



WORK is now well under way on the Manhattan bridge, the fourth great aerial high way over the East river planned by New York city.

The Manhattan bridge will be of the suspension type and will resemble somewhat the old Brooklyn bridge, long noted as the "jumping off" place of people ambitious to secure dime museum jobs or a golden harp and wings.

The Manhattan bridge is being erected very near the scene of Brodie's alleged exploit. In fact, it is so near the Brooklyn bridge that some people

freshened, might want me along with it. "From anchorage to anchorage I climbed a seven foot walk until I approached the ascent to the highest point on top of the first tower.

"I have been rocked in an ordinary cradle and in the cradle of the deep and enjoyed both sensations, but I was a new and creepy feeling to stand on the gently swaying, creaking structure at such an altitude and peer down between the great cracks of the foot-boards on the rickety path to the river below.

"Following the instructions of the contractors, I wore rubbers and low shoes to make my footing more secure. But when I felt a trifle dizzy I clung to the arm of my sturdy guide.

"The journey over the footpath was completed in just twenty minutes walking steadily all the while. Our time from the ascent of the stairs in Brooklyn to the finish on the New York side was just forty minutes, but it seemed to me as if I had spent years on the journey."



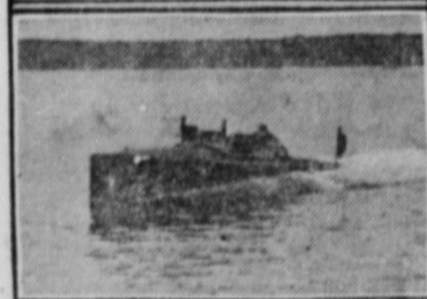
CHAMPION DIXIE II.

Swift Motor Boat That Won the Harmsworth Trophy.

It seems quite the fashion nowadays for the newspapers to print news that the United States has defeated Great Britain in some one sporting event or another.

The races took place off Huntington bay, Long Island, and, although five boats started, from the very outset it was seen that the result of the aquatic combat would be determined by the Dixie II, representing the United States, and the Wolsley-SM deley, owned by the Duke of Westminister, who is one of the most enthusiastic motor boat racers in all Britain.

Much of the credit for the sensational performance of the Dixie II goes to Captain S. Barclay Pearce,



CAPTAIN S. BARCLAY PEARCE AND LIZIE D.

who had direct charge of her during the contest. The engineer, Albert Rappuhn, collapsed during the race owing to the intense heat of the engines and the gasoline fumes that escaped. He fell senseless alongside of the swiftly pounding machinery, and Captain Pearce was forced to run the engines as well as to govern the course of the craft until the engineer regained his senses.

Faces In the Hall of Fame

Bert M. Fernald - Loudenslager of New Jersey and the Campaign - Frank O. Lowden of Illinois.



BERT M. FERNALD, nominated for governor by Maine Republicans, is making an active canvass. The state election in Maine is chiefly interesting to the rest of the country because it takes place a number of weeks before the general national election.

The late Senator Allison of Iowa was very cautious about taking sides on any question. "The more I see of that marvelous equilibrist, Allison," once remarked "Private" John Allen, "the more I am reminded of a man named Gates who used to live in my peerless town of Tupelo. Gates would never take sides. He would not commit himself. One day a doctor and a lawyer decided to force an opinion out of him. They got into a quarrel with Gates present.

"I was out hunting," said the doctor, "and I shot a bull buffalo. He was sitting up in a big tree eating grapes, and I plugged him and down he fell."

"Go along!" broke in the lawyer. "Buffaloes do not climb trees." "There was a long dispute, and the two decided to leave it to Gates. He deliberated carefully. 'Well,' he said finally, 'as a general thing buffaloes do not climb trees, but there's no telling what they will do when they are after grapes.'"

Congressman Henry Clay Loudenslager of New Jersey, who is to have charge of the New York headquarters of the Republican national campaign, is one of the hard working members of his party. He is serving his eighth term in congress. Mr. Loudenslager was mentioned as a probable chairman of the Republican congressional campaign committee, a post held for two years past by Congressman James S. Sherman, the vice presidential nominee. But Chairman Hitchcock decided to place the Jerseyman in personal direction of the work from New York.

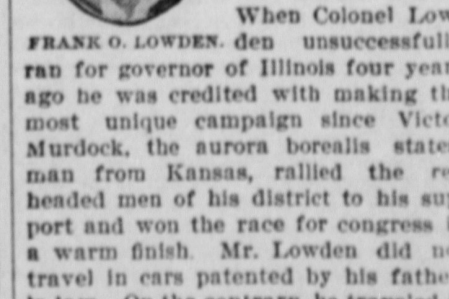


H. C. LOUDENSLAGER.

Mr. Loudenslager is fifty-six years old, a native of Maurice-town, Cumberland county, N. J., and has been in politics since 1882. He worked on a farm in his boyhood and was engaged in the produce commission business in Philadelphia for ten years. He returned to New Jersey and was elected county clerk in 1882 and was re-elected three years later. From this office he stepped up into congress, where his constituency of the First district kept him ever since.

