

EVIDENCE OF INSANITY
A north countryman, charged with having set fire to a large hayrick, was defended on the ground that he was not altogether responsible for his actions. One of the witnesses testified to the belief that the prisoner was "wring in his head."
"Can you mention any occasion on which the prisoner behaved in a

manner to warrant your statement?" he was asked by the learned counsel.
"Yes," answered witness. "Once at work he got half a crown too much for his wages, and—"
"Well?" said counsel, as the witness hesitated.
"He took it back to th' manager," concluded the witness.

BUREAU OF SHIPPING INFORMATION OUTGROWTH OF HEAVY ACTIVITY IN WAR

Is Now Open to the Public and Any Question Concerning Movements of Any Ship Can Be Easily Answered

New York, June 6.—The establishment of a Government-controlled Bureau of Shipping Information, through which maritime interests of the United States are advised daily through official sources and without cost, of the movements of practically all the merchant ships of the world, is an outgrowth of one of the activities of the Navy Department during the war.

This bureau, conducted by what is known as the Naval Communications Service, was instituted shortly after this country entered the conflict. It was made necessary for the reason that prior to that time there was no organized branch of the Government through which the movement of ships could be obtained on short notice. The demands of the Navy and War Departments, the United States Shipping Board and allied war interests required that there be at hand at all times a carefully revised record of all ships—not alone of their movements, but details as to their tonnage, speed, specifications as to build, etc.

Open to Public
Under the direction of a naval officer, with assistants recruited from the marine departments of press associations, daily and marine publications, etc., the bureau was established and arrangements were at once made for prompt and reliable dispatches from all parts of the world concerning ship movements, the service embracing not only the facilities of the telegraph and cable but the Government-controlled wireless as well.

Its value during the war was inestimable and, with the coming of peace and the efforts to build up this country an efficient merchant marine, the bureau has thrown open to the public—and particularly to the ship owners, charterers, shippers, insurance interests and maritime business generally, the facilities of its vast and far-reaching service.

Tabs on all Ships
By means of a card index a question relating to any ship can be promptly answered—and reliable information as to her sailing date, estimated time of arrival at port of destination, location at sea or in port, can be readily given.

It is a service which prior to the war was maintained in a similar manner by many of the foreign maritime nations—some of them much smaller and having far less ships than did this country. With a large merchant marine, such as this country apparently desires, the value of such a service, marine men say, is unquestioned.

The Naval Communication Service employs about 250 persons, all in Navy uniform and under direction of Lieutenant Commander R. B. Coffman. It issues daily, and distributes free of cost to more than 800 shipping firms, newspapers, Government officials, maritime exchanges, etc., a bulletin of 145 pages carrying the names of more than 10,000 vessels each name showing nationality, tonnage, location or sailing date. Evincing the demands for this information the circulation of the bulletin is increasing rapidly. Between the hours of issue, the bureau keeps ship owners advised by telephone of radio messages sent from ships at sea.

Get Daily Reports
The practical sources of information from which the bulletin acquires

its data are daily reports by telegraph and cable from naval offices at ports in the United States and from attaches in foreign countries; daily reports from the Bureau of Operations of the United States Navy and offices of the Naval Intelligence Bureau; daily reports (except Sunday) from the British Ministry of Shipping; information obtained from steamship companies and agents; Associated Press cablegrams; the Lloyd's Daily Index; the United States Shipping Board; telephonic reports from lookout stations and guard ships stationed in New York harbor, and from the army piers of the Port of Embarkation, in Hoboken.

In addition to serving the maritime interests, the Naval Communication Service, through its vast cable, telegraph and radio facilities, is handling practically all the business of the Government passing through New York. Another feature of its service, regarding which the war-time ban on secrecy has but been recently lifted, was the perfecting of an electro-magnetic signaling device whereby fog bound ships may determine their position and be warned away from dangerous shoals.

PORTLAND'S LEANING TOWER

The western coast may have its Leaning Tower of Pisa after all. But it will cost them nearly \$2,000,000. Portland's million-bushe grain elevator, characterized by some as "the Great Mistake," is gradually sinking in the paleozoic ooze of the Columbia river. Why, the engineers are not agreed. The huge cylindrical storage buildings and operating house, containing thousands of Col-lars' worth of machinery for the operation of the storage tanks, each day sink just a fraction further into the mire of the river.

