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## LET OLD GLORY FLY

### Duffy Ignored U Boat's Command to Lower Colors.

## CHEMUNG SUNK BY TORPEDO.

### When Captain and Crew of Thirty-four Got Into Small Boats, Flag Was Snapping in Breeze—They Pulled Away From the Side of the Doomed Liner With It Still Flying.

New York.—Captain John L. Duffy, stockily built, square jawed, weather tanned, was among the first of the 274 passengers who came ashore from the French liner Rochambeau. Until Nov. 28 the captain was in command of the American steamship Chemung. On that day a torpedo from an Austrian submarine sank his ship in the Mediterranean off the coast of Spain. The captain was not at all dismayed by his experience, and he said that he would take out another vessel just as soon as he could get one. He has made several trips to Archangel during the war, and submarines do not scare him a bit. Until he goes to sea again



CAPTAIN JOHN L. DUFFY.

the skipper will be at his home, 237 East One Hundred and Sixty-third street.

"The Chemung went down with her flag flying," said the captain as he recalled how he refused to obey an order of the Austrian commander to strike his flag.

"We were out from New York with a general cargo and off the Spanish coast in the Mediterranean when the submarine came along," Captain Duffy said. "A shot across our bows was the signal for us to stop, and we did. We had been on the lookout for submarines, and for this reason we did not lose any time in hauling up the signal that we were stopping."

In response to a signal from the submarine Third Officer Jacobsen rowed to her, carrying with him the ship's papers. The commander was for arresting the skipper, but apparently he was satisfied with the destruction of the steamer. Moreover, he was pleased by Jacobsen's statement that the captain was a good sort of man.

The submarine commander signaled for the flag to be lowered, but the skipper paid no attention. He and his crew of thirty-four got into small boats, and the flag was snatching from the staff as they pulled away from the side of the doomed liner.

"We were hardly out of range when the submarine opened fire on the Chemung," the skipper continued. "She attempted to sink the ship by shell fire, but as this had apparently no effect, the vessel continued to ride high out of water the commander sent a torpedo into her. She sank within two minutes."

When the Chemung went down the submarine circled about and picked up the two small boats. Lines were passed by the submarine, and for two hours she towed the boats toward the shore. Then the Spanish steamship Salvadore Giner came in sight, and the men on the submarine cut the towline, and a few seconds later she had dived beneath the sea.

## WIDOW TO GIVE AWAY LAND.

### Will Donate Building Site to Any Couple Who'll Live Near Her.

Paterson, N. J.—Mrs. W. E. Westervelt, a lonesome wealthy widow, eighty years old, has offered to give free a tract of land to any young couple who will build and live in a bungalow alongside the new house she is having constructed outside the city. In her opinion city life is not good for young married persons because there are too many movies and other attractions to draw their attention from the home.

Mrs. Westervelt is interested in religious work among young people and is moving from her house at 18 Church street because she believes that a country life is the best one to lead for health and happiness. Her offer was made known after church services the other night, and it is expected she will have many applicants for the building lot.

## SEEKS CROESUS' WEALTH.

### Professor Butler Will Dig For Treasure Buried in Sardis.

Peekskill, N. Y.—Croesus, king of Lydia and the world's first great financier, escorted a committee of his subjects through his palace one afternoon in February, 77, and after the committee had looked at Croesus' heaps of gold one of the visitors, the first muckraker evidently, said it was wicked that any one should have so much wealth and that something was going to happen. It did. Half an hour later most of the big mountain overhanging Sardis buried the city, and when the earthquake was over Croesus' wealth was buried below mining depth.

Professor Howard Butler of the department of art and archaeology in Princeton university announced that he was going over to Asia Minor very soon to resurrect the buried treasure. In 1909 Professor Butler headed an expedition to Sardis, and though he found only bronze statues, his excavations were of great scientific worth. His decision to return was made following the receipt of a message at his home in Croton Falls sent by Consul George Horton at Smyrna, which asserted that Professor Butler's old excavations were unharmed notwithstanding war operations.

