

CECIL RHODES' BIG PROJECT.

Cape-to-Cairo African Railway Seems Popular in London--Will Take 10,000,000 Pounds Sterling.

Great Britain seems to shake to its foundations whenever Cecil Rhodes steps foot on the island. He is the biggest man in the kingdom to-day. The popular mind credits him with being the potentate of the African continent. An inconceivable London newspaper has described how Mr. Rhodes at his meals to the accompaniment of business, dismissed a couple of millionaires while he cracked an egg, sat out while organizing a company or two. It was therefore suggested that the breakfast hour was the safest time to see him, and the result is, that while he breakfasts his secretaries repel the invasion of mobs of importunate speculators.

The cabinet met especially to discuss Mr. Rhodes' scheme for government guarantees of the Cape-to-Cairo railway and telegraph. Mr. Rhodes afterwards conferred with Joseph Chamberlain, the secretary of state for the colonies, and Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, the chancellor of the exchequer. Mr. Rhodes says £10,000,000 will cover the entire cost of the work, and there is little doubt that he will carry his point with the government and raise all the money he needs in the city.

HAS RHYTHMIC HEART.

Most Peculiar Condition Observed in a Young Violinist of Ability at Cincinnati.

One of the most peculiar cases of heart disease ever observed in local medical circles is that of Andre Schmidt, aged 36, a musician. Schmidt is a violinist of ability, he having enjoyed considerable reputation as an artist before having been disabled by his present trouble, which, says the Cincinnati Enquirer, is known as "musical heart," a most peculiar condition, in which the heart, instead of beating with the regularity of a normal organ, pulsates four or five times in rapid, rhythmic succession, emitting a harmonious sound, not unlike that produced by the distant rumbling of a ball in a bowling alley, the quick, succeeding beats of the falling pins all being vividly portrayed.

FARM FOR PRINTERS.

An Enterprise Which Has Met with Such Success as to Encourage Its Continuance.

Members of Typographical Union No. 6 think their Pelham Bay park farm a success and will continue to operate it, says the New York World. The committee in charge of the farm made a report to the union.

A BIG MORTAR.

It is for Coast Defense, and Was Cast by a Firm in Columbus, O.

A 31,000-pound gun iron of the kind known as "racers" was cast at the Rarig plant in Columbus, O., the other day for use in coast defense work by the government. It is the largest piece ever cast in Columbus, and the operation required 30 minutes to complete.

NEGRO DECLINES AN OFFICE.

A Receiver Appointed in a Louisiana District Says That He Will Not Serve.

Among the last federal appointments for Louisiana made by President McKinley was that of John G. Lewis as receiver of public moneys of the Natchitoches district. Lewis is a negro, and his appointment was a great surprise to the entire community.

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QUEEN'S NEW YACHT.

To Be the Largest Pleasure Craft Ever Built.

Will Be 380 Feet in Length, Her Speed Thirty Knots an Hour and She Will Cost \$1,500,000.

The admiralty has departed from its usual policy of secrecy and has given out some particulars regarding the yacht that is being built for the queen's use. Since the keel was laid, on December 23, 1897, English curiosity has been clamorous for some details. So far none has been given except the official and workmen of the dockyard. The new yacht is to be 380 feet in length by 50 feet beam. Her draught is to be 18 feet, and her displacement 4,600 tons.

The vessel will have orlop, lower, main, upper and forecstic decks. It is estimated that by the time the yacht is launched she will have cost £2,573,533. Although no information has yet been given out as to the interior furnishings and decorations, it is pretty certain that these will be of an interesting nature, as it is estimated that when the yacht is fully furnished and ready for use she will have cost £3,000,000, or \$1,500,000.

KAISER PLEASES CHILDREN.

Takes 1,500 School Children of Berlin to Hear Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel."

A pleasant trait of the kaiser's character was shown the other day. After passing the morning hours hearing reports and signing documents, he suddenly ordered the management of the Royal opera to perform Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel" at three o'clock that afternoon. He then dispatched officials to distribute 1,500 tickets among the good children of the Berlin schools. Every school sent its contingent. And when the kaiser, the kaiserin the three youngest princes and the little princess arrived the house was packed with an enthusiastic audience. The floor was filled with the girls, all with their blonde or brown hair hanging in plaits down their backs. The boys occupied balconies and galleries. The kaiser viewed the audience with pleasure. He was plainly delighted when, after the third act, the little people arose, and when the orchestra, filled with the strains of the national anthem. The artists never sang better, nor to a more appreciative audience.

BOY SOLDIERS FOR ENGLAND.

Scheme for Military Drill for All Lads Between Thirteen and Eighteen Years of Age.

The earl of Methven has come forward as the pioneer of a scheme of military drill for all lads between 13 and 18 years of age. A committee, called the British brigade council, has been formed to carry out the plans, and Field Marshal Lord Wolseley, the commander in chief of the forces; Gen. Lord Roberts, of Kandahar, the commander of the forces in Ireland, and a number of other prominent men have written in support of the movement, which is intended to create a sort of second line of volunteers. The war office will be asked to provide a capitalization grant for these cadet battalions. The earl of Methven anticipates enrolling 200,000 lads, who will eventually be converted into a useful, trained reserve, so that in the future, in time of grave emergency, the government will have at hand hundreds of thousands of young men already qualified to enter the ranks of the regular troops.

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NO EMIGRANTS NEEDED.

Uncle Sam's New Possessions Are All Overgrown Already--Conditions in Hawaii.

There is one of our new territorial acquisitions to which American citizens will feel no temptation to emigrate. In Hawaii there seems to be no opening for professional requirements and abilities, or for skilled, or even unskilled, labor. It is probably true of all countries that there is room at the top, but in the Hawaiian archipelago the top is unusually crowded with native-born or long-resident competitors. There are still opportunities for persons commanding large amounts of capital to engage in the production of sugar, coffee and fruit for export, but those Americans who have considerable sums of money at their disposal would be apt to do quite as well at home. As for lawyers, it would be well to remember that the Honolulu bar comprises some seventy members, a number more than great enough to transact all the law business of the country. Of physicians and dentists, there are already as many engaged in private practice as are to be found in communities of similar size in the United States. Of white mechanics, the supply is already larger than the demand. The number of European and mercantile houses is, even now, out of proportion to the trade of the islands, and they are subject to sharp competition from the Chinese and Japanese. Skilled domestic service has long been in the hands of the Chinese, and Americans have no chance of ousting them from that field of employment. For all kinds of unskilled labor the market is overstocked, and American citizens would not submit to work for the wages for which the Portuguese and native Hawaiians are content. On the whole, says Collier's Weekly, Hawaii will be a good place to stay away from, so far as those of our countrymen who have to earn a living are concerned.

ICE HOCKEY.

It Is Growing to Be the Great Winter Sport in Greater New York.

Ice hockey is now the leading winter sport in Greater New York for spectators, at least, if not in the number of active participants. Although played there for the first time only five winters ago, and in the beginning, with no special attempt to reach the sport-loving element, it has advanced rapidly, numbering its enthusiasts by thousands last winter, where two seasons ago they could hardly have been counted by hundreds.

MIX LUNCHES WITH OPERA.

Sudden Development of a Fad at New York City That Has Evidently Come to Stay.

At the Metropolitan opera house, New York city, the other night there was a sudden development of a fad that is come to stay--the mixture of supper and grand opera, Wagner and cheese sandwiches, "Die Gotterdammerung" and cold turkey. Mrs. W. Bayard Cutting was the fashionable woman who dared to make the innovation openly.

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