



EVERYWHERE NEWS

INTERESTING ITEMS COMPILED FOR BUSY PEOPLE.

Matters of Record 'Boiled Down to the Bone' for the Readers' Quick Consumption.

FOREIGN.

Computers to the Canadian forces in Europe to the end of December aggregate 68,200.

The postoffice authorities in Paris, in order to save fuel, have stopped the pneumatic tube service in that city.

An Amsterdam dispatch says that the Dutch government had purchased several "intruder" airplanes from the belligerent powers.

Potatoes and cereals are to be grown in Richmond and Busby parks, which are royal property, as the first step in the new food campaign in England.

The military authorities at Dublin have announced an American moving picture film depicting Irish historical events including Robert Emmet's rebellion in 1803.

The Norwegian steamer Lupus, carrying contraband, was taken by the Germans into Hamburg.

United States naval officers will supervise the next election in Haiti, to insure an honest count. The people express satisfaction with this supervision.

Explicit directions that no part of the German army should be permitted to fall into the hands of the German government or its military officers were included in the will of Guillaume Dierman, a Belgian engineer, who died recently.

NECROLOGICAL.

George A. Milton, 79, of Palmyra, Mo., a Confederate veteran, was found dead in his home after taking carbolic acid.

Herbert E. Backlen, 68, who amassed a fortune estimated at \$7,000,000 in the patent medicine business, railroads, and real estate, is dead at Chicago.

Sergeant Patrick C. Daly, U. S. A., retired, is dead. He was 88 years of age and had served 20 years in the regular army.

George W. Brown, 84, former mayor and for 14 years justice of the peace of Vandalia, Ill., is dead following a stroke of paralysis.

Henry Torberg, 73, a conductor on a Chicago car line for more than 40 years, and said to be the richest street car employe in the world, is dead. His wife's wealth is estimated at \$100,000.

POLITICAL.

George E. Backmann, Missouri's new auditor, the only Republican elected last November, was inaugurated last night. He was sworn in by Governor B. B. McDaniel.

Charles E. Hughes will aid in drafting New York legislation intended to repeal the act of foodstuffs to the consumer.

Attorney General S. M. Brewster of Kansas is to be appointed by Governor Gardner of Missouri, asking that officials of that state cooperate with Kansas officials in stopping the liquor traffic in border counties.

ACCIDENTS.

Three women and a man were killed and six injured when an Illinois Central freight train struck a street car at Rockford, Ill.

Lawrence Mohler, fireman, and M. J. Duggan, bricklayer, were killed by the explosion of a locomotive attached to a freight train near Northeast, Pa.

DOMESTIC.

John McCormack, the singer, has applied for American citizenship. In his petition he gave his age as 32 and his occupation as woodworker. He was born in Athlone, Ireland, and came to this country in 1887.

Seventeen hanged former convicts were provided with employment by the New York police and given all possible assistance in their efforts to lead honest lives within the last 24 hours.

Advertisements in the main liquor advertisements, in certain newspapers or otherwise, are states which prohibit such advertising, is barred by a bill by Senator Binkhead passed by the senate.

In filing Steve Mulock, 30, \$500 and Judge J. B. Brady of Kansas City announced that they would not photograph and post in the city.

Secretary Daniels appealed to Congress for \$12,000,000 to add to navy yard construction facilities, because of the failure of private builders to submit bids for the battle cruisers and scout cruisers.

The Postal Telegraph and Cable Co. has announced a wage increase of 10 per cent for all employees throughout the country who were in its employ as of Jan. 1.

How many in the battle of Carrizal won a government job for Dolly Parson, of Tenth cavalry troops, whose right hand was paralyzed from a Carrizal bullet wound.

More than 500 brewery workers in Scranton, Pa., and vicinity, including bartenders, waitmen, engineers and firemen, are on strike.

A DIVORCE RECORD

Last Year 1,500 Decrees Were Granted Mismatched Couples in Kansas City.

