GOOD TALES of the CITIES

Six Bugle Blasts: Lost Boy Scout Is Found

NEW YORK.—Night had fallen over the ranges of forested hills which extend through the Palisades Interstate Park of New York and New Jersey. The lakes lying at their feet were swathed with dense mist while the tree tops cut sharply into low masses of clouds.

Ten large encampments, housing over 2,000 boy scouts, lay buried in silence.

Suddenly at midnight word flew to headquarters that out in the great woods—somewhere—a boy was lost. A youngster tenderfoot from the big metropolis had wandered from his own campfire and no trace of him had been found.

As quickly as the word had come so rapidly it sped by motor cars with motor boats pulsing their way flashlighting to all of the camps. As swiftly as it came, so from out the many darkened tents fifteen hundred odd boy scouts fled, fleet of foot, on their errand of seeking the lost scout.

Here in one direction a hundred lads thrashed the oaks and laurel under growth, peering beneath boulders and searching pitch black holes. Up the hillsides numerous others groped and combed the interlaced woods, while others in varied groups splashed through swampland and tangled thickets, all intent on their duty. Over the high ridges long rows of lights flickered wanly, piercing the vapors. Now and again shrill voices were heard re-echoing back and forth—calling, calling.

Toward morning relays of haggard loose scouts reported to headquarters that their search had been fruitless. From across the lakes and distant waterways swept hurriedly fresh troops ready and anxious to continue the search. It was then that a brisk wind tossed away the blankets of fog, revealing the kindly stars above.

Now as the hours lengthened along the roads, from distant valleys, from gullies and rocky corridors drenched with penetrating vapors you caught the muffled tramp of boy scout feet. No longer did you hear them calling, for day was beginning to break. If the little lad were unharmed he would have answered!

Then from afar six sharp blasts of a bugle spoke, sounded and resounded, the hills taking up the message. At last the lost boy scout was found—and alive!

On that instant the assemblage of scouts who were resting and waiting rose as one, and solemnly, with right hand to temples, saluted their little comrade.

Love at First Sight, Yet Only Half True

BALTIMORE.—Surprising their friends, Miss Alice Prince, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Prince of Elliott City, and Walter Baker, thirty-three years old of Brooklyn, N. Y., instructor in carpentry and automobile mechanics at the Evergreen Red Cross Institute for the Blind, announced they had eloped to Alexandria, Va., where they were married. They are now living at Barracks No. 7, at the institution.

Mr. Baker probably is exceeding Miss Helen Keller, one of the most remarkable blind persons in the world. Blind since he was twelve years old, he was graduated with honors from Columbia university.

The government sent him overseas to do vocational work among the blind soldiers and to cheer them. He served a year and a half overseas. The success of his work among the blinded men was realized, and he was made instructor at Evergreen.

It was at a dance last autumn at Evergreen that the romance began. To say that it was a case of "love at first sight" would be only one-half true, and yet that is just what it was.

Miss Prince is an expert automobilist and has her own car. The two took weekly automobile trips, Miss Prince calling at Evergreen with her machine, driving the blind hero in her car to her parents' home every Sunday.

Miss Prince was engaged in vocational work at Fort McHenry and Evergreen and also found time to devote to the work of the Travelers Aid society at Camden station. She is a hat home young woman of the blond type. She studied music two years at the Peabody institute.

Evergreen has gained quite a reputation for romance and has thus far furnished twenty-five blind soldiers, heroes of the world war, who are bridegrooms.

On With the Dance, Let Joy Be Geometric

WINNETKA, Ill.—Please pass the hemlock to Cupid. He's been seized and sentenced to a life of innocuous desuetude by determined mothers of the North Shore. Following two meetings at which addresses were delivered by Mrs. R. F. Langworthy of Winnetka, president of the Illinois Congress of Mothers, a movement was launched to interest all parents living along the North Shore in a plan for the systematic upbringing and safeguarding of children. "Social Standards of High School Life," was the theme of Mrs. Langworthy's address.

Now, girls and boys, get out your rulers, compass and triangle and we'll give you a few lessons in geometrical dancing as provided by the high school deans' association rules.

First, remember these doctrines:

"Don't melt into your partner's arms, girls; don't wriggle; don't writhe. Don't indulge in that languishing movement."

Now take your ruler and measure yourself off about six or seven inches from your partner. Scale your bodies with your compass to see that they are exactly parallel from head to foot. Then, quoting the deans' rules again:

"Leader places his right hand lightly between the shoulders of his partner, keeping the elbows at an angle of 90 degrees from his body, his left hand extended, palm up, and clasps his partner's right hand.

"Partner's left hand rests lightly just back of the curve of the leader's shoulder, her elbow at an obtuse angle from her body and not resting upon that of the leader. A straight line from these bent elbows would be parallel with both bodies."

Maintaining these postures, the couple glides off into the new geometrical dance. It's all parallel lines and angles.

