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## FAMOUS PEACE TREATIES

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### TREATY OF BASLE, 1795.

The Treaty That Brought Recognition to France After Her Revolution.

The fall of Robespierre in 1794 introduced a more moderate and conciliatory spirit into the councils of republican France, while at the same time the victorious campaigns of the French armies cooled the ardor with which the hostile princes who surrounded the young republic had been prosecuting the war. The smaller German princes were especially desirous of bringing such a war to an end. At a conference it was declared that Germany had no intention of interfering with the domestic affairs of France and negotiations looking to a satisfactory peace should be begun. Before this France had, since the revolution and the execution of the king, been an outlaw among European nations. In Italy the grand duke of Tuscany was already negotiating with France for a peace, being the first of the European rulers to recognize the French republic. Austria and England, however, declared that the war must go on. But Austria had almost ceased fighting and the emperor retired to Vienna in discouragement. The republican armies held Belgium and the left bank of the Rhine and had even made conquests beyond that river.

Opened Strongholds to French Forces.

The prince of Orange fled to England and the Dutch opened their strongholds to the French forces. Savoy and Nice were in the hands of France, and the Austrians in Piedmont were held in check by Bonaparte—whose military genius was now beginning to be universally recognized and who had been promoted to be a brigadier general.

Spain, which had suffered many reverses, many of her cities being in French hands, was only kept in the condition by the desire of the king to safeguard the children of Louis XVI and the pressure of the British. Prussia was already negotiating with France. In the spring of 1795 Hardenberg, on the part of Prussia and Barmstein, an experienced French diplomat, on the part of the republic, con-

cluded at Basle, Switzerland, a treaty which was approved by the committee of public safety, of which Cambaceres was the head. The Jacobins objecting, Cambaceres said: "Do you wish perpetual war? If so, I can tell the people they are ruined by too many demagogues. We shall trace the natural limits of the republic, make sure of the rivers which, after watering several of our departments, flow to the sea, and the territories which are occupied by our arms."

The treaty was signed between Prussia and France at Basle on April 5, 1795. By this treaty the Rhine was made the eastern boundary of France until peace was concluded with the empire and a line of demarcation fixed the neutrality of northern Germany, for which Prussia was to be responsible. By a secret article it was agreed that if, at the conclusion of a general peace with the empire, France retained the left bank of the Rhine Prussia should receive a territorial indemnity for its possessions there, the same to be taken from Austria or some other handy nation, and France would see that she got it.

Treaty With Holland.

In May a treaty was concluded with Holland by which Dutch Flanders, Maastricht, Venloo and Flushing received French garrisons. Holland paid an indemnity and gave up half her land and sea forces to France. On July 22 a treaty with Spain was signed at Basle, by which all conquests in that country were abandoned, but Santo Domingo ceded to France. The little dauphin was dead in his prison, but the princess royal it was arranged to exchange for certain French officers. At first France demanded that Spain give her back Louisiana, but that claim was abandoned. A retrocession was forced five years later, however.

Prussia, Spain, the republics of Genoa and Venice, Holland, Switzerland, Turkey, Sweden, Denmark, the Hanseatic towns and Tuscany now followed the example of the United States in entering into peaceful relations with the French republic.

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### PEACE OF TILSIT, 1807.

Napoleon, the Conqueror, Cut Up Europe to Suit His Needs.

The treaty of Tilsit signaled the defeat of the fourth coalition against France, which consisted of Russia, Prussia, Austria, England and Sweden. Napoleon had won the battles of Jena, Auerstadt, Eylau and Friedland; all continental Europe was at his feet; he dictated the terms of peace. The Russian army had been thrown back over the river Niemen in the northeast corner of Prussia. Napoleon went to the town of Tilsit on that river and opened negotiations with Emperor Alexander. The king of Prussia, whose domains were entirely in the grasp of the conqueror, came to Tilsit but was allowed no part in the negotiations.

In a stately pavilion erected on a gorgeously decorated raft anchored in the middle of the river Alexander and Napoleon met on June 25 and began the drafting of a treaty between Russia and France which was signed by the two emperors on July 7. Russia was given practically a free hand in Turkey, allowed to seize, if she could, the Danubian principalities, and, in case Turkey did not assent to the peace, to have all of Turkey in Europe except Constantinople and Roumelia. The two emperors also discussed the fate of Prussia. Frederick William begged the czar to make the best terms he could for him.

What His Reason Disapproved. Napoleon said to Alexander: "Whatever I grant to Prussia I grant at your intercession," adding that in that matter his "heart caused him to seal what his reason disapproved."

The best terms Czar Alexander could get for his friend the Prussian king, were these: All the lands that Prussia had stolen in the partition of Poland in 1793 and 1795 were taken from her and erected into the Grand Duchy of Warsaw, an independent Polish state. Prussia ceded to Napoleon all her territory west of the Elbe, most of which was added to the new kingdom of Westphalia, which was constructed for Napoleon's brother, Jerome. A small portion of Prussian territory was given to Russia and a small portion to Saxony. King Frederick William was allowed to retain only Old Prussia, Pomerania, Brandenburg and Silesia. And even the latter province had "a string to it," for the king of Saxony, to whom the grand duchy of Warsaw was assigned, was to keep open a military road across Silesia. Prussia was reduced to half her former territory and deprived of her most important towns; for Danzig became a free city and Magdeburg went to Jerome Bonaparte. Prussia was obliged to close her ports against British commerce. A war indemnity of a large amount for those

days was imposed on the Prussian nation, and she was allowed to keep a standing army of no more than 42,000 men. She was reduced to a second-rate power.

Frederick William sent for his wife Queen Louise, in the hope that her wit and beauty might induce Napoleon to recede somewhat from these hard terms. But she was unsuccessful and on July 9 the treaty between Prussia and France was signed.

Hard as the conditions imposed on Prussia were Napoleon had been too lenient; for he left the bandit nation still in existence, the Hohenzollerns still on the throne, the germs of war unutterable to future generations. Afterwards, at St. Helena, Napoleon bitterly regretted that "his heart had sealed what his reason disapproved."

Regretted Great Haste.

"I was in too great a hurry at Tilsit," said he. "I should have remained a year on the Niemen and in Prussia and then devoured Prussia. I should have deposed Frederick William and issued a proclamation declaring that the house of Hohenzollern had ceased to reign."

Says Lord Rosebery: "It is strange indeed to observe how heartily, as if by a foreboding, he hates Prussia."

Not strange at all, for his keen mind in the retirement of St. Helena saw even more clearly than at Tilsit the danger to the world of Prussianism under the lead of the robber barons of Zollern.

Prussia immediately after the treaty of Tilsit began to circumvent the conditions with regard to her army by instituting short terms of enlistment so arranged as to amount to universal military service, and to prepare the way for her future aggrandizement. One hundred and seven years from the time she seemed utterly crushed she attempted world empire—and nearly "got away with it."

By the treaty of Tilsit Czar Alexander agreed that if England did not assent to the peace he should declare war against her. If Sweden objected he was to send an army into that country.

Dig In, Not Out.

The soldier whose specialty had been sewer trenches for some months past was found leaning on his shovel. "What are you dreaming about now?" the noncom asked.

