

**OUR STANDARD WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.**

Just what system of weights and measures is used as standard in this country is a question often asked. The meter is our standard of length and the kilogram our standard of weight. Circular No. 47 of the U. S. bureau of standards reads: "In 1893 the U. S. office of standard weights and measures was authorized to derive the yard from the meter, using for that purpose the relation legalized in 1866, one yard equal 3600/3937 meter. The customary weights are likewise referred to in general use in this country, the meter and kilogram are our standards.

In 1889 the first international conference of weights and measures was held at Paris. At this conference 18 of the principal countries of the world, including the United States, were present. The conference chose a certain platinum-iridium bar, known as the prototype meter, and a certain kilogram weight to be the international standards. The old Pavillon de Breteuil at the entrance to the park of St. Cloud, Paris, was selected as the site for an international bureau of weights and measures where these standards might be kept. It was also ordered that 31 copies of the international meter be carefully constructed and distributed among the various countries represented at the conference. One United States copy was given to the United States and the other 30 were given to the other countries. The standard of length for this country and is preserved in a vault at the bureau of standards. The other is used for practical work at the bureau. Now, by act of Congress, each State has its standard meter and kilogram.

When the sixth international conference of weights and measures was held at Paris in 1921, the director of the international bureau, M. Guillaume, reported that 34 countries had legally adopted the metric system for general use. Since then a number of other countries, including China, Japan and Russia, have adopted it. Today all civilized countries of the world, except Great Britain and the United States, have legally adopted this system for general use.

**Warmest Summer is Now Predicted.**

A dispatch from Pottsville under date of May 31st, says: "We are entering the warmest summer ever known to human beings living in temperate zones," Ezra Good, weather observer of West Schuylkill, declares. "The summer will be of five months' duration, not ending until November. The intense heat will be due to spots on the sun. They represent small stars which have been falling into the sun for the past two years to an unusual extent. These stars have now fully ignited and are burning with such intense heat that the metals composing them are forming gases never known before. At least three different kinds of new gases can be observed on the sun."

Gus Luckingbill, weather prophet of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway for years, but now living retired at Schuylkill Haven, corroborated Good as to excessive heat during the summer. "The heat will cover the period until late in the fall," he said, "and will be broken only by terrific electric storms which will rock portions of the earth and be of terrifying nature." Both prophets agree that the hot sun will not scorch crops or interfere with normal business.

**Skyscraper Church for New York Assured.**

Its first skyscraper church was assured to New York city recently when the board of directors of the Broadway Temple brought the campaign for \$2,000,000 to a successful conclusion by agreeing to underwrite whatever amount remained to be subscribed.

In its last days the campaign had assumed the aspects of a race against a quarter of a million dollars in that that amount had been given toward the project by John D. Rockefeller Jr., contingent upon the organization raising \$1,750,000 from other sources by June 1. Although the definite figures were not made public concerning the amount still needed to complete the sum necessary to claim Mr. Rockefeller's gift, Dr. Christian F. Reiser, who inaugurated the Broadway Temple project, announced that about \$25,000 was still to be raised.

**Slept Only Two Hours but Wins Diploma.**

Peter Dutko landed penniless in Philadelphia from Czecho-Slovakia two years ago. His sole ambition was to learn American scientific agricultural methods. He had heard of Penn State and after working in a coal mine and on a Centre county farm for ten months entered the graduate school at State College last September. He was greatly handicapped through being unable to understand the English language, though master of five others, Russian, Polish, Czecho-Slovakian, German and Serbian. He slept only two or three hours a night until February and then only four or five hours while he struggled with his lessons. He lost 26 pounds but won the coveted diploma of master of science in animal husbandry, with very high grades.

**Man and Wife Graduate.**

A disabled war veteran and his wife, four pairs of brothers including twins, and two cousins were included in the 1925 graduating class at Penn State on Monday. The married graduate is Richard H. Sudds, of Butler, who graduated from the school of agriculture and his wife from the course in home economics. Sudds stood at the head of his class, won the John W. White medal and the Edwin E. Sparks medal for his high scholastic records.

