

HAS HIGH PLACE IN HISTORY

Magellan Famed as Man Who Found the Pacific and Completed the Work of Columbus.

Four centuries ago Ferdinand Magellan sailed from Seville, Spain, on the voyage during which he discovered the Pacific ocean, named the Straits of Magellan and opened the islands of the Pacific ocean to the people of Europe. His was the first circumnavigation of the earth. Had he not been imbued with the desire to be the governor of a new world, in keeping with the promise accorded him by Charles V., the great geographer might have attained even greater heights. Instead he died, before the three years' cruise was completed, while in battle with natives of a group of the Philippine islands. He had discovered them, along with Ladrones and Guam islands, and was intent on making them Spanish.

The discovery of America by Columbus had not completely convinced Europeans that the earth was round, but the findings of Magellan clinched the argument. He started with a crew of 270 men and five vessels, but the one ship that survived the cruise only took back a remnant of that party. Many died of scurvy, and some fell during mutinies and battles with natives. Magellan added much to the world's geography. He outlined the entire eastern coast of South America. His discoveries offered the Spaniards new opportunity, and they started to further explore the Pacific. Spaniards found and named California, after a character in a Spanish novel. Then for some unaccountable reason they rested on their laurels.

BALD HEADS AT PEACE TABLE

Many Diplomats Had Whiskers and Mustaches, but Lacked Hair on Their Craniums.

An amusing sidelight on the recent peace conference at Versailles is thrown by a correspondent, who not only reported the proceedings proper, but took notes regarding the hair, mustaches, beards and whiskers of the peacemakers.

Two-thirds of the delegates were more or less bald. Perhaps some of them made up for this by wearing mustaches. Out of 65 men who sat round the peace table, all had mustaches but 14.

Whiskers, on the other hand, were not popular. Only three people wore them, and by a curious coincidence the names of all these three people began with V. They were Venizelos of Greece, Vandervelde of Belgium and Vassitch of Serbia. The latter's whiskers were particularly prominent.

In regard to dress, there was less formal attire than one might have imagined. The English paid no special attention to dress. High hats and frock-coats, once a combination that would never have been sanctioned, were quite popular; but there were some countries which put all they knew into their attire. These were, notably, the Japanese, and some of the South American states.

The New Age.

A pretty Philadelphia girl at a Newport dance wore a rose-colored gown of the new "bareback" fashion.

Very décolleté in front, the gown's bodice in the rear opened in a broad V almost to the waist. There were no sleeves to the rose-colored gown; on the contrary it was cut out under the arms like the jerseys worn by athletes. It had, to be sure, a dainty wisp of a train, but nevertheless the flimsy skirt was so exiguous that as the girl whirled about the ballroom to the wild strains of the jazz band it was frequently possible to see that her garters had ruby buckles.

A Philadelphia matron said to George Gould as the girl floated past: "Joan is a lovely creature, but all her interests are wrapped in clothes." "Evidently her interests only, ma'am," said Mr. Gould with a cynical smile.

Please, Doctor, Make Us Pretty!

Dr. Seymour Oppenheimer of New York writes to the Medical Record expressing the hope that the long strides made in what is called "cosmetic" surgery during the war may not be lost to the civil population.

He says that this surgery for the sole purpose of beautifying ugly persons was always considered "rather a shady business" in which no reputable surgeon would engage.

But there are so many ugly faces and their beautification would make their owners happy, some surgeon the richer by a fee, and the world at large happier for not being obliged to look at ugliness, that this is the auspicious moment for taking cosmetic surgery out of the hands of charlatans and quacks and putting it into those of skilled practitioners.

Rather Ominous.

Among the presents given to a rural bride was one from an old lady in the neighborhood with whom the bride and the groom were prime favorites.

Some years before the old lady had accumulated a number of cardboard mottoes, which she worked and framed as occasion arose.

In cheerful blues and reds, suspended by a cord of the same colors, over the table on which the other presents were gathered, hung this motto: "Fight On; Fight Ever."

DISCHARGE HIM? SURE NOT

Landlord of Typical West of Ireland Estate Highly Valued Poor Marksmanship of Lodgekeeper.

It was a typical West of Ireland estate, and the Sassenach landlord was just driving his newly arrived English guest through the lodge gates when a bullet zipped by his ear.

"Good heavens!" exclaimed the guest. "What was that?"

"O, only one of my men having a pot shot at me," replied the landlord. "I rather fancy it was my lodgekeeper."