"I was just thinking," responded the shovel wielder, "that if these ditches were straight up and down instead of lengthwise, I'd have dug my way back home long before this." The Spiker (Engineers' Railway, United States Army).

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The sale of army mules at Tattersall's recalls an incident which sent a ripple of sheer joy through our forces in France when the war was still young. It was a routine order from G. H. Q. as to the transport of machine guns, then being greatly increased in numbers. The gun on ammunition limber was to be drawn by "a mule, or if not available, by an intelligent N. C. O. and five men."

The army had not ceased chuckling over this germ of red tapism when there appeared in orders the notice: "Reference G. R. O.—of such a date—line 7: Delete the word 'intelligent.'"—London Chronicle.

## FIND SLAG A PROBLEM.

It is estimated that the blast furnaces of this country in the course of a year turn out about 20,000,000 tons of slag, for which there has been found very little use. As a matter of fact, the disposition of this material has been a problem for the ironmakers. The railroads formerly carried the slag away in the cars which brought ore and other materials to the furnaces, and which otherwise would have gone away empty, but the interstate commerce commission ended this custom a few years ago, and the iron companies have since then been compelled to pay for having the slag taken away. In some cases it amounted to as much as 50 and 60 cents a ton.

## RESEARCH.

"Well," said the busy man, "I started another government investigation this morning."  
 "How?"  
 "Asked a new man in the railway bureau of information when the trains leave for Chicago."

## THRILLING WARFARE.

Old Friend—I suppose you saw a good deal of fighting while you were in the army.  
 Corporal Smith (just mustered out)—Oh, lots of it. I was down South in a training camp for eighteen months and we had a Western movie every night or so.

## TRACING DESCENT OF MAN

British Scientist Thinks Humanity Diverged From the Ancestral Stock Two Million Years Ago.

Lecturing on "Man and His Ancestry" at the Royal Society of Arts, London, Dr. Thomas J. Jellu said whole chapters were missing from the fossil edition of the Story of Man. Fossils of creatures who lived in trees were not easily obtained, it being against the natural tendency for such creatures to be caught in the fossilizing medium. There was every reason to think that the ancestors of men lived in trees. Most monkeys came down trees as a man descended a ladder or tree. It was the differentiation from four hands and two feet that provided the great strength of the stock from which man arose. Possibly in the course of time his smaller toes would disappear.

No one today held that man came from the gorilla or chimpanzee, though they might be said to have descended from a common pre-human ancestor. Most probably man arose in Central Africa, forced down from the trees by aridity of climate, and becoming a hunter through loss of easily obtainable food. Doctor Jellu estimated that man diverged from the ancestral stock 2,000,000 years ago.

## MIGHTY EMPIRE SHORT-LIVED

Passing Years Showed on What an Insecure Foundation Bismarck and Kaiser Wilhelm Built.

"As M. Poincaré reminded the delegates, the conference at Paris opened 48 years to the day after the proclamation of the German empire at Versailles. The coincidence was probably designed, one of those strokes in which the historical and esthetic sense of France delights," says the Manchester Guardian. "The coincidence is one well worth meditating upon. In 1914 the German empire had every air of being as solidly founded a political fabric as any in the world. At its head stood a royal house which enjoyed popular esteem. It was governed by a bureaucracy which was a byword for patience and for skill. Its army was the strongest in the world. Its people were the best-educated and one of the most laborious races in Europe. Its commerce was flourishing and expanding all over the globe. All this magnificent structure has collapsed. The German empire has had not one of the longest but one of the shortest lives among the empires in history."

## TOO MUCH FOR PAINTED COW.

When Roosevelt was governor of New York he knew quite well a farmer who lived at a house on the road where the governor, riding horseback, would always stop for a rest.

One day when the governor rode up, the farmer was reading a New York paper. "Governor," he asked, "aren't those New York papers pretty tall liars?"

"Why, what makes you think they are?"

"Well, here's a story I was just a-readin' of a man who paid \$14,000 for a picture of a cow. I dun believe it."

"Why not?" asked T. R.

"Because," said the farmer. "I don't believe there's any man in New York who would pay \$14,000 for anything he couldn't milk."

## HAS DISCOVERED HER POWER.

"So you've gone to work now that your husband is in the army?"

"Yes ma'am."

"Are you doing well?"

"Very. I'm making more money than he ever made, and I'm just waiting now for him to come home and spring that old gag on me about my not being able to get along without him."

## THE POLITICS OF IT.

"Do you think the government can operate all kinds of industry with success?"

"It all depends," replied Senator Sorghum.

"On what?"

"On whether my political party is running the government."

## ITS EFFECT.

"Democracy is doing something to the European nobility."

"What is that?"

"It is proving they are rank failures."

## Notice To The Public.

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# FAMOUS PEACE TREATIES

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## CONGRESS OF BERLIN, 1878.

A Peace Congress That Helped to Settle the Balkan Situation.

Some one somewhere remarked that the eastern question would perplex mankind until the day of judgment. Those fragments of nations which threw the Balkan peninsula into so divided in race, language and traditions that they dwell side by side in a state of constant discord and belligerence, no one race being able to assimilate the others—a melting pot in which nothing melts, but which is in a constant state of ebullition.

In 1875 the idea of pan-Slavism had become a strong sentiment in Russia. Pan-Slavism in Russia was answered by a revival of pan-Islamism in Turkey. Russian agents were everywhere in the peninsula stirring up the Christian populations and the Mussulman reaction and the increased tyranny of the Porte still further excited the peoples already stirred by pan-Slavist dreams.

Uprisings began; Serbia declared war on Turkey; Montenegro and Albania flew at each other's throats; the powers intervened and there were conferences, protocols and armistices, while the Turks put down the uprisings and defeated the Serbians and Montenegrins with great slaughter. The uprising in Bulgaria was put down by the Turks with such cruelty that the "Bulgarian massacres" stirred all Europe. Turkey remained deaf to the proposals of the "concert of Europe."

Declared War Against Turkey.

The patience of the czar was exhausted. On April 24, 1877, he gave orders for his armies to cross the Turkish frontier and declared war against Turkey. He had previously concluded an alliance with Rumania by which the Russian armies had the right of passage through that country and the Rumanian army was to cooperate with the army of Russia. England had acquiesced in the Russian move, provided the czar did not occupy Constantinople or the Dardanelles, let Egypt alone and recognized the neutrality of the Suez canal. Austria had been appeased by a secret pact with regard to Bosnia and Herzegovina and by the vision dangled before her of an outlet on the east to the Aegean sea at Saloniki. The ostensible object of the war was to force the Porte to put into operation under European superintendence his promised reforms and to secure the autonomy of the subject states.

The Russians crossed the Danube in

June, took Shipka pass in July and were defeated before Plevna in July and September. They defeated the Turks at Alindja Dagh in Armenia in October and took Kars by storm in November. Plevna fell in December and the Russian army passed through the Balkans, and advanced to the outskirts of Constantinople. On March 3, 1878, a treaty was signed at San Stefano, a little port on the sea of Marmora between Russia and Turkey.

Czar Was Frightened.

