress of the White House of rare cultivation, the result of years will be taken by a woman gracious of study and travel. She has devoted and tactful, of broad culture and in- herself to the care of her home and tellectual strength, a fit hostess for children and the seconding of her husthe presidential mansion and a fit help- band's public career, and in the latter meet for the president.

Mrs. William Howard Taft is no with the great questions of the day. stranger to the White House. During large presidential receptions.

recollections, but it may be that in the proficiency reached only by the few.

earlier day in the White House no thought entered the head of the young girl guest that one day she would be mistress of the mansion.

The new cares and social duties which Mrs. Taft will have to take on may tax her strength to the utmost, but it is probably true that there could not be found a woman better fitted for the place than the wife of the next president. She has individuality, velt leaves Washington next strength of character and an indecapacity she has familiarized herself

So well equipped educationally is 'her husband's term of secretary of Mrs. Taft that she will not only be war she was a frequent guest of Mrs. able to converse intelligently on sub-Roosevelt's and almost invariably held | jects of public interest with fier own her place in the receiving line at the countrymen, but being a linguist, she will be able to discourse familiarly In her girlhood days Mrs. Taft, then with foreign statesmen and diplomats Helen Herron, was the house guest for in their own tongues. It is said that several weeks of President and Mrs. Mrs. Taft has devoted a part of each Hayes. This visit is said to be one day for years to the study of languages of Mrs. Taft's most highly-prized and music, and in both has attained a

Great Problem for Country Life Body



men and others who were invited to being asked the people of the country

Roosevelt to conduct this extensive in- eral betterment of country life? quiry into the conditions of farm life | The commission is anxious to hear into account. The amount of work cussed.

of 500,000 to whom the questions have operation.

just been mailed. Only a comparatively few of the farmers and their families could be reached in that way, and hence the newspapers have been enlisted to bring the inquiry to the at tention of the widest circle of readers it is possible to reach. The field covered is so broad that it touches the interest of every one familiar with THOUSANDS of the half million farm- country-life conditions. This is shown ers, teachers, physicians, business by the list of questions which are

co-operate with the commission on Under each question an explanation country life have already sent in re- for the reason of the condition is plies to the list of questions asked asked, and suggestions as to what them, although the ink is hardly dry should be done are invited. The pith on the printed sheets rushed out to of the whole matter is contained in the concluding question: What, in members of the commission your judgment, is the most important which was appointed by President single thing to be done for the gen-

the country over, have a problem of from everyone who is acquainted with perhaps greater magnitude to work or interested in conditions surroundout than ever came before a similar ing the farm, and letters will reach commission. Not only is the subject their destination safely if simply adof the inquiry one of great import- dressed to the Commission on Counance, but the breadth of its scope is try Life, Washington, D. C. The quessuch as to require the varied condi- tions may be replied to by number, or tions of the whole country to be taken any special phase of the subject dis- to drain off this water and work the

involved will hardly be realized by The rich experience of men who the casual reader. The mere reading have spent their lives on the farm of the letters which are flooding in should prove most helpful, and out of each day in answer to the questions it should come a wide expression of is a difficult, though most interesting, opinion and practical suggestions for task, for the commission's incoming the consideration of the commission. mail is running from 3,000 to 5,000 Never before in this country or any other has such an opportunity been And this is not all. There is vastly offered to the farmers to present their more ahead for the commission's in- views and their needs, and the ultiterest is by no means confined to mate success of the inquiry will dethose who happened to be on the list pend in large measure on their co-

Widow May Sell Valuable Art Treasures



F IT is true that Baron Speck von Sternburg left all his fine old silver and art treasures to his widow and into cash American collectors will

his collection, and that his bronzes instead. and ivories surpassed many public museum collections.

could leave his widow, who was Lil- Morgan when he was entertained in lian Langham of Louisville, only his the embassy. This piece, it is beprivate possessions, as his father is lieved, will go to the Morgan collec-

wealth had come down to Speck From his mother, however, he received rich salt mines in Galicia, and from these he derived his wealth.

The state dining hall and the drawing rooms of the Von Sternburg home time and the money they have inare filled with silver sconces and carved pieces that represent the oldest signed work of workers at Nuremberg and Bruges.

