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A FIGHT FOR LIFE.

Senator Davis Holding His Own, but In a Critical Condition.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 21 .-- A quiet day was passed by United States Senator Davis, his condition yesterday afternoon being reported unchanged. At Senator Davis' had reported their patient as being stronger than for the last two days. The delirium, it is understood, continues, and this is his worst symptom. The respiration is eight above normal and the temperature slightly higher than Monday. The pulse is exactly as it was. Food and tonic were taken as usual and digested without discomfort. This ability of the tomach to receive and of the system to ensimilate nourishment is the one factor upon which the sick statesman must rely in his prolonged fight with disease.

The weakened condition of the senator makes recuperation more difficult. His bealth, shattered in the civil war, was



SENATOR CUSHMAN K. DAVIS. never fully restored. However, his strong battling with the disease, and hope has not been abandoned, although it is admitted that his condition is very critical. He realizes his serious condi-tion and, it is stated, has made all arrangements as to his estate.

KENTUCKY BANK WRECK.

The Shortage of Brown \$191,500. How He Managed the Steal.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 20 .- The experts the have been working with Receiver Tucker on the books of the German National bank at Newport place the shortage of Brown, the missing assistant cashand individual bookkeeper, at \$191,-200. According to reports from those who were with Brown when he left last Tuesday night, he had less than \$500 with him. Brown's salary was only \$1,500 a year. Cases are now cited where e spent more than that amount in one day. His bond was for \$10,000, and it a good as far as it goes.

Brown's system required a wonderful memory. The experts say he carried in his head the figures that enabled him to call off correctly a lot of false entries in a way to throw the clerks who were do-ing the checking with him off the track.

ARRIVAL OF BERNHARDT.

The Great French Actress Comes to America to Tour With M. Coquelin,

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.-Angular as ever, but if anything younger looking than when she last visited the United States, Mme. Bernhardt arrived in New York on the French line steamship L'Aquitaine from Havre.

The great French actress comes with M. Coquelin to tour the United States, She is fresh from new triumphs in the French capital.

She brings her full company with her, and they made a merry party on board the big French liner.

Extension of Rural Delivery System Urged.

PROVED A SUCCESS WHEREVER TRIED

Cirst Assistant Postmaster General Johnson Says the Change Can Be Effected Without Excessive Cost to the Government.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 .- An enthusinstic plea for a wide expansion of rural free delivery is made in the annual re-port of W. M. Johnson, first assistant postmaster general. He says that the extraordinary development of this system during the past 12 months under the stimulus of appropriations of \$450,000 for the fiscal year 1890-1900 and \$1,750,-000 for the fiscal year 1900-1901, is con-clusive as showing that hereafter it must be a permanent and expanding feature of the postal administration. The service can now be extended as swiftly as congress may direct or as the means permit, until it covers all those portions of the United States now reached in whole or in part by the more primitive methods of the postal service, which have come down to us almost without change from colo-nial times. This change, Mr. Johnson believes, can be effected without excessive cost to the government.

Under ordinary conditions a full route is considered to be 25 miles, so devised that the carrier does not pass over the same ground twice in the same day. The congressional representative controls the appointments. The pay of the rural car-riers is now from \$400 to \$500 per annum. There are no civil service restrictions, nor restrictions as to sex, but it is inexorably required that appointees shall be of good character.

It is proposed to extend rural delivery in accordance with the demands made from all parts of the country, so that each individual route may be dovetailed upon another route hereafter to be start-ed, and with this idea constantly kept in view rural free delivery is eventually to extend over all well settled rural com-munities in the United States.

Bearing on the question of cost, a statement compiled from the books of the office shows that from December, 1899, to Nov 1, 1900, 439 star routes and mail messenger services have been dis-continued or curtailed. Between July 1 and Nov. 1, 1900, the first four months of the present fiscal year, there have been 1,338 additional rural free delivery routes installed, supplying 922,397 people.

No Rise In Ment Prices.