## HE "MINES" MUSHROOMS.

### Expert Uses Deserted Coal Mine as Farm With Success.

Morgantown, W. Va.—The queerer the place selected for a mushroom garden the finer, it seems, is the growth of this popular table delicacy. The last word in a mushroom farm, however, is such a garden placed in the depths of a deserted coal mine, hundreds of feet below the ground.

Not far from Morgantown there is located this old coal mine, known as the Pittsburgh coal seam, in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Theodore F. Imbach, an assistant in the state agricultural experimenting station at Morgantown, obtained a permit from the owners of the property. He encamped on the first level and made chemical analysis of the rocky soil.

He found it was rich in moisture and its constituents exactly those needed by edible fungi for their quickest and most luxuriant growth. He therefore started a mushroom farm and found the spot was ideal for his purpose. This "mushroom mine" makes large shipments weekly to the city markets.

## HELPING THE IMMIGRANT.

### Los Angeles Plans Methods of Practical Assistance.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Fifty thousand clubwomen of Los Angeles are cooperating with the Federal Immigration Commission and the school board in initiating new standards of education for the foreign population. Instead of teaching the alien patriotic hymns he will be instructed how to call a doctor in an emergency, talk to the corner policeman and similar usages.

The first step will be the opening of eighteen night schools for the foreign population. The general movement is the outgrowth of a social survey made of the city under the direction of the State Commission on Immigration and Housing, the first scientific analysis of the kind made by a western city in this country. The new night schools will be maintained the year round.

## WHITE MICE SET FIRE.

### But Then They Give Alarm by Scampering Over Sleepers.

New York.—Some practical joker turned loose twelve white mice in a Brooklyn store. As a result there was a fire. Twelve families were hurried to the street, and one man was nearly suffocated.

The first floor is occupied by James Risby, a cigar dealer. He slept in the rear of the store. When the mice scampering across beds, awoke sleepers, someone screamed and ran into the hall. Somebody outside heard the yell and summoned a policeman. It was then the fire was discovered. Risby was found unconscious. He was revived by Dr. Harper of the Brooklyn hospital. The fire did \$500 damage.

## COLONEL HAS A FIRE TRUCK.

### New Apparatus Alloys Oyster Bay's Fear of Incendiarists.

Oyster Bay, N. Y.—Fear of incendiarism which has filled the residents of this section for the last few months resulted in the putting into service by Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and other wealthy men of a modern fire truck. The machine is guaranteed to make the steep run up Sagamore Hill in record time, and the new apparatus gives Oyster Bay the best fire protection on Long Island outside of Brooklyn.

There have been many disastrous fires on the estates of residents of the north shore recently. Among those who joined Colonel Roosevelt in contributing toward the new fire truck were W. R. Coe, C. K. G. Billings, J. Stuart Blackton, Colgate Hoyt and Mortimer L. Schiff.

## And Still Eggs Are High.

Charleston, W. Va.—Eloessie is the name of a Rhode Island hen owned by L. P. White, a farmer of Birch Run, Kanawha county. She has laid an egg every day for two months, each of which is much larger than the ordinary egg. The last and largest of these measured eight and one-half inches long and weighed seven and one-half ounces, the other largest circumference. Floe is less than one year old.

## INCORPORATE SOCIETY TO GUARD RICH ESTATES

### Vincent Astor, Frederick Vanderbilt and others in the Organization.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.—Warren Delano of Barrytown, Colonel Archibald Rogers of Hyde Park, Tracy Dows of Rhinebeck, Herman Livingston of Greendale and Thomas Hunt of Clermont, as directors, filed a certificate of the incorporation of the Upper Hudson Protective society.

The purpose of the society is to guard country estates of wealthy New York men against burglars. Among the leaders in the society are Vincent Astor, Robert P. Huntington, Frederick Vanderbilt, William B. Dinsmore and John I. Roosevelt.

Arrangements have been made to engage detectives and watchmen. The formation of the society is the result of the burglaries last spring, which culminated in the killing of a burglar on Astor's estate by detectives. Most of the wealthy residents of the county have placed their silverware in safe deposit vaults and are using plate.

The society will co-operate with local, county and state officials to enforce law and offer rewards for the arrest of criminals.

