

CUPID BUSY IN WAR RISK OFFICE



Miss Dorothy Vernon went to Washington to do war work and acted as secretary to Maj. Orin C. Lloyd, chief of personnel in the war risk insurance bureau. A few days ago they were married and are now living in Chicago.

DIAMONDS GO UP ON EUROPE MART

Antwerp Clubs Reveal Efforts of Germans to Control Gem Trade.

MONEY DEPRECIATION HELPS

Men of Wealth, Nervous as to Financial Outlook, Buy Diamonds Instead of Securities Because the Safest Investment.

Antwerp.—Antwerp is in the throes of a "diamond fever" such as has never been known anywhere before. Not less than six "diamond clubs" have been opened in the last three months.

These are "clubs" only in name, for they have nothing of the usual comfortable accommodation generally associated in our minds with such institutions. Their main feature is a large room filled with rows of small card tables. The room looks for all the world like a card playing establishment.

It is the guests, however, who present the strangest appearance. There are smart young men dressed in the latest styles, and important looking men bearing the unmistakable mark of the stock exchange habitue and peculiar old men with long beards and soiled linen and ancient Prince Albert suits all mingled together and driving bargains among themselves at figures that would rejoice any banker even in America.

Handling Diamonds.

Two by two they sit, opposite each other at the little green tables, carefully fingering handfuls of uncut diamonds as if they were common poker chips.

The conversations are pretty much the same all over the room:

"How much did you pay for this lot?"

"Two hundred thousand crowns."

"All right; I'll buy it with 8 per cent profit for you."

"Done."

And the money is handed over at once in cash. Then the seller looks around and having nothing better to do, leans over the shoulder of an acquaintance at another table, driving another bargain. And the gambler fever gets him again and he feels sorry he has sold. So he buys another lot and sometimes he buys back the very one he has sold.

Thus the prices are pushed up in this extraordinary "diamond exchange" of the world.

One of the oldest firms has given the following figures concerning diamond prices:

Before the war the uncut stone cost \$23 a karat and \$52 after cutting. Immediately after the declaration of war the price slumped to \$23 and remained that low as long as 1915, when the Germans, beginning to get nervous about the value of paper money, started buying all the diamonds they could find on the market.

France, Switzerland, Italy and England followed suit, and the price went up by leaps and bounds. On the eve of the armistice the karat was worth \$70 and fell again to \$34 within a few weeks of the cessation of hostilities.

Since the beginning of the year the diamond market has boomed, owing to the general depreciation of European money, the difficulty of exchange and the embargo on export of currencies from one to another European country.

Demand Is Heavy.

Today a karat of uncut stone finds an easy market at \$150. Merchants no longer seek customers. Credit is no longer given. As soon as a shipment arrives from London diamond clubs are filled to the bidding starts

Girl Lassoes Hog to Save Father Injury

Paris, Ky.—When John Howard, a tenant on the farm of Frederick Wallis, attempted to pick up one of a litter of pigs in the barnyard he was savagely attacked by the mother of the pigs and received a number of serious injuries. His daughter came to his rescue and lassoed the enraged animal and with the assistance of a laborer on the farm carried her father to a place of safety.

HOLD RECORD FOR PROPOSALS

Hamel Sisters, Knights of Columbus Workers, Received 234 Offers of Marriage in Europe.

New York.—The Hamel sisters, Simone and Clarette, K. of C. workers just back from Europe, hold the records for proposals.

In traveling through Europe for more than a year Simone received 114 proposals of marriage and Clarette 120.

"The Irish are the best proposers and the English next," said Simone. "We received offers also from Roumanians, Frenchmen, Americans and one Dutchman. Most of our proposals came from army officers, but there were a few civilians mixed in."

The Misses Hamel are to be in New York only a short time. Then they are going home to Hamilton, Ont.

GERMANY TO HAVE AIR POLICE

Flying Squad to Be Held in Readiness for Quick Service in Berlin When Required.

Berlin.—The contemplated reorganization of the police department of Greater Berlin provides for a "flying squad" which is to have at its disposal swift airplanes and skilled pilots.

The department already has equipped a parking place near the outskirts of the city where crews and machines will be held in readiness for quick service when required.

The system of aerial police is to be extended throughout Germany. In this connection a landing place near the Swiss frontier has been secured.

Didn't Like Untidy Ankles.

Luton, England.—Neat ankles and short skirts may be fashionable, but when scrubwomen at the local workhouse pinned up their skirts and displayed pairs of rickety old boots as they got into action with the scrubbing brushes, the workhouse's guardians called an executive meeting and appropriated \$200 to buy them overalls.

FAT POLICEMAN IS DISAPPEARING

New York Officers Who Fail to Keep Fit Labeled Incompetent.

MUST BE TRAINED ATHLETES

Gotham School for Policemen Uses Same System of Training as is Employed at West Point—Schooling is Thorough.

New York.—The day of the flat-footed, obese copper is waning. The New York department officials label all men who do not keep themselves in proper physical and mental condition as incompetent, and as a result the last decade has witnessed a change in the Eastern city's policemen who, instead of being impediments to themselves and the force, are athletes, able to run when they have to catch a criminal.

