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ESTAB 1877

25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News Nov. 1, 1895—
A League social was held at the home of J. A. Hoerster on Friday night.
Miss Ratie Ricks is now clerking for H. Zork & Co.
Mason had 2½ inches of rainfall this week.
Born—To Mr. and Mrs. R. Grosse a boy, on the 25th; to Mr. and Mrs. John Geistweidt, a boy, on the 26th.
Marriage license—Ed Jordan and Miss Flora Turner.
Frank McKinney, of Llano, has located here to follow the vocation of shoemaker.
T. A. Saunders brought in green beans and new potatoes on the 30th of October.

15 YEARS AGO

From Mason News Oct. 27, 1905—
Mason is able to build her own railroad to either of the terminal lines in this section. The question is, will we do it? If not, we will likely be in the same position 5 years from now that we are today, located between two railroads with no advantages from either.
Arthur Lemburg is preparing to erect a residence near that of his brother, Jim.
Marriage License—W. C. True-love and Miss Minnie Watkins.
Ed Jordan of Brady, and Miss Edith McLeod of Pontotoc, were married Wednesday.
Little Miss Jessie Gamel entertained a number of little friends at dinner Sunday on the occasion of her birthday.
Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keller, a boy, on the 24th.
H. Bierschwale has recently completed the concrete feed troughs in the big barn of Elgin O. Kothmann on his Premier ranch. Next spring Mr. Bierschwale will return to the Premier ranch to complete some large concrete silos for Mr. Kothmann. He tells us that the troughs in this barn are 362 feet long and will accommodate forty-two head of cattle in the stalls and about one hundred head in the inside alley or hall.

EMPLOYEE OF GIN LOSES

ONE HAND IN SAWS
The News is informed of a serious accident to Tom Jacoby, which happened at the Leon Gin & Milling Co's gin west of Mason on last Thursday afternoon, when Mr. Jacoby accidentally got his hand caught in the saws in one of the gin stands, tearing the hand entirely from the arm at the wrist. It is stated that Mr. Jacoby is an employe at the gin, but the News has been unable to obtain a direct interview with Mr. Jacoby; consequently, preventing the exact details of the accident to appear in this issue.

J. M. Stewart and son, Gordon, were here a short time a few days ago from their ranch near Sonora. Mr. Stewart contemplates selling his interest in about 31,000 acres and the stock thereon, which he and Messrs. Caruthers and White, of Brady own in the Sonora section. Mr. Stewart has for the past year been in Arkansas, having retired from the ranching business and Gordon has been looking after his interests, but Gordon now contemplates going to Mexico.

F. T. Hahn of the Long Mountain community, was in Mason Saturday. He informed us that he would make about fifteen sales of cotton this season, having already gathered ten bales.

Max Martin informs the News that he and his wife have recently completed a large task, in which he and Mrs. Martin received contributions from citizens of Mason and surrounding territory for the benefit of those suffering in Germany and Austria. Mr. Martin stated that this county raised a thousand dollars in money and 79 head of milk cows were donated to be shipped into those countries as a relief for the starving inhabitants. The cattle were gathered and taken to Fredericksburg on Monday of last week and from there were shipped to Houston. At Houston the cattle were turned over to the Chicago Dairy and Cattle Co., which company has this work in charge. It is said Fredericksburg citizens donated 58 head of milk cows to this cause. Mr. Martin says that Kansas City, Mo., was first in donating the largest amount for the cause; Mason and Fredericksburg rank 2nd and 3rd, respectively.

NEW YORK GIRL HAS GOAT FARM

Josephine Jenks Makes a Hobby of Raising the Animals.

THEY ARE NOT PETS ONLY

Owner Has Made a Study of the Scientific Effect of Goat's Milk on Babies and Says Thousands of Families in City Suburbs of America Could and Should Raise Nannies.

To a sixteen-year-old girl belongs the credit of having established and superintended a model goat farm for the sole purpose of demonstrating that it is feasible for any private family with a backyard to keep a goat for its milk-yielding value and thus help solve the growing problem of the distribution of milk in large cities. She is Miss Josephine J. Jenks, a daughter of William P. Jenks, a New York broker.

Miss Jenks is a mere slip of a girl. Her interest in goats began when she acquired one for a pet five years ago and grew until she determined to make a hobby of the raising of nannies. She is perhaps the only shepherdess of the kind in the country. She has built and laid out as a result of her own study and planning model barns and pastures on a portion of her father's 600-acre estate, known as Mount Kemble Farm, near Morris-town, N. J. She owns thirty milk goats, about twenty kids and a number of imported bucks.

Made Goats a Study.

Merely having goats for pets did not satisfy Miss Jenks. As she grew older, she began to read about them, at first to learn of their habits and origin, their needs in the way of pasturage and care during the winter months, and finally to determine their economic value. She read books about goat-raising in foreign countries until she settled in her mind that if it was feasible for families to use goat's milk instead of cow's milk in Switzerland, England, Africa and India it would be feasible in America. Her father pampered her hobby and bought her a number of foreign goats, including some valued at \$500 each. No shepherdess in France or Switzerland was prouder of her herd than was Miss Jenks of hers.

But having become interested in some scientific works on goatlore she had a more serious plan in her mind than merely satisfying a hobby. Stories of the lack of milk for the babies in the congested districts of New York had a special meaning for her. The price of milk was always going up, she learned, the distributors were complaining that because of the high wages demanded by milk handlers and drivers the distribution cost was ever soaring, and the farmers complained that because of the regulated price it did not pay to feed cows for what little returns came from the milk.

Miss Jenks, despite her youth, has become quite a scholar concerning the scientific effect of milk on babies. She says:

To Save Babies' Lives.

"Statistics show that 300,000 babies die annually in this country because of malnutrition and bovine tuberculosis. This fact has been brought out by the Milk and Baby Hygiene association and the American Association for the Study and Prevention of Infant Mortality. In Russia, Austria and Germany investigations have revealed that a low death rate in any given district bears an intimate relation to the number of goats kept in that district. "Travelers in rural France are much impressed by the rugged appearance of children there, which is due to their subsisting on goat's milk. I am told the Greek and Turkish mothers are convinced that goat's milk is of more benefit to their children than is cow's milk."

Of course, Miss Jenks knew that families in congested districts could not keep goats, but she declared, thousands of families who live in the

A TEXAS WONDER

For kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and irregularities of the kidneys and bladder. If not sold by your druggist, by mail, \$1.25. Small bottle often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 222 7th Street, St. Louis, Mo.

