# The Centre Pemperat. Farm Notes, Current Topics Part 2. MAGAZINE SECTION.

# CLARA BARTON ACTIVE,

Red Cross Heroine Will Establish Railroad Hospital Car Service.

#### Although Over Eighty Years Old She Has Started In with Great Energy to Organize New Rellef Work to Cope with Wrecks.

Clara Barton, the famous Red Cross leader, has just given new evidence that she is one of the most remarkable women the world has ever known. Feel- Antietam, Fredericksburg and the Wiling that the Red Cross work has been placed on a permanent basis and no longer needs her close supervision, this untiring woman, although upward of eighty years of age, has lately returned Barton was the first person to enter to her old home in Massachusetts and Strasburg after the fall of that city, opened headquarters for a great new and was instrumental in organizing movement to alleviate suffering, namely, a project for organizing hospital service at Paris, which she entered with corps on all railroads in order that the vanguard at the conclusion of the with the aid of hospital cars speedy siege. After her return to the United succor may be brought to persons injured in wrecks.

The portrait here presented is of especial interest, inasmuch as it is the overflow of the Ohio River in 1883, the only likeness which Clara Barton has Louisiana cyclone of the same year, permitted to be made in many years. and the Texas drought of 1889, ever at The famous Red Cross worker has no the fore aiding, sustaining, and suplove for the camera, but her close per- porting by her untiring presence the sonal friend, Mrs. John A. Logan, after failing courage of those who in their much persuasion finally induced her to suffering learned to depend upon her sit for this picture. Mrs. Logan is seen with passionate love and gratitude. standing by her side.

WORKED IN CIVIL AND FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WARS.



#### another New England girl Clara Barton, when thrown on her own resources, took up school teaching as a means of livelihood, and when she was obliged to abandon this because of failing eyesight, she managed to secure a position in the Patent Office at Washington, and here she continued her service until the outbreak of the Civil War disclosed to her a lifework. Her advertisements

in the Massachusetts papers that she would receive money and stores for the wounded soldiers and personally distribute them at the front brought quick responses, and from this small beginning the scope of her work broadened. The ministering angel of the Army of the Potomac was present at the battles of Cedar Mountain, the second Bull Run, derness.

#### WAS WITH THE VANGUARD.

In the Franco-Prussian war Miss the relief. She performed a similar States she directed relief work in addition to the instances above mentioned during the Mississippi flood of 1882, the

Mrs. John A. Logan (Mary Simmerson Cunningham Logan) who appears with Clara Barton in this picture, is a native of Missouri, but was educated Clara Barton, who is entering with in Kentucky and married John A. Loso much enthusiasm into a new mis- gan in 1855. Since his death she has

## **ERUPTION OF KRAKATOA.**

BELLEFONTE, PA., THURSDAY, MAY 17, 1906.

Volcanic Explosions in East Indies the Most Terrific in History.

Miles Above Earth - Detonations Heard Three Thousand Miles Distant.

By Sir Robert Ball.

toa will be read with special interest have been beyond its range, while pasat the present time. It is taken from cently published by D. Appleton & Co. reverberation. Or, to take another Until the year 1883 few had ever illustration, let us suppose that a simheard of Krakatoa. It was not in- ilar earth-shaking event took place in habited, but the natives from the sur- a central position in the United States. rounding shores of Sumatra and Java Let us say, for example, that an exploused occasionally to draw their canoes sion occurred at Pike's Peak as up on its beach while they roamed through the jungle in search of the would certainly startle not a little the wild fruits. The island seemed to owe inhabitants of Colorado far and wide. its existence to some frightful eruption The ears of dwellers in the neighborof bygone days, but for a couple of ing States would receive a considercenturies there had been no fresh out- able shock. With lessening intensity break

In 1883 Krakatoa suddenly sprang around-indeed, it might be heard all into notoriety. Insignificant though it over the United States. The sonorous had hitherto seemed, the little island waves would roll over to the Atlantic was soon to compel by its tones of coast; they would be heard on the thunder the whole world to pay it in- shores of the Pacific, Florida would stant attention. It was to become the not be too far to the south, nor Alaska scene of a volcanic outbreak so appall- too remote to the north. If, indeed, ing that it is destined to be remem- we could believe that the sound would bered throughout the ages.