It is the contention of some engineers who have been asked by the city of Portland to make an examination that piles were driven for the support of the structure in shifting sands, and that tests show no solid bottom could be reached even at a depth of 162 feet. There is nothing to show, they add, that there is any solid bottom at all.

Just the other day piles were driven at the corner of one of the storage tanks in an effort to bolster it up. How successful this will be, the engineers say, is mere conjecture. But if the plan is feasible, the buildings can be held even though they tip just a tiny bit—why, then Portland has its Leaning Tower, certainly a large and much more costly than the queer structure of Italy.

Efforts of state organizations of individual and collective engineers, of the commission of public docks of the city of Portland, who built the elevator, to determine the best course for saving the structure have arrived at no definite and final method as yet.

No blame nor responsibility for the failure to ascertain the soil condition upon which the buildings were erected has yet been made, but there are those interested who hotly contend that some such responsibility should be fixed.

And in the meantime tourists leave the many hotels daily and special autos carry them to the scene of the modern Leaning Tower.

EXPLAINED

There is nothing like being down to date in judicology. A prisoner appeared before Superior Judge James G. Quinn, of Alabama county the other day for sentence. The judge looked over the prisoner's attorney.

"Two years and ten days," he announced.
"What's the ten days for?" asked counsel for the defense.
"War tax," replied the court.—Dallas Morning News.

A SWIFT COMEBACK

The other day a south side woman called up her grocer to give him her daily order. Finally she asked, "Have you any canned tomatoes which you are sure are extra good?" she asked him.

He (sarcastically): "I can't be sure. I can't get in the cans to see."
"Back over the wire came the placid answer, "Why, I didn't know. You see, you're about small enough."—Indianapolis News.

Kiddie Gets First Taste of Real White Bread



Real "white bread" is made from wheat.

An interesting photograph of a little shaver of Montenegro sampling American white bread, the gift of a Yankee company cook at Niegusch, Montenegro. The bread is probably the first real white bread the youngster has ever tasted, as his country has been torn by war for many years.

A TRUE DIPLOMAT
"Young man, did you kiss my daughter in the hall last night?" questioned the stern mother.
"I thought I did," replied the diplomatic young man, "but really you look so young that I can't always tell you and your daughter apart."
Whereupon the storm passed over.—The Passing Show.

OBSCURITY OF SPEECH
"I understand that you are a linguist."
"Oh, yes, indeed."
"Do you speak Russian?"
"No. What's the use? Even the Russians themselves do not seem to understand one another now."
Washington Star.

WANTED TO KNOW
The policeman pulled the man out from under the wreck and helped him to his feet.
"Are you the owner of this car?" he asked.
"No," replied the injured man, "I'm a demonstrator."
"And did you have to demonstrate

that the car couldn't climb a tree?"—Boston Transcript.
Champion Jess Willard's "Own Story" appears every day exclusively in "The Philadelphia Press."

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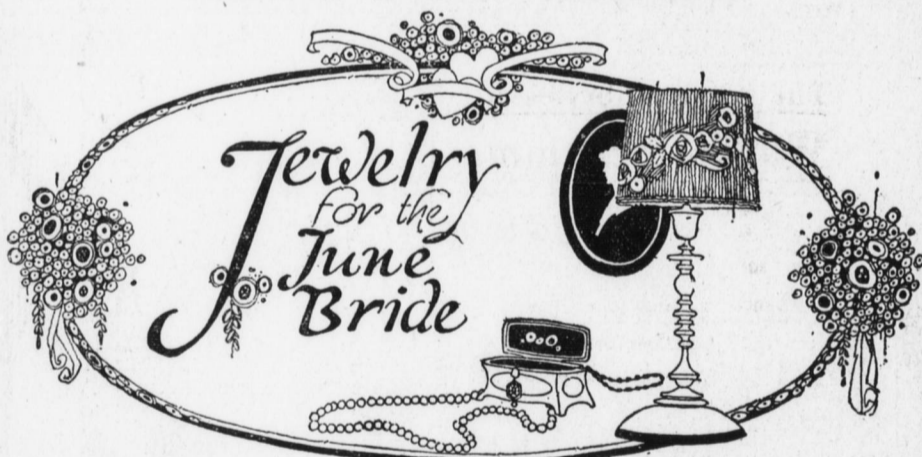
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