## BOY SIX YEARS OLD IS MATHEMATICAL PRODIGY

### Child With Unusual Mental Powers Discovered in Findlay (O.) School.

Findlay, O.—A child wonder, with unusual mental powers, has been discovered in the first grade West State street school by Miss Helen Gaskill, the teacher.

He is Master Roy Fork, aged six, son of F. L. Fork, well driller, residing on Franklin avenue. While bright in all his school work, the youngster is a prodigy in mathematics.

He knows the calendar by heart and, although given the most severe question with regard to days and dates, never makes a mistake. If you tell him your age he can tell in a second the year you were born, and if you give him the date of your birthday and ask him what day of the week it comes on he replies at once, correctly and without fail.

His ability cannot be attributed to mental telepathy, for in many instances he tells the day of dates in last year's calendar, right, when you look them up, you find are right.

Although not customary to teach children the months and abbreviations of months, Roy had them mastered when he went to kindergarten, and the remarkable feature is that he was never taught.

He is also lightning fast in problems which deal with addition and subtraction of the calendar, and catch questions are easily solved.

## LEPERS IN REVOLT.

### They Refused to Leave Havana Hospital For Another Home.

Havana.—The lepers of San Lazaro hospital revolted when the officers of their institution tried to transfer them to Mariel, and it was several hours before they agreed to leave.

When the inmates raised a flag saying they would be removed only by violence the health officers hesitated, having heard rumors that the 174 lepers had arms and would use them.

After a promise had been given that they would be removed to a new hospital now being built as soon as it is finished the lepers entered the ambulances prepared for them, many of them weeping as they went. There is a report that more than twenty of them escaped from San Lazaro during the parley.

## GIRLS, HERE'S JULIA!

### He Wants a Wife, but Name Bars Him at Home.

Boston.—A Julia Shepard, a prosperous farmer of Deery, N. H., is unable to find a wife at home because of his middle name, so he has come to Massachusetts to look for one. Recently he was "looking them over" in Holyoke.

"I am twenty-seven years old, am making good money and wish to have a real home," he said to a reporter there. "If there is a girl who is looking for a man like me I would be glad to have her write to me."

## HER 105TH BIRTHDAY FEAST.

### Mrs. Bennett Entertains Three Generations For the Holidays.

New York.—Mrs. Alice Bennett, who celebrated the hundred and fifth anniversary of her birth in her home in Brooklyn recently was somewhat tired, but not so much that she did not celebrate Christmas.

She carried out her daily routine of life and then had dinner with her son and daughter, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. All except her daughter live out of town and were her guests in Brooklyn over the holidays.

## County Jail Empty.

Jefferson City, Mo. There is not a prisoner in the Cole jail. The last prisoner was discharged recently. According to the records of the jail, this is the first time in seventy-five years that it has been without an occupant. As a rule there are from five to twenty-five prisoners in the jail, and at this time of year it usually is filled.

## WOMEN RUN TOWN

### They Hold All the Offices in Umatilla, Ore.

## TOOK CHARGE FIRST OF YEAR.

### Executed Campaign Coup Which Left Men Gasping—Elected Mayor, Four Members of Council, Recorder and Treasurer—All New Officials Are Married—Promise Many Reforms.

Kansas City.—Woman has come into her own in Umatilla, Ore., says the Kansas City Times. Umatilla now has a woman mayor, four councilwomen, a woman recorder and a woman treasurer. They went into office Jan. 1. The only thing left for the men is the office of town marshal, and he or she is appointed by the mayor. The men are hoping for the best.

A campaign coup which has left the men gasping swept the women into office. It was not until 2 o'clock the afternoon of election day that the men realized the women had a ticket in the field. Down at the town hall, where the destinies of Umatilla are shaped, the politicians laughed at the "rumor." It was a joke. The smiles vanished when the ballots were counted, and the men still are wondering just how it happened.

"The women won't tell. They won't say whether it was "framed" at some sewing circle, bridge club or church social. All they will say is:

"Now we're going to show the men what a strictly business and economical administration really is."

E. E. Starcher, who was running for reelection to the mayor's office, was defeated by his wife by twenty-eight votes. All efforts to interview Mrs. Starcher have failed. However, after a conference in the kitchen Mrs. Starcher came to the door and gave out this statement:

"As yet the women have nothing to say as to their future policy or as to why they desired control, but from the best information we are able to obtain they were dissatisfied with the past administration, claiming inefficiency and a general lack of business ability so far as the running of the city was concerned."

