

DEATH RATE AMONG BABIES AND MOTHERS IS MOUNTING

Higher in the United States Than in Fifteen Other Leading Nations of the World.

New York.—The death rate among mothers in childbirth and among babies is constantly growing and is higher in the United States than in fifteen other leading nations...

Relief from the situation is not in sight, according to the magazine. The federal appropriation for the children's bureau expired last June and congress failed to renew it.

The federal plan was to apportion a part of \$1,000,000 among states that desired to establish children's bureaus. Each state receiving a grant was expected to match the sum with a local appropriation.

Fatalities have been unusually heavy in the mountain and other remote regions where proper medical and nursing care at the period of maternity are unavailable.

Alaskan Lake Found by Means of Air Survey

Washington.—A lake covering 800 acres, situated 3,000 feet above sea level, and capable of developing 45,000 horsepower of electric current for pulp and paper mills has been discovered in Alaska...

The lake, the party reported, is located on the eastern shore of Tekit Inlet between Greeley Point and Jaw Point. So abrupt is the lake's descent to sea level, the reports said, that hydroelectric power may be developed without the use of a dam.

Reports termed the discovery of "incalculable value to the pulp and paper industry of Alaska."

Hands' Changed

He was a stout man, and his feet were big in proportion. He wore stout boots, too, with broad toes. When he went into the boot shop to buy another pair, he found he had some difficulty in getting what he wanted.

"No, no! Square toes—must have square shoes," he insisted. "But, sir, everybody is wearing shoes with pointed toes. They are fashionable this season."

Had the Wrong Girl

Telephone tact is a necessary acquirement in these modern days, but its exercise occasionally leads to unexpected results. A recent example follows: Late at night the telephone in a home called the householder to the receiver. An obviously feminine voice was just as obviously that of a stranger.

"This is Lillian," she called. "Oh, no; this is Lillian."—New York Sun.

Unprofitable Smartness

A farmer's son who had been sometime at the university came home to visit his parents. Two fowls were placed on the table for supper, and the young student said he could prove that there were really three fowls.

"This," said he, "is one, and this is two, and two and one make three." "Since you have made it out see weel," said his father, "your mother shall have the first, I'll have the second, and ye may eat the third yourself."

Paper Money

The use of paper money began about 600 years ago in Italy, when the goldsmiths and silversmiths deposited bullion under supervision and the receipts circulated as currency. All the original states issued paper money in Colonial days. The first federal paper money was issued in 1775, under authority of an act of the Continental congress.

Bath Every Six Months Sufficient for Monks

Rules for bathing in the Benedictine monasteries of the Fourteenth century have been discovered at London, England, in the regulations of St. Augustine's, Canterbury and St. Peter's Westminster.

Monks were allowed to take baths twice a year—before Christmas and Pentecost. Previous to the Fourteenth century, four baths were allowed annually, but this number was cut in half because bathing was considered a luxury except when necessary for the sick.

Only four monks could bathe in one day, so it took more than two weeks to accommodate the sixty monks in the monastery. No baths were allowed on Sunday.

The monks had servants to wash them. At Westminster these servants received extra food and beer on "bath days."

Idea of Broadcasting Fire Alarm Not Modern

Methods of transmitting news of fire are very old and until about the middle of the Nineteenth century watch towers with alarm bells were maintained in American cities. After the development of the electric telegraph, reliable apparatus was installed. As early as 1845 Dr. W. F. Channing of Boston published an article in the Advertiser outlining a fire-alarm telegraph system.

Quick Cure for Obesity

As Falstaff, Sir Herbert Tree wore a rubber suit, which was blown up like a bicycle tire for the enormous size necessary for Falstaff, writes Constance Collier in "Harlequinade: The Story of My Life." It was a continuous duel between Eilen Terry and Herbert Tree as to who should get the better of the other.

Sophisticated Boyhood

It may be the age in which we are living that is responsible. You can't tell. But in the light of observation the sophistication of the nine-year-old becomes an actuality.

