

March Magazines

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UNION LABEL WAS NOT AN ACCIDENT.

That is the Opinion of a Man Who Served on the Maine.

The Wilkes-Barre Times last evening contained an interview with Frederick Wagner, of 147 Scott street, that city, who until a short time ago was a seaman on board the ill-fated Maine. He said:

"I am of the opinion that the explosion was caused by some external force, probably a submarine mine or torpedo."

"Do you think the explosion could have been an accident?" was asked. "I can't see how such could have been the case," replied Wagner, "as the strictest discipline is always observed on board; in fact, there is no vessel in the United States navy on which greater precautions were taken to guard against accident, than was observed on the Maine, and Captain Sigbee, the commander, is one of the strictest disciplinarians in the navy. Another thing which makes me believe it could not have been an accident is the fact that the ship was carefully inspected and the magazines securely locked every evening previous to sundown, and no one was allowed to enter them after that hour. The only time we seamen were allowed to enter the magazines were on the days we had gun drills. On such occasions we were sent in the magazines in charge of one of the officers."

"The duties of those sent in during the drills consisted in passing the ammunition from the magazine to the deck, where it was taken by another force, whose duty it was to pass it on to the guns. After the drill the ammunition was again passed to the magazine, where it was carefully stored. The powder was all kept carefully encased in copper cans, which were placed on racks, and the shells were carefully piled in a separate compartment. During these drills we were not allowed to wear our ordinary clothing or shoes, but were supplied with woolen uniforms and shoes without nails, so that by no possible means could an accident occur from friction if by any possible means any loose grains of powder should happen to be lying around."

Wagner ridiculed the idea that an infernal machine might have been snuggled on board or that the boilers blew up. The spontaneous combustion theory he also made light of for the reason that great precautions have always been taken to prevent anything of the kind.

Bronson & Tallman are showing the new Dunlap hat to-day.

WILL BUILD AN ADDITION.

Tenth Ward Silk Mill Plans Have Been Elaborated. Further extensions have been made in the plans for the big silk mill near completion in the Tenth ward. The original purposes of the promoters, Helling, David & Schoen, of New York city, were considered very elaborate, but recently the firm concluded that it would be increased floor space. The result has been an order to the contractor, Peter Stip, to build an additional two-story L, 50x80 feet.

Already the main structure has been erected above its first story. It will be entirely enclosed and ready for equipment April 15. It is expected that by June 15 the machinery will be in place and that manufacturing will begin two weeks later.

Another Silk Industry. Another silk manufacturing project which was abandoned last year after the preliminary negotiations had been brought to what was thought to have been a definite conclusion, but which fell through, seems likely to materialize. The manufacturers will be in Scranton to confer with local capitalists and board of trade officials in reference to the matter. If a mill is erected it will employ about 500 hands. The particulars will possibly be made public next week.

FERN WON WITH EASE.

He Had No Trouble in Running Away from E. A. Snyder, Who Came from New York City.

Scranton was reminded last night that it has an American champion in its midst, which it had almost entirely lost sight of. Ezra Fern, "Zeke" as he was known the country over in the days of the roller skating rink, donned his skates after a lapse of five years and with an ease that robbed the event of all semblance of a contest, ran away from E. W. Snyder, a New York crack, who was a good one in the old days and who by reason of recent performances thought himself to be the very best of these times.

The race took place in Finley's hall, Lackawanna avenue, where the sport has been lately revived. It used to be Keystone rink and was one of the first opened in this city. The front part of it has been cut up into offices, but about three-quarters of the former floor space remains and the old hardwood floor still being intact, it makes quite a respectable-sized rink.

The race was not extensively advertised, but despite this there was a goodly number of the cranks and admirers of the unconquerable "Zeke" on hand to have their minds pleasantly carried back to the days when Fern, the Marsh boys, the Dowdells, Young Baker and Pickwick, of Carleton, Jones, of Pittston; Joe Rice, of Wilkes-Barre, were heroes beside whom the epoch-makers of history paled, and when a membership in the Lackawanna, Ardians or Hickorys was more of a distinction in the eyes of the small boy than a seat in congress or an election to the French academy.