All the Balkan peoples, except the Bulgarians, broke out into a tempest of protest upon the news of this treaty. Austria, who saw her dream of reaching the Aegean zone glimmering and even her control of Bosnia and Herzegovina shared by Russia, voted 60,000,000 gulden for war purposes and prepared to seize upon Bosnia. England called out the reserves, and Disraeli started a campaign by bringing Indian troops to Malta. The British fleet stemmed into the sea of Marmora and lay near Constantinople. The "concert of Europe" demanded that the treaty be submitted to a congress of the powers. The coalition of Europe against him scared the czar and he consented. The congress of Berlin, therefore, met June 13, 1878. Before attending the congress Disraeli made a secret pact with the sultan by which England acquired complete control of Cyprus. The congress lasted until July 13. Bismarck presided and Disraeli, Gorchakov the Russian, and Andrassy the Austrian were the principal figures. Gorchakov and Disraeli fought each other tooth and nail. Once the Russian created a sensation by gathering up his papers and starting to leave the council room. At another time Disraeli started the delegates by ordering a special train to take him to Calais. When the Cyprus convention came to light the diplomats felt that Disraeli had tricked them. That night he attended a reception. As he entered a silence fell upon the angry buzzing of the assembled statesmen. Disraeli understood.

"Of what are you thinking?" asked the Princess Radziwill.

"I am thinking of nothing," he replied; "I am enjoying myself."

The treaty was finally signed by the congress provided that Bulgaria should not extend south of the Balkans and the military occupation of Russia be reduced to nine months.

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## TREATY OF ADRIANOPLE, 1829.

Independence of Greece Recognized by Turkey and Russia.

The modern kingdom of Greece came into being by a treaty signed at Adrianople in 1829 between Russia and Turkey, by which the Grecian captivity of 350 years was ended. Most of this time Greece was subject to Turkey—but not always. During the latter Middle Ages the Venetians and other foreign rulers temporarily established their power there. In 1715 the Turks drove out the Venetians, who had established themselves on the Grecian peninsula 23 years before, and ruled undisturbed until the beginning of the Greek insurrection in 1821. The city of Athens rose and compelled the Turks to take refuge in the Acropolis; a constitution was proclaimed on the first day of the next year; Ali Pasha, the Turkish general, was defeated and killed by the revolutionists; the Turks took the revolted island of Sola with horrible cruelties; the Greeks captured Napoli di Romania. A large part of Greece fell into the hands of the revolutionists.

The war continued, with the Greeks generally successful, until 1825. The imagination of Europe had been stirred by the idea of a revival of a nation that was the ancient home of arts and letters, and Byron had lent his money and his name to the Grecian cause, to die at Missolonghi, in the Greek service. Russia was ready to interfere, but the governments of the western nations had no idea of making war for sentimental reasons.

Western Powers Take Notice.

Early in 1825 Mehemet Ali, the great viceroy of Egypt, who had an eye on the throne of Constantinople, put 17,000 men into the Morea under his adopted son Ibrahim, who captured Navarino and the island of Spaghia, which lies before it. Early the next year Ibrahim was joined by a Turkish army under Reshid Pasha, and Missolonghi was taken after a six-months' siege. All that part of Greece not occupied then by Turks and Egyptians was now under the influence of Kolokotroni, a mere Russian agent. The western powers began to "sit up and take notice." It looked as if the czar and the sultan were about to divide Greece between them. The Grecian question, from being one of sentiment had become one of practical politics.

Delegates of Russia, France and England met in London and, on July

27, 1827, signed a convention which established, on paper, a kingdom of Greece. In August the fleets of England, France and Russia blockaded the Turco-Egyptian fleet of over 90 men-of-war, lying in the harbor of Navarino. On October 26 the allied fleets entered the harbor, and after a battle of five hours, totally destroyed the Turco-Egyptian fleet. Strangely enough, neither France, Russia nor England had yet declared war against Turkey, which still claimed Greece as a Turkish province, in spite of the convention of London. The sultan, naturally enough, enraged at the battle of Navarino, declared all treaties at an end, and the ambassadors of the three powers left Constantinople. Russia declared war against Turkey in April of 1828. A French army occupied the Morea, but otherwise England and France remained idle spectators of the war which ensued.

Russian Armies Successful.

The Russian army crossed the Pruth in May, but winter came and they were still unable to pierce the Balkans. The next summer, however, the Russians passed over the mountains and appeared before Adrianople, which at once surrendered. A Russian army fighting in Asia had also been successful. Russia had entered European Turkey with 150,000 men, but only 40,000 of them reached Adrianople, and those so worn with battle and disease that they could neither advance nor retreat, while before Adrianople and Constantinople the sultan had 20,000 fresh troops. Nevertheless, the czar had boasted that he had 600,000 men to loan his friends and a million and a half to fight his enemies, and rumor exaggerated the force of Russians before Adrianople to 70,000. Turkey was practically "bluffed" into signing a treaty, which she did at Adrianople on September 14, 1829, recognizing the independence of Greece and granting to Russia freedom of navigation of the Black sea, the Danube and the Dardanelles, and confirming and extending the protectorate of the czar over the Danubian principalities. The Turkish and Egyptian troops in Greece withdrew and the new kingdom became a fact.

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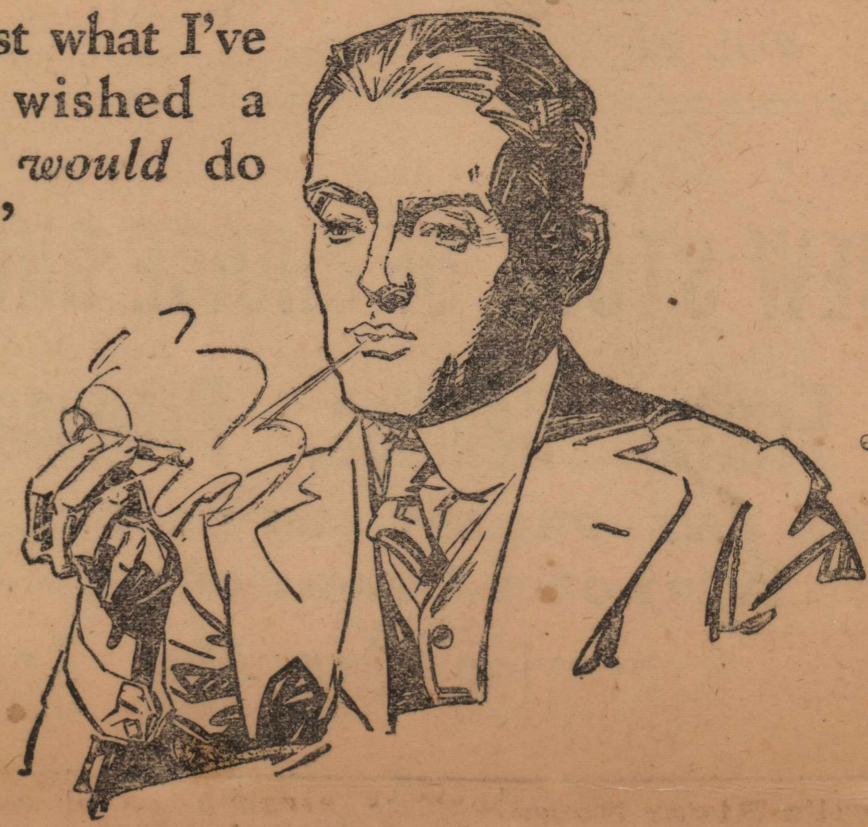
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## THE FUTURE



The Proud Parent—Who knows but what dere's de makin' of a Johnson in dat boy.

