

# NEWS FLASHES

## Nation Wide Happenings Briefly Told

Boris Sayer, 22 years old, of Philadelphia, wrote a letter to the coroner stating that he, Sayer, was a "grouch" and a "joy-killer" and that he was going to commit suicide. He instructed the coroner to turn his body over to the University of Pennsylvania for scientific purposes. Shortly after receiving Sayer's letter, the coroner was notified of the finding of the body.

The Atlantic navy after, NC 2, was on a sand bar at Atlantic Beach.

Persons killed and millions of dollars worth of toll exacted by three which swept eight states in Central, and South.

Woman, adjudged insane, was killed when she threw a train at South Orange, and the body has not been identified.

McGourlick, of New York, was writing post cards to his friends stating that he was "killing his

A dexterous pick pocket extracted thirty-five dollars from the wallet of Dr. H. B. Wilmer, after which he returned the empty wallet to the doctor's pocket.

General Richard D. Simms, 52, treasurer of the Capitol Trust Company, of Washington, D. C., hanged himself in a tree. He rode his horse under the tree, knotted a rope about his neck, tied the other end to a limb and spurred his horse out from under him.

Mayor Moore, of Philadelphia, has requested that Philadelphians voluntarily observe daylight saving.

Dr. Albert H. Smith, a Philadelphia Drug Store proprietor, answered a bandit's demand for cash with a handful of red paper which completely blinded and routed the intruder who fled after firing three harmless shots from a pistol.

General John J. Pershing assisted in the launching of a ship at Hog Island last week.

Philadelphia Sunday newspapers have raised the price to ten cents.

## Culls Inferior Eggs From the Market Supply

The marvels of Mars perfectly good, fresh egg shows "full" and "clear" before the light; there is almost no air cell at the large end, and the yolk outline is only faintly discernible. A fixed air cell of 1.8 to 2.16 of an inch in depth indicates a fresh egg, as eggs run in general. A larger air cell with a mobile lower line indicates—according to size and fluctuation—a stale egg, or one becoming weak and watery.

Very small spots which are apparent in the eggs are usually blood clots. Large spots, rings and shadows are due to heat and germination and indicate decomposition in the first stages. An egg that is opaque except for a large fixed air cell contains a chick dead at an advanced stage of decomposition. An opaque egg with large air cells having a mobile lower line is in an advanced stage of fluid decomposition. Eggs showing solid spots or rings can often be utilized by breaking them and separating the bad part.

Where waterglass cannot be obtained for the preservation of eggs, the lime-water method may be substituted. Dissolve two or three pounds of unslaked lime in 5 gallons of water that has previously been boiled and allowed to cool, and permit the mixture to stand until the lime settles and the liquid is clear. Place clean, fresh eggs in a clean, earthenware crock or jar, and pour the clear lime water into the vessel until the eggs are covered. At least 2 inches of the solution should cover the top layer of eggs. Sometimes a pound of salt is used with the lime, but experience has shown that in general the lime without the salt is more satisfactory.

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## In Spring a Railroad Official's Fancies Turn Lightly to Hundred Thousand Dollar Salaries

Following is a list of the princely salaries that were paid railroad heads in this country before the roads were taken over by the government. Under Federal control salaries of operating officers were reduced at the same time that wages were raised. There is some speculation as to whether or not, now that the roads are returned to private control, these salaries will be restored.

Robert S. Lovett, Chairman Executive Committee, Union Pacific, \$104,000.  
Edward P. Ripley, President, Atchafalaya, \$75,000.  
Jacob M. Dickinson, Receiver, Chicago & North Western, \$120,732.00.  
Walker D. Hines, Director, Chicago & North Western, \$77,210.00.  
W. H. Hewitt, Sr., Chairman Board Directors, Chicago & N. W., \$60,000.  
H. Kruttschnitt, Chairman Executive Committee of Board Directors, Southern Pacific Transportation, \$88,860.00.  
Runnells, President Pullman, \$60,000.00.  
Markham, President, Illinois Central, \$60,556.00.  
McAllister, Jr., General Counsel, \$50,000.00.  
Wilmington, President, Minn. St. & N. W., \$52,723.00.  
Rea, President, Pennsylvania, \$50,000.00.  
St. Louis, President, \$60,150.00.  
President, New York Central, \$50,000.00.

ware, Lackawanna & Western, \$75,395.00.

Frederick D. Underwood, President, Erie Railroad, \$77,500.00.

Richard H. Aikton, President, Chicago & North Western, \$50,240.00.

