

WOULD RESTRICT MARRIAGE

Pennsylvania Legislator Wants Health of Parties Certified.
Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 17.—A bill to codify the marriage laws of Pennsylvania was introduced in the house by John M. Leighner of Butler.
The code would repeal fifteen laws and require a license which must set forth that neither party is insane, a drunkard, habitual criminal, epileptic or of unsound mind, that neither of the parents of either party is any of the above; that neither party has tuberculosis in an advanced stage or any transmissible disease and that the male is physically able to support a family, the parties being required to bring certificates of freedom of disease.

SQUIRE FIGHTS PRISONER

Pennsylvania Justice Gives Wife Beater Taste of Own Medicine.
Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Feb. 17.—John Kotch, aged forty, who believed that American laws gave him the right to boss his wife by beating her, has a different knowledge of the law today, for Justice of the Peace Henry Miller of Swoyersville treated Kotch to a dose of his own medicine.
Kotch appeared before the squire proud of his ability to beat his wife and said "The laws of this country let me boss women."
Squire Miller told him to get his coat off and then began one of the hardest fights Miller has ever fought.

Falling Up Out of a Balloon.

If a man falls out of a rising aeroplane or balloon he will not go toward the earth, but will continue rising into the air for an appreciable time. If the air machine were stopped in its ascent at the time it could catch the man as he came down. If the airship were ascending at the rate of thirty two feet a second the man would rise sixteen feet before beginning to fall toward the earth. Thus, by reducing the speed of its ascent, the vessel might keep by the side of the man and rescue him.
The reason why the man rises is the same as the reason for a bullet's rising when shot from a gun into the air—both the man and the bullet are given a velocity upward, and it takes some time for gravity to negative that velocity.—Glasgow News.

His Definition.

A Liverpool teacher asked her class to write an essay on London.
Later she was surprised to read the following in one attempt:
"The people of London are noted for their stupidity."
The young author was asked how he got that idea.
"Please, miss," was the reply, "it says in the textbook, 'The population of London is very dense'."—London Answers.

London's Old Cathedral.

St. Paul's cathedral of London has had a strange association with fire. The first edifice on the present site was erected in 610 by Ethelbert, king of Kent, but in 1087 this was destroyed by fire. Finally in 1088, when the great fire devastated most of London, St. Paul's was wrecked, this being its fifth fire. In 1075 the present church was built by Charles II, at a cost of more than \$7,500,000.

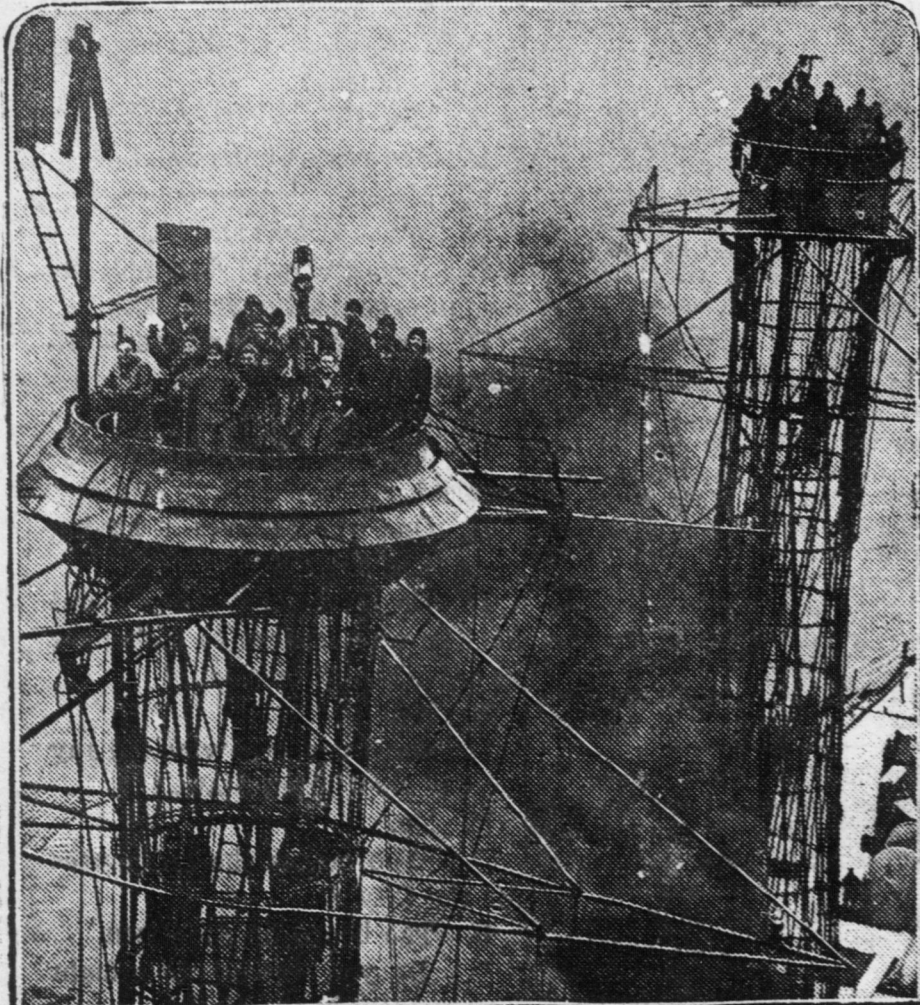
"Corpse Coins."

