

Honor a Great Woman. Two Kinds of Heroes. Babies Behind Plate Glass. Starvation Doesn't Rebel.

This is the birthday of Susan B. Anthony, mother of political freedom for American women.

The red-skinned young American of former days would pile up the tepee poles on his mother's back, or on the back of the spotted pony, looking on both as beasts of burden.

The same Indian would shiver in wonder and awe as his father came whooping into camp, holding up a handful of bleeding scalps.

Many Indians still live in America—with white faces and intense admiration for violent deeds performed by OTHERS, whether in football, baseball, or prize fighting.

These modern white Indians, old and young, see little that is important or interesting in Susan B. Anthony's birthday.

But the intelligence of the world sees it, and will see it more and more.

Giving to woman political freedom that is dawning was not Susan B. Anthony's most important work, nor was it her work to free the black slaves. She detested slavery more than did Lincoln himself.

Her work was done especially for men.

She taught them to respect their own mothers—many of them still need that teaching. And she taught them to be sober.

She endured the ridicule of ignorant men and the abuse of vicious women all the eighty-six years of her life, working at the task destined to give freedom and equality not to women only, but to men especially.

There is no freedom where there are any slaves. There is no equality where there are any inferior. There is no decency where masculine brutality looks down upon women.

Ninety-eight years ago, a Quaker mother in New England saw her little girl baby just born, and, perhaps, wept because it was not a boy "to do some great work in the world."

The world might well have wept, had that child been a boy instead of being Susan B. Anthony, one of the greatest, noblest, and most useful of all human beings born in this continent.

Henry Ford is building submarine chasers so rapidly that they are to be numbered instead of named.

The plan was to paint on each fighting ship the name of a hero, a man, of course.

But the "number of heroes being limited," the plan is to be given up.

Why not try a list of heroines, for a change. That supply would not run out until there had been built as many submarine chasers as there are and have been good mothers in the United States.

Ask your doctor which endures suffering more courageously, the hero of the battlefield, who gets praise, cross of honor, bronze statue, or the heroine of child birth, whose reward is nursing and rearing the child, worrying about the grocer's bill, and an incompetent husband.

The biggest, most powerful battleship or destroyer should be named Susan B. Anthony, for such a ship is intended to make the Prussians behave decently to all the world, as Susan B. Anthony made the men of this country behave decently to the women.

Washington has a baby exhibition. Not an exhibition of grown up, intellectual babies dealing with the greatest problem the world has ever seen.

Not an exhibition of industrial trust babies, steel, copper, etc., saying, "Please give us a chance to get big and strong."

This was an exhibition of regular babies, ten of them, from the Florence Crittenton Home, crawling around behind plate glass in show windows at the corner of Fifteenth and F streets, to arouse charity.

The babies behaved well, especially the smallest, in a white crib. The others crawled and aroused \$341.00 worth of charity.

Write your own editorial on this civilized display.

The Neapolitan beggar holds out his deformed hand to touch your heart and get your penny. The richest nation in the world, where even the poor are well-to-do and the powerful amass billions, put homeless babies on show to stir the generous national heart.

One good soul—masculine, of course—looking sleek, pale, and sanctified, said: "Poor little creatures, they are all illegitimate. It would have been better perhaps had they never been born."

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VERNON CASTLE KILLED IN AERO ACCIDENT RIVER FALLS 3 FEET, FLOOD DANGER PAST

PRESIDENT'S ORDERS BRING WORLD'S SHIPS TO ALLIES' AID

Ruling on Imports and Exports in U. S. Trade Insures Delivery of 1,500,000 Men to France Shortly.

By DAVID LAWRENCE. (Copyright, 1918, by New York Evening Post Company.)

Traditional conceptions of victory always embrace the military, the dramatic and the spectacular but President Wilson by his two proclamations of today has taken a step that will have as much to do with the winning of the war as the success of the entente armies.

For the United States is about to cut down its own exports and imports by about 50 per cent and scrape together enough tonnage to put a huge military force into France this year and another big contingent next year if it shall be necessary.

"Ifs" Bring Drastic Orders. It has been possible to build ships rapidly this year, if America had not encountered the same difficulties as have delayed the English shipping program, if the submarines had not been exacting its usual toll of tonnage, no such drastic measures as were proclaimed today would have been compelled.

America has the man power, but not the ships to transport her men and supplies. The allies need our troops to meet the recent increases by Germany on the western front, increases due to the collapse of Russia. There is no opportunity to wait until new ships are built. The only alternative is to prohibit existing vessels from carrying their usual commodities.

