

COMING THRO' THE RYE.

(Suffrage Version.) If a lassie wants the ballot To help to run the town, And a lassie gets the ballot...

WHY WE SHOULD NOT INCREASE OUR ARMAMENTS.

There are various reasons why the United States should not contract the disease of large armaments. It is a contagious disease and one with which the news of the present war infects certain classes of our citizens.

The first class is happily small, due to our peaceful traditions. Its members are, however, active and, in proportion to their numbers, influential. They have developed their subject into one of considerable interest and scientific expansion.

Dr. T. S. Palmer, of the geological survey, a good authority on game preservation, is quoted as saying, "The law had a wonderful effect upon public sentiment in all parts of the country, and in consequence the States are beginning to adopt the regulations made under it for bird protection."

As a mechanical preventive of seasickness it has been suggested that the wearing of a comfortably tight abdominal support will help, and there is theoretical ground for its use in that it would seem to prevent dragging upon the sensory nerves of the stomach caused by the swayed movements of the body.

Again if we, as we hope, shall some time in the near future be able to act as a mediator and peacemaker among the warring nations, we must approach the matter with clean hands and free from suspicion of ulterior motives.

Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he reap, and beginning on a course of warlike preparation, with the general awakening of the military spirit and the contagious enthusiasm which will follow, fanned by our increasing army and navy followers, and the commercial interests...

FROM INDIA.

By One on Medical Duty in that Far Eastern Country. Just a Potpourri of Incidents in Getting Ready for the Home Coming.

JHANSI, JANUARY 15th, 1914. Dear Home Folk:

Here I am, sitting waiting to go to the station, everything packed up and ready to go. I am writing this little message in order that I may leave it to go by tomorrow's post, and that you may not be worried about me.

ISAAC SHARPLESS. Haverford, Pa.

Are the Birds Yet Safe?

The Federal law for the protection of migrating birds has been in operation since October 1, 1913. What effect this law has had upon wild bird life in the short space of fifteen months is well worth careful consideration.

Whatever the outcome of this suit it must be apparent that litigation and delay in judicial procedure has resulted in great benefit to migratory birds. They have enjoyed a respite. The hand of the merciless destroyer has been stayed for over a year.

My luggage lies in a heap at my side and imagine, seven packages to watch. Yes, I have become a veritable Englishwoman, when it comes to carrying parcels, but in my case I intend to abandon various portions as my use for them is over.

It was only yesterday that I was trying to learn the Hindustani language, but I never got very far and now I will very soon be clear away from it all and in another section; this Hindustani will be of no true use, so methinks the next tomorrows that come along I'll just accept gracefully and not try to improve, what's the use of it in such a short time it's all of no avail.

Last week's mail was very nice, so many nice letters from you all and also several nice little things from Europe, so I can pack them all for my homeward use; the letters I am toting along to read once more before destroying them.

I am going to say good night, I have nothing more to say, and don't worry about me, please. I don't just know when I will get the next letter written but will try to have one each week; but if one fails, don't worry, as I may miss a mail in my going.

(Continued next week.)

Foundation's Gifts Set at \$6,400,000.

The gifts and pledges made from the resources of the Rockefeller Foundation since its organization up to January 1 last amounting to \$6,400,000, according to a statement given by the foundation to the United States Commission on Industrial Relations at the request of the commission.

More than \$1,000,000 was given for war relief in Europe, about \$142,000 was extended for the investigation of the hook-worm disease in tropical countries; \$529,222 in the investigation of industrial relations in this country; \$39,276 for medical work in China, and \$223,574 for the purchase of a bird refuge in Louisiana.

A list of other gifts and pledges, totaling \$1,763,640, includes \$100,000 to the American Red Cross, toward the erection of headquarters in Washington; \$100,000 to the American Academy at Rome; \$450,000 for the American Foreign Mission Boards; \$200,000 to the New York association for improving the condition of the poor in its widows' pensions work, and \$45,000 to charity organizations in New York city, to relieve distress due to the war and the industrial depression.

