



Col. Liscum's Record.
Col. E. H. Liscum, the commander of the 9th infantry, who was instantly killed in the charge on Tien-Tsin, was a popular officer with his men. In the Santiago campaign he commanded the 24th infantry, one of the two colored regiments, or "blackbirds," as they were called. For five minutes during the San Juan fight before Santiago, July 1, 1898, he commanded the 3d brigade of Kent's division of the 5th army corps. Col. Wikoff, who commanded the brigade in the early hours of the fight, was killed; the next senior officer was Col. Worth of the 13th infantry. A few minutes after he took command he was wounded and the command then devolved upon Col. Liscum. Five minutes after Lieut. Simpson of the 9th infantry, who was acting adjutant-general of the 3d brigade, had notified Col. Liscum that he was a brigadier-general, the colonel of the



COL. E. H. LISCUM.
Fighting "blackbirds" sank to the ground with a serious wound. By this time the brigade, which was composed of the 13th, 9th and 24th regiments, was rushing up San Juan hill, and Col. Ewers, who commanded the 9th infantry, was brigade commander without knowing it. Col. Liscum was born in Vermont in 1841. He entered the volunteer service as corporal in the 1st Vermont infantry in May, 1861, and was appointed second lieutenant Feb. 19, 1863. He rose in the regular line to colonel of the 9th infantry, April 25, 1899.

Booy Sunk by Andre's Foe.
A telegram from Faro says that an undamaged empty buoy marked "Andre's polar expedition, 1896, No. 3," was found on July 7 in latitude 63 degrees 42 minutes north, longitude 29 degrees 43 minutes west. The point in-

icated as the place where the buoy was found is in the Atlantic ocean south of and near the coast of Iceland.

Major Lee Reported Wounded.
Maj. Lee, who is reported to have been wounded in the assault on Tien-Tsin is a native of Indiana. He entered the volunteer service in November, 1861, and served throughout the civil war, rising to the rank of captain. He was appointed a second lieutenant in the regular army July 28, 1866, reaching his majority April 26, 1898. He held a volunteer commission as colonel of the 10th United States infantry during the Spanish war.



Maj. Lee.

Insurance Rates Advance.
The New York insurance officials have ordered an advance in rates ranging all the way from 50 to 100 per cent. The losses during the last twelve months have been so unprecedentedly large that the companies not only have been unable to earn any profits but have been unable to draw upon their surpluses. Of course the advance must be a heavy burden both to property owners and tenants, but if this precaution had not been taken it would only be a question of time how soon many of the companies would have to go to the wall.

A Messiah Converted.
George Jacob Schweinfurth, the Rockford (Ill.) Messiah, has quit posing or permitting himself to be posed as the one anointed. He says he is a plain, human man—and his followers acquiesce. He has abandoned "heaven" for Mrs. Eddy, and the Church Triumphant is on the verge of absorption into the First Church of Christ Scientist. The community in Winnebago county has been dissolved and the members of the cult, who have claimed the ultimate divine approval and who have flouted orthodox Christianity, are going back on their performances, if not on their creed, and getting once more in line with civilization.



Schweinfurth.

Last year forty-one lives were lost in the Colorado mines. This was one for each 173 miners employed.

Leaves Society For Charity.

Miss Lillian Dunham, a handsome young society woman of New York, has abandoned the scenes of gayety with which she has long been identified, and will hereafter devote her energies to charitable work among the tenement children of the metropolis. She has taken a big cottage at St. James, L. I., where during the warm weather she will give the merriest sort of house parties to the little tots whose lives know so little happiness. Miss Dunham is the daughter of James H. Dunham, the millionaire dry goods

merchant. Until she was 18 years old she lived in an atmosphere of wealth and luxury. Then she went to a quiet little town in Germany to complete her education. It was there that the change which made her decide to devote her life to doing good rather than to the gayeties of society took place. Upon her return to this country she informed her father that she disliked society and intended living for something better and higher. She became interested in Grace church kindergarten, where she teaches poor children. Thirty of them visited her lately.



