

"JOE" CHAMBERLAIN'S RESIGNATION FROM THE BRITISH CABINET.



In 1895 Joseph Chamberlain became secretary of state for the colonies in the Salisbury cabinet, and he held that portfolio through the vicissitudes of politics and war for eight years, until he surrendered last week. Probably no British minister of recent decades has had so tempestuous a tenure of office as has Mr. Chamberlain since 1895. His first controversy was with the natives of Ashanti. He refused to receive the envoys sent to England by King Prempeh and decided to send a strong military force to Kumassi. He did so, and, although there was no bloodshed, Prince Henry of Battenberg died of fever. Chamberlain's negotiations with Paul Kruger, which resulted finally in the Boer war, added to his unpopularity in England. The liberal party openly accused the colonial secretary of "nagging" the Boers into the war which cost Great Britain so

much in lives, treasure and prestige. Chamberlain always was an enthusiastic champion of Greater Britain. He kept Ashanti, he opposed the withdrawal from Egypt he encouraged the advance into the Sudan, he drove Marchand from Fashoda, built the railway to Uganda, and was a warm supporter of Cecil Rhodes' "Cape to Cairo" line. Chamberlain's preferential tariff policy developed as a part of his Greater Britain program. In 1897, when the colonial premiers visited London, he made tentative proposals looking to imperial federation and a commercial zollverein between England and her colonies. In that year he made the declaration that "within the different parts of the empire protection must disappear." Since that year he has never lost sight of his idea and it has developed a crisis which may change the political situation in England.

CAREER OF LORD HAMILTON.

Has Been a Member of British Cabinets for Many Years. Lord George Hamilton, who resigned with Joseph Chamberlain and Charles T. Ritchie, has been a member of the British cabinet a greater part of the time since 1874. He is a conservative in politics and entered parliament in 1868. He was re-elected in 1874 and entered the Disraeli cabinet in that year as under secretary of state for India. He went out of office with his party in 1880. In 1885 he again entered the ministry, being made first lord of the admiralty. This position he held until 1892. In 1895 he returned to office with Lord Salisbury, becoming secretary of state for India. He is fifty-four years old, and has been in parliament thirty-one years. Lord George Hamilton in recent years has been unpopular in England because of his pronounced liking for things American. He bought American locomotives for use on the Indian railways, and gave contracts to Americans for great steel bridges across rivers in India. He defended his action in parliament, declaring that the American locomotives and



bridges are the best. He said in concluding his defense: "Chemical research, the concentration of capital, thorough technical education, and improved industrial organizations have made in recent years a greater advance in America than here."

Altered Circumstances. Peter Arthur, who was for many years identified with New York publications and now holds a staff position on the London Punch, was talking with a friend, who made the trite observation that circumstances alter cases. "They do, indeed," assented Mr. Arthur. "The mob that wants to hang a man is never half so particular in the matter of identification as is the bank cashier who is asked to cash a check for \$3."

ILLINOIS STATE NEWS

MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY OPENS

Nearly 600 Are Enrolled at the Decatur Institution. The formal opening of the James Millikin university was an epoch in the educational history of Decatur. There were 562 students enrolled. There are four large buildings ready for use. The engineering hall, the domestic economy hall, liberal arts hall, machine shops and power house. The buildings cost \$210,000 and the equipment \$25,000. The property has a frontage on West Main street of 1,320 feet, and the campus covers thirty-five acres. The gifts to the institution amount to \$620,000. The faculty includes Dr. A. R. Taylor, president; Mrs. Isabelle T. Machen, Latin and Greek; Dr. W. T. Galloway, biology and zoology; Charles A. Theserve, physics and chemistry; Robert L. Kellogg, modern languages; Charles H. Bailey, manual training; J. H. Gill, mechanical and electrical engineering. The university colors are blue and white.