Fern showed up in surprising form. He had trained only about ten days, yet he proved himself to be still possessed of the qualities which made him the wonder of the roller skating world in the old days. Just what speed he worked up could not be measured, as the rink's dimensions are not exactly known and consequently no effort was made to catch the time. By comparison, however, it was plain to be seen that he was striking something very much like his old self. In the mile he passed Snyder eight times. This ended the race, but as neither man evinced a desire to stop the speedometer was continued for about three miles. Fern let down and contended himself with doubling his opponent only four times in the last two miles. He could have done better, but as it was his first race after a long absence from the rink, he did not want to risk over-exertion.

Snyder claimed that he met with an accident to his skate early in the race and that he prevented him from doing anything like his best work. He did not contend, however, that he would have won on anything like the time if he had not been handicapped. "All I want credit for," he said after the race, "is that I had the nerve to go up against Fern. That's all."

Fern authorized The Tribune to announce that he was back in the arena and ready to meet any man in Pennsylvania. After he improves in form he will make an unlimited challenge.

"Tommy" Marsh has issued a challenge to race any man in Luzerne or Lackawanna counties. Fern expected, Jones, of Pittston, and Marsh are being talked of for a race.

MISSION AT THE CATHEDRAL.

Dominican Fathers Will Begin There Tomorrow.

Next Sunday in St. Peter's cathedral a band of Dominican fathers will begin a two weeks' mission, the first for women and the second week for men.

On Sundays the masses will be as usual, and on week days the mission masses will be at 5 and 8 o'clock a. m. There will be rosary and sermon each evening, excepting Saturday. Confessions will commence on Tuesday of each week at 2:30 p. m. The hours for confession will be from 6 to 7 a. m.; 9 a. m. to 12 m.; 2:30 to 6 p. m. and 7:30 to 10 p. m.

VANDERVEKEN, THE VIOLINIST.

To Be Heard in Recital Here Tuesday, March 15.

An interesting violin recital will be given on Tuesday, March 15, at the bicycle club by Mr. Vanderveken, a Belgian violinist, who has played himself into great favor during his short sojourn here.

He will have the assistance of the well-known New York soprano, Mrs. Kathryn Thiel, who has been located in Scranton for the past eighteen months, and also of the excellent pianist, Miss Jennie Buchwald.

Reduction in Sheet Music.

\$1.00 pieces reduced to50c 75c pieces reduced to30c 50c pieces reduced to20c 40c pieces reduced to15c All orders 2c per copy extra for postage.

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Mackintosh Sale. The mfr. sale of fine line of mackintoshes will open up at 205 Lacka. ave. on Monday or Tuesday of next week. They have a large consignment of which will be sold at a very low price.

FIVE CARLOADS OF SCRANTON CRITICS

Their Love of Music Led Them on a Night Journey.

HEARD GUILMANT AT WILKES-BARRE

This City's Delegation Overlooked the Seats Reserved for Them at Last Night's Recital by the Famous Organist in the First Methodist Church--Guilmant's Playing Thrilled an Audience That Overtaxed the Church's Seating Capacity.

Five carloads of people went from Scranton over the Delaware and Hudson railroad last night to hear Monsieur Alexander Guilmant's organ recital in the First Methodist church, Wilkes-Barre, which left here on the 7 o'clock train, reaching its destination about 8 o'clock.

A generous section of the gallery had been reserved for the Scranton party and they more than filled it, swarming over steps and aisles. Every seat in the office was occupied and chairs were placed within the church for the accommodation of patrons. Scranton alone could have furnished 200 more had there been room.

Rev. W. H. Pease, D. D., pastor of the church, announced that now since the Scranton delegation had arrived, the programme could go on and that at its close an opportunity would be given for greeting M. Guilmant, who then came to the platform accompanied by Professor J. Alfred Pennington, organist of Elm Park church, this city, who graciously introduced him in fitting terms, speaking of him as the great organist of Trinity church, Paris, the famous composer, a teacher in the Paris conservatory, in itself a distinction great enough for one man and Chevalier of the Legion of Honor.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE.