PLAN BRITISH CHAIN OF WIRELESS STATIONS

Scheme to Link Up Whole Empire Is Put Forward by Special Committee.

A British empire chain of wireless stations, free from private monopoly and possible alien interference, is aimed at by the Imperial Wireless Telegraphy committee, headed by Sir Henry Norman, according to reports from Ottawa.

The report of the committee states that by adoption of a plan which it puts forward, a series of connecting stations can be established and maintained at an initial annual cost of not more than \$500,000. This sum, it is said, would secure a system vital in its strategic and commercial possibilities.

The main recommendations are: That a system of imperial wireless be established connecting the communities of the empire by geographical steps of about 2,000 miles each.

That the wireless system employed be that of the generation of radio-telegraphic energy by thermionic valves.

That the service of communication between Leaflet and Cairo by Poulson arcs, shortly to be put in operation by the post office, be the first link in the chain of communication with the British communities in South Africa, and that this communication be continued by a valve station at Windhuk to a valve station to complete the connection with the Union of South Africa.

That for communication with India, the far East and Australasia valve stations be erected in England, near Cairo, at Poona (or other Indian station), Singapore, Hongkong and Perth or Port Darwin, in Australia.

That similar communication be established with Canada, subject to the decision of the imperial and Canadian governments.

That the system be governed by a wireless commission of about four members, and that its execution be entrusted to an engineering department of the post office and the corresponding Dominion and Indian authorities.

The committee asserts that an imperial wireless system established in this manner would afford reliable, expeditious and economic communication for commercial, social and press purposes throughout the empire, and that it would meet essential imperial strategic requirements.

The total estimated annual traffic for the whole service would be about 10,000,000 words, producing a revenue of \$1,000,000, of which \$1,000,000 would be receivable by the imperial government.

suburbs have plenty of backyards and open fields in which to raise them. She determined that all that was needed was a little education on the subject.

Advantages of Goats.

Summed up, here are Miss Jenks' conclusions as a result of her daily experience with fifty and sometimes a hundred goats:

Goats are less bulky, more manageable and eat less than cows. Therefore they cost less to maintain and can be kept where cows cannot.

They yield proportionately more milk than cows; their milk is more nourishing and more digestible, and the animals being on the premises, the milk supply is always available, with less ice and less chance of its spoiling.

Unlike sheep or cows, goats are affectionate, and when kindly treated they become fond of their masters—so fond, in fact, that, as in Miss Jenks' case, they will follow their owner through the woods or over the hills as faithfully as a dog. Kids afford endless amusement to children.

Girl's Extra Rib Removed.

Magdaline Green, daughter of Fred Green, wealthy resident of Ligonier, Ind., has recovered from an operation for the removal of an extra rib. After a long illness with a mysterious ailment the girl was removed to a hospital at South Bend, where an X-ray examination revealed that she had 13 ribs instead of 12 on the right side. The offending rib was removed.

If interested in good cattle buy your next registered Hereford bull from E. W. Kothmann. He has the best for the money. Mason, Texas. 30tf

The News \$1.50 per year, and is worth it.

BRADY WOOL MERCHANT FOUND DEAD IN HOTEL AT DALLAS

An account of the death of H. P. Roddie, of Brady, who was found dead in a hotel at Dallas, Texas, is given in a clipping taken from the Dallas Times Herald of October 22. Mr. Roddie is well known in Mason county, as he operated a produce house in Mason at one time. He is known as one of the most prominent wool merchants in this section of the country. An account of his death as given by the Dallas paper is as follows:

With a bullet hole through his heart, H. P. Roddie, 45 years old, a prominent wool merchant of Brady, Texas, was found dead in the bath room which adjoined room 300 Southland hotel, about 10 o'clock Friday morning. A .45 caliber pistol, which had been fired one time, was lying near the body.

J. A. B. Roddie, brother of the dead man, found the lifeless form of his brother when he returned to the room after a few minutes absence. The two men registered at the hotel Thursday night, coming here from Oklahoma, where they had been to attend the funeral of a brother-in-law.

All health is given as a possible reason for the action of the deceased. He is survived by a wife and four children residing at Brady. The body was turned over to the Loudermilk Undertaking company to be prepared for shipment to Brady Saturday morning.

The bullet entered the front of the chest to the right and slightly below the left nipple, passed through and struck the wall about eight inches from the floor of the bath room. It is believed that Mr. Roddie was sitting down when the shot was fired.

He was clothed in his pajamas. The coat was powder burned and there were powder marks on the body. The brother stated that he knew of no reason for the act unless it was brooding over ill health.

Mr. and Mrs. Erv Hamilton left last week for Shawnee, Oklahoma, for a visit with the families of their daughters, Mesdames Wallace and Askev.

A. J. Boston was taken quite sick Saturday morning with a convulsion, but is much improved.

Max Martin recently sold some calves to Jennings, McMillan and Capps for \$35 around.

Mrs. D. H. Beckenbach recently sold 160 acres of land lying east of Mason to Will Starks for \$5500.

Willie Thaxton was here a short time the first of the week. He was returning to Fort Worth from Llano, where he was sent by the Sanitary Commission to investigate some sick cattle.

Miss Jennie White has returned from a visit of several weeks in Austin with relatives and friends.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. M. B. Harris of Llano will be in Mason to conduct services at the Christian church next Sunday morning and night. Everybody is invited to attend.

K. of C. Put 50,000 Veterans in Jobs.

Fifty thousand ex-service men have been placed in industrial positions by the Knights of Columbus, according to Michael S. Hogan, K. of C. supervisor in New York city. More than 1,000 veterans were placed every week, he said.

Six German Ghouls Captured.

Six Germans employed in exhuming bodies at Coblenz bridgehead, American headquarters, have been arrested for stealing gold teeth.

Falls Dead Where He Killed a Man.

Michael McDonald dropped dead of heart disease on a street corner in Kansas City within a few feet of the spot where seven years ago in self-defense he shot and killed Michael O'gich.

NOTICE

I have on hand a few Bermuda Onion Sets. Better get them while they last. J. J. Johnson.

Call the News the news.

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I have just finished a post graduate course at the Columbia University in New York City on Diagnosis, Radiograph, Oral Surgery, Pyorrhea, etc. This is one of the highest courses in dentistry, and I am thereby enabled to make scientific diagnosis and treatment of your teeth and gums. Consultation free.
Dr. H. W. Lindley, Dentist
LADY IN ATTENDANCE
Phone 81 Brady, Texas.