FOOLS OWNERS OF PIASA FARMS

One Man Disposes of His Property to a Speculator. A man representing himself as Mr. Cook visited the farms of M. C. Stelle, William Downs, Ferdinand Hueneger, John Harris, Caleb Robinson and Mrs. Lizzie Hunter, all in Piassa township, and contracted with them for the purchase of 1,000 acres of land, on which he stated, he proposed establishing a hog and cattle ranch. In the center of the tract of land was forty acres, owned by George Robinson of Hettie, and this had been offered for sale some time before. The prospective purchaser agreed to meet all the parties in Jerseyville. The farmers all went to the meeting place early, but up to 6 o'clock that evening Mr. Cook appeared not, and the only transfer recorded was that of the forty acres owned by Mr. Robinson, which tract was sold for \$400 to John Jones of Piassa township, who expected to resell to Cook for \$800.

Fatal Brawl. Fred Walters, twenty-four, a clerk in the Vandalia freight house, East St. Louis, died from the effect of injuries which he received at the hands of Rufus Bell, colored, also employed at the freight house. The men quarreled and came to blows. Friends of Bell admit that he struck Walters on the head with an iron rod. Workmen about the place separated them. Walters, a moment later began to grow sick and was sent to the hospital about an hour after.

Factory Law Violations. State Factory Inspector Edgar T. Davies has made charges of twenty violations of the child labor law against an Alton shoe manufacturing company. Ten charges are for working boys under age and ten for working boys over eight hours a day.

City Hall is Paid For. The city hall of Springfield, built several years ago, has been paid for in full at last. A neat souvenir has been issued by the present administration in celebration of the fact.

Bank Cashier Resigns. Ben M. Smith has resigned the cashiership of the Haymond state bank at Kinmundy, to accept a similar place in the Salem state bank, which will open for business Oct. 1.

Makes Profit on Farm. H. O. Minnis has sold his 160-acre farm in Buckhart township to Frank Smith of Chatham for \$115 an acre, a total of \$18,380. Two years ago the farm was sold for \$11,600.

Decatur Woman is Injured. Miss Helen Richards of Decatur was seriously injured in Chicago while riding on a grip car. A sudden stop threw all the passengers forward against the seats.

Tinner Falls From Roof. Walter Cool of Bloomington, a tinner, fell from the roof of one of the buildings at the state fair grounds at Springfield. His injuries will probably be fatal.

Veteran Drops Dead. William T. Bilyeu, an old soldier, fell dead at his home in Greenville. The funeral took place under the auspices of Colby Post No. 201, G. A. R.

Scottish Rite Inspector. C. C. Davis of Centralia has been made sovereign grand inspector general of the thirty-third degree of Scottish Rite Masons.

Grant's Boys to Meet. The annual reunion of the Twenty-first Illinois (Grant's regiment) will be held at Arcola, Oct. 20 and 21.

Settles Damage Suits. The damage suits against the Sandoval Coal and Mining company, aggregating \$90,000, resulting from the explosion last April, in which seven men were killed, have all been settled out of court.

State Experimental Station. Dr. Cyril G. Hopkins of the University of Illinois recently purchased 230 acres of land in Fonti township, north of Salem, and will establish a state experimental station thereon.

MINISTERS' ENDOWMENT FUND.

Aid for Superannuated Preachers is Purpose of New Organization. Dr. E. W. Fliegenbaum of Edwardsville, is the prime mover in the organization of an endowment fund for superannuated ministers of the M. E. church, a result of which has been the organization of the "superannuates' endowment fund," a certificate of the incorporation of which has been filed. Subscriptions of \$1 will be solicited throughout the district, and when the fund reaches \$100,000 the interest on the same will be applied annually.

The management of the fund is in the hands of five directors to be elected annually. The officers and directors selected for the first year are all prominent bank presidents of southern Illinois. They are: Dr. E. W. Fliegenbaum, Edwardsville, president; J. C. Eisenmeyer Trenton, first vice president; S. M. Grubbs, Litchfield, second vice president; J. W. Mitchell, Mount Carmel, secretary; T. S. Marshall, Salem, treasurer. Edwardsville will be the headquarters. The funds raised will be invested by the directors and the interest turned over to the board of conference stewards for distribution. Subscription blanks will be placed in the hands of every minister in the district and others.

