

# NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS

Right-o, Mr. John Bull! To Know Us Is to Love Us

WASHINGTON.—In response to the appeal of the Anglo-American society, Sir George Watson has given the sum of £20,000 required for the foundation and endowment of a chair in American history, literature and institutions, in order to promote such studies in all the British universities.



The foundation of the chair forms the principal educational proposal of the British program for the tercentenary celebration of the Mayflower and the Pilgrim Fathers (1620-1920). The proposal was as follows:

A sum of £20,000 is required for the foundation and endowment of a chair of lectureship in American history, literature and institutions.

If this sum be given by a single donor, the name of the donor will be associated with the chair.

It is not proposed that the chair shall be exclusively attached to one university, but that it shall be used for the general purpose of stimulating interest and study of America in all the British universities.

Neither will the chair be held permanently by one scholar of a single nationality. The scheme provides that it shall be held, for a period of one to two years, alternately by an American and a British scholar or public man—thus drawing upon the best intellectual resources of the two countries, and securing a variety of treatment of the subjects dealt with.

This novel kind of foundation has been selected by a special committee of the Anglo-American society, under the chairmanship of Lord Glenconner.

The committee is of opinion that this foundation would greatly assist to create in Great Britain a wider knowledge of America today, and of the history, literature and institutions of this great trans-Atlantic commonwealth of English-speaking people.

## PHOSPHATE DEPOSITS FOUND.

Discovery of large deposits of phosphate in the Moroccan hinterland may soon make France the great phosphate country of the world.

The Moroccan deposits are reported by Professor Louis Gentil of the Sorbonne as being almost inexhaustible. One hundred miles inland from Casablanca there is a mountain plateau, 40 miles long and 25 miles wide, which is a veritable storehouse of phosphate. A railway is to be built to this mountain and a monopoly has been given to the Moroccan government for the sale of the phosphate.

France already has opened potash deposits in Alsace.

First Doctor—Did you have a large flu practice during the epidemic?

Second Doctor—About a hundred gallons, I guess. And you?

First Doctor—Oh, two or three hundred cases.—Cartoons.

## Not So Silly

"Yes," exclaimed the bumptious grocer to a shop full of admiring customers, "yes, I can safely say I've never been done down. If I get anybody on the make, I'm as sharp as they are."

"Now then, my lad," roaring at a small boy patiently waiting his turn; "now then, what's for you? What? Wake up lad; you'll never make a business man."

"Sixpennyworth of treacle, did you say?"

Boy (timidly)—Yes.

Grocer—Here you are. Where's the sixpence?

Boy (very red)—In the bottom of the jar.

Grocer—!!!—London Telegraph.

## CHANGE DATE OF THE IRRIGATION MEETING

The irrigation conference will be held at San Diego August 3, instead of July 28, according to advices received by the chamber of commerce. Director Davis of the reclamation service made the change to permit more time for the assemblage of those delegated to attend.

Only delegates will have voice in the conference. The Colorado river basin will be discussed generally and the Imperial Valley in particular.

The delegations are as follows: Imperial irrigation district, 5 delegates; American Legion, 5 delegates; Coachella irrigation district, 3 delegates; California-Mexico land company, 2 delegates, and one delegate each for the state of Arizona, the state of California, Southern Pacific land company, Westside Imperial Irrigation company, Yuma water users association, Palo Verde water company, League of the Southwest, City of San Diego and the city of Los Angeles.

## LAKE TAHOE HAS SHRUNKEN

Lake Tahoe, in California, is often said to occupy an old volcanic crater. This is not a fact. It is true that the region about the lake shows evidence of volcanic activity of various kinds and that the water has at times probably been dammed by outpouring of lava, but the lake itself lies in a structural depression—a dropped block of the earth's crust.

