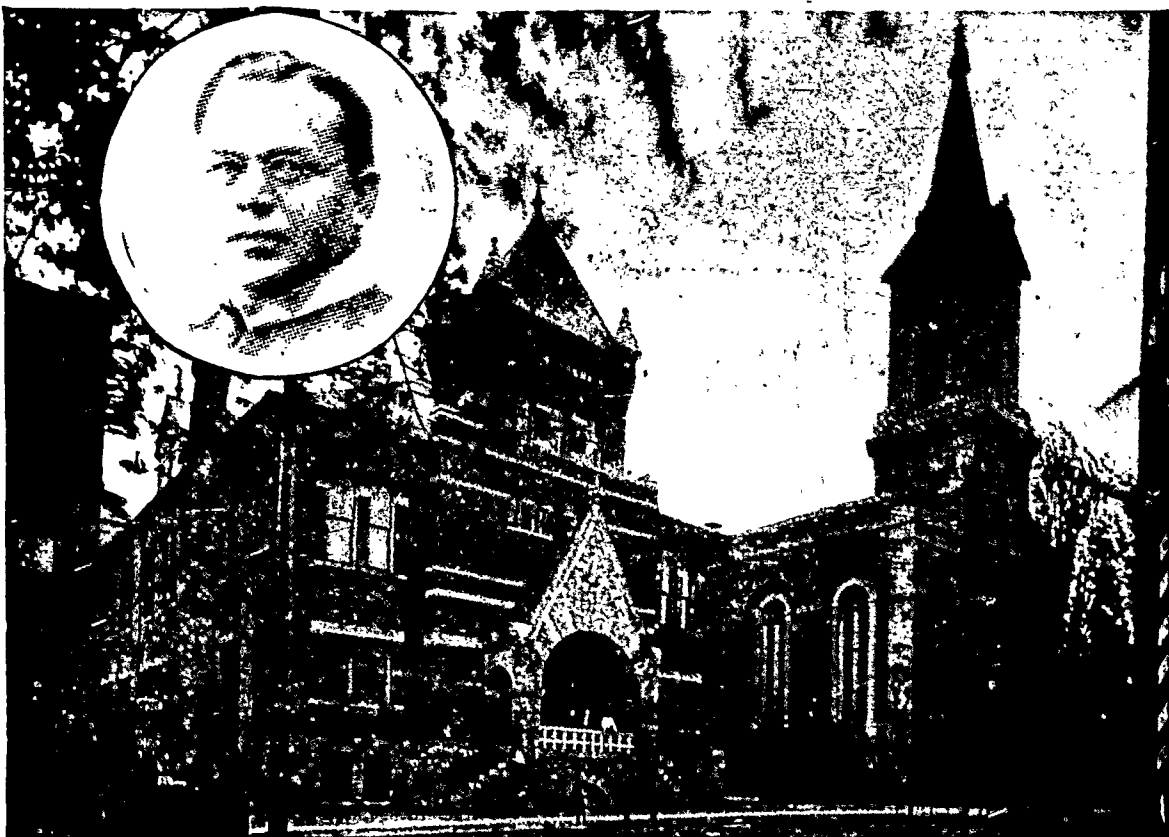


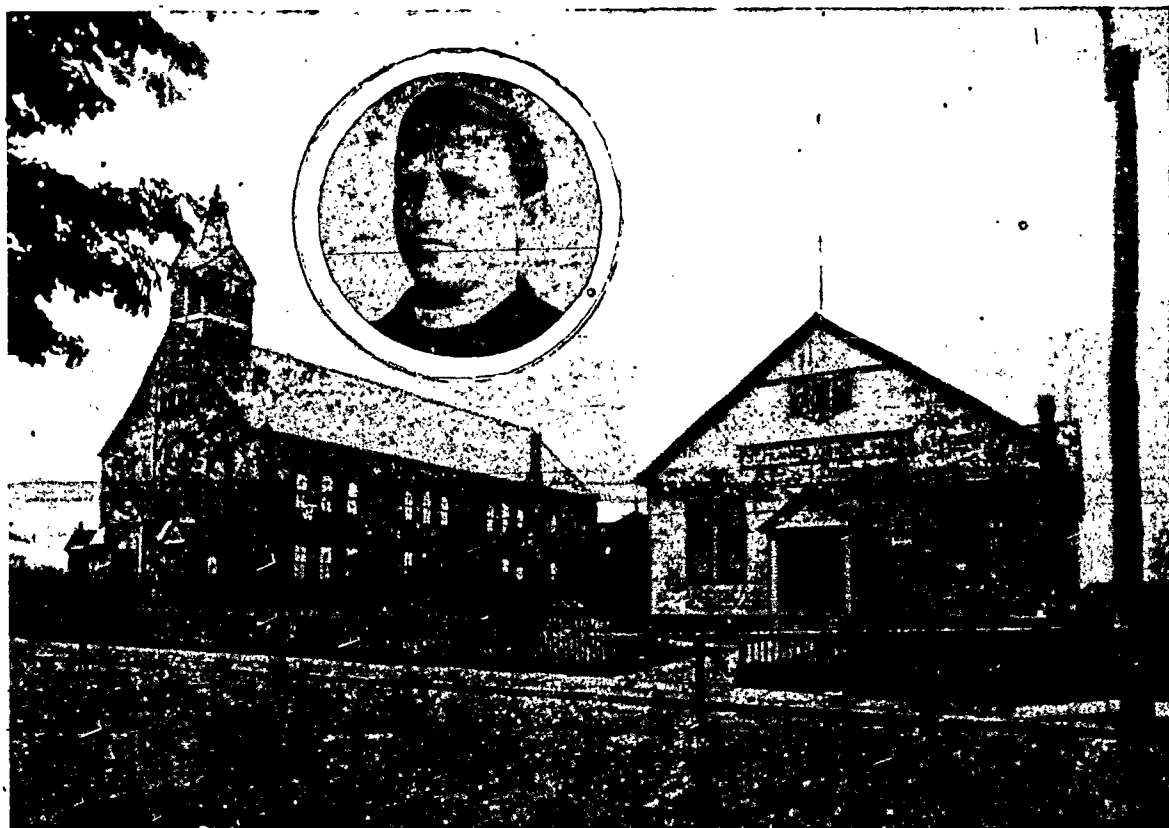
St. Mary's

This parish was organized in 1834 and is one of the "irremovable rectories." Rev. William Gleeson, M. R., is rector, with Revs. E. A. Rawlinson and John Conway as assistants. The parish school is under the direction of the Sisters of Mercy.



St. Joseph's

Organized in 1835. It is under care of the Redemptorist order and is the only parish in the diocese not under control of the secular clergy. Rev. William Kessel, C. S. R., is its rector and the Sisters de Notre Dame have charge of the school.



St. Francis Xavier

In 1888 the German Catholics in the vicinity of Bay street was thought large enough to warrant an independent parish. Rev. A. Netzel is rector.



Our Lady of Victory

This parish for French Catholics was organized in 1848. One of its pastors was the late lamented Chancellor De Regge. At present Rev. A. A. Notebaert is its rector.

AGES OF RUSSIAN GENERALS.

Do Their Advanced Years Account for the Defeats in Manchuria?

An officer of the United States navy writes to the Sun that he sees in the extreme old age of some of the Russian generals, a possible explanation of their failure to resist the Japanese successfully. He cites the cases of Gen. Kaulbars, who is about 76, and of Gen. Gripenberg, nearly 80.