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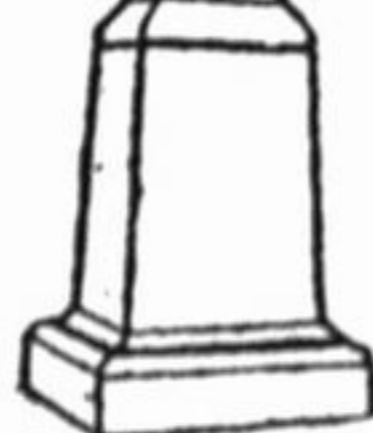
Wearing Sandals in London.
The women of London have taken to the Greek and Roman sandals this year and at the watering places the most fashionable dames and gossips are wearing them. "It is children who wear them principally," a maker of these sandals acknowledged, "children and women. Women have them mostly for indoor wear, but the children's sandals are for general use, and it is astonishing how tremendously this trade has grown during the last few years. Personally I have an idea this sandal-wearing is more of a passing fancy than a permanent institution. You see, this climate is so changeable. It might rain at any moment, and the child's feet get very wet, and if in the summer it is not wet it is usually extremely dusty, and the dust gets through the stockings to the feet and is very uncomfortable, especially as



WEARING SANDALS.

dust or grit works its way on to the sole of the sandal, and that hurts the child's foot."

Status of John Brown.
Much pleasure is expressed by colored people of Chicago over the fact that a statue of John Brown, the hero of Harper's Ferry is to be erected in Lincoln park. The matter has just been settled by the action of the Lincoln park commissioners in formally accepting the tender of the statue by the John Brown Monument association, and it is expected that the statue will be ready for unveiling within a year. The statue will be a work of such artistic merit as to form a fitting memorial of the patriot made by the colored race toward the martyr abolitionist. It will be of bronze, six feet in height, and will show John Brown holding a negro child protectively in his bosom, while in his right hand he holds a drawn sword. The pedestal of the statue is to be of Vermont granite. The movement to erect the statue originated with Mrs. T. H. Lyles of St. Paul, Minn., who is president of the monument association.



Bavaria's Royal Family.
The forthcoming wedding of Prince Rupert of Bavaria to the Duchess Marie Gabriel, daughter of Duke Charles Theodore, brings to notice the strange career of the royal family of Bavaria. Three men stand between Prince Rupert and the throne of Bavaria—first, his father, Prince Ludwig of Bavaria, and, second, his grandfather, Luitpold, who has reigned over Bavaria the last fourteen years in place of the mad King Otto, who is the third man in the way. Otto, imprisoned in Furstenried castle, is not only mad, but of recent years a cruel internal disease has had its grip on him. He came into the world with a sad heritage. His grand-



father, Louis I., had to abdicate a month before Otto's birth, for he had allowed the Irish-Spanish adventuress, Lola Montez, to lead his country almost to disaster. His son, Maximilian II., gave way in turn (1864) to his son, Ludwig II., the craziest king who ever wore a crown—the patron of Wagner, the bulwark of endless palaces—who drowned himself and his physician in the Starnberger lake, near his palace of Berg, one day in June, 1886.

Another Conference.
International conferences have nowadays become the panacea for curing the ills of this world. The Hague conference was designed to bring eternal peace, but war in all quarters followed. The London conference for the protection of the animals of the forest in Africa limited the killing of the latter to certain times, but Slatin Pacha, who has just returned from central Africa, reports that the killing is merrily continued. Now come the German papers with a new conference. They want an international regulation of the export business in arms. It grieves them to know that German Mausers have been instrumental in killing the German marines in the Boxer riots in China.

EXCURSIONISTS ARE KILLED.

Freight Train Plunges into Midst of 2,700 People

AT JOHNSTOWN STATION.

Train Dashes Around a Curve a Short Distance Above the Depot Compelling All to Flee for Their Lives—Catches Five Unfortunates.

As the result of an accident at the Pennsylvania railroad station at Johnstown, Pa., Wednesday morning, when a freight train plunged into a crowd of 2,700 people waiting to board an excursion train bound for Altoona to spend the day, five persons were injured, two of whom are dead and two probably fatally injured. The dead: Luther Begley, aged 18 months, son of J. C. Begley of Winbers; Frank Urbach, aged 13 years, son of Frank Urbach, Sr., of Upper Yoder. The injured: James Begley, editor of the Winbers Journal, bruised, cut and suffering from concussion of brain; has not regained consciousness; Annie Begley, wife of James C. Begley, leg badly crushed, amputated at hospital; probably fatal; Frank Urbach, Sr., of Upper Yoder township, bruised and cut. It was the occasion of the annual outing of the A. O. U. W., and a crowd of over 2,700 persons had gathered to take excursion trains for Altoona. The first section had just stopped in front of the depot and a general rush for the train was in progress when a fast freight dashed around the curve a short distance from the station. A wild scene followed in the scramble for places of safety, but before all could get out of the way the freight train was upon them, catching those above mentioned. The injured were removed to a hospital.

