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Just the slightest political rumbles have begun to be heard. It is just a little bit early to begin making political alignments but it is certainly not too early for Negroes to think about what they are going to do in the next political campaign.

The political plight of the Negro in Iowa is pitiable. He has



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not a single political job worthy of the name. This will always be true until some intelligent political leader gets command of the situation. By that I mean, that Negroes of the state generally, form some kind of an alliance secret or otherwise and live up to their agreement. If a few of the leaders in the larger centers would agree on a policy of co-operation and get behind a smaller group, that smaller group supported could get political recognition formerly unbelievable. It is not to be expected that all Negroes are going to agree politically.

It is certainly a fact that all white men don't agree politically, but there is always a group of white men authorized to act politically and they do act. It will be noticed however, that political power on the part of any group is only maintained so long as the group in power is able to get political jobs, political preference, courtesies and favors of one kind or another for their constituents. If it were not for jobs and influence politics would have no appeal. The white man therefore shows "method in his madness" by keeping the Negro out of good political jobs.

If a group of Negroes in this state had political jobs that paid them well they would in self defense make political alliances in and out of the race that would be mutually beneficial or else some other Negroes who could do that would get these jobs. This would eventually give us a state of solidarity politically. With that state of solidarity politically, we would exercise political influence that would prove advantageous to us in other ways than seeking jobs. The white man seeing this, cuts off the source of supply by not in the first instance, permitting you to have public office that would compel solidarity. The Negro being too dumb to see this continues to refuse to support his own leaders who would and could make this opening. If he is not too dumb to see it but re-

MANY GET DECREES

"BEAR-CAT" WRIGHT EASILY WHIPS JOE LOHMAN IN 10 ROUND FIGHT HERE

Police Beat Rich Negro Released On Bail

New Orleans, La., Sept. 2.—(P. N. S.)—Two white policemen were indicted by the grand jury in criminal court Tuesday and released under bail of \$2,500 each on charges of assaulting and beating John D. Johnson, a well-known Negro plasterer, on August 9. Both officers deny the charges. John Doskey and Joseph Tierney, two patrolmen, are accused of assaulting Johnson after arresting him at the corner of St. Charles Avenue and Cadiz Street, August 9. According to the affidavits the two officers went to Johnson's home, ransacked it of personal belongings for purported evidence of burglary, took Johnson to the Seventh Precinct and beat him.

Johnson visited District Attorney Eugene Stanley with his employer and preferred charges against the two officers. On the way to the night court, Johnson further alleges, blood from his wounds after the beating was so obvious that the policemen stopped en route and washed the wounds with salt and water.

fuses his support on other grounds, it's worse. The disgusting thing about it is that the average Negro politician satisfies himself with the most measly kind of recognition and refuses to make a little personal sacrifice and join in a movement that would mean something to the race generally.

I am informed, and I do not attempt to vouch for the truthfulness of the statement, that a Negro lawyer in this state took a job in the cloak room at the State House dusting off the coat tails of legislators of the last legislature, who in some instances had less education, but a darn sight more horse sense than he had, as his reward for effective political service in his locality. Now that is despicable, but worse than that it says to the politicians of this state that the highest political service rendered by a Negro may be rewarded and acceptably rewarded by a janitorship. I want to be understood, we certainly want our share of janitorships, but it is disgusting to think that janitorships are to be the superlative reward.

The time is now ripe for the common people in the community to rise up and say to their leaders that their ideals must advance and that the kind of political recognition desired by the Negro is a greater economic opportunity for the group generally; complete unequivocal enjoyment of each and all of their civil rights and some reward for their taxes paid and services rendered by way of political appointment worthy of the name.

Police Beat Composes New Rich Negro Waltz Song Hit



Few Negro Actors Shoots Clergy Who Steals His Wife

One Selected to Play Part of Uncle Tom

Hollywood, Cal., Sept. 5.—Few Negroes have a hankering to act in the movies, says James Smith, operator of a Negro film casting agency.

There are about a hundred Negroes working more or less regularly in the pictures here, and their screen income is so moderate that nearly all of them do outside work.

Paradoxically, Negro extras seldom are paid as little as the lowest paid white extras. Their minimum is usually \$7.50 a day, as against \$5 frequently paid white players. But they average fewer days of work a week and as for the most important roles, virtually all the Negro character parts have been played by white actors.

The casting of James Lowe, Negro, in the role of Uncle Tom in a screen version of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is regarded by other actors of his race as the first real "break" a Negro film player has had since motion pictures were invented. There have been a few independent all Negro productions (six of them in the Hollywood area since 1915), but lack of an effective nationwide releasing organization has limited such films to a small public.

The Negro players here are optimistic over reports that Paramount is considering using Negro actors in a picture starring Emil Jannings, German character player, as a cannibal king; that Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer has a Negro war comedy in prospect; that DeMille will produce "Porgy," and that Universal will screen Octavius Roy Cohen's Negro stories.

Iowa & S. Dakota Baptists Close Session; Elect Officers

The Iowa and South Dakota Baptist Association, and Women's Convention, with Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Sioux City, Iowa, of which Rev. M. Carrington is pastor, Sioux City's famous vention closed a very good session held spirit of hospitality was tested, and Baptists and their friends were more than equal to the occasion.

The spirit of cordiality contributed to the comfort of the many messengers. The Women's Meetings were gratifying in attendance, in spirit, and in loyalty to the Master.

Mrs. N. C. Marshall, of Des Moines, was again chosen to head this great convention.

The Minister's Meeting was said to be the best in years. Rev. S. Bates of Des Moines, was reelected Moderator, a position he has held for 19 years.

Submission to Christ, was the Conventional theme.

Mr. Lawrence Chapman, well known clarinetist and composer of this city, has just had his latest number, a waltz, published. The number is entitled, "In My Garden of Roses."

It has quite a distinctive and beautiful melody, and is arranged for the piano.

The number has been placed on sale by some of the leading music houses of the country. It has had a tremendous sale since being introduced.

The St. Paul Symphony Orchestra will feature a special arrangement in their concert this fall.

Mr. Chapman is a student at the Drake Conservatory of Music. Those wishing to secure a copy may do so by calling Market 2594.

Ironton, O., Sept. 9.—According to police John Sinkford, a store porter here, shot and killed Rev. Oscar R. Williams, there, Wednesday. Police said Sinkford told them he shot the minister because he saw Williams and Mrs. Sinkford together.

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Rev. J. W. Tutt of Ottumwa, spoke for the topic "Submission to Christ in Our Religious Teaching." It was earnest and riveted the attention of all for its sincerity of conviction, its honesty, and its originality. It was an outstanding event of the session.

