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### HIS SPEECH WAS SHORT.

It Was Also Right to the Point, and the Jury Did the Rest.

A Chicago lawyer tells of a prosecuting attorney in a circuit court of an Illinois county some years ago whose early education had been defective, but who was so shrewd and "long headed" that few more dangerous antagonists could be found at the bar in that region.

At one time he had procured the indictment of a man for theft. The amount alleged to have been stolen was \$5, and at that time the penalty for stealing \$5 or more was imprisonment at hard labor in the penitentiary. For stealing less than that amount the punishment was confinement in the county jail without labor.

The evidence proved beyond dispute the theft of a five dollar note of the State Bank of Illinois, but the prisoner's counsel brought several business men to swear that it was not worth its face value in gold, but all agreed that in ordinary transactions it would pass for \$5.

Over this testimony the prisoner's counsel quibbled for two hours while the prosecuting attorney listened in patience.

When his turn came he arose and delivered himself as follows:

"Gentlemen, I hope the learned counsel won't get offended if I don't talk but just one minute. All I've got to say is this: The prisoner don't pretend to deny that he stole our money, and all he asks of you is just to give him the privilege of stealin' it at a dia count!"

He sat down, and the jury sent the thief to the penitentiary.—Case and Comment.

#### Inserting Wires in Gas Pipes.

Inserting electric wires in gas pipes is very difficult, especially if the pipe has any bends in it, says Popular Mechanics. A contractor having one of these pipes in a newel post that had three ninety degree turns easily overcame the trouble by inserting a line for drawing in the wire with the use of a vacuum cleaner. A string was made into a ball almost as large as the inside diameter of the pipe and, fastening one end, the ball was started in the pipe at one end and the smallest nozzle of the cleaner placed over the other end. The ball was quickly sucked through the pipe, leaving a line that was used to draw in the wire.

#### Codfish Eggs.

The average codfish weighs a little less than eight pounds and lays 7,000,000 eggs.

## COLLEGE CREWS GETTING READY

Oarsmen of Many Universities  
Preparing For Supreme Test.

### YALE-HARVARD MATCHED.

Meeting Between Blue and Crimson Will Be Very Interesting Unless All Signs Fail—Poughkeepsie Events Should Result in Great Finish.

All the big college crews are now on the last stretch of their rowing year. With their various dual regattas behind them they have stopped working over two mile courses and now are training for the four mile distances at Poughkeepsie and New London. This training grind will last for a few weeks.

An unprecedented thing has already happened in college rowing. For the first time in many, many years it looks as though this year's intercollegiate champion four mile crew will be the winner at New London instead of Poughkeepsie. There won't be any four mile race between the crews from these rival camps, but Yale and Harvard have already beaten Pennsylvania, Columbia and Cornell over the two mile distance in decisive fashion. Therefore the crew which wins at New London will probably be acclaimed the intercollegiate champion of the year unless Syracuse or Leland Stanford should win in decisive fashion on the Hudson. Neither of these crews has met Yale or Harvard, so a victory for Syracuse or the Californians would leave plenty of room for argument. But there isn't much prospect that Syracuse or Leland Stanford will win.

Right now the Yale and Harvard crews are apparently very evenly matched, and their meeting this month will attract great attention. The Harvard eight has engaged in two dual regattas. During Easter week the Crimson won easily from the Navy, though this was not considered a great achievement since the Navy hasn't won a race this year. Recently Harvard beat Cornell on Lake Cayuga in a race which stamped Harvard as a great crew. Harvard's margin was about the same as Yale's over the Cornell crew the week before.

Yale has likewise engaged in two races. During Easter week Yale won from Pennsylvania in decisive fashion. That race, though, was rowed in a blizzard, so the followers of the Elis wanted their crew to give another demonstration of their prowess before they were willing to become too enthusiastic. The chance came in a three cornered race with Princeton and Cornell on Lake Carnegie. The Tigers had previously won every race in which they had started and had beaten in decisive fashion the Navy, Pennsylvania and Columbia. But Yale gave the Tigers a two lengths beating and won from Cornell by a quarter of a boat length.