M. Guilmant is a man of medium stature with a beautiful head over which thick silvery locks wave softly, and a face full of spirituality and swept by a silvery beard. But what shall be said of the music he evoked from the fine new organ recently placed in the church by Mrs. Priscilla Bennett. Even the unpractised ear could recognize the touch of the master as his hands swept the keys in the brilliant Toccata and Fugue in D minor with which the programme opened.

Most of all perhaps M. Guilmant's playing impresses the listener with its majestic smoothness, the wonderful command of all technique and all the art of composition. It is the absence of all artificiality, the freedom of the art, the subservience of all mechanical devices to expression. There is no pedaling, and no changing of registration is apparent and yet this registration is so marvelous as to surpass anything that has ever been heard.

Perhaps no numbers gave more pleasure in the first part of the programme than the little "In Paradisum," by Dubois, and the exquisite rendering of the Andante Cantabile of Widor. The climax was, however, the famous "Fugue Sonata" by the great performer himself, a work so difficult that it is attempted by few organists, and which he gave in full with the five movements, including the Chorale and Fugue. The soloist played with spry and brilliant phrasing poured it forth in wave after wave of harmony until, as the volume swelled forth into the finale, such an emotion was aroused that an involuntary burst of applause rose from the vast audience.

SCHERZO THEME.

The solemn and deep beauty of the Adagio, with the rich 'cello-like strain of an undertone, was played with passion and intensity, which yet brought out the restful tenderness of the theme to an almost inconceivable degree. In the sprightliness of the Scherzo theme was the marvelous smoothness of tone, the melting of the notes into another which even in the staccato passages left a gracious trail of harmony seldom brought out on the organ. The Chorale and Fugue, so dignified and stately in conception, was fascinating in its entirely unobtrusive rendering.

By request M. Guilmant improvised on the theme "Antioch," a verse of which was sung by the great audience. The brilliant exhibition of skill and genius which followed will not soon be forgotten by those who listened. It is impossible to describe range of conception of variety and yet classic fidelity to art in this performance.

One of the most inspiring numbers was the "Fiat Lux" of Dubois, which was new to most of the listeners. Under the master's hand the ideal theme soared like a lark above the cares of life and heralded the dawn commanded by the Infinite.

The concluding number was a Marche Pontificale by F. de La Tombelle, which embodied a grandeur of style and majesty of expression only heard at best on the king of instruments.

The excellent choir of the First church, composed of Miss Barnum, Miss Katherine Timmerman, T. R. Williams and C. W. Smith, with C. G. Goodrich, the church organist as accompanist, gave a Te Deum by Chapman. The quartette is a strong one, in which Miss Timmerman's powerful contralto is heard to advantage. The other vocal number, a duet by Messrs. Williams and Smith, was rendered with fine effect and received with enthusiastic applause.

SCRANTON'S DELEGATION.

The audience left the house awed and hushed and uplifted by the voice of the organ speaking beneath a magician's touch. The Scranton delegation expressed a unanimous feeling of appreciation for Mr. Pennington's efforts in securing such a privilege which was denied at home. Much credit is also due Mrs. S. T. Jones and Miss Edith Jones for faithful service in the enterprise of securing the advantages of special train and low rates.

Among those who made up the Scranton party were Hon. and Mrs. L. A. Waters, Professor Southworth, Professor Conant, Miss Griffin, Miss Florence Richmond, Professor and Mrs. Eisenberger, Professor Lemazo, Mrs. J. S. Oakford, Mrs. R. T. Black, Miss Hardenburgh, Miss Worthington, Mr. and Mrs. Whittemore, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Connel, Mrs. F. P. Price, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Thayer, Professor and Mrs. Haydn Evans, Mrs. Page, Professor J. M. Chance, Mrs. Hoelsett, Mrs. Sordam, Captain W. A. May, Miss Maud Mey, Dr. and Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Penman, Mrs. C. B. Scott, Miss Penman, Mrs. F. T. Vall, Mr. and Mrs. George Carr, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Godfrey, Mrs. Blackwood, Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Arja Williams.

