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ELBA'S SUPPLY OF IRON ORE

Mines Have Attached a New Importance to the Island—Napoleon Was Held Prisoner There.

The island of Elba, celebrated as the place where Napoleon was imprisoned in 1814, has since Italy's entrance into this war attracted much attention as the location of valuable iron mines, writes a correspondent.

In view of the scarcity of iron mines in Italy and the difficulty of transporting ore or pigs from the United States for use in the munition factories the mines of Elba have given a new importance to the island. Travelers on the Genoa-Rome Express, which skirts the seashore of the mainland, permitting a view on a clear day of the big island rising out of the water six miles distant, think rather of the tall foundry stacks in the foreground at Piombino than of the great soldier of other wars.

In the days before the war this express stopped at Campiglia to put off tourists for Piombino and Elba. Today it stops to put off business men, skilled iron workers, Italian soldiers and their Austrian prisoners interned on the island. The side track at Campiglia has been enlarged since the war, too, for the purpose of handling the large quantity of iron freight brought over from Elba. Napoleon's name has almost been forgotten on the island, so busy are the inhabitants with war work. "How can I get to the Villa San Martino?" a visitor inquiring on the stone wharf of the harbor inquired of a workman. The workman looked at the visitor blankly, when the visitor added: "You know, the place where Napoleon used to live." The man shook his head. "I'm a newcomer here. Never heard of the place."

WAR PROPHECY COMES TRUE

Russian Banker's Prediction Seven Years Ago Provided for Famine and the Bankruptcy of Nations.

Only seven years ago M. Bloch, the great Russian banker, wrote: "That is the future of war—not fighting, but famine; not the slaying of men, but the bankruptcy of nations, and the breaking up of the whole social organization of the nations."

The future of war, as written about by M. Bloch seven years ago, is the present of war today, observes Vernon Kellogg in the Atlantic. Not that fighting and the slaying of men are lessened. Only the Napoleonic and the Thirty Years' wars approach today's war in the terrible losses of human life; and too great a drain on the human life of any one or several of the nations engaged may be the deciding factor in the war's conclusion. But on the whole, and as matters stand today, that part of M. Bloch's prophecy referring to the predominant influence of the food problem in modern war is thoroughly borne out by the facts. Despite the fearful and fatal straggling of an incredible number of men, consuming inconceivable quantities of munitions, and using such amazing methods of fighting as are beyond even the fantastic imaginings of the romancers of a decade ago, the national and international phases of the food and general economic problem are the predominant features of the war situation today.

Illiteracy Before the War.

It is difficult to make comparisons of illiteracy in France, England, Spain and Portugal, Austria-Hungary and Scotland before the war, because different methods of taking the count are used in the various countries. In giving the percentage of illiteracy in the countries below, there is indicated in the parentheses the basis on which the computation was made, notes an investigator: Austria, 18.7 (population over eleven years, 1910); England and Wales, 1.8 (marriages, 1901-1910); France, 14.1 (population over ten years, 1906 or 4.1, marriages 1901-1910); Hungary, 39.3 (population over six years, based on number unable to read and write, 1910); Portugal, 69.9 (population over ten years, 1911, based on inability to read); Scotland, 1.6 (marriages, 1901-1910); Spain, 58.7 (population over ten years). Except in the cases mentioned, the term illiteracy is used to mean all persons unable to write their own language.

How the "Goat" Got Even.

A Southerner recently approached the attendant of Y. M. C. A. No. 21. "I should like to borrow some dices," he announced. "Some what?" "I don't understand." "You know, dices, things you shoot craps with." "Oh, dice! Sorry, but we haven't any of those. Dice are one of the few things that we don't supply." "The boys sent me up after them," protested the rookie. "I guess that was a joke." "Say, let me take some boxing-gloves for a few minutes. I'll bring them right back." And thus armed, the "goat" with fire in his eye, walked off in the direction of his barracks.—Boston Globe.

Forewarned Is Forearmed.

A man went to a nearby city on business, and while there called at a bank to get specie for some notes he had had on hand for a long time. They proved to be on a defunct concern, and the teller told him they were good for nothing.

Quick Cure for Croup.

Watch for the first symptom, hoarseness and give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at once. It is prompt and effectual.

Guide for Automobileists.

To guide automobileists a Chicago man has invented a device operated like a speedometer in which a reel of tape bearing road information passes under an opening in a case as a car covers the route to which the tape applies.

The Coffee Trade.

Statistical returns relating to the coffee trade of the United States show the record breaking figure of 1,319,870, 802 pounds as the quantity imported in the 12 months ending June 30, 1917—an amount which maintains the 100,000,000 pounds a year increase that has marked the American imports of coffee since the outbreak of the war in Europe.

POPE PLAYS JOKE ON ARTIST

Quotes Bible Verse to Varyify Genuine-ness of Portrait of Himself Executed by an American Painter.

Pope Benedict is known to have a keen sense of humor. It has lately been expended upon an American resident in Rome who thinks himself a portrait painter, says a Rome correspondent.

This gentleman, with the best intentions, asked the pope for permission to paint his portrait, which would later grace the walls of the Vatican, alongside of the masterpieces of the universe.

The pope granted the request, but stipulated that he should give only one sitting, and that the portrait should be finished by help of photographs.

The artist found it so good that he longed to have it shown first in America, lest his fellow citizens should reproach him for hiding such a work of art in Italy, without giving them a chance of admiring his genius. To this the pope graciously agreed. But the artist went further.

As there are so many spurious portraits of the pope, would his holiness write a few lines to prove to skeptical Americans that the artist had really painted the masterpiece? The pope promised a few words in a few days.

