

FIND LENGTH OF THE NILE.

Surveyors Estimate That the Mighty River Extends 3,975 Miles.

The length of the Nile is usually given as 3,355 statute miles to the center of Lake Victoria, or 3,728 miles for the continuous waterway from the source of the Kagera to the sea; the area of its basin is given as 1,119, 737 square miles. These measurements have hitherto been made on small scale maps, but since a considerable part of the upper Nile has been recently surveyed on 1,250,000, or a larger scale and numerous points in its course have been fixed astronomically and by triangulation it is now possible to measure its length sufficiently accurate to furnish a value which Captain H. G. Lyons in a paper published in the Geographical Journal, says later surveys probably will not materially alter.

According to the data obtained from measurements made with the curvimeter and the mean of four concordant readings, Captain Lyons finds that the total length of the Nile from Ripon Falls to the Rosetta mouth is 3,473 miles, and the length of the Kagera River, a tributary to the Nile, to Ripon Falls is, according to the latest charts, 502 miles. This makes the Nile from its source to its discharge in the Mediterranean, 3,975 miles in length.

The area of the Nile basin will vary according to the distance to which its limits are considered to extend on the west of the Nile northward of Khartoum. It has here been taken as far as the cliff of the desert plateau, or the first marked rise of the desert, where the cliff is absent, probably, on the average, two to two and one-half miles from the edge of the cultivation. The latest computation establishes the area at 1,107,227 square miles.—Chicago Chronicle.

Man and Bird.

We were at Manassas in Virginia some months ago and saw at the express station a lot of "homing-pigeons." About ten o'clock in the day the door of the crate was opened, the birds soared straight up into the air several hundred feet and then, with strange but unerring instinct, struck a straight air line for Boston, Mass., many hundred miles away. It was an almost daily occurrence and the homing birds seldom failed to reach their destination somewhere in the neighborhood of twenty hours. For these birds will make from 500 to 1,000 miles in one uninterrupted flight, going at 30 to 45 miles the hour. Germany, France and other European powers have long made use of these birds in time of war, sometimes sending as many as 30,000 words on films of collodion by one pigeon.

The homing-pigeon, though the only bird used for practical purposes as carriers are by no means the swiftest nor the stoutest flyers. The blue-throat, allied to our robin, spends its winters in tropical Africa or India and summers on the shores of the North Sea, in Siberia or Alaska, a distance of 1,600 miles and always makes the journey in one uninterrupted flight in less than a day and night. But even the Blue-throat is not equal to the stork that spends his summers in Austria-Hungary and his winters in India or Central Africa, making the journey twice a year in an unbroken flight. The distance in an air line is twenty-four hundred miles and the stork makes the trip in less than twenty-four hours—one hundred miles an hour for the whole distance.

By steam, electricity or airship however propelled, will man ever equal this speed? That is doubtful. With all his energy, skill and equipment, man has never yet equalled the industry of the ant, the subtlety of the bee and the speed of the bird. "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man that thou visitest him?"—Christian Sun.

"A cold or cough nearly always produces constipation—the water all runs to the eyes, nose and throat instead of passing out of the system through the liver and kidneys. For the want of moisture the bowels become dry and hard." Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar is the original Laxative Cough Syrup. It meets and corrects the above conditions, by acting as a pleasant cathartic on the bowels—expels all mucus from the system and cures all coughs, croup, whooping cough, Latrippe, bronchitis, etc. Hood Bros. Benson Drug Co. J. R. Ledbetter.

Drinking Less Whiskey.

During the last five years there has been a steady decrease in whiskey drinking. A Chicago newspaper has been gathering statistics which warrant it in saying that the consumption of distilled spirits, other than those made from fruits, in the fiscal year 1905, was 116,143,732 gallons, or 704,640 gallons less than in 1904. What is the cause of this falling off? The Chicago paper says:

"The falling off is attributed to various causes, among which a genuine reform in popular drinking habits is gratifyingly included. Another cause is the rigor with which the Sunday saloon closing laws have been enforced in many cities since Governor Folk, of Missouri, led the crusade for law and order in that State."

The decrease in drinking and drunkenness in North Carolina in the past few years has been most remarkable. There have been several causes, the first being the pronounced sentiment for temperance that has made itself felt in the Watts law, the Ward law, the voting out of saloons in more than a score of towns and the crusade against the use of intoxicants. Another cause has been the action of business men and corporations that refuse to employ men known to love strong drink, enforcing practical temperance as a condition precedent to securing a job and as a necessary condition to holding one.

There is still all too much drinking, but if the decrease is as marked during the next ten years, as during the past ten years, many thousands of dollars will go into the comforts of home and new and better houses that have gone down thirsty throats. There is a duty for every business man: Discourage drinking by the example you set the young men in your employ, and who look up to you for guidance, and by tactful admonition to men with whom you come in contact in business, particularly young men who have not contracted the degrading and demoralizing habit.—News and Observer.

