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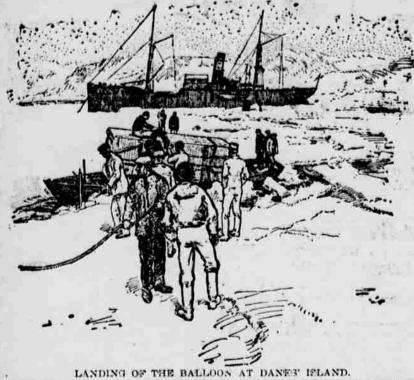
Later and Most Interesting Details of the Eronaut's Departura.

FAREWELL SCENES AT FOGELSANG

Impatient Companion Forces a Hur ried Start-Graphic Story of the Ascent Told by the Chemist the Expedition.

Axel Stake, the Swedish chemist who in flated the "Ornen," Andree's balloon, when it went on its flight to the pole, is now living in New York City. He is probably the horizon. He is preparing to take part in ano ber expedition which toon will start to

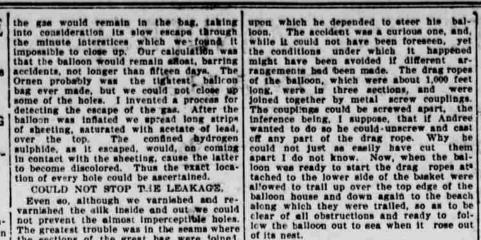
Even so, although we varnished and re-varnished the silk inside and out we could not prevent the almost imperceptible holes. The greatest trouble was in the seams where the sections of the great bag were joined. The finest needle hole was sure to show a leak, even after the stitching had been only person in the United States who saw done as neatly as possible. It may not be the balloon disappear over the northern known that the successive varnishings could the Arctic regions—not by balloon, but in a plain, old-k-chioned steamer vessel. It would seem from this that he does not take much stock in balloons as a mode of Arctic conveyance; and, as a matter of fact, his wind and we bad to let them go. Strind-



diary as an eyewitness of Andree's departure berg had made some experiments to reduce does not look encouraging. According to the outflow of the gas, but they were with-Mr. Stake's account Andree was reluctant to out success. The constant smearing on of wanted to wait a day. He lost two-thirds of his drag ropes before he left the shore, and was compelled to throw out a large amount of buliast and waste a lot of gas before he floated out of sight of the work-

was Andree's belief that the balloon might float more than a month, but Dr. Ekholm gave it as his expert opinion that it could not possibly float more than fifteen days at the very most. Mr. Stake says that while Andree's balloon was the "tightest" ever made, yet the gas would escape it spite of all that could be done to prevent it This fact, coupled with the handleapping the voyageurs received at the start, makes it look bad for the success of the expedition. Certainly at this time, when the sanguine friends of the explorers are expecting every day to hear of them, the state-ments of Mr. Stake are most interesting.

ANDREE WAS RELUCTANT TO GO. "I was the chemist of the expedition which Atted out Andree for his north pole journey. I made the gas which carried his balloon away to the north. I kept a diary of all the events that happened from the time the ex-Andree and his companions disappeared be yond Fogeleung on the northern horizon. From what I have seen printed in the papers both here and abroad I do not think that all of the happenings of the departure can be known to the public at large. For instance, it may not be known generally that Andree was very relucion; to depart on his voyage on that rather memorable July 11. His own wish was to defer the start to the next day. I do not believe he would have gone on the I do not believe he would have gone on the lith had he not been urged to go by his companions. He is very painstaking and careful as a rule, and in his middle age for more discreet than the youth of his companions allowed them to be. But Steinberg and Frankel had waited so long and hoped so much for a bresse from the south that they much for a breeze from the south that they were eager to be off. They were afraid the bieeze would die away and the expedition would be left stranded on Dane's island, as it was in 1896.



be done satisfactorily only on the upper part of the bag, against which the greatest outward pressure of the confined gas was

But the heavy weight of the ropes de-feated this purpose. The part of the ropes which lay outside on the beach offered an immense friction, which the balloon seemed unable to overcome. Instead of following the bag out of the house, uncolling as they went the upper rections of the drag strain the couplings unscrewed. For a moment it seemed that the balloon would not get away; that the friction of the heavy ropes would hold her to the shore. Then, to our astonishment, the couplings parted and the air chip darted upward.

