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NURSERY STORIES OF OTHER DAYS.

People in every age of the world prefer to believe the marvelous. There are many who still credit stories concerning mermaids and sea serpents, while some are not so sure of the Orient are mythical beings.

Stories of eagles carrying off children are believed to be equally absurd. Any persons who has inspected a South American condor, probably the most powerful of the winged creation, will naturally wonder how such a creature could rise in the air with a child weighing twice as much as the bird.

For all the progress made by man in his conquest of the air, especially since the beginning of the European war, the birds are still the masters of the uncharted heights.

A farm worker engaged in cutting hay on the slope of the Camp Alp, a mountain some 6,000 feet high, near the Swiss-Austrian boundary line, brought his child to the field with him and placed the three and a half-year-old youngster under a bush while he set about his hay-making.

Several days later, some chamois hunters of the district, having learned of the loss of the child, reported that they had seen an eagle flying over them, carrying something heavy. The conclusion was reached that the eagle's burden must have been the missing child.

THE CASE OF JEAN PAUL MARAT. Today is the anniversary of the killing of Jean Paul Marat while he was in a bath tub in which he spent most of his latter days, he being the victim of a torturing skin disease he contracted by living in cellars and sewers during the French Revolution.

There is more than one side to the history of this individual. He is generally painted as one of the blood-thirsty fiends thrown to the surface during the reign of terror in Paris. He was undoubtedly of that genus, but not one of the illiterate wearers of the cap and blouse who shed the blood of so many innocent people.

With Robespierre and Danton he was one of the triumvirate which for a time ruled France, although he was a politician without a party. He hesitated to cast his thunder against Girondists and Jacobins alike when

their acts or principles did not agree with his own hallucinations.

Marat was as little concerned over personal comforts or what he ate or drank or wherewithal he should be clothed as was Rodin, the Jesuit secretary in the "Wandering Jew."

Often forced to get into the shade by the capricious elements around him, he at times lived in cellars and sewers, existing upon the most frugal fare.

Charlotte Corday believed she was acting pro bono publico in ridding France of one she regarded as a fiend. While her act was not appreciated at the time, posterity has applauded her deed.

VIRGINIA MAKES RAPID STRIDES.

Another stride forward in exports was registered during the week ending July 10 by the Virginia customs district, of which Norfolk and Newport News are the principal ports.

According to a statement made by the Virginia-Pilot, of Norfolk, New York led the 13 principal exporting districts as always, with a total of \$19,000,000 for the week, but Virginia, with \$3,794,650, was far in the lead for second honors, being over \$600,000 ahead of Detroit, the headquarters of the Michigan district, which came third.

Philadelphia and Baltimore were seventh and eighth respectively, in rank among the thirteen ports whose combined total aggregated 90 per cent of the country's exports for the week and the Virginia district approximately equaled the combined showing of both Philadelphia and Baltimore.

If the Virginia district were to maintain the same rate throughout the year as last week, its annual total would be over \$200,000,000 of exports.

ENGLAND IS FACING A CRISIS.

The strike of over one hundred and fifty thousand miners in Wales is causing the greatest distress in Great Britain. Should the men refuse to return to work the wheels of commerce will be brought to a standstill during the next few days, as it is estimated that the coal supply will have been exhausted by this time next week.

Curran or Burke once said "It is impossible to indict a community." This is apparent, especially at this time.

NEWS OF THE DAY

A mob at Bunkie, La., Thursday night hanged Thomas Collins, a negro, accused of wounding a policeman. The officer was shot, it was said, when he tried to arrest the ne-

Followers of former Premier Venizelos, elected to the Greek Parliament, will meet today and adopt a program. Practically all are in favor of having Greece join the allies.

Diving off the bank of the Frankford Creek at Leferre street, Bridesburg, near Philadelphia, Thursday, 8 year old Frank Maiza stuck in the mud and was drowned in three feet of water.

Lillian Elkins, 15 years old, and Anna Rosengreen, 16, both of Sewickley Heights, a suburb of Pittsburgh, were drowned in the Ohio river of Pittsburgh Thursday night, when their canoe capsized.

Despondency over the sudden death last February of her mother is believed to have caused Miss Constance Walton, 20 years old, daughter of Dr. J. Roland Walton, of Washington, to commit suicide yesterday afternoon.

The Panama Canal was used for the first time yesterday by large battleships of the United States navy, when the Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin, carrying naval cadets from Annapolis to San Francisco, made the trip from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

An attempt to wreck the Broadway Limited on the Pennsylvania Railroad, one of the nineteen-hour trains between New York and Chicago, was made near Altoona, Pa., early yesterday when a dynamite bomb was placed upon the track. The bomb was found and removed by a brakeman.