Bride of 87 Marries Man to Reform Him

CHICAGO.—A bride of eighty-seven years, with a big floppy hat rippling around her face, dragged her ruined romance before Judge Samuel Trude, in the court of domestic relations. The bride is Mrs. Albert Ropp, formerly Dr. Marian Paitson, for years a practicing physician in Chicago. She owns valuable real estate, a neat bank account, and a lace curtain laundry. Her husband, a stripling of fifty-two, has spent $900 of her cash since their marriage several months ago, she said, and has visited the old home in the East on a lonesome hopeymoon trip.

"I was married and happy for twenty-eight years," said the bride reminiscently. "I raised four children o' my own and adopted and educated seven. They're all gone now. My two sons and two daughters are married and living in the East. And I had to finish up by making a fool of myself! There's no fool like an old fool!

"Albert courted me and finally asked me when I was goin' to marry him. I thought I could reform him. I allowed him half a gallon of whisky and a case of beer a week. I bought him a new suit and shoes and everything, and I fed him up well. And one day he says to me, 'Gosh, I'm sorry I married you.'

"'Albert, what's the matter? Ain't I good to you?' I asked. He said, 'Yes, but you're too derned stylish.' You know, he went to bed with his shirt and collar on! I just couldn't train him. Finally he left me."

"He said he liked women who wore big, heavy shoes and queer little hats.

CITY MEN BADLY NEEDED ON FARMS

Shortage of Hired Labor Threatens to Curtail Production of Food.

MEREDITH MAKES AN APPEAL

Increase of Wages From 15 to 25 Per cent Fails to Relieve Situation—Total Acreage Undoubtedly Will Be Reduced.

Washington—With a shortage of hired farm labor, as acute as in 1918, threatening to curtail food production on American farms, E. T. Meredith, secretary of agriculture, has issued an appeal to city men, college students and others to spend their vacations working on farms, particularly as helpers in harvest fields.

Reports secured by the federal department from its representatives in practically every state in the Union show that the supply of hired farm labor in this country is only about 72 per cent of the normal supply, compared with approximately 84 per cent of a normal supply a year ago. This year's shortage is almost exactly the same as that of two years ago when large numbers of men were in military service.

May Cut Production.

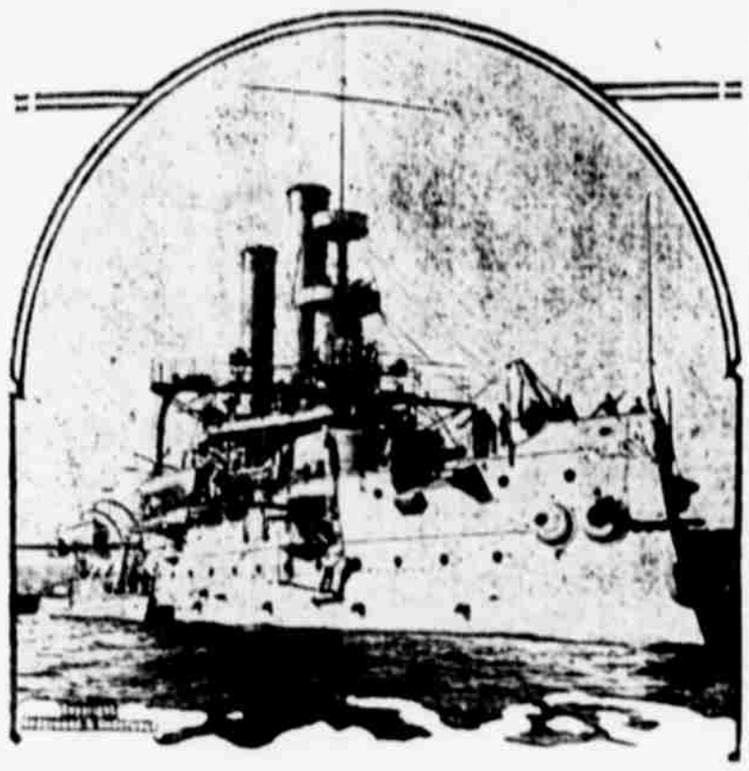
The present shortage has arisen in spite of the fact that farm wages are 15 to 25 per cent higher than last year. The situation, unremedied, can not fail to have unfavorable effect on production, according to the United States department of agriculture, and will tend to prevent any reduction in the prices of farm products. While the total acreage undoubtedly will be reduced as a result of the present situation, it will not be in as large proportion as the reduction in the labor supply, because the farmers with their families are exerting themselves to the utmost to overcome their handicap. Cultivation this year will be less intensive than formerly. More land will be put into grass and such other crops as require a minimum of labor, it is said, and the tilled fields will be less intensively cultivated.

