

### Franklin Saw Day of Woman in Business

Although desiring a quiet life in his older years, Franklin could not retire. One political office after another sought him out. He tried his best to avert the Revolution, and his examination before the house of commons in February, 1766, marks the zenith of his intellectual powers.

In September, 1776, Franklin was appointed envoy to France and sailed soon afterward. Despite his seventy years, no other American could have accomplished the things he did. His reputation had preceded him to France. Great ladies sought his company; shopkeepers hung his portrait on their walls and the rabble worshiped him. Under Franklin's influence, money was loaned to the struggling colonies. He won from France recognition of the United States and then the treaty of alliance. This was his last and most important work.

Biographers maintain that Franklin more than any other great American possessed the woman's viewpoint. Some even maintain that his great successes were achieved because of this quality; that the great French treaty might not have been brought about were it not for the homage paid the first civilized American by the great dames of Paris.

Certain it is that he was the means of starting the first American woman in business, and he was first in a movement that has changed the present-day life of 110,000,000 Americans.

### Old Man in Picture Rather Out of Place

A landscape artist sold a picture to a wealthy woman. The latter soon became tired of it, because, she declared, it lacked animation. So she sent for another artist and asked him to paint a man or woman on the road that ran through the middle of the painting.

The artist did so, and when he met the man who had painted the original work he told him what he had done.

"I had the temerity to alter a landscape of yours the other day," he said. "It was one you sold to Mrs. Jones. She wanted a figure painted in, so I added an old man walking down the road."

"Road? What road? There's no road in that picture!"

"Why, yes, there is," said the other. "A road runs through the middle of the canvas."

"Why," cried the first artist, indignantly, "that's not a road! That's a river!"

### Wife's Faith in Columbus

If it be true that there is a woman in the background of every notable achievement, there seems to be justification in calling Dona Felipa, the wife of Christopher Columbus, that influence in the life of the man who was later to discover the Western world. When Columbus talked to her about his exploration enthusiasms, she was sympathetic and his ambitions appear to have found grateful nurture at their fireside. There is a tale of how Dona Isabella, Columbus' mother-in-law, produced an old box containing maps and logs—piously-kept relics of her husband's. It may be that something found in this box prompted in Columbus the conception, later to become a flaming article of faith, of a land beyond the horizon.—New York Times Magazine.

### Royal Ear Wiggler

Empress Marie Louise, second wife of Napoleon I, used to shake her ears through some nervous effort, believing the practice would drive away wrinkles and make her beautiful.

"One of the greatest pleasures of the imperial evenings is to watch the empress turn her ears," wrote Mme. d'Abrantes, one of her ladies of honor. "This faculty is very extraordinary and I believe she is the only person who possesses it."

Marie Louise often shook her ears to amuse her friends, but Napoleon disliked the practice and it is said he slapped his imperial spouse several times for doing it.

### Rich Soil

Two farmers were arguing about the fertility of the soil of their respective states.

"Why, the soil is so rich in my state," said one, "that a man with a peg leg doesn't stand still for five minutes. The wooden leg will grow roots."

"That's nothing," the other farmer responded. "Back where I came from the land is so rich that all the peg-legged men carry hatchets so they can chop off the twigs that keep sprouting on account of all the nutritious dust in the air."—Exchange.

### China Once "Cathay"

Cathay was the name for China which Marco Polo brought back with him from his travels in the Orient. It is supposed to have been derived by him from the Khitah or Khitan, a tribe of medieval conquerors of northern China. The term was long applied by Europeans to the Far East in general. The only language in which it survives as the customary name for China is the Russian, where it has the form Khital.

### Audrey's Opinion

Little Audrey gazed in rapt fascination at a contortionist in a vaudeville show.

"Mamma," she laughingly said to her mother, "that man has no more bones than a plate of ice cream."

### ARMY BUCK PRIVATE RADIO CORPS HEAD

#### How Love of Horses and Travel Brought Success.

Washington.—That a native of Boone county, Kentucky, should be a horse lover and also have a desire to travel is natural. That his twin desires should make him the glass of fashion and mold of form among the radio lightning jerkers of Uncle Sam's army and give him claim to title as "first over and last back" buddy of the A. E. F. is not so obvious.