Frank X. Weinschenk, who made threats that he would commit acts that would startle the world, exceeded

The Bendheim July Sale Begins Monday 1-2 Yearly Reduction Sale

This Sale is Our Great Half-Yearly Event. All departments participate. Some prices are drastically cut, sweeping reductions on every garment in stock, wonderful bargains in wash goods, silks, laces and embroideries.

All the Dainty Garments for Women's Summer Wear, at a Sacrifice

Ladies' 1 piece voile batiste and lawn dresses, all shades, latest models, former prices \$5.98 and \$6.98 and \$6.98, reduced to \$3.98

Ladies' fine all linen one piece dresses, white, and all colors sold for \$6.98, reduced \$3.98

Odd lot ladies' tailor made linen suits natural color, and mixed black and white sold for \$6.98 reduced to \$2.98

Ladies' white corduroy skirts, tailor made, with pockets, button trimmed, sold for \$3.98, reduced to \$2.98

Ladies' one piece gingham dresses embroidered collar and cuffs, sold for \$2.98, reduced to \$1.49

Ladies' porch and house dresses in chamby, percales and fine lawns, sold for \$1.00 to \$1.50, reduced to 98c

Ladies' fine white voile sheer organdy and batisted waists, \$1.00 to \$1.50 values, reduced to 89c

Children's and Misses (6 to 14 years fine white embroidery and lace dresses, sold for \$3.98 to \$4.98, reduced to \$2.98

Children's and misses (6 to 14 years), shamby and gingham dresses \$1.00 to \$1.50 values, reduced to 89c

Children's dresses and rompers, (2 to 6 years) percales, gingham, sold for 50c, reduced to 39c

Boys' wash suits (3 to 7 years) white, and colors high and low neck, beach trousers, sold up to \$2.00 reduced to 89c

Infants and Children's dresses, long and short, slightly mussed, sold for \$1.50, reduced to 79c

Children's P. K. organdy and straw hats values up to \$1.00, reduced to 39c

Ladies' dressing sacks, lawn and crepes sold for 50c, reduced to 29c. Odd lot of ladies' colored petticoats, sold 50c, reduced to 29c. Odd lot ladies' white embroidered and lace petticoats and combinations sold for \$1.00 to \$1.25, reduced to 69c. Ladies all silk parasols values up to \$2.98 reduced to \$1.49

Big Bargains in the Wash Goods Department

Lot of white figured crepes, white figured voile, white figured ratines, sold for 25c to 39c reduced to 19c

40 inch white voile, 40 inch white crepe voile 25c value reduced to 12 1/2c

Yard wide best percales sold for, 12 1-2c, reduced to 9 3/4c

32 inch Anderson gingham, sold for 15c, reduced to 11c

Lot of figured and plain crepes suitable for gowns and pajamas, sold for 15c, reduced to 9 3/4c

40 inch colored vails, 19c to 25c values, reduced to 15c

All our fancy lawns and batiste, sold for 12 1-2c, reduced to 9 3/4c

27 inch seco silks all colors sold for 25c reduced to 12 1/2c

Faulaud silks sold for 59c reduced to 39c

45 inch embroidery organdy flouncing sold up to \$1.50 reduced to 79c

27 inch embroidery flouncing sold for 59c reduced to 39c

18 inch corset cover embroideries, 25c values, reduced to 19c

Vail and Swiss bandings sold up to 25c reduced to 9c

Lot shadow and Irish laces values up to 25c reduced to 9c

D. BENDHEIM and SONS 417-416 King St. Alexandria's Best Store

ing the attempts of Frank Holt to blow up the Capitol and to assassinate J. P. Morgan, was arrested in Washington yesterday and taken to the Washington Asylum Hospital for observation.

Harry K. Thaw shook off the grip of the law yesterday, motored down Broadway, New York, crossed the ferry to Jersey City, bade the sheriff goodby and whirled away toward Philadelphia, with his car throwing dust on a procession of automobiles filled with newspapermen under orders to stay with him.

The Ford Automobile Company announces a refund of \$15,000,000 to owners of Ford automobiles who purchased machines since August 1, 1914. On August 1, 1914, the company announced that if 300,000 machines were sold during the year, each purchaser would receive a refund of from \$40 to \$60. The 300,000 mark has been reached.

According to a dispatch from Munich to Swiss papers the military authorities have informed the management and union officials of Krupp, where a dispute occasioned by the increased cost of living has arisen in several departments, that in no circumstances will a strike be tolerated. A mass meeting of workers has been fixed for Sunday.

A private dispatch from Berlin which was passed by the German censor says excitement is growing rapidly among the German people on account of the social democratic pamphlets demanding a rapid conclusion

of the war owing to increasing prices of all foodstuffs. Martial law will be declared all over Germany to suppress all demonstrations.