In the inspection of the New York police system, the aldermen of the Chicago city council police committee, who have been cherishing a dream of establishing a police college in Chicago, learned several vital particulars in which the training of policemen for the Chicago department can be improved.

The details of the operation of the school were gleaned from Inspector James O'Brien, who, despite his youthful appearance, has been a member of the department for 27 years. In demonstrating the agility his own system of physical training has given him, the inspector stood stiff-kneed and put his clenched fists against the floor.

No Value Unless Physically Fit.

"No policeman is of value to the department unless he is physically fit," said the inspector. "The system of training in our school is the same as that employed in West Point, including boxing, wrestling, jiu jitsu, wall climbing, the proper method of walking, the manual of arms and target practice."

"No candidate can take the course until he has first passed mental and physical examination. He is then placed on probation for six months, three months of which is spent in school. Aside from bodily training the men are given intensive courses in first aid to the injured and instruction in the laws, ordinances and regulations

of both city and state. Experts in the department are assigned to give lectures on their subjects, including detection of crime, the operations of criminals, anarchists and bolsheviks. Given incentive.

"The length of time in the school is none too long to learn all that a policeman should know when he undertakes the task of becoming the public's protector. Prior to graduation the records each man has made in all studies are carefully gone over, and the highest man is awarded a regulation revolver. This is an incentive for them to do their best in school."

"After the preliminary schooling the ordinances of the city provide that the commanding officers of each precinct continue the instruction of officers, and every day a few minutes is devoted to callisthenics under the leadership of a sergeant."

"The transformation from fat officers to athletes in the New York department has been going on for ten years. Every possible encouragement is given the policeman to keep in first-class condition."

NEW WIRELESS 12,500 MILES

Bordeaux Station to Reach French Colonies All Over the World.

Paris.—The new wireless station to be erected at Croix d'Hins near Bordeaux will have a sending radius of 12,500 miles, according to the Excelsior. It will be one of the most powerful wireless stations in the world, the paper adds, with five times the strength of the Eiffel Tower, three times that of Lyons and twice that of Naum. The station will have a capacity of 72,000 words daily and will reach all the French colonies throughout the world.

Young Joyrider.

Sharon, Pa.—"Billy" Burns, three years of age, can lay claim to being one of the country's youngest joyriders. A machine drove up in front of the Burns home recently and little Billy got aboard the running board and clung on to the extra tire. When the driver started away he failed to notice the child and carried him five miles. Meanwhile the Burns family had the police hunting for a supposed kidnaper.

BOTH NEW AND OLD

Mexico a Mixture of the Ancient and Modern.

Prehistoric Remains Show That the Builders Had a High State of Civilization—Native Tribes and Races Still Exist.

What manner of folk are the Mexicans?

Whatever one's views on the wisest political course toward Mexico, it will help in a thorough understanding of that country to examine the rich history, the ancient civilization, the prehistoric remains to be found among our southern neighbors, says the National Geographic society.

"Of the 16,000,000 inhabitants, two-fifths claim direct descent from ancient tribes or families which are accepted as the basis of Mexican history, two-fifths are of mixed native and foreign blood, the remainder being classed under the common appellation of 'foreign.'"

"Throughout much of the country, and often within short distances of railroads, are remnants of some of the ancient native tribes or races, adhering to customs, methods and speech of their ancestors. Thus in Oaxaca are the Zapotecans and Mixtecas, the estimate for the two races being a half million, and a government publication mentions a dozen other families in the same state.

"In Hidalgo and adjacent states, the Otomils; in Puebla and Oaxaca, the Mexicanos; the predominating Mayas in Yucatan; in Michoacan and Jalisco, the Tarascanos, and the Tlaxcalans, in their native state, and other groups elsewhere, still maintain the tribal individualities.

"Although Spanish is the language of the country and much English is spoken in the regions most visited, a large number of the natives use only the vernacular.

"Prescott refers to the Aztecs, Tlaxcalans and others as producers of delicate fabrics, colored by vegetable dyes; and beautiful decorations made of feathers; numerous ruins also indicate marvelous skill of ancient peoples in stone-work, especially as the tools used were obsidian or copper.

"Evidence that this deftness in handwork has been retained appears in the feather-work, wood-carving, stone-cutting, etc., of the present day. The beautiful pottery and unique weaves of serapes, made with the crudest appliances, and excellent fabrication in cast or wrought iron, filigree silver, etc., also bear testimony to the skill of the Mexican Indian.

"Mexico has a wealth of archaeological relics, remnants of an ancient civilization of which no well-defined trace exists. Volumes have been written to demonstrate that the builders of what are now ruins were of Mongolian, Semitic, or Phoenician origin, but the riddle cannot be admitted as solved. All authorities, however, unite in praise of the magnitude and the perfection of workmanship shown at various ruins found throughout the Mexican territory. The region adjacent to some of these raises question as to the source of sustenance for multitudes which must have then existed, and causes speculation upon changes which may have occurred in the interval.

