NEWS IN GENERAL

Tens of thousands of natives are estimated to have been drowned by the floods in the Chinese provinces of Kwangtung, Kwangsi and Kiangsi and the desolation of the devastated districts is terrible according to the latest accounts. No Americans are reported lost.

Five persons are dead, scores injured and more than $2,000,000 worth of property damaged as the result of the flood throughout Central Ohio. Hundreds of acres of land were under water and vast areas imperiled by weak levees and embankments. At Lima more than 300 homes were under water and the crops ruined in the whole section.

The German and Austrian armies have been victorious all along the whole 1,000 mile Russian line and the fall of Warsaw is expected at any time. Lubin is on the point of capture by the German and Austrian armies. The Russian oommander-in-chief has issued an order that in case of retreat the male population of the city is to attach itself to the end of the retiring army.

The Ford Automobile Company last week announced a refund ot about $15,000,000 to Ford owners of autos who have purchased their machines since August 1, 1914. On that date, the company announced that if 300,000 machines were sold during the ensuing year each purchaser would receive a refund of from $40 to $60. The mark set out to be reached was attained a few days ago. The company says that the refund is strictly in the nature of the profit distribution policy of the company.

Ready for her trial trip the battleship Oklahoma was seriously damaged by fire of a mysterious origin on Monday night. The newest and most powerful of the United States dreadnoughts caught fire a few minutes after workmen had left her decks as she lay at the yards of the New York Shipbuilding Company in Camden, N. J. The fire discovered about six o'clock, was under control at 9 after two companies of Camden firemen had pumped the compartment under current No. 1 half full of water. A second blaze was discovered 15 minutes later, but was soon overcome.

Chester Lee French, superintendent of the Cumberland Division of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, who had been suffering from a disease of the blood, and who three times submitted to transfusion of blood from relatives and from railroad employees who volunteered their assistance freely, died Saturday at midnight at Atlantic City, N. J. whre he had been taken after treatment at the Church Home and Infirmary, Baltimore. Mr. French was aged 42 years and was a son of the late Capt. Robert French a former superintendent of the Baltimore railroad at Cumberland. He was a splendid Christian man and highly esteemed.

A West Virginia manufacturers' Association which has already a membership of 300 among the large manufacturers of the state is being organized for the purpose of bringing out more scientific development of the resources of the state. A permanent orgaization will be formed at a meeting in August . With oil, gas, practically an unlimited supply of coal, lumber and iron within easy reach, good railroad facilities and the Ohio river for cheap transportation of both raw and finished material, a campaign will be waged to make West Virginia the leading manufacturing centre of the United States if not of the world.

Harry K. Thaw, who shot and killed Stanford White on the night of June 26, 1906, walked from the courtroom in New York, a free man Friday noon. Justice Hendrick accepted the finding of the jury that declared Thaw sane and immediately after announcing his decision admitted Thaw to $35,000 bail. Warned by deputy marshals the big crowd in the court room attempted no demonstration. Thaw himself sat unmoved by the decision. When the court overruled the state's attempt to block his release on bail he turned on Deputy Attorney General Cook a quiet smile of triumph. His nine year fight for freedom had been won but Thaw was the most undemonstrtive person in the great crowd in and around the Supreme Court bulding. The state at once entered an appeal. Thaw returned to the home of his mother in Pittsburg, who worked so heroically for his release.

A German submarine attempted to torpedo the Cunard Liner Orduna, shortly after she had left Liverpool, according to Baron Rosenkrantz, of Denmark, one of the passengers aaboard the big steamer which reached New York a few days ago. The submarine was sighted at 6 o'clock on the morning of July 9th, the Baron said and chased the Orduna for nearly an hour, attempting to get close enough to fire a torpedo. Seeing that she was outdistanced, the U boat fired six shells at the liner, but none of them took effect. On her last trip from New York the Orduna carried a large cargo of war munitions for the allies. It was reported that her departure had been "tipped" and that German submersibles were lying in wait for her. Only the brilliant manner in which Capt. Taylor manoeuvered his ship prevented the Orduna from meeting the same fate as the Lusitania.

