

**"NO bite" is about as poor a recommendation for tobacco as "no mathematics" is for a wooden leg. But tobacco that won't bite an' yet is chuck full of taste—that's a different story—That's VELVET.**

**VELVET JOE**

**BRITAIN ORDERS MASSING OF ALL WAR RESOURCES**

London, Feb. 15.—Following up the announcement of Premier Asquith in Commons yesterday that the Government was taking stock of all its munitions, men, financial, and industrial resources so as to be in a position to put forth its maximum strength, two Orders in Council were issued last night. These demonstrate that the Government is employing the powers conferred on it by various war measures, to tighten its grip on the vital resources of the country.

One Order in Council empowers the Admiralty, the Army Council, or the Minister of Munitions to take possession of any war material, food, forage, or stores of any description and of any articles requisite to their production, and also to take possession of any factory or works in which any description needed for war purposes may be manufactured.

The other Order in Council provides for a more stringent control of shipping by decreasing that after March 1 no British ship exceeding 500 tons, except if it is engaged in the coasting trade, shall be allowed to proceed on any voyage unless a license to do so is granted by the Board of Trade.

A royal proclamation has been issued prohibiting the import after March 1, except under Board of Trade license of the following:—Articles for the manufacture of paper, including esparto grass and linen and cotton rags; paper and candy board, including strawboard, pasteboard, millboard, and wood pulpboard, and manufactures of paper and cardboard; all periodical publications exceeding 10 pages in length imported otherwise than in single copies through the post; tobacco, unmanufactured and manufactured, including cigars and cigarettes; furniture woods, hardwoods, veneers, stones, and slates. The Royal Commission on Sugar Supplies announces that, owing to restrictions in importations, the quantity of sugar available in 1916 probably will be from 20 to 25 per cent less than in 1915, and that therefore an equivalent reduction in consumption is necessary. The commission expresses the hope that all consumers will restrict their use of sugar in this proportion.

The announcement says there will be no increase made in the sale of prices at which the commission supplies sugar. Retailers are warned that if they take advantage of the scarcity in the supply to charge the public excessive prices they will receive no more sugar from the commission.

In the opinion of American importers here, the royal proclamation forbidding importation after March of certain commodities including tobacco, furniture, woods, wall paper and wood pulp, would prove disastrous to American traders were it not for the saving clause which permits the bringing of these articles under licenses from the board of trade. American importers do a large business in these commodities.

Owing to the provision for trading under licenses, it is believed the chief effect of the order will be to give the British government greater control over free tonnage. A British ship in an American port which is ready for loading and is wanted at a home port will have no difficulty obtaining a license to obtain a cargo of commodities on the prohibited list. Control of free tonnage and better regulation of trade in what are considered luxuries in war time are the ends sought by the government. It is believed here the prohibitory rule, accepted with the licensing plan, would prove more effective than any form of arbitrary control by the government of the mercantile marine.

The effect on the tobacco trade within the United Kingdom is expected to be even less disturbing than any disturbance which the exportation of tobacco from America may be. There is in storage in the United Kingdom an amount of tobacco much in excess usually on hand in times of peace. Under normal circumstances, the greater portion of this stored tobacco would be re-exported but with the importation prohibition in force it probably will be used here.

American magazines will be greatly affected by the order which prohibits their import except to individual subscribers. Heavy shipments of these magazines have been made in bulk for distribution on newsstands.

Folleemen on the headquarters have received orders to cease spectating on the floor at headquarters and this rule also applies to people not connected with the department. President John C. Stanley has ordered the cell room on the third floor, used to liberate unfortunate, to be repainted. The new janitor, J. S. Farrar, colored, and who began his duties yesterday, has been ordered to keep this room well heated. Chauncey Crocker, night janitor, has resigned and his place filled by a colored man who was yesterday appointed by Farrar.

**B UNION LABEL HATS U BUY LEFORD BROTHERS USE East Side and West End E**

**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL**

Hundreds of women attended the annual Valentine tea of the Bridgeport Ladies' Charitable society, held this afternoon from 2 until 5 o'clock at the residence of Miss Mary L. Fitch, 149 Boston road. Daffodils and other spring flowers were used in the decorations. The society is more than one hundred years old and its contribution basket which has held the offerings of guests on more than one hundred annual meetings had the place of honor for the afternoon. Miss Amelia Beardsley presided over the basket.