The prehistoric Lake Toho was larger and deeper than the present lake, according to the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior. During the Neocene epoch and the earlier part of the Pleistocene epoch its water stood much higher than now, but in its overflow it has since cut through the lava dams that maintained it at that height. Distinct beaches that mark the former higher levels of the lake stand about 100 feet above its present surface, but the water doubtless once stood at even greater heights. At Tahoe City the most distinct of these old beaches is a terrace that stands 35 to 40 feet above the level of the lake. It is on this ancient beach that Tahoe Tavern is built.

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## Just Couldn't Fool Him

"I had a bird dog once," the old sportsman observed, "that was really noteworthy. He never failed on a point. One day I had him out for exercise in the park, when suddenly he pointed, rigid as stone. I was puzzled. There was possibility of game. The grass was close clipped. The dog had his nose straight on a man seated on a bench. I thought the man might have a live bird in his pocket, but no, the man was in his shirt sleeves. Then I had an idea."

"Pardon me, sir," I said, "but would you mind telling me your name?"

"No, I don't mind," he replied. "It's Patridge."—New York Evening Post

## The Sign of No

"That dog of mine is very intelligent," said the sweet young thing.

"I have no doubt of it," replied the caller.

"I was singing just now, and I asked Fido if he liked the song, and he wagged his tail."

"But did he wag it up and down or from side to side?"

"Why, from side to side, of course."

"Well, I should say that denoted that he meant he was not pleased."—Yonkers Statesman.

## Generous Maid

Mistress—Emma, I am sorry that I cannot give you my last year's dresses as usual this fall, but I am so badly off that I cannot afford to.

The Maid (consoling)—Never mind, ma'am. I'll look through mine and see if there isn't something I can't wear any longer that might do for you.—Columbia Record.

## Sudden Changes

Mrs. Flatbush—I see a ten hour bill for domestic servants is now before the California Legislature.

Mr. Bensonhurst—It won't work.

"Why not?"

"How are you going to make a cook stay ten hours?"—Yonkers Statesman.

## Strong on the Jump

Flatbush—Do you suppose that dogs carry rumors?

Bensonhurst—Oh, no; rumors fly. The things dogs carry jump.—Yonkers Statesman.

Mrs. Knicker—Have you had a busy week?

Mrs. Bocker—Rather; I've had two husbands, three landlords and four cooks.—Sun and New York Herald.

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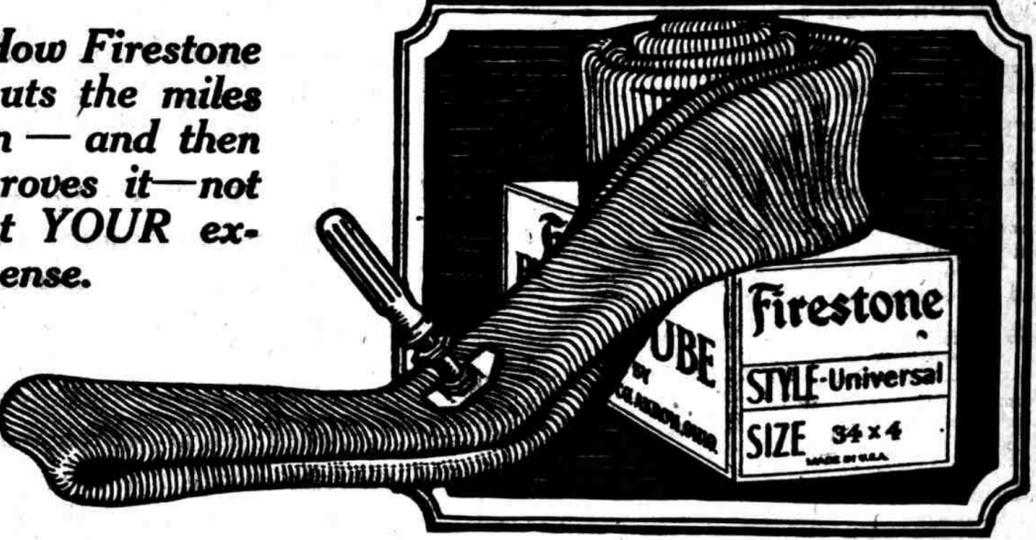
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