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THE CHANNEL PASSAGE.

The striking feature of M. Blierot's light across the English Channel is not the fact that he remained in the air for a certain length of time, or that he travelled so many miles at such a rate of speed, but rather that in an airship he succeeded in passing from the territory of one power to that of another over the intervening water. Blierot has received a great ovation, has been lionized everywhere, and what is described as a regular epidemic of Blierot fever has broken out in London. This is partly accounted for by his success, but chiefly through the fact that he is a Frenchman and one of a nation with which Britain is now on the most friendly terms. What would have been the sentiment had the courageous aviator been a subject of Emperor William?

Just now the aeroplane seems to be attracting a larger share of attention than its second cousin the dirigible balloon. It is well to keep in mind that the conquest of the air is being fought along two entirely distinct lines and that the engine of locomotion, which are employed will vary from the present outlook, operate in the same fields of usefulness.

The aeroplane which is heavier than air is based on the principle involved in the gliding of a bird with wings at rest; the balloon, on the other hand, by gas, hence Count Zeppelin's light of thirty hours is less remarkable than that of Wilbur Wright of an hour and a quarter. It is admitted by experts that the aeroplane will not become serviceable for the carriage of passengers or freight. It will be useful for purposes of war rather than of commerce, while the dirigible balloon, on the other hand, owing to its great bulk, wholly unsuited to military operations, but will be serviceable in transporting men and baggage.

Along with this recent advance in aeronautics, comes the report from the Vickers Maxims Company of the solution of problems in the making of guns for defense against aircraft. The Krupp firm declares that it has overcome the difficulty and proposes three types of guns to be mounted on land carriages. All of these patterns are easily handled, and capable of engaging aircraft at 10,000 yards range. It is believed that the Vickers already manufactured will prove as effective for land operations as the Krupp pattern. The Krupp pattern is a gun which can be fired from a ship or from a shore, and is capable of attacking by ship, or the airship of the enemy must be met by better airships and more of them. These new machines of war, it is predicted, will increase in size and offensive power, and all the problems of gun and construction of guns for these war vessels, the ingenuity of the mechanic must now be exercised.

IRELAND ON THE UP-GRADE.

Realizing that the efforts being made by the Irish people for the betterment of their own conditions of living are of interest to many persons in America, this being shown by generous contributions of many to the campaign fund during the past score of years, the Philadelphia North American some seven years ago sent a special correspondent to Ireland to report upon social, industrial and political conditions which at that time made Irish question an acute problem. The correspondent visited all parts of the land, interviewed men and women of every walk in life and realized that the Irish policy as it was then being administered was really a curse, amounting almost to economic slavery. From his own observation he declared he was not surprised that crime was abundant, that British rule was discredited and that it was by force that the laws were administered. He found the Irish race decreasing, chiefly by emigration, fully one-half the population having left the island in the preceding fifty years. That many thousands of men and boys were compelled to spend six months of the year in England in order to earn enough money to carry their families through the winter. His conclusion was that so unjust were the prevailing conditions that the Irish in Ireland were kept living by their friends who had been driven to other lands. A few weeks ago the Philadelphia North American decided to once more investigate conditions in the Emerald Isle for the purpose of making a comparison between what now prevails and what was recorded seven years ago. At the time of the previous investigation it was predicted that a change of policy on the part of the British Government was in sight, that the persistent prodding of the Irish parliamentary party was having its effect on the British Government, and that the barriers in the way of progress were gradually being removed by fairer legislation. From 1870 when Gladstone

first established the main principle of dual ownership—that the tenants' interest in the land he tilled—the struggle against landlordism had been carried on without cessation. The land war of 1872 and 1880 showed how much injustice remained, but in the past score of years the enactment of land purchase acts, notably that of 1903, had cleared the way for the creation of better conditions. The North American representative is now forwarding a series of letters to his party which must be of much interest to all who are in any way concerned about the property of the island. He finds that the change which he predicted seven years ago has come and that progress during the past few years has been steady. The British government, he tells, is now engaged upon a huge scale in buying the great estates and establishing the tenants upon small farms. The terms arranged by the government are, he thinks, in some cases too high, but on the whole are infinitely more advantageous than the old. Tenants are no longer facing the certain prospect of regular increases in rents with no hope of ultimate ownership, but are occupying land as owners and are paying back the purchase prices in smaller instalments than they formerly paid for rent alone to their landlords. Not only has an improvement been made by the introduction of this fairer principle, but progress has been given an impetus by the realization that the danger days are over. The knowledge that before long they will be owners of their own farms and that in the meantime they are to be treated with every consideration has put new life into the rural population. Thousands upon thousands of families who seven years ago were suffering want are now contented and are every year getting nearer to prosperity. The greater evils of landlordism have been wiped out, those which still remain are doomed, and today Ireland is once more a nation on the up-grade. Emigration such as is created by discontent or suffering is practically unknown, those who are leaving Ireland are chiefly the young men and women imbued with the national desire to better their already satisfactory condition. The population is not decreasing, but is now showing a small annual increase. The chief discontent previously prevailing is scarcely to be noticed. Ireland is now abiding and peaceful; the people realizing that their future is in their own hands are doing their best to make of it what they can.