Mr. Loudenslager lives at Paucatoro N. J.

Frank O. Lowden of Chicago, who is prominent as a member of the executive committee of the Republican national committee in the conduct of Judge William H. Taft's campaign for the presidency, is a lawyer and capitalist. He was born in Sunrise City, Minn., in 1861, and is an alumnus of the Iowa State university. Mr. Lowden married a daughter of the sleeping car magnate, the late George M. Pullman. He is a factor in various financial and industrial corporations of the middle west.



FRANK O. LOWDEN.

When Colonel Lowden unsuccessfully ran for governor of Illinois four years ago he was credited with making the most unique campaign since Victor Murdock, the aurora borealis statesman from Kansas, rallied the red headed men of his district to his support and won the race for congress in a warm finish. Mr. Lowden did not travel in cars patented by his father-in-law. On the contrary, he traveled in nothing but freight cabooses. He dressed in the working "togs" of a farmer and smoked a corn cob pipe.

Colonel Henry Watterson, the famous Kentucky editor, politician, statesman, lecturer and speaker, has had a varied and important career, and he is now engaging in still another branch of the world's work. He has been appointed the generalissimo of the publicity forces of the Democratic national campaign committee that is just now working to elect W. J. Bryan president, and that the colonel is extremely well fitted for this task not even his bitterest opponents will deny.

Dr. Wiley, Foe of Germs. "Marse" Henry Watterson, Publicity Expert of the Democracy.

papers throughout the country are kept supplied with timely matter concerning the Democratic candidates and the proceedings of the campaign. He will see to it that the speeches of Mr. Bryan and Mr. Kern, the vice presidential candidate, are placed before every voter in America who can read, no matter what language he reads, and



HENRY WATTERSON AT HIS DESK IN DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

that the editorial writers of the daily papers in the great cities are kept supplied with arguments to meet the attacks of the Republican speakers and writers.

The influence of the newspapers on a presidential conflict cannot be underestimated, and if Colonel Watterson with his national reputation and acknowledged ability can fulfill the plans he is already said to have made for advancing the cause of Democracy and Mr. Bryan there is no doubt that he will wield a most potent influence in the present contest for the most powerful governmental office in the world today.

Corn on the cob raised on the Bryan farm is now part of the daily menu at Fairview. The husks are being saved as provender for the Minnesota mules which has been donated to Mr. Bryan.

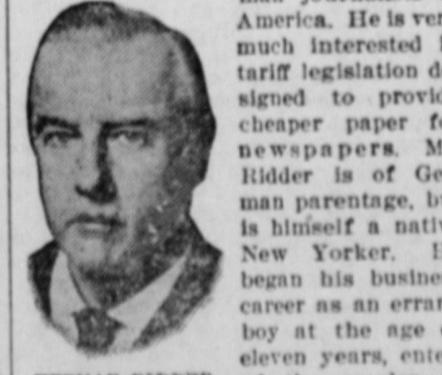
Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, who as pure food expert of the government is on the lookout for enemies of the public health, has started a crusade now against cracked crockery on account of the death dealing germs that may be concealed in the afore-said cracks and thus able to escape the onslaught of the dishwasher.



DR. H. W. WILEY.

Another expert on the subject, however, takes issue with Dr. Wiley and says: "Of course there are germs in cracked china, as there are in everything else in the universe. And it may be that some of these are bad instead of good. The proportion of bad germs to good ones is as 6 to 1,000,000,000. The bad germ may kill you; the good ones may be eaten by the spoonful without harmful results. A healthy person will eat many billions a day, or at a single meal without getting so much as a suggestion of the stomach ache. In fact, if he did not eat great quantities of micro-organisms he could not assimilate his food and would soon dry up and blow away."

Herman Ridder, who will collaborate with Colonel Henry Watterson and other Democratic editors in an advisory capacity to the national Democratic press bureau, is the president of the New Yorker Staats-Zeitung company and one of the best known German journalists in America. He is very much interested in tariff legislation designed to provide cheaper paper for newspapers.



