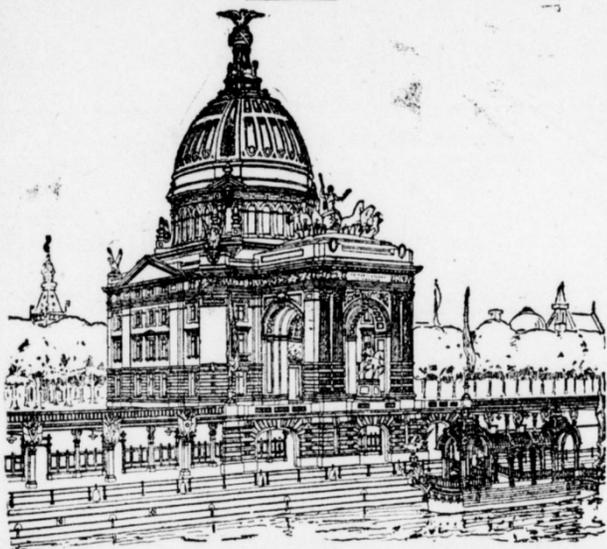


UNITED STATES PAVILION AT PARIS EXPOSITION.



This drawing, just from the French capital, gives a new and complete picture of the American national building with its ornamental accessories.

Y. P. C. U. CONVENTION.

Proceedings of the Second Day's Session—\$50,000 Thank Offering.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 5.—Interesting departmental conferences yesterday occupied the attention of the delegates to the Young People's Christian Union convention during the forenoon session of the second day of the convention.

At the afternoon session Marion Lawrence, general secretary of the Ohio Sabbath School association, made an address on "The Right Hand of the Church," and a general conference on Sunday schools was conducted by Robert Rutledge, of St. Louis.

At the evening session Miss Margaret Leitch, of Philadelphia, who is a returned missionary from Ceylon, delivered an address on "Forward Movement in Missions." This was followed by the raising of the tenth anniversary thank offering, which had been fixed by the committee at \$50,000.

THE YELLOW METAL.

Estimate of the World's Gold Production for 1898.

Washington, Aug. 5.—The director of the mint has nearly completed his estimate of the world's gold production for the year 1898. The data at hand seems to warrant the conclusion that the production will amount to at least \$294,000,000 and possibly \$255,000,000.

Burglars Make a Big Haul.

Wellshoro, W. Va., Aug. 5.—Four masked burglars forced their way into the lonely farm house of Mr. Josiah Parkinson some time during Thursday night, and after blindfolding, binding and gagging the inmates, who were all women, a careful search for valuables was made.

Situation Serious.

Port Au Prince, Hayti, Aug. 5.—The affair of the recent violation of the American legation here by armed police who were seeking to arrest Du Vivier, the newspaper man, has not been definitely settled.

Made a Record.

Washington, Aug. 5.—During 1898 the United States made a record in lead production according to the geological survey report issued Friday, the total mine product being 222,000 short tons or 10,000 tons more than in the previous year.

Heat Prostrations.

Cincinnati, Aug. 5.—The heat wave is unbroken. The thermometer registered 96 at 1 p. m. Friday. There were nine prostrations but none resulted fatally.

Beck Goes to Brooklyn.

Toledo, Aug. 5.—Erv. Beck, Toledo's second baseman, was sold Friday to the Brooklyn. Beck will finish the season with the Toledo.

STATE TICKETS.

Democrats of Maryland and Republicans of Iowa Hold Conventions.

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 3.—The democratic state convention, which was held at Ford's opera house in this city Wednesday, resulted in the nomination of the following ticket: For governor, John W. Smith, of Worcester county; for attorney general, Isidor Rayner, of Baltimore; for comptroller, Joshua W. Hering, of Carroll county.

The platform demands the freedom of the press in time of war as well as in peace and the rights of the people to criticize the policy of the administration; declares against a large standing army in time of peace; views with alarm the multiplication of the land of such gigantic, industrial and commercial trusts as stifle competition, threaten popular government, increase the cost of living and curtail the individual rights of the people, and favor vigorous measures by the state and by congress to repress this great and growing evil.

