

## LONG HOLY PLACES

Shrines That Are Held in Veneration by Moslems.

All True Followers of Mahomet Eager That Their Last Resting Place Shall Be Near Those of Their Great Apostles.

Near to the resting place of the first great apostles of their faith it is the dearest wish of all pious Mohammedans to lie after death.

The shrines of Najaf, Kerbela and Kazimain, the resting places of Ali, Hussein, and the seventh and ninth Imams, lie on the edge of the desert in the country British troops now occupy in Mesopotamia.

One often meets a corpse on the road packed in a long crate or bundle of palm leaves and slung across the back of an ass, says Edmund Chandler, the press representative in the Mesopotamian forces. The pilgrim behind is taking his relative to swell the population of the cities of the dead by which these sanctuaries are surrounded.

Of the three shrines, Najaf is the richest, and to some minds the most sacred. Like Kazimain, it is approached by a horse car line. The cars are not of the pattern of those that ply in European cities. I believe the few British soldiers who have seen them rank them with the Clock tower in the mosque as first among the lions of Mesopotamia.

In peace time the dead come from a wide radius. The donkey with the bundle like a big carpet bag on its back, draped in wattle or rich silk, according to the means of the pilgrim, may have come all the way from Bokhara. A few years ago a corpse arrived from the Persian embassy at Paris.

The rich as a rule are buried in the shrine itself. The fee for interment in the mosque is \$250. For burial outside the walls of the city the pilgrim pays anything from four to ten rupee (two to five dollars), according to the distance he has come.

Many pilgrims buy houses in Najaf, and thus the place is gradually becoming a city of the dead. Nine houses out of ten have graves in them. Sometimes the building is nothing else than a tomb.

Najaf has proved impregnable to Wahhabi and Bedouin. It is believed to be fabulously rich. There are two stores of treasure. The old treasury has not been opened since the visit of Shar Nasir-ud-Din, 50 years ago. It is buried in a vault and built over with brick and lime, with no door or key or window by way of entrance. The new treasure is in the keeping of the kildar—gold and silver, and jewels, and precious stones, silks, and shawls, and beaded curtains.

One of the first gifts for the shrines to reach Bagdad after our troops entered the city were four curved swords of gold, with diamonds on the sheath and hilt. They had been dispatched from Constantinople to Bagdad when the British menace was regarded as a madman's dream, and bore the inscription, "From the servant of all pious Moslems, Enver Bey."

No doubt they were intended to symbolize the might whereby the Turks would defend the city against their hated foes, the Christians.

**Runs Her Own Canteen.**

Mrs. Scott Lee, an aged negro woman, is happy because she has found a way at last to cheer the soldiers on their way as they pass through here en route from camp to coast for overseas service, according to an Ashtabula dispatch to the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Mrs. Lee, who lives near a railroad track, looked wistfully at the troop trains as they sped through, wondering if there was any way in which she could make a long trip more pleasant for the men. But the trains went through so fast she almost despaired until she finally hit upon a scheme that works to perfection. She got a long pole, and to it she fastens bundles of magazines and lunches, and as the trains whiz past she stands on the station platform and reaches her gifts to the men as they lean from the car windows.

**Carrier Pigeon Mystery.**

The authorities of Albany, Ore., and everywhere else are trying to decipher this message: "P-n-7-3-a-r-ll-w."

It was written on a piece of note-paper brought here by a strange carrier pigeon, which died very soon after it was found on the street.

The bird was identified as a species of California desert quail, not found in any part of Oregon save possibly in the southeastern portion. The bird refused food and water and was exhausted.

A piece of string which bound the message to the bird's leg was olive drab in color and might have been unraveled from an army uniform.

**The Indian's Idea.**

John Ratt, a full-blood Cherokee Indian of Cherokee county, Okla., being drawn in the draft of selected men, was sent to Camp Travis, Tex., for training. After he had been in camp for several days, he was hated before the adjutant for failing to salute an officer, and gave the following explanation for his default: "Me live at Welling. When me meet man there maybe speak to him one time. No speak any more to same man all day. Down here me salute if every time me see it man."

## THIS TELLS HOW TO FIGURE INCOME TAX

Squarely Up to Every Individual to Get Busy by March 15 or Suffer Penalty.