Yet it was love of horses and the desire "for to behold this world so wide" that brought Master Sergt. Robert E. Williamson, signal corps, U. S. A., to his present job. He is section chief of the Washington nerve center of the army radio net that straddles the country, has feelers on the frosty northern rim of Alaska and outposts in the sun-drenched, equatorial southern Philippines, Panama and Porto Rico, and does some 800 messages a day in government business.

A friend told this Kentucky youth that the signal corps used quite a passel of horses and mules; and, back in 1914, he set out to investigate. Presently Buck Private Williamson was in a signal outfit on Bedloe's island. Assignment to a field radio detachment sent him to the Texas border, where the road to two-striper promotion lay through learning what all the squeaky noises being pushed into and pulled out of the air were about.

By 1917 Corporal Williamson had found out. He went to France with the First division, stuck with it until after the armistice, and then went to Paris to help shuffle radio and telegraph traffic at the American embassy. He was among the last men of the A. E. F. to come home in 1923.

By that time the signal school at Fort Monmouth, N. J., was trying to standardize army radio technique. A survey picked Master Sergeant Williamson as an almost perfect code sender. His style was duly thumb-printed on phonograph records, which are now the main guide and instructor for army radio key pounders.

A year ago he was ordered to the Washington radio-dispatching office. However far he may have wandered from the horse-wrangler dreams of his youth, he is officially rated as about the topmost tophand of the army at a radio key.

### German Government Saves Woman From Slave Block

Berlin.—In order to save a German woman from being sold in the open markets as a slave, the German minister stationed at Cabul was obliged to purchase her in the name of his government, setting a new precedent the New York Times learned.

Several years ago a native of Afghanistan, Abdullah Khan, who was living in Berlin, married a Berlin girl, when infatuation came on he, with his wife and children, returned to Cabul where the family lived happily and prosperously.

Six months ago Khan died. When his wife applied to the courts for possession of his property she was informed that her late husband belonged to a mountain clan in Alfrided and as such was not subject either to the English or Afghan laws.

The clan, however, holds the old custom that the brother of the deceased gets all property, including the wife, which he is allowed to marry or sell. The brother offered marriage, which was rejected. He thereupon used the clan prerogative of bringing the wife to the auction block.

The German minister refused to disclose the purchase price, but it is said to be the highest ever paid in a Cabul slave market.

### A Little Rough

Ithaca, N. Y.—George W. Lloyd of Philadelphia, a junior at Cornell university, must serve ten days in jail for slapping the face of a co-ed who canceled a dinner engagement with him.

### Wrong Eagle

Washington.—The Mexican eagle, rather than the American eagle, is on the face of American school textbooks, if Lieut. Col. Thomas J. Dickson, retired army chaplain, is correct.

### At 81, Seeks Justice Job He Had 46 Years

Detroit.—Felix A. Lemkie is to be a candidate for justice of the peace.

He made the announcement on his eighty-first birthday, and as to his qualifications he offers to the voters of Detroit his record of 46 years of service in that position.

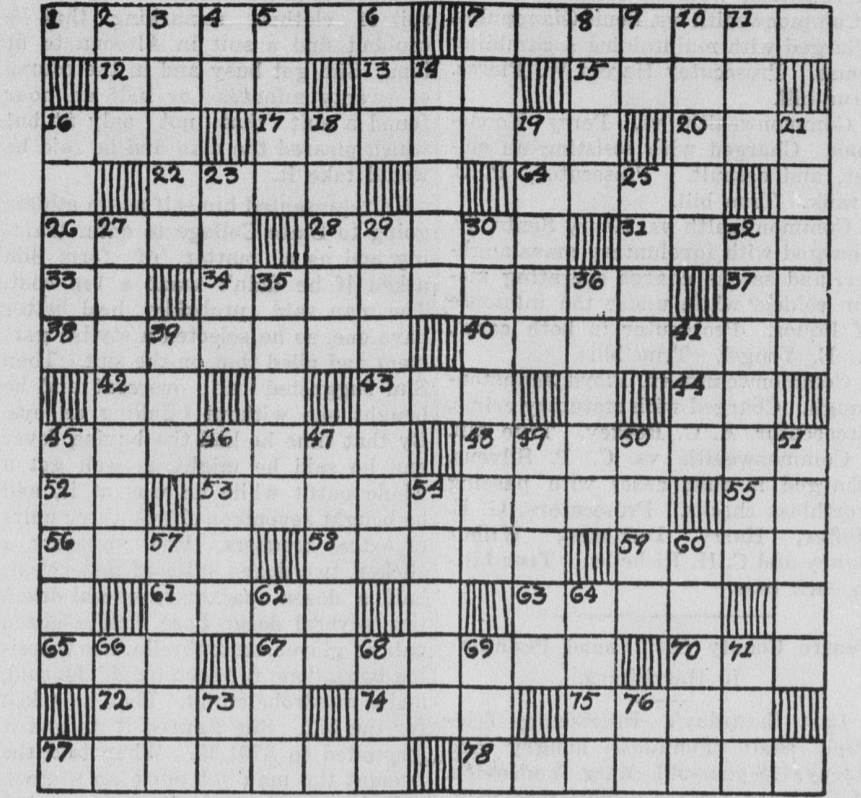
That 46 years of service came to a close in the spring of 1923 when he was defeated at the polls for the first time. Friends brought beautiful flowers and paid oral tribute to the record he had established. They told him what a remarkable old man he was, and then the curtain was lowered—it was believed forever—on the political activities and public service of Felix A. Lemkie.