At first the eruption did not threaten nent as it did across the Indian Ocean, to be of any serious type. In fact, the then we may boldly assert that every good people of Batavia, so far from be- ear in North America might listen to ing terrified at what was in progress the thunder from Pike's Peak, if it in Krakatoa, thought the display was rivaled Krakatoa. Can we doubt that such an attraction that they chartered Krakatoa made the greatest noise that

a steamer and went forth for a pleas- has ever been recorded? ant picnic to the island. Many of us, I am sure, would have been delighted connected with this explosion, I may ists climbed into the balloon's rigging to have been able to join the party specially mention the wonderful syswho were to witness so interesting a tem of divergent ripples that started spectacle. With cautious steps the in our atmosphere from the point at more venturesome of the excursion which the eruption took place. The hope and fear for a few moments as party clambered up the sides of the initial impetus was so tremendous that volcano, guided by the sounds which these waves spread for hundreds and The thought came into their minds were issuing from its summit. There thousands of miles. They diverged, they beheld a vast column of steam in fact, until they put a mighty girdle pouring forth with terrific noise from round the earth, on a great circle of a profound opening about thirty yards which Krakatoa was the pole. The atin width.

As the summer of this dread year now well in their grasp, advanced into advanced, the vigor of Krakatoa stead- the opposite hemisphere. In their ily increased. The noises became more progress they had necessarily to form and more vehement. These were pres-ently audible on shores ten miles dis-last they converged to a point in Centant, and then twenty miles distant, tral America, at the very opposite tant, and then twenty miles distant, tral America, at the very opposite until the great thunders of the vol-cano, now so rapidly developing, as-tonished the inhabitants that dwelt over an area at least as large as Great Every part of our atmosphere had Britain, and there were other symp-toms of the approaching catastrophe. ching catast

rence. He had heard them just four hours after the actual explosion, for this is the time the sound occupied on its journey.

emit a roar like Krakatoa, how great would be the consternation of the world! Such a report might be heard by King Edward, at Windsor, and by the Czar, at Moscow. It would aston-Vast Volumes of Ashes Blown Twenty ish the German Emperor and all his subjects. It would penetrate to the seclusion of the Sultan at Constantinople. It would have extended to the sources of the Nile, near the equator. It would have been heard by Moham-

The following description by Sir have reached the ears of exiles in Si-Robert Ball of the eruption of Krakamedan pilgrims at Mecca. It would sengers on half the liners crossing the

the sound would spread much farther travel as freely over the great conti-

Among the many other incidents

mospheric waves, with the whole earth more.



German Military Aeronauts Safe Only After a Terrible Experience.

## War Airship Was Driven Five Hundred Miles Over Baltic Sea and Barely Averted Drowning.

The progress of balloon experiments in the German army has just received a severe setback by the fearful experiences of two members of the Aerostatic Corps, named Wolff and Brand, his book, "The Earth's Beginning," re- Atlantic would also catch the mighty ing been given up for dead, following a balloon ascension, during which they completely disappeared. The two men were blown all the way from Berlin to the Baltic Sea, where they were driven by a gale clear across that body of water, and finally landed, half dead, in a little village in Sweden, traveling al-together more than five hundred miles conceived from the brands he saw on together more than five hundred miles. The story of their flight is one of the most thrilling in the history of ballooning in Europe.

UNABLE TO MAKE DESCENT. The two balloonists, caught in the gale in the upper air, were blown at lated the Bible into the Cherokee terrific speed for three days, unable to language, through which medium make a descent without being dashed to death.

As the wind seemed to slacken, the balloonists opened their valve, preparing to descend. What was their horror upon seeing as they dropped from the clouds that the open sea was beneath them. They tried to shut the valve, but were only partly successful.

When within a few hundred feet of the water, the valve was closed by Wolff, who climbed up to the cordage surrounding the gas bag to do it. But the balloon still dropped nearer the

and cut the basket from under them. Clinging to the cordage about the balloon, the two men hung between simultaneously that one must drop off and lighten the weight to save his comrade; otherwise both must drown. But slowly the bag began to rise once

CLUNG TO CORDAGE FOR HOURS. After clinging for hours to the cordage, thousands of feet in the air over the sea, the two soldiers made out the land. As soon as it was safe, the valve was opened again, and the balloon was allowed to descend slowly. The two men landed in a snow bank within a few miles of a little Swedish village. They had to walk two miles, almost

cabin.

jay-bird?"