"Don't wait until the final due date, March 15th, for paying your Income Tax and making your return. Avoid the last minute rush. Any person can figure out his liability today as well as he can next week, and if there is any point on which he needs advice he can now get in touch with a Revenue man."

This word of advice is being given out by Internal Revenue men. Returns and payments are being collected in Pennsylvania by the following Collectors of Internal Revenue: Ephraim Lederer, Benjamin F. Davis, Fred C. Kirkendall and C. Gregg Lewellyn.

Every aid of their offices and field forces is being given freely to the public.

But the Income Tax men will not pull your door-bell or your coat-tails, according to the Collector's announcement. It is squarely up to every individual to figure out his own case and to get busy if he comes within the scope of the new Revenue law.

**Did You Earn This Much?**

Every unmarried person who received income averaging \$19.25 a week during 1918 and every married couple who jointly received income averaging \$38.50 a week should secure at once from the nearest Deputy Collector or the nearest bank a blank Form 1040 A. That form contains the information he will need to enable him to figure his correct net income and any tax that he owes the Government.

The law requires that every unmarried person who had a net income of \$1,000 or over and every married person whose net income was \$2,000 or over (including the income of husband or wife, and the earnings of minor children, if any) must make a return on or before March 15th. And this requirement does not hinge on whether the person owes a tax.

**Taxable Income.**

An individual must include under gross income all gains, profits and income derived from salaries, wages, or compensation for personal service of whatever kind and in whatever form paid, or from professions, vocations, business, sales or dealings in property of all kinds, interest, rent, dividends, or profits derived from any source whatever. Very few items of income are exempt.

Deductions include ordinary and necessary business expenses, interest paid or accrued on indebtedness, taxes of all kinds except Federal income and excess profits taxes and assessments for local benefits, losses actually sustained, debts ascertained to be worthless, and depreciation on buildings, machinery, fixtures, etc., used in business. A further deduction is allowed for contributions to corporations operated for religious, charitable, scientific or educational purposes or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals to an amount not exceeding 15 per cent of the taxpayer's net income as computed without the benefit of the contribution deduction.

The taxpayer is not allowed to deduct any personal, living or family expense, any amount spent for improving property, or any expense of restoring property or making good its exhaustion for which an allowance is claimed under depreciation.

**Figuring the Tax.**

Before figuring the normal tax the dividends are deducted as credits from net income, together with the personal exemption. As in previous years, dividends of domestic corporations are exempt from normal tax when received by the stockholder.

The normal tax rates for citizens and residents are as follows: On the first \$4,000 of net income in excess of the credits the rate is 6 per cent; on any further taxable income the rate is 12 per cent.

The surtax rates apply to net income of each individual in excess of \$5,000. The personal exemption and the dividends are not deductible before computing surtax. In the case of returns by husband and wife, the net income of each is considered separately in computing any surtax that may be due. Form 1040 should be used for making returns of net income exceeding \$5,000, and the instructions on that form will show how to figure the surtax.

**Business House Returns.**

Employers and others who paid wages, salaries, rents, interest or similar determinable gains in an amount of \$1,000 or over during 1918 to any person must file an information return with the Government. Blanks may be secured from the Collector.

Every partnership must file a return showing its income and deductions and the name and address of each partner, with his share of the profits or losses during the past year. Personal service corporations will file similar information for 1918.

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★ INCOME TAX PAYS ★  
★ FOR PUBLIC BENEFITS. ★

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★ truest sense, the payment of ★  
★ taxes is payment for benefits ★  
★ received or expected. Only from ★  
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★ —Daniel C. Roper, Commission- ★  
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Opposite Moore Hotel

**Advice for Singers.**

Sims Reeves, the famous English tenor, is quoted as saying: "A singer who does not recite or read the verses of a song aloud before attempting the music will never become a great artist." The young singer should memorize a text, should repeat it over and over aloud, testing the matter of emphasis or stress upon each word to determine just where it should be and the proper amount to give the best interpretation to the thought.

**The Singing Mouse.**

The singing mouse is not a distinct species. According to descriptions of the common house mouse, "Mus musculus," and of the American wood-mouse, "Hesperomys leucopus," they have been known to acquire the trick or habit of warbling a few notes in a high key and with a shrill wily timbre, vocalizing in a manner that might be called singing.