The members of the organization who were in charge of the tea table included: Mrs. Henry A. Bishop, Mrs. DeVer H. Warner, Mrs. Jonathan Godfrey, and Mrs. John G. Howland. The ushers were Miss Mary Shelton, Miss Minnie Walter, Miss Rebecca French, Mrs. William Rowland of Honolulu, Mrs. Edgar W. Bassick, Mrs. Roscoe Bassick, Mrs. Charles Fleming, Mrs. D. Fairchild Wheeler, Mrs. William J. Grippin, Mrs. Nelson H. Downs.

Those who assisted in the dining room included: Mrs. Richard T. Staples, Miss Elizabeth Nichols, Mrs. John Field, Miss Alice Pierce, Miss Jane Roessler, Mrs. Dudley M. Morris, Mrs. Horace D. Strong, Miss Kathryn Blackman, Miss Maclean Paige, Miss Edith Eiker, Mrs. Horace B. Merwin, Miss Minnie Nichols, Miss Henrietta Bishop, Miss Dorothy Tomlinson, Mrs. Frank Gaylord, Mrs. F. Archibald Whitney, Miss Emma Smith, Miss Helen Lewis, Miss Edna Smith, Miss Anne Shelton.

The officers are: Mrs. George E. Somers, president; Mrs. Frank T. Staples, vice president; Mrs. Frederick A. Stiles, treasurer; Mrs. Zaimon Gaudsell, Mrs. Jerome Orcutt, form the committee on work. Other managers are Mrs. Augustus S. May, Mrs. Edmund C. Bassick, Mrs. John Whitney, Mrs. Morris B. Bassick, Mrs. Helen Wheeler, Mrs. John R. Woodhull, Mrs. Henry P. Henshaw, Mrs. Walter B. Lashar, Mrs. William J. Nichols and Mrs. Nathaniel C. Worthen.

The Thursday Thimble club will meet at the home of Mrs. Dudley M. Morris on Linden avenue, tomorrow afternoon.

The Seaside club held another of its enjoyable dinner dances last evening.

**MURKETT—THOMAS.**

Mr. Rudolph LeRoy Murkett of 49 DeKalb avenue and Miss Ella Marguerite Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Scott Thomas, were married on Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents. Rev. J. MacLaren Richardson pastor of the First Presbyterian church, performed the ceremony. Miss Helen N. Blake of Milford, attended. The bride, while Clifford N. Thomas, brother of the bride, was bestman. The ceremony was witnessed only by the immediate relatives of the young couple. Mr. and Mrs. Murkett are spending their honeymoon in Old Point Comfort, Va. They will be at home to their friends in this city after March 1 at 1830 State street.

**MINSTREL SHOW SUCCESS.**

Success marked the first minstrel show during the evening at Eagles' hall, Madison avenue, by the members of St. Patrick's church choir. An abundance of mirth and comedy interspersed with catchy and tuneful songs hits and a bevy of pretty girls brought forth thunderous applause from the 1,000 persons who had gathered in the hall.

The soloists who scored the greatest hits during the evening's entertainment were Tom Lynch, Miss Mary Kelly, Miss Mary Lord, William Kearns and Miss Catherine Schaeck. Each was forced to respond three times. An exhibition of novelty dancing by the Dunn brothers and George Butler elicited much applause from the audience. It is estimated that 3150 was cleared.

**800 Mill Workers Go Out on Strike**

New Bedford, Mass., Feb. 15.—The Gosnold mill, in which a strike of 1,500 operatives had been ordered by the textile council of this city, opened as usual today with 800 employees for work, according to a statement issued by the company. A meeting of those who remained away from work was called for this afternoon.

Efforts were made by the state board of conciliation and arbitration to adjust the differences with a view of preventing a threatened strike of more than 20,000 textile workers in other mills here. The strike at the Gosnold plant was called by the council for today after the company refused to take back striking flasher tenders whose places had been filled.

**THE PRETTIEST FACE**

and the most beautiful hands are often disfigured by an unsightly wart. It can easily be removed in a few days without pain by using **Cyrus Wart Remover**. For sale only at the **Cyrus Pharmacy**, 415 Bedford Ave.

**CREAGH IS AGAIN HEAD OF OZANAM CLUB MEMBERS REORGANIZATION OF U. S. PATENT OFFICE PLANNED**

**Frank McCarthy Elected Vice President of Flourishing Organization.**

At the largest attended meeting yet held by the Ozanam club, new officers were elected last night to serve for the next year. They are as follows: Edward V. Creagh, president, re-elected; Frank McCarthy, vice president; Daniel Conroy, secretary, re-elected; Robert Kelly, financial secretary; Leo L. Lenihan, treasurer, re-elected. This was the first regular election of the Ozanam club. Temporary officers were elected in November and have been serving until this time.