"Corpse coins" are treasured in the north of England. They are the coins that have lain over the eyes of their dead. By this means infection has been spread, but superstition causes the custom to continue. A poor collier or peasant would never think of doing anything important unless he had on his person coins that have been upon the eyes of his dead relatives.—Westminster Gazette.

Russia's Fisheries.

Russia ranks third among the fish and deep sea food producing countries of the world. The total yield of fish is well over \$8,000,000 worth a year, but even this great supply is not equal to the needs of the population.

FIGHTING TOPS OF THE WYOMING.



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SHIP BLOWN UP

Not Known Whether Torpedo or Mine Destroyed English Vessel.
London, Feb. 17.—The British steamer Duiwich, which has been plying between Rouen and Hull, was blown up off Antifer, on the French coast.
There were two explosions, but it is not known whether they were of mines or torpedoes discharged by submarines. Seven members of the crew who have arrived at Fecamp say no body was hurt by the explosions and the entire crew escaped in boats.

Short \$10,000; Gets 15 Months.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 17.—James M. Warfield, paymaster for the Claveria Cement Company, from 1908 to December, 1912, pleaded no defense to charge of embezzlement in criminal court and was sentenced to fifteen months in the workhouse. It was testified that a shortage of over \$10,000 was found in Warfield's accounts.

Pittsburgh Physician Threatened.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 17.—Threatened with death unless he accedes to the demands of the Black Hand society and places \$1,000 in a spot named, Dr. W. J. Langfitt, a prominent Northside physician and politician and staff physician of the St. John's hospital, has turned a Black Hand letter over to the police.

mailed.

Founder Died a Pauper.

Among the witnesses summoned in London were Edward George Fairholm, chief secretary to the Royal Society For the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; Miss Elizabeth Clegg, a close friend of Miss Kate Cording, who established the Animal Refuge League; and Mrs. Zoe Constance Morgan, who was interested in cat rescue work.
Mr. Fairholm told how his society had taken over the Cording Cat home and said that the organization, backed by the king and queen of England, received as high as \$280,000 a year in donations. Then he related that Miss Cording had died a pauper on April 7, 1913, in an anti-vivisection hospital at Battersea. Everything she owned had been devoted to cats.

From the stories of Mrs. Morgan and Miss Clegg it developed that in 1895 Miss Cording, a woman with a small competence, bought a tricycle, attached a basket to the rear and made daily journeys from her home in Camden Town to London, where she captured cats, locked them in the basket and delivered them to Mrs. Morgan. The latter received 20 shillings a year for putting them out of their misery. Sometimes she sent the baskets by parcel post.

Had to Hire House For Cats.

In the latter part of that year Miss Clegg became interested in the charity and bought a bicycle, to the rear of which she attached a basket. After that the two women made journeys at all times of the day and night and brought back cats. So many animals were captured that it was necessary to hire a house. This was the inception of the refuge home, which changed its name many times.

