AMERICAN DUCHESSES ATTEND AN ELABORATE DINNER IN THEIR HONOR AT PARIS



The Baroness Von Andress, sisterin-law to Chauncey M. Depew, gave the most elaborate dinner of the season in honor of three American duchesses. No other hostess in the American colony has ever succeeded in getting these three together.

There were the Duchess de la Rochefaucauld, nee Miss Mattle Mitchell; the Duchess of Manchester and the Duch- | antiquity of her title.

, ess of Marlborough, Other guests were the Duchess of Devonshire, W. K. Vanderbilt and Mrs. Harriman of New York.

Mrs. Von Andree encountered difficulty deciding the question of precedence between the Duchesses of Mariborough and Manchester. The Duchess of Mariborough won because of the

Proud Record of a Negro School. Money Made with Sailing Vessels. A seven-masted steel schooner 11,000 tons displacement is among the ships under construction Quincy and when built it will be the largest sailing vessel in the world. This is of interest not only as showing that the sailing ship still has future, but as bringing out the practical possibilities which have been developed in the way of handling large masses of tonuage under sail Not many years ago a steamship of so great size as this would have been deemed wonderful. Now the big achooner of 5,000 to 10,000 tons displacement are becoming quite common. They are said to be exceedingly profitable. Some of them which have recently been built on the New England coast have been earning from 25 to 40 per cent a year-something the average steamship with its expen-

Long Record of Army Service. The Austrian army has an active general who is 95 years old. This is Field Marshal Lieutenant Baron Schwartz-Meiller, who has been officer seventy-four years and fifty years a general. He is one of five officers still alive who marched with their luggage on their backs from has a population of 1,645,572, of which Lemberg to Naples.

sive moive power is incapable of do-

Of the fifty colored boys who were graduated from the Richmond Colored High School in the decade 1873-83. twelve have died. At the time of death one was a contractor, one was a professor of ancient languages in a college, three were postal clerks, and others, respectively, were an internal revenue collector, a candymaker and a preacher. Of the thirty-eight still alive thirteen are teachers, three are lawyers, two are doctors, two are journalists, five are postal clerks, one is a civil engineer, one is a clerk, two are bookkeepers, one is a bank president, and so on. Not one of the thirty-eight now living has ever failen into dis-

Manufacture of Rifle Bullets. The machine which cuts rife bullets from rods of lead stamps them into shape by means of steel dies and drops them, finished, into a box at the rate of seven thousand an hour.

Looking Up the Trusts. The French government has asked two officials to investigate the bene fits and detriments of the trusts.

Population of Quebec.

The Province of Quebec, Canada 1,307,980 are French.

WEALTHY PHILADELPHIA NEGRO WHO LEFT AN IM MENSE FORTUNE TO CATHOLIC CHURCH



few days ago at Philadelphia, gives | Col McKee, who was a member of the his fortune, the largest ever possessed by a negro in the United States, to Archbishop Ryan to be used in the construction of a Catholic Church, rectory and convent at McKee, N. J., and the building and maintenance of two schools for white and colored orphans, , in Philadelphia, to be modeled

The will of Col. McKee, who died a , on the United States Naval Academy. staff of the Governor of Pennsylvania and influential in politics, was converted to the Catholic Church by the ministrations of two Sisters of Charity who were sent to nurse him in his filness. His only living child is a daughter, Mrs. Abbe A. Spyhaz, who | (Va.) News. is given an annuity of \$300.

SOLID PETROLEUIL

4 Queer Mise That Was Worked Will Profit For Several Years.

The Cairo field in West Virginia comtains a relic of the earliest production of illuminating and lubricating oila wonderful deposit of solidified petroleum-bitumen, some call it, whether rightly so will not be known until the result of certain tests now being made by Eastern chemists is announced.

Oil companies from this and other cities are operating around Cairo, Ritchie County, with success. The fiuld is about the same quality found here, but some difficulty with water is experienced. The oil and water seem to mix, contrary to all theory, and in summer the raw products of the wells must be steamed before the water will settle. In winter the suff is awful to handle. Oil is to be found at a depth of about 1600 feet.

Six miles from Devil's Hole, at Mc-Farland's schoolhouse, where once was a prosperous settlement, now quite deserted, is the old Ritchie coal mine or bitumen deposit. Early in 1850 it became known that there was a strange outcropping of what was termed coal. Instead of lying flat underground, as most coal mines do, here was one, the wondering prospectors found, that stood on edge. A sliver of it burned like a torch and left no ash. A shovelful of it would blaze like grease and no kindling was needed.