Certain sconces were part of the booty obtained by the baron's ancesthat she prefers to convert the curios tor, Gen. Baron von Sternburg, who took a conspicuous part in the Thirty have a rare opportunity to obtain an- Years' war. The sconces belonged to an abbey near Dresden and bore mor-Von Sternburg spent a good part of tuary tablets of dead abbots. When his big income in gathering silver, Ori- the sconces came to adorn Castle ental bronzes and tapestry. It is said Sternburg the records of the Benedicthat he carried \$100,000 insurance on tines were removed and glass placed

The great swan that was a conspicuous ornament on the Sternburg buffet Washington gossipers say the baron attracted the attention of J. Pierpont

still living and none of the ancestral | tion.



THE nine hundred thousandth patent I from the United States patent office has been issued, and to it was attached the name of Patent Commis-

full name of Edward Bruce Moore. In the early history of the nation of the total for this country.

the law required that patents should be signed by the president, and as the first one was issued during the first presidential administration it was signed by President Washington. It covered a device for making pearl ashes, and the document itself is said to be now owned by a Chicago collector. Mr. Moore estimates that the one millionth patent will be reached in

the year 1911. As going to show the inventive tendency of the American mind, as compared with other countries, Mr. Moore The patent was an improvement on calls attention to the fact that nottraveling stairs, such as are used in withstanding this is among the newest hotels and other large buildings, and of nations the total of patents issued while Mr. Moore ordinarily attaches by the United States is not very far only his last name, with his initials, below the total for all other countries he signalized the attainment of the for all time. The issuance of foreign nine hundred thousandth by using his patents up to the date of last reports was 1,135,000, or only 235,000 in excess NEW RULER OF BULGARIA



Prince Ferdinand, the new ruler of Bulgaria, was born on February 26, 1861. When Bulgaria was made a state, Prince Alexander of Battenberg was chosen as its prince. For seven years he worked hard to increase the welfare of the people; then, tired of the intrigues against him, he abdicated. Prince Ferdinand, then a lieutenant in the Austrian army, was selected to take his place, and it is this prince who has become, by his own proclamation, king of the Bulgarians. Ferdinand took the oath as prince of Bulgaria at Tirnovo, and there also the independence was announced. The new king married Princess Marie Louise, daughter of the duke of Parma, in April, 1893. The heir to the title, Prince Boris, was born in 1894; and in 1899 the princess died. In February of this year Ferdinand married a second time, choosing as his wife Princess Eleonore of Reuss-Kostritz.

To Drain Rich Mine

TREASURE OF AZTECS.

Now Hidden Below Muddy Waters of Small Lake-Tradition Is That Untimely Death Will Come to Him Who Finds Wealth.

Los Angeles, Cal.-The Guanajuaillo silver mine in Mexico, which the legends of four centuries have named be reopened by American energy. Cortez, the conqueror of Mexico, seized it, but since 1810 the galleries have been hidden below the muddy waters of a small lake. Now the Castellano Consolidated Mines Company will try mine.

L. B. Godin, pany, makes the announcement of his company's intention and tells the old tale of the wonders of the mine which, for generations, has stirred the blood of treasure seekers the world over. He will leave his friends in Los Angeles for Tepic soon and begin the tremendous task before him.

It is not the first attempt that has been made to carry off the waters that for so many years have been protecting this buried treasure of the ancient Aztecs. Thousands of dollars have been spent by adventurers-and spent in vain. The waters have kept their secret despite the efforts of the best machinery in the hands of the most competent engineers. The latest effort may fail-but if it succeeds, says Mr. Godin, the owners of the property will be repaid a thousandfold for their vested.

At least they will have the experiproblem to aid them. Ten years ago Alfred Lonegan, an Englishman, spent \$30,000 in an effort he made to drain the property. He failed after he had lowered the level of the protecting water to the entrance of the first gallery, piercing the depths of the mine. mine remains the mystery it has been power plant owned by the company.

goatskin bags and mules to protect reach it.

THIRD SET OF MOLARS.

William H. Harrington of Claremont

Boasts That in All His Life He

Never Has Had a Toothache

Nor Dentist's Aid.