L. M. Bell, General Counsel, Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, \$59,486.00.

W. G. Besler, President and General Manager, Central R. R. of N. J., \$50,210.00.

George P. Brownell, Vice-President and General Solicitor, Erie Ry., \$49,610.00.

H. E. Byram, President, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, \$66,000.00.

Carter, Ledyard & Milburn, Gen. Counsel, Den. & R. G., \$55,000.00.

Chabourne & Shores, Counsel, Denver & Rio Grande, \$63,000.00.

A. J. Earline, President, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, \$73,319.00.

William E. Herin, Vice-President and Chief Counsel, Southern Pacific, \$50,500.00.

## Detained American Tankers

From Paris, in recent dispatches, invigorated protest made by the French Government with the Reparation Commission of the allied countries. The French protest states that France is seriously in need of nine captured tankers and is entitled to the vessels formation was given out concerning a in question under the reparation arrangement decided on at the peace conference. The claim that the vessels are really owned by the Standard Oil Company of America, is not disputed, but it is argued that the tankers had

been operated under the German flag prior to the war, a German subsidiary of the Standard having control of the vessels and that they are war prizes now.

The French claimants blame the American Government for interfering with the final disposition of the tankers and the Reparation Commission is asked to insist upon an immediate explanation from Washington. A fixed period of that time is named in which action must be taken, and if such action is not taken as desired, the Frenchmen declare the commission should turn the boats over to France without further delay.

The period fixed is 15 days. So we should soon know just what is to happen to the captured oil vessels.

## Value of Gas Not Reduced

For years questions as to alleged detrimental effect of removing gas from natural gas, have been discussed and claims have been made that the heating qualities of the gas have been seriously impaired by taking out the gasoline content. Gas experts have shown repeatedly that this claim was not correct. They have insisted that the heating power of gas was not lessened by gasoline extraction.

The Bureau of Mines has been investigating this matter and last week issued a statement to the effect that in a series of investigations just completed, it is shown that the more than 2,000,000 natural gas consumers lose practically no heating value through the process. In fact, taking all of the factors involved in this problem none has proved so troublesome and so misleading as the Bureau of Mines claims that gasoline extraction is a benefit to the consumer and to the whole country rather than a detriment.

It seems that whenever the weather becomes severe in a place where natural gas is used and the gas pressure becomes low, someone is always ready to suggest that there are gasoline-making plants along the natural gas main lines that make it a business to take out what little gasoline remains in the pipes, thus impoverishing the gas. It is known that the gasoline itself is rich in heating value and taking it away, therefore, robs the gas. During the periods of low pressure in winter when there is a shortage of gas many good citizens have felt that they have been doing a service in behalf of the people, in making complaints through the courts or legislative bodies against this "robbing of the gas," and because consumers have not received competent scientific advice from disinterested sources, there have grown up needless misunderstandings and a waste of effort on negligible factors concerning the gas supply.

In an endeavor to settle the question for all time and for the benefit of the natural-gas-using public and the good of the entire country, the Bureau of Mines went thoroughly into the subject, with the result that the following conclusions have been drawn by Dr. Van H. Manning, Director of the Bureau:

In general, the decrease in heating value of natural gas from the removal of gasoline is greatly overestimated. One gallon of gasoline in the natural gas burned by the domestic consumer is worth to him about one and three quarter cents in heat value, while this same gallon of gasoline to the automobile owner is worth 25 to 30 cents. Taking the gasoline out of the gas, one gallon will equal 35 cubic feet of gas, but this is not taken from the consumer, because his gas is measured at his home meter and he obtains 1,000 cubic feet of gas irrespective of whether the gasoline is removed or not.

The Bureau of Mines has even reached the conclusion that the removal of the gasoline from the natural gas is a positive benefit to the consumer. Without the gasoline plants great difficulty has been found by the gas companies in the condensation of the gasoline and water in disintegrating the rubber gaskets in the couplings, resulting in a large leakage of gas and the consequent lowering of the pressure. Therefore, the taking out of the gasoline is a safeguard to the consumer that he will not be without gas at serious times by reason of leakage. The installation of these plants eliminates most of the line trouble and gives better service to the public. On the whole the Bureau of Mines considers the extraction of gasoline from natural gas a great conservation measure and desires to encourage this industry.

Marriage is a tie, but that is no reason why a married man should drift with the tide.

No, Maude dear; so refer to another girl as being in the soup is not considered lady-like.

The cheapest is seldom the best. Even the self-made man might exercise more care in selecting his materials.