Allies Control World's Ships. In other words practically all the ships in the world have come under the control of the allies. Neutral vessels are included for they can carry only the products for which licenses are given by the United States, England, and France, and rather than be idle they will be obliged to transport less cargo and some of these ships will be available for other purposes.

Many Lines Affected. It is going to affect many lines of business because there will be no use consigning a carload of American manufactures to a seaport town if no license is available to get it on board a ship. The export and import embargo will therefore dovetail with the embargo on rail transportation. Our railroads will refuse to accept any freight that is intended for export unless assured that its shipment on the ocean is licensed by the War Trade Board.

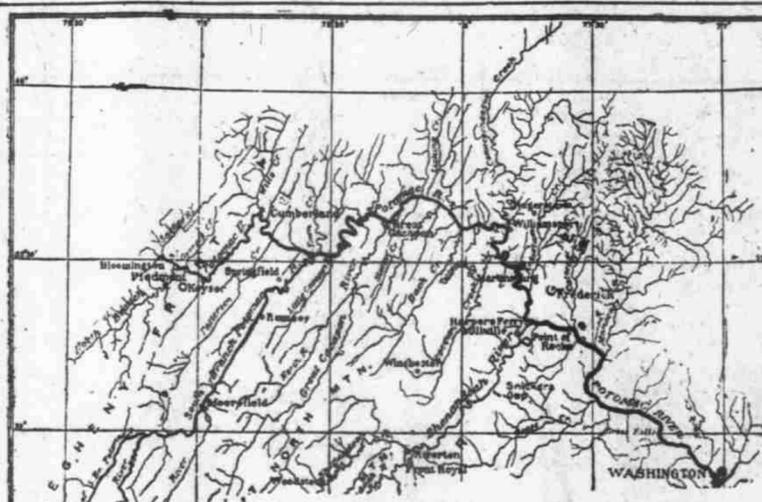
By this process will the distinction be made as announced in these columns on February 8 last between essentials and non-essentials. Again, there are other advantages which will flow from the new arrangement. America has been expending her resources freely. Whatever England and France have wanted they have gotten. No check has been placed on exports to firms in those countries—that is no effort has been made here to determine whether the concerns were engaged in war business or private commerce.

U. S. Wants To Know. Now, the United States will require some formal assurance from the other side as to the uses to which American materials are to be put. They must be essential uses, for America could not afford to let an English or French firm unconnected with government business to continue its trade while an American house was virtually put out of business.

Again, through the extensive checking system, it will be possible to know whether there is any extravagance or waste in materials abroad. For instance, if Italy or France asks for American mahogany to make propellers for aeroplanes and for

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Where All the Water Comes From



This map shows the water shed drained by the Potomac and the multitude of small streams that are pouring their contents into the great stream which at flood is rushing by Washington.

SERVES CAT TO GUESTS AS TEST; 'VERY ENJOYABLE'

Mr. Hoover needn't be afraid of a food shortage as long as there are several million cats in the United States.

Cat meat is as good as rabbit, and if properly inspected, just as clean, according to Herbert Popenoe, assistant editor of the Journal of Heredity, who has been making experiments.

Mr. Popenoe has made five different experiments with all kinds of cats—from the high bred Angora to the common back fence variety. His method was to cook the animal himself and then invite his friends to dine with him—telling them it was French beaver, tree rabbit, or just ordinary "bunny."

"Most of them seemed to enjoy it," said Mr. Popenoe, "and after we had pushed back our chairs and lighted our after-dinner cigars, I told them. Some of them said it was as good as rabbit, while others said it had tasted funny, and later on began to get sick. Several Government scientists have been at these 'cat feasts' and they thought the food was all right."

The matter has quieted down now, he said, "and I shall continue my experiments to increase the food supply in case this country should be hard-up for food like some of the European lands are now. My next experiment will be on dogs. Then I shall try horses, mules, canary birds, sparrows, buzzards, parrots, and the like."

SHI SHI DON'T TALK CAT MEAT, SAYS DR. WOODWARD; MIGHT COMFORT GERMANY

Dr. William C. Woodward, health officer of the District, when questioned on the possible effect of the use of cat meat on the health of the community, said:

"While I realize that this is a subject for scientific discussion, I firmly believe that this is the wrong time to bring it up. Suppose the news should filter through to Berlin that the Capital of the United States was considering the use of cat meat as food and that the health department was discussing ways of preventing disease from accompanying its use."

