

World's Latest News in Brief

Representative David E. Finley of South Carolina is dead.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, arrived at Hayti.

Four degrees below zero, the coldest day this year, was registered at Chicago.

Exports of copper from Atlantic ports for the week ended Jan. 25 were 2,747 tons.

Fire destroyed the old chemical laboratory of the University of Virginia at a loss of \$25,000.

By a vote of 45 to 15 the Senate refused to pass the new United States Sub-Treasuries.

Dr. John F. Biddle of Pittsburgh was elected president of the American Institute of Dental Teachers.

Gold coins to the amount of \$825,000 was withdrawn from the sub-treasury for shipment to South America.

Administrators in the Senate defied Senator Borah to force a vote on his resolution criticizing President Wilson's proposal for the United States to enter a league to enforce peace.

The rivers and harbors bill, carrying an appropriation of \$19,000,000 was passed by the House by a vote of 221 to 132.

A bill appropriating \$250,000 for a national sanitarium for lepers, already passed by the House, was passed by the Senate.

Charles M. Schwab of the Bethlehem Steel Co. conferred with Secretary Daniels on the general subject of shell manufacture.

Ljubomir Mihailovitch, the first minister from Serbia to the United States, presented his credentials to President Wilson.

A New York Dock Co. car boat, carrying 12 loaded freight cars, capsized and sank at Pier No. 2, at the foot of Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn.

By a vote of 70 to 28 the Indiana House passed the Wright bill prohibiting sale, manufacture or distribution of liquor in the state after Jan. 1, 1918.

Arthur Waltonen, convicted of the killing of Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols of New York was sentenced to be executed during the week beginning March 5.

An electrical melting furnace to do the work of nine old style gas furnaces will be installed at the Philadelphia mint to melt copper and nickel for coinage.

Work was begun on the construction of the inaugural stands on the east front of the Capitol, upon which President Wilson will take oath of office on March 5.

The British Labor Party adopted resolutions at its conference approving President Wilson's plan of an international league to enforce peace at the conclusion of the war.

An embargo was placed by the Pennsylvania Railroad on shipments of freight originating on all lines east of Pittsburgh except perishables, foodstuffs for human consumption and coal.

A petition asking that the election of Mayor Charles S. Ashley of New Bedford be declared void on the ground of alleged violation of the corrupt practices act, was filed at Boston.

Charles Bonner, son of C. C. Bonner, national organizer for the United Mine Workers of America, was killed when he collided with an auto truck while coasting near his home at Tamaqua, Pa.

Judge James Dameron of the Circuit Court at Williamson, W. Va., was shot and seriously wounded by an unidentified man as he walked through the subway at the Norfolk & Western Railroad station.

On representations by the United States, Bishop De la Mora of Zacatecas, condemned to death without opportunity for defense on a charge of aiding Villa, was released and is on his way to the United States.

While addressing a committee of the National Security League at Washington, Benjamin Elwert, superintendent of schools at St. Louis, was seized with a heart attack and died before medical aid could reach him.

HASTINGS

A. M. Kruse, of St. Lawrence, was a caller in town Thursday of last week.

Miss Agnes Boucher, of Beaverdale, is the guest of friends in town this week.

Mrs. W. M. Martin, of Altoona, visited with relatives here the first of the week.

Mrs. William Keyser, of Johnstown, is spending the week at the home of her mother, Mrs. P. W. Helfrich, who is seriously ill.

Mrs. Benis Born has returned to her home in Akron, O., after spending sometime at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ryan.

The Casbaria County School Directors' Association will hold its annual convention on Feb. 21 and 22 in the courthouse at Ebensburg.

Dr. D. S. Rice has purchased a new 1917 Dodge automobile.

Mrs. James C. Darby, of Johnstown, visited friends in town this week.

Fred Roberts, of Altoona, spent Sunday at the home of his mother here.

Miss Pauline Hays, visited at the home of her parents in Spangler on Sunday.

Paul Helfrich, of Clymer, was called here the first of the week on account of the serious illness of his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Abel and Mrs. Margaret Abel attended the funeral of Valentine Glasser at Barnesboro on Saturday morning.

Mrs. D. Debarber and daughter, Mary, of Altoona, and Miss Rose Musante and Anthony Musante, of Johnstown, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Roberts this week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Covitch, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brenner and daughter, Ida, and Messrs. Max and Sam Sanders were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ratowski at Patton Sunday evening.

J. P. Fongheiser, of Barnesboro, had business in town on Monday.

John Sibert, the local Ford automobile dealer, received a carload of new Ford machines this week.

ST. BONIFACE

Paul Helfrich, of Clymer, was a caller in town on Monday.

Michael Krus, of St. Lawrence, was a visitor in town on Tuesday.

Charles Warner, of St. Lawrence,

Notes and Comment

Notes and Comment Of Interest to Women Readers

NEEDLEWORK

Rope stitch is a heavy and lovely outline stitch, made usually with heavy thread or silk. The stitch is begun like the ordinary chain stitch, but at the second stitch the needle is inserted to the left and just above the preceding loop. This forms a heavy twist.