Witness the following: A window display of a tire house. Toy automobiles scooting around at an amazing speed. Crowd composed almost entirely of adults peering with obvious amusement.

Diseases of Goldfish

Fungus diseases often attack the goldfish, sometimes so severely that there is nothing to do but make a fresh start. One remedy for the disease is a salt bath, using a heaping teaspoonful of salt to two quarts of water.

Road Map

The Bible at Mary Anne's house did not have pictures or maps. One day the family was visiting some friends. When Mary Anne picked up her Bible and found a map of Palestine in it she took it to her father, exclaiming:

Peanut Problem

Notwithstanding the enjoyment over her first bag of peanuts, Nancy Vera, just past three, was experiencing difficulty in breaking the shells of the monster goober with her tiny fingers.

Telephone Workers Honored For Acts of Public Service



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VAIL MEDALS AWARDED 4 TELEPHONE WORKERS FOR OUTSTANDING DEEDS

Three Women Among Those to Be Honored for Initiative in Emergencies in Pennsylvania During Last Year, Leonard H. Kinnard Announces.

Four telephone workers—three women in Eastern Pennsylvania and a DuBois man—are to receive the Theodore N. Vail medal for conspicuous acts of public service in emergencies during 1929, according to a recent announcement by Leonard H. Kinnard, president of the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania.

They are: Bertha G. Stern, commercial representative at Concoville, Delaware county; Vivian E. Quigley, operator, Bally, Berks county; Margaret J. Kane, night operator, Catasauqua, Northampton county; and Floyd K. Steiner, installer-repairman, DuBois.

Vail medals are awarded annually to telephone employees in recognition of acts or services which illustrate the ideals of public service held by the late Theodore N. Vail, former president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Mrs. Stern is to receive the medal "for good judgment and initiative in an emergency resulting in the saving of property from loss by fire," which threatened buildings on several farms in the vicinity of Concoville.

Miss Quigley is to receive the Vail medal for exercising good judgment and initiative in an emergency on October 2, 1929, when a workman in a coal yard at Barto, a mile distant

from Bally, was buried in a pit beneath a car load of coal. She summoned help from a number of sources, including an electrician and a physician, with the result that she is credited with having aided materially in saving the imperiled man's life.

Miss Kane's initiative in an emergency is credited with having prevented a train wreck April 5, 1929, when she was advised by telephone that the Catasauqua and Fogelsville Railroad Company's bridge at Micklely's was in danger of collapse.

Steiner, a volunteer member of the DuBois Fire Department, will receive the medal for saving the life of a man who was overcome by smoke during a fire last September 4. For 22 minutes he and Leonard K. Johnson, former DuBois fire chief, worked over the man before a physician pronounced the victim in condition to be taken to a hospital for further treatment.

The medals will be presented at a date to be announced later.

SEVERAL CASES HEARD AT SPECIAL COURT SESSION.

Disposition of a Marquette roadster was heard at a special session of court, Saturday morning. The car had been seized some time ago when Fred G. Swartz Jr., was arrested for transporting liquor.

There are still four payments due on the car and the American Surety company made claim to ownership. Judge Fleming decided that if the company will pay all costs in the case the car shall be turned over to them; if not, it will be sold.

Michael Meyers, of Tyrone, pleaded guilty to operating a car while under the influence of liquor and was sentenced to pay the costs, fifty dollars fine and ten days imprisonment in the county jail.

Fred Lose was called before the court and on motion of the district attorney was discharged on his own recognizance.

J. Frank Wasson, William Emehizer and Jacob Zong, supervisors of College township, were defendants in a hearing on an action brought by citizens of the township who alleged that too much money had been spent in building a new piece of roadway in the Houserville locality.

Over five hundred baby chicks were burned in a fire which destroyed the brooder house of George Showers, at Pleasant Gap, at an early hour on Sunday morning. The fire was discovered by a passing motorist who awakened the Showers family but it was too late to save the chicks. The origin of the fire is not known.

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