

NONPARTISAN LAW AMENDMENT IN

(Continued From First Page) such primary shall be ascertained by taking the total number of votes cast for all the candidates for such office and dividing such total vote of all such candidates by the number of persons each voter is entitled to vote for at such primary for such office and this quotient shall be divided by two; and any candidate who receives a greater number of votes than the result obtained by the above method of ascertainment shall have met the requirement.

Another important bill to appear was one which would provide that in third class cities the city controller shall sign all warrants as well as the superintendent of finance. This came in the form of an amendment to the Clark act from Mr. Smith, Fayette.

Against Scalpers A bill prohibiting sale of tickets to places of amusement at prices higher than printed thereon was introduced by Mr. Bennett, Philadelphia. It requires posting of a price list at the ticket office.

Street Car Legislation Mr. Fowler, Lackawanna, introduced bills abolishing running boards on street cars and providing that automobiles when passing a standing street car from which a member of the crew has alighted shall not pass the car on the side where the member of the crew happens to be.

Joe Phillips Again Mr. Phillips, Clearfield, introduced a resolution rebuking and repudiating Senator Penrose's threat in a speech at Pittsburgh, to "heckle" President Wilson if he appeared in the Senate and asking the Senator to repudiate his remarks. It was laid over under the rules. Mr. Phillips is having a lot of fun with this line of business. Monday he had another "heckler," but it was laid over. He has not called it up and no one knows when he will. Mr. Phillips was an anti-Baldwin man and did not land on many committees.

Speaker Wants Better Order Just before adjournment Speaker Baldwin declared that noise in the chamber would have to stop even if he had to put people out. The House took a recess until 4 p. m.

The Gods of Mars



By EDGAR RICE BURROUGHS

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(Continued.) CHAPTER I.

The Plant Men.

AS I stood upon the bluff before my cottage on that clear, cold night in the early part of March, 1886, the noble Hudson towing like the silent specter of a dead river below me, I felt again the strange, compelling influence of the mighty god of war, my beloved Mars, which for ten lonesome years I had implored with outstretched arms to carry me back to my lost love.

Not since that other March night in 1896, when I had stood without that Arizona cave in which my still and lifeless body lay wrapped in the similitude of earthly death, had I felt the irresistible attraction of the god of my profession.

With arms outstretched toward the red eye of the great star, I stood praying for a return of that strange power which twice had drawn me through the immensity of space, praying as I had prayed on a thousand nights before during the years that I had waited and hoped.

Suddenly a qualm of nausea swept over me, my senses swam, my knees gave beneath me, and I pitched headlong to the ground upon the very verge of the dizzy bluff.

Instantly my brain cleared, and there swept back across the threshold of my memory the vivid picture of the horrors of that ghostly Arizona cave; again, as on that far gone night, my muscles refused to respond to my will, and again as though even here upon the banks of the placid Hudson I could hear the awful moans and rustling of the fearsome thing which had lurked and threatened me from the dark recesses of the cave.

I made the same mighty and superhuman effort to break the bonds of the strange anaesthesia which held me, and again came the sharp click as of the sudden parting of a taut wire, and I stood naked and free beside the staring, lifeless thing that had so recently pulsed with the warm lifeblood of John Carter.

With scarcely a parting glance I turned my eyes again toward Mars, lifted my hands toward his lurid rays and waited.

Nor did I have long to wait, for scarce had I turned ere I shot with the rapidity of thought into the awful void before me.

There was the same instant of unthinkable cold and utter darkness that I had experienced twenty years before, and then I opened my eyes in another world, beneath the burning rays of a hot sun, which beat through a tiny opening in the dome of the mighty forest in which I lay.

The scene that met my eyes was so unmarian that my heart sprang to my throat as the sudden fear swept through me that I had been aimlessly tossed upon some strange planet by a cruel fate.

I lay upon a close cropped sward of red grass-like vegetation, and about me stretched a grove of strange and beautiful trees, covered with huge and gorgeous blossoms and filled with brilliant, voiceless birds. I call them birds since they were winged, but mortal eye never rested on such unearthly shapes.

The vegetation was similar to that which covers the lawns of the red Martians of the great waterways, but the trees and birds were unlike anything that I had ever seen upon Mars, and then through the farther trees I could see that most unmarian of all sights—

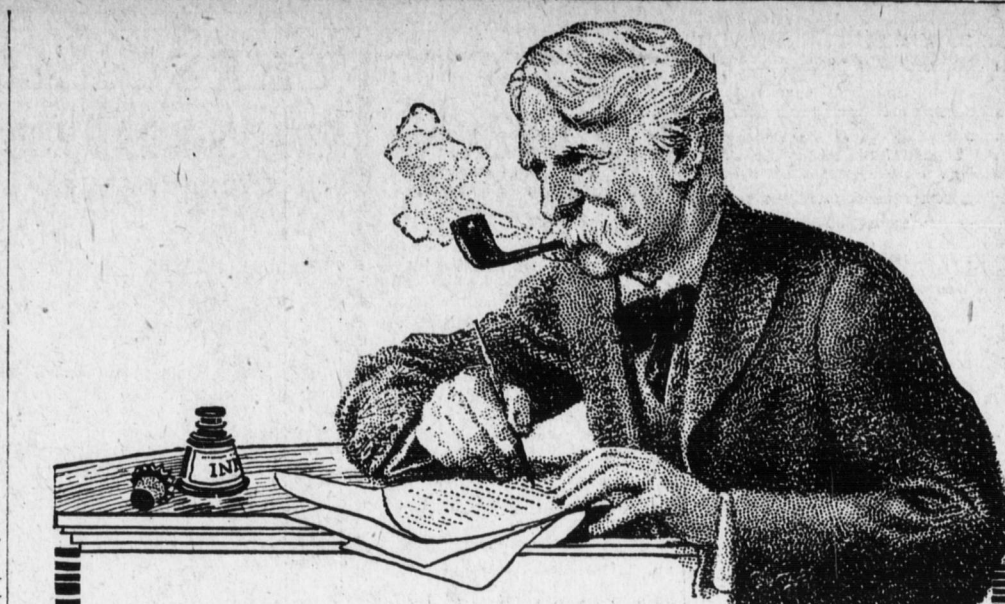
"My trouble began with a terrible burning and itching on my hands and arms, and I scratched so that blood and water would come. Then little blisters broke out. My arms and hands were terribly swollen and inflamed, and my rest was broken. I could not do my work without protecting my hands, and I would be nearly crazy when I put them in water, or stood near the stove. One arm was very much disfigured. I suffered four or five months.