They arrived. To the painter's astonishment—and chagrin—they proved to be from the Gospel of St. Matthew, chapter 14:27. They ran: "It is I; be not afraid."

PRICES DURING CIVIL WAR

Sugar \$58 a Barrel, Rice \$31.38 a Barrel, Tobacco, Tea and Coffee Much Higher Than Now.

High as prices are, it may be some consolation to know that they are still below the Civil war records: Sugar then sold for \$58 a barrel, rice at \$31.38 a barrel, tobacco at more than double the present price, and tea at over \$100 for a 25-pound chest as compared with the present price of about \$20. Coffee was then four times as high as it is at present, says Leslie.

If the difficulty in getting hold of sugar makes the American people realize we are at war, and inspires in them a willingness to follow Mr. Hoover's suggestions as to economizing in the use of certain foods, it will have accomplished some good.

While complaining of food scarcity, it is well for our people to know how little food others have. The German ration contains .41 of a pound of body building protein as compared with 1.08 in the standard ration. The German ration is not sufficient to maintain bodily health and vigor, but the civil population in the occupied districts of France and Belgium have to exist on even less than this.

Funds for Liza Jane.

A long row of husbands sat in a mess hall and a sergeant was on the other side of the table with papers in front of him from which he from time to time read extracts, recites the New York Times.

"Are you married?" "I was married, but I ain't now." "Wife dead?" "No, she ain't dead, but we had a mutual separation."

"Any divorce?" "No, sir, I could not pay for a divorce, but it is all busted up 'ween us. Please don't put her name down."

Her name did go down, and Liza Jane will be astonished when the next month rolls around and Uncle Sam hands her out \$15, with a little memorandum to the effect that this is an allotment from her husband, and a little extra thrown in to help her and the children, if she has any. That is not all. If he dies in battle, she gets \$1,500, or possibly more.

Sufficient Unto the Day, Etc.

When a father decided that his son needed application of the gad, he informed the boy that punishment was not far off and went into the yard to cut a switch, says Indianapolis News. When he returned the boy was gone. He searched and did not find. Then he called his wife and both of them searched. They searched low but not high, for if they had cast their eyes aloft they would have seen that the boy had climbed a telephone pole and was safely out of Liza's way for the time being. A neighbor spied him and gave away his whereabouts. The boy sought a compromise, saying he would come down at a declaration of peace and no sooner. The compromise was finally effected on the promise that the next time he needs a whipping he will get one twice as hard as is needed, to make up for the one he missed.

A Romping Heaven.

"Mamma," said Bobby, "does the Lord love little children?" "Oh, yes, indeed," replied mamma. "And does he like to romp with them?" "Rompe with them? What put that idea into your head, Bobby?" "My Sunday-school teacher says that whosoever the Lord loveth he chasteth."

That Funny Feeling.

Little Bobby had been visiting lately at a place where they have a big swing, which is highly popular with the rising generation. When he returned home his father asked him: "Well, Bobby, did you swing in the big swing?" "Yes, a little, papa. But it made my head ache in my stomach so that I had to stop."

Plenty of Coal.

The United States geological survey estimates that our reserves of easily accessible anthracite and bituminous coal is more than 1,500 billion tons, while half as much again of the same grades can be made accessible with little difficulty, aside from comparable tonnages of subbituminous coal and lignite. These figures are exclusive of Alaska, which possesses, according to the recent report of the survey, 150 billion tons. This estimate of Alaska alone would permit for an output of 10,000 tons a day for more than forty thousand years. But the United States proper possesses a known quantity of coal deposits which give her two-thirds of the world's store untouched.



Coughs Worse at Night

The simplest and quickest way to get rid of a wearing, racking night cough, tickling throat, hoarse, wheezy breathing is to take

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F. E. Gray, Alma, Michigan, the leading restaurant man, says: "I was sick from overwork and kidney trouble, had paralysis in my toes for several years, swelling of the feet and ankles. San-Yak has done wonders for me and for my wife also. I am willing to boost for a good cause."

L. B. Kehn, the tailor of Alma, says: "I was badly afflicted with rheumatism seven years ago. I found relief from the use of San-Yak and keep it in the house to protect my family."

P. C. Johnson, Masonic Home, Alma, says: "I was nearly dead from bladder and kidney trouble and rheumatism. SAN-YAK gave me quick relief and I had no trouble for more than one year."

J. H. Waterbury, Alma, Mich., says: "I was nearly helpless with inflammatory rheumatism for several months. I got no relief until I took San-Yak, and in three days I was able to work without distress. San-Yak is surely the efficient medicine for the kidneys."

Mrs. Allen Saylor of Angola says: "I have been troubled for years with dizziness and back trouble. After taking three bottles of San-Yak I feel like a new woman, and want to recommend it to everyone as a cure and worth a good deal more than you pay for it."

D. H. Jones, Homer, Mich., says: "I was greatly troubled for several years with high blood pressure, short breath, bad kidney and bladder trouble, dizzy and sick. San-Yak has done everything for me and my health is fine at 72 years. I can work with ease and comfort."

Mrs. E. Gott, Elyria, Ohio: "Dr. Burnham: "Sir: I have taken your medicine called San-Yak for serious nervousness and high blood pressure with satisfactory results, and have found it to be as good a healer as time or nature. Several friends have tried it upon my recommendation with as good results as my own."

Mr. A. H. Blair, Homer, Michigan, writes: "Dear Doctor—Your SAN-YAK did everything for me for kidney and bladder trouble. I can rest at night without inconvenience."

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