The latter was criticised by Gen. Kuropatkin for the loss of the battle of Halkoutai, preceding Mukden, and returned to St. Petersburg protesting that he had not been properly supported on the critical day by the commander-in-chief. Their quarrel is being investigated.

Kuropatkin, though only 57, has, after a long series of reverses, been superseded by Lilevitch, said to be 65. So Russia is ignoring the Oslar theory in trying to find a man who can rally her scattered forces and win a victory.

Stoessel was 60 when he lost Port Arthur after a heroic defence. Nogai, his conqueror, is about the same age.

Field Marshal Oyama, Japan's greatest soldier, who has won an unbroken series of victories in the present Manchurian campaign, is 63. It is recorded that he took part in his first engagement, a feudal battle, at the age of 10.

He was a general at 31. His first great victory, the capture of Port Arthur from the Chinese, was won when he was 53.

Kuropatkin was certainly more successful when a young man. He entered the Russian army at 17, and during the Russo-Turkish war made a brilliant record at the age of 29.

As was pointed out in these columns some weeks ago, soldiers have become famous at varying ages. Our own Gen. Winfield Scott was 61 in the Mexican War, and the famous Von Moltke, in the Franco-Prussian War, scored his greatest triumphs when 70. Wellington and Napoleon were only 45 at Waterloo.