Farmers May Sue. A number of the farmers living south of East St. Louis and west of the bluffs have engaged counsel to bring suit against drainage commissioners of Centerville Station district. They claim that the commissioners have failed to open the canal to allow the water to flow from the lands. They also charge that had the commissioners acted according to law a portion of a crop would have been saved. The case will be tried at Belleville.

Apple Growers Meet. The Mississippi Valley Apple Growers' Association held its fall meeting at Quincy, S. N. Black of Clayton, president, presiding. Reports in the immediate vicinity indicate that there will not be more than 10 per cent of a crop of apples this year. E. T. Robbins of Payson had a paper on "Orchard Cultivation." Homer D. Brown of Hamilton a paper on "Quantity vs. Quality," and Capt. S. D. Mokes of Mount Sterling a paper on "The Orchard."

Increases Assessment. The Christian county board of review has finished its work. The board increased the personal property assessment \$165,000. The live stock of the county and its assessment value is as follows: 18,719 horses, value, \$200,963; 26,898 cattle, value, \$175,587; 46,336 hogs, value, \$61,896. The average value of the lands in Christian county was found to be \$58 an acre.

Laymen Call on Bishop. Frank T. Kuhl, S. A. Bullard, S. E. Prather, Lee Matheny and John T. Capps, a committee from the First M. E. church of Springfield have gone to Quincy to confer with Bishop Fowler as to securing a successor to Rev. D. F. Howe, who resigned as pastor of the First church, and also to endeavor to secure the Illinois conference permanently for Springfield.

Naval Militia Elections. The Alton division of the naval militia has elected the following officers to fill vacancies caused by resignations of Lieut. E. V. Crossman and Lieut. W. P. Crane: Albert H. Hastings, lieutenant, senior grade; Wilbur Streeter, lieutenant, junior grade; Samuel Darnell, first ensign; Ralph Davis, second ensign.

Changes Water Course. Daniel Hartnett of Bunker Hill was awarded damages to the amount of \$340 by a board of arbitrators as damages by reason of Frederick Wolf, his neighbor, changing the natural water course upon his land, which caused damage to Hartnett's growing crops. The case had been in the courts over four years.

