

OUR FIRST ELECTION.

Methods in the Days When Washington Was Chosen President.

At the first national election at which General Washington was chosen president only eleven of the thirteen states voted.

One exciting incident was caused by the fear on the part of Alexander Hamilton that John Adams, who was on the ticket for vice president with Washington, was plotting to tie the vote.

So long did it take to gather news that Washington was actually inaugurated president before some of the remote counties in Virginia had sent in their returns.

The Spinster's Hint.

A maiden well advanced in years used to wait every morning for the postman, a bachelor of about her age, and ask him if there were not a letter for her.

"Well, tomorrow you shall get your letter if I have to write it myself." "That's right; do it," replied the old maid.

Ownership of the Air.

Our ancestors must have foreseen the aeroplane or they would not have embodied in the law the principle that he who owns the land owns the column of air above "usque ad coelum."

Too Deep For Him.

A Britisher was announcing his views on things in general and summed up his own position by the statement, "Well, I've seen life."

Consistent.

She—This wait between the acts seems to me to be dreadfully long. He—Yes. You see, twenty years are supposed to elapse, and the management is simply trying to make the effect as realistic as possible.

BREVITY OF ENGLISH.

Its Advantage in This Respect Over French and German.

In an international report, printed in parallel columns in French, German and English, the three versions being exact translations of each other, the English report invariably finished first.

This brevity of English is partly explained by the fact that English is made up of an extraordinary extent of words of one syllable. Its nouns having (unlike the German) lost all their inflections except the possessive "s," have become mere roots, a very large proportion of them monosyllabic.

Always Apprehensive.

"My wife gets nothing but apprehension out of life." "How so?" "She's afraid of cows in the country and automobiles in town."

CENTENARY OF BISMARCK.



One hundred years ago, April 1, 1815, the Iron Chancellor, who created the German empire, was born. He died in 1898.

BEATTY, ENGLAND'S NAVAL HERO.



Photo by American Press Association. Rear Admiral Sir David Beatty, commander of the battle cruiser squadron of the British North sea fleet, attending funeral of English sailors.

COST \$10, NOW WORTH \$10,000.

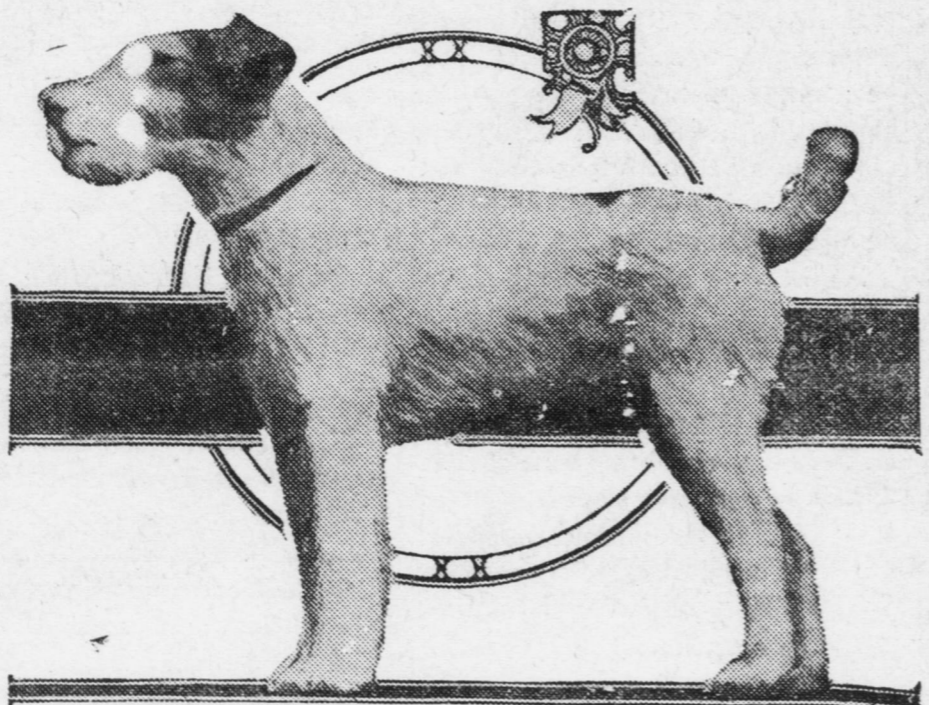


Photo by American Press Association. Matford Vick, wire haired fox terrier, awarded first prize at the Westminster Kennel club dog show in New York.

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.

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.

A Demonstration.