Umatilla is a railroad town. All morning election day the women remained at home, busy with their daily duties. In the afternoon they put on their bonnets and began a whirlwind campaign. They met the trainmen in the yards as they came in from their various runs, buttonholed them and carried them off to the polls. Despite the fact that Mr. Starcher is chief dispatcher at that place, he did not swing the labor vote.

All of the officers are married. Out of a possible 200 votes 174 were cast. The defeat was decisive.

## GETS LICENSE ON CREDIT.

### Has the Time, the Place, the Girl, but No Money.

Macon, Ga.—Simon Cox had the nerve and the girl, but not the money to get married on.

Cox took his troubles to Attorney Hubert F. Rawls, who stood him in good stead in city court a few months back, and Rawls agreed to stand good for the marriage license.

Together Cox and the attorney went to the ordinary's office, and after explaining things Rawls got a license for Cox and Miss Ella Hardy of East Macon.

"I'll pay you in a few days," Cox told the ordinary as he walked out of the office with the license in his hand.

## TRAIN ROBS HOLDUP MEN.

### Mail Carrier Beaten by Thieves When Hook Snatches Letter Bag.

New York.—Alfred Lorenzo, a Yonkers mail carrier, notified the police that a pouch filled with registered matter had been saved from two thieves by the projecting hook on the mail car of an express train used to take mail bags on the fly, which grabbed it from his hands as the train flew past at forty-five miles an hour.

Lorenzo was at the depot putting the pouch in position on a small crane for the train to take it. Two thieves beat the mail carrier on the head. He held the pouch tightly for above his head. Presently the train came along, saved the situation, and the robbers fled.

## CAN'T FIND ANY POOR.

### Utopia (Flushing, N. Y.) Hasn't One Person Who Is In Need.

New York.—Utopia is just nine and seven-tenths miles from Manhattan. It is sometimes called Flushing.

In this Utopia is a Jefferson Democratic club, which looks after the wants of the poor in its vicinity around Christmas.

The members contributed \$1,500, and a committee was appointed to hunt out the needy that they might be supplied with holiday baskets.

The committee, after investigating, reported there were no needy in Flushing, and the Democratic club has \$1,500 on its hands with which it doesn't know what to do.

Fifty-cent Offer For \$11,000 Gems. New York.—An offer of 50 cents for \$11,000 worth of Brazilian diamonds was the best Washington Force could obtain. He admitted stealing them from the steamer Vassari last week, the New York police say. Disgusted with failure to find a buyer, he left the gems in a laundry and wrote the company. He is held in \$5,000 bail.

## REFUSES FORTUNE LEFT BY HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW

### Former Diplomat Prefers That Money Should Go to His Wife.

New York.—Charles H. Sherrill, minister to Argentina when Mr. Taft was president and organizer of the great preparedness parade here, has refused to accept \$100,000 bequeathed to him by his mother-in-law, Mrs. Sarah Barker Gibbs, who died last May, leaving \$564,720 to Mrs. Sherrill. His declination became known when announcement was made from the state comptroller's office that an official appraisal had placed the net estate at \$885,940.

Mr. Sherrill told a reporter over the telephone from his home in Sixty-fifth street that while he was deeply moved by the bequest he preferred that it should go to the residuary estate and become part of his wife's share.

The former diplomat seemed to feel that it was a thing of no consequence to look \$100,000 in the face or faces and then turn a cold shoulder.

"It really wouldn't interest anybody," he said of his refusal. "I don't like to discuss it; it's rather too personal for discussion. I simply felt that I'd rather have the sum go into the residuary estate and revert to Mrs. Sherrill."

## ALL TRANSIT LINES IN NEW YORK GREATLY TAXED

### City Traffic Increasing at Rate of More Than 100,000,000 Annually.

New York.—In November the subway carried an average of 1,199,623 passengers a day and the "L" 1,014,883, a total of 2,214,506, according to a statement issued by the Interborough Rapid Transit company.