Misses Hanley, Pierson, Jones, Lees, Pettigrew, Price, Hudnut, Davies, Browning, Conkling, Durkin, Swingle,

RULES GOVERNING PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Adopted at a Meeting of Republicans of Dickson City Borough.

PROVISIONS THAT THEY CONTAIN

The Borough Standing Committee Shall Consist of Three Members from Each Ward--What the Duties of the Committee Are--It is Required to Approximate the Expenses of the Borough and Ward Elections and Assess Candidates Accordingly.

AGED WOMAN HURT.

Fell on a Slippery Sidewalk on Lower Lackawanna Avenue. An aged woman living at 208 Washington avenue and said to be a Mrs. Jones, fell on the slippery sidewalk on lower Lackawanna avenue about 12 o'clock last night and was quite severely hurt. She was accompanied by a man thought to be her son and was assisted by him and others into Kaufman's restaurant.

After being taken in a carriage to the address given on Washington avenue Dr. W. G. Fulton was summoned to attend her. He found no bones broken but the patient was suffering from bruises and shock. She is about 62 years old.

WHITEHOUSE COMMITTED.

Sent to the County Jail to Await the Result of His Wife's Injuries. Says It Was an Accident.

Eli Whitehouse, who shot his wife in the chest at the Fryer's, Thursday afternoon, was committed to the county jail yesterday by Alderman Davis to await the result of his wife's injuries. The details of the shooting were printed exclusively in The Tribune yesterday morning. Mrs. Whitehouse was removed to the West Side hospital yesterday. Her leg is frightfully shattered, and if she recovers she will be maimed for life. The physicians at the hospital hope for the recovery of the woman.

Whitehouse's relatives asserted yesterday that the shooting was entirely accidental and was done while Mr. and Mrs. Whitehouse were wrestling for the possession of the gun. The following conversation, which occurred Thursday night at the Whitehouse residence, in the presence of County Detective Leshon, Chief of Police Evans, of Taylor, Constable Tim Jones and a Tribune reporter, gives rather a bad black eye to the accident theory.

"Oh, Eli, why did you do it?" said Mrs. Whitehouse, as she lay on a couch, suffering untold pain from the gun-shot wound.

"I couldn't help it, you drove me to it," replied Whitehouse.

"I don't know what you mean," said John G. Miller, Secretary.

THE PARIS EXPOSITION.

Are You Going? A club, which will save time, trouble and money, is being formed. The inevitable rush for berths, etc., makes it advisable to book early. I can suggest an easy plan which includes steamship, railway and hotel accommodation.

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Extra Service Between Buffalo and Cleveland. The Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway is now operating a drawing-room car service, daily between Buffalo and Cleveland, leaving Buffalo 7:25 p. m. (eastern time), arriving Cleveland 10:50 p. m. Returning, this car leaves Cleveland 6:00 p. m., arriving at Buffalo 11:30 p. m. (eastern time).

Auction Sale. Harris will sell furniture, new and old, this afternoon at 214 Penn ave., commencing at 2 o'clock.

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WHIST CLUB'S FAREWELL

The Organization Played Its Final Games Last Night.

The last games of the Scranton Whist club in their rooms in the Mears building--in fact, the last games of the club, as an organization--were played last night. On Tuesday the club went out of existence and its members join the Scranton Bicycle club.

NIGHT SCHOOL.

Scranton Business College. For the balance of the term students will be admitted to any of the departments of the evening session at the nominal rate of \$2.50 per month. Those wishing to take advantage of this rate should apply for admission not later than Monday, March 7.

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- 1. March, On a VentureHurt 2. Overture, King MydasEllenberg 3. Selection, The Wizard of the Nile, Herbert 4. Medley, A Gay Old TimeBeyer 5. Waltz, X-RayTyler 6. Selection, The Wedding Day, Edwards 7. March, The Idols' EyeHerbert 8. Selection, JaclitaRobyn 9. Medley Overture, PassetaniaBeyer 10. March, The Old ClubSchremser

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