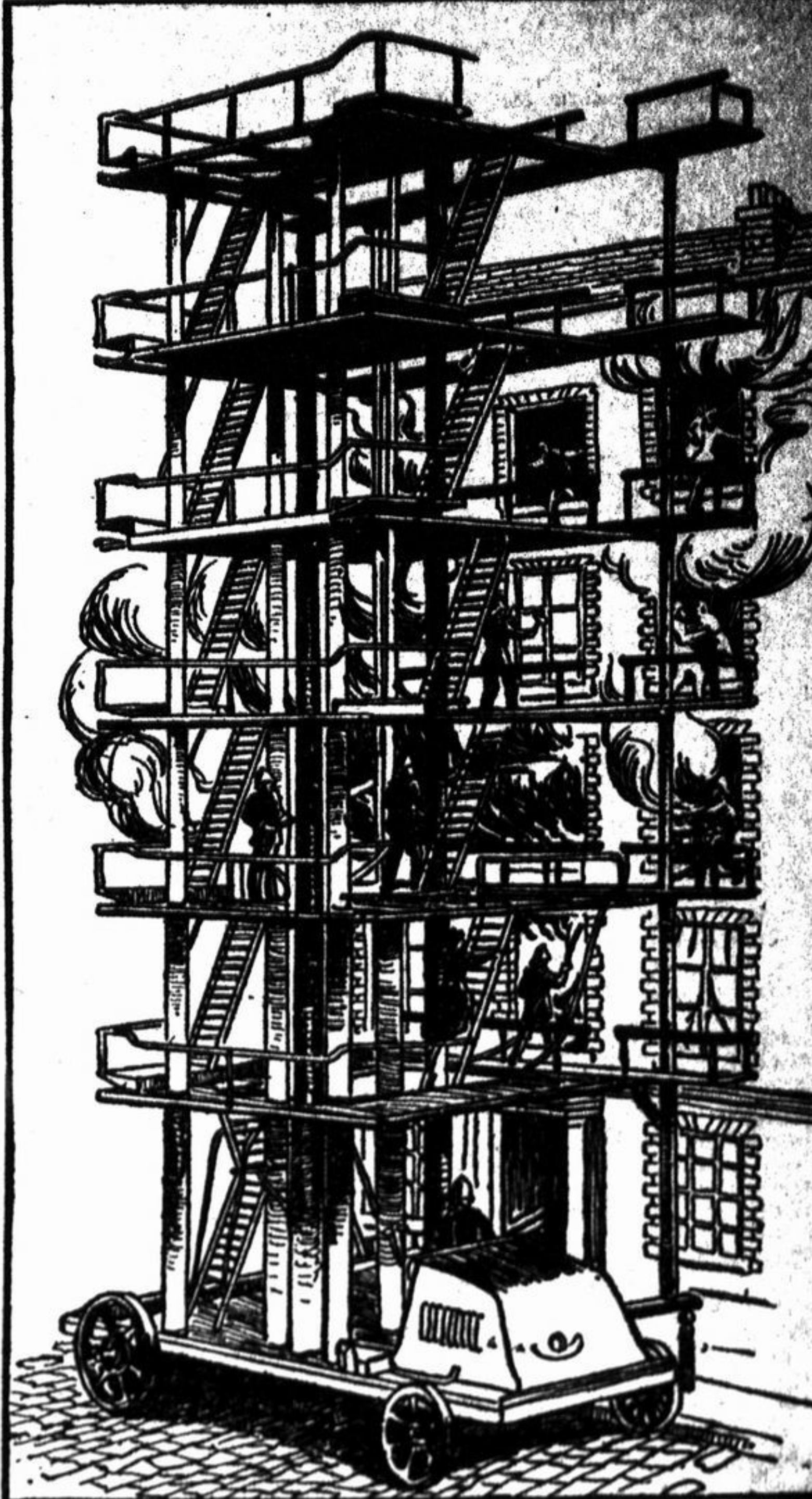
Insane at 81. Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, aged 81, of Millersburg, has been adjudged insane by a commission of physicians. Mrs. Brown is possessed of considerable property, and her hobby has been the making of wills. Dr. J. H. Gordon of Pochontas was appointed conservator.

Mine Mules Have Pinkeys. The disease among horses known as pinkeye prevails in Centralia. The mules employed underground at the mines are afflicted to the extent that the mines have been compelled to close for a time.

Clay County Sunday School. The Clay County Sunday School association has elected the following officers: J. I. Woolridge of Iowa, president; Jos. S. Peak of Flora, secretary; J. B. Bell, treasurer; Mrs. T. J. Friend, superintendent of primary department.

Fall Into Vat of Hot Water. Louis Brooks, Charles Roook and Moses Hart, employed in the rendering department of the Swift packing plant, in East St. Louis, fell into a vat of hot water and were badly scalded.

FIRE ESCAPE OF NOVEL PATTERN RECENTLY DEvised BY ENGLISHMAN



The rapid increase in the number of fatalities from fires in London has attracted the attention of inventors to the great problem of saving life endangered by fire and one result is the invention of a large motor car which carries a series of platforms with mechanical means for raising them to a great height. In use the machine would be swiftly driven to a burning house and at once extended so that the platforms are on a level with the upper windows. The occupants would escape by the staircase has been cut off by the flames can then step from the windows directly on to these firm, elevated tables, and can easily descend to the ground by means of the light steel ladders.

One of the most novel features of the invention is the clever device by which the platforms are extended lengthways to the width of the house on fire, so that exit is easy from any window.

