

NEWS IN GENERAL.

Austrian dealers are reported to have purchased between two and three million rabbit skins at the Leipzig fur market for winter clothing for the Austrian army.

Since the commencement of the European war, there have been 19 explosions and fires from undetermined origin, many of them under suspicious circumstances, in government arsenals and in powder factories and plants engaged on war contracts in the United States and one in Canada, with a total of 34 deaths and injuries to 22 other men.

The Allan liner, Hesperian was either struck by a mine or torpedoed without warning Saturday evening by a German submarine near the Irish coast. Most of those aboard escaped in boats and the Captain and Crew attempted to reach land but in vain and about eighteen were drowned when the vessel went down. Germany has another dastardly act to repudiate if the vessel was torpedoed in direct opposition to recent statements that no more such outrages without warning should be made on unarmed neutral vessels.

In an opinion rendered recently by Attorney General Brown to Commissioner of Labor and Industry John Price Jackson at Harrisburg the limitation of six days a week for female employees is absolutely fixed. The opinion is of sweeping effect in the telephone business especially and reaches far into other lines of industry.

Accused by her alleged accomplices three negroes — Elizabeth Tiffany Blair Mohr Friday at Providence R. I. was held without bail in the charge of having incited the murder of her husband, Dr. C. Franklin Mohr, a wealthy and well-known physician of Providence and Newport, Rhode Island. Mrs. Mohr vehemently denied the accusation which she characterized as absurd. The hostler Healis was held by the police since the shooting as his account of the affair conflicted with that given by Miss Emily Burger, the doctor's assistant who was in the automobile and was also wounded. The chauffeur was arrested after Healis told the police that he and the hostler had plotted to rob Dr. Mohr on the night of the shooting. The authorities did not believe the stories of the negroes and Brown was subjected to a searching examination during which the police say he admitted that he was concerned in the shooting and that Mrs. Mohr had offered him \$2000 to kill her husband.

The Diagnosis of Glanders

The Department of Agriculture, in professional bulletin No. 166, recommends the use of ophthalmic mallein for the diagnosis of glanders. This test, it is held, is more accurate, easier of application, and gives results more quickly than the other methods. As the same time, the use of this test does not interfere in doubtful cases with subsequent serum or subcutaneous mallein tests.

In considering the good results obtained and the advantages of this method of testing a concentrated mallein has been prepared for this purpose by the Bureau of Animal Industry, and this was made available to a number of practicing veterinarians who desired to give this method of testing a thorough trial. It has also been employed by inspectors of the Bureau of Animal Industry in their field work, and reports are accessible regarding its action for diagnostic purposes on more than 18,000 cases. The results from all sources were uniformly satisfactory. Practicing veterinarians who have given this method a trial have reported very favorably on the results, and the tests conducted by the bureau inspectors on several thousand animals were also satisfactory. The method has been applied here in Washington whenever possible, and recently in some immunizing tests of glanders conducted by the Bureau of Animal Industry there was a good opportunity to repeatedly employ this test. In all these instances the results were uniformly good. In cases of glanders there appeared a marked purulent conjunctivitis, and the reaction at times was so severe that the animal could not open its tested eye.

The success of the test, the Department's specialists find, depends upon the degree of concentration of the mallein. The bulletin gives full details as to the preparation of concentrated mallein, its application and the effect of the ophthalmic test in healthy and glandered animals. The bulletin is technical and is designed primarily for veterinarians and state live stock sanitary authorities.

A long raft containing one million feet of cedar, said to be the largest ever floated on the Pacific, recently made the trip from British Columbia to Puget Sound. It was 100 feet long and 70 feet wide; it stood 15 feet out of the water and 20 feet under.

As showing the possibilities for tree growth in regions where irrigation has to be depended upon, it is pointed out that Boise, Idaho, has as many as 94 different kinds of ornamental and shade trees.

Only one modern sawmill is operated in the territory of Hawaii.

Commercial job work is all right.

Song and Story....