S. H. Wilson, now a resident of Parkersburg, was among those who tuvestigated the peculiar vein, and he organized a company for development. He is still one of the owners and his son, Edward Wilson, is associated with him in lumber and coal interests. After some experimenting it was found | trees brought from Washington, D. C. that the new raw product was unfit for fuel. By melting or distilling it was seen that oil could be produced, and that there was less than ten per cent, waste,

A company was formed and a narrow gauge railway thirteen miles long was built, connecting with the Baltimore and Ohio at Cairo. Expensive machinery was placed in position, and operation was begun, going on for eighteen years uninterrupted by the Civil War save for a short time. Great caldrons and retorts with engines and bollers were unloaded from the new trains, and a thrifty town sprang up. It was probably the first boom town in olidom for Pithole was just then beginning. It paid to distil the stuff, for oil was selling as liniment by the pint for what a barrel costs now.

Some extended explorations proved that the queer vein was about threequarters of a mile long, and three to six feet wide. Down each side were perpendicular walls of sandstone, how far down no one knows. Active working penetrated 365 feet, and then it was abandoned owing to crude methods of mining employed, and the cheapness of oil elsewhere. The costly vats are rusting into scrap; cobwebs cover the office windows, and copperheads crawl about the vitals of the furnaces and engines.-Pitisburg Gazette.

The origin of baseball-"our national game"-is not definitely known, but the first club organized to play it was in New York in 1845. Singularly enough, this club, like the one first organized to promote rowing, was called "The Knickerbocker Club." After 1851 other amateur baseball clubs began to organize, including the Atlantic, Mutual, Union, etc. In 1857 a convention of delegates from sixteen clubs in and around New York and Brooklyn was held. About ten years later, at the annual convention of the National Association in 1866, 202 clubs from seventeen States and the District of Columbia were represented. The college of baseball associations were started about 1862 or 1863. Amateur baseball throughout the Union was at its height in the years 1865, 1866 and 1867. Professional baseball was recognized in 1968, and the first games were played in 1969,

THE SUBSTITUTE.

He was long, and lean, and gawky, He was bandy-legged quite, And was gaited like a cart horse With bone spavins left and right; It was sure defeat to take him, But the hour had come to play, And the Cornville lacked Tom Tinker, Injured earlier in the day.

Sure defeat, but fun in plenty, Was the reckoning that they made, But he heeded not their banter, And his part in quiet played. Till they reached the closing inning. And he took the batter's place, With the score just three against them, And a Cornville on each base,

How hey sighed for stalwart Tinker! How the rooters filled the air: "Go it, Hayseed!" "Slam it, Bandy!"
Was the stranger's withering share; But he grasped the willow calmly, Though his manner lacked pretense Two strikes three no, crack! he's found in For a homer o'er the fence!

And the moment's hush of wonder Broke in one tremendous din, As three Cornvilles crossed the platter, And the stranger followed in: He was long, and lean, and gawky, He was bandy-legged quite, But he'd saved the day for Cornville, And the town was his that night. -Boston Globe.

Virginia Constitution Cana.

At the suggestion of Congressman Harry Lee Maynard the Agricultural Department at Washington will sup ply each member of the Virginia Constitutional Convention with a young oak tree for them to set out in com- Joiners of America, has been organmemoration of the convention. It is s happy thought, and we hope the trees will all grow and be reverently pointed to in future years. We believe in

ILLINOIS ITEMS

A man nearly dead with tuberculosis was found in the sand pit at the roundhouse of the Illinois Central railroad at Carbondale. He refused to divulge his identity, and also refused medical help. He is apparently 35

years of age and fairly well dressed. Ten men were severely injured by an explosion of hot metal in a blast furnace at the Illinois Steel works at Joliet. Jerry Creighton was probably fatally hurt. Five of the injured workmen are at Silver Cross hospital. Others were taken to their homes.

The Grand Army post of Hillsboro and the local organization of the woman's relief corps are arranging to erect a soldiers' monument in Oak Grove cemetery.

Following is the assessed valuation of all properties within the corporate limits of Vandalia for last year: Lots, \$190,911; personal, \$172,923; railroad, \$15.836; total, \$379,670. The city's indebtedness is as follows: Public improvement bonds (balance), \$3. 500; waterworks bonds, \$11,000; water certificates, \$11,000; total \$25.000.

Arbor day was observed at the Virginia high school in an appropriate manner. The Lincoln club planted three ash trees from "Honest Abe's" old home near Petersburg and the Washington club added three This ceremony was followed by a literary and athletic program.

Leslie Martin, a young son of John Martin, of Virginia, has perfected a wireless telegraph instrument which, although in a rude form, has been tested and proven successful.

Decatur citizens generally are feeling good over the announcement that the house committee in congress has reported the bill for \$80,000 public buildings in Decatur favorably. The matter has been before congress continuously for ten years.