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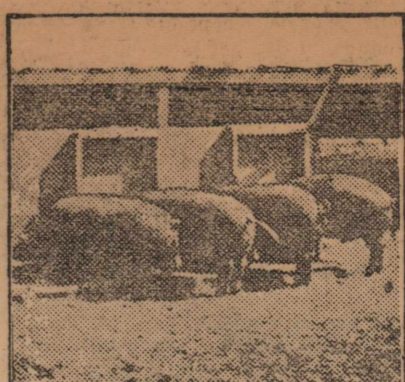


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(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

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Pigs Getting Their Dinner at Self-Feeder.

with respect to the kind and amount of feed. "The Self-Feeder for Hogs" (Farmers' Bulletin 906) explains the advantages of the self-feeder and gives bill of materials necessary for its construction.

The growing scarcity of farm labor is making it necessary to adopt systems of farming which will eliminate a part of the work required at rush seasons. Such a system is carefully described in "A Corn-Belt Farming System Which Saves Harvest Labor by Hogging Down Crops" (Farmers' Bulletin 614).

## COULDN'T STUMP SOLDIERS.

Fresh proof of the ingenuity and resourcefulness of the American soldier in France was given the other night at La Rochelle, France. An army quartette had been billed to play for the soldiers at the Young Men's Christian association hut there. The train failed to come, after the manner of trains in France. John J. Anderson of Dallas, Tex., the Y. M. C. A. secretary at La Rochelle, near La Rochelle, explained the matter to the audience.

Immediately an impromptu jazz quartette was organized. One performer played on two pieces of sand paper, another on a piece of tin, the third with an automobile horn, and the fourth tried to make music with a leg of a chair.

With these instruments, the jazz band "played" the popular music of the United States, to the great amusement of the audience.

## DUSTING THE MINES.

Dear Old Lady—So you're on a mine-sweeper, are you? And where do you sweep mines?

Cautious Tar—Oh, just round the tops of 'em, lady, where the dust settles.—London Beacon.

## SUFFERED ENOUGH FROM "FLU."

Briggs—Did you suffer much from the influenza?

Griggs—Did I! I couldn't have suffered any more if I had been in the moving-picture business.—Life.

## AS HE LOOKED AT IT.

"If dis government makes us pay up to de full worth of luxuries," said Uncle Eben, "dis year's watermelons is g'netter average about eight dollars apiece."

## THE SUBSTITUTE.

"Here's Henry come back after all his boasts and he has not a single cross."

"Yes, but he got lots of double crosses."





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## Devil's River News

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SONORA, TEXAS, - May 31, 1919.

All Resolutions of Respect, Cards of Thanks, Notices of Entertainments where an admission fee is charged, Etc., will be charged for at our regular advertising rates.

### Drs. Lewis & Wardlaw.

Dr. H. R. Wardlaw after a most successful ten years in general practice of medicine in Sonora left last November for New York where he took a special course in the study of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Since his return in April he has investigated various localities and finally selected San Angelo where he has formed a partnership with Dr. G. L. Lewis and has opened offices in the Central National bank building in that city.

Mrs. J. M. Choate of Eldorado was in Sonora on business Thursday.

Albert Bailey the Eldorado stockman was in Sonora Thursday.

Phil Baker was in town Thursday from the Sterling Baker ranch in the eastern part of the county.

Ernest Quigg was in town Thursday from the Bryson & Lowrey ranch in the North Llano country.

Wirt Stephenson and Roscoe Morris were here several days this week from the Thorp & Stephenson ranch in the Pandale country.

S. L. Shroyer the North Llano stockman-farmer, was in Sonora Tuesday with the election returns. He has harvested his first cutting of alfalfa and all the farmers are busy with their early crops.

Emile VanderStucken youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken graduated at the Main Avenue High school in San Antonio Tuesday.

Oscar Appelt who ranches 25 miles southeast of Sonora was in town Wednesday. He expects his family home from San Angelo next week.

Miss Oliver of Junction and Miss Lora Word who have been teaching in the Vingaroon Hill neighborhood in Val Verde county were in Sonora Saturday accompanied by Mrs. Henry Bridge.

R. W. Prosser of San Antonio and Lew Rust of Del Rio were in Sonora this week looking over the property of the San Angelo Telephone Co., in which they are interested.

Arthur Martin of the Crowther Hardware Co., of San Angelo, was in Sonora Tuesday. Mr. Martin says business is becoming normal and his firm is prepared to supply the wants of the ranchmen in engines and well machinery.

Lieut. Roy E. Aldwell on his return from France came by way of the Mediterranean Sea and spent two days at the British fortress of Gibraltar. This stop was necessitated for the longer time it took to reach home but many of the boys did not recognize the Rock "camouflaged" with the removal of the Prudential advertisement.

## DEVIL'S RIVER OIL AND GAS COMPANY TO BEGIN OPERATIONS.

R. H. Klivnsner, secretary-treasurer and L. A. Gannaway one of the directors of the Devil's River Oil & Gas Co., were in Sonora Wednesday from their home in Edinburg, Texas, where the Devil's River Oil & Gas Co. has its headquarters. This company holds the oil lease on the Paul Turney ranch 28 miles south of Sonora and is preparing for development. They have swabbed out the old well in which oil was found 25 years ago and find it to be of the same quality as the Burkburnet oil. They are putting a pump over this well and will store the oil for fuel purposes. A sample of the oil may be seen at this office. When the well was cleaned out the oil stood 80 feet in the hole. The geologists estimate the gusher oil will be found between 2300 and 2700 feet at this place. They are offering 600 acres at \$100 an acre lease for drilling of deep test. S. L. Merck at present deputy sheriff, drilled the present well and his recollection is that the oil vein was struck at 260 feet.

## Oil and Gas Found in Many Wells in Sonora Country.

S. L. Merck who was one of the early well drillers in the settlement of the Sonora country, says that traces of oil was found in numerous wells in the Sonora country and often there was enough gas to make the drillers sick. One well was so strong in gas that it forced the water up the 2 1/2 inch pipe. This well was abandoned because there was not water enough to keep a windmill busy.

McClelland & Feott the contractors have started work on the Hi Eastland new home.

J. D. Wallace who is actively engaged in the ranch business with his father W. D. Wallace in the Lost Lake country, was in town Thursday.

Miss Willie Martin returned this week from a visit to Del Rio. She has as her guest Miss Francis Wethersbee and W. E. Wethersbee Jr., of Del Rio.

C. F. Mies of Corsicana and W. E. Carroll of San Marcos were in Sonora several days last week sketching land titles for one of the large oil companies with holdings in Sutton county.

MARTIN'S SCREW WORM KILLER Kills Worms, Keeps off Flies, Heals wounds, 6 oz. bot. 15 cents. Your money back if not satisfied. Ask your Dealer. 85-6m.

Paul Turney was in from the ranch Wednesday. He will probably want insurance for his stock and family before the oil and gas well goes very deep. Had he known he had the oil well on his place he would not have leased his ranch.

T. D. Word was in town Monday from his ranch about 25 miles west of Sonora. Mr. Word says the surveyors for an oil company are working in his country. Mrs. Word is in San Antonio for the benefit of her health and is improving.