Public Service Commissioner Whitney estimates that city traffic is increasing at the rate of more than 100,000,000 annually. More than 325 miles additional of subway and elevated lines are being built.

In 1872 a total of 138,722,196 passengers were carried, or 147 rides during the year for each person in the city. In 1882, the first year of the "L," 250,510,832 passengers were carried, or 215 rides for each person in the city. In 1908, the first year of the subway, 836,691,206 were carried, or 298 rides for each person.

Under the caption of "Struggling to Keep Up With New York" the Interborough officials say:

"Each year the problem of handling the millions of New York traffic grows increasingly difficult. The struggle is hard, not to anticipate the city's future needs, but merely to keep up with the present. Extensions of transit facilities, no matter how rapid, do not seem able to keep pace with crowds and congestion.

"In September the subway carried a daily average of 1,069,000 passengers. By November this average was increased to 1,199,000 daily.

"All this traffic, too, it should be remembered, was on lines designed originally to care for 400,000 passengers daily.

"Always it is the same story. No matter how fast rapid transit lines are built in New York city, the transportation needs of the population seem to keep ahead of them."

## LEFT FORTUNE TO SERVANT.

### Relatives of Dead Woman Fight the Bequest.

Carlyle, Ill.—Kate Mulehuy, gray haired and rheumatic, is heir to an estate between \$100,000 and \$200,000, left by her mistress, Mrs. John McCabe, but relatives of the dead woman are going to try to break the will.

Kate served Mrs. McCabe forty-one years. Mrs. McCabe's husband was a prosperous physician when Kate came to work for them. He died, leaving little property. Kate left for a time, but Mrs. McCabe's urgent pleas caused her to return at a financial sacrifice.

Mrs. McCabe said Kate should be the sole heir to the mistress's property if Kate would stick by her till death.

Then all was struck on the McCabe property, making Mrs. McCabe the richest woman in Clinton county. She kept her promise to Kate just the same.

## Dog Stars In Motion Pictures.

Carlisle, Pa.—Bill, black messenger bulldog and pet of Carlisle, will go down in pictorial history to future generations. He is starred in a motion picture drama performing his daily task of carrying the hotel deposit to the bank and returning with the pass-book. Among other popular tricks that have been filmed is that of smoking a pipe.

## GUARDSMAN, JILTED, ENDS LIFE IN UNIFORM

New York.—Jilted on his return from the Mexican border, Ezra B. Naylor, Jr., a New York national guardsman, put on his full uniform, plugged all crevices in his room, turned on the gas and threw himself on his bed, with his former fiancee's picture, and died. On a table was the letter giving him his release and telling him another had supplanted him.

## Shot at Movie Picture.

Hammond, Ind.—Patrons of the Lyric theater were thrown into a panic here when John Sebastian, a foreigner, whipped out a revolver and killed the villain, who was choking the beautiful heroine in the movie. The shot punctured the arch fiend's breast. "He was choking the lady," said John, as a policeman led him away.

## CHINESE HAVE PLAN TO RID HOUSE OF GHOSTS

### Urges Novel Method of Taking Haunt From American Legation.

Washington.—A legend has gone around Peking that the American legation is haunted; that the shade of an officer who lost his life during the Boxer massacres of white men in 1900 is in the habit of occasionally visiting his old quarters in the legation, greatly to the discomfort of the occupants.

This aroused considerable interest among the Chinese in Peking. Their own spooks, being daily or rather nightly companions, do not excite much attention. But a foreign ghost is quite a new thing. A Chinese gentleman named Hsu Nai Hsuan has taken the matter seriously to heart and has felt moved to write to the American minister expressing his sympathy for the affliction which the legation is undergoing in the matter of a haunted room.

He says that experience has shown in China that the way to rid a house of ghosts is to remove the roof of the building, leaving the interior of the room exposed to the sun and air for some tens of days, after which the roof may be restored and the ghost will no longer frequent the place. Mr. Hsu said that he humbly offered this suggestion, "as foreigners may not be familiar with the proper method of handling ghosts in China."

If congress, says the Tokyo Advertiser, is asked to appropriate a sum for the re-roofing of the legation at Peking the American people will now understand what it is all about.

