

THE DARDANELLES.

A Strait Famed in Mythology as Well as in History.

The Dardanelles and the Hellespont are names for the same thing. At its narrowest place the strait is less than a mile wide. On one side is Asia, and on the other is Europe.

The strait is famous in mythology. The pre-Christian incursions of barbarians into Europe often were halted there.

Xerxes and Alexander ferried across. One determined to destroy the civilization of Greece and the other to diffuse Grecian culture over the whole world.

Crusaders went back and forth over this strait. The Roman empire of the east commanded it even after the Mohammedans had established themselves at Adrianople.

By treaty and by consent and by her situation Turkey was given control of this strait.

Strange to say, in modern times the first ship of war that ever passed through flew the flag of America. Bainbridge ran by the guns of the forts and unfurled the stars and stripes in front of Constantinople, and in that city he and the American crew were elaborately entertained.

For many centuries Russia has looked with eager eyes for the control of the shores along this strait.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

HER ABSENT BOY.

When a Mother's Lot Is One of Wistful, Weary Waiting.

It's mighty hard to be a mother of sons in Homeburg. I worked in the postoffice for a year once—handed out mail—and I got to know just exactly what most of the mothers in town wanted. I could please them with a new magazine and mystify them with a circular or a business letter.

But if I wanted to light them up until they took the shadows out of the corners as they went out I would give them a letter from a son way off somewhere making good. The best of them didn't write any too often. Once a week is pretty regular. I suppose, from the other end, but you should see the mother begin to come in hungry again the second day after her letter came.

And when a boy came home successful and prosperous and his proud mother towed him down Main street I used to go to my heart to see the wistful looks of the woman friends.

There is hardly a family in Homeburg of the right age which hasn't grown up son off at war somewhere—fighting failure. It's grand when the win, but I hate to think of some boys who haven't come back.—George Fitch in American Magazine.

Just Like Eve's Apple.

A fruit supposed to bear the mark of Eve's teeth is one of the many botanical curiosities of Ceylon. The tree on which it grows is known by the significant name of "the forbidden fruit," or "Eve's apple tree." The blossom has a very pleasant scent, but the really remarkable feature of the tree, the one to which it owes its name, is the fruit. It is beautiful and hangs from the tree in a peculiar manner. Orange on the outside and deep crimson within, each fruit has the appearance of having had a piece bitten out of it. This fact, together with its poisonous quality, led the Mohammedans to represent it as the forbidden fruit of the garden of Eden and to warn men against its noxious properties. The mark upon the fruit is attributed to Eve.

The Elgin Marbles.

The adventures of the Elgin marbles, now in the British museum, began in 1803, when they were wrecked at Cerigo on their way from Greece to England. It took the divers three years and a vast sum of money to fish up the Parthenon relics. It is believed that Lord Elgin spent over £74,000 in procuring these priceless fragments left by Turkish vandals, who would probably have made an end of even these had the earl not rescued them in time. The house of commons voted £35,000 for their purchase, so that the enterprising peer lost heavily in cash and suffered from a public agitation against his alleged "vandalism, rapacity and dishonesty," as well as from Byron's "Curse of Minerva."—London Chronicle.

Grip of the Bulldog.

It is a commonly accepted belief that nothing short of being pried loose will induce a bulldog to give up his grip on another dog or on an intruder, but this is a mistake. A little household ammonia poured on him as near his nose as circumstances will allow will make him let go immediately. The fumes of ammonia are so overpowering that a dog cannot possibly maintain his grip and his breath at the same time.

Her Business.

"It's no use trying to steal a march on that pretty girl at the glove counter."

"Why not?"

"She has a way of making every one show one's hand."—Atlanta Constitution.

Eager For Revenge.

Stage Manager—You are to hit the hero with this club in the last act. Villain—I don't think I can wait that long. He called me a ham.—Rocky Mountain News.

The Difficulty.

"Tom out of work again? Why, I thought he had a steady job."
"Oh, the job was steady! The trouble is Tom wasn't."—Boston Transcript.

The first bond of society is marriage. The next, our children.—Cicero.

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Questions that a Good Citizen Should Know.

- D. Have you read the Constitution of the United States?
 - R. Yes.
- D. What form of Government is this?
 - R. Republic.
- D. What is the Constitution of the United States?
 - R. It is the fundamental law of this country.
- D. Who makes the laws of the United States?
 - R. The Congress.
- D. What does Congress consist of?
 - R. Senate and House of Representatives.
- D. Who is the chief executive of the United States?
 - R. President.
- D. How long is the President of the United States elected?
 - R. 4 years.
- D. Who takes the place of the President in case he dies?
 - R. The Vice President.
- D. What is his name?
 - R. Thomas R. Marshall.
- D. By whom is the President of the United States elected?
 - R. By the electors.
- D. By whom are the electors elected?
 - R. By the people.
- D. Who makes the laws for the state of Pennsylvania?
 - R. The Legislature.
- D. What does the Legislature consist of?
 - R. Senate and Assembly.
- D. How many State in the union?
 - R. 48.
- D. When was the Declaration of Independence signed?
 - R. July 4, 1776.
- D. By whom was it written?
 - R. Thomas Jefferson.
- D. Which is the capital of the United States?
 - R. Washington.
- D. Which is the capital of the state of Pennsylvania?
 - R. Harrisburg.
- D. How many Senators has each state in the United States Senate?
 - R. Two.
- D. By whom are they elected?
 - R. By the people.
- D. For how long?
 - R. 6 years.
- D. How many representatives are there?
 - R. 435. According to the population one to every 211,000, (the ratio fixed by Congress after each decennial census.)
- D. For how long are they elected?
 - R. 2 years.
- D. How many electoral votes has the state of Pennsylvania?
 - R. 38.
- D. Who is the chief executive of the state of Pennsylvania?
 - R. The Governor.
- D. For how long is he elected?
 - R. 4 years.
- D. Who is the Governor?
 - R. Brumbaugh.
- D. Do you believe in organized government?
 - R. Yes.
- D. Are you opposed to organized government?
 - R. No.
- D. Are you an anarchist?
 - R. No.
- D. What is an anarchist?
 - R. A person who does not believe in organized government.
- D. Are you a bigamist or polygamist?
 - R. No.
- D. What is a bigamist or polygamist?
 - R. One who believes in having more than one wife.
- D. Do you belong to any secret Society who teaches to disbelieve in organized government?
 - R. No.
- D. Have you ever violated any laws of the United States?
 - R. No.
- D. Who makes the ordinances for the City?
 - R. The board of Aldermen.
- D. Do you intend to remain permanently in the U. S.?
 - R. Yes.