PARENT-TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION TO ENTERTAIN AT OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT

The Parent-Teachers' Association of Mason will entertain at the Star Opera House tonight with a program. The Association has made every effort to make the entertainment a success, and it is announced that the entertainment is to be rendered to the public with no charge of admission. This is the first entertainment to be rendered by the Association this year and the entire citizenship is cordially invited to attend. The program for tonight is as follows:

- Opening Song Audience
- Proposed School Amendment Roseoe C. Runge
- Song Genevieve King
- "The Pupil's Point of View" Francis Lange
- Music Mechoir and Celeste Beyer
- Reading Dor W. Brown
- Solo Miss Hilda Lumburg
- Benefits of Parent-Teachers' Association Supt. P. A. Bennett

EVERYBODY INVITED

Program Committee:
 Mrs. J. S. King,
 Mrs. Kinney Eckert,
 Mrs. George Leslie.

MASON ELEVEN MEETS AT JUNCTION HIGH HERE

It is announced by the management of the Mason High football team that the local team will battle with the strong Junction football squad on the local gridiron this afternoon at four o'clock. The locals have not participated in any game since the game played with Brady on October 15, but the team has been working hard every day, and has developed a number of strong positions on the team, and it is believed the team will appear on the field this afternoon with a stronger determination than ever to hold its name among the leaders. All men on the team are in excellent physical condition. Junction is reported to have a strong team this season, and with the locals going at the rate they have this year, a close contest is expected by fans this afternoon.

There is an unusually heavy demand for Christmas Greeting cards this season, and in order to avoid delay, you should order now. Call as and we will bring our samples to your home.

Mason County News.

The News is informed that Miss Ella Ischar, daughter of Mrs. B. Ischar of this place, was recently married to Mr. M. Idlebach, an automobile dealer of Houston, Texas. They will reside in Houston.

Will you remember your friends at Christmas time? What would be more appreciative than an engraved greeting card? Call for our samples at News Office.

Dr. P. A. Baze returned a few days ago from Oklahoma City, after a short visit with Dr. Robert Baze, who is seriously ill, suffering with an ulcer of the stomach. We regret to learn that his condition seems to show very little, if any, improvement.

GIRLS OF HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MAKE HIKE

The "Walking Squad" of the Girls Athletic Association enjoyed a five mile hike last Friday after school. We left immediately after four and walked two and one half miles down the Fredericksburg road. There, we enjoyed a delicious supper of sandwiches, pickles and cookies. After supper we told jokes until it was time to return. We reached town about 6:45 and then we all went to the school.

Those present were: Mary Kettner, Mary Jane Puckey, Lina Eckert, Jessie Lee Doell, Lillie Mae Kidd, Ruby Jordan, Ruth Alexander, Theima Wood, Sarah Thaxton, Willie Mae Bickenbach, Helen Jordan, Coralee Tinsley, Ella Mae Metzger, Ida Mae Lumburg, Pauline McGofford, Willie Mae Doell.—Reporter.

DAUGHTER OF SECRETARY CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS



Miss Ella Ischar, daughter of Secretary of Labor and Mrs. Wilson, has announced herself a candidate for congress from the Fifteenth Pennsylvania district, which her father represented for five years before he became a member of President Wilson's cabinet. Miss Wilson, who is the secretary's oldest daughter, has always been interested in civic affairs. She acted as secretary for her father during the latter's congressional terms and also when he was president of the United Mine Workers organization.

COTTON FARMERS, ATTENTION

In view of the fact that the price of cotton has fallen below the cost of production we have made arrangements and are prepared to loan to the farmers of Mason County who desire to hold their cotton \$50.00 per bale; classification bases, middling or better.

Come in and talk it over.

MASON NATIONAL BANK

ALASKA IS RICH IN OIL FIELDS

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Stories Rivaling in Romance and Promise Those That Caused the Rush to the Klondike Sweep From the North—Wells Can Be Drilled for \$5.50 a Foot, as Compared With \$20 and \$25 in the United States.

Oil is reviving the epic glory of Alaska.

Soon the stark hills of the northland will resound to the thump of the oil derrick where, 20 years ago, the sourdough's pick rang in the quest for gold.

Oldtimers who have waited patiently since the days of '98 are preparing for the coming of thousands of eager tenderfeet with dreams of easy fortune and for the chance-taking investor.

For Uncle Sam, through his land leasing bill, passed February 25 last, has finally opened up for exploitation the known oil riches in the northern possession.

And rich oil it is, according to reports following an investigation by agents of the Department of the Interior. Representatives of the oldtimers, who lost not a day in filing their claims, are already back in the States forming companies for development. The samples they have brought show that the oil has a gravity test of 74, much higher even than the gasoline now being sold in the United States.

Rivals Romance.

Stories rivaling in romance and promise those which caused the famous rush to the Klondike and Nome are slowly sweeping down from the north.

Oil is so plentiful that it flows freely from the ground, so abundant that the rivers are covered with it until boatmen throwing overboard an unlighted match are unsafe. These are the tales being told by those who have just returned.

And for commercial purposes the oil is easy to obtain. One man who has already filed his claim and is now in San Francisco organizing his company has thousands of acres situated on deep water, easy of access.

He is making arrangements with large oil companies to buy his output. Estimates show that he can drill his wells at a cost of \$5.50 a foot, as compared with \$20 to \$25 a foot for wells drilled in the United States. Geologists have figured that on this claim alone 100,000 barrels of oil can be produced, selling at \$3.47 a barrel.

But those who go north expecting to find unfiled claims are likely to be disappointed, for the old sourdough, survivor of the gold craze, is on the ground.

For twenty years he has waited his opportunity, knowing that Alaska contained oil sufficient to supply the entire United States if necessary. For twenty years he has fought off the agents of the big oil companies who would have robbed him of his land—

working in mines and sawmills for a grubstake.

Will Get His Price.

Now, with the passing of the land-leasing bill, he is safe. He has filed his claim and settled down to await the coming of the agents of the corporations to deal with him. And he will get his price. He knows the value of his land and has waited too long to sell it for a song.

All except "Dago Joe," who is now dreaming, in drunken stupor, of the wealth that might have been his. "Dago Joe" had one of the richest oil claims in the territory. Year after year he had resisted the schemes of corporation representatives who sought to get him off his land.

One night "Dago Joe" succumbed to whisky. While drunk he was induced to sign away his rights for six quarts of whisky. Now he reels the streets of Katalla, drinking "bootleg" with his last dollar, while the corporation is preparing to take millions in oil from his land.