CHICAGO, Nov. 16 .- Absolute denial is made by Chicago packers of a report to the effect that the packers had advanced prices on all sorts of meat from 1 to 5 cents a pound and that there is a combine of the firms to hold the price higher regardless of the price of live tle. "The reports that we have arbitrari-ly swelled the prices of meats are un-true," said E. F. Swift of Swift & Co. yesterday. "Supply and demand control the market now as they have always done. The election cut no figure whatever in the price of meat during the week following it, nor will it affect it."

A Long Distance Photograph. MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 16 .- Professor F. P. Leavenworth photographed the asteroid Eros through the telescope at the State university observatory last even-ing. Considering that the diminutive planet is said to be 34,000,000 miles away, it was a long shot. The professor said that the planet could not be seen with the naked eye or through the telescope. By a close mathematical calcula-tion he ascertained its exact location, and the sensitive plate caught its likeness, even though it was beyond human ken.

has a rifle in his hand all day and every day. Even you could shoot under such-well, perhaps not you, for you never know what you can't do un-Al you try. Do I know the school of musketry? I do know it-lock, stock, barrel and cleaning rod, or, I should say, in these Lee-Metford cays, clearing rod, for the cleaning rod's as dead as Queen Anne or the pigtails for which the Welsh fusileers still wear the 'flash,' though the powder and pomatum from which the 'flash' protected the coatee has been gone for the best part of a century.

"Now, you all know why foreign military attaches are in England, They are here to see the rights of all improvements in the army-in men, in tools, in the handling of either. They notice a new explosive or a new drill movement, and if the horse guards gave me a commission I reckon they would notice that, and would tell their respective war offices that they had better look out now. Our military attaches are abroad for the same purpose. They're just spies in peace time. Why, I remember when cordite came out how one of the continental war offices sent a gunner officer over here-they said to learn English. I know the man at Woolwich who gave him the cordite, and how much he got for it. I know the Englishman who found the man at Woolwich who would do the job. I know how much more he got for it. But would I breathe the name of that continental power, to make international complications? Not me. I know better what's due to my country. All which leads up to this: When I was at Hythe qualifying for two guns and a crown over my three stripes there was a great mystery about the Maxim; in fact, we who were undergoing instruction as instructors were never shown the mechanism of the block. The instructor of the Hythe staff used always to take that out of the gun and hold it behind him while he explained the other parts. And that was what made me curious to see the block. I was working very hard in the evenings; yot for my health's sake I had to walk now and then into Folkstone and along the Leas. And there I met a young foreign person, who told me she was a lady's maid. How did I make her acquaintance? If you don't know a simple little thing like that, you ought to. We learn in the army the art of mixing gracefully in female society. And the young foreign person, who spoke English beautifully, said to me one evening as we were sitting in a quiet spot away from other people and from gas lamps:

"'I do love to hear about all that concerns you. Tell me all about what you do at the school of musketry."

" 'Oh, it's all very simple, ma'mselle,' said I. Then, just to show her what a clever fellow I was, I began to give her a full account of all the difficult things we had to do. And, of course, among other things I spoke of the machine guns.

"Those are the horrid things that go erk-erk-erk, are they not?' asked she, as she imitated perfectly the venomous spit of the beasts. ""That's it."

FREE MAIL AT FARMS next Maxim day we were gathered A War Office Secret out the block, and was holding it in his fingers behind his back. 1 had "W ALLINGFOD shoot?" said Sergt, Harding. "Of course behind him. In a very few moments I Sergt, Harding. "Of course behind him. In a very few moments I he can. A man on the staff at Hythe had a sketch of all that appeared on the surface, and a very good idea of what was beneath it.

"That very evening I was sitting wmong a lot of other men who were swotting for exam. 1 had a sheet of foolscap and was busy making a sketch of the action in Indian ink.

"'Hallo, young man,' said the instructor, who had been looking over my shoulder, unbeknown to me, 'what have you got there?'