Mr. Parkes—These two seats you gave me are in different rows, one behind the other.

Ticket Seller—One seat is for a lady.

Mr. Parkes—Yes.

Ticket Seller—All that's all right, then. You are expected to sit behind the lady, and if you bring one with a big hat it's your own fault. That's the way we sell 'em now.

"Well," said Farmer Cottosold, "I've got to look after my tomatoes and string-beans and things."

"You don't expect to get any of your summer boarders out of that little garden, do you?" inquired the neighbor.

"Nope, I've put in my order for cabbage, potatoes and what vegetable garden is just a decoy."

"John, I believe the new girl has stolen the whisky bottle; I left it on the dining-room table last night."

"I guess the joke's on me, Mary. It was not quite light when I got up this morning and I thought the bottle was a shrewdly thought out for my breakfast."

WOMAN HOLDS UP AND ROBS MAN IN CHICAGO

Episode Occurs in Broad Daylight on Important Residential Street

CHICAGO, July 30.—Held up and robbed at the point of a revolver by a girl whom he described as young and pretty was the experience of Ziegmann Klobber, 35 years old, of 691 East Erie street, according to the story he related to the police at the Hudson avenue station this morning.

A strange feature of the robbery is that it happened in broad daylight at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The woman was about 19 years old, Klobber said, and had light hair. She wore a light coat and an auto veil and carried out her work like a professional highwayman. When Klobber met her near the corner of Tellico and North Park avenue she suddenly pointed a pistol at his head and ordered him to give up his money.

He declared that he had no money, and she commanded him to deliver up a \$50 diamond stud he wore in his shirt front. Having secured this, she walked away, warning him that she would shoot him if he attempted to follow.

DENVER, Colo., July 30.—"Phillydelphia Jack" O'Brien had the better of Jimmy Flynn, the Pueblo freeman, in a six round go at the Auditorium tonight.

The fortunate presence of "President" Taft's yacht Sylph in this harbor tonight saved the lives of a score of permanent residents of the city.

Miss May Proctor, Miss Sadie Proctor and Mrs. Frank Allen left yesterday for Washington.

We prefer to be introduced by the best advertisement money will buy—Walter W. Lowmyer Co., Boston.

SAURDAY SERMOETTE

WHAT RUINED THE COUNTRY.

I sat down beside a "bearded lady" in the old grave yard the other day, to learn something that would help me to keep the wolf out of the pantry.

After a few minutes spent in taking each other's measure we casually told each other that it was a "fine day."

After we had digested that information, I said it was "good day weather." As neither of us owned any hay fields and had not done any haying for many moons, we had likely come to the sage conclusion from the experience of other years that in July when the sun shone for two or three consecutive days that it was good day weather.

Another silent minute and then my friend remarked in a seemingly irrelevant way that "machinery had ruined the country." As I had not seen the Sun or Telegraph for several mornings I had not heard that the country was "ruined."

I wondered for a few minutes how my companion had found out the country was so other than for him, and then I imagined that he was explaining to me and himself the reason for his ruin. His child was the only one who was not ruined by machinery, and yet the statement showed still a remnant of pride. He did not mean to say that his failure was his own fault; "machinery" had ruined himself, and of course the country was ruined and had been ruined by machinery.

That old derelict is not the only failure who thinks the world has failed.

No thoroughly good man thinks the world all bad, only the thoroughly bad thinks the world all bad.

The reasonably successful think the world is fairly successful. "But that is another story."

The battered old man who had lived for seventy-five years and knew there was no other chance for him, wanted to think that "machinery" had ruined him, and it was he who was ruined through his little satisfaction in thinking that the world was ruined too. If we are conscious of a little greed, we give us a little satisfaction to meet the old school mate who is out at the elbow too.

After a little the old man told me that his first mistake was in leaving the country and coming to the city. He had been a farmer on the island and he was not, yes, I said, that is the story of many a man in the city. They should have stayed in the country where God planted them.

I told the poor old man and do now as I think of him, he was such a splendid old fellow. He was a fine looking man in spite of his shabby clothes, of which he was ashamed, his head was well shaped, his eye was not the eye of a man who did nothing, and he was too intelligent to believe even if he said so that machinery had ruined the country, and he said without looking at the clock that he was reading "The blank grins."