Rev. G. W. Robinson, with his clear enunciation and ringing voice and his power to bring his utterances home to his hearers, aroused the best in the hearts of all when he spoke on how to finance a church for present day obligations.

All the discussions we conducted with the true spirit of Christ. The churches throughout the states are in splendid shape; both spiritually and financially. Other officers elected: Rev. L. M. Coggins of Haydock, Second vice Moderator; Rev. M. Carrington, Sioux City, first vice Moderator; Rev. G. W. Robinson, Corresponding Secretary; Rev. F. C. Bolling, Treasurer; Rev. G. O. Terrell, recording secretary.

Bearcat Wright, Omaha, decisively outpointed Joe Lohman, Toledo, O., veteran in the ten round main event of boxing show at the Coliseum Wednesday night—the first fight program staged under the recently created boxing commission.

The Cat's snappy left hand chops and hooks, traveling less than a foot carried enough dynamite and landed frequently enough to give him every round of the scrap with the possible exception of the fifth in which Lohman did his best work reaching Wright's midsection three times with well placed left uppercuts.

Lohman did not make the same good showing against Wright as he did here almost a year ago, but he did present a shifty defense, always offering a moving target well flanked with elbows, shoulders and gloves, so that his opponent found him solidly only with difficulty. The Cat's blows, however, were so hard that frequently Lohman, catching the blows on his own gloves, was struck by the latter with enough force to bother him considerably.

Lohman Almost Out in Second
Wright kept boring in from the first going, fighting from a half crouch that kept his body out of reach and his head well buried between his shoulders. Lohman fought gamely and took a terrific beating, but there never was any doubt after the second round about the winner.

After winning the first round handily Wright had his opponent all but out in the second. Lohman was clipped on the chin and staggered early in the fight and later went on his hands and knees, apparently trying to avoid punishment, but the referee refused to count and ordered him to his feet. Wright then tore into him and pummeled him all over the ring.

Mays Outpoints Moshier
Lohman was almost out on his feet again in the third from a left to the jaw, but gamely weathered the punishment and after that made a better showing until the tenth, although in the sixth he was knocked staggering across the ring.

Robertson Gets Short Reprieve

Austin, Tex., Sept. 9.—(P. N. S.)—William Robertson, alias, Jesse Benkley, under death sentence for murder in Denton County, in connection with the slaying of a Justin farmer, last year, gained a new lease on life Tuesday when a twenty-day reprieve was granted to him by Governor Moody. Robertson was slated to die in the electric chair September 2.

In the request for clemency the mother of the condemned man said she was unable to raise sufficient funds to secure the service of a lawyer to defend her son and that the first time she knew he was in the death cell was a week ago. She said that Joseph D. Frank, a Columbus lawyer, would prepare a statement of facts and circumstances bearing on the case and present them to the Governor with a request to commute the sentence.

Hundreds Sever Matrimonial Ties

Seek Court Order to Halt Segreg.

PROPERTY OWNERS SEEK COURT ORDER TO PREVENT CITY FROM ENFORCING SEGREGATION PACTS

Dallas, Tex., Sept. 8.—(P. N. S.)—Petition for an injunction to restrain the city from enforcing the segregation ordinance was filed Tuesday in District Judge Claud McCallum's court. Plaintiffs are Garner W. Brice, L. Grazier and Walter B. Hunt, owners of property on Thomas Avenue, Fairmont Street and Colby Street. W. J. Rutledge filed the petition for the property owners.

Judge McCallum entered an order directing the city to appear at 9 o'clock Friday morning and show cause why an injunction should not be issued. The ordinance provides that it shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$100 for each offense and each day shall be a separate offense, to breach the covenant made by property owners in the Thomas Avenue section regarding segregation. It is contended by the petitioners that these covenants are invalid because all property owners in the district did not join in making them; that there was no consideration save mutual promises and that the property owners who signed the covenants did so with the understanding that all property owners in the district were to sign the agreements.

N.A.A.C.P. to Increase Branches

New York, Sept. 2.—Robert W. Bagnall, Director of Branches of the N. A. A. C. P. today announced that plans were under way for a nationwide drive to increase the number of branches of the N. A. A. C. P. from 400 to 1,000. Mr. Bagnall said that Committees had already been appointed in important centers in furtherance of this plan.

"This will give colored people everywhere a chance to strengthen the organization which is fighting their battles," said Mr. Bagnall. "Often we cannot assist individuals as we would like to because there is no local Branch and we cannot afford the expense of sending someone on a long journey from the National Office. This drive to increase the number of Branches ought not only to put more communities in a position to help themselves; but should strengthen the mass power of the Negro as a force affecting American public opinion."

George M. Johnson, a native of Roanoke, Va., and who for the past 15 years has resided in Pennsylvania, is the head of a concern employing a dozen mechanics manufacturing coal mining safety devices. Mr. Johnson has taken out more than a score of patents on his various safety devices and mine appliances. The manufacturing plant is located at Jeannette, Pa.

The September term of the district court of Polk county found hundreds of divorce cases on the calendar, many of which are attracting considerable attention.

W. C. Buice, employed as a car inspector for the Rock Island railroad, brought a wrist watch and a pair of shoes into court, in proof of his wife's alleged unfaithfulness.

Buice declared his wife, Lillian, was given the property by "one of her sweeties." Judge Shankland gave him a divorce.

Enola V. Clark, appeared with her father, John L. Thompson, as counsel, to ask a divorce from V. H. Clark.

Mrs. Clark is a teacher at Nashville, Tenn. She testified her husband, a student at Maharry Medical College of Nashville, was in love with other women. Mr. Clark is at Shreveport, La., she said.

Decree Is Granted

Judge Zench granted the divorce. The Clarks were married two years ago.

The wedding was announced two years ago while Mr. Clark was on a visit to Des Moines. He is well known to many people here. One son, William, lives with Mrs. Clark.

Mrs. Daisy Johnson filed suit for divorce against her husband, Adam, Wednesday. The petition alleges that Mr. Johnson is guilty of cruel and inhuman treatment such as to injure the health and endanger her life and abused her. The case will be heard during the November term of the court.

Cotton-Picking Machine a Success

Chicago, Sept. 9.—(P. N. S.)—Another picturesque feature of the old South is on its way to the discard, with the perfecting of a machine that will pick cotton. It will supplant the armies of Negroes working through the vast whiteness of the cotton fields.

