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THURSDAY, MARCH 1

The Germans now have three notches on their American open season fowling piece—a preacher and two women.

Representative Tabor has introduced a bill to tax all bachelors \$10 a year, exempting those under 30 years old whose incomes are less than \$50 a month.

A member of the Colorado Legislature has introduced a bill to make shorter hours for a day's fishing. He thinks eight hours a day is long enough for a fish to have to dodge hooks and lines.

After conferences with democratic and republican leaders, Chairman Flood, of the house foreign affairs committee, introduced late Monday a bill authorizing the president to arm merchant ships and use "such other instrumentalities as necessary" to protect them on the high seas and providing for a special bond issue of \$100,000,000.

Investigation of the sugar shortage of last week in Boston, when the price soared to 15, 20 and 25 cents a pound in some places, has disclosed, United States Attorney George W. Anderson announced, that "it was about nine tenths artificial and promoted and about one tenth due to temporary inadequacy in transportation facilities."

Baltimore, through Mayor James H. Preston, went into the open market Monday and bought 1,000 bushels of potatoes at \$2.25 a bushel. They will be sold to the public at cost. This was the first step in a movement by the municipal authorities to break down the abnormally high prices of certain food staples. Dealers have been asking \$3 and more a bushel for potatoes.

A report is current at Lexington, Ky., from New York is to the effect that Dr. David Barrow, a noted surgeon of Lexington, is to wed Mrs. Pearl Voorhies Haggin, widow of James B. Haggin, multimillionaire, who died in September, 1914. Dr. Barrow is out of town and Mrs. Haggin is in New York. She is a member of a Versailles family and Dr. Barrow is a Louisianan.

Federal relief in the present food situation was proposed in congress by Senator Borah, of Idaho, who introduced a resolution to appropriate \$6,000,000 to be expended by the president in aiding local authorities to furnish food and clothing to persons actually suffering. The resolution also would provide for an investigation of rising prices, their cause, and methods of marketing and distributing necessities with a view to bettering these conditions and to determine whether the anti-trust laws have been violated.

President Wilson Monday took the inevitable step and asked congress for authority to use the resources of the United States to protect American ships and lives against the German submarine menace—to, the nation in a state of armed neutrality. The response was the immediate introduction in the house of a bill, approved in advance by the president, empowering him to furnish guns and grenades to allied merchantmen and to employ such other instrumentalities and methods as may become

UNJUSTLY SENT TO DEATH

Spanish Tribunals, After His Execution, Concede That Ferrer Was Not Guilty of Extreme Offense.

Spanish republicans, socialists, anarchists and radicals of all degrees celebrate January 10 as the birthday of Francisco Ferrer, who, convicted of having incited revolutionary riots in Barcelona, was executed in 1909. Ferrer was in many ways a remarkable man—a fanatic of unbelief, who accepted death as bravely as any martyr of the faith. That he was unjustly convicted and executed has since been decided by Spain's tribunal, which generally considered the case months after the death of the victim, and as gravely handed down a decision that Ferrer was innocent of the charges made against him! Ferrer was born in a village near Barcelona on January 10, 1859. Early in life he became a shop boy, and then a ticket inspector on a Spanish railway. Although he had few educational advantages, he was naturally a student, and spent all his spare time reading and studying scientific and philosophical works. He early became an opponent of the church and a republican, and his intellectual ability won for him a place among the leaders of the Spanish anti-clerical and anti-monarchists.

HEAVY COINAGE DURING YEAR

Mints and Assay Offices Have Been Busy Dealing With the Amount of Gold Acquired.

The value of gold acquired by the government at the mints and assay offices during the fiscal year 1916 amounted to \$568,683,262.22, according to officials of the treasury department. This was a large increase over the preceding year, and was due, it is said, principally to the heavy importations of foreign bullion and coin.

Gold deposited by the Cuban government to be made into Cuban coin was valued at \$1,323,291.98; United States gold coin received for recoinage was valued at \$1,959,695.71.

Silver purchased during the fiscal year 1916 totaled 6,545,161.96 fine ounces, costing \$3,348,642.49, at an average price of 51 cents per fine ounce.