Herman Ridder is of German parentage, but is himself a native New Yorker. He began his business career as an errand boy at the age of eleven years, entered the employ of an insurance company in his thirteenth year and at twenty became an insurance agent. He engaged in newspaper work seven years later, established the Katholisches Volksblatt, a German Catholic weekly, and in 1885 founded the Catholic News, which soon became the leading American paper of that religious denomination. Mr. Ridder has been influential in politics—city, state and national—as an independent Democrat. He took a prominent part in the Cleveland campaigns and in the various reform movements in New York city, having been especially active in the German-American Reform union. Much of his time is devoted to charitable work. A year ago he was elected president of the American Newspaper Publishers' association.

Sleepwalking. Women and children are more apt to suffer from somnambulism than men, possibly because their brain is more easily influenced by dreams. A somnambulist nearly always walks with his eyes wide open, the pupils being much dilated. He is a dreamer able to act his dreams, and in this state the timid become fearless, the weak strong and the stupid brilliant. Their somnambulist condition presents many curious anomalies. The somnambulist's sense of hearing is not often suspended, for, generally speaking, he will answer questions even if whispered, but often the same ear is deaf to loud noises. The sense of smell is frequently altered. Brimstone and phosphorus are said to be pleasant scents to the somnambulist, and many cannot tell wine from water, as the sense of taste becomes perverted or entirely suspended. Some people walk periodically in their sleep, while others do it spasmodically. One German doctor goes to the extreme of asserting that somnambulists are attracted by the moon, and thus they walk on roofs of houses and at great heights because they derive a peculiar pleasure from contemplating the moon.

A Tiny Death Dealer. A most agonizing death is caused by an insect half the size of a pea—a small black spider. It lives in Peru, in South America, but a few specimens have reached Europe in shipments of timber. Not long ago a dock laborer was unlucky enough to come upon one in the Victoria docks while unloading a bark. The tiny death dealer dropped upon the back of his hand and dug its fangs into his flesh. The bite itself was nothing, but as soon as the poison began to work the man fainted with pain. Soon afterward he came to and lived three days before the end came. This spider's venom scorches up the blood vessels and spreads through all the tissues, causing the most fearful agony a human being can have to bear. The worst of it is that the victim lives at least two days, enduring unthinkably anguish the whole time. This spider is luckily not common. It is known as the "specky," and when a man who knows what the bite means is bitten he generally blows out his brains.—London Chronicle.

Extreme Obedience. The Youngs had unexpectedly dropped in on the Baileys just as dinner was about to be served. The hostess, considerably disturbed, called her little daughter Helen aside and explained that there would not be enough oysters to go around and added, "Now, you and I will just have some of the broth, and please do not make any fuss about it at the table."

Little Helen promised to remember and say nothing. But when the oysters were served Helen discovered a small oyster in her lap which had accidentally been ladled up with the broth. This puzzled the little girl, as she could not recall any instructions covering this contingency. After studying a few moments she dipped the oyster up with her spoon and, holding it up as high as she could, piped out, "Mamma, mamma, shouldn't Mrs. Young have this oyster too?"—Christian Register.

Countess Hertford's Bell. Edward Seymour, earl of Hertford, in the days of Queen Elizabeth married as his third wife a beautiful young widow who had been engaged to Sir George Rodney, but whom she left for Lord Hertford. Sir George Rodney traveled to Amesbury and, putting up at the inn, awaited the homecoming of the earl and countess, who were expected to arrive the next day. The infatuated man wrote a dying ode to his fickle love, using his blood as ink, and upon the arrival of the bridal party he went out to meet them. Lady Hertford was agitated and terrified at the appearance of her old lover, and before Sir George could be prevented he drew his sword and, falling on it, expired at Lady Hertford's feet. The countess presented a bell to Amesbury church perhaps as a slight penance for her fickleness. The inscription runs: Be strong in faith, praye God well, Frances, Countess Hertford's bell.

Stars That Outshine the Sun. One of the government astronomers, referring to stars that are so distant that they have no measurable parallax, asserts that one of these, the brilliant Canopus, can be said with confidence to be thousands of times brighter than our sun. Whether he should say 20,000, 10,000 or 5,000 no one can decide. The first magnitude stars, Rigel and Spica, also are at an immeasurable distance and must, in view of their actual brightness, enormously outshine the sun.

Two Kinds of Bass. A gentleman told his wife one Saturday morning on leaving the house that he was going to spend the day at the lake fishing and would later wind up his week's work at the office during the cool evening and would therefore not be at home till late. He promised to send out by messenger at 6 o'clock the result of the day's catch. Before joining the other three gentlemen in the game of palimony that he thus sought to cover up he telephoned the store where he was accustomed to get all his table supplies to send up to his house about 6 o'clock a dozen bass and for the messenger to say to his wife that they came from him. When he came home on the last reach toward midnight he asked his wife if she had got the fine bass he had caught. She showed them to him. The purveyor of table delicacies had sent him a dozen Bass of the bottled kind.

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