

ROMANCE IN LIFE OF SCOTTISH GIRL; A MILLIONAIRE'S CAPRICE



Miss Katie Burns, housekeeper for James Bell, a Brooklyn millionaire, who died recently and left her fortune, came to the United States as an immigrant in 1882. Her possessions being a trunk containing a little clothing and a few dollars. Last week she called for her old home with a fortune of \$1,000,000 and a collection of jewels worth several hundred thousand dollars.

Katie Burns became housekeeper for James Bell soon after her arrival in this country and by her devotion and care for the aged millionaire earned his gratitude. Her distinguished sons, since dead, for leading well lived and marrying without his consent. After they had left his house the aged millionaire used to look upon his housekeeper as his only friend, and after giving away a great deal of his fortune he gave her his heir. She accompanied him to Europe, where she sat at his side at dinners he gave to distinguished men he had met in his extensive travels of years before.

DEATH OF POPULAR ACTRESS.

Ada Gray Buried by Charity of the Actors' Fund. In the Actors' Fund plot at Evergreen cemetery, New York, by the charity of professional actors. Gray, the actress, who made and spent much in her lifetime, is buried. She died at the Home for incurables at



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THEY WAVED THE GREEN.

When Germany Flourished Erin's Emblem by Mistake. There is a good story going the rounds about an incident at the Laughey club annual meeting. The Cincinnati which did not get in the regular accounts of the proceedings which appeared in the newspaper. There was a debate arranged as to whether the American, German or Irish flag should float from the clubhouse. Wade Ellis was to read for the German flag, A. J. Conroy for the Irish flag, and Judge Luenders for the flag of the Pachtland.

The Judge makes a flowery speech, as is well known, and hearing he was to be called on for the address he went around to all the German friends and arranged that when he was unfurled a German flag which he was to have presented by his person, all the Germans were to arise to their feet and cheer. The flags the speakers were to defend were given to them in advance, wrapped in paper, and the judge got to the fitting place in his speech he unwrapped the flag, and it was then that the unexpected happened. The Germans sat unconcernedly in their seats and the Irish members were on their feet and waving their flags. The judge's arrangements had leaked out, and he was left with the flag of the Pachtland.

DEBTS OF THE NATIONS.

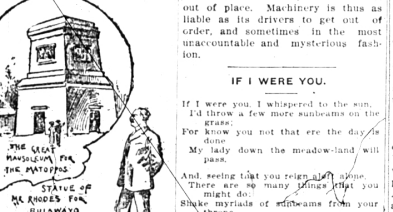
Enormous Burden Borne by Peoples of the World. The Main (Paris) says: In 1801 the world's debt amounted to \$300,000,000. In 1850 it was \$1,000,000,000. In 1870 it was \$3,000,000,000. In 1901 it was \$10,000,000,000. It increased within the last century by \$7,000,000,000, but where as during the first part of this century notwithstanding the gigantic war which then unsettled part of the world it increased but at the ratio of 3 to 1, the increase during the second part was at the ratio of 10 to 1.

Toward this increase each nation has contributed with all its power. Only two nations preserved their credit, Great Britain and the United States, both of whom reduced their liabilities. The Austrian debt, which in 1850 was but \$600,000,000, reaches at present \$1,200,000,000. The debt of Germany has grown from \$115,000,000 in 1870 to \$550,000,000; that of Italy, which in 1869 was \$14,000,000, is now \$2,500,000,000. The debt of Russia, which in 1872 was \$100,000,000, exceeded in 1900 \$3,000,000,000. France is easily winner in this contest, her debt, which in 1872 was little more than \$1,000,000,000, amounts today to about \$5,000,000,000, or almost six times the amount in the former year, constituting almost one-third of the total world's indebtedness.

"Nerves" of Machinery. It is known to most engineers that not only their own muscles, but the tools with which they work are sometimes seized with something like a "cramp." Old-fashioned steam engines at times, take fits of refusing to give out the mellow sounds which are their wont, even though played upon by a Joachim or Sarasate. The instrument will emit nothing but a rattling noise, and the engineer who is the victim is said to have caught cold, and probably some temporary molecular derangement has affected it. It is said to be the most skillful craftsman. The tool is then said to be "fired," and has to be laid by for a while, which restores it to its normal condition. The same thing happens to the machinery like railway locomotives are known to go on "strife," just as do human railway servants, and experienced drivers know that at these times the locomotive cannot be compelled to work, although examination may show that it has not a crack or crevice loose, a rod or rivet out of place. Machinery is thus as liable as its drivers to get out of "shape" or "strife" in the most unaccountable and mysterious fashion.

