

# SEWARD TALKS OF APRIL 14, 1865

Recalls Attack on His Father,  
Lincoln's Secretary of State.  
AND ALSO OF HIS OWN ESCAPE

He Was Assistant Secretary of State  
During the Administrations of Lin-  
coln and Johnson—Has Just Observ-  
ed His Eighty-second Birthday.

Frederick H. Seward, assistant secretary of state during the administrations of Presidents Lincoln and Johnson and son of William H. Seward, who was secretary of state at that time, recently observed his eighty-second birthday.

Mr. Seward has lived at Montross, N. Y., for forty-seven years. He went there to recuperate following the attempt upon his life by the man who tried to assassinate his father almost at the same minute that Wilkes Booth shot and fatally wounded Abraham Lincoln in Ford's theater, in Washington, not far from the home of Mr. Seward.

**A Memorable Night.**  
The incidents of the memorable night of April 14, 1865, were recalled by Mr. Seward as if they had happened only recently.

"It was about 10 o'clock when the doorbell at my father's house rang," he said, "and one of our negro servants, after an altercation, admitted a man who explained that he had come with a prescription from Dr. Verdi, our family physician, for my father, who was then ill with a high fever, induced by injuries he sustained in a carriage accident.

"I met the man at the top of the stairs and told him to hand over the prescription to me, positively refusing to let any one disturb my father. Impressed by my determination to prevent his access to my father's chamber, the stranger turned as if to depart and after descending two or three steps suddenly whirled around and, drawing a long revolver, rushed at me. He snapped the pistol close to my temple and when it missed fire exclaimed, 'That navy revolver!'

**Thought Him Done For.**  
"Before I could seize him he grasped the revolver in the middle and dealt me a blow on the head that stunned me and sent me staggering against the wall. In the fierce scuffle that followed he kept pounding me over the head and finally wrenched himself from my grasp. He then dashed into the room where my father was lying—fortunately on the far side of the bed on account of his injured arm, which he allowed to hang over the side—and there attacked him with a long bowie knife. Before he could be restrained by my sister and an invalid nurse, who were in the room at the time, he succeeded in inflicting a dangerous gash in my father's throat, almost reaching the jugular vein, and making several slashes at his face. Thinking that he had accomplished his purpose, he dashed out of the room, down the stairs, mounted his horse, which had remained standing in the street, and galloped away.

"This man was later arrested, and, of course, you know that his name was Henry Paine-Powell, an accomplice of Wilkes Booth, who had conspired to assassinate the secretary of state and the president of the United States.

"Well, the injuries I received that night left me in an unconscious condition for nine days. It was six months before I was able to resume my duties, and after I had finished my term as assistant secretary of state under President Johnson I decided to seek a quiet life to recuperate. For the benefit of my family I decided to take out a life insurance policy, but I could not get one, because the doctors said I couldn't live but a few years. I came to Montross, and, to my surprise, I found that I was still living beyond my allotted time."

### CONSTELLATION ROTTING.

Navy Department Urged to Save Hulk of Gallant Ship.

The frigate *Constellation*, Truxton's gallant old ship, which cleared the Atlantic of French privateers and struck the colors of many a hostile craft in the war of 1812, lies off Newport with bottom a-rot. Many patriotic societies are pressing the navy department to see to it that she is preserved.

While there is a strong sentiment in the navy for the preservation of the famous old ship which first won respect for the flag on the high seas, congress has been reluctant to appropriate for it.

The famous Constitution—"Old Ironsides" to a loving nation—was saved from an ignominious end only after the genius of Oliver Wendell Holmes had immortalized her name in verse.

Unless a patriotic public sentiment demands her preservation the once magnificent old *Constellation* will become a rotting wreck of old timbers and masts.

### Big Russian Project.

Among the gigantic projects for the industrial advancement of Russia is one for connecting the Volga river with the Black and Azov seas. The plan contemplates the construction of a canal which would give ships of the Volga type a direct route to the sea.

