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### MRS. PEPPER-VANDERBILT AND LITTLE BRIGHT EYES DECLARED TO BE FAKES



MRS. PEPPER-VANDERBILT, BROOKLYN MEDIUM, AND "LITTLE BRIGHT EYES," THE SPIRIT WHICH TELEPHONED EDWARD WARD VANDERBILT.

EDWARD WARD VANDERBILT, a wealthy New Yorker, and Mrs. Pepper, a spiritualist medium, were greatly aided in their courtship, according to Mr. Vanderbilt, by the spirit of an Indian maiden, "Little Bright Eyes," which advised him by letter and telephone to the effect that his first wife, in spirit, had wished him to marry Mrs. Pepper. Mr. Vanderbilt followed the advice in June and not only married Mrs. Pepper, but gave her his house and other property. Now his daughter is endeavoring to have him declared incompetent to manage his own affairs. "Little Bright Eyes" was said to be a spirit of an Indian maiden who would break in and help along the wooing.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14—Edward Ward Vanderbilt was declared by a sheriff's jury, in Brooklyn yesterday, incompetent to manage his person and affairs as a result of his faith in "Little Bright Eyes" and other spirits, said to have communicated with him and given him advice, through his wife, Mrs. May Pepper-Vanderbilt, a spiritualist medium. The verdict was rendered at nine o'clock yesterday morning, after the jury had debated for eighteen hours. Several stormy scenes, it is stated, were witnessed in the jury room. The vote was 12 in the affirmative and 3 dissenting.

Prepared by the commission and to be submitted to Judge Maddox, of the Supreme Court, who appointed the commission, is a statement setting forth that Mr. Vanderbilt, who is a lumber merchant, is not capable of taking care of his lands, tenements, goods and chattels.

### MAY MAKE OCEAN MINES USELESS

Possibility of Exploding Them by Electrical Waves.

Foreign Inventors Invited to Submit Their Discoveries to the United States to be Tested.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 14.—Naval officers today say that the tests being arranged at Newport for the new submarine mine invented by Henry Stenforten represent one of the initial steps of the investigation of the Bureau of Ordnance in carrying relation to future possibilities of exploding torpedoes and submarine mines from a distance by Herian waves.

Successful experiments abroad witnessed by American naval officers have prompted the question thoroughly and to enter into negotiations with several French submarine experts, to submit their inventions to the United States government for examination. The British and Japanese governments are also looking into the matter.

It is said by some authorities that the time is approaching when submarine mines and torpedoes may be ex-

### FOOLISH WAGER MAY END IN MAN'S DEATH

Imprisoned at Own Request in Safe He Finds He Has Cut off all Rescue.

BERLIN, Sept. 14.—In Breslau yesterday, during the absence of their employer at luncheon, several young men, having nothing better to do, began making silly bets with one another. At last one of them made a wager that he would remain longer inside the office than any of his companions. This brilliant idea caught on, and one after another squeezed into the safe, remaining there until nearly suffocated for want of fresh air, while their friends outside counted the seconds of endurance.

At last came the turn of the man who had made the wager. The safe door was snapped to. After a few moments he was heard tapping to be released, but, to the consternation of those outside it, it was discovered that the man inside had the safe key in his pocket. He was heard struggling and shrieking. It was suddenly remembered that the employer had another key. He was hastily summoned and the imprisoned man released. He was found to be insensible, his clothes torn to tatters in the paroxysm of his terror. Medical aid was summoned, but it is doubtful if the young man will recover, his brain being seriously affected.

FATALITIES AT FESTIVAL.

### ASKS THE BRITISH TO RETIRE FROM EGYPT

PARIS, Sept. 14.—The Argos this morning publishes a long letter from Mustafa Kamel Pasha, leader of the Egyptian National party to the British Premier, reminding him that today, Sept. 14, is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the British occupation of Egypt and urging him to remove the "stain upon England's name" by the fulfillment of the long standing promise to turn Egypt over to the Egyptians, who long since have been capable of governing themselves.

### GENERAL RAILROAD STRIKE THREATENED IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Sept. 14.—A general railroad strike is threatened in England as the result of the long struggle of the railway men's union with the British railway companies for the recognition of their organization. The decision of the executive committee of the union will be announced in Manchester on Sunday. It is understood that it gives the companies a week in which to officially recognize and deal with the union and that a strike will follow a refusal.

ROME, Sept. 14.—Yet another tragic fireworks catastrophe has occurred. At Capurso, near Bari, during a big pilgrimage festival in honor of the Virgin of the Well, four cases of bombs burst. Four spectators were blown limb from limb, portions of the bodies being picked up 30 yards away. Ten others were severely injured.

### THROUGH HONDURAN WILDS

Chicago Man Makes Exploring Journey of 2,500 Miles—Risky Snapshot.

MOBILE, Sept. 13.—Twenty-five hundred miles through the interior of Spanish Honduras on foot, in canoes, on horse back, making a journey that lasted nearly five months, is the experience of Dr. J. P. Harrington of Chicago.