Milly—"Men live much faster than women."

Billy—"Well, perhaps you are right. I admit it takes a woman much longer to reach the age of 80 than it takes a man."

## How One Pig Earned \$1,000

To obtain a loan of \$25 from a bank, invest in a product imported from a distant State, and realize a net profit of \$1,055.85 within fifteen months, suggests an achievement in high finance.

To Elton Sartor, a fifteen-year-old boy in Bartlett, Williamson County, Texas, the transaction simply represented an investment of \$25 in a 68-pound Poland-China gilt, picked from choice breeding stock in Kansas. The negotiation was simple enough. The result achieved bulks big. The adventure not only gives the Texas youth a bank balance of over \$1,000, but Elton Sartor also has been awarded the unchallenged title as the 1918 pig-club champion of the United States. He likewise has been awarded a scholarship to the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College.

The hyphen between the banker farmer in Texas, the prestige of a pig-club organization of nation-wide identity, and the helpful co-operation of a county agricultural agent were among the agencies that stimulated the boy pig-grower.

"Whole milk will certainly make the pig's tail curl" is a phrase that Elton Sartor does not discount in practice when producing championship pork. He has unmovable faith in milk as an item in the pig's diet. And he talks enthusiastically about a balanced ration. Well-directed effort and intelligence characterized the activities of young Sartor in lifting a 68-pound sow pig from a \$25 valuation to an enterprise appraised in four figures.

The record herewith in its unvarnished form speaks for itself: The first litter from this sow was 11 pigs. The price he got for them when they were six months and four days old, and weighed 2,223 pounds, was \$527.85. For 9 pigs out of the second litter of 12 he received \$225. Adding \$500, the amount refused for the sow, and deducting the feed bill of 172, the gain was \$1,055.85. This means a net profit of \$1,055.85 in fifteen months on an initial \$25 investment.

Remarkably significant is the record of the two pig-club champions claiming Texas as their home, for two successive years. For it was down in Georgetown, Texas, that Shelby Mullins developed into championship proportions in 1917—and both Mullins and Sartor found identical guidance in the same county agricultural agent, Owen W. Sherrill.

Sandwiched between the wealthiest counties of Texas—Williamson and Bell—is the town of Bartlett, with a population of 1,815, all told. It is the home of the Bartlett Boys' Registered Pig Club and Elton Sartor, as well as the source and strength of the banker-farmer movement that groups itself around sixteen bankers in financing the pig-club members.

"I am safe in saying that no deservingly boy has yet been refused assistance in buying his pig or brood sow where he is willing to follow the suggestions of a county agent," says one banker.

T. B. Benson, cashier of the Bartlett National Bank, states: "Any boy who will raise hogs and take an interest in them needs no other security than his note at this bank. I have not lost a cent on these notes, and do not expect to."

Loans are made the pig-club boys at eight per cent interest, the only endorsement or lien required being the boy's promise to pay and the loan's sanction by the boy's father.

Some of the other outstanding achievements as contained in reports of Owen Sherrill, county agricultural agent show that one member cleared a profit of \$1,000; four made a net profit of \$500 each; eight over \$250 each; and eleven, over \$100 apiece—from one sow pig each in 1918.—S. R. Winters, in Farm and Fireside.

## Ditching Made Easy

Ditch contractors and farmers in the southern peninsula of Michigan tell me that of all problems that confront land-owners on the low-lying sections of the State, that of ditching muck is the most difficult.

In connection with H. L. Ostrander of Legrand, Michigan, I made a study of this problem. We decided to try ditching with dynamite.

Ostrander was advised by the explosive manufacturers to purchase 50 per cent straight dynamite for the work, since in using this more sensitive dynamite, it is not necessary to use more than one cap in a considerable yardage of ditch. This method is called the propagated method, and will work only in very moist, wet, or water-covered soil. Since muck is always in this condition, this method is usually best in muck soils.

The ditch which Ostrander needed was about 20 rods in length, and ran through the worst strip of log and stump infested wet land that I ever saw. The neighbors were not at all reluctant about questioning his sanity when he talked of blasting a ditch through this swamp.

The line of the ditch was laid out so as to straighten the old crooked

The Rich Man, suffering from nerves, had consulted the Famous Specialist. "You have something preying upon you," announced the Famous Specialist. "What rare intuition," murmured the Rich Man, thinking of his three sons-in-law.

creek bed which overflowed at every rain, and at no time thoroughly drained the several acres of fertile bottom land.