So the record runs through the world's history.

Radioro, a New Alloy.

Radioro, or radium gold, is a remarkable new alloy which, according to report, is destined to work a radical change in the metal industry. This new metal is said to be brilliant, like gold, does not tarnish, is readily melted, is as hard and elastic as steel, and so ductile that it can be made as thin as leaf gold. In casting, its surface is as smooth as pure gold and without roughness or blisters of any kind.

With all these wonderful properties, it can be sold at a smaller price than copper. The name of the inventor is Vgo Travaglini.—Leipziger Uhrmacher Zeitung.

Dresden Chinaware.

None of the chinaware, it is said, that is sold as Dresden china is made in Dresden. In the course of a lawsuit in London, in which a firm was prosecuted for selling ware as Dresden and marking the goods as such, it was stated that no china is manufactured at Dresden. The name is applied to the products of the royal factory at Meissen. Many pottery decorators at Dresden work upon china that is manufactured at different places, is transferred to that city, receives its imprint and is then disposed of as Dresden china.

Why Corn Pops.

When the grains of maize or Indian corn are gently roasted they burst with a pop and turn inside out. They are then known as popcorn. This popping is due to the evaporation of the oil contained in the kernel. Ordinarily wheat does not pop so readily, because the outer portion of the kernel is more porous, and thus permits the escape of the oil as it evaporates. In the case of popcorn a great pressure is developed in the kernel by the confined oil, which is present in greater quantity, so that the kernel is suddenly exploded and reversed.

Royal Temper.

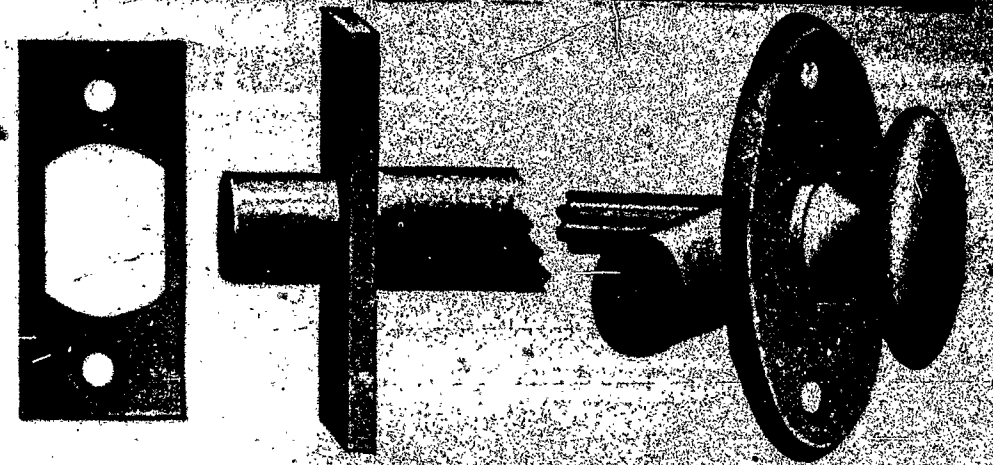
This story is making the rounds of the press in Europe: The story was told me by a Nihilist, who declared it to be true. An ancient German specialist was recently consulted by the czar about the health of his heir. The German made an examination, pursed up his mouth and seemed dissatisfied. "Well," said the emperor, "what is the matter? I insist upon knowing." "In that case," quoth the blunt Teuton, "I shall tell you. He is a congenital idiot." Then the imperial temper boiled over; the imprudent scientific man received a sounding box on the ear and was ignominiously kicked out of the room.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Rat Skins as Ear Flaps.

Japanese soldiers along the Sha river have shown their ingenuity in the utilization of an oversupply of rats. The rodents became a pest and the soldiers set to work to destroy them. Though destroyed, the rats were not wasted. The soldiers cured the rat skins and used them for ear flaps, with the tails tied beneath the wearers' chins.

Fortune Telling Teacup.

In the fashionable West End of London a teacup especially made for fortune telling is being sold. The cup is engraved on the inside with the mystic symbols of the fortune teller—a bell, heart, horseshoe and so on. The tea leaves at the bottom are swirled round the cup, and according to the position or objects on which they stick so is one's fortune.



