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MEDICAL COMMITTEE REPORTS ON TELEPHONE GIRLS AND THEIR WORK

London, Dec. 22.—A medical committee recently appointed to inquire into the working conditions of telephone operators in this city has issued its report.

Of 248 operators examined, 142 said that their health had been impaired in some way. The contributory causes are tabulated as follows:

The telephoneist is constantly using three special senses—sight, hearing, and speech. There is a constant demand on her attention; accuracy is essential; she must set on her own initiative; and she may have many calls in operation at the same time.

Dealing directly with the public whose methods, manner, and temper are always diverse and sometimes unpleasant, the telephoneist is often the subject of abuse and reproach.

She has continually to wear the head and breast gear of the transmitter and receiver. The perpetual jumping up and down and reaching required tends to cause physical weariness.

The committee suggests the desirability of the rejection of all candidates for telephone work, who show any pronounced sign of anemia or of an unstable state of the nervous system, and emphasizes the importance of an even temper and a suitable temperament, if a girl is to become a successful telephone operator. Many of the cases of neurasthenia found among the girls, were the result, in the opinion of the medical committee, of poor stamina rather than the conditions of working.

LABOR AGITATION IN ITALY

Milan, Dec. 22.—A big agitation is in progress among the labor leagues and the Shop Employees' Federation in northern Italy to curtail the introduction of the system of "a few Thursday or Saturday afternoon." Some reform of this sort is sorely needed, for despite the recent law relating to festive rest, a very large number of employees of either sex are kept at work on Sundays till midday or later, though the shopping establishments to which they are attached are closed to the public.

This abuse is due to the lack of an efficient inspectorate. It is thought that a free afternoon inspection would reduce the average number of working hours from 61 to 55 a week.

"My wife married me to reform me," "Did she succeed?" "Yes, thoroughly; I couldn't marry again if I lived to be as old as Methuselah!"

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RUSSIAN GRAND DUKE LEADS MOVEMENT FOR AERIAL FLEET.



HUGH A. ROBINSON & THE GRAND DUKE ALEXANDER MICHAELOVITCH SON OF AN FARMAN AEROPLANE

The Russian government is now taking great interest in the use of aeroplanes for military purposes. No less than fifty aeroplanes of the Farman-Beriot and Nieuport and other French types have been ordered in the last two months, it is stated. Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovich, now in law and Vice-Admiral of the Russian navy, is the moving force in the movement to build the aerial fleet. Hugh Robinson has been sent to Russia by the Curtiss Company to demonstrate their machine before the Grand Duke.

AWFUL FATE OF BEGGAR WOMAN

Spurned From Rich Man's Door
She is Set Upon and Killed by
Mastiffs

Rome, Dec. 22.—A pitiful tragedy is reported from the beautiful gardens that encircle Prince Ruffo's villa on the Flaminian Way, outside the gates of Rome. A poor beggar woman, on the verge of starvation, ventured up the main walk to ask alms at the brilliantly-lighted villa, which Prince Ruffo was giving a grand dinner in honor of a professor newly nominated to the International Institute of Agriculture, adjoining the princely property.

Thrust away with harsh epithets by merciless attendants, the poor woman was wending her way back towards the massive iron gates, when, overcome with hunger and fatigue, she appears to have fallen into a swoon just inside the entrance.

About midnight piercing shrieks and the barking of dogs brought the prince and a body of retainers outside with lanterns and revolvers in the belief that burglars were breaking into the place. Soon, however, they came upon a scene of horror. A woman lay on a stone path, and a dog was seen to have been in the act of attacking her.

The body of the woman, which they were hurriedly carrying to pieces. The unhappy victim expired in the hospital the following day. She was seventy-two years of age.

WEDDINGS

McElroy-Bickford.
Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 21.—(Special.) Vincent McElroy, of Benton, and Maggie Bickford, of Seabrook, Kings county, a daughter of Richard Bickford, were married by Rev. Frank Baird yesterday. They leave tonight on a short tour which will include a visit to the bride's former home. They will reside in Benton.

Arrangements are being made to have agricultural instruction and demonstration trains visit New Brunswick next year to carry practical information regarding the best methods to the farmers along the principal railway lines. The C. P. R. has operated such cars in the west, and the local government is willing to co-operate with the railway to bring the trains to the east. The management of the I. C. R. is also planning similar trains, and if they are not ready for next summer, the C. P. R. trains may be sent over the lines of the government yard. Lecturers will address at various points along the lines.

Paris Woman's Fearful Act in a
Fit of Madness.

Paris, Dec. 22.—In a fit of madness this week a woman named Marguerite Pascal killed her husband and her aunt. The woman lived in a Paris suburb, and after she had shot her husband with a revolver, she took a train to a little hamlet called Savigny-sur-Orge, ten miles from Paris, where she murdered her aged aunt. The murders returned to Paris in a coffin, surrounded herself to the police.

Mme. Pascal has been suffering from neurasthenia, and more than once she has been heard to threaten to take her own life. Her husband, who had been in the Vendémiaire force in Tongking, returned to France some months ago. He was of an intractable temper, and there was frequent scenes between the pair. Mme. Pascal, after a quarrel with her husband, went out accompanied by her nine years old daughter, leaving her husband in bed. Murderer and daughter lunched in a restaurant, and afterwards Mme. Pascal purchased a revolver and some cartridges.