John B. Adair, 66 years old, was fatally cut on the harvest field where he was assisting his son, riding a horse hitched to the reaper near Lancaster, Pa. In rounding a corner, the pole struck one of the horses and caused a runaway. Adair jumped, fell beneath the guards of the reaper and was dragged 150 yards, all the time being hacked by the knives.

Floods yesterday that raced through the towns and cities in central Ohio, following torrential rains of Thursday night, took a toll of four lives and caused a property damage estimated at more than \$2,000,000. Hundreds of acres of land are under water and vast areas are imperilled by weak levees and embankments. Lima, where three of the lives were lost, is probably the worst sufferer of any Ohio city. More than 1,500 are homeless and the property loss is more than half a million dollars.

Some officials in Washington regard as a remarkable coincidence the receipt of the German memorandum acknowledging responsibility for the attack on the American steamship Nebraskan at the very time that experts from this government had completed an investigation to determine whether the attack was made with a torpedo. Pieces of metal found in the damaged hull of the Nebraskan were examined by naval experts

here. The conclusion reached was that not only was the Nebraskan torpedoed, but that it was a German torpedo which struck her.

Roumania has emphatically refused to comply with Germany's demands to allow weapons and ammunition to action is accepted as presaging the traverse Roumania for Turkey. This conquest of the Dardanelles and the capture of Constantinople by the allied forces. The pinch of scant ammunition supplies has already been felt by the Turks on Gallipoli. Roumania's refusal of Germany's demands is accepted as an indication that she will throw her lot with the entente, and attempt to wrest Transylvania and Bukowina her "Irredena," from Austria.

Two women were shot dead, two persons were wounded and the slayer, John Lester Beverly, a Buchanan, W. Va., coal miner, fatally shot himself when brought to bay by a large posse with bloodhounds yesterday afternoon at Bridgeport, near Clarksburg. The dead are Mrs. Stella Beverly, wife of the murderer, and Miss Martha Harris. Beverly just before he lapsed into unconsciousness said his wife was conducting a disorderly house. Boiling with rage he procured a revolver, went to the house and tried to persuade Mrs. Beverly to return home with him. She and others in the house, he declared, tried to throw him out, whereupon he opened fire upon all.

The machinists of Bridgeport, Conn., by a unanimous vote last night

declared for a general strike should the Remington Arms Company decline to meet their demands. In connection with intimation that some German influence was behind the strike agitation, a rumor gained circulation in Bridgeport yesterday that Ernest O'Brien, until recently business agent of the bricklayers' union, had been offered a sum of money just prior to a strike six weeks ago if he would use his influence to have the bricklayers working at the Remington plant walk out. O'Brien admitted that he had been approached twice on the subject. He said he was offered \$200 on each occasion if he would use his influence and he turned down both offers.

VIRGINIA NEWS

The convention of the National Fertilizer Association practically ended its session at Hot Springs yesterday.

The thermometer registered 97 degrees in Richmond yesterday.

Robert E. Craighill, for seven years cashier of the Lynchburg postoffice, has been appointed assistant postmaster, vice P. H. McCaull, deceased. The appointee is lieutenant colonel of the First Virginia Regiment.

The twelfth annual convention of the Virginia Rural Letter Carriers' Association met in Lynchburg yesterday with 75 delegates present. Congressman Carter Glass and L. B. Flaher, of the Federal Department of Agriculture, and W. A. Showalter, of Harrisonburg, spoke.

After stoutly denying any knowledge of the death of Dorsey Gray, colored, who was shot and killed on July 5, in Leesburg, Lewis Hughes, a mulatto negro about 38 years old, has made a complete confession of the crime.

The wedding of Edward Bristow, 27 years old, and Miss Emma Downs, 17 years old, in Rockville, Md., Wednesday is announced. Mr. Bristow has been running a farm near Mount Pleasant, Va., where Miss Downs lived with her father. Mr. Downs keeps a store at Lincolnia.

John Rollins and George Matthews, the negroes who assaulted Mrs. Burnley Coleman, and attempted to assault her invalid daughter, Miss Eula Coleman, at their summer home at Rappahannock Academy Sunday night, were returned to the Henrico county jail Thursday night after both men had been sentenced to death in the electric chair on August 20th. The negroes will be held in the Henrico jail until taken to the penitentiary to be placed in the death cell.

FIRST ANNUAL EXCURSION of Alexandria Light Infantry, Company G, First Regiment to MARSHALL HALL AUGUST 2, 1915

\$5.00 in gold will be presented to the lady who sells the most tickets. Ladies desiring same can apply at armory any night after 8 o'clock.

Crabs in all styles at Eammel's.