### THE STATE OF SEQUOIA.

#### The Name of the Originator of the Cherokee Indian Alphabet to be Honored.

The decision of the convention, which recently met at Muskogee, Indian Territory, upon a name for the new state to be added to the Union Dropped in Swedish Snow Bank- brings a total of thirty-three states which have adopted Indian titles for state names. The convention, after some little discussion, decided that the new state should be known as Sequoia, as a tribute to the great Cherokee leader, and is a fitting who have returned to Berlin after hav- honor which America owes to one of the really great red men of this continent. The Cherokee Indian alphabet was originated by George Gist, a halfbreed, known to the tribe as Sequoia, He was a statesman and a peaceable leader among the tribe. He was an illiterate man but the idea of an cattle. He carved eighty-six characters with his hunting knife out of pine bark, then he called the wise men together, and explained the characters. The tribunal council adopted that, and in later years one of the tribe translanguage, through which medium



THE HALF-BREED SEQUOIA.

Christianity was first taught among the Cherokees. It is to Sequoia that the Cherokee nation owes its splendid system of schools.

While in search of a lost band of Indians in 1844, Sequoia lost his life

California has already honored him by naming the "Big Tree" of that "Sequoia gigatea" after him state exhausted, through the snow and col England knows this tree as lapsed just as they reached the first "Wellingtonia." Thirty-two of the states of the union have adopted Indian titles, but "Thet there tree, Mirandy, reminds they are usually place-names; me amazinly uv a jay-bird.' state commemorates in its title any "Look-a-here, Si, yew're gettin' dippy. Haow on airth kin a tree fallen have Delaware named for Lord De acrost th' road put yew in mind uv a le Warr. Pennsylvaula for the Quaker. William Penn, and one for George "Becuz, Mirandy, it hez blew daown. Washington, but none to commemorate Giddap, Nance." an Indian.

If Vesuvius were vigorous enough to



MISS CLARA BARTON AND MRS. JOHN A. LOGAN.

**COLONEL HENDERSON'S** 

POEM.

Iowan's memory. The poem runs:

Our hearts will whisper: "This is right; Here live and love and drink delight 'Nor dream of woe." When reason suddenly cries out In tones that fill the heart with doubt And thunders: "No!"

SQUIBS

sionary work, was born in Oxford. engaged in literary work, and has re-Mass., in 1830. During the Civil War sided in the city of Washington, makshe did relief work on the battlefields ing her home in a quaint old house and organized the search for missing filled with mementoes of her hero husmen for which Congress appropriated band. This residence is on a most atthe sum of \$15,000. After the close of tractive little estate of about one-half that conflict she went abroad and car- acre in extent, located on the brow of ried on the Red Cross activities of the a hill overlooking the nation's capitol,

Franco-Prussian war, following which she did heroic work at the Johnstown flood, distributed relief in the Russian famine in 1892, and the Armenian massacre of 1896, at the request of the President of the United States carried relief to Cuba in 1898, and conducted the Red Cross relief at the Galveston flood.

America's most interesting representative in the world's group of grand old women has been loaded with honors by all nations, and her home is filled with valuable tokens of esteem. Chief among the treasures cherished by this idol of conquering armies are the jewels and decorations tendered her by the royalty of many nations, and constituting unquestionably the great-est collection ever bestowed upon any citizen of the United States. citizen of the United States.

GIFTS FROM ALL SOVEREIGNS. Conspicuous in the glittering array are the amethyst cut in the form of a pansy, an inch and one-half square, the gift of Miss Barton's personal riend the Crand Duchers of Bathar friend, the Grand Duchess of Baden; the Servian Red Cross decoration pre-sented by Queen Natalie, the Gold Cross of Remembrance bestowed by the Grand Duke and Duchess of Baden, a medal presented by the Queen of Italy, And ever thus we rise and fall, We hope and fear and tremble all Until we go. Then we shall have a sweet repose, There is a light that melts our woes, Lost is the No. an English decoration pinned on Miss Barton's dress by Queen Victoria; the Iron Cross of Germany presented by the Emperor and Empress, the decora-tion of the Order of Melusine presented by the Prince of Jerusalem, Cyprus and Armenia, and the brooch and pendant of diamonds, the gift of the people of Johnstown, in recognition of the great. service rendered by Miss Barton after the famous flood.

Miss Barton's father was in boyhood one of the soldiers of "Mad Anthony" Wayne, and Clarissa Harlowe Barton, as her name is inscribed in the family Bible, came to the Bay State home as

as her name is inscribed in the family Bible, came to the Bay State home as a human Christmas present. Like many walking is so much cheaper.