The International Harvester Company announced last week that the new machine will cut the last bond that has tied the cotton planter to slow and costly hand labor and it will drive hundreds of thousands of Negroes to other employment. Two men can operate the picker—one to drive the tractor hauling it and the other to manipulate the machine. They can pick two to five bales a day, equivalent to what two men could do by hand labor in eight to 15 days.

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DON'T TRY TO INFLUENCE THE COURTS

At the suggestion of Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, national vice president of the W. C. T. U., members of the organization are urged to "attend court sessions in Des Moines as part of an educational program and also to lend moral aid to those in favor of strict enforcement"—prohibition laws of course. While some of the judges have already expressed their approval of the suggestion, the principal is entirely wrong and should be strongly condemned.

Whenever a group has any proposition to put over in legislative halls or other bodies—it usually takes along a bunch of sympathizers to show their strength or vote to that body. A foot ball team takes rooters to lend courage to its team and to cheer them when the game is going against them.

Many a defendant has been convicted because public opinion demanded it. Many men have been railroaded to prison and the gallows because a group stood in the court room and dared the jury to do otherwise. And while no such had boiled methods are anticipated, there will be, by virtue of the presence of the group a feeling that to show "I'm for the law, the defendant is guilty." Courts should be absolutely free from outside influence that tend to dictate a verdict. The W. C. T. U. is entirely wrong in this position.

HALE WOODRUFF, ARTIST, WILL STUDY IN EUROPE

New York City, Sept. 8.—(P. N. S.)—Hale Woodruff, a twenty-seven year old Negro artist of Indianapolis, Ind., sailed for Europe today on the Paris, his two years of study in France, Italy and Spain financed by the winning of a recent award in art, the promised sale of pictures yet to be painted and a contribution from Otto H. Kahn of New York.

Sketching since he was a small child, Woodruff received his first national recognition last December when he was given the second award in art of the William E. Harmon Awards for Distinguished Achievement Among Negroes.

Woodruff sailed in a third class cabin. His plans after his arrival are indefinite as yet, but he will first get in touch with Palmer C. Hayden, a colored Greenwich Village house-cleaning, who won the first Harmon Award in Art and subsequently was financed for two years' study abroad through a gift of \$3,000 from an anonymous individual. Hale Woodruff hopes to continue his work in landscapes on which he has already specialized. He was born in Cairo, Ill.

A BIG BOOST FOR THE RACE

Prof. Richard Oliver didn't stop at winning a prize in the National Association of Negro Musicians contest held in Philadelphia, for while they were announcing the prize winners he was having one of his compositions played at the state fair. The splendid and well known Argonne Post Band of 35 pieces and the world's famous Bandmaster and Composer, John Phillip Sousa and his prize band of seventy pieces rendered one of Mr. Oliver's snappy marches. The Post Band concluded their program with

this (The Rambler) number and Mr. Sousa played it for his second number on his program and each band was loudly applauded by thousands of people.
Both leaders and their bands spoke very highly, recommending this splendid march and after the concert, Sousa and his men gave Prof. Oliver a hearty hand shake for his success and told him frankly that he was a real composer and an arranger of music and the neatest and best manuscript writer that they ever run across. John Sousa took great delight in questioning Mr. Oliver as to his music studies. We should feel proud of Prof. Oliver. He is the only Negro musician in the grand old State of Iowa who went up against the big cities of the east in a musical contest and brought home the bacon. Now, to have such musicians play and recommend his music is a boast and really worth-while. Hurrah for Prof. Oliver.

NO MORE CAPTURES IN COLUMBUS OUTRAGE

Whiteville, N. C., Sept. 8.—(P. N. S.)—Johnnie Ellis, John Ransom and Woodberry Brown, four of the seven white men charged with riddling the home of John Stevenson, Negro, in the western prong section of this county with bullets were still uncaptured late Friday. The other four are in jail here awaiting trial next Tuesday before Judge R. H. Burns in the Recorder's Court. The injuries to Stevenson's children did not prove serious.

SAYS KU KLUX KLAN IS "LOSING OUT NOW"

Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 9.—(P. N. S.)—The Ku Klux Klan is losing its grip, according to J. L. Liles, vice president of the Birmingham Laymen's League, who declared in an address at a meeting of church workers last Wednesday night. Mr. Liles thinks the people will now turn to joining the church as they did a few years ago in becoming members of the Klan. He says that the Klan is not so popular now and the people will again turn to the church.

GEORGIA ENACTS "SAVAGE" LAW PROHIBITING INTER-RACE MARRIAGE

New York, Sept. 2.—The N. A. A. C. P., 69 Fifth Avenue, has received copies of the Baltimore Sun reporting the enactment by Georgia of a "savage" law requiring registration of the ancestry of every person in the State in order to prevent the marriage of persons of Negro and white antecedents. The bill was passed in the last session of the legislature and has been signed by Governor L. G. Hardeman.

Enforcement of the law rests with the State Health Department, and it is required that the State Health officer prepare printed forms on which every citizen of the State must give available information as to the race of his ancestors and any mixture which may have occurred, failure to give correct information being punishable as a felony.

Marriage licenses may be refused if proof of the "racial purity" of the applicants is not on file, and the belief is expressed that the law will cause many residents of Georgia to journey to other States in order to be married. Commenting editorially on this new Georgia anti-intermarriage law, the Baltimore Sun says:

"Altogether, it is one of the most savage laws relating to marriage ever enacted. Yet, we are informed 'Such a measure is absolutely necessary in Georgia, according to its advocates, if white blood is to be kept pure.'"

"We hear this with mild surprise. We had labored under the impression that white people in Georgia are opposed to marrying Negroes. We had no idea that savage laws are required to prevent them from doing so."

REPORTS NEGROES MISTREATED IN MADISON COUNTY, FLA.