PROCTOR SUGGESTS REMEDY

Would Have Federal Government Regulate Marital Affairs in Order to Bar Bad Marriages.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

A suit against the C. R. I. & P. railroad for \$25,000,000, brought by the Bankers' Trust Co. of New York, was filed in the United States district court.

Eugene F. McDonald of Lexington, Ky., social butterfly and ex-convict, was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of W. R. Dobbs, an employe.

GENERAL.

The city of El Paso, Tex., holds, so far as known, the world's record for the number of triplets born within a specified time, six sets being born there during the month of December.

How to care for babies is a new course installed in the Appleton (Wis.) high school. Girl students have adopted a 2-month-old baby and are raising it scientifically.

Conductor J. D. Blair of the C. & E. I. railway was shot and mortally wounded by D. C. Hunter, 22, a railroad telegraph operator of Westervelt.

Three men are under arrest, charged with putting kerosene in the food served at the ice-cutting camps at Kenosha, Wis.

Making time from Honolulu to New York which has never been equaled, Col. William Hayward expects to be in Chicago in seven days and 12 hours from the time he left Hawaii.

Dr. Ben L. Reisman, Socialist, was playing Santa, distributing birth control circulars through the Chicago tenements.

CRIMINAL.

Harvey Hake, 60, marshal of Covington, O., was shot and killed by Bert Clark. Clark is guarded in the jail at Troy, for fear a mob will form.

Fred Edwards, a white youth of Texarkana, Ark., is under sentence of 99 years in state's prison for having attacked a negro girl.

J. W. Garrett, said by the police to be an ex-convict from Moberly, was arrested with the murder of Mrs. Sarah Campbell, 65 years old.

Auto bandits who raided a Chicago drug store paid no attention to the cash drawer, but compelled the druggist to give them 100 morphine tablets.

While a woman bandit held a revolver against his head a man and another girl robbed James O. Athas, a Chicago visitor, of \$25.

Samuel Chalmers took three routes to escape Chicago police, gas, poison and a high leap. The first two failed, but the third landed him in a hospital with a fractured skull.

The county sheriff of Girard, Ala., discovered that thieves using a rubber tube arrangement passed through a hole in a warehouse wall, had syphoned out 500 gallons of whiskey seized in recent wholesale liquor raids.

Three masked men held up an express messenger at Tarentum, Pa., and robbed him of \$10,000, the payroll of the Placcus Glass Co.

PERSONAL.

Rear Admiral Charles D. Sigbee, 72, retired, who commanded the battleship Maine when she was destroyed in Havana harbor, is suffering from an attack of neuralgia and the grip.

Robert Hoe, manufacturer of printing presses and son of the inventor, secured a decree of divorce on grounds of cruelty and desertion.

FIRES.

Fire in Dallas, Tex., caused property damage estimated at \$100,000 when a three-story building occupied principally by printing concerns was destroyed.

Fire destroyed three buildings in the business section of Estherville, Ia., with an estimated loss of \$500,000.

Within a week of the date for its closing the Willis Wood theater, one of Kansas City's most famous playhouses, was destroyed by fire, with a loss of \$50,000.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The annual report of Armour & Co. shows net earnings of \$29,000,000, or 20 per cent on capital stock and 14.7 on investment.

In the mail Mrs. Ernest A. Evans of Mills Valley, Cal., received a package containing \$4,000 worth of the jewels which had been stolen from her apartment.

When Joseph Larison of Evansville, Ind., was arrested on a minor charge he tried to kill himself in his cell by swallowing buttons and needles. He also ate several matches. A physician said he would live.

Truffled orders of the United States Steel corporation for the month ending Dec. 31 reached 11,547,284 tons, an increase of 458,744 over the previous month, again breaking all records.

"Because it carried too much stuff about 'warm, lingering kisses' and 'had a naughty cover,' the 'Helluva' number of the Northwestern University 'Candle' has been suppressed.