AMERICAN COMPANY WILL SEEK | the workings from the inroads of the water, which seemed bent on avenging the former owners of the mine by flooding out the new. Legend, ever ready to weave fantastic tales about such places, has asserted that at least 200 of these animals were kept free the mine from water.

For many years the mine was worked, giving up millions of sliver. In all it is estimated that \$12,000,000 was taken out of its drifts by Mexicans as the richest mine in the world, is to and Spaniards before the onsweeping flood conquered and filled the working galleries and drove out the workers. When Lonegan managed to lower

the level to the entrance of the first gallery, or drift, many signs of the former miners were found. Queer tools, the "churn drill" and fron picks, on with a rush at last

Legend has it that the men who shall attempt to drain the old Guana- to cure him. juatillo and rob it of its treasures will meet an untimely death. The natives ever, and Mrs. Lapardus decided that who first worked the mine, in a crude his constancy was deserving of recogway, were murdered by the followers nition and had him properly laid out, of Cortez. The successors of these, in dressed in his favorite collar and a turn, were killed by the native Mexi- bow of ribbon. cans a hundred years afterward and the Mexicans were again exterminated of one carriage, bearing the corpse, after a bloody feud with the represent the chief mourner, and the bearer, tatives of the Spanish. Then when working the mine were attacked and which had given his permission that driven from the mine with terrific loss | the interment should take place there. of life. So sudden was the attack that the workmen were compelled to leave their tools in the various drifts, as Mr. Lonegan found when he entered Even Opium Smokers Using Them, Rethe first drift ten years ago.

Godin snaps his fingers at these childish beliefs and says that within ence of the preceding workers on the the next year he will have the old Guanajuatillo as dry as a bone and all of its treasures revealed for the for the record as the articles most in Lendon corporation for which" he la-

Two electric sinking pumps, which will throw 600 gallons of water each minute, night and day, will be installed and that the spread of the habit Since then the jealous waters have at the old mine. Ample electrical crept back to their old level and the power is furnished by a turbine water

Mr. Godin says it will be necessary Guanajuatillo, as the peons around to sink the present mine shaft, which low as one-fourth of an American cent Tepic call the mine, was one of the goes down 300 feet, about the same many which the Spaniard wrested distance deeper and then tap the many from Montezuma after the fall of his galleries of the old mine which will be kingdom. It lies in the mountains above the bottom of the extended manufacturers say, the cigarettes are near the little town of Tepic, about 90 main shaft and let the water from the free. Even the walls of temples are miles from the coast. Cortez and his laterals rush into the bottom of the men worked it, in a small way, using big pit, where the electric pumps can

NEW HAMPSHIRE MAN ACQUIRES tion. He makes his home with his

sister on Baker street.

CUTS TEETH AT 81

"I never had the toothache in my thing to do with my mouth," said the aged man. "My first teeth did not loosen and come out until I was 30 years old and by the time I was 50 my second ones had all come. These didn't wear as well as the first, and Claremont, N. H.-William H. Har. | when I was 75 I lost all but two, which | killed 3,000 trout, which were the pride rington, who will be 81 years old in still remain. Sometimes they would of his life. January, is enjoying the unusual dis. drop out and again I would pull them tinction of cutting his third set of out with my fingers.

others are sprouting. Mr. Harrington boy. I always maintained that if to tom of the dam and dress them. is about as sprightly as a boy and ex-bacco was good enough to chew, the ceedingly proud of his latest acquisi- juice was good enough to swallow, and down and will enjoy them this winter.

this I have always done. I cannot see as it has done me any harm and when my third teeth began to prick through last June, I made up my mind that the tobacco might have done it by preserving the roots."

Mr. Harrington was born in Ward Twelve, South Boston, and remembers when the old Mount Washington hotel was made into an asylum for the blind. This subject led him to discuss further ideas on physical science,

as believed by him:

"I have always eaten heartily of meat and avoided sweet stuff. That's what ruins the teeth. If the young folk would stop eating so much candy and smoking eigarettes and not stay out so late nights at dancing parties, they would have better eyes and better teeth, and be stronger every way. The boys are too slow and the girls more for ornament than use."

Mr. Harrington has been a hard working man, making shoes until 1858, and for 12 years after that was owner and proprietor of an express route between Boston and Wakefield.