IS IT WORTH WHILE?

Is it worth while that we jostle a brother
Bearing his load on the rough road
of life?

Is it worth while that we jest at each other
In blackness of heart—that we war
to the knife?

God pity us in our pitiful strife.
God pity us all as we jostle each other
God pardon us all for the triumphs
we feel

When a fellow goes down; poor
heart-broken brother,
Pierced to the heart; words are
keener than steel,
And mightier far for woe or for weal.

Were it not well in this brief little
journey,
On over the isthmus, down into the
tide,

That we give him a fish instead of a
serpent
Ere folding the hands to be and a
bide

Forever and aye in dust at his side.
Look at the roses saluting each other;
Look at the herds all at peace on the
plain,

Man and man only makes war on his
brother,
And dotes in his heart on his peril
and pain—

Shamed by the brutes that go down
on the plain—Joaquin Miller.

Little Mary's mother had just
bought her a suit of white rompers
for hot weather. She was showing
them proudly to her aunt, saying,
"How do you like my new rompers?"
I don't have to wear anything under
them—only just myself."

No Note in his Eye.

"What are you studying now?" Mrs.
Johnson.

"We have taken up the study of
molecules," answered her son.

"I hope you will be very attentive
and practice constantly," said the
mother. "I tried to get your father
to wear one, but he could not keep
it in his eye."

Kipling.

Mr. Kipling's description of the
world as consisting of "human beings
and Germans" is just ground for sus-
picion that he is not perfectly neutral.

How He Beat the Railroad.

An Irishman riding on a railroad
train looked so greatly pleased that
he was asked what amused him so
much.

"Sure," he said, "I've been riding
over this road for ten years, and to-
day's the first time I ever got ahead
of it."

"How did you do it this time?" he
was asked.

Slapping his knees with evident
satisfaction he replied:

"I bought a round trip ticket and
begorra, I ain't goin' back."

The attorneys for the prosecution
and defense had been allowed fifteen
minutes each to argue the case. The
attorney for the defense had commenced
his with an allusion to the old
swimming hole of his boyhood days.
He told in flowery oratory of the joy
of youth, the delights of the cool wa-
ter—

And in the midst of it he was in-
terrupted by the drawing voice of
the judge:

"Come out, Chauncey," he said,
"and put on your clothes. Your fifteen
minutes are up."

Why Worry?

"Why does you struggle, child?"
asked Aunt Chloe. "When you fights
Bad Luck he's liable to bust you with
trouble, an' if your bones is all stiff
with strugglin' he will done sprinkle
the groun' with your pieces. Now
when I see Bad Luck comin' (an' he
allers comes in threes, sixes or nines
neber single) I just lies down all flat
an' soft an' I says, 'All right, Bad
Luck here I is, now tramp on me an'
get through, so's I kin be happy agin.'
An' he does! An' then I is!"

GREAT PEACH CROP

The peach crop of the country will
amount this year, it is estimated, to
more than 58,000,000 bushels. With
the application of more scientific meth-
ods the crop has increased greatly in
recent years and the peach grower is
now confronted with problems of mar-
keting rather than of production. Ow-
ing to their perishable nature peaches
are unusually difficult to dispose of
without loss, and good distribution is
essential to prevent the glutting of
some markets while scarcity and high
prices prevail elsewhere. Peaches
are so plentiful and cheap in this sec-
tion that the grower is making very
little on them.

TELLS GOOD POINTS OF UTILITY BIRD

Eradicate the Scrub and Cross Breeds
on Farm, Advises W. H.
Pfeifer.

"Chicken! Yellow legged chicken!
With a flavor that tickles the palate
and makes the mouth water for more.
Chicken that produces lots of delicate
flavored and wholesome eggs for the
business man's breakfast and the
workingman's dinner pail, is the kind
of chicken that the great mass of hu-
manity is chiefly interested in," was
the statement of William H. Pfeifer of
Allenton, Mo., in his address on
"Chicken as the Public Sees It," at the
Missouri State Poultry Show.