ELIZA WISE'S CONFESSION.

Eliza Wise, the daughter of the late Mrs. W. W. Wise, whose father and mother were murdered recently at Altoona, Pa., has given the murder mystery by a confession in court under sensational circumstances. When asked last week to give the names of the men she saw outside the house the night of the murder she refused to tell unless the courtroom was cleared. When this was refused she wrote out a statement accusing James Hardy and Elmer Miller, of the murder, and practically admitting that the plot to shoot her parents was formed with the knowledge of herself and her sister. The mother had \$1,500 in the bank, which was to go to her daughters in case of her death, and the girls had said they would divide with their sutors when Mrs. Wise was dead. The father had forbidden the boys to call on his daughters, and so he was included in the plot. Eliza testified that she saw the boys and their guns outside the house before the shooting. After the crime was committed she found one of the telltale shells outside the window and destroyed it. Her story made a profound sensation, as the defendants had established a tentative alibi by numerous witnesses and it was the general belief that they were innocent.



Eliza Wise.

Child Actress Abducted.
"Baby" Moore, a child actress who appeared last season on the Orpheum circuit, was taken from the family home, in Kansas City, and is believed to have been taken out of the city by her father, Alexander T. Moore, a telegraph operator. The taking of the child from her mother is a chapter in a series of domestic discords culminating in the arrest of Moore on a charge of wife-beating and a suit for divorce filed by Mrs. Moore last week. "Baby" Moore is a valuable asset in the Moore family. She earns \$50 a week, and the contention for the possession of the child promises to be a lively issue in the pending divorce suit.

Venezuela War Story Doubted.
Luther T. Ellsworth, United States consul at Puerto Cabello, Venezuela, was a passenger on the steamship Olinda, which has arrived at New York. He said: "All reports about war in Venezuela are false. I left Venezuela July 8, and there was no trouble there whatever. President Cipriano Castro is one of the best presidents Venezuela ever had. Castro has all the states of Venezuela in charge of trusted military men, fully able to suppress an insipient insurrection at any time. Those reports of battles that are sent up are untrue, and impose on the country."

Wife's Spirit Causes Suicide.
Eugene Blanc, who has been persistently claiming that the spirit of his dead wife has been haunting him, cut his throat with a razor at Perryville, Mo., and will die. Mr. Blanc did not get along with his wife very well and they separated. Mrs. Blanc frequently threatened that if she died first she would come back and haunt her husband and make life miserable for him. Shortly after the separation the woman died. Since her death Blanc has frequently declared that Mrs. Blanc's spirit has appeared at intervals in his affairs and has so annoyed him that life was not worth living.

Windows in Bottom of a Boat.
Captain James Corrigan, millionaire owner of the yacht Idler, which was wrecked twenty miles from Cleveland July 7, has equipped a remarkable boat with which to search the bottom of the lake for the bodies of his two daughters, Ida and Jane, who were drowned when the yacht went down. Capt. Corrigan has had a scow built with circular plates of glass in the bottom. That the search might reach to greater depth the craft has been equipped with electric lighting apparatus so that lights can be used to illuminate the bottom of the lake.

Alaskan Telegraph Service.
The steamer Excelsior has arrived at Seattle, Wash., from Copper River and Cook Inlet. She sailed from Tyoonook, Cook Inlet, July 15, and Port Valdes a day earlier. At Port Valdes she landed Lieutenant Burnell, U. S. A., who is to superintend the construction of the military telegraph lines which the government is building from Port Valdes to Eagle City, on the American Yukon. Five miles of wire had been strung before the Excelsior sailed. The line between Swanport and Port Valdes was already in operation.

Missor Kills in Gaming Row.
Brent Wyatt, miner of North Jellico, Ky., shot and killed William Hilton of Corbin, Ky. The parties were gambling and a dispute arose over the game. Wyatt then made his escape to the mountains. Hilton died twelve hours later. Wyatt is highly connected in this section.