John W. Smith, the nominee for governor, is a banker and resides in Snow Hill, Worcester county. He has served in the state senate for three consecutive terms and was elected to congress last November from the First district.

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 3.—The republican state convention yesterday nominated the following ticket: Governor, L. M. Shaw, of Denison; lieutenant governor, J. C. Millman, of Logan; superintendent of public instruction, R. C. Barrett, of Osage; railroad commissioner, E. A. Dawson, of Waverly; supreme court judge, John S. Sherwin, of Mason City.

Washington, Aug. 5.—Official reports to the marine hospital service from the soldiers' home at Hampton show that the yellow fever situation there continues favorable.

After approving the administrations of President McKinley and Gov. Shaw the resolutions commend the action of the Iowa delegation in congress in its support of protection, of the Dingley tariff, of the maintenance of the administration of President McKinley in his policy in peace and war.

The following declaration from the Iowa republican platform of 1898 was readopted: "The monetary standard of this country and of the commercial world is gold."

AMERICAN TEA.

Report From the Experimental Garden in South Carolina.

Washington, Aug. 3.—Dr. Charles U. Shepard, who is in charge of the experimental tea garden at Summerville, S. C., has made a report to the secretary of agriculture covering the progress made up to date.

Dr. Shepard expressed the opinion that the fact that the tea plants lived through last winter when the most intensely cold weather in the history of the section was experienced is a guarantee that the weather conditions will prove satisfactory.

Free Instruction.

Havana, Aug. 3.—A Cuban committee has started out with the intention of giving the natives free instruction on certain points. The members of the committee say a definite form of government will soon be determined upon, and urge every citizen to at least learn to write, pointing out that there is no question now of fighting for independence, but that every man must say clearly what he wishes in regard to the future of the island, adding that they will only have themselves to blame if on account of apathy they have to confess they are incapable of their own social and political regeneration.

A New World's Record.

Columbus, O., Aug. 3.—Yesterday was a day of great racing at the Columbus Driving park. Searchlight faced the three fastest heats of the season, 2:02 1/2, 2:04 1/4, and 2:04, and clipped a half second off his record.

A ROYAL WELCOME.

It is Given Gen. Alger Upon His Return to Detroit.

Detroit, Aug. 3.—Whatever may have been the personal feelings of the late secretary of war, Gen. Russell A. Alger, concerning recent incidents of his official career, all sentiments save those of genuine happiness were very evidently banished Tuesday afternoon and evening by the magnificent welcome tendered him by the people of his own city and state.

The special train which met Gen. Alger and party at Toledo consisted of eight coaches. It carried 400 members of the reception committee.

The closing scene was a reception in the City Hall corridor. Mrs. Alger and a score of other ladies with several of the general's relatives viewed the scene from a canopied decorated platform built into the main stairway.

TOWN DESTROYED.

Violent Wind and Rain Storm Visits Florida.

Tallahassee, Fla., Aug. 3.—The town of Carrielle, a prosperous port on the Gulf of Mexico, southwest of this city, is reported almost completely destroyed by a wind and rain storm which passed through this section Tuesday night.

At Lanark, the boat houses, pavilion and boats have been destroyed. Unconfirmed reports say that the steamer Crescent City has been lost between Apalachicola and Carrielle.

A new trestle over the Ochlocknee river at McIntyre was blown away. The wrecking train which went out yesterday into the stricken territory found over 200 trees on the track in a run of 30 miles.

BOLD ROBBERY.

Four Highwaymen Hold Up a Large Crowd in the Streets of Corry, Pa.

Buffalo, Aug. 3.—A special to the Express from Corry, Pa., says: A bold highway robbery took place in this city at 11 o'clock Tuesday night, when patrons of the Pawnee Bill show were returning to their homes.

Electrocuted.

Auburn, N. Y., Aug. 3.—Oscar E. Rice, a white man, and John Kennedy, a negro, were put to death by electricity in the prison here Wednesday.

Will Make Coke.

Pittsburg, Aug. 3.—Pittsburg and eastern capitalists have just purchased 4,000 acres of coal land in Westmoreland county, the consideration being \$1,400,000. It is the intention of the new company to make coke of the coal and to begin operations at once.