## Yoshihito, Heir to Japan's Throne



### DECLARES THERE WAS NO GARDEN OF EDEN.

Chicago University Man Calls Bible Narrative "Figure of Speech."

Professor Edward Robertson of the University of Chicago has been searching for the garden of Eden. He has spent years on the hunt, and he now writes that it was "folly." He denies the claims of critics who have placed the garden variously in Armenia, in Babylonia, in Arabia and elsewhere.

Professor Robertson advances the theory that the section of Genesis containing the account of the garden is not the work of one hand, but a composite document. He asserts:

"It is evident that the whole narrative is a figure of speech enshrining the doctrine of an irresponsible and sinless state in which man was created, whence he passed into one responsible and sinful. From what we can gather there appears to have been no definite location of the garden in the mind of the narrator. His pleasure garden is an ideal locality."

He intimates that the tradition of the creation of woman in Eden may be the result of corruption of the text. Of the efforts of early editors to weld the different documents he says:

"By arranging the texts suitably it might be made to appear that woman was created after man was put into the garden. The same, too, with the beasts of the field. Thus it comes about that the creation of woman and of the beasts of the field is made to appear as a work performed by the Lord God within the garden, while the language used, as can readily be observed, conveys not the slightest hint that such was really the case."

### NAME WOMAN FOR CONGRESS.

Democrats of Los Angeles Select Miss Musa Rawlings as Candidate.

Democrats of the Ninth congressional district of California have selected as the next candidate of the Democratic party for congress Miss Musa Rawlings, who was secretary of the Women's Champ Clark club during the recent campaign.

Those who are behind Miss Rawlings' candidacy declare a campaign will be made with vigor and seriousness and expect that the first woman member of congress is to come from Los Angeles. Petitions for Miss Rawlings' nomination are being circulated. It is thought these will be little difficulty in getting a sufficient number of signatures to Miss Rawlings' petition to have her name placed on the ballot.

Those who have proposed Miss Rawlings' name as a congressional candidate declare that she would capture the woman vote of the district with the Democratic vote and that with the probability of the Republican vote being split in the coming election the possibility of her election is extremely bright.

### STOCKINGS OF GOLD THREAD.

Others Showing Peacocks in Natural Colors—Shorter Skirts.

According to a Vienna fashion paper, women's stockings made from real gold thread and silk are to be the fashion there this autumn. They will cost \$25 a pair.

Another novelty will be black or white silk stockings which above the ankles will be worked in various designs, such as a peacock with its tail outstretched, in gorgeous colors.

To enable these embellishments to be visible shorter skirts are to be insisted upon by the dressmakers.

### THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE MODERN WORLD.

Wireless, Telephone, Aeroplane, Radium, Antiseptics Among Them.

The seven wonders of the modern world, according to the poll of a thousand scientists in America and Europe, are, in the order of importance: Wireless telegraphy, telephone, aeroplane, radium, antiseptics and antitoxin, spectrum analysis, X ray.

The vote was taken by the editor of the Popular Mechanics Magazine. The seven wonders of the ancient world were chosen by the Greeks before the birth of Christ. They were: Pyramids of Egypt, Pharos of Alexandria, Hanging Gardens of Babylon, Temple of Diana and Ephesus, Statue of Jupiter, by Phidias, Mausoleum of Artemisia, Colossus of Rhodes.

The Pharos was a lighthouse 400 feet high. The Colossus was of cast metal, not half as high as the Statue of Liberty.

The modern wonders were chosen from a ballot containing fifty-six subjects of scientific and mechanical achievement. There were blank spaces for the insertion of any other subjects the voters might select. Wireless telegraphy got the greatest number of votes. The Panama canal was given 100 votes; anaesthesia, 94 and synthetic chemistry, 81.

Only one ballot, the last to be received, which bore the name of one of the most distinguished authorities on chemistry of Munich, Germany, was checked for the seven titles, the total vote showed to have been selected. Six ballots, one from India, two from France, two from Germany and one from the United States, showed the selection of six of the final seven.

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