A pretty bag is made of dark green poplin and a cretonne with a green background scattered with tiny flowers. The cretonne was sewed to the bag at the top, but was not attached to the sides or bottom. It was finished in big scallops bound with braid beneath which the plain green was visible.

A particularly nice bag for holding letters or needlework is made of a combination of ribbon and crochet. The ribbon, about half a yard in length is worked along either side with a wide border of crochet in colored mercerized cotton. The crochet and ribbon strip is folded in two and seamed along the bottom and at one side. At the top of the bag the crochet is arranged with eyelet holes to take a ribbon, and both the top and the bottom are bordered with edging. This completes the bag and it opens and closes with a draw ribbon. The daintiest colors are selected. The ribbon in one bag is shell pink with a blurred design in blue and green. The crochet color is blue of a very soft shade.

The Ideal Girl

Does a man ever marry his ideal girl? This is the question asked by a mere man, and he continues in the following entertaining manner: I can't quite remember the date when my ideal girl first began to stand out distinctly in my mind, but I think it was when I was 15. She was a heroine of a book I had read, or rather a girl made up of the virtues and graces of a dozen heroines. She was the most adorable creature that ever was pictured. Her hair was a golden bronze, fine, silky, glossy, and long. No hair but this kind ever appealed to me. At first her eyes were gray, but I changed them to a sky blue, because I discovered that that sort is the most innocent and girlish. She was very tiny, just a little armful that I could pick up. Her hands were small, slender, and very pink, and her feet were just big enough for baby shoes.

In other ways she was a very wonderful creature. She could be childlike, cheerful and industrious, self-reliant and strong; a Joan of Arc and a baby by turns. I imagined her in times of plenty sitting at my feet like a child; in times of hunger, turning out a huge beefsteak pie; in the springtime scouring the house from top to bottom; a ministering angel in sickness; the fairest of the fair at a dance; timid when I felt strong, brawny when my confidence was low.

That's the sweetheart I chose, and having this set her up—a creature of beauty, wit and worth—the next thing was to find her and marry her.

I met a girl with golden bronze hair but she was tall; so, without considering her further, I tried again. Soon I was introduced to one with just the slight flaire and appealing blue eyes of my ideal. Unfortunately her hair was a rusty red, and when I imagined her at my fireside I closed the acquaintance.

Strictly enough within a week I met a girl who might have been the twin sister of the last, with this difference—she had the exact golden bronze hair of my ideal. I was overjoyed. I loved her as soon as I set eyes on her hair and face, but I hesitated when I saw her hands and feet. They were large—huge! How could I kiss and fondle hands like that?

Since that I have met many girls who were nearly like my ideal, but not satisfactory. Those who were tender and childlike, could not cook or mend, those who could cook and mend were big and practical. To one of them I nearly became engaged. She was pretty, slight, all I wished but one thing, or rather two—her eyes were a gain red. Many times I looked into them trying to make up my mind if I could accept them in place of blue. If I never looked into them excepting at twilight, we might be happy. I thought, but supposing some time in the morning sunshine I took that small face between my hands and looked for two blue eyes, to be met by just one red. My love would surely die. I dared no risk.

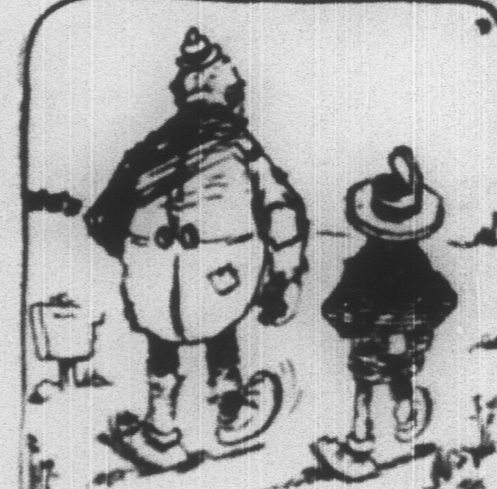
Does a man ever find his ideal? And, if he does, is she the sort that would make him happy? I have my doubts. At 29 my bronze haired, blue eyed ideal is but a memory; and I'm afraid if I met her now, radiantly perfect, I should not suffer a heart throb.

Another has taken her place. One day a medium sized girl came along—a girl with bronze hair, brown eyes, cheery, good fellow laugh, and a heart bursting with affection. She laughed me into liking her very much. What the next step will be I cannot tell, but I doubt if a man ever marries or wants to marry his ideal girl.

A Mean Man

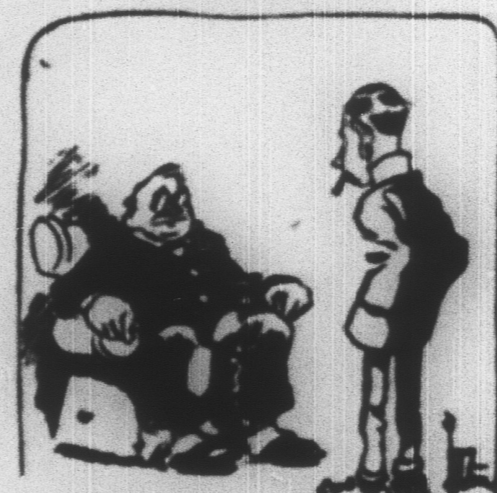
Wife (at breakfast): "Could I have a little money for shopping, dear?"
Hub: "Certainly. Would you rather have an old 55 bill or a new one?"
Wife: "A new one, of course."
Hub: "Well, here's the one—and 'm four dollars to the good."