When Miss Clegg was asked how many cats had been collected and put out of their misery she replied that from 1898 to the date of Miss Cording's death the two had caught 179,000. All efforts to get her to reduce the figure failed. She had her notebook with her, and in it she had kept a complete record of the work. She asserted that between Jan. 1, 1913, and the date of Miss Cording's death they had taken over 11,000 animals. All these had been lugged, squalling and scratching, to the home, where they were either fed to sleekness and farmed out or out to death with chloroform.

Admiration.

"Have you told your father that I asked you to marry me?" asked the young man.
"Yes," replied the positive young woman.
"And how was he affected?"
"He smiled and exclaimed, 'Brave boy!'"—Washington Star.

THE LIBERTY BELL



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JUDGE KENESAW MOUNTAIN LANDIS.



Federal judge called upon to decide important "baseball trust" case.

Richter's \$100,000 Bothered Him.

New York, Feb. 17.—In the \$100,000 Richter will contest, on trial in Newark, Max Rosenweig testified that Samuel Richter said a week before he died: "If I will my estate to relatives they'll want me to die. If I will it to my woman she might put poison in my food, so I'll let them fight it out!"

Baker Quits Baseball.

Philadelphia, Feb. 17.—"Home Run" Baker is out of baseball and the Athletics have lost its greatest clouter. This was announced by Connie Mack of the Athletics at the annual dinner of the Philadelphia sporting writers' here.

Egotistical.

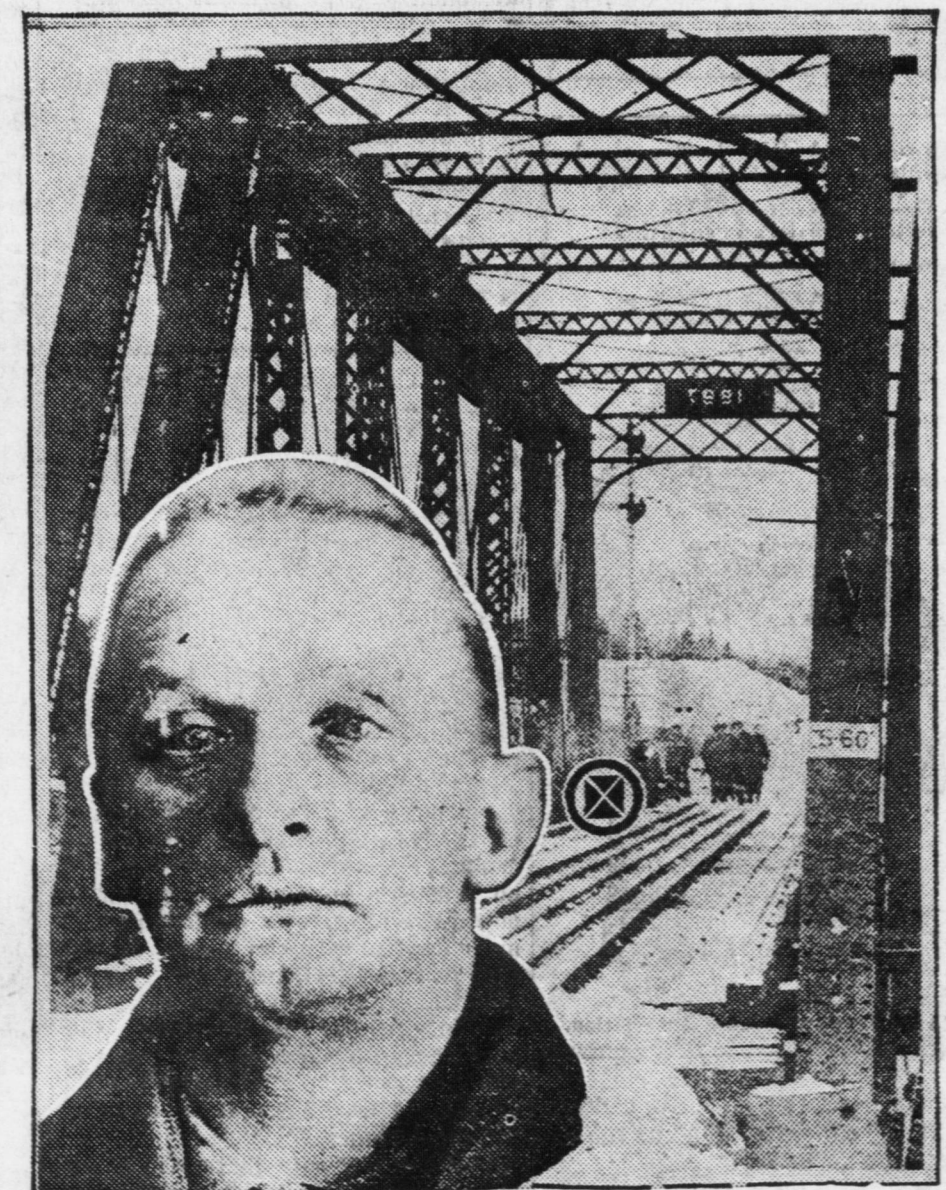
"You sometimes disagree with these scientific experts?"
"Not at all," replied the serene egotist. "Notwithstanding the fact that I have thought a matter out to a sound conclusion they frequently insist on disagreeing with me."—Washington Star.