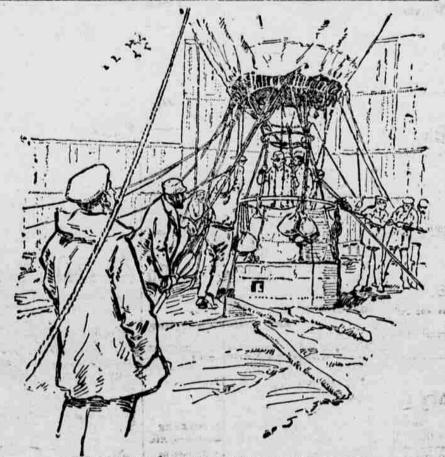
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The question whether or not the loss of these ropes would prevent Andree from steering the bailoon has been openly discussed. It it impossible to tell, of course, though he may have remedied the defect by putting out another drag rope composed of the rope which hung from the basket, and which for the time below was used as a halwhich for the time being was used as a bal-

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TRUMPET SOUNDS. "When the balloon rose out of the house, some portion of it caught on the structure of the balloon house. Andree was heard to exclaim 'what was that?' Then we heard Strindberg crying, 'Long live old Sweden! A boat had pulled out from the shore, and ce the bag tore away Andree grabbed a speaking trumpet and shouted to those in the boat. From his motions every one believed he was trying to say something about the loss of the drag ropes, but no one could understand what he said, and as the balloon got further and further away, the difficulty of making himself understood became greater and greater.

came greater and greater. "Andree lost much ballast and much gas before the balloon passed out of sight. Af-ter i's first jump upward from the balloon house, it was depressed towards the water by the air current coming down from the mountains behind us. It got so near the rurface of the water that for a moment we wendered wh ther the expelition wasn't go-ing to end right there. Nobody spoke, but everybody was filled with excitement, all the more intense because no sound was ut-te ed. Then the balloonists began throwing out fullast, nine bags of sand, weighing about 378 pounds. After that the ballcon went upward. It reached over 3,000 feet in height, then it went forward again. Later on it was depressed, evidently through the escape of gas which the aeronauts permitted



READY FOR THE START- CASTING OFF THE ROPES.

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URGED BY HIS COMPANIONS.

"I remember very well the morning of been confined in a balloon. I believe that the best we could do. Our estimate of fifteen days, small as it was, would provide for its retention twice the length of time that gas has ever before been confined in a balloon. I believe that the purpose.

THE FLIGHT OF THE BALLOON.

THE FLIGHT OF THE BALLOON. "Of course it is impossible to surmise where the explorers are at present, if they have escaped the had effects of Arctic exposure. It is naturally impossible for the balloon to have floated until this time, and in reasoning out any course of safety for the balloonists we must presume that they reasoning out any course of safety for the balloonits we must presuppose that they descended safely on some land. We know from the message received by means of the carrier pigtons that were shot in the rigging of the sculing vessel Alken, in the vicinity of Spitzbergen, that Andree did not continue northward. According to the dispatch he was headed in an easterly direction after having gone 145 geographical miles to the north. He had already gone forty-five miles to the eastward when the forty-five miles to the eastward when the pigeon was released. Andree started on a wind which carried his balloon along at the rate of twenty or thirty miles an hour. Had he continued northward at this rate he Had he continued northward at this rate he would have reached the pole in lers than two days. But I believe when these southern winds strike the northern ics, and become colder, they also become slower. Therefore, the rate of progress of his balloon would be greatly lessened as he proceeded northward. However, we know that he was going towards the east when last heard from. HOW THEY MAY HAVE ESCAPED.

"If the ballconizts managed to land safely in Franz Josef land they may have been able to pull through the winter by erecting a hut and by hunting for food, as has been pointed out. It may be that they have gone too far north to sustain themselves in this manner. On the other hand they may have manner. On the other hand they may have descended into the ocean, olthough in the latter event they had one meagre chance left open to them. It has been said that Andree acted in an ill-advised manner when he placed his provisions in packages up in the ropes of his balloon, rather than in the basket in which he and his companions were to live. It has been said that if the basket had been overturned the balloonists would have been spilled out, and the balloon relieved of their weight, would immediately lieved of their weight, would immediately bound in the air and carry away with it their precious food. But Andree's conclu-sions in this matter showed him to have



Everything that could be done to insure the success of the trip was done before they started. They were provided with every necessary of life, they had provisions, arms, ammunition, sledges and a boat. They might if they are on the mainiand gradually journey southward, in which case we shall hear of them before long. If they dropped into the ocean they are lost. If they have reached the polar cap and wrecked their balloon, they undoubtedly have found the great spot which so many have striven to find; but whether they will ever be able to tell its mysteries to the world is another question which I would rather not be asked to answer."