According to the statistics, the United States coinage for the same period amounted to \$37,206,062.82, of which \$31,077,469 was gold; \$3,328,882.50 was silver; \$1,790,468.15 was nickel, and \$1,012,303.17 was bronze. The estimated stock of domestic coin in this country at the end of the fiscal year was \$2,403,210,053, of which \$1,646,050,150 was gold; \$568,270,515 was silver dollars, and \$188,890,892.288 was subsidiary silver coin.

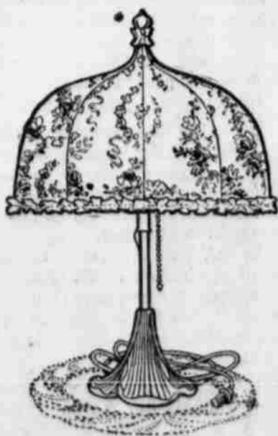
One Thing Not Gone Up.

It was in the market place of a northern town in England. The itinerant auctioneer was turning his attention to a varied assortment of blouses which his assistant placed in front of him. "And now, ladies," he said, "we come to blouses; but before I ask you to bid for one, let me remind you that blouses have gone up. Indeed, I would ask what has not gone up? If any lady can tell me anything that has not gone up, she shall have one of these beautiful garments as a free gift." There was a moment's pause, and then came a voice from the back of the crowd. "What about divi a' th' store?" It hadn't gone up as far as I know on." She received the blouse. The regrettable stagnation of the dividend at the local "co-op" was too well known to admit of question, even by an itinerant auctioneer.

Wasted Apology.

"I want to apologize, Blakely, for my rudeness last evening. I assure you I didn't intend it." "Well, for the love of Mike, mean it next time! I hate to see a man's actions and his intentions harmonize so poorly."—Judge.

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Turning on the Lights.

The regulations by which lights were ordered extinguished or dimmed and the Port of St. Johns, Newfoundland, closed a few weeks ago as "precautionary measures taken against the incursions of hostile ships of war," have been suspended by Governor Davidson. The notice gives no indication of the developments responsible for the change. Lighthouses were out of commission, shops were closed early or conducted behind shuttered windows, automobiles showed only faint sidelights and streets were kept dark.

Constipation Causes Bad Skin.

A dull and pimply skin is due to a sluggish bowel movement. Correct this condition and clear your complexion with Dr. King's New Life Pills. This mild laxative taken at bedtime will assure you a full, free, non-gripping movement in the morning. Drive out the dull, listless feeling resulting from overloaded intestines and sluggish liver. Get a bottle to-day. At all Druggists, 25c.—Advertisement.

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DAY OF REVOLUTIONS PAST

Education Must Take the Place of the Antiquated Methods of Making Changes in Government.

The machine gun and the high explosive shell have ended the days of successful revolutions, according to Stanley J. Weyman, the English author of "The House of the Wolf," "A Gentleman of France" and "Under the Red Robe." According to Mr. Weyman's view no rebellion by the people can ever hope to be successful in the larger nations now.

"Against the muskets and cannon of old days naked hands and makeshift weapons could prevail if fury lent strength and numbers were sufficient. But today, when half a dozen machine guns, handled by twice as many experts, can mow down hundreds in a minute; when even a single high-explosive shell can wreck half a village, when everything that has to do with these weapons, with the munitions that feed them, and the airplanes that guide them, is technical to a degree, of what avail are the scattered rifles and barricades of the people, the regiments hastily levied and scantily armed? Of none. Before the muzzles of a few machine guns the toilers of Ghent and Liege and Antwerp, cities famed in the past for their turbulence, are hurled into slavery well-nigh unresisting.

"For they know resistance to be hopeless. And so it is, and must be. As long as a mere handful of men trained in the use of these engines remains faithful, despotism may sit secure, be the people never so impatient. Only from outside, only by the use of equal weapons, only by other nations, can the yoke be broken and the people be freed."

STERN CALL ON ENGINEERS

Italian Army Had to Fight Nature as Well as the Forces to Which It Was Opposed.