The treasurer's report was read, showing the treasury to be in excellent condition, much beyond the expectation of most of the members. The charter was closed at this meeting, the membership at this time being 275.

The entertainment committee presented its report on the dance held recently by this club. It showed both social and financial success.

A pin design was chosen and a committee of T. Gallagher and L. Linehan was appointed to take the orders of the members.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Reorganization of the United States patent office working force will be undertaken immediately under a new law passed by Congress and just approved by President Wilson. Commissioner of Patents Ewing said today that he expects to greatly increase the efficiency of his staff by encouraging competent examiners to remain longer in the service.

For years the patent office has been regarded as a government training school for patent lawyers who enter private practice at about the time they become valuable to the government. Under the reorganization the number of examiners in the civil grades is to be equalized. This will permit quicker promotion from the lower grades and, according to Mr. Ewing, will reduce the number of resignations.

The new law also removes the limitation against the employment of only two women as second assistant examiners. Any number of women may now be appointed.

"Women make excellent assistant examiners," said Commissioner Ewing, "and should be appointed whenever opportunity offers."

**WAS VISITING HIS RELATIVES**

**Mr. E. J. Smith Says It Was While on a Visit Here That I Regained My Health**

Here is a little story, said the Lax-a-Tone Man at Hartigan's Drug Store, 81 Fairfield avenue, that shows the way destiny trends. Mr. Smith, who lives at 1235 Dixwell avenue, Hamden, Conn., and a well known business man, was visiting relatives at 170 Norland street, this city, when he noticed an advertisement of Lax-a-Tone. Mr. Smith says:



"My visit to my relatives in this city saved my life. I had suffered with indigestion for months, my stomach would not work at all, my food would lie like a rock right at the pit of my stomach, gas would form and I would bloat which would cause pain through my back and chest. A little short of breath, was nervous, bilious and tired out all the time. After using Lax-a-Tone, I wish to publicly indorse this remedy as it sure has done wonders for me."

The Lax-a-Tone Man is at Hartigan's Drug Store, 81 Fairfield avenue, near Main street, where he is introducing this remedy to the Bridgeport public.—Adv.

**NITRO-GLYCERINE EXPLOSION KILLS ONE, WRECKS CAR**

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 15.—William Hulse was killed and an automobile truck run to pieces by an explosion of nitro-glycerine near Bereau, a suburb, today. Hulse was handling the explosive. Great damage to property in the village resulted.

**WHY HAIR FALLS OUT**

Dandruff causes a feverish irritation of the scalp, the hair roots shrink, loosen and then the hair comes out fast. To stop falling hair at once and rid the scalp of every particle of dandruff, get a 25-cent bottle of Dandruff at any drug store, rub it in with your hand and rub well into the scalp. After a few applications all dandruff disappears and the hair stops coming out.—Adv.

**CHILD'S TONGUE BECOMES COATED IF CONSTIPATED**

When cross, feverish and sick give "California Syrup of Figs."

Children love this "fruit laxative," and nothing else cleanses the tender stomach, liver and bowels so nicely. A child simply will not stop playing to empty the bowels, and the result is, they become tight, clogged with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sour, then your little one becomes cross, half-sick, feverish, don't eat, sleep or act naturally, breath is bad, system full of cold, has sore throat, stomach-ache or diarrhoea. Listen, Mother! See if tongue is coated, then give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the system, and you have a well, playful child again.

Millions of mothers give "California Syrup of Figs" because it is perfectly harmless; children love it, and it never fails to act on the stomach, liver and bowels.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs" which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. Get the genuine, made by "California Fig Syrup Co.," San Francisco. Refuse any other kind with contempt.—Adv.

Only two permits for building were issued at last night's session of the building commissioners. This is the smallest number passed in some months and total in value only \$20,000.

Brick and tenement building on east side of Hallett street for The Bohemian Sick Benefit society.

Frame addition to workshop on west side of Pequonnock street for Otto Larson.

**FUNERAL DESIGNS AND BOUQUETS JOHN RECK & SON.**

**MEXICAN BANDITS ARE EXECUTED AS BAND PLAYS 'AIDA'**

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 15.—A steady execution of bandits in Chihuahua by Carranza troops occurring rapidly is rapidly depleting the opposition to the de facto government, according to a despatch from Gen. Luis Herrera, at Chihuahua City, to the Mexican consulate here.