"Wouldn't the German authorities distort this and strengthen the morale of their war-weary people by making them believe that the food supply of the United States was so low that even in the Capital of the United States they were eating cats?"

WOMAN ENDS LIFE; FEARED ASYLUM, RELATIVES STATE

Mrs. Anna Amelia Talbott, fifty-three years old, a widow, was found dead from illuminating gas this morning in the bedroom of her home, 925 Virginia avenue southwest.

Several months ago Coroner Nevitt was told, Mrs. Talbott while in a melancholy mood attempted to end her life by swallowing powdered glass, but she recovered from its effects.

Relatives of the woman told Coroner Nevitt that arrangements were being made to have Mrs. Talbott committed to an asylum as she has acted irrationally in recent months. It is believed Mrs. Talbott heard of her intentions and ended her life in preference to being confined in the institution.

NEW SCHEME TO BEAUTIFY WASHINGTON IS REVEALED

Park All Along South Side of Pennsylvania Avenue and Government Buildings Along North Side.

By BILL PRICE.

Far-reaching plans for the beautification of Washington, culminating in turning all the property south of Pennsylvania avenue from the Peace Monument to Fifteenth street into a great park, or part of the proposed mall, with the north side of the Avenue studied, with imposing Government buildings, are in the minds of influential members of the Appropriations Committee of Congress.

The first legislative steps of the scheme may become public at any time in the future in appropriation or other measures coming under the jurisdiction of the Appropriations Committee of Congress.

Would Take Years. The passage through of a plan of this kind would take many years and become part of many appropriation bills, but the Congressmen who are considering this grand scheme for Washington are in position to begin the preliminary steps by the insertion of appropriations or wording of appropriation bills so that the start may be made even this year.

The general scope of the plan is that, inasmuch as the Government will probably have to buy private property in Washington upon which to put temporary housing, it might just as well begin by buying property, as needed, in blocks south of the Avenue. Upon these would be erected temporary buildings of lumber or cement to be destroyed at the conclusion of the war. Year by year all this property from the Avenue back to the Mall would be acquired by the Government. Upon none of this property, however, would permanent buildings be placed.

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50 CHILDREN DIE AS BLAZE SWEEPS MONTREAL HOME

MONTREAL, Feb. 15.—More than fifty orphan children are dead today as the result of a fire which partially destroyed the building of the Great Guy street home of the Grey nuns.

Many other inmates of the building, returned soldiers, nursing nuns, aged, sick, and crippled men, and children are reported to have been saved.

All available ambulances and other vehicles were rushed to the scene, and are waiting while firemen and rescuers search the ruins.

It is thought some survivors may die as a result of shock and exposure. Several days may pass before a complete list of the toll of lives can be made.

Late last night firemen found in the ruins the charred bodies of eight babies. It is thought many others will be found in the portion of the building that was still in flames today. Heroic rescues by returned soldiers were numerous. When firemen arrived to battle with the flames soldiers were seen to have as many as four children in their arms at one time.

Sister LaFramboise expressed the belief that most of the children had been smothered by the dense clouds of smoke.

I. N. S. GETS PRIVILEGE OF BRITAIN'S CABLES

The International News Service today was officially restored to the mails, and cable privileges on all lines controlled by Great Britain, its colonies, and its allies.

Flyer Gives Life to Save Pupil



VERNON CASTLE, America's most famous dancer, who was killed in aeroplane accident at Fort Worth.

VERNONCASTLE DIES IN FALL IN PLANE

FORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 15.—Capt. Vernon Castle, of the British royal flying corps, world-famous dancer, was killed by a short fall from his aeroplane in a flight at Benbrook Field, fifteen miles west of here today.

Trying to land while instructing an American cadet, Castle swerved the machine to avoid collision with another American flyer, who was landing at the same time.

The cadet riding with Castle was not injured.

Served At Front. Castle came to Fort Worth last October with Lord Wellesley's squadron, and immediately went into quarters at Benbrook, where he was an instructor. He had seen long and sensational service on the western front in France.

He had made more than 200 flights over the German lines in Flanders, and had had many thrilling fights with the Boches, but had never been injured while at the front.

His friends in Texas declared today, when they heard he had been killed, "That is the way Castle wanted to die. He had said many times 'I have had honors enough; I want to die in the flying service of Great Britain.'"