"'You ought to know as well, if not better than I, seargent-instructor.' "'I do know. But where did you get

- 11.2"
- "'That's my business.' "'Well, you must give it up."
- "'Oh, no, I shan't.
- " 'But you must.'

"'It's mine, and you can't take it from me."

"'We'll see what Lieut. Brown says about that.'

"'If Lieut. Brown says I must give it up, I will. But not unless."

" 'Come along, then, to his quarters." "'This is Sergt. Harding, duke of Cornwall's light infantry, sir,' said the sergeant-instructor, when we reached Lieut, Brown's room. 'He has a sketch of the Maxim secret action and refuses to give it up."

" 'How's this, Sergt, Harding?' asked Licut. Brown.

" 'The sketch is my own, sir. I refused to give it up to the sergeant-instructor, but said I would give it up at once, if you ordered me. But I have made one sketch, and if you take that away from me, I have the action in my mind, and can always make another sketch.

" 'That's quite true. Yet such things had better not be knocking about. You will destroy the sketch, Sergt, Hard-

ing? " 'Yes,' thought I, 'when I have shown it and won my bet.'

block behind his back.'

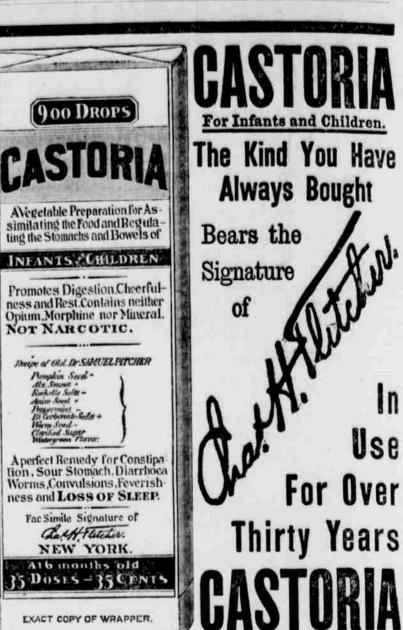
had better have settled this little matter without appealing to me. Good night, both.

"The sergeant-instructor was too upset to want to see the sketch destroyed. I lost very little time in strolling down to that quiet spot where I might light on mam'selle. Not that, in view of what is to come, I wish in any way, to say or to hint, or to imply that she was French. Far from it. I used the name 'Mam'selle' as meaning young foreign person, as a sailor uses 'Dutchman' to mean a foreign sailor, usually a Nor-

"'Good evening, mam'selle,' said I. 'Had you any idea of going on the pier this evening, or do you prefer to stop quietly here?'

said hurriedly-I-wonder why-'if you're going to behave yourself properly.'

"'Well,' said I, 'as I've won my bet,



LITERARY NOTES.

Rudyard Kipling's new novel, "Kim," will begin in the December issue of McClure's Magazine. This is a tale of life in India. and in it the literary genius gives a profound study of Oriental life. This is the author's masterplece, and it fulfils in its larger score all the promise of his earlier and shorter works.

One of the most extraordinary, yet perpublished in Frank Leslie's Popular manent, successes of contemporary literature Monthly, "I went down with 30 men to was that made by Anthony Hope in the "Dolly Dialogues." America and Englaad alike rejoiced in the refined and subtle husttend a meeting of the Chinese court. The business to-day consisted in comparing the English and Chinese records mor, the clear insight, the pervasive human of the case and making them agree. interest of these conversations. McClure's Magazine for December will contain the first They reexamined the two leaders, who are the Chung brothers, and occupied in a series of "More Dolly Dialogues," in nearly the whole day in trying by difwhich all the charm of the earlier work is ferent tortures to make these fellows continued.

