#### BRITISH OVERLOOK THE MULE

Guilty of Injustice, Because Animal
Has Done Much For the Glory of the Empire.

The British lay themselves open to the charge of being one of the backward races by their refusal to recognize the virtues of the American mule. With the cessation of hostilities the government has on its hands a surplus of animals which it is offering for sale, but the director of remounts complains that "people don't seem inclined to buy" the mules, in spite of the arguments advanced in their favor as hardy, economical

It may be because of their defective early training that Gen. Birkbeck's countrymen fail to grasp the opportunity offered them, observes New York World. If from youth they had known the mule as a trusted companion wherever hard labor was to be done they would never weaken in their friendship. But merely as a matter of sentiment they owe him special affection. He has helped lay the solid foundation of British commerce in all parts of the world. With nothing but his bare keep as a reward, he has contributed steadfastly to the wealth and greatness of the British empire. Where would the cotton industry of Lancashire have been if the mule all these years had not toiled in the fields of the south? Can any Englishman lay his hands on his heart and deny the eternal debt of gratitude? But as a war veteran alone the mule deserves a place of his own in the regard of the British people. Wherever there was hard fighting to be found he was present, and he did not need supplies of fuel or military roads to report for

It will be a strange thing if in the process of demobilization the British fail to give the army mule a good job on discharge from the service.

#### DESERVES WELL OF MANKIND

Man Who Plants a Tree Performs Service of Great Importance to His Fellows.

Trees are and have been intimately associated with human life. Ruskin called them a link between earth and man, wonderful in their adaptation to his needs, desires and discipline. It was in "The Friendly Trees" that Dr. van Dyke wrote:

He that planteth a tree is the servant of He provided a kindness for many gen-And faces that he hath never seen shall

Probably the most highly prized tree in the world is an avocado pear tree in California, which returns an annual income of \$3,000, and was once insured for \$30,000. As to trees in general, immediate money returns supersede, in most minds, sentiment or natural beauty. A "landscape robbery" which caused the "robbers" no compunctions was the cutting of a splendid yellow poplar which for several generations had been a landmark among the Cumberland hills. The forest monarch yielded over 7,000 feet of first-class lumber, valued at \$11,000. There was no one to cry "Woodman, spare that tree," whose protest counted against its destruction. The countryside has lost a natural beauty never to be restored; the owner has money in his pocket. As Joyce Kilmer wrote: "Only God can make a tree."-Detroit Free Press.

Boy Scouts and Bird Men in Siam. One of the new institutions inaugurated by His Majesty, Vajiravudh, king of Siam, is the "Wild Tiger Scout Corps." In ancient Siamese history the "Wild Cats" and the "Wild Tigers" were branches of the army known for their bravery in war. Vajiravudh, himself an athlete of no mean order and believing that an active outdoor life would be of direct advantage to the young men of Siam, resuscitated one of these old-time companies and grafted upon it the discipline and precepts of the American Boy Scout movement. Starting with a volunteer enrollment of two or three hundred, the corps today contains nearly every young civil official in the kingdom. In all, there are fifty companies, of which his majesty is the captain general. The Bangkok company is mounted and under the personal eye of the king, who drills with them and takes them with him into the country on week-end excursions for special maneuvers .-From "The Land of the White Elephant," by Frederick Dean, in Asia Magazine.

Islands Once Place of Exile. The Princes' islands got their name because they served as a place of exlle hundreds of years ago for princes of the Byzantine empire. The emperors of Byzantium used to punish disobedient dignitaries by confining thera on these islands. The islands are only ten miles from Constantinople, set in the lovely blue Sea of Marmora, and rich in beautiful scenery. Thousands of tourists visit them annually. There are in all eight islands in the group, of which only four are inhabited. The others are mere rocky islets, frequented by fishermen, and made unpleasant by enormous numbers of dogs relegated there by the Young Turkish government in an endeavor to rid Constantinople of its superfluous canine population.

#### Lod Economics Is GoodReligion -G. W. Wickersham



GEORGE W. WICKERSHAM Former Attorney-General of the United States.

George W. Wickersham, former Attorney General of the United States, is actively enlisted in the Nation Wild Company of the Management of t tion-Wide Campaign of the Episco-pal Church which is being waged for a more practical, efficient religion.

a more practical, efficient religion. Discussing the awakening of the people, as one of the outcomes of the world war, and of their dawning consciousness of power and influence in shaping the world's affairs, Mr. Wickersham says:

"It is distinctly a church function to lead in this. The politicians can't do it. It isn't a situation in which partisan passion should play any part. It is a human problem, and the part which the church must play is that of getting down to a human basis in its relations with men and women and approaching them not women and approaching them not only from their spiritual, but from their material side as well.

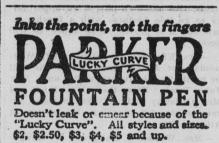
"We have had too much religion that goes over the heads of the people. We haven't been proceed and

ple. We haven't been practical and we haven't been efficient. The religion of the new era must recognize and advocate that men and women are rational human beings, entitled to fair and adequate compensation for their toil, and the blessings of light, air, sunshine, flowers; ample hours in which to enjoy all these and stimulating amusements. That is at once good economics and good religion. It is a religion that makes for efficiency, and a religion that is human, and practical."

This increasing of the human, practical and efficient side of religion is one of the big problems to be tackled by the Episcopal Church in its Nation-Wide Campaign to increase at home and abroad its religious, educational, hospital and social service work. After an intensive educational campaign will come an every member canvass of communicants of the Episcopal Church on December 7 for funds to the amount of more than \$42,000,000 and for 1,500 additional church

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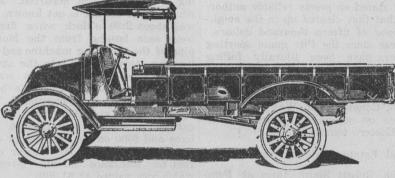
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