

CURRENT EVENTS

The fastest American warship is the torpedo-boat destroyer Ried, which made a magnificent record in her first official test at Rockland, Maine, yesterday. Her fastest mile was made at the rate of 34.584 knots per hour, which is nearly a knot better than her sister ship, the Flusser, did a month ago. The Ried was built at Bath and will go into commission Oct. 28th.

The war department in Washington has decided to abolish mimic wars and the annual "fall manœuvres" of the militia on account of the suffering and general bad effects as shown by the late activities near Boston.

Pig iron production records of the entire iron and steel industry will be broken this month with the furnaces of the country going at the rate of 28,000,000 tons or over. This is the last important record to go in the wonderful pace at which the steel trade has moved within the past five months.

Edgar W. Mix, the American aeronaut from Columbus, Ohio, won the international balloon race for the Gordon Bennet Cup at Zurich. Mr. Mix landed to the North of Warsaw, having covered a distance of about 700 miles.

(From the London Chronicle).

Joachimstal, near Carlsbad, which King Edward has been visiting to see the extraction of radium from pitchblende, is the original home of the "dollar." For it was from the silver mines of this Bohemian town that there was coined in 1518, by order of Count Schick, the guldengroschen that became famous as the "Joachimsthaler," and was afterward called the "thaler" for short. The American form of the word comes through the Low German "dahler." Not one person in a thousand who handles dollars today has ever heard of Joachimsthal, or realizes that "dollar" by derivation means just "volleyer."

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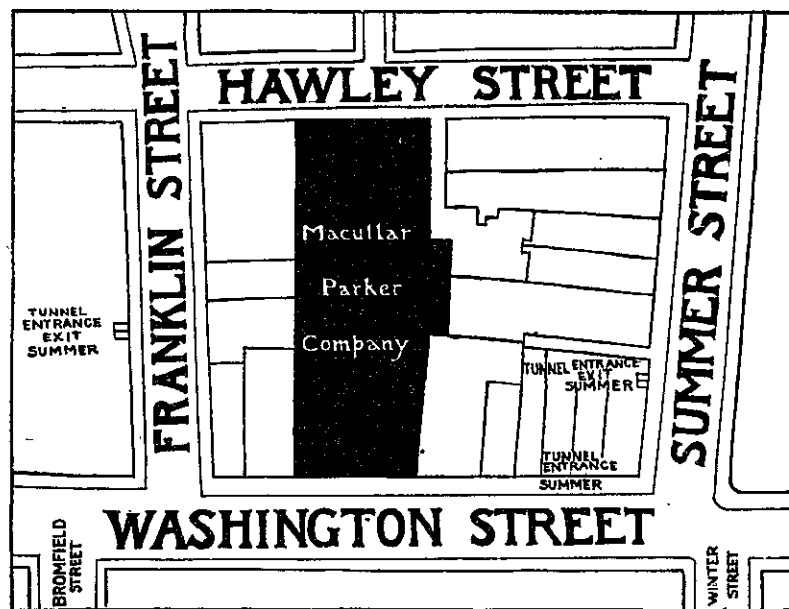
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