The showing of the two crews means that they are very evenly matched and that there won't be much choice between them when they face the starter at New London. A good many rowing critics think that Yale is considerably stronger this year than last in spite of the many veterans who have been lost from the boat. One of the strongest factors in Yale's present strength is the confidence and enthusiasm the men enjoy. They have had enough racing experience this year to convince them that they can win, and Harvard is sure to find Yale a mighty tough opponent.

The defeat of the Cornell crew by both Yale and Harvard on successive Saturdays was foreshadowed by many experts. The results of these two races, however, should not be taken to mean that Cornell won't be a lot stronger at Poughkeepsie. Coach Courtney has made a number of radical changes in his boat within the past couple of weeks, and the promotion of Collier, last year's freshman stroke, to the position of pace maker for the varsity is likely to prove most beneficial. Last year Cornell's freshman stroke was pronounced one of the best in the country, and as good a judge as Vivian Nickalls, the Pennsylvania coach, declared that the Cornell youngster had the making of one of the best stroke oars he had ever seen.

The Pennsylvania crew, which made rather a poor showing in its races with Yale and at Princeton, is 25 per cent stronger on account of changes Coach Nickalls has made. The return to his old position at No. 5 of Garvin, the strongest man in last year's shell, and of Marey, the 1914 stroke, has greatly encouraged the Quakers. Shoemaker, a former stroke oar, is also in this boat, so that the eight is stronger physically than it was a year ago. Coach Nickalls has always maintained that the crew was best at four miles.

## MAN OF DESTINY IN ITALY'S TRIAL

Antonio Salandra, Pilot of the Ship of State.

THE great war in Europe is shifting its searchlights first upon one man, then upon another, and Antonio Salandra, premier of Italy, stands out in the fierce white light.

Politics took a peculiar turn in elevating Antonio Salandra to world wide prominence as the war party premier of Italy. A less bellicose man and one more conservative by nature would be difficult to find among contemporary Italian statesmen.

Salandra is almost as fair an illustration of the scholar in politics as President Wilson. His interests are primarily those of the student. His past activities have been as much academic as political. He is simple, modest and domestic in his personal tastes. Nevertheless it is this professor of public law in the University of Rome who is today the idol of the Italian populace, to whom the idea of war with Austria is so dear.

How Salandra, the professor, came to be the head of the overwhelming majority which kept Italy in a course leading directly to war on the side of the allies is clearly explained in the development of Italian affairs from the time he became first minister, in March, 1914, until he weathered the recent ministerial crisis.

It may seem a far cry to the state of affairs when Salandra, the student of economics, the ex-treasury minister and revenue expert, was called upon to head a ministry whose chief task appeared to be the rehabilitation of the treasury, exhausted by the last Italian war. But it has come about quite naturally that the transformation in Italy's problems should find the scholarly premier still the man of the hour and that on May 13, when he resigned his post, all Italy, by riots, strikes and



ITALY'S PREMIER, ANTONIO SALANDRA.

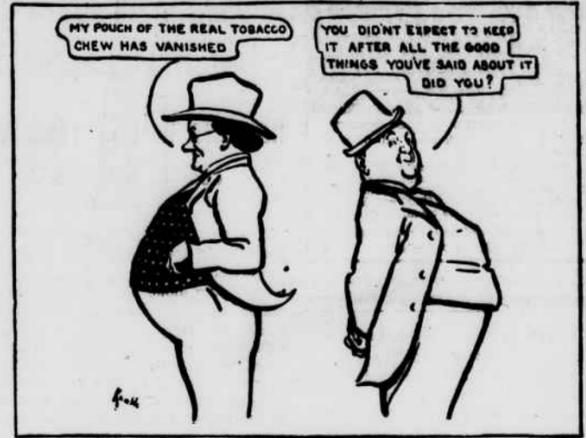
demonstrations, should successfully clamor for his retention of the premiership.