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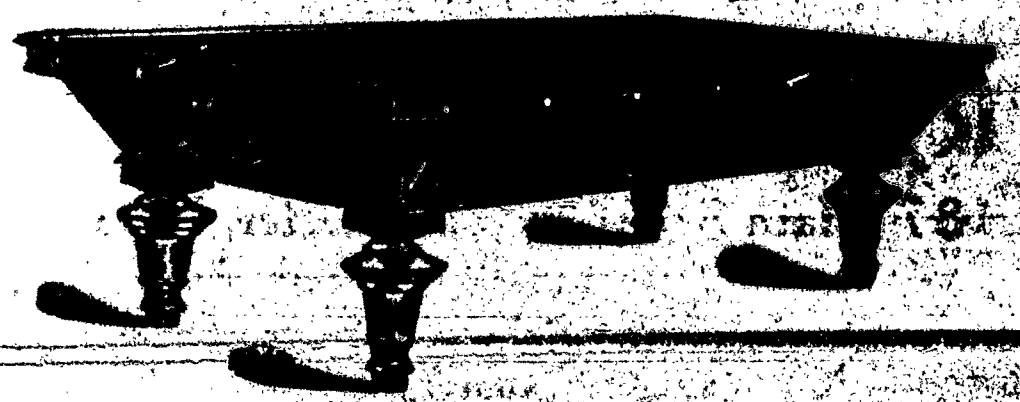
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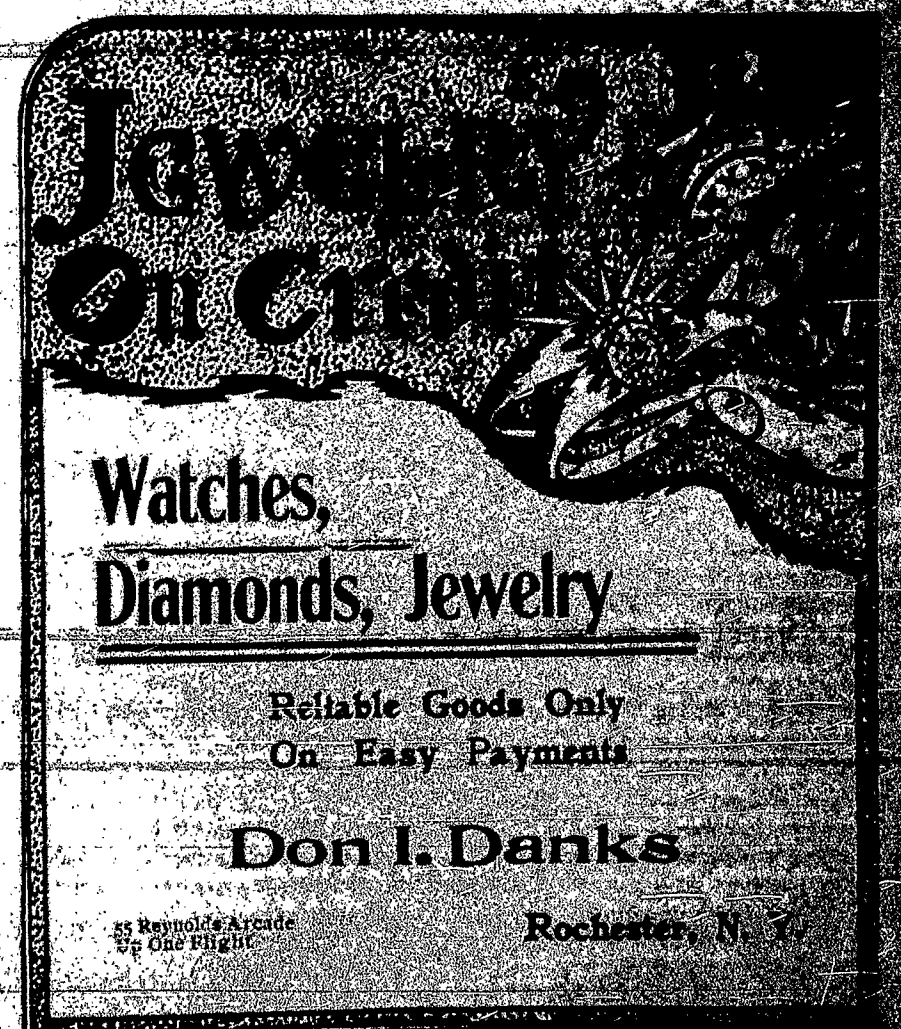
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