Secretary Meredith calls on all business men and students to spend their summer holidays helping relieve the present situation and so aid in curtailing high living costs. In making this appeal it is recognized that, at the outset at least, such labor is not as efficient as experienced farm labor, but the excellent results secured in 1918, when city men in large numbers aided the farmers, leave no doubt as to the success of the present drive if the men will respond.

Plan to Help Farmers.

The United States department of agriculture was represented by Asher Hobson at the meeting of the National Farm Labor conference held in Kansas City recently and the office of farm management, of which Mr. Hobson is assistant chief, is laying plans looking toward offering effective aid in dealing with the farm labor situation, particularly in the harvest season. It is expected that definite announcement regarding work along these lines will be made in the near future. Until other preliminary plans have been made by the department all persons interested in finding work on farms should write to the directors of agricultural extension in the agricultural colleges in the various states. These directors are prepared to supply the names of county agents having farms in their respective counties that need farm labor. By this method anyone desiring to help on a farm can get in direct communication with the farmer.

FLAGSHIP TO BE USED AS TARGET



The U. S. S. Iowa, in its day the pride of the American navy and flagship of the late "Fighting Bob" Evans, unless plans of naval experts fail, will be used as a moving target for modern dreadnoughts, its movements directed by powerful wireless apparatus invented by John Hays Hammond. The Iowa is about thirty years old and is of no further use as a fighting machine.

ONE DRINK JAILS BRIDEGROOM

Brooklyn Judge Lets Him Go to Try to Square Things With His Wife to-Be.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Tugged on to his wedding finery, namely, a perfectly perfect afternoon outfit, Alexander Kowkowsky, aged forty, woke up in a cell.

His recollections of what happened were vague. He remembered he had started from his boarding house to make his first venture in married life. His sweetheart was waiting for him. His determination to be prompt at the altar was fixed in his mind, but a reveler whispered to him that one little glass of half of 1 per cent beer would not hurt him. The barkeep whispered "try whisky," as if he was doing him a favor and he did. That was the last recollection he had until the cell custodian woke him up and told him to get ready to go to court.

The facts in the case were duly presented to Magistrate McGuire by Patrolman McGovern, who had picked the unpaladin bridegroom out of the gutter.

"If you promise me that you will not take another drink until you are safely married, I'll let you go," said the magistrate.

Kowkowsky promised with marked fervor and then started out to square things with the woman who may or may not consent to be Mrs. Kowkowsky.

Discovers Way to Balk Idiocy

Surgeon Perfects New Method of Treating Tumor of the Human Brain.

SAVES SCORES OF PERSONS

Discovery Is Result of Long Series of Experiments on Animals—Locates Tumors and Obstructions Every Time.

Baltimore, Md.—Dr. Walter E. Dandy, associate in surgery at Johns Hopkins hospital, has discovered a process by which purified air is pumped into the channels of the human brain, thus making possible a study of the living brain.

The discovery is regarded of tremendous importance in that it already has saved scores of persons from idiocy and premature death, by making possible the exact location of brain tumors, and thus their eventual removal.

The discovery of Doctor Dandy is the result of a long series of experiments on animals.

Fluid That Feeds the Brain.

In each hemisphere of the brain there is a large ventricle or chamber connecting with an elaborate system of channels filled with a fluid produced apparently by one of the glands and delivered to the brain through the spine. This fluid passes slowly to the surface of the brain. Here it is absorbed by the brain cells, and it may be described as the fluid in which the brain feeds.

As cause of this fluid is known as hydrocephalus, or water on the brain. Doctor Dandy has discovered that it frequently follows a tumor which blocks the passage of the fluid. Nature provides but one method of disposing of it, absorption. When that is prevented by a tumor, the fluid collects and presses against the brain, destroying it. Sometimes patients will live for years as imbeciles.

Trials So Far Successful.

In every case where it has been used the method has been successful in locating tumors and other brain obstructions within a hair's breadth, one of the most remarkable features of the discovery is that it is most efficacious when only a local anesthetic is used. It was discovered that the patient felt no ill effects and was able to give assistance to the surgeon.

In one case described by Doctor Dandy a patient was operated on half a dozen times for a tumor of the brain without success. Doctor Dandy used his process and located the tumor, which was removed from a point not considered by diagnosticians.

A photograph of the patient prior to the operation showed a face with sagging lines and the vacant stare of imbecility. A photograph a few months after the operation showed a man apparently in full possession of his senses.

King Alfonso Was Fined for Walking on Grass

Madrid.—King Alfonso was fined two pesetas for walking across the grass in the gardens of the Alcazar. Every member of his suite who followed the king across the greensward likewise was fined.

The first intimation the royal party had that it had committed an offense was when a guardian approached and said: "Your majesty, walking on the grass is forbidden. I must fine you according to my instructions." At first King Alfonso was abashed, then he laughed and paid the money.

Later the mayor of the town called at the palace and apologized to the king, but his majesty told him the guardian had acted properly and should be rewarded for devotion to duty.

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