**Appropriate Look.**

Robert had lost his little pet dog and felt bad about it. His father told him poor little Fido must be dead or he would return home. His mother sent him on an errand, when he met a woman friend of his mother's who asked him if he was ill, as he had little to say. "Oh, no," he said, "but my little dog is dead and I am wearing a black look."

**Fats in the Body.**

Fats in the body occur under the skin in the muscles and around certain organs. They act as a protection for the body against injury and serve as a stored supply of fuel, in case food cannot be taken. Fats are liquid in the body and are stored in albuminous cells.

**The Candle in History.**

The cult of the candle plays a large role in Roman, Jewish and Eastern ecclesiastical history; and many are the customs that have their birth in some magical or ritualistic use to which the candle has been put. In some parts of Ireland, for instance, it was usual on Christmas eve to burn a large candle which no one was permitted to snuff except those who bore the name of Mary.

**Be Slow to Condemn.**

Why condemn an individual or institution before you hear both sides? Does a jury convict or a judge sentence a prisoner before the evidence is heard?

**Sleep and the Brain.**

It used to be thought that sleep happened because the circulation of blood through the brain grew so feeble that this, the seat of consciousness, could work no longer and sleep took place. Many years ago a surgeon studying the subject watched the falling circulation of the brain through a hole in the skull of a sleeping animal. Yet this is only effect, not cause. The brain has less blood because it sleeps; it does not sleep because it has less blood.

**Cleaning Wallpaper.**

To clean and polish wallpaper, add two tablespoonfuls of ammonia to half a pailful of water, and wash the walls down with a dannel dipped in this. Take half a pailful of water and add two tablespoonfuls of turpentine. Wash the walls a second time with this and wipe as dry as possible.

**Early American Statesman.**

Alexander Hamilton, one of our greatest statesmen, was sometimes called "Alexander the Copper-smith," because of the copper cents he had made in 1793, when he was secretary of the treasury. These pennies were very unpopular with the people. He was killed in a duel by Aaron Burr.

**Rusty Steel.**

To clean rusty steel, well oil the rusty parts and set aside in this state for two or three days. Then wipe dry with clean rags and polish with emery or pumice stone. When very rusty and a high polish is desired rub the article with a little slack lime.

**Britisher Has Odd Motor.**

An English engineer has developed a novel form of rotary motor having four cylinders that operate inside the blades of the propeller. The propeller blades are made of metal and the exhaust issues from the ends of the blades.

**Salute to the Flag.**

The salute to the flag is given by raising the right hand, palm outward until the index finger is even with the lower edge of the forehead, and standing in attention.

**Psychologically Tested.**

Psychological tests are being used by the United States employment service in New York to aid in determining the work for which applicants are best fitted.

## Express and Implied Powers of Congress as Interpreted by the U. S. Supreme Court

The express powers of congress are those which are expressly granted by the Constitution of the United States and the implied powers are whatever is necessary, under the Constitution, to give force and effect to its express powers. In determining what acts are necessary and proper in the exercise of expressly enumerated powers an interpretation has been applied by the supreme court itself. Chief Justice Marshall, in an early decision, said: "Let the end be legitimate, let it be within the scope of the Constitution, and all means which are appropriate, which are plainly adapted to that end, which are not prohibited but consist with the letter and spirit of the Constitution are constitutional." Thus the supreme court held that under the taxing and borrowing power congress may charter a federal bank and exempt its notes from state taxation; or create a system of national banks and levy a prohibitive tax upon the issues of state banks; or issue paper money and make it a legal tender for all debts. Similarly, the power given congress to regulate commerce has been held to authorize legislation concerning navigation, pilotage, the transportation of goods and passengers between the states of the union, the restricting or prohibiting of foreign immigration, etc. Thus almost every constitutional grant of express power to congress has been held to carry with it an implied grant of necessary powers to give effect to the express grant.

## Monster Vessel Had to Be Turned on Its Side to Pass Through the Welland Canal

That ships were cut in two in order to get them out of the Great Lakes and into transatlantic service when the war put its tremendous demand on American shipping is commonly known; but the expedient adopted to get the giant Charles R. Van Hise through the Welland canal attracted little attention. This vessel was of too wide a beam to pass through the Welland canal. It was floated through by turning it on its side.