Prices of Tea Raised.
An advance in the price of tea, due to the Chinese difficulties, is already felt in the wholesale market. A Chicago tea house manager said: "There are at present seven grades of tea that have advanced from one to two cents a pound. It will cost a great deal more to import tea than it did last year." The following are the proportions in which the eastern countries furnish tea: Japan, 45,000,000 pounds annually; China, 25,000,000 pounds; Ceylon and India, 17,000,000 pounds.

Offer to Fight China.
The Alton naval militia, with a membership of sixty seamen and six commissioned officers has tendered Governor Tanner to President McKinley its services for China. The militia served through the war in Spain, eight of its members were in the army of the Philippines, others serving on the Tain, Newark and Cincinnati. Many were injured, though three in the navy in the bottom of the Spanish gun and 21 crew.

EFFORTS TO REMOVE THE COLOR LINE.

Efforts to remove the color line in Pythianism have been undertaken by the colored grand lodge of the state which held its convention in Peoria. Fraternal greetings will be sent to the white Pythian grand lodge of Illinois, together with a request that "white brethren do all in their power to strengthen the principles for which Pythianism stands among men." The promoters of this idea have little hope that the scheme for uniting the Pythians of all races will be received with favor. The contention advanced for its adoption is that it will place the colored Pythians "right before the world on the question of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man." The principal business was the revision of the mortuary law of the Pythian branch and the election of officers in the Court of Calumet. Mrs. O. A. Purl of Chicago was chosen grand worthy counselor, Mrs. Margaret Taylor, Chicago, grand worthy spectrix; Mrs. Anna Walker, grand worthy inspector; Mrs. Ida Hanson, Chicago, grand senior directress; Mrs. Josephine G. Randall, Peoria, grand junior directress; grand conductress, Mrs. Jennie Thompson, Springfield; grand deputy, 3d district, Mrs. Elsie Lewis, Champaign.

Anxious to Fight China.
Colonel J. B. Culver, commander of the Fifth regiment at Springfield, has received numerous offers from persons anxious to accompany his regiment to China, in case it is called into service. Rev. R. G. Hobbs, who has spent several years in India, China and the Philippines is anxious to be made chaplain of the regiment. Harry McKnight of Chicago also is anxious to accompany the Fifth to the front. Battery D, of Chicago, now a provisional battery, has petitioned Governor Tanner for permission to go to China in case President McKinley issues a call for volunteers. The battery has a full complement of men and is now marching to put it upon a war footing. General "Joe" Wheeler, commander of the department of the lakes, would neither affirm nor deny a report that reached the city that he had formally asked President McKinley to assist him in active duty in China. When one of his apartments in Chicago he discussed the matter by saying it was the duty of every soldier and citizen to serve his country in any capacity where his efforts would produce the most good.

Three Illinois Deaths.
Samuel Scott, aged 77 years, one of the first settlers of Wenaona, Ill., and connected with mercantile interests there almost from its infancy, is dead at his home. Mrs. M. M. Lamb, who has been a postmistress longer than any other woman in the country, died at her home in Anawan, Ill. Mrs. Lamb was appointed postmistress of the Anawan office in 1844 and remained in charge for thirty-six consecutive years. She was 58 years of age at time of death, but attended personally to the distribution of the mail until a short time ago. Alexander Pam, father of Hugo and Max Pam, attorneys of the firm of Pam, Collins & Glennon, Chicago, dropped dead of heart disease while passing through the turnstile of the Randolph street station of the Illinois Central railroad. Mr. Pam was 65 years old. He was engaged in the military business.

Murdered by Mohammedans.
George Shimon, a Persian student, who has been attending college in Illinois for several years, and is passing the summer in Peoria, has received a cablegram from his home at Gromatsh, Persia, stating that his brother Avram had been murdered by Mohammedans, and that a general massacre of the 3,000 Christians in Gromatsh was expected. The cablegram states that the feeling of the Mohammedans against the native Christians is growing and that there have been several hand-to-hand battles with fatalities on both sides. Mr. Shimon's father is a native missionary, and this fact adds to the wrath against him and his family.

Edna Garry Wins a Derby.
Derby day at the Woodstock race drew a great crowd. The event of the day was the Derby, one and one-half miles, in which there were thirteen entries. First money was won by Edna Garry, with Cornell Leander second and Virginia M. third. The time was 2:40. Cousin Letty, Emma Horn and Cri Mat also ran. The other events of the day resulted as follows: Five furlongs, running, Rowland, 1:05; Trillum, second-time 1:05; 1:05; Rodia, Wild West, Good Knight and Rheo also ran.

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