McClure's Magazine for December will confess to their guilt. One proceeding contain an intimate account of the fall of Richmond and the flight of the Confederate rather amused me, although it was barbarous. The leading mandarin had Cabinet, at the close of the Civil war. This article is from the pen of Stephen R. Mal-lory, who, as Secretary of the Navy in the asked one of these brothers several questions, to which he would not an-Confederate Administration, shared in the stress of those last days. The narrative swer to the satisfaction of the court, so the mandarin wrote out the evidence gives a picture strong and true of the clos-ing scene in the South's tragedy. Fiction of remarkable interest will be abundant in McClure's Magazine for Decemas he thought the criminal ought to speak it, and then told him to acknowl-

edge that it was correct; and when the poor fellow refused to comply with the ber, with illustrations by the best artists. In court's request, he was tortured until addition to the first instalment of "Kim," by he fainted in the courtroom and had to he fainted in the courtroom and had to be removed. By the Chinese laws they father, Lockwood Kipling, and Edwin Lord Weeks contribute drawings, there are shor stories of life among the Indians, in the Latin Quarter of Paris, in Siam, stories of the rail, and of the Kindergarten, by Ham-In Garland, Frank H. Spearman, and Josephine Dodge Daskam, with drawings by H. D. Nichols, H. M. Walcott, and Jay Hambridge, while "More Dolly Dialogues," by Anthony Hope, will be illustrated by H. C. Christy.

"'And how did you get hold of it?" "'Must 1 tell you, sir?' "Yes." "'I took it down in my notebook while the sergeant-instructor held the "The sergeant-instructor looked foolish, and Lieut. Brown drawled: late Admiral John W. Philip in the "I think, sergeant-instructor, you interesting passages from his diary

wegian or a Swede. She was there.

"'To stop here, I think; that is,' she

CHINESE JUSTICE. The Prisoner Must First Confess Before He Can Be Punished

will play "L'Aiglon' for one week. She will also be seen in "La Tosca," "Cyrano de Bergerac," "Camille" and "Hamlet."

New York Horse Show.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.-A few scores less than 1,000 horses and ponies will be on parade this week in Madison Square Garden before no one knows how many humans, a few of whom will look on with critical eyes for the equines only and more with a gaze wandering away from the arena to the promenade, the boxes and the tiers of seats. The exhibition becan yesterday morning when the National Horse Show association threw open the doors of the Garden, of which it had taken possession for its sixteenth annual event, and inaugurated what the associabelieves will be the most successful affair in its history.

General Lee In New York.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21 .- Major General Fitz-Hugh Lee has arrived at this port from Cuba on the Ward line steam-hip Morro Castle. He will stay at the Grand hotel for three or four days. After reporting to his superiors in Washington he will then proceed to Omaha and ake command of the department of the Missouri, to which he has been assigned.

White Fish After a Shower,

JOLIET, Ills., Nov. 20.-After show ers a large number of small white fish were found in different parts of the city, and local scientists are at a loss to ac ount for their appearance. From the act that some of the fish were found on he roofs of the big buildings at the steel aills it is supposed that they must have lropped from the clouds.

New York Markets.

FLOUR-State and western unsettled and still weak, with buyers indifferent finnesota patents, 82.3064.25; winter traights, 82.4064.35; winter extras, 82.606

.90. WHEAT-Opened easy with cables, but ecovered on strength in corn, a later de-tand from shorts and lessened specula-ive offerings; December, 76% 2017c.; Janu-ry, 77 5-16c.

ry, 17 9-16c. RYE-Stendy: state. 516:52c., c. l. f., New (ork: No. 2 western. 50c., f. o. b., afloat. CORN-Firm and higher on poor g. ad-ng at the west and further covering: D-ember, 42 15-166:42 15-16c.; May, 41546

1 13-16c. OATS-Dull, but steady: track, white, tate, 2802312c.; track, white, western, 27

PORK-Steady: mess, \$12@13; family

LARD-Firm; prime weatern steam

BUTTER-Easter: state dairy, 16024c.