When Salandra resigned and insisted that the king accept his resignation the latter asked Marcora, a Garibaldian veteran and president of the chamber of deputies, to form a new cabinet. Marcora declined the honor on the ground that the popularity of Salandra and his policies were so great that he must be retained in office. Carcano, minister of the treasury, to whom the king offered the premiership, declined on the same ground. In the meantime no doubt existed as to the wishes of the people. At Milan 50,000 people met and protested against the resignation of Salandra, and mobs in Rome made their desires known in no less vigorous manner. The situation demanded that Salandra retain office and he consented. Now, vested with complete powers by the Italian parliament, this scholarly gentleman holds a warlike nation's destiny in his hands.

Salandra was born at Troia, in Foglia, on Aug. 31, 1853. Naturally a student, he qualified for the degree of bachelor of laws at the University of Naples when he was twenty-two. He was indefatigable in equipping himself with a knowledge of public law and finance, so that when he entered the chamber of deputies in the sixteenth legislature his abilities were quickly recognized. He sat with the center and took part actively in the parliamentary labors of that legislature. His solid culture, his well balanced intellect and manner and his acuteness were rewarded eventually with an undersecretaryship of state for finance. This was in the ministry of Premier di Rudini in 1891. From 1893 to 1896 he was undersecretary for the treasury, and subsequently he was in the department of agriculture of the Pelloux cabinet.

Later he received the treasury portfolio, and here he did notable service in straightening out the revenues at difficult moments. It was no surprise, therefore, when he was asked to form a ministry after Giolitti's retirement, treasury problems at that time being prominent. While Salandra has won fame as a political orator and proved himself formidable and convincing in debate, he continues to think of himself as an academic man in spite of the public's disposition to view him as a statesman.

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### CORK TREES OF SPAIN.

How They Are Stripped of Their Bark at Ten Year Intervals.

An important industry in Spain is the cultivation of cork trees. This tree is an oak which grows best in the poorest soil. It cannot endure frost and must have sea air and also some altitude. It is found all along the coast of Spain, the northern coast of Africa and the northern shores of the Mediterranean.

There are two barks, the outer of which is stripped for use. The cork is valuable according as it is soft and velvety. When the sapling has reached the age of ten years it is stripped of its outer bark for two feet from the ground. The tree will then be about five inches in diameter and about six feet up to the branches. This stripping is worthless. The inner bark appears blood red, and if it is split or injured the tree dies.

When eight or ten years more have elapsed the outer bark has again grown, and then the tree is stripped four feet from the roots. This stripping is very coarse and is used to make floats for fish nets. Every ten years thereafter the bark is stripped, each year two feet higher up, until the tree is forty or fifty years old, when it is in its prime, and may then be stripped every ten years from the ground to the branches.—Exchange.

#### Royal Kisses.

The kings and high officials of Europe when they meet always embrace and kiss each other, no matter what their relations have been in the past or may be in the immediate future. This is a kiss of respect. It may be given on the lips, the cheek, the brow or the beard and is nicely adjusted, ac-

ording to the age and rank of the giver. From this close personal contact it passes through many forms—kissing the hand, parts of the clothing and even the ground trodden upon, according to the idea of respect or fear inspiring the one who performs the act. The nations of the west have not adopted this ancient custom as a form of salutation, but have reserved it for the more tender relationships of life.—Christian Herald.

#### Removing Tarnish From Silver.

There is no solvent for silver sulphide or tarnish on silverware that is not a better solvent for the silver itself, says Popular Mechanics. Therefore the tarnish cannot be removed in a solution. However, this coating can be removed electrically. Make a dilute acid solution, one part chemically pure sulphuric acid to ten parts of water and use a carbon electrode. The tarnish will disappear in a few minutes without injury to the silver. In the absence of a battery suspend the silverware in the solution and bring a piece of aluminium in contact with it. This will restore the luster.

#### Mounting Auto Headlights.

Headlights mounted rather high would be safer if they were focused so that their top rays would be approximately horizontal. This would prevent the glare from bothering others, as the light would be below the line of vision of another driver or even a pedestrian in most cases.

#### Sapphires in Shop Work.

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