Thus the newcomer who would find rich claims must go inland where the going is rough and comforts lacking. He must prepare to await the coming of roads and of pipe lines. Tanks must be built to store his oil over the cold winter.

But the oil is there for the getting, in untold quantities, and for those who are not afraid of hardships and hard work unlimited wealth beckons.—Baltimore Sun.

CANES GOING OUT OF USE?

None of Them Made in New York This Year.

Shifting use of wood, because of fashion or custom, is illustrated by the result of a recent survey of the wood-using industries of New York state. In 1912, there were several cane, whip and umbrella handle manufacturers in the state; this year's survey shows not a single manufacturer of walking sticks or whips and but one of umbrella handles. And yet New York and Massachusetts until very recently supplied about forty per cent of the total product of these articles with most of the remainder coming from Pennsylvania.

It has been questioned whether canes have gone out of fashion as a result of the war and whether the automobile has entirely driven out the whip.

Use your phone and tell the News the news Phone 57

BANKS TO CLOSE NOV. 2.
 The local banks will be closed on election day, Tuesday, Nov. 2

CLEAN TOWN CLUB WILL MEET MONDAY AFTERNOON

The News is requested to announce that the Clean Town Club will meet Monday afternoon, Nov. 1 at the court house. It is also stated that Thursday, Nov. 4, will be "Clean Up Day" in Mason, and that trash will be hauled away Friday. Parties having trash to be hauled, should notify Mrs. C. S. Vedder, who will see that the wagon calls and gets your trash.

Greeting Card samples at News Office

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Boston returned to Llano this week after a few day's visit in Mason during the illness of A. J. Boston.

STOP THAT ITCHING
 Use Baze Star Eczema Remedy for French Itch, Eczema, Ring Worm or Cracked Heels. Sold on a guarantee by Mason Drug Co.

COMMERCIAL CLUB WILL MEET MONDAY NIGHT

The Commercial Club of Mason will meet in regular monthly session at the court house Monday night, November 1. Several matters of importance are to come before the club at this meeting, and all members are urged to be present.

We have a new Buick that we will sell for \$200.00 less than the present price.
 McCollum Auto Co.

W. H. Todd and family and Bruce Tarver, of Llano, were up Sunday for a visit with relatives and friends. Mrs. Tarver, who had been here visiting since Thursday, returned with them.



Engraved Greeting Cards



Our samples are ready for inspection. Order early and avoid any uncertainty of not having your cards in plenty of time for the Holiday Season.

A phone call will bring our samples to you, if you live near town, or you will find them ready for inspection at our office from now until November 15. No orders accepted for engraved cards after that date.

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MICKIE SAYS

WHASSAT? DID I HEAR A VOICE HOLLERIN' FER LI'L MICKIE? REMEMBER, FOLKS, I'M READY T' GALLOP TO ANY PLACE IN TOWN AFTER ADS ER JOBWORX MOST ANY TIME— AN' IF I'M TOO BUSY, I'LL SEND TH' BOSS!



wegian sailors, piloted by John Scolvus (Jon Skolp). This information was first made public by the Norwegian professor of history, Gustov Storm, in 1886. But at that time, this part of the history of the discoveries was still in its infancy, and isolated as it was then, the information naturally had to be used with great caution.

Later on new material was found pointing in the same direction. One of the sources was a famous globe, dating 1537, and made by the Dutch physician and mathematician, Gemma Frisius, who points out that North America was reached in 1476 by Johannes Scolvus.

Name Unknown in Norway.

Johannes Scolvus is a name unknown in Norwegian history. Doctor Larsen connects it with the Norwegian surname Skolp, which means a man from the shores or fishing places of northern Norway. His deed became famous in his own times, but on account of various conditions not traceable now, it was veiled in obscurity and forgotten.

The account of his voyage undoubtedly has been of significance to other expeditions, Norwegian as well as English and Portuguese. Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, in one of his scientific works has proved that even 100 years later English explorers were familiar with the expedition of Johannes Skolp, namely when preparing for Martin Frobisher's travel to Greenland in 1576.

HOW OLD IS THIS CORN?

Ohioan Grows Some From Seed Found in Prehistoric Mound.

Albert Wachenschwanz, electrician of Chillicothe, O., isn't a moundbuilder, but is growing moundbuilders' corn. Three years ago while digging a hole for a telephone pole near a prehistoric mound in the west end of the city, he unearthed a clay jar of curious design. The find was identified as a specimen of moundbuilders' art by state authorities.

The jar was sealed, and several ears of corn were found in it. Wachenschwanz planted the corn. The grains sprouted, and this year Wachenschwanz has three rows of prehistoric maize.

The ears vary in length from eight to ten inches, and are smaller in diameter than the ordinary field corn. Each kernel is inclosed in a tiny husk. The kernels, when cured, attain a flinty hardness and are very sweet.

PIG MESSES UP TRAFFIC

Escaped Porker Causes Tangle in Chicago Streets.

This is the story of Oswald, a red pig with a soprano voice and a reticulated nose. Oswald was recently in transit across Chicago in a crate on an express train when fate obligingly lifted a slat or two and gave him his opportunity for freedom.

Squealing energetically, Oswald quickly found himself in the center of Chicago's traffic and thereupon discovered that he was the fugitive in a pursuit joined in by boys, chauffeurs, policemen and folks too numerous to mention.

In direct violation of traffic ordinances, Oswald darted across street intersections, upsetting all who came in his path. A courageous policeman finally captured the porker by means of a flying tackle to the ears.

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You will decide his destiny Nov. 2

Hides on Cowcatcher; Lays Egg.
Roosting on the cowcatcher of the locomotive of an Erie train which arrived in Niles, O., at an early hour one morning was a hen, which had laid an egg there. It is thought the hen was in the path of the locomotive and fluttered in the air, being caught by the cowcatcher in such a manner as not to injure her.

Boy Is Paid \$1 a Day to Attend School.
Clarence Miller of Lawrence township, O., is paid \$1 a day for going to school. The board of education, which must furnish transportation to all students living more than two miles from a schoolhouse, found it cheaper to pay the lad the cash than to provide a conveyance.

RAGS WANTED—The NEWS wants a lot of clean, soft, cotton rags and will pay 10 cents per lb. for same. Can't use scraps

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Puts Forth Another Claimant for Honor Given Italian

TELLS OF SKOLP EXPEDITION

Danish Scientist Claims to Have Discovered Documents Proving That Norwegian Explorer Named Jon Skolp "Rediscovered America" in 1476—Credits Leif Ericson With Original Discovery in the Year 1000.