New York, Sept. 2.—The N. A. A. C. P., 69 Fifth Avenue, has received and today made public a letter from a resident of Madison County, Fla., reporting the mistreatment and unpunished murder of Negroes in that vicinity. The letter states that the Negroes there are suffering greatly and "do not know that they are emancipated." The letter, dated August 24, 1927, the writer's name being withheld, is as follows:

"This comes to inform you of some of the suffering of the colored people of Madison County, Fla., and vicinity. For years Neal Harvey (colored) worked for Clifford McCall (white) and through some disagreement between Neal Harvey and the white woman, Mrs. McCall, he quit the job. His reason was she wanted to increase

The day following, Monday, 2 or 3 his work without increasing his pay. weeks ago, he went fishing, caught a few less than 9 inches long. He was law being 9 inches long, he was arrested, tried and convicted and sentenced without a fine to the road camp on Tuesday, and not being able to give satisfaction to the boss man he knocked him down with his pistol and in a few minutes he was dead. It was smuggled and nothing done about it.
"Second—One Wiggins (colored) in the city of Madison, Fla., happened to displease some boys, white. They made up a mob of whites to take him out at night and whip him. He refused to surrender. He ordered them away and upon their refusal, he shot in the bunch with small shot and sprinkled the mob. They put him in jail here four months ago from a wife and 9 children, the baby being 3 months, and they are dependent upon him for support. He is still in jail and no trial. The sheriff, Mr. Leonard Morrow, told her to get a certain man (white) to stand her husband's bond and he would turn him out. She went and the men that her husband had the trouble with met her on the road, killed her and left her body by the road, and the 9 children left to suffer. Will you please help the colored people here, they are faring awful, they don't know that they are emancipated. There are numerous cases here that needs investigating among the Negroes."
The N. A. A. C. P. has called the conditions described above to the attention of the Governor of Florida.

CENTERVILLE, IOWA

Mr. Wm. Koemy remains about the same. Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Taylor, Mrs. Anna Oliver and Mr. and Mrs. James Price have returned home from Sioux City where they attended the Woman's Convention and the Association. Mrs. Price's father returned with her for an indefinite stay. Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Jones entertained Mrs. Wm. Clark and sons Harold and Richard and Mr. and Mrs. John Ewing and James Crittenden at a six o'clock dinner Tuesday. Mr. Fred Lewis of Haydock visited his brother, Joe last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. H. T. White, Mrs. Ben Baker and granddaughter, Louise Starkey arrived Sunday evening for a short visit. Mrs. Emma Hicks entertained the Maple Leaf Club Monday evening. Mrs. Ben Baker of St. Paul, Minnesota, was a guest. The Harmony Club met at the home of Joe Saunders Thursday afternoon. A social was given by the Independent Club Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Ceary Nash. Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Jones entertained at a Sunday dinner honoring Mr. Jones' brother, Mr. Theodore W. Jones of Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. Ben Baker and granddaughter, Louise of St. Paul, Minn. Mrs. Hannah Cobbs entertained Mrs. Ed Brown and granddaughter, Josephine, Mrs. Ben Baker and granddaughter Louise at a 6:30 dinner, Monday evening. Mrs. Wm. Clark and sons Harold and Richard returned to their home in Marshalltown, Iowa.

NOTICE TO REDEEM FROM TAX SALE

To Cora M. Thomas, the person in whose name the real estate described below is taxed. You are hereby notified that at a regular Tax Sale held in and for Polk County, Iowa, on December 1, A. D. 1924, the following described real estate, to-wit: Albert Krueger's Lot Eight (8) Block Twenty-two (22) Addition to the City of Des Moines, Iowa, was sold to J. L. Witmer for the year 1923, thereon, and a certificate of purchase was duly issued to him by the Treasurer of said Polk County, Iowa, therefore, which certificate is now lawfully held and owned by him.
That the time for redemption from said sale will expire and a deed for said lot will be issued to him by the Treasurer of said Polk County, Iowa, unless redemption from said sale be made within ninety days from the completed service of this notice.
Dated September 6, 1927. J. L. WITMER.

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WHY One Loses Weight When Moon is Overhead

When the moon passes vertically overhead did you ever notice that you lost weight? Well, you do, says the Abbe Moresaux, noted French astronomer. A man weighing 168 pounds weighs 1-32000th of an ounce less under the moon.
It is the same influence that causes the tides, perhaps the best-known example of the moon's meddling in our affairs. Here's what happens to make the tides, according to the abbe:
If the water loses weight when the moon is overhead, the column of water directly under the moon must be higher than in other parts in order that the pressure on the sea floor may remain the same and equilibrium maintained. This bulging outward of the ocean's surface is the tide.
Now, here is an odd thing: When the moon passes straight over New York, for instance, not only are the tides the same in exactly the opposite parts of the earth, but the other magnetic effects are likewise. At the same time that we lose that 1-32000th of an ounce, so do the Chinese on the other side of the globe.
The earth may be 81 times the size of the moon, but that does not mean we can look upon it with contempt, according to the abbe. The moon pulls us hither and yon, working sometimes with, sometimes against, the sun. The effects depend upon the position it occupies in the heavens.—Popular Science Monthly.

Why Flowers Must Close Their Petals at Night

The reason many flowers close their petals at night or during bad weather is to preserve the precious pollen that enables seeds to be produced.
Heavy dew or mist at night can do almost as much damage in washing away the magic dust as rain.
But what are the mechanics of the process? The nightly closing is due to the fact that the part of the plant which gets less light grows more quickly. Normally the underside of the flower will therefore have grown a little more during the day than the top surface of the petals so that the uneven tension will cause the petals to curve inward.
During the night and early morning the inside of the flower will grow more quickly and so straighten the petals out again.
The closing during rain is due to the shrinking effect that moisture has on vegetable matter. Some flowers, such as the night-scented stock, are closed by day and open at night, because they are most successfully fertilized by night-flying insects, such as moths.

Why We Keep Diaries

Who has not turned diarist at one time or another—probably at a dozen different times? Most of us have done so, and most of us have, an equal number of times, left off.
I should like to see a psychologist's report on the motives which lead so many of us to impose on ourselves the top of all the tasks that the world imposes this added labor. Behind the first childish efforts there is, I suppose, the vague but terribly strong instinct of the young ego to establish itself as an ego apart from all the other egos, cosmic forces and what not that seem destined to give it show room. It is merely a more elaborate way of scribbling one's name over schoolbooks, wall paper and fences; and a logical step that so-called vandals—Helen McAfee, in the Bookman.

Why Popcorn Pops

There is some difference of opinion on the cause of the popping of popcorn, a number of theories having been advanced, but the United States bureau of plant industry informs us that the best explanation of this phenomenon appears to be as follows:
The popping is an explosion due to the expansion, under pressure, of the moisture contained in the starch grains. Until the instant of the explosion the colloidal material within which the starch grains are embedded, it is not likely that either air or volatile oil, as is sometimes claimed, is concerned with the process.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Why Trees Are Tagged

If the observant traveler abroad observes an expert setting out trees in a public square, he will discover that attached to a leaf on one side of each tree there will be a bit of white tape. It is at once apparent that the marking is in no sense distinguishing. But as the gardener goes about setting the trees in the Plaza prepared for them, the traveler will observe that each tag of white is brought around to face the east. Upon inquiry, one will be told that unless the tree, say a palmetto, uprooted from the nursery, had the same eastern exposure it would fall to take root and flourish.

