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Briefly Told

To save the life of a penniless boy who was hurled into a small lake from the top of a coach on a speeding train, the Olympian, famous train of the Milwaukee Railroad, took a siding while the engine returned to pick up the boy who was found badly bruised and unable to walk. He was taken to the railroad hospital at Lind, Washington, where it is said he will recover.

Depletion of wild game in Northern Quebec, due to the introduction of the modern long range rifle, is forcing Eskimos and Indians into cannibalism, according to missionaries who have recently returned from that region.

The United States Department of Agriculture is equipping a steamship to use as a practical laboratory in which to study the shipping of citrus fruits and apples from the Pacific coast to eastern markets by way of the Panama Canal. Cargo space will be divided into compartments having various conditions of temperature, humidity and ventilation.

The Paris Municipal Council is considering a measure providing for an underground endless moving pavement, three miles in length, to relieve traffic on the boulevards.

The Louvain Library is to be reconstructed and the project has been decided on as a war memorial. The great libraries of the Allies are contributing large numbers of valuable volumes to the Louvain collection.

A recent ruling of the Kansas court of industrial relations provides that women who perform men's work are entitled to the same wages as men.

Eighty-two per cent of the people who died or were injured by fire in this country last year were mothers and children under school age.

The farmers own and operate half of the automobiles and trucks in the United States, the total of which is more than nine million.

The members of the Worcester, Massachusetts, Interdenominational Ministers' Association have agreed to refuse to solemnize the marriage of any couple whom they deem unfit for its sacred responsibilities, and to refuse remarriage to the guilty party in divorce proceedings.

Despite diking and channeling, the Hoang River of China has, in one thousand years, drowned more human beings than have been killed in all the wars of the same time. The only preventive of floods is in the reforestation of the denuded slopes which border the river valley.

A Chicago judge recently sentenced two alleged pickpockets to attend church regularly for six consecutive months.

Fake pearls, to the amount of nearly a million dollars' worth, have been imported by London jewelers from Japan. The pearls are produced by live oysters covering a mother of pearl bead with a thin veneer exactly resembling the true oriental pearl. It is impossible to expose the fake except by breaking the gem which is an expensive process. Further importations are prohibited.

Gunmen who barricade themselves in houses and fight Chicago police will now have to contend with a portable fort of armor steel which can be handled easily by two men. The shield is composed of two sheets of hardened steel, joined in an obtuse angle and with holes cut through to accommodate guns. It is rolled on big casters.

A justice of the peace, of Phoenix, Arizona, has announced that he intends to fine all who are convicted of speeding when tried in his court \$1 for every mile an hour they are traveling when arrested. The first speeder convicted paid \$62.

The United States Department of Agriculture is experimenting with a tree which gives off a peculiar poison fatal to flies. If the experiments prove a success, the seeds may be distributed throughout the country to exterminate the pests.

"Moonshiners" of France are making a substitute for absinthe from parsley. The product is more deadly and powerful than the outlawed liquor.

Criminal proceedings have been begun against violators of the Migratory Bird Act who crashed into a flock of wild ducks with an airplane, killing a large number.

A fifteen-year-old boy made his first airplane flight in Pennsylvania recently when he took a trip hanging to the tailpiece of an exhibition machine. When the aviator took off with two passengers, the boy grasped the stabilizer and was carried along until the aviator noticed the youth and made a forced landing.

In China the mourning color is white; in Persia brown and in Turkey it is violet.

Zoppot, the Monte Carlo of the North, near Danzig, advertises free air trips for those who wish to gamble at its tables. Advertisements appear in the papers of prominent cities in Germany stating that a special casino for air voyagers is in operation in which the limit of play is six thousand marks.

Nine persons die of accidents in the United States each hour.

President Obregon, of Mexico, has ordered the return of all properties seized by past governments in Chihuahua, Coahuila, Tamaulipas and Nuevo León, including that of the Mormons in Chihuahua, tracts owned by Luis Terrazas and lands abandoned by Americans when revolutions broke out.

For every hundred tons of coal mined in the United States, two tons of wood are needed for the extraction, for the most part for the construction of mine props and galleries.

The Coliseum in Rome has been leased to a motion picture company for a number of years.

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