"I distinctly saw you with a policeman's arms around you." "Oh, yes, mum! Wasn't it nice of him? He was showin' me how to hold a burglar if I found one in the house."

A Troublemaker.

"Why did you tell my wife that before I met her I promised to love you forever?"

"Well, didn't you?" "Sure I did, but that's no kind of conversation to go to a man's wife with."

Fulfilled.

Mrs. Gnaggs—Before we were married you used to say you could listen to my sweet voice all night. Mr. Gnaggs—Well, at that time I had no idea I'd ever have to do it.

Not a Bout Winner.

Tramp—Once I was well known as a wrestler, mum. Lady—And do you wrestle now? Tramp—Only wid poverty, mum.—New Orleans Times-Picayune.

Comparison more than reality makes men happy and can make them wretched.—Feltham.

SKIN OF THE FRUIT.

It is Wise Not to Eat Apples or Pears Without Peeling Them.

Some people say that an apple does not taste right when the skin is removed. Some even go so far as to say there is danger in eating fruit that has come in contact with the steel of the paring knife.

The skin of the apple has always been more or less infested with germs of different types, and now our modern methods of fighting insects by spraying the trees are liable to leave poisonous deposits on it which will do our stomachs serious harm.

Arsenate of lead, lime and sulphur wash and a number of other spraying compounds used by fruit growers have been found to remain in considerable quantities on the skin of apples and pears until ripe and placed on the market.

Spraying the trees is giving us more perfect fruit and getting the grower better prices, but if you value your health you should never eat apples or pears without first removing the peels.

Fine Language.

As a rule the educated native of West Africa, like his Indian brother, loves high flown language. A clerk some time ago sent a report complaining that the carabines of the police at his station often misfired.

Of the Past.

Geologists say that several species of man have entirely disappeared from the earth. Doubtless these last species include the nice old gentleman who used to pull off his boots on an evening with the help of the bootjack.

The Fourth Estate.

The expression "fourth estate" was first used by Thomas Carlyle and was applied to the editors during the period of the French revolution.

Impudent.

Registrar—How old are you, madam? She—I've seen nineteen summers, sir. Registrar—How long have you been blind?—Brooklyn Eagle.

Napoleon as an Editor.

The Almanach de Gotha was already of sufficient importance over a century ago to prompt a dispatch from Napoleon. On Oct. 20, 1807, he wrote to Champagny, his foreign minister, complaining that "the latest edition of the Almanach de Gotha is full of errors."

One of Many.

"What kind of work could you possibly do around an office?" "I'm a kind o' all around handy man, mister. I kin hold a door open, light a match for ye, look out an' see if it's rainin', call a taxi, drop letters down the chute an' tell folks yer out when ye ain't."

Tried It on the Postman.

A young business woman on her way to the car, at closing time, stopped at the box to mail a letter. Just as she was about to drop the letter in the box the collector arrived and, reaching for it, said, "I'll take it."

The collector looked at her in disgust and said nothing. "He never saw the joke," the young woman said after she had told the story of the incident.

A CHECK FOR \$49,098,000.

Pennsylvania Railroad Gets Largest Warrant on Record.

One check for \$49,098,000 was received by the Pennsylvania railroad from Kuhn, Loeb & Co. in settlement of the bond purchase recently made by that banking firm.

It was stated that the money would be deposited in various banks, so that Philadelphia subscribers or participants in the underwriting could pay their commitments in New York funds without any disturbance in the money market.

The check was for \$49,098,000, being par and accrued interest for the bonds recently purchased. Under the Pennsylvania's agreement with its bankers the company was to share in any profit made by the underwriting syndicate over 2 1/2 per cent.

BERLIN TO NAME TERMS OF PEACE

Report Says Chancellor Will Inform Reichstag

SIXTY SHIPS AT DARDANELLES

Turkish Forts Are Being Hammered Constantly by Big Guns — British Admiralty Announces That Three Shipping Vessels Have Been Torpedoed by German Submarines With Loss of Thirty-seven Men.

London, March 10.—The Daily Telegraph's Paris correspondent says he learns that Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German special chancellor, will make a statement in the Reichstag setting forth the terms on which Germany is willing to make peace.

According to an official statement by the British admiralty three British merchant vessels have been sunk by German submarines this week.

One off Liverpool, a second off Scarborough and one off Hastings. Thirty-seven men out of a crew of thirty-eight are believed to have been lost on one vessel while all on board the others were saved.

The British steamship Tangistan, 3,738 tons, was sunk by a torpedo off Scarborough. The vessel had a crew of thirty-eight of whom only one was saved so far as is known at present.