If we may take one test or sign by which to judge of advance in the spiritual life, it would be this—whether more and more calmness is being maintained in the midst of all the disturbances and troubles which are wont to come, which may ever be looked for in some form or other—whether there be peacefulness of mind, and order of thought in the midst of all that once too much distracted and agitated the soul.—T. T. Carter.

CAUSES OF PENNSYLVANIA INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT.

Sometime ago the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Labor and Industry completed its statistics of industrial accidents for 1914 according to industries, a resume of which has been widely published.

The total number of accidents reported to the Department of Labor and Industry during the year 1914 is 38,126. Adding the number of accidents reported to the Mining Department and to the Public Service Commission, the grand total is 53,113. This number, though large, cannot be considered the sum of all accidents that occur in our State, since the accidents reported to the Department of Labor and Industry are only those occurring in industrial establishments.

The causes from which the greatest number of accidents occur are: first, in hand labor, chiefly from being caught between, or struck by, material, or hurt with tools, a total of 20,339 accidents; second, from falling from ladders or scaffolds into unprotected holes, or slipping or tripping, a total of 4,178 accidents; third, from coming into contact with moving machinery, a total of 2,836 accidents; fourth, from burns of various kinds, a total of 2,444 accidents.

The inspectors of the Department of Labor and Industry have found in their visits to industrial plants that the greatest force towards the elimination of accidents and the maintenance of personal safety is the establishment of Safety Organizations. The education of workmen in the avoidance of careless methods, and in the thought of individual responsibility, is the greatest force in the furtherance of the Safety movement.

The following is a summary of the reported accidents by nature of the injury:

Table with 2 columns: Nature of Injury and Number. Includes Burns and scalds (3,018), Crushes and bruises (12,599), Cuts and lacerations (11,236), Fractures, sprains and dislocations (5,130), Hernia (573), Hemorrhage (616), Blood poisoning (114), Unclassified (1,817).

Improvident Zulu. The Zulu is absolutely without property except the hut wherein he lives. He is a strict apostle of the teaching of take no thought of the morrow. He never lays in any store and if he has plenty one day he eats until he can hold no more.

Might Get It That Way. An absent-minded husband was asked by his wife to stop in a store on his way downtown and buy her three articles of feminine wear. Of course when he reached the store he had forgotten what they were.

The Change. "It used to be," declared old Brother Bembershay, "dat when Brudder Mauley and his wife was uh-quabblin' dey had it up and down like a sea-saw, sometimes one of 'em gittin' de best of it and den de yudder. But now, bless goodness, dey dess goes 'round and 'round like a merry-go-round, and nobody kin prognosticate which is ahead."—Puck.

Love the Beautifier. Love is always building up. It puts some line of beauty on every life it touches. It makes life seem more worth while to every one into whose eyes it looks. Its words are benedictions. Its every breath is full of inspiration.—Westminster Teacher.

Valuable Gum. A gum has been discovered in large quantities in the Malay peninsula that yields from 10 to 20 per cent pure rubber.

His Specialty. "Did you hear about Muggins taking up settlement work?" "Yes; he usually works his creditors for 50 cents on the dollar."—Town Topics.

LINKING RUSSIA WITH PARIS

Wireless Station on the Eiffel Tower to Be Used to Communicate With Czar's Empire.

The wireless station at the Eiffel tower may be utilized to communicate with Russia from Paris, via British stations to the Mediterranean, instead of by way of German stations. But the Eiffel tower, however, could easily get its messages to Petrograd direct, for it is the most powerful station on the continent.

An amusing Maori story is told of the period when these natives were at war with Great Britain. All sorts of tricks went on, such as are not only fair but commendable in war.

Shrewd Maori Warriors Played Neat Trick on British Soldiers Whom They Were Fighting.

The bullets were all taken out of a little earthen-bank which the Maoris had made behind the tree where the dummy appeared, and were used again.