Born in England. Vernon Castle was born in England, thirty-three years ago. His real name was Vernon Rhythe. His sister is married to Lawrence Grossmith, the well-known theatrical producer. Castle was first seen in the United States in one of the old Lew Fields' productions at Herald Square Theater, when he took the part of a waiter in "The Girl Behind the Counter." Later he appeared in the "Sun Dodgers," and it was in one of the Fields' productions that he met Mrs. Castle.

Went To Paris. Following his Broadway career, the Castles went to Paris, where they took up dancing. It was while they were appearing in Paris that they were seen by Charles W. Dillingham, who brought them to the United States.

Dillingham started the Castles in "Watch Your Step." Vernon Castle was the highest paid dancer in all dramatic history, according to Dillingham. During the height of the dancing craze, Castle's salary averaged \$5,000 per week.

MRS. CASTLE FIGHTING AGAINST A COLLAPSE; WILL NOT BELIEVE NEWS

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Mrs. Vernon Castle, struggling against collapse, today refused to believe the news of her husband's death in Texas.

"These reports have reached us before," Mrs. Castle said, "we have received no definite word. Until we do, nothing will be said."

Mrs. Castle lives at 120 Lexington avenue, in this city. She has been working of late as one member of the cast for a new Pathé motion picture, making at least daily trips to New Jersey for appearances. She was expected to go across the Hudson today to continue her work.

The famous dancer was practically prostrated when told her husband had fallen and been killed. She refused to see any one, but made a brief statement to the United Press through her secretary.

DAMAGE TO BOATS AND ON SHORE IS HEAVY

River Channel May Be Changed by Action of Flood From Georgetown to Virginia Side of Stream.

The worst of the most serious flood in Washington in nearly forty years is apparently past.

The river is slowly receding here and has begun to fall at Harper's Ferry and other points on the upper Potomac.

The heaviest ice in many years is now moving out under conditions that are ideal for flood prevention. Unless there is unexpected goring on the upper Potomac there is no further danger to the Washington water front or the three bridges connecting the Capital with the South.

Damage to river craft and waterfront property has been heavy, exceeding that of 1900, when Georgetown was still considerable of a seaport.

Official reports to the Weather Bureau show that the river has dropped three feet at Harper's Ferry in twenty-four hours, and has dropped nearly three feet at Aqueduct bridge, from the crest of fifteen feet above mean low water level, which was reached at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The river is clear of ice from Chain bridge to a point opposite the foot of Thirty-fourth street, in Georgetown, just below Aqueduct bridge. It is still packed along the Georgetown shore, in the bathhouses and other wharf property.

Current Flows Free. The current is flowing free, however, through the open channel at the Aqueduct bridge, and below the dam, and that the worst of the danger is over and the bridge will remain open for traffic.

Capt. J. P. Talman, District engineer in charge, said: "It does not seem to me as if the danger is over. Ice is still gorged from the Highway bridge to Georgetown, but open channels on either side are being maintained and the gorge is slowly washing off and going down river."

The water has dropped more than a foot at Chain bridge, and below the capstones on the pier, making them safe.

Action of the ice and flood threatens change the river channel, sending it away from the Georgetown waterfront, and running it through Little river, on the Virginia shore.

K Street Flooded. K street, in Georgetown, is still under water for much of its length. Rock creek is out of its banks at Georgetown, and Bladenburg is still flooded.

Failure of a prophecy of rain through the Potomac river watershed has brightened the situation. Reports from upper river points are more encouraging, with the ice moving freely.

Official readings of the river stage at Aqueduct bridge showed the river to be 12.5 feet above mean low water level at 9 o'clock this morning. Yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock it was 15 feet, 7.5 feet in the flood stage.

Eleven Above Normal. The height at 9 o'clock this morning was eleven feet above the average level of the river, or the mean between high and low tide.

Loss along the river front is still increasing. The big dredge of the Smeed Dredging Company, which was jammed in the ice off the upper Potomac Park for more than twenty-four hours broke away last night and moved out with the ice, bearing down upon Highway bridge.

As the mass of ice and dredge moved down upon the bridge, sentries fired their rifles repeatedly, warning all persons on the structure to clear it. It was feared that heavy damage would be caused when the bridge dredge and its accompanying mass of ice hit the structure.

The dredge crew stood by with steam up, and as the ice broke around it succeeded in working across river to the Virginia shore, where it was grounded in soft mud, it is being lashed there, but another ice movement may carry it down against the bridge.

The tug Mineeva, sunk and thrown upon her side off Potomac Park, is still fast in the ice and has not moved for (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)