The steamship Blackwood, 1,230 tons, was sunk without warning by a submarine off Hastings. The crew of seventeen men was saved.

The British steamship Princess Victoria, 1,108 tons, was sunk without warning by a submarine off Liverpool. The crew of twenty-four men was saved.

The admiralty in another statement answered Turkish and German claims that several of the ships in the Anglo-French fleet at the Dardanelles had been badly damaged and that severe losses had been inflicted upon the attacking force by a statement which says that up to March 4 23 men had been killed, 28 wounded and 3 more missing, most of these being marines.

Former Premier and Leader of War Party in Greece



Photo by American Press Association. ELEUTHERIOS VENIZELOS.

Extravagance.

Extravagance in thought is as bad as extravagance in living expenses.—F. W. Howe's Monthly.

Aye, There's the Rub.

If we had to turn our own grind stones we wouldn't have so many axe to grind.—Cincinnati Enquirer

YANKEES ARE IMPORTED

England's Shipbuilding Centers Now Employ American Workers.

London, March 10.—Perhaps one of the most interesting events in connection with the present labor troubles in the United Kingdom is the importation of artisans from the United States to the Clyde and other districts.

The coming of workers, excellent workers as they are reported to be, from the centers of America to our own manufacturing areas will afford opportunities to read, mark and inwardly digest certain phases of British-American industrial work.

We venture to suggest that our American cousins now engaged on the Clyde will discover that while their wages by the day and their earnings at piecework may be better in dollars and cents at home, they are higher on the Clyde and the Tyne than on the Delaware and the Hudson when the purchasing power of those earnings with respect to food and other articles are taken into consideration.

English Naval Officer Promoted to Admiral



Photo by American Press Association. SIR JOHN JELlicoe.

"TAG! YOU'RE IT!"—DEAD.

Girl of Five Expires of Heart Disease While Romping in Park.

Sophie Baudy, five years old, played tag with the big girls in De Witt Clinton park, New York city. She was "it" for a long time because her short legs couldn't keep up with the longer ones of her companions, but she stuck pluckily to her task and finally tagged another girl.

This one ran down Sophie's sister, Theresa, seven, and Theresa started after Sophie, who was panting from her previous exertions. The child sped off again and ran around and around the park, her sister at her heels.

Finally at a sharp turn Theresa caught her.

"Tag, you're it!" she cried. Sophie stumbled and fell, and the others waited for her to get up. When she did not stir they ran away frightened. One of them called Patrolman Elder of the West Forty-seventh street station. He bent over the girl, then straightened up again quickly, his face pale.

He called an ambulance from Polyclinic hospital, and Dr. Morgan, who was in attendance, said the girl had died of heart disease.

Sophie lived with her parents at 450 East Fifty-first street.

Where Was Wales?

Spencer Leigh Hughes, M. P., tells of the following amusing experience: He was once passing the war office building in Whitehall when his companion, a Scotchman, pointing to the emblematic devices engraved over the door, indicated the Scotch thistle, the English lion and the Irish harp.

"Where is the emblem of Wales?" asked his friend. "Oh," Mr. Hughes replied, "I expect there is a leak in the roof."

Badly Scared.

"Were you frightened during the storm?" "Dear me, yes. The windows were all open and I was so afraid of the lightning that I didn't even stop to wake up John. I jumped right up and closed them myself."

Prohibitive.

"What's the matter, daughter?" "Father, I want a duke." "That can be arranged, my dear. I was afraid you might want a baseball pitcher."

There is no fatigue so wearisome as that which comes from want of work.—Spurgeon.

ISOLATED ISLANDS.

Lonely Tristan da Cunha Gets Outside News Once in Two Years.

Though scientific progress has made it possible to do a double journey between England and America in a fortnight, there remain many islands with which it takes years to communicate.

Off the Scottish coast are the groups of islands known as the Hebrides, Orkneys and Shetlands. Of these the most isolated island is St. Kilda, some three miles long and two miles broad. The inhabitants lead lives of great loneliness, for it takes a month to get to the next island, and the sea often makes any communication with St. Kilda impossible for months.

The group of eight Phoenix islands in the Pacific has a total population of only 158, while another little bit of the British empire is Fanning Island. This is a landing place for the Pacific submarine cable, and usually there are about 100 people in the place.

The loneliest of all parts of British territory is the island of Tristan da Cunha, in the south Atlantic, which is also the smallest inhabited island in the empire. It is 1,800 miles from land, has a population of seventy-four Scottish Americans, and the inhabitants get news of the outer world usually once every two years.

—London Stray Stories.