It was long before this artifice was discovered.

Welsh Songs Promised. A Cardiff correspondent of an English newspaper says: "Cymric ardor on the battlefield is going to be inspired and sustained by Cymric music."

Naval Construction for Siam. A navy league has been formed in Siam, its present object being to collect funds to the amount of \$1,110,000 to build or buy a scout cruiser of 3,000 or 3,400 tons, drawing 13 feet, steaming 28 knots, and armed with 7.4-inch and smaller guns, and torpedo tubes.

Egypt's New Flag. The new Egyptian flag, which was hoisted on the government building at Cairo for the first time with the announcement of Egypt's divorce from Turkish suzerainty, bears three white crescents with their backs to the staff, each with a five-pointed white star between the horns of a red field.

Aiding Wounded Soldiers. A fleet of radioscopic and radiographic automobiles, organized and fitted out by Mme. Curie, has been added to France's war equipment. The automobiles ply between base hospitals, finding bullets in wounded soldiers, thus saving hundreds of lives by expediting and facilitating the extraction of missiles.

War Booms Home Brewing. The new beer tax in England has had the effect of reviving the obsolete art of home brewing in the country districts. If home brewing becomes widespread, one of the main sources to which Lloyd George has been looking to raise funds for the war will be cut off.

French Physician in Demand. Doctor Doyen, the French surgeon, is generally considered to be the wealthiest medical man in the world. He is also one of the busiest, and it is proverbial in Paris that no healthy man can ever get a talk with him.

Children's Bureau. The children's bureau at Washington has appointed a social service expert to make sure of having a generally equipped person to take up effectively such topics as juvenile courts, broken family relations, feeble-minded children, with an understanding of the importance of their industrial, civic and social inter-relations.

What They Are Not. The Baltimore American says the names figuring in the war news are a pronounced nuisance; but that is exactly the kind of nuisance they are not.—South Bend News-Times.

YUKON RIVER LITTLE KNOWN

Average American Unfamiliar With the Characteristics of the Great Alaskan Waterway.

The Yukon means so much as a waterway to Alaska that a report by the United States geological survey on its discharge at Eagle and on some of the great river's characteristics have especial interest.

The discharge of the Yukon varies from a maximum of 254,000 cubic feet a second to 10,100 cubic feet, average of 73,200. This discharge is relatively small compared with the average flow of the Mississippi, 695,000; Ohio, 300,000, and Colorado, 23,300. The Nile, with a drainage area of 1,262,000 square miles has an average flow of 116,000 cubic feet a second.

The comparatively small flow in relation to its drainage area is attributed to the fact that the interior of Alaska has the small rainfall characteristic of that portion of the United States that lies between the Rocky mountains and the Sierra Nevada north of the latitude of Salt Lake City.

The Yukon means so much to Alaska and the territory means so much to the United States in gold production and in other latent mineral and other development that the lack of general knowledge regarding its characteristic must be surprising to the sojourner in this country who comes from its banks.—New York Commercial.

IS WORLD'S RAREST PLANT

This is the Silversword, Which Grows in Profusion on Hawaiian Volcano Slopes.

The rarest plant in the world grows in Hawaii, a fact which is unknown to all but very few of the thousands of tourists annually visiting the paradise of the Pacific. It is the silversword. Its very name is odd and unusual, at once arousing the curiosity and the interest of the stranger who chances to hear it.

Adam Sterner, an Augustaville, Northumberland county (Pa.) farmer, had an experience with a huge catamount that almost turned his hair gray. He was driving to the Sunbury markets with a load of produce, and was passing through dense woods when he felt a heavy body land on his wagon, followed by spitting and "meowing" that were hideous.

Looking back, he saw two big balls of fire, the eyes of the largest catamount he had ever seen. It was pawing at the canvas cover he had over his load. With a revolver, the frightened farmer fired twice. At the discharge of the weapon the cat jumped and escaped in the darkness. When he arrived at the market two fat dressed chickens were missing.

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