THE TOMB OF CECIL RHODES.

Model of Empire-Building Mausoleum Is Completed. The model of the imposing mausoleum which is to be erected in the Matopos to contain the remains of the late Cecil Rhodes is now completed. It is a massive structure of black granite, it is estimated to cost some \$100,000. There will be massive doors of copper on each of the four sides of the monument, while at the top will be placed the panels which Mr. Rhodes wished to erect in memory of the party under Major Wilson, who died heroically defending the Rhodes Island College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, but has declined the offer, considering his opportunities greater in the west.



Will Stay in the West. President E. R. Nichols of the Kansas State Agricultural college has been tendered the presidency of the Rhode Island College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, but has declined the offer, considering his opportunities greater in the west.

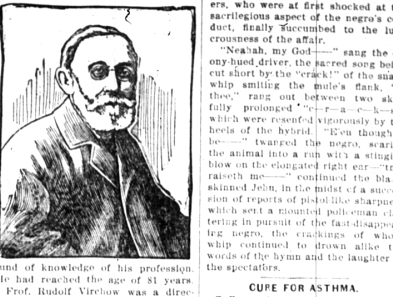
Senator Beveridge's Scrapbook. Nearly every member of congress keeps a scrapbook, and for the time covered Senator Beveridge's is the largest of the lot. The Indiana man already has two volumes of 250 pages each, with three newspaper columns to the page.

No Rush to Join Club. A Kansas club has been organized at Kansas City, Kan. The membership of which is restricted to a party under 18 who have never had a proposal of marriage. As yet the roll of members is not large.

Salmon in Alaskan River. There are seven species of salmon in the Yukon river, Alaskan. Each has its date of arrival from the sea at the spawning grounds.

THE WEEKLY PANORAMA

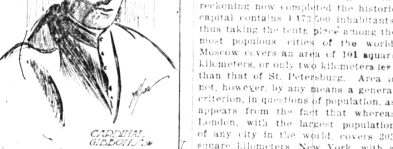
GREAT SCIENTIST IS DEAD. Prof. Rudolf Virchow Passes Away at the Age of Eighty-One. Prof. Rudolf Virchow, leader among the world's scientists and one of the greatest pathologists of all ever lived, passed away in Berlin last week, after a long and useful career, in which he added constantly to the



Prof. Rudolf Virchow was a director of the Berlin Pathological Institute and one of the greatest scientists. He had a twofold career—as pathologist and anthropologist, and the other as politician. It is not often that one man can achieve success in lines of activity so different, but Prof. Virchow not only made himself an authority in his line of science but also succeeded through his political labors in establishing the system of sanitation that has made Berlin a model of cleanliness for all the world.

FEAR FOR CARDINAL GIBBONS

Distinguished Churchman is Suffering from Kidney Trouble. Cardinal Gibbons who is suffering from a somewhat severe attack of kidney trouble is resting more easily than he has for some time. It is reported that the doctor has found that the kidneys which may have to be removed. As his emaciation is nearly 70 years old, such an operation is being hesitantly attempted, with some danger. The obstruction, however, his physician thinks, may pass off without giving further trouble. He has not a very temperate and even abstemious life and his general health is excellent.



Girl of Today Not Fragile. There have been a number of cases lately, where young women have distinguished themselves by saving the lives of men. Things have certainly changed since the days when it was considered highly un ladylike for a woman to know how to take care even of herself. Frailty and fainting fits were thought much more proper than ability to plunge into the surf, and bring a drowning man ashore. This shows how life has altered since the time when knighthood was in flower.

Studying American Railways.

The London Board of Trade has commissioned Lieut. Col. Horatio A. York to visit the operating offices of railways in the United States, to prepare a report on the workings of American railways, with a view of adopting American methods in Great Britain. Col. York sailed for New York on Sept. 19.

Relics of Aztec Civilization.

Repolido Ballez, the Mexican conservator of national monuments, has just concluded a year's archaeological excavations among the ruins of Aztec cities in Oaxaca. He found many evidences of the tenancy of the Aztecs in the most interesting manner.

Webster's Home.

A movement is on in Massachusetts to preserve the old home of Daniel Webster as a monument to the great orator.

Uses for Wood Yarn.

Wood yarn, as now manufactured in Germany, is said to cost about 45 cents per ton. It is supplied in the natural gray state, and does not bleach well, but can be dyed almost any color. It is being used for a variety of uses, such as linings for garments, bed ticks, blinds, crumple cloths, etc.

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