Continuing he said: "I think you
will agree with me that it is the uti-
lity-bred, standard-bred hen that comes
nearest to filling the bill or require-
ments, so let us give her more atten-
tion in the future.

"It is with a feeling of deep appre-
ciation for the wonderful achievements
of the little hen and the excellent work
being done at the Missouri State Ex-
periment Station for helping her to
still greater accomplishments that I
come before you as a humble poultry-
man who is willing to share with those
who care to listen such information as
he has learned in the school of experi-
ence.

"The birds at this exhibition are
judged solely by their outward appear-
ance, and outward appearances are
frequently deceiving. The handbook
by which they are judged is called the
Standard of Perfection, but it applies
only to the outward perfection, while
the inward perfection, the truly use-
ful perfection, is completely ignored in
the awarding of the ribbons. The birds
that an exhibitor sends to a show like
this nearly always represent the very
cream of his flock, but that by no
means signifies that some of the lesser
lights that he has left at home are ex-
celled in the one vital thing to success-
ful breeding, and that is utility. The
time was—and that not long ago, and
in some instances it is still practiced—
that the culls of a flock of standard-
breds were called utility birds and dis-
posed of as such. While some of them
might have been worthy of the name
by far the greater part were just
simply the undesirables of the flock,
nothing more. Now when we stop to
consider that by far the greater num-
ber of the people who entered the
poultry business bought this so-called
utility stock, can you still wonder why
so many of them failed?

"The time is now at hand for utility
poultry to take its rightful place in
poultry culture, for the primary worth
of all poultry lies in its utilitarian
value. Certainly the culls of a fan-
cier's flock should not be sold for uti-
lity birds, for their sole value lies in
their carcass and that rule is far be-
low par. Take the dressed carcass of a
plump, well-developed Plymouth
Rock, place it beside that of a cull, and
you will have the indisputable evi-
dence staring you in the face.

"It is not my desire to detract from
the glory that an exhibition bird is en-
titled to nor to belittle the man who
produces such, but it is a well known
fact among students of poultry cul-
ture that only a few, a very few of
the birds that a fancier produces, are
of a high exhibition type, and there-
fore they are very valuable, the result
being that there is only an occasional
sale for such stock. The second choice
birds are held to be sold as breeders
and the market is so overrun with this
class of the fancy that the demand
is practically nil, compared with the
number of breeders who are waiting
for prospective buyers. Only the es-
tablished breeder with a wide reputa-
tion can dispose of this class of stock
at a profit.

"On the other hand the utility breed-
er can cull his flock at a far earlier
date and dispose of his surplus at a
reasonable profit, for he has an ever-
ready market and a constantly grow-
ing demand for his product at prices
above market quotations. It is the
plump carcass and wholesome table
eggs that attract the greatest atten-
tion from the public. No only that, but
the utility breeder is not always
outclassed in the show-room, for it is
easier to produce exhibition birds from
a well-bred and uniform flock of utility
birds than from an exhibition flock.
In our own lives it is perfectly plain
to us that it is not the upper crust, nor
the dregs of society, but the great
middle class that causes the wheels of
civilization and progress to grind. Not
only does the rule apply to humanity,
but it applies to stock and to poultry.

"Therefore it will pay all poultry-
men well to remember that to erad-
icate the scrub and cross-breeds that
are found upon the farms of this coun-
try and to replace them with pure-bred
poultry we must interest the farmer
in the highly useful standard-bred.
This cannot be done with high-priced
specimens of extraordinary beauty,
nor with an almost worthless lot of
cast-off culls, but it can be done with
uniform and useful stock, for such
stock is utility stock, and none other.
The fancier is of course a necessity
in upholding the pleasing beauty of
the thoroughbred, but the utility breed-
er deserves the greatest credit for the
advancement being made in poultry
culture, for he is giving to the world
a highly useful article."

William Penn in his Charter of
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maintain that on an average one-fifth
of every farm should be in timber.

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