A recent message from the field headquarters of the Italian army says that the transportation romance of this 450-mile mountain front, set down in cold, hard figures, reads thus: 2,448 miles of railroad rebuilt or repaired; 500 miles of new railroad built; 150 miles of airline cables stretched for the telegraphic system; 30,000 miles of telephone wire put up; 10,000 new troop, hospital and freight buildings erected; 200 miles of narrow gauge railroad laid in or behind the trenches; 10 new bridges thrown across rivers and precipices to accommodate 2,040 miles of operating road.

The work is credited to 120 civil engineers of the government department of public works, aided by army engineers proper; likewise by 200,000 workmen and 100,000 army mules, hitched to 50,000 wagons.

The foregoing is the first official record of the exact extent of the construction work on this front, carried on steadily for 18 months, despite enemy artillery, avalanches, snowfalls, rains, floods, frost, lack of material and all of the other ills by which engineers are beset.

Do Away With Middlemen.

The English Co-Operative Wholesale society is one of the largest manufacturing enterprises in the world, has factories scattered all over England, in which almost every variety of useful article is made, and owns its own farms, dairies and creameries. Most of the other wholesale societies carry on more or less manufacturing. The English societies have \$50,000,000 invested in homes built for their members. The two great wholesale societies of England and Scotland, created by consumers' societies, began manufacturing and now produce \$500,000,000 worth of commodities yearly. The largest tea warehouse in the United Kingdom is that of the co-operatives, where 25,000,000 pounds of tea are yearly distributed from their own tea lands in Ceylon.—London Mail.

May Recover Priceless Books.

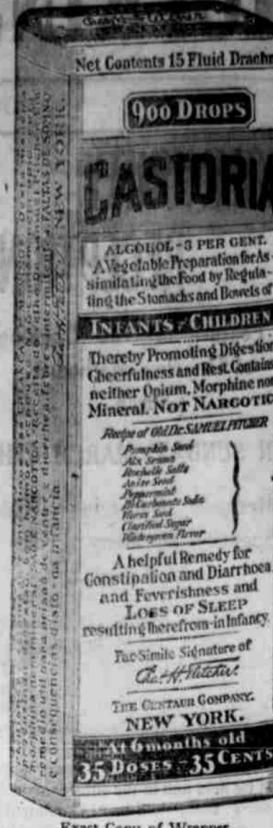
When the Turks seized Constantinople they put an end to that section of western learning. Their theory was that anything not taught in the Koran was false and if it was taught in the Koran other books were unnecessary. Many precious books were destroyed, but it is believed that immense stores of manuscripts remain buried deep in the vaults of Saint Sophia and elsewhere. Some modern scholars have made investigations and doubt that such treasures really exist, but recent reports give some hope of recovering books which would be priceless.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Won Horse Race at Seven.

Mr. G. S. Thompson of Kirby, Knowle, Thirsk, has died at York, England, aged eighty-three. Mr. Thompson rode his first winner when seven years old. His father, having backed his horse against another man's without any stipulation as to weight, found to his surprise that a boy from a racing stable and the rider of winners was put up on the other horse. Young George Thompson was sent for, told to "Hold tight, and when they say 'Go' gallop as fast as you can for home." He obeyed the instructions, won the race, and was handed back to his mother through the window of the family carriage.

Latest H. C. L. Outrage.

Is the higher cost of living to embrace everything? Complaint is made by pathological experimenters in Washington that monkeys, once plentiful at \$9 each, are now scarce and cost \$18.—New York World.



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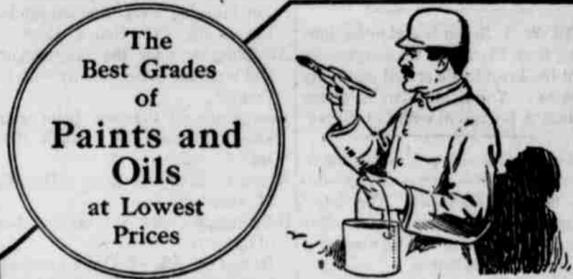
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