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 emplayes 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 chaffeur 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 odes 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.

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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 abide
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 wompers? I don't have to wear anything under them—only just myself."

No Mote 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 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 suspicion 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 tin years, and today's the first tme 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 attorny 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 balmy air, the singing birds the joy of youth, the delights of the cool water—

And in the midst of it he was interrupted by the drawling 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 donesprinkle 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 methods the crop has increased greatly in recent years and the peach grower is now confronted with problems of marketing rather than of production. Owing 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 plentifull and cheap in this section that the grower is making very little on them.

TELLS GOOD POINTS OF UILITY 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 humanity 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 utility-bred, standard-bred hen that comes nearest to filling the bill or requirements, so let us give her more attention in the future.

"It is with a feeling of deep appreciation for the wonderful achievements of the little hen and the excellent work being done at the Missouri State Experiment Station for helping her to still greater accomplishments that I come before you as a humble poultryman who is willing to share with those who care to listen such information as he has learned in the school of experience.

"The birds at this exhibition are judged solely by their outward appearance, 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 perfectionfi, the truly useful 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 excelled in the one vital thing to successful breeding, and thit 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 disposed 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 number 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 fancier's flock should not be sold for utility birds, for their sole value lies in their carcass and that rule is far below 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 evidence staring you in the face.

"It is not my desire to detract from the glory that an exhibition bird is entitled to nor to belittle the man who produces such, but it is a well known fact amoung students of poultry culture that only a few, a very few of the birds that a fancier produces, are of a high exhibition type, and therefore 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 established breeder with a wide reputation can dispose of this class of stock at a profit.

"On the other hand the utility breeder 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 growing demand for his product at prices above market quotations. tI is the plump carcass and wholesome table eggs that attract the greatest attention from he public. No only that, but the utility breeder is 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 poultrymen well to remember that to eradicate the scrub and cross-breeds that are found upon the farms of this country 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 breeder 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 Rights, provided that for every five acres of forest cleared one acre should be left in woods. Foresters today maintain that on an average one-fifth of every farm should be in timber.

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