"I've got to have something to do. I am going to get old if I continue sitting around like this. I'll live longer and keep younger if I get back into the harness."

**HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE**

When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "horizontal" defines a word which will fill the white spaces up to the first black square to the right, and a number under "vertical" defines a word which will fill the white squares to the next black one below. No letters go in the black spaces. All words used are dictionary words, except proper names. Abbreviations, slang, initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.

### CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 2.



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- Horizontal.**
- 1—Wail coating
  - 7—A salad plant
  - 12—Volcano in Sicily
  - 13—Employ
  - 15—Where marriages are annulled
  - 16—Fondle
  - 17—in heir
  - 20—Demure
  - 22—Peak
  - 24—Loyal
  - 25—Roman emperor
  - 28—First sign of Zodiac
  - 31—Sweetheart
  - 33—Circular note (abbr.)
  - 34—To pacify
  - 37—New Norfolk (abbr.)
  - 38—Spear shaped
  - 40—Causing to sit
  - 42—Personal pronoun
  - 43—Point
  - 45—Not in any place
  - 48—Tallless
  - 52—Evangelical union (abbr.)
  - 53—Taxing
  - 55—Behold!
  - 56—A written law
  - 58—Flat plates
  - 59—Girl
  - 61—Denoting passage (simp. spell)
  - 63—Lobster pots
  - 65—Meadow
  - 67—Enthusiastic reception
  - 70—Possessive pronoun
  - 72—Exclamation of sorrow
  - 74—United States steamship (abbr.)
  - 75—Ship's company
  - 77—State of aridity
  - 78—Supervise
- Vertical.**
- 2—Side protected from the wind
  - 3—Perfume from rose petals
  - 4—Chem. symbol for tin
  - 5—Short story
  - 6—Floor covering
  - 8—Allow
  - 9—A woody plant
  - 10—A near relative
  - 11—Call of a pigeon
  - 14—Silk fabric
  - 18—Precise
  - 19—Girl's name
  - 21—Not old
  - 23—Harbor
  - 25—To encourage
  - 27—To charm
  - 29—A small European deer
  - 30—Rapture
  - 32—Yearly publications
  - 35—Relieves
  - 36—Jacob's father-in-law
  - 39—To stitch
  - 41—A central state (abbr.)
  - 45—Post at the foot of a stairway
  - 46—Has (old form)
  - 47—Five consecutive letters of the alphabet
  - 49—A lake herring
  - 50—Repulsive
  - 51—One who fails to win
  - 54—Seasons
  - 57—Southern European country
  - 58—What remains after burning
  - 62—A flower
  - 64—Formerly
  - 66—Auricle organ
  - 68—European country (abbr.)
  - 69—Prefix meaning equal
  - 71—Female sheep
  - 73—Indefinite article
  - 76—Railroad (abbr.)

Solution will appear in next issue

### Millions Walk on Broken Down Feet.

At least one person out of every five or six in this country is definitely suffering from weak or painful feet—in round numbers, between 20,000,000 and 25,000,000.