## FINDS HIDDEN ROOMS IN HOUSE OF MYSTERY

### Carpenter Work on Old Place Reveals Apartments None Knew About.

Chicago.—At 3624 Ellis Park is an old three story frame building that was a home when Ellis park was a woodland. For the last eight or nine years, in a remodeled form, it has been an apartment building.

A few days ago a carpenter, tearing away old planking to build a porch, broke through a wall and made discoveries which make 3624 Ellis Park a house of mystery.

Between the second and third floors he found a hidden apartment, of which not even John Chiamates, new owner of the building, knew. Carefully Frank Wilder, the carpenter, entered through the hole he had made in the wall.

He found a complete set of rooms running from the front to the rear of the building. The walls and ceiling were unfinished. There were no windows and no visible means of exit. There was a small table in one corner with a few dishes on it and an old copper lamp. Rust covered, but with a frying pan of ancient days still on it, there was a stove. Some straw in a corner seemed to indicate where the mysterious occupant of the mystery chamber had slept.

A piece of wire between two walls served as a hanger for an old coat. Over everything was a thick layer of dust.

In hunting for an exit Wilder came upon a panel in the wall fastened with a hinge, two big iron hooks and a bar that fitted into iron clasps. It opened upon the staircase and so matched the paneling that it was invisible from the outside.

## SAYS HE BURIED GOLD.

### Old Man on Way to English Workhouse Tells of It.

Corning, Cal.—Mrs. T. L. Barkle of Newlyn, England, in a letter to her son, the Rev. T. J. Barkle of this city, states an old man named Kempe, who came from California less than a dozen years ago, was found on the workhouse. Among the old man's effects was found nearly \$5,000. This was all made in California, and on the way to the workhouse Kempe said he had buried about \$2,000 in California in a hole five feet deep, but never could find it.

Little is known of Kempe except that he was a miner in California and returned to England eleven or twelve years ago.

Somewhere in the mining district of California a bag containing \$2,000 is buried.

## PRIZE DOG SAVES MASTER.

### Barks an Alarm When Auto Pins Dr. Hair Against Garage Wall.

Bridgeport, Conn.—Dr. James E. Hair, widely known in this country and Canada as a dog expert, probably was saved from death by one of his prize pets when the automobile he was cranking shot forward and pinned him against the wall of the garage.

The barking of the dog brought neighbors, who found Dr. Hair unconscious. He was severely bruised in the abdomen, but is expected to recover. Apparently he had thought the engine neutral and had started it without setting the brake.

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## REBUILD A VILLAGE

### Erect Group of Houses in War Swept Section.

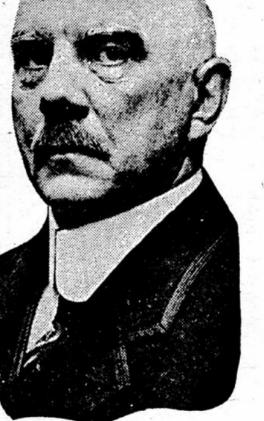
## AMERICANS HELP IN WORK.

### Cornerstone of First Building in Vitrimont, France, Laid by Ambassador Sharp—Mrs. Crocker Is Donor—Men Not Fitted For Military Service Doing Construction Work.

Vitrimont, France.—This village, which, like its neighbor, Gerbeville, was destroyed early in the war, will have the honor of being the first village reconstructed in France, and this is due to American enterprise.

The rebuilding of Vitrimont, the cornerstone of the first group of houses having been laid by the American ambassador, William Graves Sharp.

Mrs. William H. Crocker of San Francisco, who has furnished the



WILLIAM GRAVES SHARP.

funds for reconstruction, was unable to be present, but was represented by Miss Daisy Polk of San Francisco, who is superintending the work.

Old men and youths unfit for military service are being employed on the building operations. Miss Polk's task is not without difficulties such as often confront American building contractors. She has had her first strike in the last week, that of masons, who sought higher wages, but she succeeded in settling the matter.

The cornerstone laying was an event in Vitrimont. Grouped about the ruins and the foundation of the first structure were the inhabitants and soldiers on leave of absence.

Leon Pobe, mayor of Vitrimont, and M. Mirman of Nancy, prefect of the department of Meurthe-et-Moselle, spoke, thanking the American