"We have practically exterminated all but a few scattered and minor groups," Gen. Herrera reported. "All of the bandits, as they are appointed, are caught, martyred and shot with despatch, and this has had a great deal to do with the lessening of the roving bands."

Herrera denied the reported slaughter of Carranza troops at Fresno, north of Chihuahua, the latter part of last week by Villa raiders.

In line with the execution policy three Mexican bandits were shot by a squad in Juarez yesterday to pay the penalty of smuggling government ammunition to the United States and selling it. They were Juan Aguilera, treasurer, Gen. Garcia, and Cleo Rojas, a civilian, and Jose Moreno, a soldier.

**Three Are Reprieved.**

Crispi Gulway, Rafael Galvis and Eligio Salcido, alleged to have been implicated also, were unexpectedly reprieved at the moment when they were about to step before the firing squad. The populace cheered as the reprieves were read. Galvis and Salcido were members of the Carranza army at Babcoara. Their reprieve was obtained by the American ranch manager.

**WINSTED POLICEMEN CAPTURE ELOPERS**

Police authorities in Winsted have apprehended Allen Clearwater and Miss Emma J. Hall, age 22 years, both living at the home of Miss Hall's parents at 695 Beechwood avenue, and who were believed to have eloped from their residence a week ago.

Clearwater left his wife and a child in Newburgh, N. Y., Jan. 23. He said he was coming here to get work in the Remington Arms & Ammunition Co. and that when he was settled he would send for his family. He has not communicated with them since.

**ASSAULTED WIFE.**

Jacob Para of 32 Booth street, was in city court this morning charged with assaulting his wife, Sophia. Testimony presented showed that jealousy was the cause of the assault. Para agreed to separate from his wife and Judge Bartlett suspended execution of a jail sentence and Para was released.

**HINKEE DEES TO DANCE**

Another one of those dances for which the Hinkee Dee club is becoming noted, will be held on the evening of March 1 in the Slocum gymnasium. Special features are being planned as the affair will take on a Mardi Gras atmosphere. Murray's orchestra will play. The hall will be decorated in unique style. Mrs. Alpheus Goulden, Mrs. Charles F. Greene and Mrs. E. T. Buckingham, wives of the honorary members, will be the patronesses.

**TRIO KILLED BEFORE PUBLIC.**

Agullar, the trumpeter, was first to die. He stepped before the wall and his eyes were bandaged with a dirty handkerchief. The sabre of Captain Javier J. Valle flashed in the sun and Agullar crumpled under a volley. Rojas was called and stepped beside Agullar's body. He waved away the bandage, tossed away his hat and cigarette and the rifles spoke. Captain Valle administered the "mercy shot" with an automatic pistol held near Rojas' head. The four who were left were trembling, but waved farewell to their weeping relatives.

**Villa's Friends Make Denial.**

Friends of Villa denied yesterday that he intended to try to force intervention of the United States in Mexico by attacking trains on the El Paso & Southwestern. They said he is concentrating forces for another campaign against the Carranza government.

**BUILDING NOTES.**

Don Carlos Leanza, an attorney well known through eastern Sonora, has been arrested at Moctezuma and sentenced to death on a charge of plotting against the de facto Mexican government, according to arrivals at Douglas from Moctezuma. Friends of Leanza, who left Douglas a week ago, said yesterday he had been promised protection by Sonora officials. For Manuel Figueroa, who was taken from a train a short distance south of the border last Wednesday, has been executed, it was announced yesterday, on a charge of attempting to organize a mutiny among the garrison at Agua Prieta. Figueroa at one time was a captain in Villa's army.

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**Heavey Named Deputy Grand President of State Eagles' Aeries**

John J. Heavey, mail clerk, who is a past worthy president of the Bridgeport Aerie, No. 420, F. O. E., has received credentials, notifying him of his appointment as deputy grand president for District of Connecticut.

Mr. Heavey has done much to build the order in Connecticut and many Eagles throughout the state congratulated him today on the recognition of his services and ability. Those with whom he is acquainted say a better man could not have been chosen for the position.

**Winter millinery at clearance sale prices at E. H. Dillon & Co., 1105 Main street.—Adv.**

**Military investigation will be made into the action of soldiers at Berlin, Ont., in wrecking the costly memorial to the Kaiser's grandfather in Victoria Park.**

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