## EYES TESTED FREE.

Have your eyes tested and old lenses changed or glasses fitted throughout. Ask us for the new style shield eye frame.

T. L. MILLER, Jeweler, 41-11 Sonora, Texas.

## Prof. Coffey of Illinois Will Judge Sheep at State Fair.

J. M. Jones, sheep husbandman of the Texas Experiment Station, is one of the directors of the Sheep and Goat department at the Texas State Fair at Dallas. He wishes exhibitors to know that Prof. W. C. Coffey of the University of Illinois, sheep husbandman of that institution and a recognized authority on fine wool sheep will be judge of the fine wool sheep at the Texas State Fair.

## McKnight Sets Bulls.

S. E. McKnight, the flying U Hereford cattle breeder, who ranches 16 miles east of Sonora, delivered in Sonora Thursday, \$3,650 worth of registered and high grade Hereford bulls. 20 head including 2 registered were bought by W. J. Fields at \$150; Bryan Hunt bought 1 registered at \$250 and 1 at \$200 and B. W. Hutcherson bought one registered at \$200.

Kimble county sold its \$150,000 road bonds at par.

Edwards county sold its \$400,000 road bond issue at par with accrued interest.

Tom Green county sold its \$500,000 road bonds at par with a premium of \$14,000.

The big hole on the divide 15 miles east of Sonora on the Junction road has been made passable.

Born on Thursday May 30th, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hutcherson a girl.

Mrs. A. W. Rau was in Sonora Wednesday from the ranch in Edwards county.

KILL THE BLUE BUGS BY FEEDING "Martin's Wonderful Blue Bug Killer to your chickens. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied." Ask your Dealer. 85-6m.

J. D. Wallace of Sonora bought from W. E. Hodges 1100 lambs to be delivered September 15 at \$8 per head.

T. B. Adams of Sonora bought 900 lambs from Jerome Shield of San Angelo at \$7.50. He will receive them in September.

J. D. Cooper who ranch in the Doble Tanks country was in town Friday talking bucks. Dave and his father J. T. Cooper of Prescott, Ariz., will have 300 head of Pure Bred Rambouillet Bucks at Angelo June 25, 26 and 27.

Washington, May 24.—Manufacturers used during April, 4,000,000 pounds of wool, an increase of 32 per cent over March. The increase in consumption indicates a rapid return to normal conditions, the bureau of markets declared in a statement today.

When the baby takes too much food the stomach turns; the result is indigestion, sourness and vomiting. Frequently the bowels are involved and there is colic, pain and diarrhoea. McKEE'S BABY ELIXIR is a grand corrective remedy for the stomach and bowel disorders of babies. It is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. Sold by the Sonora Drug Co.—Adv.

The rain in Sonora Saturday morning amounted to more than three-quarters of an inch and was heavier in some parts of the country. The heaviest rains were reported from 20 miles west which put Granger draw out of banks and filled the water holes all the way to Beaver Lake.

## HOUSE-SHURLEY.

Miss Pearl Lee House and Mer-ton Shurley were married Friday night at the Methodist parsonage. Rev. S. C. Dunn officiating. The bride is one of the faculty of the Sonora school and is much admired by pupils and patrons. Her home is in Austin. The groom is the third son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shurley and was recently discharged from the army at Camp Travis. The News extends best wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Halbert were in town Saturday visiting.

Troy White of the Aldwell ranch was in town Saturday.

Frank Turney was in town Saturday from the Aldwell ranch where he has his goats.

Joe E. Logan was in from the ranch 12 miles east of Sonora Saturday.

Frank D. Coker, Notary Public, Sutton County, Texas, office with L. Benson Agency.

A. J. Gordon, representing the Angelo Furniture Co., was in Sonora this week.

Joe Doherty, the Middle Valley ranchman was in Sonora Friday evening.

Mrs. H. O. Dahl of Norse, is here visiting her sisters Mesdames J. W. Mayfield, W. B. Keese and J. E. Grimland.

Your attention is called to the Victrola music on sale by the Angelo Furniture Co. See advertisement on last page this issue.

PHONE 101 for cream at 50 cents per quart. A quart of this cream will make a pound of butter. Phone 101 85

Dr. H. R. Wardlaw who is now specializing in eye, nose and throat has decided to locate at San Angelo. He was in Sonora Saturday.

## HOME MADE ICE CREAM.

Will be in operation about Saturday May 31. First class in all respects. Call at the Drug Store and Horn Palace and try it. Patronize home industry.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. McKnight were in town Saturday from the ranch 16 miles east of Sonora, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hurl.

Mr. and Mrs. Jap Holman who ranch in Edwards county thirty miles southwest of Sonora were visiting in the city this week.

Miss Lennie Smith is home on a visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Smith. Miss Lennie has been teaching school near Barksdale in Edwards county the past two months.

W. L. Aldwell, president of the First National bank, left for Galveston Sunday, to attend the Texas Bankers Convention. Mrs. Aldwell who has been in Galveston the past month for medical treatment, is expected to return with him.

Sallow complexion is due to a torpid liver. HERBINE purifies and strengthens the liver and bowels and restores the rosy bloom of health to the cheek. Sold by the Sonora Drug Co.—Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bond and sons Thomas A. and Frank P. Bond returned Saturday from San Antonio. Frank may be called back to San Antonio this summer for training in the R.O.T.C. at the West Texas Military Academy.

W. H. Kelley, commissioner of precinct No. 4 was in town Monday. He says the 3 mile water hole crossing 23 miles east of Sonora has been changed and the concrete crossings on the Llano are finished.

Dr. Chapman the dentist will be in Sonora to do dental work from June 16 to July 6th. He will give special attention to Pyorrhea and diseased gums. 84

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Keene and their guests Dr. and Mrs. Hub Hinde of San Angelo, were in town Monday from the ranch. Dr. Hinde was a Captain in the Medical Corps with the 3rd Division in France and is resting while undecided as to where to resume his practice.

In the whole field of medicine there is not a better remedy that will repair damage to the flesh more quickly than BALLARD'S-NOW LINIMENT. It wounds, sprains, burns, scalds and rheumatism, its healing and penetrating power is extraordinary. Sold by the Sonora Drug Co.—Adv.

## BASE BALL.

Sonora went to Ozona and played its first game with the Ozona Giants Saturday. The boys were nervous about tackling this first class team but they wanted the Sonora patrons of the game to see the Giants on the Sonora diamond and that was the only way to get them here as the town owed Ozona a game from last season, so a bunch of ten boys went across and the score was 6 to 2 in favor of Sonora. Clark Barton of Ozona was umpire and the business houses closed for the evening and a large crowd attended the game.

The score was 1 and 1 in the 7th, Ozona second in the 8th and Sonora made 3 runs in the 9th.

The Ozona merchants and business men give their team financial aid.

The following was the line up but may not be in batting order as to Ozona:

Ozona—Sam Cox p; Kay lb; Oberkamp 2b; Augustus 3; V. Cox ss; Davidson rf; Steen cf; Weaver lf; Odum c.

Sonora—Fields cf; Archer p; Adams c; Grimland ss; Hamilton 3b; Gilbert 2b; Keesee 1b; Stokes lf; Sharp rf.

W. N. Potet was trading in town Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Martin were visitors in town this week from the ranch in Edwards county.