"Great Scott!" again ejaculated the guest. "What will you do with the fellow—have him arrested for attempted murder?"

"Do with him!" repeated the landlord. "Nothing, of course."

"Not even discharge him?" persisted the guest.

"Good gracious, no!" replied the landlord. "Why, I wouldn't lose the fellow for a fortune. He's one of the worst shots I've ever had on the estate!"

FIRST STATUE IN THE U. S.

Jackson Memorial, Designed and Erected by Sculptor Who Started Life as Plasterer.

The Jackson statue, in Lafayette park, Washington, was the first equestrian statue unveiled in the United States. The famous statue of George III, which the New York patriots pulled down in 1776, was built before there was a United States. The Jackson statue was designed and erected by Clark Mills, a "self-made" sculptor, who started life as a plasterer. He had never seen an equestrian statue before he started work on this one, and the appliances for modeling and casting were made by him. The metal in the group is made of cannon captured by Jackson from the British.

The equisulphure of the group is perfect, and no important balancing rods are used to keep the statue from toppling. Mills claims that he had so perfectly attained the center of gravity in the work that the group would balance perfectly on the hind feet of the rearing charger. This fact was proved, but when the statue was erected the hind feet of the horse were bolted, or otherwise fastened, to the base or pedestal, to secure it against the possible effects of high winds or other disturbing or mischievous causes.

Horse Ought Have More Sense.

A man driving an express wagon in Southbridge street appeared to be more concerned in a newspaper he was reading than in steering the horse out of harm's way. The paper blocked the view entirely in front of the driver, who seemed to be oblivious to his surroundings as the equine jogged along in what he found later to be the wrong road. When he woke up to the situation he found that he and the wagon had gone more than three-quarters of a mile out of the way and then he discovered that he had lost himself and had been doing extra work for nothing. When at last the driver lifted his head and found what had happened he cursed the horse for not knowing better than to pass by his own stable.—Worcester Evening Post.

Famous Carryalls.

The two most famous carryalls in Washington are owned by Senator Edge of New Jersey and United States Marshal Splain of the District of Columbia. The senator's conveyance, a high-powered automobile, is famed because it carries license No. 1 from the state of New Jersey. The number is not much wider than a lead pencil and it certainly looks peculiar fastened onto the big green car. Marshal Splain's hack is one of the grand old one-horse-shay variety. He uses it because congress has persistently refused to supply a gasoline bus for him. In order to maintain an even keel he has to sit in the exact center of the seat. If he sits on one side the hack lists heavily either to the port or starboard and he has to cling tightly to the cushion to prevent his going overboard.

Australian Gold Output Falling.

Gold production of western Australia continues to show a steady decline. During the six months ended June 30, 1919, the total Australian production amounted to 573,279 fine ounces, of which western Australia furnished 410,428 ounces. For the first six months of 1918 the Australian production was 641,911 ounces, the state of western Australia furnishing 443,983 ounces. During the first six months of 1917 the total production amounted to 727,995 ounces, of which amount western Australia furnished 490,466 ounces. It is stated that the cause of this decline is increased working expenses due to high wages and the high cost of machinery and materials. It is not expected that much, if any, improvement can be looked for in the immediate future.

In a Class by Himself.


A gentleman in the engraving business on Broadway, New York, was greatly annoyed by the tardiness of one of his skilled engravers. Calling him into the office one morning he said: "Mr. Brown, I get here at 8:30 every morning and look over my mail; at 9 o'clock I look out the window and see Mr. Rockefeller on his way to the office; at 9:30 Mr. J. P. Morgan passes on his way to the bank; at 10 I see Mr. Vanderbilt going by; at 10:30 Mr. Taft passes on the way to his office; at 11 you come in. Who the — are you?"—Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

Another War.
"What's the charge against this man?" asked the judge.
"Fighting in the public streets," replied the officer.
"You're fined nine dollars and ninety cents."
"What's the ninety cents for, judge?" asked the man at the bar.
"War tax."
"But the war's all over, your honor."
"Over, nothing! You were fighting, weren't you?"

She Refuses to Go Dry.
"I'll say this for the wife," "What?"
"Nowadays she's the only thing left in the house that still has the same old kick."
Unavoidable.
Hub—Oh, don't worry about the cook's crankiness. Don't take any notice of her.
Wife—I have to; she's just given it.
—Boston Transcript.

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