JOHN PAUL JONES.

No One Can Tell Where the Bones of the Famous Naval Hero Are Deposited.

Inquiry was recently made at the state department in regard to the grave of John Paul Jones, the great naval hero of revolutionary days, who died in Paris July 18, 1792.

The secretary of state recently addressed a letter to Henry Vignaud, of the United States embassy in Paris,



JOHN PAUL JONES. (One of the Greatest Naval Heroes of the World.)

asking whether the grave of John Paul Jones in Paris is known and marked. He has received a reply from Mr. Vignaud saying that, although he has made earnest and frequent inquiries of the city authorities in regard to the matter, he has been unable to discover the whereabouts of the grave.

John Paul Jones was one of the greatest of the naval heroes of the world. His name was really not Jones at all, but John Paul, and much as Rudyard Kipling has abused him, he was really not an American, but a born Scotsman.

Jones' operations were conducted from France against England, and two of his most notable adventures were his attempts to abduct the earl of Selkirk and his action with the Serapis and Scarborough fleet of English ships in August, 1779.

After his victory Jones was received in France with the highest honors. The king gave him a cross and a sword, and congress a vote of thanks and the command of the new frigate America.

THE DUKE OF ALBANY.

Young British Prince Who Will Succeed to the Dukedom of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.

It is now practically decided that his royal highness the young duke of Albany will succeed to the dukedom of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.



THE DUKE OF ALBANY. (Heir-Presumptive to the Throne of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.)

duke of Albany, earl of Clarence and baron Arklow, prince of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland duke of Saxony, prince of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, was born at Claremont on July 19, 1884, succeeding his father, the late Prince Leopold, as second duke at his birth.

THE COBRA'S POISON.

To Be Used Extensively as a Cure for Leprosy.

Former Army Surgeon Explains Why the New Remedy is Entitled to Consideration—Strange Cures in India.

If Dr. Thomas J. Biggs, a former surgeon of the United States army, is on the right track, the new century will rejoice to see the dread scourge of leprosy, if not totally removed from among the host of ills to which flesh is heir, at least reduced to a minimum.

"It was Dr. Bardon, of Turin, who first discovered the bacillus of leprosy, a pencil-shaped microbe resembling that of tuberculosis, but having one end thicker than the other, and enclosed in a sheath or cell," said Dr. Biggs, when asked about his plans.

"In India a maimed man is an outcast; and so dreaded is leprosy that, according to Hindoo law and more potent custom among the fanatical hill tribes, a man who has leprosy in the incipient stages has the honorable alternative of suffering himself to be buried alive and ascending to the realms of the gods, where he is purified and



NEW LEPROSY CURE. (Scientists Securing Venom from a Live Cobra.)

survives in everlasting bliss, or he can suffer himself to be bitten by the deadly groove-fanged Naji tripudians, or cobra of fame. This is done with the hope that on recovery from the venom of the snake the leprosy signs will disappear.

"But what was thought to be a means of suicide among the savage hill tribes of India turned out to be a curious and noteworthy phenomenon. Three out of five lepers recovered from the bite, and, strange to relate, from the dreaded leprosy, too. It is demonstrable on scientific grounds. The cobra venom is a subtle fluid to which all animal life succumbs. It begins immediately to destroy every vital function, and so indestructible is it that it may be boiled, frozen, mixed with corrosives, diluted or taken from the hundredth inoculation, yet it survives all.

"The treatment is far from infallible, but, with proper food, care and exercise of professional judgment, there is no reason why the standard should not show 90 per cent of successes, if the leprosy patients can be discovered and treated in the incipient stages. Those upon whom I have operated with the serum of deadly serpents have been too far advanced in the disease to derive permanent benefit; but several new cases have been reported to me in various parts of the country, and I shall, either personally or through my assistants, proceed immediately with these experiments.

Growth of Life Insurance. In ten years American life insurance companies have doubled their assets, the amount rising from \$657,128,442 in 1888 to \$1,344,961,198 in 1898.

Street of Undertakers.

In every city or town in the Netherlands you will find a Rosemary street. In olden days only undertakers lived in them, the rosemary being, in the language of flowers, specially dedicated to the dead.