J. A. Cauthorn who ranches 20 miles southwest of Sonora was in the city Saturday.

Noah Schrier foreman of the Aldwell ranch was in town visiting his family this week.

Manse Hoggett foreman of the Frank Baker ranch was in town this week.

MARTIN'S EGG PRODUCER Starts Baby Chicks Right and Makes Lays More Eggs. Your Money back if not perfectly satisfied. Ask your Dealer. 85-6m.

B. E. Huggins and wife were in town Saturday from the Robert Halbert ranch where Mr. Huggins is farming.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wallace who ranch 14 miles southeast of town were in Sonora this week visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Holman, Misses Clyde and Irma Holman were in town this week from the ranch in Edwards county.

Basil Halbert, Jr., who attend West Texas Military Academy at San Antonio accompanied Mr. Bond and family home Saturday. This was Busters first session and he likes the school.

John A. Ward of Abilene is here looking after his ranch interests. He says oil development has put Abilene on a boom and resident property has doubled in value in six months.

Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor of Juno were in town Saturday. Mrs. Taylor recently returned from Brawley, Calif., where her daughter Mrs. Hollie Carson has been seriously ill. Mrs. Carson is expected home on a visit as soon as strong enough to travel.

Dizziness, vertigo (bird staggering) allow complexion, flatulence are symptoms of a torpid liver. No one can feel well while the liver is inactive. HERBINE is a powerful liver stimulant. A dose or two will cause all bilious symptoms to disappear. Try it. Sold by the Sonora Drug Co.—Adv.

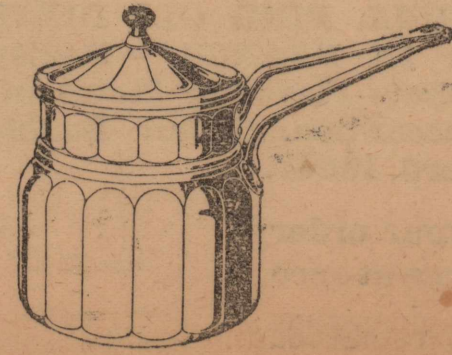
The Base Ball club was supported this week with a contribution of \$73. The chip ins were from 25 cents to \$5. We expect the boys to go to San Angelo for a game during the Sheep & Goat Raisers meeting in June and they should be fully equipped by the business men. Two bits is not enough.

Oscar Sellers druggist and W. G. Morrow merchant of Melvin, McCulloch county, were in Sonora Sunday on their way to Del Rio to try and get some Mexicans to chop cotton. Mr. Sellers is the son of Dr. Sellers and lived here about 28 years ago. Oscar was one of our devals.

Little time will be lost if you wash cut the wound with BORO-ZONE ANTI-EPHIC LIQUID and dress it with BOROZ NE POWDER. It purifies the wound and heals quickly. Use it on your stock for screw-worms, debrided cattle or any kind of cut or bruise. For man or beast. Sold by the Sonora Drug Co.

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## ELECTION RETURNS.

No opposition to the good road bond issue developed and but little effort was made to bring out a full vote. The issue carried handsomely however and Sutton county keeps her place among the other progressive counties of the great west. All the amendments received substantial majorities.

In the State the prohibition and home purchase amendments have carried, suffrage is in doubt and the governors salary increase is defeated.

Pre. No. 1.—For Road Bonds 127; against 5. For prohibition 88; against 35. For suffrage 91; against 40. For Governor salary 82; against 42. For Home purchase 95; against 28.

Pre. No. 2.—For Road Bonds 5; against 1. For prohibition 7; against 0. For suffrage 3; against 3. For Governor salary 1; against 3. For home purchase 0; against 3.

Pre. No. 3.—For Road bonds 14; against 2. For prohibition 4; against 12. For suffrage 1; against 15. For Governor salary 1; against 14. For Home purchase 2; against 11.

Pre. 4.—For Road bonds 13; against 2. For prohibition 10; against 4. For suffrage 5; against 10. For Governor salary 3; against 11. For home purchase 13; against 2.

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## "Could Have a Dance Every Night."

J. H. Gage of Colorado, Texas, representing the Government Cattle Loan Agency of the War Finance Board, is touring the country looking into the losses and condition of the loans. He says the Sonora country is in the finest shape possible and the people could have a dance every night. The losses the past winter will not amount to one per cent in this country and not over two per cent in the district south of Gaines county. Some ranchmen in the Sonora country had feed for their cattle but did not need to use it. The sheep he finds are of the best quality and in the pink of condition. The grass he finds is sufficiently advanced to make good without any more rain.

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**FARM  
 ANIMALS**

**MANAGEMENT OF A PIG CLUB**

It is Duty of Agent to Furnish In-  
 formation to Supervisors Who  
 Instruct Members.

(Prepared by the United States Depart-  
 ment of Agriculture.)  
 The boys and girls' club work is car-  
 ried on through co-operation between  
 the animal husbandry division of the  
 bureau of animal industry and the  
 states relation service representing the  
 department of agriculture and the vari-  
 ous state agricultural colleges rep-  
 resented by their respective extension  
 departments.

A swine specialist, supported by  
 funds appropriated by congress for  
 the work of the animal husbandry di-  
 vision, is placed in each of the states  
 desiring such a man (so far as funds  
 permit). The specialist's work is ad-  
 ministered by the director of exten-  
 sion, who furnishes office room and  
 equipment, stenographic assistance,  
 and pays his traveling expenses. He is  
 a unit in the extension staff and works  
 in closest cooperation with the state  
 leader of other club work. All the  
 work is done in co-operation with the  
 county agent force and the various in-  
 terested departments of the college  
 and extension force. The subject mat-  
 ter taught by the specialists is agree-  
 able to the animal husbandry depart-  
 ment of the college and the animal  
 husbandry division of the department  
 of agriculture. A simple project or  
 agreement covering the work is ar-  
 ranged by the states relation service  
 between the extension service of the  
 agricultural college and the animal  
 husbandry division.

The pig-club agent is the leader of  
 the animal-club work in the state. It  
 is his duty to provide technical in-  
 struction for the club members; to  
 provide supervisors or local leaders  
 and to train them so that they may im-  
 part the information to the members.  
 In some cases the duty of organizing  
 the pig clubs falls to the lot of the  
 state agent, while in other states the  
 state leader of general club work and  
 his staff attend to the organization.  
 He works with and through the county  
 agent force and makes use of such  
 local leaders as are available. He pro-  
 jects his vision of the work into the  
 minds of the local leaders and through  
 them into the lives and minds of the  
 members. He must impart his techni-  
 cal information in terms that can be  
 understood by the local leaders and  
 applied by the members. He meets the  
 swine breeders of the state and seeks  
 to win their approval, support, and  
 co-operation. His work must be con-  
 structive and must strike at the swine-



Members of Pig Club and Result of  
 Their Work.

husbandry problems of the state. He  
 will plan and arrange for the state  
 wide exhibits, judging contests, etc.  
 He visits members on their farms and  
 helps them solve their problems. He  
 conducts demonstrations, simple in na-  
 ture, yet effective in solving the prob-  
 lems of the members and the adults.  
 His work must win the support of the  
 parents of the members if it is to be  
 successful.