Returning home she left her daughter in charge of the concierge, remarking that she was going upstairs to see if her husband was still asleep. The unfortunate man was shot in his sleep.

The second victim, Mme. Camille Pascal, sixty-three years of age, was also shot. Referring to her looking the woman embraced her little girl before giving herself up to the police. The objects have been asked to report on the woman's mental condition.

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London, Dec. 21.—The Jewish Chronicle says that the leading Jewish institutions have decided to urge the abrogation of the Anglo-Russian treaty, which discriminates against the English Jews.

Peking, Dec. 21.—Premier Yuan Shi Kai today gave his answer to those who are aiming to transform China into a republic. In an official statement he declared, without qualification, that he refused to accept a republic.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—It is understood that Nathaniel Curry, president of the Canadian Car & Foundry Company, Ltd., will be asked to take the presidency of the new Canadian Metal Products, Ltd., which will be established here as result of a visit of a number of local capitalists to College Point (N. Y.), where the plant of the U. S. Metal Products, Ltd., is situated.

PASTOR BITTERLY DENOUNCES ENEMIES

Bitingly denouncing those members of the Board of Deacons and Board of Trustees who wish to oust him from his place as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Westwood, N. T., the Rev. C. F. W. Ahrens delivered a sermon from the pulpit entitled "In Defence of Honor, Justice and Christianity."

He called those who were against him traitors, snakes, modern Eves, whited sepulchres, serpents, Judas Iscariots, deadly vipers, and said they indulged in playing to the extent of high treason and neglected their religion.

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to the Christmas
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RIVALS THE EIFFEL

Wireless Telegraph Tower Near
Berlin is 600 Feet High

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The wireless telegraphy station at Nauert, close to Berlin, now possesses a tower which is declared to be the highest in the world with the exception of the Eiffel Tower in Paris. The tower was originally 300 feet high, but in order to increase the range of the wireless station, which is already able to communicate direct with New York, it was decided to add another superstructure of 300 feet. This engineering feat has now been accomplished, and in overcast weather the summit of the tower is often lost in the clouds.

There have been no attempts at architectural beauty in construction. The tower is a simple steel structure, which rests the entire weight of more than 600 feet of concrete. Upon a structure of such immense height the power of the wind is naturally considerable, and owing to the small sectional area of the tower it was impossible to counteract the wind pressure by widespread foundations. It was therefore decided to allow the tower a certain amount of "give" and to this end its hollowed base rests upon a single ball, upon which the tower, within certain limits, is allowed to swing to the force of the wind.

**PITTSBURG SELECTS
NEW ATHLETIC HEAD**

Charles S. Miller

Charles S. Miller, for many years prominent in athletics in Western Pennsylvania, has been appointed general director of athletics at the University of Pittsburgh. This appointment is the most progressive step ever taken by the university and was made necessary by the growth and importance of athletics in the school.

Mr. Miller was captain of the track team of the Pittsburgh Athletic Club from 1880 to 1886, was chairman of the Athletic Committee from 1884 to 1887, and vice president of the club in 1888.

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The following contributions in addition to those previously announced are gratefully acknowledged:

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CHILD SCORNS MOTHER.

Louise A. Schroeder

Louise A. Schroeder is an eleven-year-old California girl who, in a San Francisco court room openly flouted her mother and declared she would commit suicide rather than live with her parent. The parents of the child were recently divorced. In the end the Judge placed the girl in the care of the Dominican Sisters, where she can be visited by both her parents at all reasonable hours.

BOYCOTT IN PRISON

Convicts Had Grievance Against
One of Their Number and Thus
Had Him Removed

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 22.—An exclusive union among the prisoners at the Pentridge penitentiary formed to boycott an "undesirable" convict has proved successful, and the man has been transferred to another prison.

He had previously served a sentence in the same prison and, because of his conduct at the time, the other convicts would have nothing to do with him. With great secrecy they formed a union pledging themselves to put the man "in Coventry." As soon as the convict entered, one of the "shops," the other men would immediately drop their tools, resuming work when he left.

An official inquiry was held, and after a spokesman had put the case of the convicts to the commissioner, the ringleaders were sentenced to two days' imprisonment. The next day, however, the "undesirable" was transferred to another prison.

**ENGLAND WILL EAT 300,000
TURKEYS ON NEXT MONDAY**

London, Dec. 22.—England is now ready to consume 300,000 turkeys on Monday. Every morning for the last three weeks a large consignment of the birds has been delivered at the London markets. The greater number of turkeys are hatched and are reared on farms in Devon, Norfolk and in Ireland, but there is also a large quantity imported from the continent. The home birds and those reared in Normandy are considered the best, but the secondary quality, in which a great trade is done, come mostly from Italy and Servia.

A large number of turkeys are also brought over from southern France, where there are extensive farms; and it is an open secret that in most of these nurseries the turkeys are gently aided in the endeavor to get fat by the cramping machine. In Normandy the turkeys are fed on barley, meat and milk.

SHIP GOES BEGGING

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"The person who left an aeroplane with M. Louis Job, at Chaux-de-Fonds, is requested to take it away, after paying the expenses. After December 31 the aeroplane will be sold."

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