Everything was peaceful in the third grade primary of the public school at Allen and Hester streets yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, relates the New Tork Gun. Such of the little girls as could do so with safety whispered messages from seat to seat, while the teacher, Miss Mary Well, made mysterious entries in a book with a pencil which she had just sharpened. The other girls studied, or pretended to study. It was so very still that a small mouse of unknown pedigree sauntered out of a hole in the floor and contemplated 8-year-old Annie the Firemen Are Summoned the floor and contemplated 8-year-old Annie Levy. Annie was doing things on a slate, with her tongue stuck out of the corner of her mouth, which indicates severe mental strain. Whether from interest in the perstrain. Whether from interest is the performance or because of an appreciation of
Annie's charms, the mouse moved up closer.
Having conquered her difficulty on the slate
and furled her groping tongue, the scholar
let her eyes wander around. They met
those of the mouse.

Now, Annie is some thousands of times

Now, Annie is some thousands of times bigger than any specimen of the genus Mus in length, breadth, thickness and weight. Nevertheless, at the instant of ocular encounter it was the human and not the animal that exhibited the greatest alarm. Her mouth and eyes opened simultaneously and kept on opening until Miss Well's attention was attracted. was attracted. "What is the matter with you, Annie?"

she asked. Annie threw back her head and answered her teacher in this remarkable fashion:

"Ee-ee-ee-ee! Oo-oo-osh!"

"Stop that at ones." commanded the teacher, "and tell nue what's the matter."

"Oo-oo-oo-ooh!" shriekel Annie. "A mouse!

A mow-wow-wow-wow wowse."

Instantly there was an uprising in that grace, also an uplifting of voices. The meuse, finding the vicinity too noisy for its tender nerves, Jisappeared down the hole whence it had come. But the senolars kept on screaming in various keys above high ?. "Sit down! Keep quiet!" Miss Weil kept calling out, bravely resisting an almost ir-testible upward tendency on the part of her feet, which would have landed her upon her table had she not witassical it. "There is no

front row, after an exhaustive examination of the floor, during which she had not ceased to yell, leaped from the deek and plunged out of the door. This teroic spirit having led the way, all the other girls leaped from their desks and poured out into the nail, still raislog their car-piercing chorus. The nolac inade by a roomful of terror-stricken children is not reacsuring. Toroughout the building the shricks were heard and the pupils in the other words became frightened. There are about 2,000 pupils in the school. A peale was not a thing to be desired. The clocked, Miss Loss, rang the fire signal which dismisses the pupils in good order but in double quick time, and the children made for the exits. Then somebody yelle:

Fortunately the children were drilled a well that they did not break ranks and rusi down the staircase pell-mell. Had they done o many lives might have been lost. On the by voice and gesture and soon every grade was empty. All had gone out in good order except the third grade primary. The little erocious and bloodmirsty mouse rampaging on their trail, had fied with the one lastinct of self-preservation.

of self-preservation.

Meantime a man on the street had heard the cry of fire and rang an alarm, which complicated matters by alling the street with fire enginer. The street was already sufficiently filled with alarmed fathers and mothers who believed that their offspring were being burned to death in the school, notwithstanding that there were so sign of fire, or even of smoke. The police, a dozen of whom had run to the scene, had their hands full keeping back hysterical methers. Some of them fought viciously to break through the police lines and the bruises they facelyed, in being repulsed were the only actual injuries caused by the ill-advised appearance of the mouse. It was an hour before school reconvened.

The school building where the trouble occurred is old and rickety and has been condemned for years, but until the new school is completed there is no other place for the children of that district to go. A support was at once made to the Board of Education that the building was infested with rats and mice, but at that time this was not bucked up by a specific allegation against the rodents, such as could now be adduced. mothers who believed that their offspring

A Bangor, Me., lawyer attending court in he ancient town of Wiscarset went rummag-

ing recently in the colonial court records of the place and in the course of his reading ran across the official registration of a "smock marriage." Not knowing what sort of marriage that was he looked further, and got considerable light upon a custom that prevailed in England a century or two again and also to some extent in the American relocities.

refused to perform the ceremony, but find-ing no bing in the cubric that would excuse

stood in a closet and put her hand through the door; sometimes she stood behind a cloth screen and put her hand out at one side; again, she wound about her a white sheet furnished for the purpose by the bridegroom and sometimes she stood in her chemise or smock. Eventually, in Essex county at least, all immodesty was avoided by the bridegroom's furnishing to the bride all the clothes she wore, retaining title to the same in himself. This he did in the presence of witnesses, that he might prove the fact in case he was sued for any debts she might have contracted.

It is thought that during the reign of George III there were many smock marriages in Maine, then a part of the province of Massachusetts Bay—chiefly in Lincoln and York counties, or in the territory which is now so known. There is nothing to show that the practice outlived the revolution. In Maine, up to 1852, a husband was liable for debts of his wife contracted before marriage, and no such subterfuge as the smock marriage could relieve him.