Coming Across.

Hampton — Dinwiddie told me his family is a very old one. They were one of the first to come across Rhodes—Not at the grocer's.—Judge.

Honors come by diligence, riches spring from economy.—Davis.

DYNAMITER AND DYNAMITED BRIDGE.



Werner Horn and the International Canadian Pacific bridge across the St. Croix river which he tried to destroy.

ENGLISH AN AMERICAN

English and American...
Prisoners of War...

Russians Are Being Wounded Out of East Prussia.
Petrograd Discovers German Victories in Galicia, Saying They Are of Minor Importance—Engagements in West of Little Account.

Berlin (By Wireless to Sayville, I. L.), Feb. 17.—According to the Budapest daily newspaper Avest the Austro-Hungarian troops entered the town of Krasniz in Bukowina so unexpectedly that all the members of the Russian general staff were captured.

The commanding Russian general, the newspaper adds, committed suicide.

Vienna reports emphatically deny French reports of rioting and dynamitings in Prague.

The German general staff announces that the East Prussian campaign is proceeding satisfactorily and that in Poland the Germans are advancing toward Reims.

Berlin is rejoicing at the report of another great victory by Marshal von Hindenburg. It is announced that the Austro-German armies are taking the offensive at every point. The recapture of part of Galicia and all of Bukowina, with the possible release of Przemyśl, is predicted.

Russians Not Menaced.

Petrograd, Feb. 15.—Russian staff officers assert that notwithstanding the reoccupation of the crown land of Bukowina by Austro-German armies it does not constitute a menace to the Russian flank or to the Russian position about the town of Lemberg. This is due to the fact, the Russians maintain, that to the north and south are mountain ranges which render that section of the country isolated and because the Russian positions in the Beskid range on the south preclude the possibility of a successful attack.

Russian newspaper comments on rumors recently in circulation that the Russians contemplated the evacuation of Lemberg and the publication of statements that Russian authorities had placarded the city with announcements to that effect have brought forth denials from the Russian general staff.

The northern and northwest slopes of the entire Carpathian range are claimed to be controlled by Russian forces, thus giving them a key to the situation in eastern Galicia.

Military authorities admit the possibility of an Austro-German attack on the Russian positions around Przemyśl has shown new signs of activity.

In the last few days the garrison has made a number of sorties apparently aimed at breaking the Russian ring to the south, and with forming a junction with the Austrian main force approaching from the direction of Lupkow and Lutoviska. Thus far the sorties, according to Russian sources, have been unsuccessful and disastrous.

Slow in France.

Paris, Feb. 15.—Military operations in France and Flanders continue on a minor scale, the infrequency of important fighting surprising the military critics who had expected a resumption of hostilities of a violent nature while the Germans and the Russians were locked in a desperate struggle on the eastern front.

The official communiques of the French war office tell of only two operations of moment, one in Lorraine, near Pont-a-Mousson, where the enemy occupied the town of Norroy again, where strong counter attacks are being sent, and the other in the Champagne district, where the Germans have again bombarded Rheims.

