

GERMANY TO LAY CABLE.

Stated on High Authority That Azores Are to Be Connected with Dutch Guiana.

Germany is planning the laying of a submarine cable from the Azores to Dutch Guiana. This statement emanates from a high authority and is extremely significant at this time.

Germany has entered upon a vigorous policy of constructing or inducing the construction by German capital of submarine cables in order that she may not be dependent upon English cables in time of war.

BLOWING UP OF MAINE.

Gen. Lee Places Blame for Explosion Upon Young Officers Under Weyler.

In an address to the members of the Patria club, New York, the other night, Gen. Fitzhugh Lee said: "I want to say here and for all time that Gen. Blanco and his officers had no more to do with the blowing up of the Maine than had the people of New York city.

ILLINOIS' CORN CROP.

The Yield for 1902 Valued at \$115,217,000 and Beats All Previous Records.

The Illinois department of agriculture makes public statistics showing that the Illinois corn crop of 1902 is a record breaker in regard to both yield and total value of crop.

In northern Illinois the yield was 36 bushels per acre, in central Illinois 45 bushels, and in the southern division of the state 31 bushels.

In northern Illinois the quality of corn compared to an average is 83 per cent., in central Illinois 96 per cent. and in the southern division of the state 94 per cent., a state average of 91 per cent.

ENAMORED OF ACTRESS.

Prince of Siam Wanted to Wed Pretty Maybelle Gillman, in England.

According to the veracious president of the Bijou theater, New York, what is claimed to be the life romance of the young crown prince of Siam has just been brought to light.

In proof of the story which Miss Gillman tells, she has a small trunkful of letters from the prince, numerous autograph pictures, presents and even the manuscripts of three plays which he wrote for her use on the stage.

FUTURE OF AUTOMOBILE.

Predicted That the Horseless Carriage Will Supplant the Locomotive in France.

A new system of railway communication will be inaugurated in France in June. It consists of the substitution of automobiles for the existing locomotives and cars.

The invention is beyond the experimental stage, and its application is only delayed for the construction of the necessary rolling stock.

RARE OPERATION PERFORMED.

Brooklyn Man Undergoes Surgical Treatment for Curvature of the Spine.

In order to remedy a growing curvature of the spine Seth Williams, of Brooklyn, recently submitted to a rare and dangerous operation at the Polyclinic hospital in Manhattan.

THE AUSTRALIAN CABLE.

Another stretch of the long Canadian-Australian cable has been completed, the big big-cable spanning the Columbia having placed on the Pacific ocean's bed its one lead of 3,540 miles of cable, which it took out from Victoria, B. C., September 8.

LOAN TO LITERARY WORLD.

A man who fought at the battle of Waterloo has just died in Pennsylvania. This seems to rob the world of a chance to have another book on Napoleon, says the Chicago Record-Herald.

HONS AFTER TURKEY MEAT.

A Kansas City firm is trying to corner the turkeys. Some of these cornerers, says the Chicago Record-Herald, are so mean that they want to gobble everything.

CITY MARS COLLEGE LIFE.

President Wilson, of Princeton, Declares Against Colleges Located in Large Cities.

President Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton university, in the course of a lecture the other night before the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences on "The Function of the University in the United States," started the alumni of Columbia and various other universities located in cities by the positive statement that the university which was robbed by its urban location of the community atmosphere was a failure in the highest and best definition of the American university.

"The need of the university," said Dr. Wilson, "is that it should be a community with all the wonderful advantages that that word conveys. I don't believe that, unless the students of the university are kept together, they can get the atmospheric advantage of the community.

"Therefore it is absolutely necessary that the American university should be a compact and homogeneous community. The individualistic spirit is not American."

NEW CURE FOR CONSUMPTION.

Neurological Physician Tells of His Experiments with Electrical Currents.

What physicians term "high frequency" electrical currents may cure consumption and greatly prolong human life, in the belief of Dr. G. P. Girwood, of Montreal. Before the closing session of the American Roentgen Ray society at the Sherman house, Chicago, Dr. Girwood explained the possible new benefits to the human race from experiments made by him and Dr. Higgins, of Montreal.

