

AMERICA'S FOREMOST AERONAUT



Lieutenant Lahm of the United States Army has devoted considerable of his time to the study of aeronautics and the possibility of using balloons in case of war.

RICH FACTORY GIRLS

YOUNG LADIES OF GREAT FORTUNE WORK FOR \$3 A WEEK.

One Investigator Says She is Surprised to Learn That Working Women Have No Hope and Desire Their Labors.

New York.—Two college girls of wealthy families left New York a short time ago to study the conditions of the factory girls' life in Troy, N. Y.

They went to a working girls' home in Troy and told pitiful stories of their inability to get work in New York, their invalid parents and starving sisters and brothers.

After two days' search Miss Auerbach succeeded in getting the last vacant place in one of the biggest collar and cuff factories in Troy.

They left New York with \$15 each for railroad fare, and a determination to live for two weeks on what they could earn.

Both young women are students at the School of Philanthropy, and each is to write a thesis on her experiences in Troy.

TO STUDY FIREPROOFING.

Uncle Sam Would Find Out Why Losses Are So Great.

Washington.—Are the many alleged fireproof building materials really fireproof? Uncle Sam means to find out.

The annual fire loss in the United States is approximately \$240,000,000. The per capita loss is close to \$3.

The various building materials will be subjected to the severest tests. These will be made in half a dozen cities, but principally in Chicago and St. Louis.

Statistics show that America spends enormous sums of money in providing equipment for fire fighting, while Europe spends the money in erecting structures which offer the greatest resistance to fire.

Richard L. Humphrey, engineer in charge of the structural material laboratories of the geological survey, who is directing the experimental work, expects to give almost a year to the investigation.

FINDS CASH AFTER 100 YEARS.

Colonial Bills Discovered Between Leaves of Old Bible.

Belleville, Ill.—A family Bible appears to be as safe a place to keep money as a safe deposit vault.

When Kraft came into possession of this old Bible a short time ago he glanced through it out of curiosity.

On the back of each note is the warning: "To Counterfeit is Death." Kraft now keeps his old money in a safety deposit box.

Ships Invention as "Eggs." Washington.—A firm of patent attorneys here received by express a box labeled "Eggs."

It was from Mrs. W. Roseman, an inventor of Sullivan county, New York.

Bloux City, Ia.—Fined five dollars for intoxication, John Shay could not find money in his clothes nor could he prevail upon any friend to bail him out.

GIANT NAVAL BASE

WORLD'S GREATEST TO BE BUILT AT HAWAII.

United States Will Spend \$10,000,000 on Pearl Harbor—Outpost in Pacific Will Be Impregnable Against Assault by Foo.

Washington.—The greatest naval station in the world will be built by the United States at Pearl harbor, on Oahu island, seven miles from Honolulu.

There are no official figures upon the probable ultimate cost of the improvement, but the Taft board recommended fortifications to cost \$3,500,000, and there is planned a drydock to cost \$2,000,000 more.

In preparing for this auxiliary to the Pacific fleet, congress and the house naval committee are acting independently, for the naval board has never made any estimates or recommended the general project.

The harbor is formed by the mouth of the Pearl river on the southern shore of Oahu island, seven miles from Honolulu.

Topographically Pearl harbor is an ideal naval station site. It is a beautiful lagoon, three miles long, which branches out at the inner end into a delta-like harbor with a land frontage of 30 miles.

A sand bar now obstructs the mouth of the river, and the plan contemplates its removal and the dredging of a wide, deep channel out to sea.

It would be utterly impossible for a hostile fleet to force an entrance to the harbor, once it was properly fortified.

Supplies could be brought to Pearl harbor over the Oahu Land and Railroad Company's line, which skirts the harbor.

Congressional advocates of greater naval extensions are enthusiastic over the project.

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ODD CREW HANDLES SHIP.

Mixed Talent Signed as Sailors on Bark from San Pedro.

Tacoma, Wash.—In a mixed crew which brought the four-masted British bark Howard D. Troop to Tacoma, Capt. Durkee found an amazing array of talent.