The farmers and laborers present, who had done that type of ditching by hand, agreed that no man could dig one rod per day, and that a man could not be secured to work at that type of work for less than \$3 a day. There was not a man present who would agree to do the work for less than \$120.

We sunk bore holes 2 1/2 feet deep along the center line every 18 inches, with an ordinary 1 1/2-inch crowbar. Into each of these was placed one cartridge (one-half pound) of the straight dynamite. We shot three sections each of about 10 rods. The propagated method was used on all of them and there was no trouble whatever in firing each section with one cap in the center.

The resulting ditch was about 10 feet wide at top, 4 feet at bottom, and from 3 to 4 feet deep. This was somewhat larger than was actually needed.

The cost of the ditch was: Labor (planting dynamite only, no other required), \$5; 125 pounds 50 per cent straight dynamite, at \$2.75 per hundred, \$33.94. Total cost of 30 rods of ditch, \$35.94.

In other words, the right of way was cleared and the ditch blown at one operation, and it required only about five hours' time for three men. If the work had been done by hand, one man could not have dug it in a month.

The importance of this experiment can be estimated when it is stated, by the college authorities and county agents that there are thousands of acres of this fertile muck land in nearly all parts of Michigan. This land when drained is better than even the newly cleared cut-over lands, on account of its extreme fertility. When draining marsh land or straightening out creek channels it might pay you to try this quick and easy way of putting through a ditch.

—Guy G. Means, Michigan.

## Hypnotism as a Cure

Not only in physical disease and nerve exhaustion, but in all sorts of mental and moral disease hypnotism plays a part. It may remove delusions, hallucinations, obsessions, and morbid fears. It is most potent in curing kleptomania and mania for lying. As a treatment for the drink habit, which is only second to nervous prostration in adding to the rapid increase in insanity, hypnotism plays a part in effective alleviation that is unrivaled. Dr. Boris Sidis, one of the leading American hypnotists, once took the case of a man, a seemingly hopeless sort, whose father and mother before him had both been victims of alcoholism. To the doctor's amazement, he effected a cure in a short time. There are many disappointments, it is true, but the percentage of permanent cures is astonishingly high.

The average man has a lot of get-rich-quick ideas up his sleeve, which when going nearly always go wrong. Money talks, and sometimes it has the losing argument.

Man is a gregarious animal. The way of the transgressor is hard, but is never lonesome.

The best surgeon couldn't make out without inside information.

You have all the time there is—twenty-four hours each day. In that one thing, you're as rich as the wealthiest man in the world.

And mark well, you can exchange Time for Money, but all the wealth in the world won't buy one additional second for a man. If it would, billionaires would be fighting on their doorsteps, bidding fabulous sums for a bit of your time added to their span of life.

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## "American People are Ignorant"

European Newspaper Says We are Self Satisfied and Illiterate

The following, from a European newspaper, is all the more humorous and interesting in that the people of the nation in which the newspaper is published are famed the world over for their political ignorance.

"A person who has never lived in the United States and who has, consequently, no real idea of the intellectual poverty of the masses of the people, would scarcely credit the assertions that could be made with perfect accuracy of their bigotry and intolerance. The fundamental fact in the political life of America is lack of ideas. They have made scarcely any advance politically since the eighteenth century.

"Americans have no suspicion whatever of their own deficiencies in this respect. On the contrary, they believe themselves politically to be the most advanced people in the history of the world. They will undertake in perfect simplicity to teach the ignorant foreigner although statistics taken by the Americans themselves reveal the most amazing illiteracy among their own native-born. The growth of ignorance in the United States is not less astonishing than the growth of wealth. It is not a humble and teachable ignorance. It is the self-satisfied and blatant ignorance that accepts its own infallibility as a matter of course, and from the height of that infallibility undertakes to instruct the world regarding the abstrusities of democracy, liberty and political progress."

Financial Notes

Windslow Taylor & Company say: "We feel that there will be an easing in the call money rate within the next week, which should be reflected in a broader market with prices for the stocks that have recently been receiving the attention of the speculators again in demand. We are still very favorably inclined towards the purchase of motor and motor accessory stocks and while we are speaking of the latter division we have in mind particularly FISK RUBBER which we think has been neglected too long and is almost sure to come in for attention at the hands of pool operators as well as the investors in the near future."

"The oil situation continues to be one of fundamental strength, with gasoline retail prices at above 31 cents per gallon. Nearly every large producing oil company on the Western Hemisphere are bending their

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## Outlook for the Motors

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Willys-Overland  
Bethlehem Motors

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