**Why Not a Wilson Stamp?**

Was there ever a greater exhibition of picaresque politics than that shown by the powers that be in Washington in keeping the portrait of Woodrow Wilson from the new postage stamps? The excuse given for not printing a memorial stamp when our great war leader passed on was that the department was too busy to make any changes. Since that time a set of three "Walloons," a 1 1/3-cent and 2-cent Harding, a 1/2-cent Nathan Hale, a set of three "Lexington" and two Norse commemorative stamps have been issued, and still no thought of Wilson. It is not the first time that the Republican party has displayed petty politics of this contemptible nature. Admiral Dewey won the battle of Manila Bay in 1898, but Admiral Sampson was the one that our wise government chose to honor on the issue of Philippine stamps, and his portrait was there 25 years, until only recently displaced by Dewey's.—New York World.

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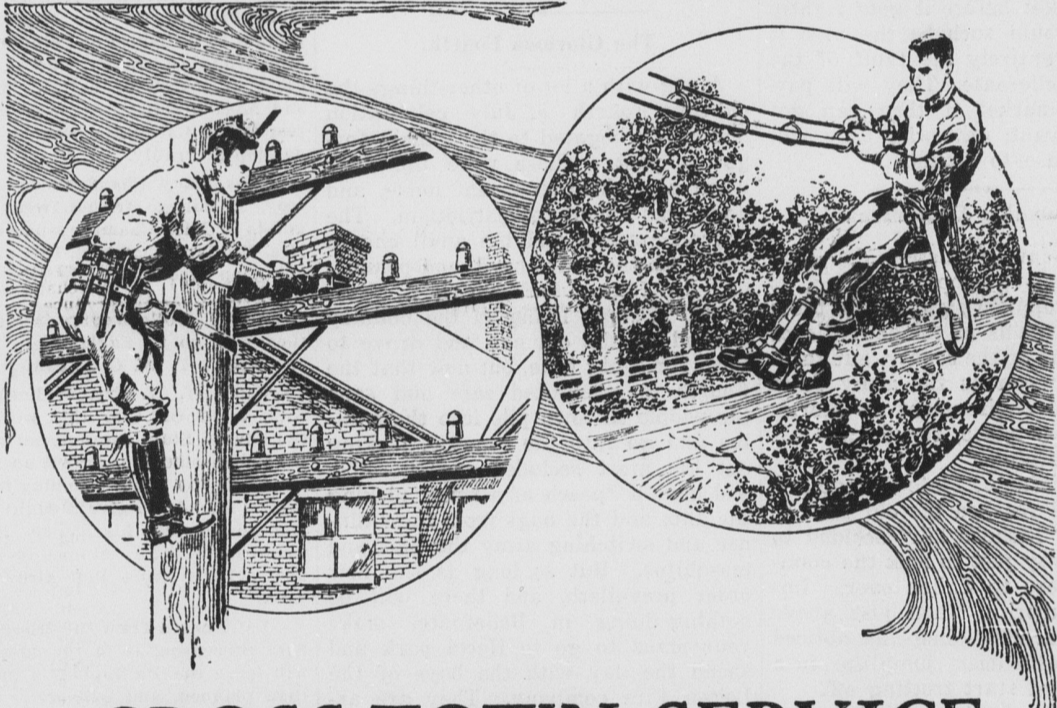
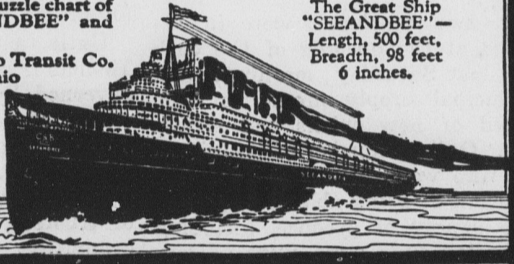
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