With each successive convulsion quantity of fine dust was projected aloft into the clouds. The wind could not carry this dust away as rapidly as it was hurled upward by Krakatoa, and accordingly the atmosphere became heavily charged with suspended particles. A pall of darkness thus hung over the adjoining seas and islands. Such was the thickness and the density of these atmospheric volumes of Krakatoa dust that for a hundred miles around the darkness of midnight prevailed at midday. Then the awful tragedy of Krakatoa took place. Many thousands of the unfortunate inhabitants of the adjacent shores of Sumatra and Java were destined never to behold the sun again. They were presently swept away to destruction in an invasion of the shore by the tremendous waves with which the seas surrounding Krakatoa were agitated. The development of the volcanic en-

ergy proceeded, and gradually the terror of the inhabitants of the surroundpanic was widespread, for the supreme catastrophe was at hand.

1883, the blackness of the dust clouds, now much thicker than ever in the Straits of Sunda and adjacent parts of Sumatra and Java, was only occasionally illumined by lurid flashes from the volcano. The Krakatoa thunders were on the point of attaining their complete development. At the town of Batavia, a hundred miles distant, there was no quiet that night. The houses trembled with the subterranean violence, and the windows rattled as if heavy artillery were being discharged in the streets, and still these efforts seemed to be only rehearsing for the supreme display. On the morning of Monday, August 27, 1883, the rehearsals were over and the performance began. An overture, consisting of two or three introductory explosions, was succeeded by a frightful convulsion

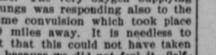
succeeded by a frightful convulsion which tore away a large part of the Island of Krakatoa and scattered it to the winds of heaven. This supreme effort it was which produced the mightlest noise that, so far as we can ascertain, has ever been heard on this globe. It must have been indeed a loud noise which could travel from Krakatoa to Batavia and pre-serve its vehemence over so great a serve its vehemence over so great a distance; but we should form a very eruption. The waves passed over our inadequate conception of the energy of the eruption of Krakatoa if we thought that its sounds were heard by impulse. The very oxygen supplying those merely a hundred miles off. This would be little indeed compared with

Westward from Krakatoa stretches the wide expanse of the Indian Ocean. On the opposite side from the Straits these waves to be followed unmistak-Recent events in Zion City make it ap-parent that Elijah the third has gone up almost as effectually as did the original. of Sunda lies the Island of Rodriguez, ably all over the globe. the distance from Krakatoa being al-A Kansas woman was kicked by a mule, causing her to bite off her tongue. She realizes now it is bad business to talk back to a mule. most 3,000 miles. It has been proved by evidence which cannot be doubted that the thunder of the great volcano attracted the attention of an intelli-gent coastguard on Rodriguez, who carefully noted the character of the sounds and the time of their occur-

heads, the air in our streets, the air in our houses, trembled from the volcanic our lungs was responding also to the supreme convulsion which took place what is recorded, on testimony which it is impossible to doubt. 10,000 miles away. It is needless to object that this could not have taken

> registering barometers have enabled Such was the energy with which these vibrations were initiated at Krakatoa, that even when the waves

> thus arising had tonverged to the point diametrical'; opposite in South \* (Continued on next page column 5.)



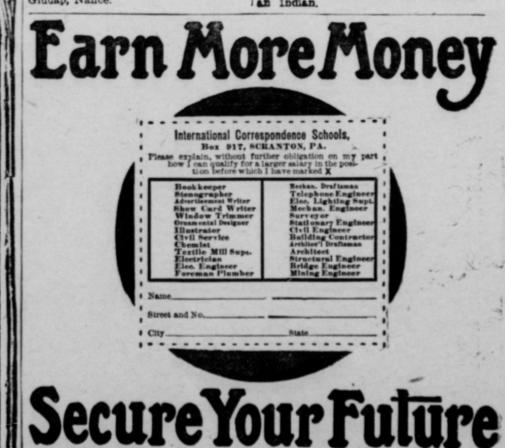
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ing coasts rose to a climax. July had ended before the manifestations of Krakatoa had attained their full violence. By the middle of August the

On the night of Sunday, August 26. Several years ago the late Col. D. B. Henderson wrote a poem entitled "Yes or No?" which slumbered until the other day, when it was read in Des Moines at a meeting held in the famous Is there a mentor strong and good That always indicates the road Where we should go. That tells us with unerring voice Which of the words should be our choice--The Yes or No?