USED A SHOOL



Tall Bo—"Joey, in my day I cleaned up a lot of money."
Little Nomed—"How?"
Tall Bo—"I used to be a sweeper in the mist."

DIFFERENT NOW.



Millionaire—"When I was your age I worked sixteen hours a day for \$5 a week."
Son—"But you didn't know then that you were descended from a foreign nobleman, name as I am"

WHALE SHARKS 70 FEET LONG

JONAH SWALLOWED BY ONE NORWEGIAN BISHOP SAYS

"Man Eater" Which Roams All Temperate and Tropical Seas—Could Swallow Human Being

The depredations of man eating sharks along the Atlantic seaboard find an especially timely interest to a communication from Dr. Hugh M. Smith, the foremost American authority on fishes, addressed to the National Geographic Society, and issued as a bulletin.

"When giant fishes are mentioned, most people will at once think of the shark, among which, indeed, are found the largest fish now existing," writes Dr. Smith. "Of the many species of sharks noteworthy on account of their size there are about half a dozen which are prominent. These differ much in their disposition, some being as harmless as doves and others the incarnation of ferocity.

"The sleeper shark (Somniosus microcephalus), whose name fits it so admirably, appears to have developed its body at the expense of its brain, for it is a sluggish, stupid glutton, about six times as long as an average man. At home in the Arctic regions, it sometimes makes visits as far south as Cape Cod, the British Isles, and Oregon. It is most often observed lying quietly on the surface, apparently dozing and easily approached, but at times, when hungry, it rises itself and fiercely attacks whales, biting huge pieces out of their sides and tails, and when feeding on the carcasses of a whale which has been killed by hunters it is so voracious that it permits spears and knives to be thrust into it without seeming to take any notice.

"One of the most prodigious and perhaps the most formidable of sharks is the 'man eater' (Carcharodon carcharias). It roams thru all temperate and tropical seas and everywhere is an object of dread. Its maximum length is 40 feet and its teeth are 3 inches long. While there are few authentic instances of sharks attacking human beings (prior to the recent tragedies), there have undoubtedly been many cases where sharks simply swallowed people who had fallen overboard, just as they would swallow any other food, now easy it would be for a man eater to devour a person whole may be judged from the finding of an entire 100 pound sea lion in the stomach of a 50 foot shark on the California coast. A certain man eater 36 1/2 feet long, had jaws 28 inches wide, inside measurement, and teeth 2 1/2 inches long. This may have been the great fish of the scripture narrative and it is possible that at that time much larger man eaters existed than are now known, as shark teeth with cutting edges 6 inches long have been found on the sea bottom, and these are believed by naturalists to have belonged to sharks not long dead. The phosphate beds of South Carolina yield very large fossil teeth of a shark which was related to the man eater of the present day.

A Norwegian bishop in a learned paper brought to the attention of the scientific and theological worlds a shark which he attempted to prove must have been the great fish that swallowed Jonah. This was the basking shark (Cetorhinus maximus), known as the elephant or bonie shark, which is an inhabitant of the polar seas, but occasionally strays as far south as Virginia and California, and a former years was not rare on the United States and British coasts. The species has the habit at times of collecting in schools at the surface and basking in the sun with its back partly out of water. It reaches a maximum length of fifty feet, and is exceeded in size by only three or four animals extant. Provided with small teeth, it feeds on fishes and floating crustaceans, and is not of a ferocious disposition. It is dangerous only by virtue of its great bulk, and when attacked its powerful tail easily demolishes boats.

The largest of all fishes the largest of all cold blooded animals, and the largest of all existing animals, with the exception of a few species of whales, is the whale shark (Rhincodon typicus), originally described from Good Hope, but now known from India, Japan, South America, Panama, California and various other places, a small specimen having been obtained on the Florida coast a few years ago. This shark has a very broad and obtuse snout and an exceedingly wide mouth armed with numerous minute teeth; the dark colored body is marked with many small whitish spots. The species is stated to attain a length of 70 feet and is known to exceed 50 feet. Notwithstanding its immense size, however, it is harmless to man unless attacked, and feeds on the small creatures for which its teeth are adapted. Its huge bulk makes it dangerous in the same way that a whale is dangerous. Years ago it was reported that the sperm whale fishermen at the island of Saint Dennis, in the Indian Ocean, dreaded to harpoon a whale shark by mistake and stories are told of a harpooned fish having by a lightning like dive exhausted the supply of ropes which had been accidentally fastened to the boat, dived deeper still and so pulled a plough and crew to the bottom."

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