Eight guinea pigs, inoculated with tuberculosis bacilli, were separated into two groups of four each. Those of one group were treated to applications of high frequency electrical currents from an Ordian resonator. A pole was fastened to an iron plate covered with a thick pad, and standing on the pad the pig received a part of the current by induction.

MARCONI HAS NEW SCHEME.

Wireless Telegraph Inventor Expected to Startle the World, But Keeps the Matter Secret.

Marconi has another invention which he expects will startle the world. He will not announce it formally until the wireless experiments are completed, which, he says, will be before the end of the year.

NOT STRONG ENOUGH.

British Torpedo Boat Destroyer Wolf Damaged in Tests in Portsmouth Dock.

The experiments which the admiralty has been conducting at Portsmouth, England, with the torpedo boat destroyer Wolf to test the capacity of such vessels to resist the strain of a heavy sea, have come to a temporary standstill.

PUTTING "A SATEK" IN IT.

Over the soda fountain in a Denver drug store is a sign which conveys a hint readily understood by thirsty people who like a stimulant in their soda.

IMPROVED NAVAL WARFARE.

The Venezuelan navy was sunk without the loss of a man, Admiral Cervera, says the Chicago Record-Herald, will probably look upon this as a vast improvement over the old way.

CLOSE OLD PARIS RESTAURANT.

Famous Maison Doree Shut Down Because French Refuse to Buy Expensive Dinners.

The Maison Doree, the famous restaurant of Paris, which has boasted for generations that it never closed its doors day or night, has at last been compelled to close forever.

It is because the times have changed and it is no longer customary to dine so luxuriously that the Maison Doree has been forced to put up its shutters. The diner who now spends 20 francs for dinner and considers himself extravagant would, in the days of the second empire, have spent 100 francs and thought himself a hero.

"The death of the other day of Col. Harry McCalmont, whose estate probably amounts to \$15,000,000, will be another harvest for the lord chancellor.

X-RAY FOR A MINT.

Japan to Adopt a Novel Method of Detecting Theft of Gold by Employees.

Japan has discovered a novel use for the X-ray, and soon a most modern machine will be working as a detective in the mint in the mikado's realm.

An order on Queen & Co., an optical goods firm in Philadelphia, from the mikado of Japan, has been placed through a representative who is buying various wares, from engines, to needles, in this country.

As soon as the Philadelphians can ship the machinery to Tokyo suspected employees will be "X-rayed" each day.

BALKS COVETOUS RELATIVES.

Nebraska Farmer Distributes the Forty Thousand Dollars They Want Among the Poor.

Disgusted by the bickerings and importunities of a horde of relatives, who insisted that he divide a legacy of \$40,000 among them, Benjamin W. Gist, a young farmer living near Fall City, Neb., drew the money from the bank in \$5,000 lots and gave it away to the poor.

SAFETY DEPOSIT STORY.

Lincoln (Neb.) Man Finds \$1,500 in His Box and He Wonders How It Got There.

Complete mystery surrounds the finding of \$1,500 in a safety deposit box in Lincoln, Neb., the reater of the box being nonplussed as much as every one else.

ABBEE INTERESTS AMERICANS.

The Ancient Ruins in Tipperary the Object of Much Curiosity to Travelers.

American tourists are more than commonly interested in the cathedrals of Ireland, and the one visited the most often and which excites the most interest is the abbey of the Holy Cross at Tipperary. This ancient structure, long since abandoned as a church, still retains a semblance of its former beauty and stands a picturesque ruin covered with vines and moss.

ENRICHED BY DEATH DUES.

England Gets Over Ninety Million Dollars from 176 Estates of 200 Persons.

During the present year 206 persons have died in England leaving estates valued at over \$500,000 each, the aggregate being \$290,225,710. The average age of these persons was nearly 73 years; one-fourth of them were 80 or over, and six were over 90.