"Must wanted to satisfy my curiosity about Honduras, her people, customs and resources," said Dr. Harrington in explaining the reason for the trip. Throughout the journey he was accompanied by two Indian guides. The trip was not without incident. The country was a most remarkable experience. Perhaps the most remarkable experience of the voyage was the photographing by Dr. Harrington of a monster jaguar not twenty feet away from his hammock. He was awakened about sunrise by an unusual noise. Peering over the side of the hammock through the mosquito bar, he beheld the animal crouched and looking for all the world like an immense cat. Dr. Harrington did not consider the extreme danger of his position, but only thought of what a remarkable photographic opportunity he had. He cautiously reached for his camera, humming near by and caught two good snapshots of the beast. Then springing to his feet he seized his revolver, but it was too late—the jaguar had become frightened and darted off into the woods. The pictures were developed and found excellent.

"Gold, silver and other minerals about in the mountains," said Dr. Harrington, "but the trouble is in getting them to market. There are no railroads and it would be practically impossible to get the machinery into the interior or the product to the sea coast."

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eral opinion there are few reptiles in the woods. The popular belief is that if a person merely shakes a tree there must fall down a bunch of snakes, but nothing could be more erroneous. However, what reptiles do exist are bad ones."

But Alma Blair, Who Flew From Home, Cannot be Found.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 13.—Somewhere in New York, probably rehearsing as a chorus girl, or already on the road with some company in a similar capacity, is Alma Blair, aged 15, daughter of Mrs. Mary Blair, this city. At her home her mother is dying which should be sufficient to bring her back. But in addition there is also the information awaiting that her father's sister is dead and has left her her entire fortune, estimated at \$45,000. The mother is heart broken over the disappearance of her daughter.

Alma Blair has a friend, Sadie Gumbler, whose home is on Marlon street, this city. Some time ago her mother died leaving her alone in the world. It was then that the two girls decided to go on the stage. Neither of them had any money, but Alma knew that when her aunt died she would inherit all of her money. But they did not expect her to die soon. On the strength of this inheritance Miss Gumbler sold the household furniture with the understanding that Alma was to repay her for her share when she got her fortune. With the money obtained from the furniture the two girls disappeared about six weeks ago, going directly to New York, it is believed.

The police of New York and other cities have been asked to look for Miss Blair.

CHURCH VOTES UNDER GUARD

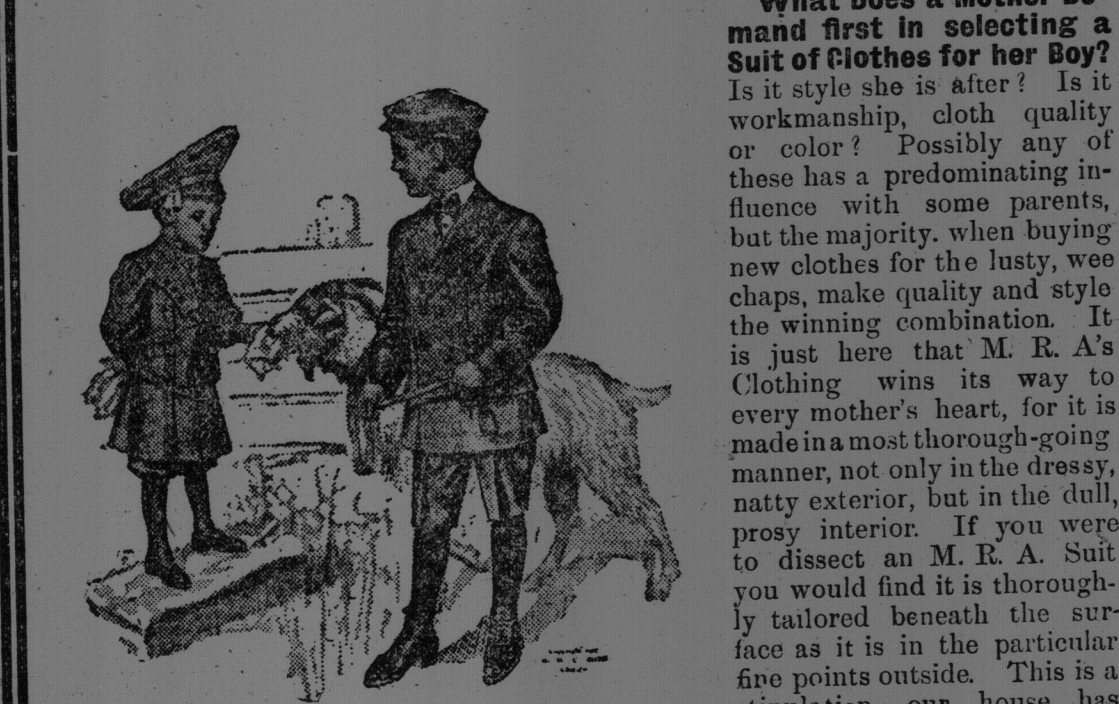
RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 13.—The congregation of the Harrison Street Negro Baptist Church in Petersburg was hallooted until one o'clock this morning on the question of retention of the pastor, the Rev. Eli Tarr. Outside the building police were on guard, and a few blocks away the Petersburg Grays, Company G, Seventy-second regiment, stood under arms ready to answer any summons.

It had been anticipated that the meeting would break up in a riot, but it turned out to be a very orderly affair. The congregation voted to retain the pastor. After the meeting adjourned Mayor Jones relieved the militia from further duty.

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