Why Dog Howls

This question has long been disputed, some maintaining that a dog's howling is so delicately constructed that music of a high pitch causes him pain, and others claiming that a dog likes music and feels the urge to join with his own voice. Possibly it depends upon the dog and on the music. Generally speaking, however, it is supposed that when music causes a dog to howl and bark he is not especially happy.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Smiling Service!

H. Spencer Curry, Mgr.
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To J. F. and Cora M. Thomas, the persons in whose name the real estate described below is taxed. You are hereby notified that at a regular Tax Sale held in and for Polk County, Iowa, on December 1, A. D. 1924, the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot Three (3) Saucerman's Addition, now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, was sold to J. L. Witmer for the year 1923, thereon, and a certificate of purchase was duly issued to him by the Treasurer of said Polk County, Iowa, therefore, which certificate is now lawfully held and owned by him.
That the time for redemption from said sale will expire and a deed for said lot will be issued to him by the Treasurer of said Polk County, Iowa, unless redemption from said sale be made within ninety days from the completed service of this notice.
Dated September 6, 1927. J. L. WITMER.

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WHY Red Light is the Universal Danger Signal

People have sometimes wondered why danger signals on railroads are red. Why do they put up a red light on a switch stand instead of some other color to indicate that the switch is open? Many explanations have been given, such as the common one that red, being the color of blood, is the natural danger signal. But the real reason, as given by Harry A. Stewart in the American Magazine, is quite commonplace.
White lights were barred, of course, because the engineer might mistake the light in a window or a street light for a signal. Red was chosen because the red rays are less easily obscured by fog or smoke than any other color (except white) and can, therefore, be seen farther under adverse conditions. The red beam has 40 per cent the intensity of white light; green has 25 per cent, and violet is still lower.
As it is important that the danger signal be visible at the greatest possible distance and as the red beam has the greatest intensity of any of the colors, it was chosen for the danger light. Green on the railroad is the safety light.

Why Chinese Refuse to Submit to Worry

This is Thomas Steep's explanation, given in his "Chinese Fantasies," of why the Chinese do not worry:
"They do not think in terms of years, but of centuries.
"A man's life is but a prolongation of that of his father and of his countless grandfathers, and will not his own progeny transmit the individual in him down through eternity?
"Countless ages he extends back through his ancestry, and countless ages will live in his posterity.
"Building up a government can wait. It is not a thing to be done in haste. Better take a couple of centuries.
"Meanwhile, there is time for the pigeons and fishes. Or let us fly a kite. It is pleasanter than building a government."

Wonders of World

The seven wonders of the ancient world were the pyramids of Egypt, the hanging gardens of Babylon, the temple of Diana at Ephesus, the statue of Jupiter in Greece, the tomb of Mausolus at Halicarnassus, the pharos at Alexander and the colossus of Rhodes.

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CHINAMAN'S BRIDE CAN'T COME HOME

Dilemma of American Girl in the Orient.

New York.—The wedding ring which sealed the elopement of a beautiful Brooklyn girl, a Columbia graduate, with a native-born Chinese has become the bar which will forever prevent her return to her native land.

The information came from China, where Mrs. Pao is literally marooned and her Chinese husband, formerly president of the National university in Peking, a prisoner in the hands of the Nationalist troops.

"You will have to get a divorce before you get an American passport," Mrs. Pao was told by American consular officers in China, according to the information sent here.

"If you get a Chinese passport you can go to America for only six months and cannot remain permanently. As there is no Chinese quota, you cannot return as an immigrant," the officials further advised her.

Mrs. Pao has protested to her American relatives that she is deeply in love with the Chinese husband whom she met when both were students in Columbia, five years ago.

"I have no intention of divorcing him. I love him, but I want to return to America, and they say I can't get out a divorce," the American wife of the Chinese professor insisted.

"I have never regretted our marriage," she said. "I was captured by the Nationalist forces five months ago, his wife seldom has been permitted to communicate with him and has never seen him."

Carried Half Mile in New York Sewer

New York.—Swept more than half a mile by the swirling underground waters of New York's sewers and finally washed into the East river, seven-year-old Anthony Astorino was little the worse for his experience.

The boy fell into a sewer manhole while playing with several companions in a subway excavation at Third avenue and Fifty-third street. Cries of his companions attracted watchmen, who notified the police and fire departments.

Manhole covers along Fifty-third street and Second avenue were opened and firemen lowered with ropes and flashlights. But each time the rescuers were too late—Tony had already been shot by.

Firemen, police and members of the United States volunteer life-saving corps gathered about the sewer outlet on East river to await the arrival of the boy.

Minutes passed. Tony had been in the sewer waters 20 minutes and hope of his rescue alive began to ebb. Suddenly from the outlet for which three to four feet of water rushed came a mud-covered body, which began to kick and squirm as it struck the river. Several firemen jumped into the water and hauled the boy into a boat.

"It was terrible cold in there," remarked Tony as he was rushed to Bellevue hospital. There it was found he was suffering slightly from submersion and several bruises.

He was taken to the hospital and his condition was reported as good. He is expected to be discharged in a few days.

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BOY KING'S PALACE IN LOVELY RESORT

Rumania Gives Castle Pelesh to Little Michael.

Washington.—Sinaia, whose historic Castle Pelesh has been recently set aside by the Rumanian government as a country residence for the boy king, Michael, is a beautiful resort in the pine-clad Carpathian mountains and favorite summer gathering place of Balkan aristocracy, says a bulletin of the National Geographic society.

Winding drives lead to grand villas and modern hotels set against a background of forest and mountain. From their balconies and windows views of narrow valley and fir-clad hills are unsurpassed. Gay, gypsy-like Rumanian music floats from bandstands, smart crowds gather in open-air restaurants, and far into the night the gaming rooms of the casino are crowded by the fashionable world of southeastern Europe.

This delightful valley in the Carpathians became popular less than 50 years ago, when it was chosen as a refuge from the forest by Prince Charles Bucharest by young Prince Charles of Hohenzollern Sigmaringen, newly chosen king of Rumania, and his wife, Elizabeth of Newburg, known to the literary world by her pen name of Carmen Sylva.

When the royal couple first visited this mountain fastness there was no summer palace built, and they stopped for weeks at a time at the Orthodox Greek monastery near Cantacuzene in the fifteenth century. The walls of the royal use are said to be still covered with caricature sketches of well-known court ladies, drawn by the queen.