How many persons discovered America before Christopher Columbus?

The latest addition to the line of claimants is Jon Skolp, a Norwegian explorer.

Sofus Larsen, a Danish scientist who has recently made a report founded on researches of archives of the middle ages, has completed a work which he says proves that Skolp, the Norwegian, "rediscovered America" in 1476, 16 years ahead of Columbus and 20 years before John Cabot reached the Strait of Hudson.

Larsen uses the term "Rediscovered," considering that the original discoverer was Leif Ericson the Norseman in the year 1000.

Talks of Skolp Expedition.

Larsen's researches developed, he says, that about 1475 the king of Portugal sent a message to the king of Denmark and Norway, Christian I, requesting him to fit out an expedition and attempt to find a sea passage to Asia—in reality a northwest passage. An old document to that effect was found in the Danish state archives. The expedition was headed by the Norwegian-German privateer, Captain Didrik Pining, and piloted by the Norwegian pilot Jon Skolp, to whom credit is given for having reached as far as Labrador and found part of the actual entrance to the northwest passage.

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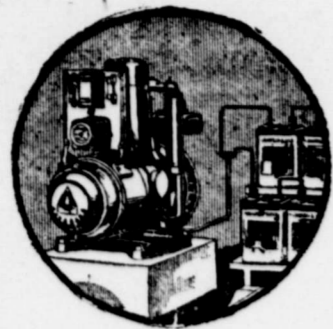
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THE STATE OF TEXAS,
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Notice is hereby Given, That by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Llano County, on the 22nd day of September, 1920, by J. T. Hallford, Clerk of said Court, for the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand, Eight Hundred, Eleven and no/100 (\$150,811.00) Dollars, and costs of suit, under a Decree, in favor of J. C. Stribling in a certain cause in said Court, No. 2241, and styled J. C. Stribling vs. Martin Telephone Co., et al., placed in my hands for service, I, W. J. Everett as Sheriff of Llano County, Texas, did, on the 23rd day of September, 1920, levy on the property therein ordered to be sold, viz:

"The entire Telephone System of the Martin Telephone Company, consisting of the following real and personal property, to-wit: 821 miles pole line (Toll and Farm), 160 miles No. 10 Copper Toll Lines, 2942 miles No. 12 Iron Wire, Toll and farm lines, 365 miles No. 14 Iron Wire Toll and Farm lines, 170 miles No. 14 Iron Wire Exchange lines, Exchange poles and Fixtures, Cables and appurtenances, 1878 sub stations equipments, Central office equipments at Llano, Office Furniture and Fixtures.

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And that on the first Tuesday in November, 1920, the same (being

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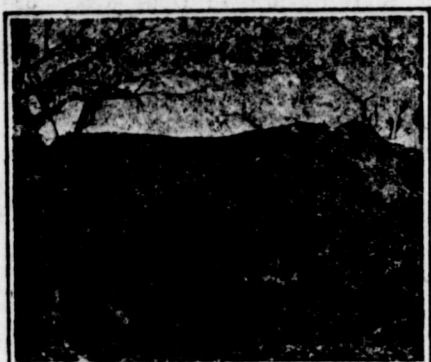
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The association offers the following rewards for evidence leading to conviction of parties violating the following rules:

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One hundred dollars reward for party or parties caught hunting on any premises of the undersigned with what is called a "Head-light."

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S. C. Brockman,
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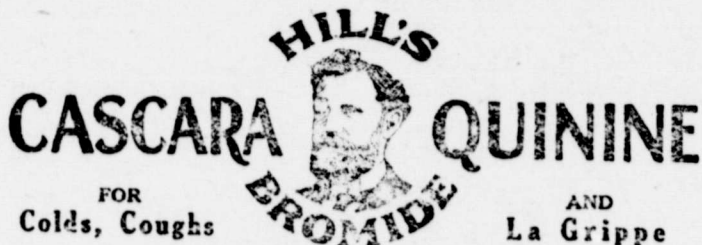
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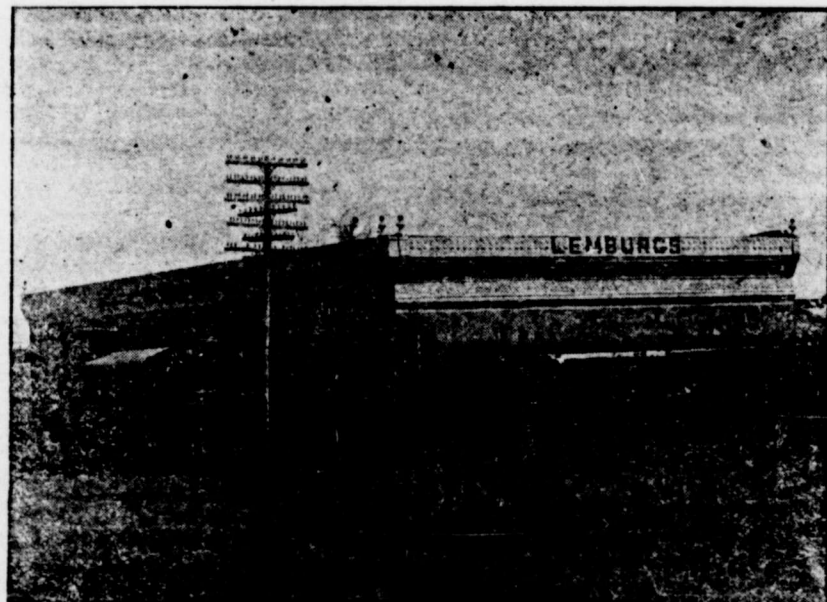
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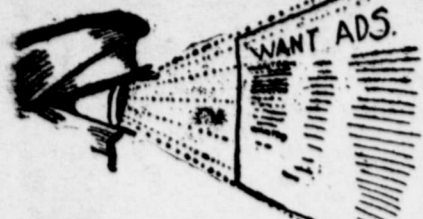
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WHY DID GEN. CANTU RESIGN?

Position of Lower California's Governor Was Strong.

HAD RULED WITH SUCCESS

Appointed by Porfirio Diaz, During Nine Years of Stormy History He Kept His State From Being Involved In Any of the Revolutions That Disrupted Mexico and Then Puzzled Everyone by Quitting.

