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THE MUSCLE SHOALS PROJECT
A story in The Republican yesterday of a resurvey by Henry Ford, assisted by Thomas A. Edison, of the Muscle Shoals plant, mentions that it was undertaken at the suggestion of the government with a view of clarifying and reconciling, if possible, differences in Mr. Ford's estimate and those of army engineers concerning the completion of the work.

THE HUMAN IMAGINATION
If Verde water has so far accomplished nothing else it has been the agency for carrying cumulative proof if any were needed of the triumph of mind over matter.

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS:—Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.—1 Chronicles 16: 29.

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The evil effects of war upon the living have been often expatiated upon. The world has just been aware again of the fact that war not only murders millions of the strongest and fittest men, but it also leaves behind it a trail of famine, of pest, of mutilated lives, or widespread want, and of bankruptcy.

There is hardly a home in the world that has not been in some way flecked by the spattering poison of the Great War. Mr. Douglas, a Dublin merchant, who is chairman of the Board of Quakers in that city, called attention to another way in which the virus of war attacks the human stock.

Speaking of the period of desolation caused by the late bloody feuds in Ireland, he says: "It is the suffering of the innocents, the women and children, that is the hardest to witness. No one can intimate what the effects of constant warfare will be on the future generations of Irish. There have been an unprecedented number of premature births due to fright, and medical men predict that children born in days of such terror will grow up heavily handicapped."

In one section of Ireland a nurse reported that premature births had increased threefold since the fighting started in 1920. Mr. Douglas cites one case where the father was afraid to go for a physician after curfew and the mother herself started, with the result that her child was born in the streets.

It would seem as if the world had lived long enough to put away such mediaeval bitterness as exists between the Protestants and Catholics of Ireland. This implies no attempts to construe the Irish question politically one way or another. But there is no doubt that an aggravating element in it is religious feud.

Both Roman Catholics and Protestants are presumed to be Christians. And it is a ghastly commentary upon the intelligence of the human race that the followers of Jesus Christ should make their religion an occasion for the outbreak of the basest and most primitive passions.

The situation in Belfast, according to Mr. Douglas, is probably unparalleled in its deplorable aspects. He says that there have been 9,600 Roman Catholic workers. In one outbreak on July 10, 161 Roman Catholic houses were looted, burned and wrecked, and the homeless people had to be sheltered and fed in the Roman Catholic schools.

Of course it is absurd to say that the fault is all on one side, as there has been only too much evidence of senseless prejudice on both sides. What must be the feeling of the Gentle Christ, who promulgated the law of love and the power of human brotherhood, when He looks down upon the dreadful perversions of His spirit shown by two organizations each bearing His cross as a standard!

proved successful in the silencing of the mule's "bray." Q. To settle a dispute, what is a tandem?—R. E. A. In reference to time only a meaning lengthwise. In regard to two or more things, and specifically of horses—a team harnessed one before the other.

Q. What are the colors of the United States postage stamps up to 12 cents?—W. E. B. A. The one-cent stamp is green; two-cent, blue; three-cent, purple or violet; four-cent, brown; five-cent, blue; ten-cent, yellow; and twelve-cent, brownish red.

Q. What is the lowest temperature reached at York Factory, Hudson Bay?—W. E. H. A. According to the "Handbook of Meteorology" by Julius Hann, the average minimum temperature at York Factory, Hudson Bay, is 43 degrees below zero, while the lowest recorded temperature for a number of years was 53 degrees below zero.

Q. Are pigs naturally dirty animals?—M. M. O. A. Pigs are the cleanest of all farm animals if they are allowed to be so. Pigs will not sleep in a filthy bed unless compelled to. They should not be made to wallow in dirty holes. Germs of hog cholera may remain alive and active for six months in such places. If the pigs are to have a wallow it should be constructed of concrete, and should be drained and cleaned frequently.

Q. Take a tub of water and put it on the scales. Put a live fish in it. Will the fish add to its weight?—H. R. Z. A. If a live fish of a certain weight be placed in a tub of water, the weight of the whole will be increased by the amount of the weight of the fish.

Q. Has Jerusalem ever had and other name?—S. V. O. A. When the Roman Emperor Hadrian rebuilt Jerusalem after its destruction in 70 A. D. he changed its name to Aelia Capitolina and forbade any Jew to dwell in this city.

Q. It is possible to get a passport to Germany now?—H. F. A. Passports may be obtained for Germany and Austria. At present passports are not issued to Hungary.

Q. When honey is used in cooking is it necessary to use soda?—T. P. A. Honey, like molasses, contains an acid, and one-fourth teaspoon of soda should be used to each cup of honey. Dissolve the soda in a little warm water and add to honey, stirring until it foams. This soda does not take the place of leavening, which should be added in its usual proportion.

Q. What was the first church established in New York City?—V. K. N. A. The Dutch Reformed church has the oldest church organization in New York city. Next in order of foundation is the Episcopal church.

Q. Did the Romans invent their numerals?—G. A. C. A. A military veterinarian says that operations were made on the army mules during the war and that they did. It is considered probable that the Romans adopted them from the Etruscans.

Q. Can a fish remain alive after being frozen in a cake of ice if the ice is melted naturally?—A. W. A. The bureau of fisheries says that it is possible for fish to remain alive after being frozen in a cake of ice. They know of an instance where goldfish remained alive after being frozen in a pond all winter. In Siberia there are rivers containing fish which are buried in the mud and which are frozen all winter, but are alive in the spring.

Q. What kind of animal is the straw hat?—D. L. A. This animal is also known as the pampas cat, and the grass cat. It is a yellowish-gray wild cat, with straw-colored hairs running obliquely backwards across the flanks and horizontally on the legs and chest.

Q. What are the Magdeburg Centuries?—C. L. A. This name was given to the first comprehensive Protestant work on the Christian church. It was published in 1560, and the work was divided into 13 volumes, each reviewing the church for one century, the last volume being a resume of the last thirteen centuries. The work was begun in Magdeburg—thus the name, Magdeburg Centuries.

Q. How long has antioxin for use in the case of diphtheria been known?—S. F. A. Emil Behring announced his discovery of diphtheria anti-toxin in 1890. In 1891 he received the Nobel prize in medicine for his discovery of diphtheria serum.

Q. How long do the ordinary birds live?—R. S. A. The average length of life of small common birds, such as a robin, is from 10 to 15 years.

Q. What does the name "Susquehanna" mean?—E. R. N. A. "Susquehanna" is a word derived from the Indian "Suckahanna" meaning water.

Q. What dynasty is the oldest in the world?—M. W. A. The Mikado dynasty is probably the oldest in the world. The first Mikado was Jimmu Teno who, according to history, began to rule in 660 B. C.

Q. What was the meaning of "Om"?—Paul I. M. C. A. "Om" is a Sanskrit word as applied to Paul Kruger, president of the Transvaal, is a Dutch word meaning "pencil."

Q. Why was Maiden Lane, London, so called?—C. C. H. A. The name is said to have been given from an image of the Virgin which stood on this street.

Q. How is the length of a step determined?—M. W. A. To ascertain the distance covered in a step or stride, measure from heel to heel or toe to toe. Ordinarily the pace is estimated at 2 1/2 feet; but in measuring distances by stepping, the pace is extended to three feet (one yard) or to 32 feet (one fifth of a rod).

Q. Are there diphthongs in the French?—D. S. A. There are no true diphthongs in French. There are combinations of semi-consonants and vowels.