When America went to war the medical examiners found that one man in every eight, passed upon had fallen arches. And the young male population of the draft constituted the strongest class of men, physically, in the nation. Older men are far more likely to have fallen arches or other foot troubles than young men. Among women defective feet are still more common; women are even prouder than men, of having feet that are small and painful.

Undue strain is one of the chief causes of broken-down arches says John Amid in Popular Science Monthly. The average man, conscious of his strength and good general health, thinks he can walk when and where he likes without bad effects. As a matter of fact, a single long walk, after months of comparative inactivity, can do serious damage to your feet through breaking down arch muscles unaccustomed to such protracted strain.

Business men who play golf often fall victim to this danger. They feel that no harm will come from 18, or even 36 holes of their favorite game on one day a week they get a chance to play it. As a result, instead of lowering their scores, they frequently lower their arches. A golf professional who once overtaxed his feet in the way had to play three years in specially made kid shoes, with rigidly built arches as a penalty.

The 10 leading causes of foot trouble are listed by Mr. Amid as follows:

Sudden breakdown of foot muscles, due to unaccustomed use after long inactivity.

General aversion to walking.

Long hours of standing, as in the case of teachers, policemen and clerks.

Overloading—fat people seem often cursed with small feet.

High heels persistently worn.

Any illness that leaves the body in a weakened condition.

Local injuries that cause bad foot habits, such as turning the foot to ease a hurt toe.

Shoe salespeople who don't know how to fit the feet of their customers correctly.

Incorrect walking—"toeing in."

Vanity—which compels at least half of us to buy shoes that are too short and tight, to create the illusion that we have small feet.

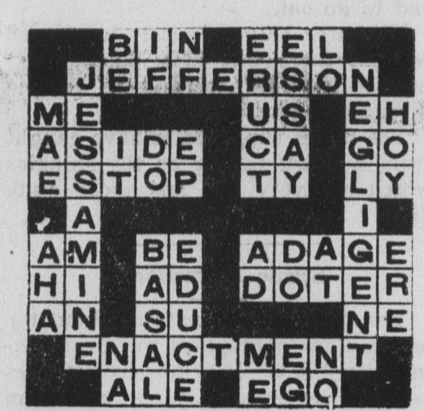
State Employment Office Places 80,395 Applicants.

During 1926 State employment offices received 140,789 applications from persons desiring work and 97,857 applications from employers seeking help, the bureau of employment of the department of labor and industry announced recently. There were 94,973 persons sent to positions and 80,395 placements reported.

Men who applied for positions numbered 97,104 and women 43,685. Of the total placement 59,593 were men.

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### Solution to Last Week's Puzzle.



### President Lifts Army Ration to 50 Cents a Day.

Washington.—Both figuratively and literally a lot of weight was lifted today from the broad back of the American doughboy. Not only did President Coolidge increase the army ration from 36 to 50 cents a day and a House committee put out a bill for better army housing in many sections of the country, but on top of it the War Department issued new regulations reducing by twenty-eight pounds the "full pack" equipment carried by the infantry on the march.

Instead of adding their irksome avoirdupois to the load that is saddled on the soldier's back, such impedimenta as trench helmets, overcoats and reserve rations and ammunition will be carried hereafter in company wagons except in zones of actual combat. The reduced pack will weigh fifty-one pounds. The German infantryman carries eighty-three pounds, the French and Japanese sixty-four, the British fifty-five and the Italian fifty-two.

Additional army quarters in a score of military establishments throughout the country, to cost \$3,491,000, was asked in a bill by Acting Chairman James, of the House Military Committee.

### Muskkrat Farms Become Popular in the Northwest.

Fencing of 7,000 acres of swamp land at Swan Lake, 40 miles northwest of Quesnel, B. C., into the largest muskrat farm in the world has been completed, according to J. E. McFarland, representative of a fur company in Vancouver.

Output from the muskrat ranch will eventually total 50,000 pelts, it is estimated. The farm consists of low-lying meadows and streams already heavily populated with muskrat and beaver. Weekly disbursements to neighboring trappers for restocking amount to \$1,000.

Muskkrat farming is growing in popularity in Western Canada on account of the profitable trade in skins. Ranch raised pelts bring the highest returns because of their large size. Trappers now average about \$2 a pelt as compared to only 20 cents a few years ago. Many areas of marsh and lowlands in the center of thriving agricultural communities in the prairie provinces are being devoted to muskrats.

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