DOG ACTS ROLE OF MAGISTRATE.

In Dispute Over Ownership Court Permits Beast to Select Master.

New York.-Dr. Joseph Ostrewick, who lives on West Tenth street, lost his pet fox terier Prince and when he learned that it had been seen in the home of Mrs. R. Redder he implored her to return it to him. She declared the beast had been picked up as a street vagabond by a neighbor, who had given it to her. The doctor did some more imploring, but Mrs. Redder turned a deaf ear to his entreaties, so he got a summons calling her to

Magistrate Harris, when the puzzle of "whose dog is Prince" came up, listened to the testimony with gravity. Finally he said:

"I will refer this matter to the dog if the idea is satisfactory to both parties."

It was. Mrs. Redder handed Prince to the magistrate.

"Now, doggy choose your master," admonished the court,

It took about the flash of a second for Prince to act upon the court's suggestion. Inkstands and mucilage bottles fared the worse for doggy's impulsiveness to obey the court immediately, and doggy, leaping from the magistrate's hands, dashed to the doctor's shoulder and snuggled his tiny white face against the doctor's.

"Madam, the dog has decided his true and lawful owner better than I constantly at work, night and day, to could. Doctor, it is yours. Next case," called the magistrate.

SATIN CASKET FOR PET DOG.

Faithful Companion for Fifteen Years Given Elaborate Funeral.

Trenton, N. J.-In a satin covered casket on which rested a bouquet of violets Nero, the deceased pet dog of Mrs. Christiana Lapardus, was buried the other day.

Nero was the faithful and constant tipped with steel, had been thrown to companion of Mrs. Lapardus for more one side as though the water had come than 15 years, and when he became ill with a muscular affection of the throat nothing was left undone to try

He succumbed to the ailment, how-

The funeral cortege consisted only the latter Mrs. Lapardus' colored Mexico revolted against the rule of maid. Nero was laid at rest in a Spain in 1810 the Spaniards who were field near this city, the owner of

CHINA USES CIGARETTE.

ports Consul McNally.

Washington.-Clgarettes and kerosene, the former superseding the pipes formerly smoked by the Chinese, vie demand in China to-day.

Consul McNally of Nanking reports that women of all classes indulge as openly in cigarettes as their brothers, throughout the empire has been astonishingly rapid.

The cigarette, which can be bought from one to a thousand for a price as each, is even used by oplum smokers, who smoke eigarettes after inhaling the fumes of oplum, from which, the desecrated with cigarette posters.

Civil War Turtle Returns.

York, Pa .- A turtle old enough to have been a veteran of the civil war has been found wandering about the farm of Clayton Gable, in Chanceford township. On its shell is carved the inscription, "J. A. S., 1861."

The initials are those of the late John A. Seitz, who once owned the farm. Several times within the last 47 years the turtle has been seen on life and no dentist has ever had any- the premises, indicating that the longlived creatures are not migratory.

Cement Kills 3,000 Trout.

Coatesville, Pa.-While he was making repairs to his dam Thomas Windle of this place, by using a new cement,

When Mr. Windle saw his pretty fish turning up their tails he quickly teeth. Already two new ones have "I take a drink when I want it and engaged several colored women and come in front in the upper jaw and have used tobacco ever since I was a had them take the trout from the bot-

He had two barrels of trout saited

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They Were Not Encouraged. 'I don't see why that young man docen't propose."

"I think, pa, that the chances of his doing it would be fully as good if you would leave your boxing gloves where he can see them."-Bohemian Maga-

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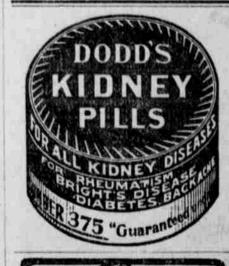
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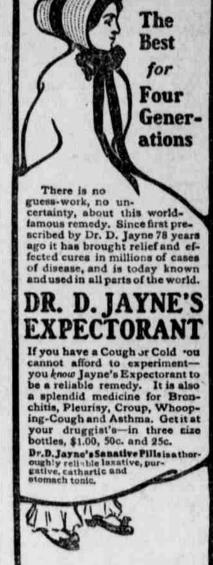
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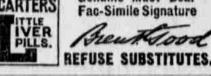
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