During the seven weeks that the four-master lay at San Pedro discharging she naturally lost the majority of her crew, and when the vessel was ready to sail for Tacoma in ballast it was necessary to sign 14 new men.

In flying fish weather the new hands were all right for sweeping down decks and lighting the binnacle, but even at that real seamen had practically all the work to do.

Work of a Congregation That Could Not Afford to Pay for Labor.

Kansas City.—With the light from a dozen lanterns helping them to see where to place joists and how to nail on weatherboards, ten members of the Yecker Avenue Baptist church worked until after 11 o'clock at night on their new church building.

But the congregation was not a wealthy one, and the members felt that they could not give money enough for a new building.

Every day and many nights, under the direction of some of the members of the congregation who are carpenters, the work goes on.

SIXTY CIGARETTES A DAY. Russian Quits After Smoking Nearly a Million Cofin Nails.

Lake City, Ia.—With a record of nearly 1,000,000 cigarettes at an average of 60 a day, Isaac Manhoff, a peddler of this place, 40 years old, has decided to renounce the weed.

For a man who has inhaled the fumes of so many cigarettes Manhoff is a strong man.

Tramps Outwalk Their Dog. Darby, Pa.—Because the animal was footsore and could accompany them no further on their wanderings, two tramps were given a night's lodging in Darby lockup.

Collecting His Bill. One day last summer visitors to a merry-go-round on a vacant lot in the outskirts of Philadelphia were very much touched by the melancholy demeanor of a long, lean, lank individual who, suffering greatly, persisted in riding repeatedly.

If Odors Only Were Nourishing. "If one could live on odors alone," said Mr. Flatweller, "it wouldn't cost much to live in a flat."

Animal Reas Head on a Hay Bag. Whensaver Brought into Smithy.

New York.—George Canfield, a milk dealer of Caldwell, N. J., owns a horse which lies down to be shod, and, putting its head on a bundle of hay and holding its feet in the air, makes itself comfortable during the operation.

It was while the last snow was on the ground that the animal adopted this method.

Russell attached the four shoes while the animal was in this position.

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The clerk read the name on the wrapper and the date on the label, then he called to a man who sat leaning against the cigar counter with his head propped up in his hands.

"I didn't think of it," she explained. "The maid took it in one day when we were all out."

Some drugists might permit you to, but we won't. It might upset you for a month.

Some combinations of drugs keep on good terms with each other indefinitely, while others get into a row after being mixed together for a while.

That is by no means an infallible test, and the person who wishes to save his system uncomfortable complications would do well to let old medicines strictly alone.

American Names. —If we have some crowing sense of a desire to touch with poetry the terminology of our American towns we have succeeded so far only in securing a slightly plebeian grove atmosphere such as is given off by Lakewood or Riverside.

The rich sentimentalism of the real estate dealer has done what it could considering the hurry he is in.

With the slightest dash of poetry in his soul he might keep true to the strenuous character of the place with all its prospective labor negotiations.

Whalebone Shafts Sent from the Arctic by Boyhood Friend.

Seattle, Wash.—The schooner Volant is in from the arctic circle, bringing as a present to Mr. Roosevelt from C. H. Haworth, his boyhood friend, two costly shafts of polished whalebone.

Mr. Haworth secured the whalebone shafts from the old-fashioned grave of an Eskimo chief.

The grave, in keeping with ancient custom, stands several feet above the stretch of ice and snow near Point Barrow.

Mingled with the bones of the dead chief the whalebone shafts were found, turned to a deep brown from years of burial and the action of storms.

Mr. Haworth secured the relics for a few yards of bright calico cloth.

HORSE RECLINES TO BE SHOD.

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GIVES WEALTH TO RELATIVES. Scheme of Millionaire to Induce Them Not to Break His Will.

Philadelphia.—John F. Hetz, Sr., multi-millionaire brewer, has given his son, John Hetz, Jr., his skyscraper, the Hetz building, and one of the most valuable pieces of real estate in the city.

By these gifts the old brewer, who is now past 70, hopes to protect his young wife, who was the Countess Anna Helena Hlozoff of Baravia, whom he met ten years ago, secretly married and has been secretly living with in this city ever since.