Mrs. Henry Shaw, a prominent woman of Mattoon and wife of Alderman Shaw, of the fourth ward, died at the family residence after a long illness. Mrs. Shaw was 39 years of age and for many years previous to her marriage was a teacher in the public schools.

The North Alton board of education has adopted as a health measure that all the schoolrooms in the village shall be fumigated once a week. It is hoped thereby to avoid an epidemic of children's disease among the public school

James Rodgers, aged 74, died at his tome in North Alton, after a long illness. He was a native of Ayrshire, Scotland, and had lived in Alton and North Alton more than fifty years.



CAPTAIN ARTHUR D. REHM. (Adjutant, Who Won a Ffteen-Year

Among those receiving medals for long service with the second regiment, I. N. G., are Capt. A. D. Rhem, Capt. B. J. Bevins and First Sergeant A. J. Hawkins, each fifteen years, and Private C. F. Sanders and Musician William Connell, each twelve years.

It has been decided to call a convention of all commissioned offi cers in the militia to be held in Chicago on Flag day, June 14. At this meeting a constitution and by-laws for the new national guard association will be adopted and members of its executive council appointed.

Action may be started soon to prove that a number of railroads operating out of Chicago are violating the recent United States court injunction forbidding the making of secret rates.

By the explosion of a gasoline lamp in an incubator, the infant child of M. F. Cutler was killed at Moweaque. With a penknife Alonzo Curtis committed suicide at Carbondale. His brother was in the room with him at the time. He leaves a widow and one child.

At Moline Gustav Ploog committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid because he had been filted by his sweetheart.

Col. J. B. Reid of Greenville, a member of the Illinois Vicksburg commission, appointed by Gov. Yates, and who recently went with the commission to Vicksburg, has been seriously | selves to a fine of \$100, to be levied Ill in that city.

Saloons were opened in Salem for the first time in three years.

Carlyle Union, No. 1,081, of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and against the ized, with sixteen charter members.

seeks to recover damages in the sum of \$10,000 in a suit against the Junceverything that will bring to mind the tion Coal and Mining company. The planting of trees, which the people of plaintiff avers that on April 3, while this country will, before many years, working in the company's mine, he have to look after systematically or was caught between a mine car and bankruptcy in the United States court. It will be in charge suffer serious deprivation.-Stauntes a prop. He will attempt to prove the He schedules his liabilities at \$1,056, company's liability.

On April 25, 1843, the first railway train was run into Indianapolis from a resident of Moline, is dead of the East. Ezra Bramwell, now nearly | sis. 90 years of age, was its conductor. The old gentleman lives in Bloomington enjoying the sunset of life among friends and surrounded by a competence of this world's goods. He not only conducted the construction train into Indianapolis, but was the first express messenger in the state of Illinois. Early in life Mr. Bramwell studied medicine and graduated, but he says that few people were sick in those days, and he followed railroading until after the war, when he came to Bloomington and settled down on a farm.

S. D. Atkins of Decatur, Ill., has been elected general secretary of the railway branch of the Y. M. C. A. at Knoxville, Tenn.

At Marion, Ill., Frank Page, a young man, was run down by a Chicago and Eastern Illinois train Wednesday afternoon. Both legs were broken and he was otherwise seriously injured.

The P. McGauley residence on what is known as the Beckle farm, one mile south of Salem, was totally destroyed by fire, together with all the household goods and personal effects of the family. The loss will reach probably \$6,000, only partially covered by insurance.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union closed its county institute at Harrisburg with a medal contest. There were five contestants and the medal was won by Miss Ida Sneed.



EZRA BRAMWELL. Ploneer railroad man of Indiana and

Henry Prasuhn, a wealthy and inquential resident of Hoyleton township, died at the age of seventy-four years.

The contract for furnishing the postoffice in Litchfield with new mail boxes etc., was let to the Keyless Lock Company of Indianapolis, Ind. The order calls for 280 new up-to-date boxes, to be used by the merchants when the free delivery is established in June.

Bruce Highmore and Robert Mc-Langhlin, two citizens of Rochester, Sangamon county, while driving through a covered bridge found a newborn baby in a basket. For the present the foundling will be taken care of in Mr. Highmore's family and they will see that it gets in good hands.

Information has been filed with the county court at Springfield by State's Attorney William E. Shutt against seventy-six saloon keepers, charging them with keeping their places of business open after hours and on the Sab-

The Alton police have put an end to jewelry peddlers in the city. Agents for cheap lawelry houses had been using children to sell their wares and the police had difficulty in stopping it. The principal agent of the company was fined in the police court.