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the warrior secretly. When the chief at last discovered her disobedience he at once took measures to deal summarily with both the maid and her lover, and they attempted to escape his vengeance by fleeing from the village together. They were detected in their flight by the angry chief. He commanded the destroys to the return to her wilgwam. The flight by the angry chief. He commanded his daughter to return to her wigwam. The bold lover stood with folded arms awaiting her decision. She defied her father and stepped forward to join her lover. An arrow from her father's bow pierced her heart. She fell to the ground and died on a spot where a wild apple tree was sprouting from the earth. The soil absorbed her lifeblood as it flowed, and the tender roots of the young tree drew it in and made it part of its vital juices. Such was the story she white people heard when they came to settle in this part of Orange county, and it has been handed down from generation to generation as the nature of the apple itself. The old tree in the Peter Turner orchard is a lineal descendant of the ariginal Indian Princess apple tree, and is believed to be the last of its race.

TWENTY-ONE MILLION CANDLES.

weden Still Clings to Primitive Means of Lighting Her Homes. Means of Lighting Her Homes.

It seems strange in this day of electricity, cays a writer in St. Nicholas, that there can be found in a part of the world where civilization has gone a people who are so generally given over to candle light as are the inhabitants of Sweden. In one year one firm in Sweden manufactures, for the trade of Sweden almost exclusively, 21,000,000 of candles of all sizes, from two or three inches in height up to seven feet. In spite of the introduction of electricity into the cilies the people keep using candles, and they even seem to think them a necessary part of their household effects.

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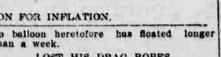
Boy Killed by a Playmate. ST. LOUIS, March 15 .- A special to the his brains out with a club. He then es-caped, and although officers are searching for him Gardiner had not been captured. Gardiner and Rogers were playmates aged 16. The former had a grudge against his fellow and took this means of avenging it.

Quarts Ledge Found in San Francisco. SAN FRACISCO, March 16.-A ledge of

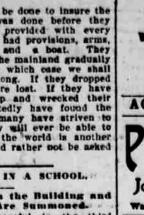


the 11th. Strindberg and I occupied the same cabin on board the Swedish gunboat which carried us up to the island. Strindberg came running to me that morning and awoke me in my bunk, crying: "The breeze! the breeze! We shall sail today. The wind its from the acuth." I laughed at him, for I did not believe it was possible. But when I came out on the deck I found that the preparations for the start had already begun. Andree was doubtful. In his mind this southerly wind might be a false alarm. He thought they had better wait a day or so and see if it would continue. A conference was held on the vessel, after which, reluctant as yet, Andree went ashore to the balloon house to see if the breeze was quite as strong there as it was on board the gunball. During the morning he had been making ineteorological observations, and the results added force to the pleadings of his companions. He came on board the vessel again, and a second confirence was held. It was finally decided to go that day, and immediately the order to knock down the front section of the balloon house was given. This was at 10:30 a. m. At 2:30 in the afternoon the balloon sailed away.

"Andree went away with the impression that his balloon would fout at least six weeks. Indeed, it was his idea in 1896 that he could keep in the air for a year or more if necessary. But the trouble we had with espaping gas soon dispelled this notion. I think that even after he found how impossible it was to confine the gas, he overgated the time he would be able to keep affoci. The expert from the balloon factory and I made a minute calculation of how long.







MOUSE PANIC IN A SCHOOL. Children Flee from the Building and

Tuis was a waste of time. A child in the

SMOCK MARRIAGES. A Curious Custom Revenled by Co lonial Records.

colouies.

Smock marriages were weddings where the bride appeared dreesed in a white sheet or chemise. The reason of such a garb was the belief that if a man married a woman who was in debt he could be field liable for her indebtedness if he received her with any of her property; and, also, that if a woman married a man who was in debt his creditors could not take her property to satisfy their claims if he received nothing from her. In England, says an antiquacian, there was at least one case where the bride was was at least one case where the bride was clothed puris naturalibus while the ceremony was being performed in the great church at Birmingham. The minister at first

him he married the rair. To carry out the law fully, as the people understand it, the ceremony should always have been performed as it was in the Birmingham church. But modesty forbidding, various expedients were used to accomplish the desired purpose and yet avoid the un-desirable features. Sometimes the bride stood in a closet and put her hand through the door; sometimes she stood behind a cloth

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Post-Dispatch from Carroll, Ill., says that Perry Gardiner enticed Will Rogers into an unoccupied building at Pulaski, Ill., and beat

gold-bearing quartz has been found by men engaged in grading at Seventh street in this city. This street is being cut through a bluff, varying from forty to fifty-five feet high and about 300 feet long. Three years ago a tunnel was sunk through the hill to allow the laying of a large water main to the reservoir on Clendon Heights, and low grade quartz was then uncovered. The quartz, which is now declared to show traces of gold, was uncovered by a blast.