The individual effort of the agent  
 would accomplish little were it not  
 for the splendid co-operation extended  
 by the extension forces, by the busi-  
 ness and business men, breeders, local  
 interested people, etc. The work suc-  
 ceeds because the agent multiplies his  
 influence through all the co-operating  
 agencies.

The pig club has not only stimulated  
 the demand for better breeding stock,  
 but also has been the means of intro-  
 ducing community breeding or breed  
 standardizing in numerous counties in  
 various states where the pure bred  
 part of the industry is practically new  
 and where there were not numerous  
 breed preferences to contend with.  
 The pig club boys have not only taught  
 the adults, where the industry is new,  
 the superiority of the pure bred over  
 the scrub, but have taught them that  
 good individuals bring good prices.  
 "Before this year," says one county  
 agent, "it was hard to get a farmer to  
 pay \$10 for a good hog; now they  
 pay \$50 to \$100."

In addition to these benefits the  
 pig club work is stimulating pork pro-  
 duction to an extent extremely im-  
 portant at this time, stimulating home  
 curing of meat through the organiza-  
 tion of "ham and bacon" clubs, teaches  
 the members better working methods,  
 inspires pig club boys to better work  
 by educational exhibits and increases  
 their knowledge through judging con-  
 tests. These are in addition to the  
 indirect results, such as awakening a  
 new spirit of comradeship between  
 father and son and the teaching of  
 intelligent borrowing and good busi-  
 ness methods through the financing of  
 members by bankers.

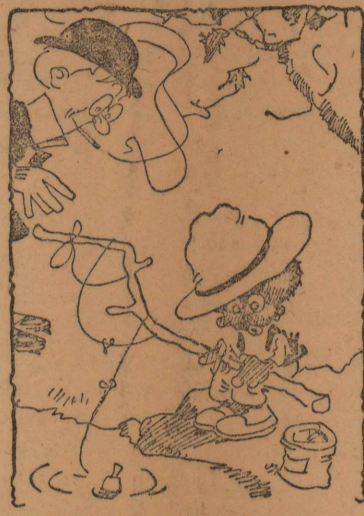
**REGION RICH IN BITUMEN**

Quantities of Material Valuable for  
 Road Building, Found in Vicinity  
 of the Dead Sea.

Ample quantities of bitumen oc-  
 cur in the Dead sea region. It can  
 easily be gathered and prepared for  
 use in road making, and there is the  
 advantage that it will be obtainable  
 at much cheaper rates than those  
 which now obtain in the near East  
 and in Europe. The material can  
 best be applied by means of the  
 usual tar-spraying machine.

Dead sea bitumen was undoubt-  
 edly used in ancient times. It is evi-  
 dent that the walls of the temples  
 and palaces of Babylon and Nineveh  
 were joined with bituminous ce-  
 ments, and there are bitumen-lined  
 cisterns in Syria of great antiquity  
 which are still water-tight and fit for  
 use. A road surface treated with  
 this asphalt according to modern  
 methods may prove a most satis-  
 factory solution of a very trouble-  
 some problem in the near East,  
 where, because of climatic conditions  
 and the narrow wheels of vehicles,  
 the macadam road is often a source  
 of trouble owing to the dust that  
 rises from it.

**NOW, THEN**



"What are you fishing for, my  
 boy?"  
 "Boss, I won't deceive yo'. I's  
 fishin' fo' fish."

**SEX PROPORTION IN CHURCHES.**

The preponderance of women over  
 men in church membership is not so  
 large as is popularly imagined, ac-  
 cording to the Year Book of the  
 Churches for 1915, issued by the  
 Federal Council of the Churches of  
 Christ in America. Statistics com-  
 piled from reports made by 197,404  
 out of a total of 228,007 congrega-  
 tions in the United States show  
 there are 19,907,722 woman mem-  
 bers as compared with 15,633,958  
 men. The proportion of men in the  
 Roman Catholic churches is above  
 the normal, being 6,149,035 men, as  
 compared with 6,420,360 women.  
 Even the Latter Day Saints, or Morn-  
 mons, do not vary greatly from the  
 general average, reporting 194,208  
 men and 209,180 women.

**FRANCE'S FARM NEEDS.**

The agricultural machinery  
 needed by France, according to  
 George Ford, head of the Red Cross  
 reconstruction work in Paris, is of  
 the following varieties: Eighty-one  
 thousand plows, 56,000 cultivators,  
 30,000 mowing machines, 115,000  
 farm wagons, 88,000 harrows, 50,  
 000 rollers, 48,000 hoes, 36,000 seed  
 drills, 13,000 fertilizers, 16,000 beet  
 extractors, 21,000 winnowing ma-  
 chines, 18,000 horse-drawn rakes,  
 32,000 reapers and binders and 53,  
 000 root cutters, besides other farm  
 implements.

**AVERSION TO CHANGE.**

"Why do you object to the league  
 of nations?"  
 "On musical grounds. After sing-  
 ing 'My Country, 'Tis of Thee,' all  
 these years I don't want the mental  
 effort of changing to 'Our Countries,  
 'Tis of Those.'"

**WAY OFF THE TRACK.**

John was trying to study, but his  
 twin, Jane, made so much noise that  
 he found it hard to concentrate.  
 Closing his book, he remarked:  
 "Jane has my mind all wrecked up."

**THE NEW FOOD.**

Jonah emerged.  
 "When people eat whale meat, it  
 is time for me to get out," he cried.  
 —New York Sun.

**POINTS OF VIEW.**

Politician (censoriously)—Look  
 at the running expense of the army.  
 Patriot (proudly)—Our army  
 didn't do any running, sir.

**PRINTING AND OFFICE  
 SUPPLIES.**

Blank Books, Loose Leaf Systems  
 and Made s, Pencil Sharpers, Ink,  
 Pens, (Nemco Waste Baskets, In-  
 dustrial), Pensils, Paste, Glue  
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 voice Files, Typewriter Paper,  
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 Paper or anything in the printing  
 or office supply line.  
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**TOAD SUPERSTITION IS OLD**

For Many Ages Men Have Believed  
 That the Amphibian Carried a  
 Jewel in Its Head.

There is an ancient superstition  
 that the toad actually carried in its  
 head, or in its mouth, a stone. It  
 was believed to be a brown stone,  
 and opaque, and was called crapau-  
 dine, or toadstone. A wise man  
 wrote in 1569: "There is found in  
 the heads of old toads and great  
 toads a stone they call borax of  
 steton; it is most commonly found  
 in the heads of he-toads." Another  
 ancient writer says that if the finder  
 of such a stone should wish to prove  
 that it is genuine all that he has to  
 do is to hold it before the toad,  
 which will jump for and snatch it,  
 if real. Another old soul avers that  
 the way to secure such a jewel is to  
 place the amphibian on a piece of  
 red cloth, which pleases him so much  
 that he will stretch himself out and  
 will throw the desired object from  
 his mouth, but will snatch it back  
 unless watched, "he envieth so much  
 that none should have that stone."  
 One of these time-honored delvers  
 into the occult sat up all night with  
 a toad on a red cloth to have a  
 chance at the stone, but to no avail.  
 This fantastic notion appears, of  
 course, silly and nonsensical, but is  
 interesting from the fact that the  
 superstition prevailed for ages. It  
 appealed to the imagination of  
 Shakespeare, who used it.