"Prominent among these ruins are Uxmal and Chichen-Itza, in the state of Yucatan; Palenque, in the state of Chiapas; Mitla, in the state of Oaxaca, and Xochicalco, in the state of Morelos.

"The pyramid of Cholula, in Puebla, and those of the Sun and Moon, in the state of Mexico, have also been liberally described, but distributed over wide areas are many other ruins which have had but little or no investigation, and rock sculptures, images, idols and ancient pottery, found in numerous localities, are the only records of peoples whose history is unknown and whose names even are lost."

Center of Attraction.

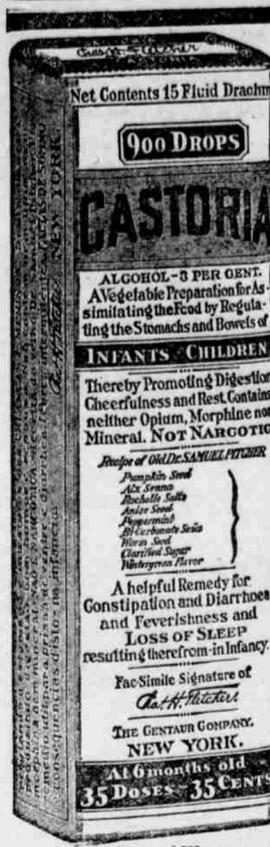
Angelina was, of all my acquaintances, the most vain. Happiness for her seemed an impossibility unless she was the center of attention. So when we learned of her coming marriage we knew that in style and display the event would surpass anything that had ever taken place in our town, and we were not wrong in our expectations. Under a bower of roses the happy couple had been pronounced man and wife and the organ pealed forth a flood of music. At this point we were surprised to see the bridegroom shaking hands with those nearest him. He didn't stop there, either, but, leaving his blushing bride to face the audience, alone, he passed up and down the aisles of the church greeting all the guests!—Chicago Tribune.

Almost Zero in Ownership.

I was entertaining little Charlotte one afternoon while her mother was otherwise engaged. She asked if I had any little children, to which I replied in the negative. Then she wanted to know if I had a dog, or cat or bird, and to all of these questions I replied "No." She thought a minute and then said: "Nuffin but furniture."—Exchange.

Two Generations at School.

Two Oklahoma mothers were graduated from the Central Normal school in Oklahoma City in the same class with their children. One had three daughters as classmates and the other stood between two sons when she received her diploma.



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JUST WHAT DID SHE MEAN? MERELY RED CLOTH TO HIM

Young Teacher's Reply Might Have Been Merely a Statement of Plain Fact, or—

The young primary teacher had been continually annoyed by Bobby's mother ever since he had entered school. Nothing suited her. At first it was the hours, then the arrangement of Bobby's seat, and finally, after a score of complaints about everything imaginable, she began to come to school to criticize the teacher's methods and books used. "Now, these readers are not nearly so interesting as the ones we used to use," she said. "Couldn't you get some of those old books and use them to supplement these?" she asked.

"I don't know whether I could find any," hesitated the little teacher. "But you will find the stories so much more interesting that you will be paid for your effort in hunting them," insisted the woman. "How I did love those stories! There was one about a little red hen. It—"

"I don't believe that would interest my children now," interrupted the young teacher. "You see, the hen grew up."—Indianapolis News.

Plain Enough.

In the zoology class at a primary school, says the Forecast, the boys and girls had just been studying the rhinoceros.

"And what is this?" asked the teacher, turning to a picture of a giraffe. "Well Johnny, tell us," she cried, in answer to an eagerly raised hand. "It's a U-nicorn. You can tell it by its periscope!"

A Man Now.

"Does that husky sailor object to being called a 'gob'?" "I should say not! Before he enlisted the people in his home town called him 'Gussie.'"

He Looked.

Willie—My foot is asleep. Millie—Yes, it's a beauty sleep!—Cartoons Magazine.

Fact That It Was Cut From Country's Flag Meant Nothing to German Merchant.

It is a known fact that the average German will forget religion, civil laws, and even his patriotism, if they interfere with his chances to drive home a good bargain. The latest display of this tendency came during the preparations for the victory ball, which was given the Fourth of July in the Enlisted Men's club at Andernach. As no Fourth of July ball would be complete without "Uncle Sam," several "Y" girls set out to prepare a costume for the revered character. When it came to purchasing the red cloth for the stripes in the trousers, however, it seemed that their plans had gone amiss. Nowhere in Andernach could a sufficient quantity of the right colored material be purchased. Finally one German merchant announced that he had just what they wanted. Out of a closet at the rear of his shop he dug a large German flag. Quickly he cut all the red cloth from it, and sold the material to the girls with the air of one who had just accomplished a noble deed.—From the Watch on the Rhine.

No Brains.

A huge steam shovel operating on the channel improvement work was raising ton after ton of dirt the other day near the State street bridge. An old Irishman who sauntered along the bank looked intently at the big machine and finally remarked: "Well you can bate me shovelin' but ye can't vote."

The Next Thing.

"I suppose it will come to that next." "What?" "That we'll have to buy a beefsteak on the installment plan."

Many a man who knows his own mind has a somewhat limited acquaintance.

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