The Charles R. Van Hise is a 9,000-ton freighter, twice as large as any of the other vessels taken from the Great Lakes. The locks of the Welland canal are 260 feet long and 44 feet wide. Besides cutting the Van Hise in two, it was necessary to turn her on her side, and then she had only eight inches of clearance. This plan for handling large ships on the lakes was devised by F. A. Eustis and carried out by the shipping board engineers.

Six pontoon tanks were placed on the forward section of the Van Hise. The tanks, when filled, held about 500 tons of water. The pumps were put to work, filling the tanks, steam being furnished by the tugs. It required about five hours to fill the tanks, when the bow section of the vessel had rolled over perfectly on its side.

The forward section was towed from Buffalo to Port Colborne, Canada, the entrance to the Welland canal. She was then towed into the first lock and the gates were closed, which revealed the project was a success.

## Telephone Girls Must Have the Foundation of Singing Voice, Music Teacher Says

Has the telephone girl the sweetest singing voice? Judging from inquiries among well-known singing masters, the opinion seems to be that the telephone, in regard to voice production and development, is of great value.

"One has only to compare the singing of years ago," one of these teachers said, "with that of the present day to realize this. There may have been much music in the singing of the past, but there was certainly little clearness. People did not realize the value of each word, and the care that should be taken to enunciate each syllable."

Nowadays, when the telephone is one of the pivots of our daily life, the necessity to speak clearly and distinctly is obvious. "The telephone girl, who is at her instrument all day, most certainly possesses the foundation of a good singing voice," said one master, "and probably there are many Melbas and Calves among them."

## Cleaning Bottles.

Small brass shavings found at any machine shop where brass is used. After using with suds, pour water and all into small cloth bag, sugar, salt or tobacco bag, hang up, let dry; they never rust, are always ready, won't scratch, as brass is softer than glass, yet sharp and pointed enough to clean all corners.

## SHORT AND SNAPPY

Some wives are so averse to mending that they won't even try to patch up quarrels. The man who lives for himself alone is apt to be neglected by the world at large. Yes, Elizabeth, it rains on the rich and poor alike if they are unable to swipe an umbrella. Love may be blind, but the girl's father and the dog seldom require the services of an oculist.

## Africans Always Eager to Don Discarded Finery Cast Off by Notables of London

There is a clothes dealer in London who for a long time has made it his specialty to purchase showy costumes and discarded uniforms for disposal in the Orient and Africa.

It is said that even the retiring lord mayors of London have become this dealer's customers, and that the cocked hat, gold laced coat and knee breeches that have formed an inspiring feature of the lord mayor's processions are, as like as not, the next year to delight the eyes of darkest Africa upon the proud person of some native.

Amusing comments have been made by this dealer with reference to the eagerness with which the native in the interior of Africa takes over this discarded finery. He says that at the bazars where his goods are purchased he has seen blacks solemnly walking around with waistcoats buttoned behind instead of before, and men even wearing women's costumes. Big fellows have been seen in clothes so small that one could not imagine how they got into them nor how they could get out unless the stitching gave way.

It is related that the Prince de Joinville, when off the Gaboon coast, once received on his ship an official visit from two chiefs, father and son, who must have been customers of the London dealer. Each owned for ceremonial purposes a military uniform.

That of the father was an English general's, while that of the son was a hussar's. The intricate cut of the son's uniform, with its numerous buttons, straps and buckles together with the painfully small size, proved too much for him. He sent the prince a despairing message imploring help and a relief party of delighted midshipmen was sent to dress him and to bring him aboard.

## Special Benefits Allowed English Workmen Who Are Injured in Line of Duty

Every job has its compensations. A clerk is secure in the knowledge that he is unlikely to come to any harm in the performance of his duties, though he has no legitimate claim if he contracts writers' cramp or a nervous breakdown. But the tollers in mines and chimneys may rest assured that compensation will be theirs, if, in the course of their duties, they fall victims to disease, according to London Tit-Bits.

A chimney sweep may contract scrotal epithelioma (chimney sweep's cancer); a vet's job involves a risk of contracting glandular diseases, glass workers are daily exposed to the glare of molten glass and cataract is not an unusual result. Sufferers in these cases are entitled to special benefits under the factory and workshop act. Lead, its preparations and compounds, mercury, phosphorus, arsenic, subject its handlers to poisoning, and the latter are, consequently, provided for.