**WANTED IN A HURRY**



Frank—Ruth's marriage was a  
 big surprise to me. I thought she  
 wasn't to be married until next  
 spring.  
 Grace—That was her intention,  
 but her maid left suddenly and she  
 had to have some one to hook up her  
 waist in the back.

**HOW HUNS HANDLED WAR LOOT.**

I place the capstone on the  
 monument of German abuse of  
 Swiss hospitality by saying that, not  
 content with seeking to prostitute  
 Swiss trade and Swiss institutions  
 generally, the Germans have used  
 Switzerland as the market place for  
 their war loot, Isaac F. Marcosson  
 writes in the Saturday Evening  
 Post. The headquarters of this traf-  
 fic is Geneva. Here, with the aid of  
 Bulgarians, Turks and renegade citi-  
 zens of allied countries, the robber  
 barons have established quite a brisk  
 trade in church vestments, family  
 plate, jewelry and even securities—  
 all wrested from the unhappy in-  
 habitants of Belgium and northern  
 France. When it was impossible to  
 get this booty out of Germany in the  
 ordinary channels—a great deal of  
 it was segregated at Frankfurt—the  
 German war profiteers used air-  
 planes. There is enterprise as well  
 as shamelessness in the German idea  
 of war as a business.

**PSHAW! NO CLIMAX.**

Mrs. Betts (with newspaper)—  
 Here's a story of a soldier who lost  
 his power of speech through shell  
 shock and later suddenly found it  
 during a game of poker.

Mr. Betts (deeply interested)—  
 What did he hold?  
 Mrs. Betts—His hearers spell-  
 bound, probably.—Buffalo Express.

**WOMAN'S PRIVILEGE.**

"What's the disturbance in the  
 market place?"  
 "It's a mass meeting of the wom-  
 en who've changed their minds since  
 the morning and want to alter their  
 voting papers."—London Punch.

**IMMUNITY.**

"What are you going to do about  
 the luxury tax?"  
 "Nothing much. When I get  
 through with the regular tax I won't  
 have money enough to buy any lux-  
 uries."

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 other month and spend a week or  
 more.  
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 calves from any kind of cows and  
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 two years ago  
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 with 50 rolls of  
 music for \$300  
 cash or livestock

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**NO TRESPASS.**

Notice is hereby given that trespas-  
 sers on my farm and pasture adjoining  
 Sonora on the east, will be prosecuted  
 according to law. Please tell your  
 friends and relatives of this notice and  
 they will avoid prosecution.  
 T. L. BENSON.  
 Sonora, Texas, Dec. 1, 1915.

**Notice to Trespassers.**

Notice is hereby given that all  
 trespassers on my ranch 21 miles  
 south of Sonora for the purpose of  
 cutting timber, hauling wood, work-  
 ing live stock, hunting hogs or  
 injuring fences, without my per-  
 mission, will be prosecuted to the  
 full extent of the law  
 D. E. COSEBARY,  
 Sonora, Texas

**Notice to Trespassers.**

Notice is hereby given that all  
 trespassers on my ranch known as  
 the Lost Lake ranch 12 miles  
 south east of Sonora, and other  
 ranches owned and controlled by  
 me for the purpose of cutting tim-  
 ber, hauling wood or hunting hogs  
 without my permission, will be  
 prosecuted to the full extent of  
 the law  
 A. F. CLARKSON,  
 Sonora, Texas

**Notice to Trespassers.**

Notice is hereby given that all  
 trespassers on my ranch east of  
 Sonora for the purpose of cutting  
 timber, hauling wood or hunting  
 hogs without my permission, will  
 be prosecuted to the full extent of  
 the law  
 W. J. FIELDS, Sonora, Texas

**Health  
 About  
 Gone**

Many thousands of  
 women suffering from  
 womanly trouble, have  
 been benefited by the use  
 of Cardui, the woman's  
 tonic, according to letters  
 we receive, similar to this  
 one from Mrs. Z. V. Spell,  
 of Hayne, N. C. "I could  
 not stand on my feet, and  
 just suffered terribly,"  
 she says. "As my suf-  
 fering was so great, and  
 he had tried other reme-  
 dies, Dr. — had us  
 get Cardui. . . I began  
 improving, and it cured  
 me. I know, and my  
 doctor knows, what Car-  
 diui did for me, for my  
 nerves and health were  
 about gone."

**TAKE  
 CARDUI**

**The Woman's Tonic**

She writes further: "I  
 am in splendid health . . .  
 can do my work. . . I feel  
 owe it to Cardui, for I was  
 in dreadful condition."  
 If you are nervous, run-  
 down and weak, or suffer  
 from headache, backache,  
 etc., every month, try  
 Cardui. Thousands of  
 women praise this medi-  
 cine for the good it has  
 done them, and many  
 physicians who have used  
 Cardui successfully with  
 their women patients, for  
 years, endorse this medi-  
 cine. Think what it means  
 to be in splendid health,  
 like Mrs. Spell. Give  
 Cardui a trial.

**All Druggists**  
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**THE LARGEST TANKER.**

What is said to be the largest oil  
 tanker in the world was launched at  
 Wallsend-on-Tyne last month. The  
 vessel has a length of 506 feet and a  
 width of 68 feet 7 inches with a  
 molded depth of 42 1/2 feet. This  
 vessel, the San Florentino, was built  
 on the Isherwood system of longi-  
 tudinal framing and was measured  
 to pass both the Panama and Suez  
 canals. The ship's hull is divided  
 into 13 compartments, and has 4 1/2  
 miles of oil pipes. It is equipped  
 with steam heating apparatus, a re-  
 frigerating plant, a hospital and a  
 complete installation of auxiliary  
 machinery. Compound geared tur-  
 bines are used which may be run  
 independently or be coupled to gear-  
 ing to drive the propeller.—Scientific  
 American.

**NEW ARABIAN FLAG.**

Have you ever seen the flag of the  
 Hedjaz, the new kingdom of  
 Arabia? It has three bands, black,  
 green and white, and a red triangle  
 next to the staff—real Christmas  
 colors. Red is the traditional color  
 of the Arabians, and green the sa-  
 cred color of the Mohammedans.  
 The black is said to stand for the  
 holy city of Mecca and the white for  
 the Abbassid dynasty—the caliphs  
 of Bagdad, the ones you read about  
 in the "Arabian Nights."

**NATIONAL FORESTS.**

The recreational value of the na-  
 tional forests alone is estimated by  
 Doctor Waugh as more than the  
 whole cost of their administration,  
 and is in addition to the timber and  
 forage resources and the value of  
 watershed protection. On this basis  
 the national forests are certainly a  
 paying investment for the American  
 people.

**MIGHT.**

"Why are you going to Europe?"  
 "Just to look around," said the  
 lame duck. "With this league of  
 nations looming up they might need  
 a few good men to hold office, don't  
 you know?"—Louisville Courier-  
 Journal.

**EMBELLISHMENT.**

"Gentlemen powdered their hair  
 in the old days."  
 "We're doing it yet," remarked  
 Mr. Crosslots. "You ought to see my  
 hair after I've been shaking down  
 the furnace."

**HAVE YOU BOUGHT  
 YOUR  
 THRIFT STAMP TODAY?  
 SAVE AND SUCCEED!**