King Charles built the Castle. So charmed was the new monarch with the invigorating air and wild scenery of Sinaia that they set about the creation there of a summer court. King Charles supervised the erection of Castle Pelesh, the royal residence, on whose building, landscaping and furnishing he lavished millions. Pelesh is in the white stone and plaster style, looking more like a German hotel, looking more like a Roman castle in the various alps than a castle in the English sense of the word. It is perhaps more adequately described by the French term, chateau.

The building, however, is in harmony with its background of evergreens and mountain peaks, and stands in a wooded park of great beauty. Its many rooms contain priceless art treasures from Europe and the Orient collected by King Charles throughout a long lifetime and added to by his successors Ferdinand and Marie. The throne room and reception halls are of Aladdinlike splendor.

In spite of this gorgeous background, court life has always been less formal at Sinaia than in Bucharest. It has been the custom since the reign of King Charles and Marie to wear native peasant costume while in residence.

It was at Sinaia that the royal family first heard the booming of the guns on the Hungarian frontier after Rumania's entry into the World war. The Transylvanian frontier is a few miles away through the Carpathian passes.

Modern Summer Capital. Since the war Sinaia has become more popular than ever, not only among the native aristocracy but with visitors from all eastern Europe. Rumania combines strains of Latin and gypsy romance which seem to meet in Sinaia. Rich owners of landed estates have been hard hit by agrarian reforms, but many seem still able to maintain magnificent villas at the summer capital, and their number is constantly being added to by those newly enriched by post-war development.

On Sinaia's tree-shaded promenade are seen costumes fresh from the Rue de la Paix. Gay youths in flannels play tennis with girls in embroidered blouses, their hair held in braids by colorful gipsy scarves. Inviting bridge paths lead through the forest to mountain retreats of solemn grandeur. At the casino the wheel of fortune spins and each evening in the adjoining ballroom, music plays far into the night.

This remote Carpathian valley, in the shadow of the old Cantacuzene monastery, has seen during the last half century the surprising growth of one of Europe's gayest summer capitals. High upon the hillside above, embowered in gardens, lies the royal residence of Pelesh, built by the German monarch of a Latin country and redolent with the memory of an English queen. Now its gorgeousness is the property of a boy of five.

Sex Cost Boy \$5,000. New York.—Harry Alth Seggerman does not know it yet, but it cost him \$5,000 to be a boy. Frederick K. Seggerman, who died a few weeks ago, left a will stipulating that his prospective grandchild should have a legacy of \$10,000 if a girl, and half that amount if a boy. Harry has just arrived.

Mother Love Wins. Newark, N. J.—Millions and millions are little compared with a mother's love. A wealthy uncle and aunt wished to adopt Sally Miles, thirteen, whose parents are divorced. Judge Walter Van Riper denied permission

EXPLOSION OF SUN SEEN AS POSSIBLE

Many Other Big Stars Have Blown Up.

Chicago.—Should the sun explode, which astronomers say may not happen in a million years, or might happen tomorrow, inhabitants of the earth would know of it in eight minutes and would have but 133 hours to live before they were destroyed by poison gases.

Astronomers at Yerkes' observatory admit such an explosion is possible any minute, basing their assertion on the fact that every star has gone, or will go through the explosive stage. In the Spiral Andromeda alone more than forty stars have exploded in the last twenty-five years.

The last great star to explode was Nova Pictoris, which expanded many thousand diameters in 1905. Prof. C. T. Elvey of Northwestern university is preparing a thesis on this subject. He says:

"It is quite true that stars do explode and there is no reason why the sun should be an exception. As yet we do not know exactly what the cause of this phenomenon can be, but the generally accepted theory is that the explosions are caused by internal eruptions, caused by the liberation of atomic energy.

"The liberated energy travels from the center of the star at explosive speed. When it finally reaches the outside the star is many times its original size and its intensity increased many times.

"Nova Pictoris, the last big star to explode, has increased in intensity more than 40,000 times. "Should this happen to the sun, and it is entirely possible, we would know of the explosion in eight minutes and we would have an outside limit of 133 hours to live. At that time the burning gases would reach the earth and we would be annihilated."

Gen. Percy May End the Row in Albania. Scutari, Albania.—The "Albanian question" is now largely in the hands of Gen. Sir Jocelyn Percy, a veteran of the South African war, of several Indian expeditions and of the great war.

Gen. Percy came here to reorganize the gendarmery and was appointed by Ahmed Bey Zogu to command the military and civil administrations of all Albania north of the Mat river. He expects to pacify the turbulent region of the Mallesore tribes and thus put a stop to the continual agitation along the frontier between Albania and Jugoslavia.

Gen. Percy's policy is that of the "square deal." "The tribesmen of the region under my command," he says, "can come to me and pour out their grievances with confidence that they will be heard and dealt with fairly."

Gen. Percy, after leaving the British army as major general in 1919, went to South Russia, with a British mission attached to Gen. Denkin's army. He was later with Gen. Wrangell in the Crimea. He enjoyed three years of rest and quiet on a ranch in British Columbia.

Planes Rout Locusts. Moscow.—A signal victory on the "locusts front" is reported by the aerial expedition in charge of ridding soviet farms of the pest. A total area of 324,000 acres is said to have been cleared of locusts by spraying from airplanes.

Batik Hats for Men. Paris.—Men's batik hats with batik ribbon streamers are being introduced to Paris by male mannequins. The first of them appeared at the noon hour at a cafe near the Theatre Francaise. Frenchmen take the batik-hat game calmly.

Outlaw Fishermen Surrender to Law. St. Paul.—Outlaw fishermen of the wild north shore of Lake Superior, who have plied their trade since the region was captured from the Indians a century ago, have surrendered. Hereafter they will fish as the law dictates.

The poachers once believed that Lake Superior contained an inexhaustible supply of fish. But the hauls have been lean in late years and finally the fishermen have determined to join the state in seeking to preserve that which has been their livelihood for years.

Now they themselves are warning on illicit fishermen. State officials were quick to accept the co-operation, for enforcement of laws against poaching always had been difficult in the wild country.

Until recently the fishers laid their nets during the spawning season, ignoring game laws, and used smaller mesh nets than the law allowed.

Operating over a 200-mile stretch of isolated territory, they easily eluded the small staff of wardens and for years did a lucrative business, supplying catches of choice whitefish, trout and herring to the itinerant schooners that shipped their cargoes to eastern markets.