The sudden demise of a public official in Mexico is such an every day occurrence that the peaceful resignation of Gen. Estaban Cantu, governor of Lower California, was scarcely noticed by Mr. Average American Citizen. Cantu's peaceful passing into private life is not being ignored, however, by shrewd students of international events, writes Paul J. Brindel in the Chicago Daily News.

Any man who can peacefully resign his office in Mexico on his own terms is worthy of American interest. Add the fact that Cantu ruled successfully most of Lower California through the nine stormiest years of Mexico's history, and you have another interesting item. But most interesting of all is the seemingly unanswerable question of "why did Cantu resign?" True, De la Huerta and Obregon had threatened dire things against him, including invasion of Lower California, if he did not. But they were hundreds of miles away, and other attempts had taught Mexican expeditionary forces, from Diaz to Carranza, that only a military expedition of a great power could cross the hundreds of miles of burning sands between Mexicali and Mazatlan. Yet Cantu resigned, and with very little dickerling, except for certain rights and amnesty for his followers.

Appointee of Porfirio Diaz.
 Like most things in Mexico, good and bad, Gov. Cantu and his administration dated back to Porfirio Diaz. From 1911, when Diaz appointed him, to the time of his resignation, Cantu defied successfully all efforts to involve Lower California in the mess the rest of Mexico is in. While the Maderos, Huerta, Carranza, Villa, Angeles and Zapata each strove to succeed to the crown of Diaz, Cantu stuck to his knitting as governor in his border capital of Mexicali, opposite Calexico, Cal., metropolis of the Imperial Valley.

The best token of his success in refusing to be one of the many "saviors" of Mexico is evidenced by the fact that while good American citizens were being used as rifle targets during the hectic days following Diaz's flight, as far as is known no reputable citizen of the United States ever lost his life or even was molested in Lower California during Cantu's administration.

Cantu's success as an administrator also is shown in that, unlike any other place in Mexico, passengers on the recently completed San Diego and Arizona railroad find it extremely difficult to determine when they are in the United States and when in Lower California, as this newest extension of the Southern Pacific zig-zags its way from Yuma, Ariz., through Mexicali, Calexico and El Centro in the Imperial valley then back to Mexico again, finally winding up in San Diego, through Tia Juanna.

Tia Juanna's Rise to Fame.
 In their anxiety to reach that west coast Mecca of the thirsty—Tia Juanna—many Chicagoans en route to the Democratic national convention in San Francisco passed through Mexicali without realizing their proximity to one of the few Latin-American politicians worth meeting. Tia Juanna, planned by Cantu to be the Monte Carlo of North America, has had a mushroom growth in the last few months, especially since July 1, 1919.

Two years ago before the completion of the San Diego and Arizona "cut-off," it wasn't even on a railroad map and was practically unknown except to some of the sporting fraternity of San Diego and Los Angeles. Today it and its American sister, Tia Juana, Cal., are supposed to have close to 5,000 permanent inhabitants, not to speak of a daily influx of the thirsty, averaging several thousand per day. Moreover, Tia Juanna, Mexico, has more saloons than can be counted on a hot August afternoon, a fair race-track, half a thousand adventuresses and every variety of gambling game from "black jack" to faro and roulette. No wonder two through Pullmans are operated daily from Chicago to San Diego en route to Tia Juanna. Or that the two daily trains from San Diego frequently run in two sections as far as the Mexican border.

Mexico the Last "Oasis."
 This description of Tia Juanna is not given to further advertise the town, but because it is further evidence of the astuteness of this canny Castilian governor. Safe from Mexican invasion

by the desert, Cantu realized that under a new administration in the United States there probably would be a reiteration of the demand that the United States purchase Lower California. Every few months for the last decade or more, this agitation has been resumed, usually following a story of a Japanese naval base having been "discovered" along Magdalena or Turtle bay. Americans long have cast an envious eye on this strip of territory jutting out into the Pacific. In 1915 seven men were indicted by a federal grand jury in Los Angeles for an alleged plot to invade Lower California.

overthrow Cantu, take possession of the territory and seek annexation to the United States.

With Americans from a dozen western states flocking to Tia Juanna for a thrill they no longer can get at home, Cantu realized the value of such a Monte Carlo in discouraging unfavorable action toward Mexican ownership. His American bartenders never lost a chance to point out that with part of Canada already dry, Mexico is the only hope of the thirsty in the west.

Land of Big Game and Myths.

While few Americans visited Lower California before the recent improvement in rail transportation, fewer yet ever have been to the south of Mexicali, where great deserts stretch for hundreds of miles. Indeed Lower California never has been subjected by any race as far as history shows. There are a few coast towns in the west, on the Pacific and in the east, along the Gulf of California, with large Mexican and Indian populations, but the climate is too hot for permanent settlement by whites. Hundreds of American slackers and deserters who filtered across the border during the war tried it, but most of them, after a few weeks, preferred army court-martial to the heat.

The cooler mountains of the interior are almost an unexplored wilderness inhabited by big game and wilder myths. One legend which Rex Beach, the novelist, tried to trace down last winter, is that giant women once inhabited the peninsula—a story which Cortez seems to have believed also and for which American archaeologists are finding some basis for truth. They have found portions of skeletons showing the existence of an ancient race over eleven feet tall.

Race of Giant Cannibals.

Of even greater interest to Americans seeking adventure almost in their back yard, are the cannibal inhabitants of Tiburon island off the west coast of the peninsula. A race of giant Indians, never precisely placed by ethnologists, they have repulsed successfully for four centuries all attempts to civilize them. They wear pelican skins, hunt with primitive bows and arrows and stone, fight with their teeth and constantly are on the lookout for a Caucasian addition to their menu. In the 400 years since their discovery by the Spanish, only one white man has visited them and come away to tell the tale. He somehow managed to win their friendship by presents of beads and clothing.

Such is the territory over which this 39-year-old Mexican governor ruled so successfully for nine years—a long time to rule in Mexico. With 4,000 troops rated "the best paid in the world," receiving their \$1.50 per diem each evening in American gold, his reign could have been a long one, yet he chose to resign. No wonder shrewd international politicians are asking why.

WHY BE BLIND, SAYS HE

Hosettes Put Matter in Entirely Different Light.

A young damsel came tripping down Main street, Austin, Tex., recently. A wicked little wind came down Austin. At the corner they met—

A blind man who was arrested by a cop a few minutes later for collecting money under false pretenses told the police department "that as long as hosettes remain in style he was going to change his calling."

Kin Bury Dead as Diggers Strike.

Relatives of persons dying in Cardiff, Wales, have dug graves for their dead as the result of a strike affecting cemetery workers in that city.