Song and Story.....

SWEETHEARTS.

I'll bet my mother's glad that she
Has got vacation days and me,
That is to say, that I have got
Vacation days, and when it's hot
I'm at home here all day long;
It helps to fill her days with song
When she ain't never left alone;
And she buys me an ice cream cone,
And she makes me the nicest tarts,
And she says us two is sweethearts.

And she lets me squirt with the hose,
And she don't care when I muss my clothes;
And even when I slam the door,
And when I muddy up the floor,
She doesn't say a word to me
But seems as pleased as she can be;
And when I stand beside her chair
She hugs me and she smooths my hair
And seems to get a heap of joy
From knowin' that I am her boy.

Another feller that I knowed,
That lived the other side the road,
Caught something bad and went and died;
And when he did my mother cried
And hugged me right up to her tight,
An' made me sleep with her that night;
And now she doesn't ever scold
And she makes me some dandy tarts;
And I am glad that we're sweethearts.

—Houston Post.

Anticipating.

The Justice—Ten for exceeding the speed limit. Comin' back this way?

The Victim—No.

The Justice—Then it's twenty.

Cheap at the Price.

A stalwart young fellow applied for a position on a farm. As he walked into the barn he addressed the frmer:

"Hey, mister, will you job me?"

"Will I what?"

"Wil you job me? make me work yet?"

"Oh, I see. You want a job," said the farmer. "Well, how much do you want a month?"

"I tell you. If you eat me on der farm I come for fife dollars, but for twenty-fife dollars I eat myself at Schmidt's.— National Food Magazine.

Too Much to Swallow.

Virginia, at five was devoted to Bible stories. She knew about Joseph, and grandmother was preparing her for the Exodus. "You see Jacob, whose other name was Israel, went down to Egypt with his children and his grandchildren, and they married nd had childrn, and they kept on increasing until there were hundreds and hundreds of them. And they were all called the 'chilren of Isreal.'"

At this point Virginia interrupted politely: "Grandmother, if you say this is true I will believe it; but very few people have hundreds of children."

A beautiful girl had a fiance named Jones. She had also a little brother, named Willie. One morning Willie was thoughtfully sitting at the breakfast table, when he suddenly turned to his father.

"Say father," said he, "I don't think that Mr. Jones will make a very good husband for Sis."

"You don't, eh?" was the indulgent response of thes miling parent."What makes you think so?"

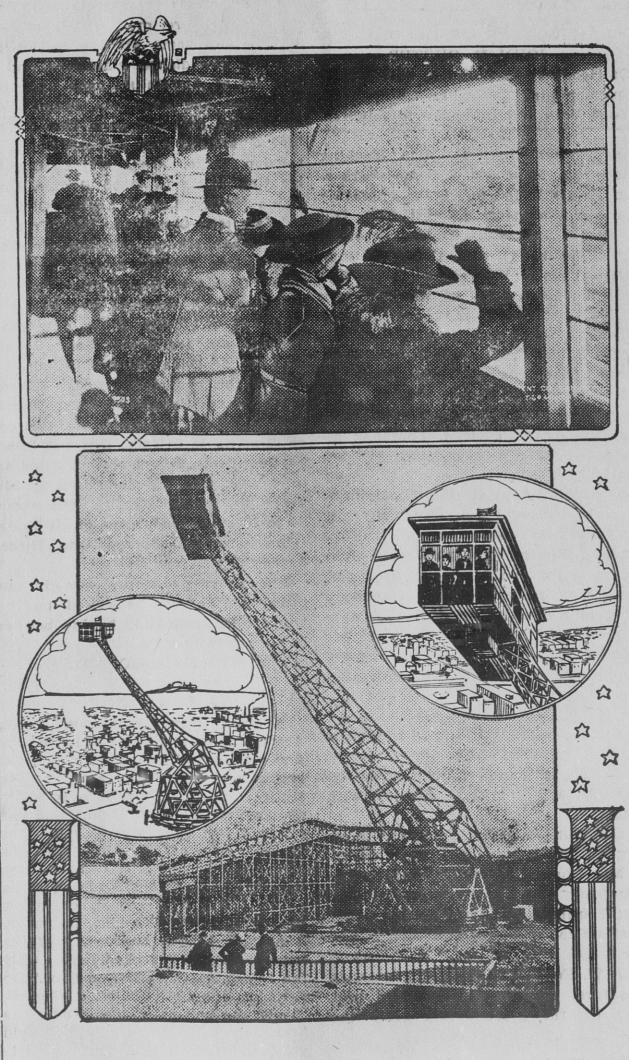
"Because," was the prompt reply of Willie, "he has been coming here a year now, and in all that time he has given me only 17 cents."