How to Renovate Wood

To do away with the alkali in wood after removing paint from it the wood should be washed thoroughly with warm water in order to remove as much of the alkali as possible. It should then be sponged with a strong solution of acetic acid and then allowed to dry. Since acetic acid is volatile, the excess over the amount necessary to neutralize the remaining alkali will evaporate. If the wood has been badly stained by the alkali, and it is desired to bleach it, wash out the following procedure: Wash out with as much of the alkali as possible with warm water and then sponge with a saturated solution of oxalic acid. After this has dried, remove as much of the oxalic acid as possible by washing again with warm water.

How Herb Uses Were Found

Some of the plants for which new uses were found during the World war are: Spaghnum moss, dressing for wounds; charcoal from fruit pits, used for gas masks; birch and willow pulp, used as a substitute for cotton and the nettle for making textiles; meal obtained from clover-horse chestnut, oats, Indian corn, barley, peas, and buckwheat used in place of flour; roasted barley and oats; and roasted acorns and beechnuts, used for coffee. In Germany was made from carrots, and in Holland from turnips; bloom of the Indian tree mixed with beech buds was found to make an excellent beverage; roasted peas and oats form a substitute for cocoa.

Why Yew in Churchyards

Why were yew trees planted in English churchyards? Several reasons have been given by readers of a London newspaper. One is that clergymen planted them because they liked their gloomy appearance. Another is that yew trees were believed to be poisonous and so were planted to discourage church property. In ancient days bows and arrows were made from yews and churchyards were regarded as safe places for plantations.

Why Fireflies Give Light

Scientists have not been able to determine just exactly how fireflies produce their light. It is supposed, however, that the light is produced by a chemical process involving at least two separate chemicals in addition to the oxygen in the air. When the two chemicals are mixed with oxygen from the air the light is produced. The secret seems to be able to produce the light at will.

How to Dry Sticky Paint

One of the most frequent causes of slow-drying or "sticky" paint, is the use of adulterated linseed oil, kerosene, fish-oil, rosin oil, mineral oils or other non-drying oils in the paint instead of, or in addition to, pure linseed oil. In some cases, a mixture of three-fourths turpentine and one-fourth kerosene will dry up the sticky paint. In other cases a coat of aluminum paint will do the trick. If neither method eliminates the sticky condition, about the only thing left is to burn off the defective coating and repaint.—Popular Science Monthly.

How Laundry Causes Fires

Records show that frequently the origin of laundry fires can be traced to a tightly packed clothes hamper. These hampers usually have been packed with clothes hot from the dryer and the air carries off the lint, carbon, being one of the principal constituents of cotton, combines with oxygen to form carbon dioxide. Ordinarily the heat is not carried off and sufficient temperature is raised to start a fire. Likewise poorly rinsed clothes cause fires.

HOW MARCONI'S LOVE AFFAIR GAVE WORLD WIRELESS.

A boyhood love affair, and stern parents, who deeded him communication with the girl, resulted in his gift to the world of wireless telegraphy. Senator Guglielmo Marconi lately admitted in London, in the course of a speech at the Foreign Press association.

Long-standing reports have said that Marconi, when only nineteen, fell desperately in love with a certain young woman. When her parents refused them any communication, he vainly tried to smuggle her notes and then attempted to wave a handkerchief according to the code they had agreed upon. His invention of the radio was said to have followed.

Asked by guests at the luncheon to tell how his idea of wireless originated, Marconi said that his first experiments with it were made in 1896, when he was nineteen.

"I can only say that I thought of the wireless because I wanted to communicate with someone with whom I could not otherwise communicate," he said.

"I sought a means of communication that was not dependent on weather, fog or sun as are the ordinary visual signals. That was six years before England and France were connected by wireless communication."

Asked to elaborate on his statements, Marconi refused to say whether or not he referred to his boyhood love affair.

"I do not want to start a love story," he said smilingly.

Important Invention

On March 10, 1949, a patent for cub off and valve for steam engines was granted to Seth Boyden, the inventor. This was one of the most important of all inventions in the development of the steam engine.

Heritage Worth While

There is no better heritage than a good name that a father can bequeath to his children; nor is there in a family any richer heirloom than the memory of a noble ancestor.—James Hamilton.

Colorful City

The term "Red City," applied to Philadelphia, is probably due to the fact that red was the predominating color originally, many of the houses being built of red brick.

Diamonds Long Valued

Previous to the discovery of the Brazilian mines in 1727, diamonds were found chiefly in India and Borneo. They had been used as a gem from very early times.

Lessons in Happiness

Devote your greatest concern to others and you will find the spring of happiness in your front yard.—Alexander City (Ala.) Outlook.

Great River's Source

The source of the Mississippi river is Lake Itasca in northern Minnesota, according to an answered question in Liberty.

How Motor Coaches "Turn"

Motor coaches used at railroad terminals in Jersey City are turned around on a turntable, which eliminates the difficulty of backing up and reversing the direction in crowded quarters. The unit, much like those employed at railway shops, is easily turned by hand.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

REFUSING TO VOTE, WOMEN QUOTE BIBLE

They Nearly Stump Judge, but Are Fined.

Brussels.—From the little town of Zelst in Holland, not far from Doorn, comes a story of forty women who would not vote. Not only did they neglect to vote, but they refused to do so on conscientious grounds, and the courtroom scene which followed taxed the Scriptural knowledge of the judge.

All forty were summoned to appear before the local magistrate of Zelst to explain their delinquency. But thirty-eight of these wise women decided not to lower their dignity, so they sent a man delegate to present a written pleading to the effect that their consciences would not permit them to go to the polls.

Excuse Astonishes Judge. "True Puritan women cannot do unwomanly things—just because the pope and the Socialist leaders would be pleased at this," wrote the nonvoting thirty-eight. That in itself sufficiently astonished the good judge. Then, on behalf of the women the delegate quoted a verse from Proverbs: "Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land." The women added that nothing was said in the Bible about a woman sitting in the gates. "It is not a fit place for her and she has nothing to debate with the elders of the land."

The judge was searching his memory for a suitable quotation from the Scriptures which would show why women should sit with the elders when a woman appeared before the bench carrying a huge family Bible.

"This man has been pleading on behalf of thirty-eight of us," she declared to the judge. "I will plead myself for the two remaining women who didn't vote."

She opened her Bible and began to quote, first one verse from one book, then another from a different book. The judge tried to intervene, but the woman who would not vote had no trouble at all with her speaking faculties. She repeatedly silenced the judge and proceeded with the next quotation. Unquestionably she had her case well prepared.

"Let your women keep silence before the community," she read from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. "For it is not permitted unto them to speak . . . and if they will learn anything let them ask their husbands at home, for it is a shame for women to speak before the community."