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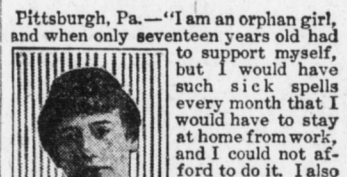


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waters or injure or endanger other shipping or property. The breach of diplomatic relations between the governments of the United States and Germany has not changed the relations of these ships or their crews to the government of the United States or forfeited their right to our hospitality and the steps taken are limited to necessary police regulations to prevent injury to the property of others or the obstruction of harbor waters.

The government is still waiting for some act of Germany which might make relations suddenly more serious, but it was stated last night after the cabinet meeting that nothing had occurred to change that attitude. The next step of the United States, if one should be necessary, would be taken without addressing any communication to Germany. It was declared authoritatively.

Allies Don't Want U. S. In Congress and all executive departments of the government were progressing to-day in their preparations for an eventualities.

It is this activity which has surprised envoys and diplomats, and caused them to-day to emphasize their hope that the United States will not actually go to war. They fear a declaration of war would harm the entire cause by stopping the export of munitions.

The State Department to-day hoped to receive early replies from some neutrals to President Wilson's proposal that they join the United States in severing relations with Germany, but it was indicated that no such word had been received so far.

U. S. Would Be Self-Sustaining A break with Austria seemed to depend mainly on the reply of Ambassador Penfield at Vienna to the State Department's inquiries concerning details of the Austrian submarine note, which officials now admit has been received.

Secretary Daniels to-day urged immediate congressional action looking to establishment of a government monopoly of all radio plants. Agents of army quartermaster's department were canvassing the market for purchase of large stocks of supplies, under orders from Secretary Baker.

Secretary of Agriculture Houston reported that his department's data showed conclusively that the United States could be self-sustaining if anything should happen to cut her off from the world.

TO WIDEN SCOPE OF PLAYGROUND WORK

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finish with one big day of fun and play for the youngsters. Big Improvement Planned Extensive improvement plans are to be started soon at a number of the playgrounds. This will include opening a new playground in the vicinity of Cameron and Paxton streets, for children in that vicinity.

This will be partially equipped as \$475 has been appropriated for the maintenance of the new playground. Additional evening playgrounds will probably be opened in schoolyards. Programs of singing games, folk dancing and story telling will be the principal activities. The attendance last year numbered almost 5,000.

Every effort will be made to make the playground branch of the park department even more successful than last year. Youngsters all over the city were greatly disappointed because of the postponement of "Romper Day" due to the infantile paralysis epidemic, but with no restrictions this year, plans are being made to give a more extensive program than was arranged for last year.

To Keep Courts in Shape At the Emerald, Sycamore and Twelfth street playgrounds bubble fountains are to be installed this year. Rapidly increasing popularity of the tennis courts maintained by the department, will mean that these will be kept in first class condition again all year.

Arrangements will probably be made for extensive planting at the Twelfth street playground on the ground filled in to eliminate an old dump adjoining it. This will provide another resting place for the public and at the same time add more space to the park. Recommendation has been made to council by Commissioner Gross, that a concrete bottom should be placed in the wading pool at Twelfth street park.

THE "COME-BACK"

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What Is Rheumatism? Why Suffer From It?

Sufferers Should Realize That It Is a Blood Infection and Can Be Permanently Relieved. Don't Suffer This Winter.

Rheumatism means that the blood has become saturated with uric acid poison. It does not require medical advice to know that good health is absolutely dependent upon pure blood. When the muscles and joints become sore and drawn with rheumatism, it is not a wise thing to take a little salve and by rubbing it on the sore spot, expect to get rid of your rheumatism. You must go deeper than that, down deep into the blood where the poison lurks and which is not effected by salves and ointments. It is important that you rid yourself of this terrible disease before it gets too far. S. S. S. is the blood purifier, that has stood the test of time, having been in constant use for more than fifty years. It will do for you what it has done for thousands of others, drive the rheumatic poisons out of your blood, making it pure and strong and enabling it to make you well. S. S. S. is guaranteed purely vegetable, it will do the work and not harm the most delicate stomach.

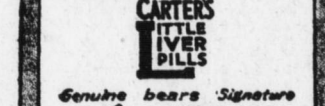
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Folks who are accustomed to feel dull and heavy when they arise, splitting headache, stuffy from a cold, foul tongue, nasty breath, acid stomach, can, instead, feel as fresh as a daisy by opening the sluices of the system each morning by flushing out the whole of the internal poisonous stagnant matter.

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