MANY PAID INCOME TAXES

Nearly 6,000,000 Firms and Individuals Helped Government.

More than 5,000,000 firms and individuals are paying income taxes this year, according to figures made public by the bureau of internal revenue. These figures also reveal that virtually 3,000,000 taxpayers have already paid their income taxes in full.

Nearly 350,000 corporations have filed income tax returns, but only 65,000 have paid their taxes in full.

The bureau's statement showed that 4,900,000 persons are paying taxes on incomes of \$5,000 or less, and that fewer than 600,000 of this number have not paid their taxes in full, choosing the alternative method of payment by installments. Individual returns for incomes in excess of \$5,000, including those of individuals and firms, numbered 790,000.

DWELLING STOOD AT CLIFF'S EDGE

Tenant Was Willing to Risk Staying but Magistrate Ruled Against It.

The housing problem is as acute in England as in the United States. So scarce are dwellings that people are willing almost to risk their lives that they may keep a roof over their heads. This was proved in the police court at Bishop-Auckland, near Durham recently.

The urban council applied for an order of ejection against a man who, with his family of six, occupied a house on the extreme edge of a precipice overlooking the River Wear. It was stated in court that the brink of the precipice has been sliding and slipping away for months. Not long ago a neighboring house crashed over the cliffs, the occupants having a very narrow escape. Inspectors had been observing the house on the cliff's edge for some time, but because of the lack of dwellings the council had not sought to eject its occupants. Now there is real danger that the house will slide from its lofty perch at any minute.

The tenant pleaded that he and his family be permitted to remain.

"We are not afraid," said he. "It is our home, and if we are turned out, where will we find another? Please remember that winter is coming on and I fear I shall not be able to find a shelter for my children."

"It is almost suicidal to remain where you are," said the court. "We will keep you in the workhouse until you can find a dwelling."

The order of ejection was made.

MAYOR OF BOSTON HELPS IN FIGHT ON H. C. OF L.



Mayor Andrew J. Peters of Boston, eating his noonday lunch at his desk in the Boston city hall. The mayor is the latest recruit to Boston's "Bring-Your-Luncheon-From-Home club," organized to fight the high cost of food in many of the city's restaurants.

PRECIOUS METALS SCARCE

Country's Output of Gold and Silver Declining Each Year.

Production of both gold and silver declined last year, Director of the Mint Baker announced in making public revised figures which showed the production to have been: Gold, \$60,333,400; silver, \$63,533,652. In fine ounces, the output totaled 2,918,628 of gold and 56,682,445 of silver.

The director placed the loss in the production of gold as compared with the previous year at \$8,313,300, while the slump in silver mining reduced the output by 11,127,000 ounces.

California led in the production of gold, the state's output being 841,638 ounces, worth \$17,398,200. Colorado ranked second with a gold production valued at \$10,249,300. Alaska produced 481,984 ounces, valued at \$9,963,500.

Montana was the leading state in the production of silver with an output of 15,012,000 ounces, worth on the current market about \$16,800,000. Utah was second with 12,542,623 ounces, worth \$14,058,650.

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Because William Gates carelessly chewed tobacco in bed, Cornelius Stokley, his bedfellow, slashed him to death in a bunk house at Rossford, O. The men were both negroes.

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FINDS "BABY" BROTHER AFTER 50-YEAR HUNT

Tale From Colorado That Proves That Truth is Often Stranger Than Fiction.

That truth is often stranger than fiction is again exemplified in the story of Arthur A. Watts, well-to-do rancher of Rifle, Colo., who has just returned here after a ten days' visit with his brother, Warren S. Clark of Des Moines, following a separation of over half a century, during which the older brother, Warren, had continued a fruitless search for his "baby" brother.

In 1862 the mother of the Clark brother died at the family home in Bureau county, Illinois, when Arthur was six years old and Warren twelve. At about the same time a Mrs. Watts living in a nearby village, lost her infant son in death. Madison Clark, father of the two boys, realizing that he was unable to care for the younger one, readily consented to the bereaved mother, Mrs. Watts, taking Arthur to rear.

The understanding was that Arthur was to grow up at the Watts home, and at twenty-one he was to receive a horse and saddle and \$500 in money. But fate intervened, and he never received the money and was never more to know his own father.

Shortly after Mrs. Clark's death the Watts family moved to Kansas, taking Arthur Clark with them. They located at Holton. In the meantime the Clarks moved to Ottumwa, Iowa. Arthur Clark's father lost trace of the Watts family, an easy matter in those days of slow communication.

When Madison Clark, the father, died some years later relatives were unable to find any trace of Arthur Clark.

It was not until after young Clark had become a grown man and married that he learned his name was not Watts. On her deathbed Mrs. Watts summoned Arthur and told him the truth so far as she could, but was unable to advise him of the whereabouts of his kinsfolk.

Eventually Arthur "Watts" located in Rifle, reared a family and has four married daughters and one son living.

During these years Warren Clark had been vainly searching for his "baby" brother. Only a few weeks ago came the first definite clew to connect Arthur Clark with the Watts family. This clew led to the tracing of the Watts family to Holton, Kan., and Arthur "Watts" was finally found living here in Rifle.

WOMAN JUDGE BARS "STYLE"

Tahoos Peek-a-Boo Waists, Bare Arms and Short Skirts in Court.

Bare arms, flimsy waists and short skirts have no place in the juvenile court at Washington, D. C., according to Judge Kathryn Sellers, who has ordered that all the 17 young women attached to the court shall dress with greater modesty.

All save one of the girls complied with the edict. She resigned after she had been told by her honor to go home and wash the paint and powder off her face.

Twelve-Pound Catch Flustered Angler.

In the excitement of catching a 12-pound pickerel, Albert Gerry of Waukegan, Ill., nearly swallowed a lighted cigar. Then he stuck the cigar in his pocket, set his clothing afire and jumped into the lake. But he saved the fish.

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GOOD RAIN FALLS AFTER

FEW WEEK'S DROUGHT

After several weeks of sunshiny weather, and which almost became a drought, Mason and Mason county received general rains last Saturday and Monday. The rain of Saturday night was accompanied by a brisk and chilling wind from the north, bringing the first north of the season. The rain fell very slowly, and is believed to have done little damage to cotton remaining in the fields unpicked. According to the gauge at the Mason National Bank, the total precipitation amounted to 1 1-5 inches.

HAS DIAMOND TOOTH

Gem Worth Thousands Adorns Mouth of East Indian.