Court Quotes Bible. But the judge had now recovered to parry quotation for quotation. "You have quoted Proverbs 31:23," he stated with dignity. "Will you allow me to quote Proverbs 31:27?"

The Dutch woman was still in the middle of Corinthians and tried hurriedly to get relocated. But the judge had already started.

"She openeth her mouth with wisdom," he read solemnly, "and her tongue is the law of kindness."

Quite unflustered by the judge's come-back, the defendant picked a verbal missile from Genesis. "And thy desire shall be to thy husband and he shall rule over thee," she declared emphatically, only to follow that up with half a dozen quotations so rapidly that the judge found it impossible to speak a word.

But courts have ways of their own. Seeing he couldn't hope to outquote his antagonist, especially since she betrayed no great aptitude for standing by her plea that women should keep silence before the community, the judge finally found an opportunity to announce he would deliver his verdict by writing.

His decree stated that each of the forty women who would not vote should pay a fine to the state—fifteen or twenty florins each. But the judge included no Biblical quotations.

Blackbirds Enrage New York Village

Olean, N. Y.—Four and plenty blackbirds are making a most unpalatable dish for the villagers of Gowanda. No one can sleep since thousands of the birds descended on the hamlet in northwestern Cattaraugus county. And now their chattering is being punctuated by the firing of shotgun shells, especially devised to make the most noise possible.

The exasperated villagers appealed to the local officials who in turn appealed to the bureau of biological survey in Washington. The prescription it furnished was to this effect: Take shotguns, load with shells making loud reports, and open fire when the birds first appear in the evening. They are then most easily frightened. Repeat dose every night until the birds move on.

The onslaught is now on, with no one, it seems, objecting to the lack of faith in the aim of the Gowanda gunners, which the prescription shows.

Killed Wrong Woman

Tokyo.—Intending to kill his wife, a 60-year-old resident of Otomachi, a village near Tokyo, sharpened his knife and walked to his gateway for the woman to return home. A neighbor's wife, who happened to drop in, got the knife instead. The would-be wife slayer explained to the police that he had simply made a mistake, taking the other woman for his wife, but, according to the vernacular press, "the police deemed this excuse insufficient" and put the man under arrest.

TASTE TEST BEST ICE CREAM GUIDE

Tongue Precise Instrument in Gauging Quality.

Washington.—The human tongue is a better scientific instrument than it is usually credited with being, at least so far as the great American ice cream, ice cream, is concerned. Recent experiments made by the United States Department of Agriculture indicate a rather close correspondence between the "taste test" of a large number of persons and the more precise determinations of quality made by instrumental means.

The first test involved three ice creams of varying butterfat content. These, containing 18, 15 and 12 per cent, were fed to fifty dairy purchasers for a period of ten days. In each instance freezing and hardening conditions were alike, the consumer changing his choice at will. The result was that 82 per cent of the samplers favored the ice cream of 18 per cent butterfat content.

The second test proposed to show whether or not sugar strongly affects the palatability of ice cream. An experiment was made with mixes containing 19, 16 and 13 per cent of cane sugar. About 90 per cent of the consumers preferred the 16 per cent composition.

The third experiment tested the effect of nonfat milk solids on the palatability of ice cream. For a period of six weeks three milk solids were sold. More than 80 per cent of the 1,185 sales showed a preference for a 9 per cent nonfat milk solid rather than the commercial ice cream, but 6 per cent.

A debated point among ice cream magnates concerns the popularity of ice cream containing gelatin. For years it was used as a stabilizer, that is, to prevent the ready formation of ice crystals. Nowadays less refrigeration eliminates that possibility, so many manufacturers do without gelatin altogether.

Yet some persons prefer the smooth taste gelatin gives to ice cream. Indeed, experiment 4 showed that some 63 per cent of 394 purchasers preferred ice cream with 1 per cent gelatin. Twenty-three per cent wanted ice cream entirely without it and the others insisted on a content of 0.5 per cent.

England Has Biggest Flying Boat in World

Hull, England.—England's newest military airplane is a veritable battleship of the air. It is the largest flying ship in the world, one of the wings alone being almost large enough to provide a landing place for a light airplane. The hull is of duralumin and stainless steel.

Christened the Iris II, the huge flying boat takes off from the water at a speed of 50 knots. In its hull are ample quarters and sleeping accommodations for a crew of five. The radio operator's room is a separate noise-proof compartment.

The dreadnought of the skies is equipped with large fresh-water storage tanks and carries an electrical cooking apparatus. It can remain in the air 14 hours and can cruise in the air or remain at her moorings nine months out of the year.

Fair and Warmer

Cape May, N. J.—Miss Dolores De man, 20, is known as "little fair and warmer." She is an official weather observer for the United States, a when not making observations and deductions, finds time to play the violin, ride horseback, dance and swim.

German, Jailed, Says He Was French Spy

Detroit.—A tale of a native-born German, that he served as a French spy during the World war, was before authorities here, with the arrest of Carl H. Eifes, confessed impersonator of a Seattle (Wash.) physician, and his arraignment on a charge of practicing medicine without a license.

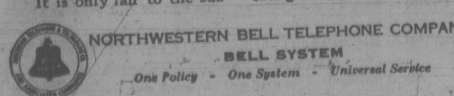
Eifes, who is said to have performed 30 major operations here, was held in the county jail in default of \$2,000 bond after pleading guilty. Arrested under the name of Dr. Ernst Fiehme, graduate of a German university, Eifes confessed that he came to Detroit and assumed the name after leaving North Dakota, where he practiced in towns under the names of Dr. Maximilian N. Schmeller, Dr. V. D. Whepan, Dr. William Sauer, Dr. John L. Ruffery, Dr. S. Terstel and Dr. Rudolph Young.

Eifes, who claims he was graduated from a Berlin medical school, told James A. Chenot, chief assistant prosecuting attorney, that at the outbreak of the World war he offered his services to the French secret service, since he was not in sympathy with the German military system. During the conflict, he added, he spent some time behind the German lines, serving as an agitator, and on one occasion caused a near mutiny in two regiments by his propaganda.



Charging to Re-connect a Telephone Keeps Down Your Rates

Your rates for telephone service are kept lower than would otherwise be required, because a charge is made to help pay the cost of re-connecting a telephone. If we didn't make this charge, the entire cost of re-connecting a telephone would have to be included in the rates charged all of our subscribers. It is only fair to the subscribers who seldom or never move, that a part of the cost of connecting a telephone should be met by those who move frequently. Even though a telephone is already in place, much work is required before service can be given over it. Wiring has to be done in the central office and information, accounting and other records must be changed. This costs money.



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