A further analysis shows that there were five estates of over \$5,000,000; 17 of from \$2,500,000 and \$5,000,000; 24 of from \$1,500,000 to \$2,500,000; 39 of from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000; 100 of from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000, and 89 of from \$500,000 to \$750,000.

A monster forum is to be established in Boston, where thousands may assemble every week to listen to distinguished speakers upon current topics and debate upon great questions.

KING BUYS MONTE CRISTO.

The Island Made Famous by Dumas Becomes Victor Emmanuel's Resting Place.

The Isle of Monte Cristo, which Dumas rendered familiar to thousands of eager readers, has become the property of King Victor Emmanuel III, and is one of his favorite haunts.

DR. HAGEN MAKES DISCOVERY.

Eminent German Anthropologist Uncovers Skeletons in Croatia Which Tell of Man's Changes.

Dr. H. Hagen, one of Germany's most eminent anthropologists, expresses the opinion that the change in man from the original shape into his present one took place in Europe.

DUMONT GETS A MEDAL.

The Distinguished Aeronaut Receives a Token from the President of Brazil.

The medal awarded to Santos Dumont by the president of Brazil as a reward for his aeronautic experiments and as a souvenir of the ascension in which he won the Deutsch prize, has just been received by the indefatigable aeronaut.

GEORGE AND CHERRY TREE.

Bavarians Hear the Story of Washington's Youth for the First Time.

A dealer in pigs in Weiden, Bavaria, was testifying in court to the honesty of his son, who was the defendant in the suit, and swore he never told a lie. "He reminds me," the judge remarked, "of George Washington.

LONG TRIP FOR A HUSBAND.

Miss Josephine Bates, of Taylorville, Ill., has left via New York city for Calcutta, India, where she will wed Dr. Bruce D. Schrantz upon her arrival there, a month hence.

POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE.

Oil has been discovered in Africa. That continent, says the Chicago Record-Herald, may now prepare to get itself connected with us by pipe line.

BORROWING TROUBLE.

A Chicago preacher has condemned the "don't worry philosophy." If you have no trouble of your own, says the Chicago Record-Herald, hurry out and borrow a little.

A CHAMMELION HAS.

Japanese florists have succeeded in cultivating a rose which looks red in the sunlight and white in the shade.

BIG SPIDER CAUSES PANIC.

Tarantula Drops from a Branch of Bananas in a Grocery Store in Louisville.

A big South American tarantula created a panic at Honaker's dairy, on Story avenue, Louisville, Ky., the other evening, and for a time had full possession of the store, driving the occupants of the room to the top of barrels and cracker boxes.

The mere mentioning of the word tarantula sent the other occupants of the store to places of safety. The cause of the panic was finally captured alive, however, and placed under a glass.

RICH MAN'S SON DISCHARGED.

Lesson Taught Walter J. Hill, Whose Father is President of Great Northern Road.

Walter J. Hill, son of President James J. Hill, of the Great Northern, and who has been working in the office of Auditor of Disbursements Martin, of St. Paul, Minn., has been discharged.

MANILA ELECTRIC FRANCHISES.

The Bids for Railway and Light Systems in the Philippine City to Be Opened March 5.

The bureau of insular affairs of the war department has issued a statement announcing that it is now in a position to furnish intending bidders the full text of the enactment of the Philippine commission providing for granting franchises for an electric street railway and an electric light, heat and power system in Manila and its suburbs.

THE BUREAU OF INSULAR AFFAIRS.

The franchisees will be awarded after competitive bidding, the bids to be filed in Manila before March 5, 1903, when they will be opened. The route of the proposed system is 35 miles long.

The duration of the franchise, not to exceed 50 years; the rate of fare on the railway, not to exceed 7 1/2 cents gold for the first-class passengers and five cents gold for second-class passengers; and the compensation to be paid the city of Manila, not less than 1 1/2 per cent. of the gross earnings.

CONVICTION COSTS.

There are about 15,000 convicts in the prisons of England, whose maintenance costs about \$3,000,000 a year.