Every Three Minutes a Baby Dies

Every three minutes a baby dies in this wonderful land of ours; Every three minutes a casket white rests under its pall of flowers; Every three minutes a tiny form is borne to a sleeping hill. 'Twas only a baby's life that passed, so the women are marching still.

With blare of trumpet and roll of drum the suffragist corps proceed; With flaunt of yellow they grimly tramp, for the ballot is all they heed. The mother is lost in the suffragette. Before her her freedom lies, So every three minutes from sheer neglect a sick little baby dies.

The vital statistics of life record and others have taken note That deaths of infants deplete the world, yet the mothers must have the vote.

The crown of motherhood cast aside, its care and its love and cost, The nation itself must pay the price for the lives of the babes it lost.

The HOME needs mothering, NOT the state, for the home is the nation's life.

Then what if the mother forsakes the child for the glamour of public strife?

The world's good women would serve it best should they heed to the infants' cries, For every three minutes, unloved, somewhere a pale little baby dies.

Is a baby's life in this land of ours such a cheap and a useless thing That man in indifferent mood should say, "Why, the women must have their fling?"

Stand back! Make way for the grand parade while the suffragist banner flies, But—every three minutes while women march a sacrificed baby dies.

FLORENCE GOFF SCHWARZ.



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- Wanted, a Carver.**
- "You say your son belongs to a corn club?"
- "Yes; raised a fine crop last year."
- "That ain't the kind of corn expert I want to consult. I want to know what to do for the pesky things."—Pittsburgh Post.
- Willing to Do That.**
- "So your grocer refuses to give you credit for another thing?"
- "Not exactly; he says he'll give me credit for any cash I pay on account."—Boston Transcript.

DEEPEST GLOOM IN WASHINGTON

Officials Keep Lips Sealed Over Sinking of Lusitania

GERMANY BRINGS CRISIS HERE

United States Is Now Face to Face With Delicate Situation—Washington Hopes Lusitania Tragedy Will Not Start Wave of Indignation Against Kaiser—Suggestions That Congress Be Called Together.

Washington, May 4.—Destruction of the British liner Lusitania with the loss of many lives shocked officials of the United States government and spread profound grief in the national capital.

Although it was not known if any of those lost were Americans, the view was general that the most serious situation confronted the American government since the outbreak of the war in Europe.

President Wilson appears greatly depressed over the news.

What the administration most fears as the result of the sinking of the Lusitania is that it may prove to be the spark inflaming the hitherto rather complacent public opinion in this country with regard to the activities of Germany on the high seas in the destruction of American life and property.

There were many indications today that the administration, for the present at least, will do its utmost to hold in check the public opinion of the country. Certainly there will be no encouragement from official quarters of the extreme view held by some persons that the torpedoing of the Lusitania with the loss of American lives, is equivalent to an act of war against the United States.

What is feared in Washington, though, is that the sending of the Lusitania to the bottom with disregard for American life will start a wave of anti-German feeling in the United States which will be deaf to all argument in points of law.

Suggestions were heard in Washington that if the loss of American life on the Lusitania was great the president might call congress in session to consider the matter.

MARKET BADLY HANDLED

Lusitania's Sinking Responsible For Starting Break in Prices.

New York, May 4.—One of the wildest crashes in the history of the Stock Exchange, not equalled in lightning suddenness and staggering severity since the Northern Pacific panic of 1901, not even in the furious days of last July or those of 1907, was jammed into the short final hour of Friday when Wall street suddenly went mad with fright on the torpedoing of the Lusitania. Just as suddenly as prices had melted away the tide switched about, and a concentrated, confident buying movement was started.

It was recognized later that bad handling of the situation on the Stock Exchange by a number who apparently lost their heads in the excitement had accentuated beyond a warranted degree the depressing effect of the event.

The unanimous conclusions of eight of the biggest bankers in Wall street interviewed as to the meaning and effect of the torpedoing of the Lusitania on this country were thoroughly reassuring:

That it most certainly did not mean that this country would become involved in war with Germany, which both public opinion in the country and the government are determined to avoid to the limit of their power.

That the wrecking of the Lusitania would deepen the resentment of the people of this country against Germany for the employing of unheard of methods of warfare which would last long after the war.

TRANSYLVANIA STARTS OFF

Captain Black Says He Would Like to See Submarine.

New York, May 4.—The British steamer Transylvania of the Anchor line sailed for Liverpool a few hours after news of the Lusitania's sinking had been received. The Transylvania's cabins were crowded. There were 879 passengers aboard and others who wanted to go, according to the line, could not be accommodated for lack of room.

Captain John Black, who was recently transferred to the Transylvania from the British auxiliary cruiser Columbia, commanded the ship.

"I have been hunting for a submarine ever since this war began," was his comment on the Lusitania. "I only hope I see one on this trip and that she comes close enough for me to ram her."

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