Cain Question Settled..

"I never discuss marriage," said the late General Gereral Fitzhugh Lee, "without thinking of an old colored preacher in my state who was addressing his dark-skinned congregation when a white man arose in the back of the building. "Mr. Preacher," said the white man, "you are talking about Cain, and you say he got married in the lnd of Nod, after he killed Abel. But the Bible only mentions Adam and Eve as being on Earth at that time. Who, then did Cain marry?" The colored preached snorted with unfeigned contempt. "Huh!" he said, "you hear dat, bredren and sisterin? You hear dat fool question I am axed? Cain he went to the land o' Nod just as de good Book tells us, an' in de land o' Nod Cain gits so lazy an' so shiftless dat he up an' marries a gal o' one o' dem no' count pore white trash families dat de inspired 'postle didn't consider fittin' to mention in de Holy Word."

HIGHER THAN FERRIS WHEEL

Marvelous Aeroscope at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, Raises Amazed Visitors 264 Feet



FOR the seeker of amusement there is opportunity a-plenty in the great mechanical achievement, the aeroscope, on the Zone, Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco. The aeroscope is built on the order of a giant crane of a novel and intricate design, with a seating capacity of 100 and standing room for twenty more. The car is perfectly balanced, and perfect safety and a jarless ride of ten minutes are assured to passengers who enjoy this trip of 264 feet into the clouds. This is four feet higher than the Ferris wheel. Two motors control the ascent and descent in conjunction with the counterbalance of this huge car, and when it reaches its extreme height it begins to swing slowly around on the series of wheels at its base, giving the passenger a view of the surrounding country from every point.

TROUBLE FOR AUTO LAW VIOLATORS.

Persistent violators of the state automobile laws will be drastically dealt with. Announcement was made at the office of State Highway Commissioner Cunningham, in Harrisburg, Tuesday, that offenders will not hereafter be given a "third chance" but that a second report of violation by any individual will result in issue of a summons for the individual to appear before the commissioner and tell why his license should not be revoked. About twelve complaints are made daily to the state authorities.

An estimate of a wheat crop of 21-254,400 bushels is made by theBureau of Statistics of the State Department of Agriculture in its summary of the crop conditions of the State as the result of reports from 654 districts throughout the farming counties. The wheat crop at the beginning of the harvest was estimated to be 94 per cent of an average for ten years. This means that the production will be about 16.2 bushels. Last year the average production was 18.5 bushels and the total production 24,272,000 bushels.

Singular Services of Sheep.

In the northern part of India sheep are made to serve as beasts of burden. The mountain paths along the foothills of the Himalayas are so precipitous that the sheep, more sure footed than larger beasts, are preferred as burden carriers. The load for each sheep is from sixteen to twenty pounds. The sheep are driven from village to village, with the wool still growing, and in each town the farmer shears as much wool as he can sell there and loads the sheep with the grain which he receives in exchange. After the flock has been sheared he turns it homeward, each sheep having on its back a small bag containing the purchased grain.

Too Much

An East Cleveland man who likes to tinker about his home pulled away the steps to his side door last Saturday and took them into the garage, where he added sundry nails to their makeup. He was lugging them back when his next door neighbor looked over the fence and said:

"Hello, Brown. What you doing? Repairing your house?"

"I'm taking steps in that direction," Brown replied.

He was so much pleased with his wit that he forgot his caution, tripped on a croquet wicket and, falling over the steps, cut his nose on the scraper.