\$117,000,000 To Run Gotham.

New York, Sept. 23.—In spite of the extraordinary efforts of Mayor McClellan and Comptroller Grout to keep the budget for 1906 as low as possible to prevent a cry of extravagance from Fusion candidates, it is probable the city's current expenses next year will exceed \$117,000,000, an increase of more than \$7,000,000. The total estimate, it is expected, will exceed by \$50,000,000 the amount actually allowed by the Board of Estimate when it meets to make up the budget on Monday of next week.

A 500-Pound Bridegroom.

Tarrytown, N. Y., Sept. 21.—Thomas F. Hogan, North Tarrytown's fat man, was married to Miss Helen E. Fitzgerald, of New York City, at St. Teresa's Church this morning. Hogan weighs more than five hundred pounds, and his wife about a hundred pounds.

"It was a case of love at first sight," said Hogan.

He has only one eye, but he said he knew that Miss Fitzgerald was his affinity as soon as he saw her. They met only once previous to their marriage.

Japan's War Losses.

London, Sept. 27.—The Tokio correspondent of The Standard says that Japan's war losses to date are as follows: Killed, 46,180; died of wounds, 10,970; died from sickness, 25,300. The percentage of deaths from sickness was less than one-fourth of the total, which is not paralleled in the annals of war.

A Cold Storage Romance.

He—Had an odd experience the other day. One morning my breakfast boiled egg had an inscription on it. It said: "The finder may write to me," signed "Mary Smith."

She—What reply did you get? He—The postmaster replied, dan said that Miss Smith died of old age several years ago.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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BRYAN STARTS ON WORLD TOUR.

Refuses a Private Car and Pays His Railroad Fare.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 21.—Mr. William Jennings Bryan, accompanied by Mrs. Bryan and their two children, William and Grace, started west over the Union Pacific this afternoon for their long-contemplated trip around the world.

Mr. Bryan bought railroad tickets for himself and the members of his family, having declined a proffer from the Union Pacific Railroad of a private car from Omaha to San Francisco. In this action Mr. Bryan acted in conformity with the plank of the Nebraska Democratic platform, adopted at the convention which he addressed at Lincoln yesterday, which reads:

"This convention emphatically condemns the issuance of free transportation for any purpose other than in genuine cases of charity or bona-fide employes actually in the pay of the issuing corporation, and demands the adoption by the next Nebraska Legislature of a law making the intentional acceptance or issuance of such free transportation a criminal offence."

Woes of 12-year-old Wife.

Carrollton, Ky., Sept. 23.—Wearing a dress that barely reached her shoe tops, Mrs. Margaret Darboe, the 12-year-old wife of Riley Darboe, one of the best known young men in this section, appeared in the Carroll Circuit Court yesterday and asked for a legal separation from her husband, and that her maiden name of Butts be restored to her. The petition was granted.

Margaret Butts is an orphan. Several years ago she was taken from the Kentucky Orphans' Home and adopted by Mrs. J. W. Butts, of this city. The girl took the name of Butts, and being mature for her age, became, when she was not 11 years old, one of the belles of the county. Six months ago she was wooed and won by Riley Darboe. Their marriage caused a sensation. After a few days the wife returned to the home of her adopted parents.

Good advice to women. If you want a beautiful complexion, clear skin, bright eyes, red lips, good health, take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. There is nothing like it. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Selma Drug Co., A. H. Boyett.

President Should Apologize.

It seems to be a fair question whether President Roosevelt does not owe Judge Alton B. Parker a public apology. The President's quick sense of "squareness" must certainly be much troubled by the disclosure that at the very moment last November when he was hotly resenting Judge Parker's charges regarding the squeezing of corporations for Republican campaign money, the committee charged with forwarding his canvass was accepting money abstracted from a fund for the assistance of widows and orphans and using it to promote his election. Probably Judge Parker at the time never supposed the case was quite as flagrant as it is now known to have been.—Springfield Republican.

The Merry Bells.

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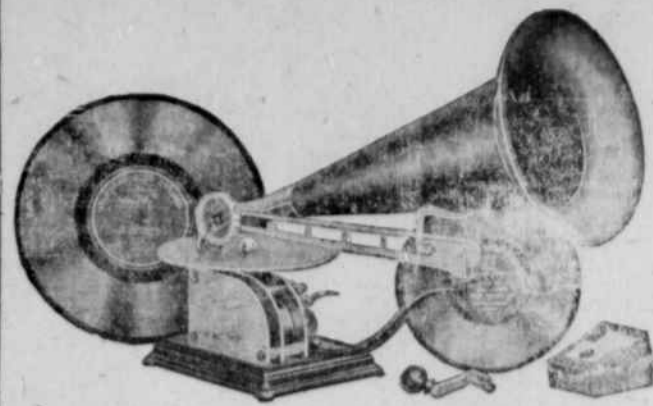
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