With a large diamond, valued at several thousand dollars, sparkling between his teeth, Kabi Abdul, an East Indian, visited the office of a dentist at Chester, Pa., the other day. One of the teeth that held the diamond had become infected, and Abdul, who had inherited the diamond from his father and was wearing it for traditional reasons, thought he would have to lose both molar and diamond.

Abdul told the dentist he came into possession of the diamond upon the death of his father. The father, true to the traditions of his tribe, had worn the diamond inserted between his two front teeth, where his grandfather and great-grandfather had worn it.

The Chester dentist informed the East Indian that he could save the tooth and keep the diamond intact, and when Abdul received this information he was overjoyed. The dentist says it is the most unusual job he has ever attempted, and would discourage his patients' adopting the style of wearing diamond teeth in this country.

ROBBED OF SAVINGS

After Years of Economy an Old Fraud Gets His Money.

An old money-making machine fraud was worked on Frank Rossman, No. 2948 Richmond street, Philadelphia. The experience cost him \$1,700 in cash, the savings of many years.

An affable stranger met Rossman June 29 last, and in whispers told him that he had perfected a machine that could turn out \$5 bills as fast as you could turn a crank. Rossman took the stranger and machine to his home. The stranger asked Rossman to change a \$10 bill. He went to a trunk where he kept his savings and made the change.

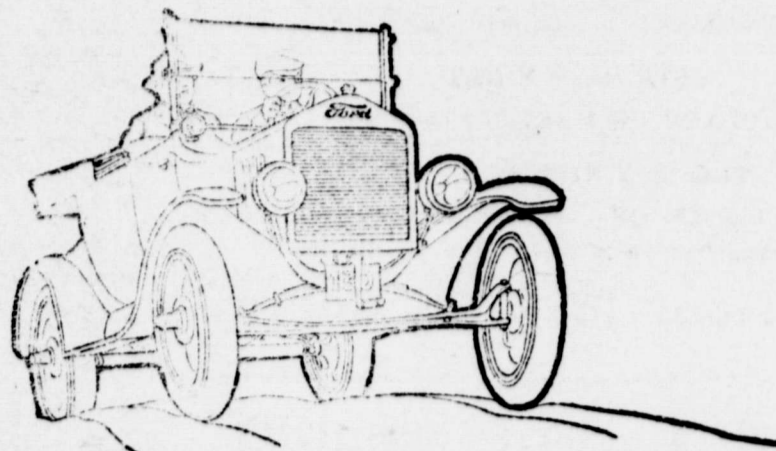
Rossman went out to find his chum to offer him a partnership. Then the stranger and Rossman's savings vanished.

"Medicine" Wood Alcohol; Boy Dead. Believing that they were giving their six-year-old son, George Koury of Detroit, bonded whisky as a cold cure, his parents fatally poisoned the child with a wood alcohol concoction.

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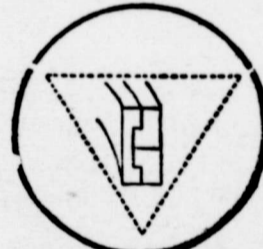
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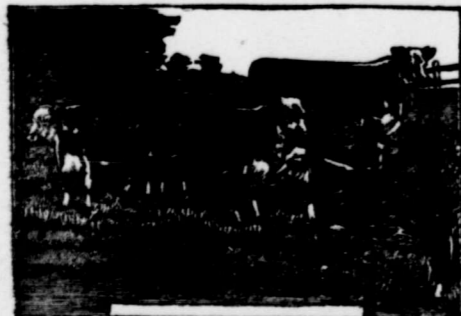
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Prominent New York Banker Says Aim Is 100% Relief of Starving Peoples.

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ALEXANDER J. HEMPHILL.

fare of those who have been rendered destitute or dependent, directly or indirectly, by the vicissitudes of war, the cruelties of men or other causes beyond their control.

100 Per Cent Relief.

"The aim of the organization is 100 per cent relief, the relief which puts those aided on a self-supporting basis, which instills in them a confidence for the future, places in their hands the means with which to begin life anew, and in their hearts the courage to go on. Work, that is the prescription subscribed and provided by those loyal men and women who have journeyed into perilous places for the sake of their fellow men; to make these people independent for the future, to encourage the flickering fire of national pride.

"There are 82,201 workers employed in the industrial establishments of the Near East Relief, where wool is furnished for the women to spin and weave, and all the girls who are strong enough are washing wool, sewing beds, grinding and sifting wheat, tailoring and learning to make lace. The big problem is to make these women independent.

"About 500 American men and women, Near East Relief workers, are now in the field, including 36 eminent physicians and surgeons, 76 nurses, 7 mechanics, 15 industrial experts, 16 agriculturists, 14 bacteriologists, 197 relief workers, 25 supply and transport workers, 19 teachers, 20 administrators, 34 secretaries, 7 engineers and 45 army officers.

Where Money Goes.

"Funds for relief purposes are distributed in two ways: First, the various relief centers are authorized by the Executive Committee to draw sight drafts on New York for specific amounts each month; second, by supplies purchased in America, the major portion of which are shipped to the committee warehouses at Derindje, and the remainder either to Beyrouth or Batoum.

"The relief is rapidly expanding and meeting the situation, but the future depends on the continuation of American support."

According to Mr. Hemphill, the need for American help to see the destitute peoples of the Near East through the crisis of present conditions is greater now than ever before on account of the uncertainty as to the future, the truculence of the Turkish government and the danger of bolshevism from Russia, which threatens to engulf the whole of Armenia.

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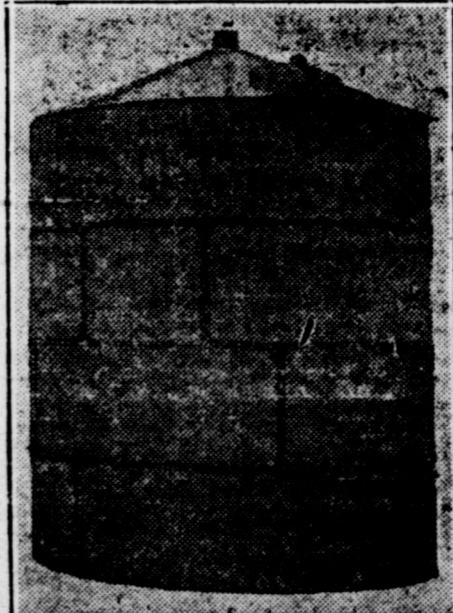
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