In addition to forming an escape the engine is provided with a pumping arrangement, and from the various balconies the firemen would be able to direct streams of water into the rooms far more effectually than they would from the street level. From the high platforms the firemen would, where necessary, be able with the greatest ease to enter through the windows, dragging the hose after them, thus quickly reaching the real seat of the fire, and bringing all their resources to bear upon it.

GRAND DUKE'S GIFT RETURNED.

Mrs. Nannie L. Shaw Refuses Gems from Royal Russian.

Mrs. Nannie Langhorne Shaw of Richmond, Va., has returned to Grand Duke Michael of Russia a diamond-studded brooch, valued at \$500, sent her by the Grand Duke soon after her return with her mother from a recent tour of Europe. From Mrs. T. Moncure Perkins of Richmond, a sister of Mrs. Shaw, it was learned that the latter met the grand duke while in London, and that there was a pleasant, though slight acquaintance, as a reminder of which no doubt the duke sent the token of his esteem. No reason was given for the return of the gift, but it is obvious that the American beauty did not deem it proper to accept presents of such value from so brief an acquaintance, even though of such exalted rank. Mrs. Shaw is the beautiful sister of Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, wife of the noted artist.

Denounces Spiritualistic Medium. Dr. Albert Moll of Berlin has undertaken to expose the famous Italian spiritualistic medium, Eusapia Palladino, who has convinced Dr. Lombroso and a number of other Italian professors that she is the possessor of a mysterious psychic power. According to Dr. Moll the Palladino humbug has become almost an epidemic not only among the savants. These savants, headed by Lombroso, claim that their scientific training enables them to judge such phenomena as experts. Dr. Moll reports that it is not a question of scientific observation, but of legerdemain, in which they are not experts. She dupes them, like other victims, by cleverly distracting their attention.

May Buy Aiden Homestead. The descendants of John Aiden and Priscilla at their reunion in Duxbury, Mass., last week stated a subscription for a fund to buy the old Aiden homestead in that town. President George W. Aiden of the association, says that it can be bought at a reasonable price. The house, erected by John Aiden's grandson and now 250 years old, has been held by the Aiden family through all its history, and is now occupied by John W. Aiden and his wife, Mr. Aiden being a direct descendant from the original line.

IS HERO OF BALAKLAVA.

George McKilligan Passing His Days in Delaware Village.

George McKilligan, one of the few survivors of that band of men who have gone down in history since the battle of Balaklava as the "thin red line," is living quietly on a farm near Viola, Del. There are several still living who went to make up "The Noble Six Hundred," but so far as Mr. McKilligan knows he is the only one remaining of the Ninety-third Highlanders.

After the battle McKilligan was made a corporal, although he had many times before refused to accept promotion. He received three medals—the Crimean Clasp and Pin for Sebastopol and Alma, one from the Sultan of Turkey, and the third of the Combined Armies of the Crimea. Mr. McKilligan came to America twenty-three years ago and settled in Viola. Since then he has become a naturalized citizen of the United States. It was this fact which prevented him from accepting the pension offered to all survivors of the siege forty years after the war had ended. He is 76 years old, and his faculties are still good.

Famous English Sportswoman.

Miss Margaret Chandos-Pole, known as "the best sportswoman in England," also noted as a bachelor girl, globe trotter and brilliant conversationalist, is a celebrity at Newport, where she is the guest of Miss May Van Allen. She is a very handsome girl and therefore can afford to indulge in open contempt for fashionably made gowns, which she never wears. She dances divinely, knows horses thoroughly, can command and sail almost any size of yacht and can tell more about such craft than most of the men who never miss a race. Her apartments in London and Paris are immensely popular.

Men Who Declined Honors.

The instances of men declining honors are few. John Walter was one and the late Squire Montagu of Yorkshire was another. Sir William Harcourt was a third and Mr. Charles fourth. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach declined a peerage by anticipation in saying publicly when the project was mooted that he considered his honesty (one of the oldest) was a greater honor than a newly created peerage.