Mining is another dangerous trade for which special provisions are made, and even the telegraphist may claim for suffering from telegraphers' cramp.

## SCRAPS OF HUMOR

**Parental Privilege.**  
"Do you suppose this proud father really knows what his baby is trying to say?"

"No, but he wouldn't be a proud father if he didn't try to translate gurgles into wise and witty observations."

**In Favor.**  
"You seem to stand pretty well with this waitress."

"Oh, I'm making some progress," said the restaurant patron.  
"Yes?"  
"She already thinks enough of me not to bring me a piece of yesterday's pie."

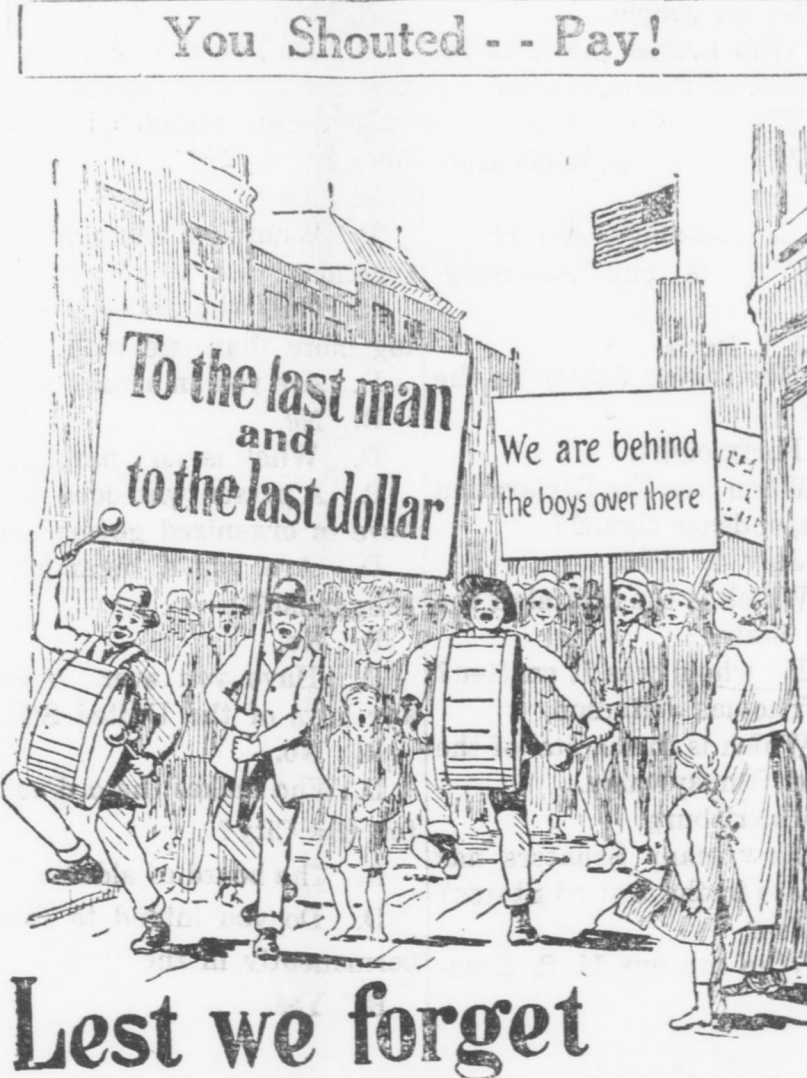
**Two, at Least.**  
Caton—There's one thing I like about Canada—  
Eaton (interrupting)—I know it—that Canadian bacon! But her cheese is great, too.

**Both Sorry.**  
"Sorry I have to ask you for that fiver I lent you, old chap."  
"Well, I can sympathize with you. I'm sorry you have to, too."

**Right There.**  
"Words are inadequate to express my love for you."  
"Yes?"  
"However, I have \$100,000."

"Enough said," declared the girl. "You may be shy on words, Algeron, but you are all right on figures."

**Could Turn Loose.**  
"I can't see that giving the freedom of the city to a feller does him any good."  
"Didn't in the old days. Might amount to something in the case of a man with a speedy automobile."



Lest we forget