BUTTER-Eductry state dary, logic, CHEESE-Steady: large, October fancy, General Steady: large, October fancy, Bige, small, October fancy, 10%, BUGGB-Barely steady; state and Penn-ylwnin, 219/28.; western, loss off, 27c, SUGAR-Law firm; fair retaining, 3%c; satrifugal, 95 test, 4%c, reduct steady; rushed, 6c; powdered, 5.7ce. TURPENTINE-Dull and easy at 43% for the satrifugal steady of the satrif

MOLASSES-Steady; New Orleans, 425

RICE-Steady; domestic, 4%@6%c.; Ja

TALLOW-Steady; city, 4%c.; country,

Max-Spendy: shipping, 794080c.; good , o choice, 85085c.

STOWAWAYS THAT WERE PETS

An Interesting Pair That Came Abroad to City of Rome on a Recent Trip.

A pair without money, passage tickets or luggage boarded the steamship City of Rome on her last trip from Glasgow to this port just at the closing hour for sailing, says a New York exchange. They did not attempt to conceal themselves as stowaways, but deliberately moved among the passengers. As night came on they failed to go into a stateroom. They did not ask for a place at the table. As soon as their presence became known to most of the passengers they vied with one another in making this pair comfortable. As it grew darker they disappeared, but with the break of day they were found upon the deck again, as happy as could be, and they did not leave the ship the entire voyage.

They were a pair of sparrows, and they became so tame that they would eat from the hand of a passenger while perched upon the passenger's other hand. The children of the ship became fond of them, and just as the vessel was nearing port one of the birds was killed by the fall of a little girl who had it in her hand.

In the excitement of the near anproach to land the other was forgotten and the time of its disappearance was unknown.

Not to Be Trusted.

Wife-Let me send for Dr. Killman. You said some one recommended him highly.

Sick Husband-I don't want him. dearest. The man who recommended him is an undertaker.-Harlem Life.

A Quiet Future in View.

"Noiseless pneumatic tires are put on rocking chairs now."

"Well, let us be patient; maybe they'll get around to putting them on piano keys."-Chicago Record.

Artistic Periods of Time.

"It takes four persons a whole year to make a high-grade cashmere shawl."

"That's all right; my wife bought one and it took me four years to pay for it."-Detroit Free Press.

Failed in Her Mission.

"So her foreign trip was not a success?"

"Oh, dear, no. Why, she didn't even become engaged to a man with a title and a bad record."-Chicago Post.

" 'Tell me about them. I think they are wonderfully interesting. How well educated a soldier has to be nowadays to understand such things!'

"'It's quite true that a first-class certificate of education, which a sergeant is now bound to have, is not got for the asking.' Then I went on to tell her of the mechanism of the Maxim.

"'But the funniest thing about it all is that they won't let us see the works of the block, although we are to qualify for musketry instructors.'

'And of the most important part of the gun you know nothing?" "'I have a general idea.'

"'A man who is as clever as you in mechanics and mathematics ought to know all about it. I should be curious to know if I were you.'

'I could easily find out an about it if I cared to take the trouble.'

""Trouble! What is trouble to scientific man? If I were you I should think nothing of any little trouble. Now, I will spur you for your own good and to advance you in the service. I am curious, for your sake, to know about this gun. I'll bet you what you like you don't explain the mechanism of the block to me within a month. Your explanations make

even dry old figures interesting." "'And can I name the stakes?'

" 'Certainly.'

"'A siss, then.'

"'I can't bet you that?'

"'But I was to name the stakes.' "'Oh, I couldn't think of it.'

"'There's no need for you to think of it, ma'mselle. You've only to do it. I have your word, you know. If you are honorable-' " 'Sir!'

"Then the bet is off?"

"'No, I give you my word. It is annoying. But I will keep my word.' "'And I can give you my word that I shall win. So, perhaps, in case you change your mind, I had better have the kiss now."

"The rest of the evening has nothing to do with the story.

