

GREAT RISKS OF BURIAL WHILE ALIVE IN PARIS

General Was Buried Under Snow, Though He Was Not Dead—Learned Doctor De-livers Lecture.

Paris, April 12.—Alarming if instructive, is the lecture by Dr. Thainot, which has been delivered at the Sorbonne on the risk of being buried alive. Dr. Thainot has devoted considerable study to this melancholy subject. This is a question which particularly affects the Parisians, as burials in this city almost invariably take place only two days after death.

Dr. Thainot began by pointing out that in the middle of the 18th century French people were so anxious about the matter that the king ordered his physician to publish a reassuring letter. Then he went on to give examples of strange mistakes that have been committed.

Among other weird cases, he cited that of General D'Ornano in the retreat from Moscow. He had been wounded by a shot, and was believed to be dead. The order was issued that he should be buried in the snow and this had actually been done, when Captain de la Berge, the General's aide-de-camp, expressed the wish to take the corpse back to France.

The body was accordingly brought out of the snow and laid on a car. When, to the amazement of all the beholders, the General recovered consciousness, and on his return to France he even attended the funeral of Major Fasher, who had carried out the order for his burial.

MYSTERY OF LIGHT REMAINS UNSOLVED

New York, April 12.—What is light? Whether it be the dim factor produced by decaying wood, the mystical gleam of a firefly or a slowmover in the shadowy forest, the "Will o' the Wisp" that flits hither and thither over a marsh, the flash from a meteor flying swiftly across the sky, the tremendous quiver from out of the vast abyss of star depths, the emphasized pathway of a bolt of lightning, or whether it be the illumination produced by a pine knot, a candle, a gas jet, an incandescent mantle or filament, light is one of nature's mysteries—a problem set for man to solve.

And man has learned in the ages that have lapsed since he was created that by far the greatest part of the mystery lies with himself. The perception of light, heat and sound and possibly other forms of energy to which he cannot as yet give even a name depends almost entirely on the chemical and physical changes that take place within his own body—especially in the brain and its faithful outpost in the nervous system.

NEEDLE GIRLS ARE PRAISED BY HISTORIAN

Paris, April 12.—Some symbolism must have been suggested to any person with imagination by the grand annual meeting of the "Needle" society in the huge hall of the Procureurs. In the chair was the grave historian, M. Thureau-Dangin, "Perpetual Secretary" of the French Academy, and by his side was Count Albert de Mun, leading spokesman of the Royal Catholic party in parliament and one of the best speakers in France.

Around them or below them in the hall were women of fashion in wonderful dresses, side by side with the girls who had made the dresses. "L'Aiguille" is a society for bringing together "Capital and Labor" in the dressmaking trade, and employers and employed alike belong to it. This was the coming of age of the society, being its twenty-first annual meeting.

Then the grave historian, M. Thureau-Dangin, got up and spoke in praise of the midinette. A learned and severe, perhaps rather a dry-as-dust scholar, delivering an academic eulogy of the girls who eat their lunch from street barrows in the intervals of dressmaking between noon and one o'clock, and thus earn the charming name of midinette.

Academically eloquent, M. Thureau-Dangin, spent as much of his academic eloquence upon praising the midinette as if he had been in the academy on some great forensic occasion, and the midinettes, who did not stand half his long words, applauded him furiously, taking that delight in well-turned rhetoric which is instinctive in the simplest French breast.

What he said was, as a matter of fact, true, though he said it rather grandiloquently. He spoke of the honesty, the purity, the courage, the charity, the endurance, and the hard work of the midinette, "that fairy with the nimble fingers," he exclaimed.

There is probably more hard work done and quicker intelligence employed by the midinette, other things being equal, than by any other manual worker in the world. After they had applauded their academic panegyrist, Count de Mun, unfortunately, not being induced to speak, the midinettes exercised the right of suffrage and elected their officers and committee for the year.

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EIGHT READY TO THRASH HUSBAND

Seattle, Wash., April 12.—The following advertisement appeared in the "Help Wanted" column of an afternoon paper yesterday.

THIS GALLANT COP ACTS AS FERRYBOAT

Santa Barbara, Cal., April 12.—The slight of Policeman Randolph acting as official life saver, was one of the features of a storm here. The stalwart young man, garbed in a heavy raincoat and high rubber boots, did not fear the heavy flood which swept down State street. Not so a number of young women, all anxious to reach the place where they were employed and who were held up at De la Guerra and State streets by the water.

NEW ROLLING STOCK IS OBTAINED FOR INTERCOLONIAL

Ottawa, April 12.—Rolling stock to the value of \$1,250,000 has been obtained by the government for the I. C. R. It includes 9 freight locomotives from the Canadian Locomotive Works, Kingston; 500 steel box cars from the Nova Scotia Car Company; two sleepers and two diners from the Canada Foundry Company; and six first class coaches from the Preston Car Company. Four new \$150,000 trains will be placed on the Ocean Limited service which commences June 2.

THOUGHT HIS BOY SOME DETECTIVE

Paris, April 12.—Attired from head to foot in black and leading a bright little boy of seven by one hand, while he carried a bag in the other, a gentleman presented himself at the police office in this city, and, producing a card, asked to be introduced to the commissary. As he is a medical man, the magistrate thought that he had called on professional business, and his attendance may be imagined when, after the usual salutations, the visitor thus addressed him:

BARON WORKED FOR 60 CENTS PER DAY

Vienna, April 12.—A Vienna jury has just acquitted Baron Joseph von Beckhina, in spite of his confession of embezzlement. The trial gave a sad insight into the penury existing in the lower ranks of the civil service.

ROOSEVELT TAKES BRIEF PAUSE IN HIS CAMPAIGNING

Oyster Bay, N. Y., April 12.—His week of campaigning through west Virginia, Kentucky, Illinois and Pennsylvania at an end, Col. Roosevelt returned to Oyster Bay late today for a night's rest at home before leaving on his next trip. The colonel said he was greatly pleased with the result of his trip, especially by what he had seen in Illinois and Pennsylvania.

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Not on your feet. "Not on your feet," replied the disheartened Randolph, as he beat a retreat.

Where is he? "Where is he?" the bewildered commissary inquired.

Why, here. "Why, here," was the proud reply.

Light knew no bounds. "Light knew no bounds," and suiting the action to the