Two Alton men, George Cutter and Hon, H. G. McPike, were robbed at Granite City while attending the Republican convention there. Their pockets were picked and they were relieved of all the money they had. Mr. Cutter is short \$100 and Mr. McPike lost \$5 and his pocketbook. Mr. Cutter had just received the payment of nearly all the sum which he lost just before he boarded the train for Granite

The American Hominy company has acquired title to the Shellaharger corn mill plant at Decatur for \$175,000 and the Pratt corn mill plant for \$125,000. The mortgage to the Trust and Savings Bank of Illinois is for \$1,250,000.

T. Rogan, a comedian in Clark's show at Benton, was found dead in the woods with a bullet wound in his temple and a revolver lying at his side. It is supposed that he had killed himself, as he had purchased cartridges that morning.

Members of the Peoria builders' and contractors' exchange have decided to purchase their lumber from what they consider fair firms. Members purchasing from others will subject themby the exchange.

George and Anna Koch of St. Rose have commenced legal proceedings in the Clinton county circuit court Consolidated company of St. Louis for \$5,000 damages. On Feb. 5 the minor son of the Walter L. Simpson of Springfield plaintiffs fell down the west coal shaft | ler exchanges of the in Breese, the property of the defend- | County Telephone company ant company. The boy died from the effects of the injuries sustained.

William H. Richeson, a farmer of cured and placed in the V Hazel Dell, has filed a petition in with assets amounting to \$89.

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Oscar Bobo died at his home in low, Champaign county. Death sulted from heart failure, after

monia. John P. Seewald died at his h two and one-half miles south of Sun merfield. The deceased was born

Germany in 1808. Miss Cora Lee Green, daughter Dr. W. Duff Green, dled at her home Mount Vernon of congestion of brain. Her mother died only weeks ago.

In the circuit court at Edwardsville John Lewis pleaded guilty to assau with a deadly weapon and was given fifteen days in the county jail. Fred Green, charged with larceny, was sentenced to thirty days on a plea guilty. Harry Long, under 17 years of age, was sentenced to the reform school at Pontiac on a plea of guilty to the charge of burgiary and lar-

ceny. At the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the El Aksa commandery, Knights Templars, at Quincy, suitable address was made by Dr. A A. Whipple and L. B. Boswell spoke on the history of the organization. Al interesting feature of the occasion was the gift of a beautiful silver loving cup to E. A. Rogers, who has been treasurer of the commandery to twenty years. The cup is eight inch high and is handsomely engraved

A. Harscher lost three Sugers of his right hand while working on slabbing machine in the Brost about metal works at Quincy.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Altenbelm of Ellington township at Quincy cele brated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage.

Dr. Llewellyn B. Ashton has been appointed assistant surgeon of Quincy naval reserves with the rank of lieu tenant, junior grade.

About two hundred employers union labor held a meeting at Quint for the purpose of organizing an employers' association.

In Justice Allen's court at Quines Otto Roth was fined \$25 and costs for keeping his saloon open on Sunday

A gang of men has started the or tion of a telegraph line along the ri of way of the Decatur and Sprin extension of the Indianapolis. tur and Western road. Gravel grading is being distributed along th line and Mr. Wildeson, the m tendent of construction, thinks the the road will be ready for trains al May 15. The great difficulty in way of the road is the oppo the Illinois Central to the laying the necessary crossing east of the etry The point of that crossing is guarde night and day.

Mrs. Mary Kirkham, one of the old est residents of southern Illinois, died at the residence of her son in Carbon dale. Mrs. Kirkham had been a real dent of Illinois for eighty years. was a member of the Presbyt church for sixty years. Her hus who died several years ago, was co el of the famous 56th volunteer Illin regiment in the civil war. Mrs. Kirks ham was born in Evansville, Ind., Sep

Mr. and Mrs. Josiah A. Hill Sharpsburg celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage by entertaining 400 of their friends at dinner.



ALSON S. SHERMAN. (Mayor of Chicago half a century ago, who recently celebrated his ninetyfirst birthday.)

Alson S. Sherman, Chicago's oldest living mayor, who has made his hom at Waukegan since 1856, recently celebrated the ninety-first anniversary of his birth, and, as has been customary for several years he gave his family a reunion dinner. The infirmities age are now beaming upon him, an the aged man, while still able to me about and ride out in pleasant weather er, is deaf and almost blind. Of the twenty-two different majors of Chi cago, only seven are living. Mr. Sherman is the oldest.

The Carlinville Telephone has closed a contract with the Mo gomery County Telephone Coal whereby all the subscribers of Litchfield exchange will have tre nection with the Hillsboro an

> Through the efforts of I Alkire, a traveling library has