"Now, I had been working hard at the mechanics of guns before I went to the school of musketry, so that I might do well. And I had a natural taste for such things in the blood. probably because my aunt married a smith, to whom I was to have been bound apprentice, only I would none of him and his smithy. So you only had to show me the cocoanut in gunnery mechanics, and I tumbled to

I think I may as well collect the stakes. "'You've won? You know all about

the Maxim?' asked she so excitedly that her words tumbled one over the other. "'I have told you so.'

"'Yes; you are quite sure?" "'Quite. I have an Indian ink sketch

of it on me."

"'Let me see it-let me see it,' she repeated, and her eyes gleamed. 'Quite so,' said L 'Seeing's believ-

ing: but-I should like to collect my stakes.' "No longer coy, she flung her arms

around my neck and kissed me till I had no breath with which to repay her kisses. But she herself had breath enough to gasp:

"'Give me the paper.'

"I put my hand in the breast pocket of my serge, which I always used to wear under my greatcoat. I began to pull out the drawing. Just then I heard the drawling voice of Lieut. Brown come from the darkness-for we were in a very quiet and cosy cor-

"'I thought as much, Sergt. Harding. You are under arrest. Follow me to quarters."

"I turned toward the voice, and then toward mam'selle-or toward where she had been, for she was gone.

"I rose and saluted. " 'May I ask you, sir-'

"'You're a lucky man that I had a suspicion of the facts. You're fool enough to do a lot of harm, but too big a fool to know you're doing it. You Cornish chough, do you believe one of the prettiest women in Folkestone and one of the cleverest women in the world is in love with you? You were just on the point of giving a drawing of the secret action to the smartest unofficial military attache-and that is a spyof-

"Shall I name the country which he named to me? Not I. No strained relations, no wars and rumors of wars, shall come upon England through me. I want no secret dossier - whatever that may be. But so long as I live it shall be a secret for which war office mam'selle was collecting information. "Her profession was bad, but her kisses!-ah, they were good."-Corn-

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cannot punish a person until he confesses to everything. If the court thinks the prisoner is telling lies they torture him for the truth; or, if he does not speak as they wish him to and will not confess his guilt, they torture him in the most cruel manner until he does as they wish. As soon as he confesses, he is beheaded, frequently in one hour. I was told in court that very often a criminal would die under his tortures rather than confess himself guilty. These, I suppose, are rare cases, where the man is really innocent of the crime charged. I have seen enough of Chinese jurisprudence to disgust me with it for the future."

by Law.

"June 27, at ten o'clock," says the

Birth Rate in Europe.

The most recent statistics show a decrease of the birth rate in every European country, the average decrease being three per cent. since 1891. This is a curious fact and seems to show that the Malthusian theory failed to take into account certain conditions in nature that tend to prevent birth rate in France has been unsatisfactory. But it was not suspected that every country in Europe was in the same declining condition, though to a less degree.

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RAILROAD NOTES.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD. PERSONALLY CONDUCTED TOURS VIA PENN-SYLVANIA RAILEOAD. SEASON 1900-1.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company and nounces the following personally-conducted tours for the season of 1900-1901: California. -- A thirty-five-day tour will

California, --- A thirty-fiveday ton and leave New York, Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Pittsburg, February 14. The purty will travel over the entire route by the "Golden Gate Special," the finest train that crosses the continent.

Florida, --- Three tours to Jacksonville will leave New York and Philadelphia February the overpopulation of the earth. For 5 and 19 and March 5. The first 'wo of some time it has been known that the birth rate in France has been unsatis- "Flowery State." Tuckets for the third tour will be good to return by regular trains until

May 31, 1901. Tickets for the above tours will be sold from all principal points on the Pennsylvania For detailed itineraries, giving Railroad. rates and full information, address Thos. E. Watt, Passenger Agent Western District, Pittsburg; B. Courlaender, Jr., Passenger Agent Baltimore District, Baltimore, C. Stadde Studds, Passenger Agent Southeastern Dis-tri t, Washington; or Geo, W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Philadelphia.

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