In the sector of Rheims the German artillery did excellent work for a time, a number of large shells falling in Rheims itself and increasing the devastation wrought in the city by previous bombardments. Eventually the French artillery got the range of the German trenches and forced the enemy to slacken his fire.

OATS IN GERMANY SEIZED

Government's Food Conservation Policy Being Carried Out.

Berlin (Via London), Feb. 15.—The budesrate decided to expropriate all the domestic stocks of oats, with the exception of seed oats and the grain necessary for fodder for horses. The order becomes effective Feb. 16. The budesrate also raised the maximum price of oats by \$12.50 per metric ton.

The action of the budesrate, as federal council, is a further step in carrying out the German government's policy of conserving the food supplies of the country. Jan. 26 the federal council ordered the seizure by Feb. 1 of all stocks of corn, wheat and flour.

Killed by Fall of Slate.

Blairsville, Pa., Feb. 15.—David Cello, twenty-two years old, died in his home in Strangford, near here, from injuries received when he was crushed by a fall of slate in the Strangford mine.

Heads Aviation Corps of American Army



Lt. Col. SAMUEL REBER

CANADA GIVEN SCARE

Aeroplanes Reported Headed For Ottawa—Capital Darkened.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 16.—Sir Robert Borden received a telegram from Brockville, Ont., stating that three aeroplanes had passed over Brockville, sixty miles south, in the direction of Ottawa.

Colonel Sherwood, chief of the dominion police, was summoned. He ordered all lights out on Parliament hill and the capital was in complete darkness.

There was considerable excitement among the members of the house of parliament. While some are inclined to doubt the possibility of raiders others said that the government had been in possession of information which had led it to take extraordinary precautions.

The naval service department of Canada issued notice that circumstances have arisen which may necessitate the prohibition of all entrance to certain ports of the dominion, and mariners are instructed that on approaching the shores of Canada that a sharp lookout be kept for signals from patrol vessels, which would indicate that obstructions may exist.

Canadian ports are being heavily mined and prepared for possible raiders. It is understood that such steps have been taken on the advice of the British admiralty.

Rideau hall, the residence of the governor general, was also turned into darkness. The royal mint, where all the gold of the dominion and some of the gold of the empire is minted and stored, was in darkness. Searchlights played about the capital.

In an interview Colonel Sherwood stated that he had received an official communication from the chief of police at Brockville stating that three or four aeroplanes had crossed the St. Lawrence river from New York state near Morrisriver and had dropped several "light balls" on the Canadian side of the river. They then headed in the direction of the capital at Ottawa.

CHINA DEFIES JAPAN

Refuses to Accede to Demands Made by Mikado's Government.

Peking, Feb. 15.—The Chinese minister at Tokio reported to his government that the Japanese foreign minister, Baron Takaaki Kato, had declared that Japan must insist on the acceptance of the total demands recently made in the Japanese note to China.

At the Chinese foreign office, however, it was said to be the intention of the Peking government to continue in its refusal to acquiesce in the Japanese demands.

Barracks Constructed.

Weihhsien, Shantung, China, Feb. 14.—Wooden barracks are being constructed by the Japanese at every railway station, except the smallest, along the line between Weihhsien and Tsinan. Many of the buildings are nearing completion.

Tsinan is the capital of the Chinese province of Shantung and is connected by rail through Weihhsien with Tsingtau, the port of the Kiauchau concession recently surrendered by the Germans to the Japanese troops. The distance by rail between Tsingtau and Tsinan is approximately 225 miles.

Peter Had Prepared Well.

Lambertville, Pa., Feb. 15.—Peter Heath, aged sixty-four, committed suicide in his office with a revolver. He had made arrangements for his funeral services, even to filling in his death certificate for the coroner. He had picked out his undertaker, place of burial, clergyman to officiate, size and number of his casket, number of carriages and cost, also his clothing, even to the slippers. His health is said to have been the cause.

7 Firemen Overcome by Smoke.

Bellaire, O., Feb. 15.—A fire due to spontaneous combustion, which caused about \$10,000 damage to the building and stock of a paint company, proved difficult for the firemen. Seven firemen in the basement were overcome by smoke and five were unconscious when rescued.