The next man I met and asked the same question said, "I am a conservative." He was reading the Sun.

There is also a story of General Logan, who returns, it is said, to observe the doings of the committee on military affairs, of which he was so long the chairman. Those who claim to have encountered the General say that he always wears a black skull cap and remains either in the committee room or in the corridor adjoining.

According to one of them any legends which have been gradually accumulating since the building was completed, as a corridor of the State wing basement has a frequent ghostly appearance of a foreign aspect. This tall, distinguished individual is reported to confine his activities to pacing up and down that particular passageway and giving a dignified military salute at frequent intervals. His identity is still a mystery to the initiated in spiritual lore, but it is believed that it is the ghost of Major L'Enfant, the talented Frenchman who designed the city of Washington.

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ONE GHOST LAID.

It was argued that until the bonds were found and turned over to the rightful owners the troubled spirit could not find any rest. When the new Congressional Library is ready for the books to be put in their places the bonds were found, and at last the restless ghost ceased its labors. An end to the legend.

THE TRAIN WAS CREEPING SLOWLY through the suburbs of the city, approaching the passenger station. An impatient voyager turning to its mother inquired:

"Why does the train poke along this way, mamma?"

"To give the porter time to brush the blankets out of the pockets of the passengers, my child."

GHOSTS SUPPOSED TO ROAM ABOUT CAPITOL

Employees in Old Government Building Tell About Apparitions Seen There

Spirits of Lincoln, General Logan, Major L'Enfant and Other Distinguished Men Said to Walk About the Edifice.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 30. The big Capitol building on the hill has its ghosts, identified and observed with which to conjure up tales of other days. Some of the tales told by the old employees of the building reference to these ghosts as picturesque, others as laughable, others carry with them the terrors of the building which makes them more interesting.

Naturally there are quite a number of thoroughly identified ghosts registered in different parts of the edifice. The existence of the restless pilgrims from another land is vouched for by several of the employees of the building, and many more of them are supposed to confine their operations to the basement there are several who are reputed to roam all over the place. Of these there are tales both pathetic and amusing. The antics of a very lively cat furnish a most amusing tale.

When the body of President Garfield lay in state at the Capitol an old employee who was employed in the basement and who had ridiculed the idea of ghosts decided to be revenged upon the watchmen and policemen who remained in the building through the night. He procured two large English valises and securely tied the half shells on the four feet of the pet cat and carefully turned her loose in Statuary Hall.

The noise of these shells on the marble floor at midnight, in the semi-darkness as the distracted cat scampered about trying to get rid of her new shoes, gave the watchers the worst fright of their lives. The incident, though a harmless joke, gave rise to the story of the spectral footstep which follow all those who have to cross the grand staircase in Statuary Hall after the building is closed for the night.

The wrath of John Quincy Adams, from all narratives on the subject, seems to be the one most often encountered. At times it is alleged that he may be seen in Statuary Hall, formerly the House of Representatives and the scene of his death, accompanied by the whole of the presidential staff of 1848, gathered in ghostly convulsion. He is also accredited with roaming all parts of the Capitol, and may be seen at almost any time.

LOGAN'S SPIRIT SEEN.

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WOMEN RIDE ASTRIDE? NOT FOR OLD GEORGIA

Crabtree Legislator Proposes Law Against the New-Fangled Notion.

ATLANTA, Ga., July 30.—Any woman in the State of Georgia who rides astride will be guilty of misdemeanor, if the bill introduced in the House today by Representative Wright of Stewart county, passes.

The bill provides that it shall be unlawful for any female over 12 years of age to ride astride on horse, mule, ass or other animal of either sex upon any public street, road, highway, or other public place within the state of Georgia; provided, nothing in this act shall be construed to prohibit the riding astride by female circus performers of horses or other animals within a show-ground inclosure or under a circus tent.

Violation of this act is to be punished by fine and imprisonment.

Wright is a physician and he says the bill has the support of the doctors of the state, who says that it is injurious for women to ride astride.

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other apparition declared to haunt this section is that of a man very busy stamping books in a soda water machine, where he and General Grant were when he and General Grant were in the early hours of the morning. Now the story they tell is that the ghost may be seen and heard at work in the early hours of the morning. The negro scrubbers tell harrowing tales of the long halls in the house wing. A long time ago one of the number suddenly died while at work in the early hours of the morning. Now the story they tell is that the ghost may be seen and heard at work in the early hours of the morning. The negro scrubbers tell harrowing tales of the long halls in the house wing. A long time ago one of the number suddenly died while at work in the early hours of the morning. Now the story they tell is that the ghost may be seen and heard at work in the early hours of the morning. The negro scrubbers tell harrowing tales of the long halls in the house wing. 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