Chancery Moorehead of New York was bequeathed Mrs. J. M. Pike's powder puff and cut glass perfume bottle.

WOMEN INSIST ON MORALS

Students at State University Tell of Their Requirements in the Selection of Life Partners.

What are your requirements of the person whom you would marry?

That question was asked of the students in connection with the discussion on "convention" by Prof. L. L. Bernard, in his sociology class in the University of Missouri. Sixty-eight students, forty-one women and twenty-seven men, placed on the professor's desk anonymous statements in answer to the question.

The tabulated opinions show the women consider good moral habits as the prime requisite. Nineteen women make it the first requirement, six the second requirement, six the fourth requirement, one the fifth requirement and one does not mention it, evidently considering it of no importance.

Good social position is considered most important by seven women, while the average place this requirement in fourth place.

Good income is held to be of prime importance by five women, while seventeen hold it to be of secondary and ten of tertiary importance.

Constitutionally and good treatment is placed among the first four requisites by thirty-one women, three of whom make it the first requirement.

Just as the women require good moral habits as the prime essential so the men insist on good character and twenty demand it as the first requirement.

While the women are more insistent for intellectual ability, the men base their faith on physical beauty. Five men make it a first requirement, fifteen make it a second requirement, while no one places it below the fourth place.

All except five of the men express an opinion on congeniality, but they do not hold it as a high requirement and indicate their trust in character, youth and beauty to include that quality.

The men are generally interested in the training for home making, making this requirement average fourth in importance. The men are decidedly interested in good heredity, while the women make no mention of it.

SUMMER RESORT FOR MACON

Plans Have Been Completed for 240-Acre Lake Near City—Backed by Commercial Club.

Theodore Gary, president of the Home Telephone Company of Kansas City, who is a resident of Macon, has started a movement for the development of a big lake just west of Macon. Mr. Gary said there was a natural basin there which would hold 240 acres of water. An engineer has worked out all the details and a plan for obtaining the money has also been drawn. Mr. Gary said that such a lake could be made one of the most delightful summer resorts in the state and that a great many people would build summer homes on the shores, which would be improved by picturesque driveways and gardens. Such a large body of water, Mr. Gary said, would result in the installation of a great pumping station to supply the city, the railroads and adjoining towns with water. There would be picturesque islands, bays, and inlets about the lake, and it would be stocked with fish.

A map of the lake and park surrounding it was shown. A resolution was adopted at a meeting of the commercial club pledging Mr. Gary every possible encouragement for the enterprise.

Lived in County 83 Years.

Mrs. Evelyn Fletcher Shannon, resident of Marion county 83 years, is dead in Palmyra. She was the widow of John Shannon, formerly editor of the Hannibal Courier-Post. Mrs. Shannon was 88 years old.

Former Boone County Judge Dead.

Judge W. P. Roberts, 85 years old, died recently at his home at Hallsville. He was for sixteen years prosecuting judge of the Boone County Court.

Houston's Successor Named.

Arthur A. Hall, acting chancellor of Washington university, has been appointed chancellor of the institution to succeed David F. Houston, secretary of agriculture. Unverified reports that Houston had resigned from the chancellorship reached St. Louis several weeks ago.

Recommends Standard Pack.

Dr. E. L. Best of Republic was elected president of the Ozark Fruit Growers' Association at the annual meeting of the association at Monett recently. J. W. Stroud of Rogers, Ark., was re-elected secretary treasurer and P. A. Rodgers of Gravette, Ark., was elected sales manager. The association is the largest organization of fruit growers and shippers in the Missouri-Arkansas fruit belt. A standard pack for all fruit shipments was recommended by resolution.

Seeks to Lower Gas Rates.

Preliminary steps to reduce the cost of gas for domestic purposes were taken recently by the Hannibal Commercial Club. A committee was appointed to collect data from every city in Missouri having a gas plant and confer with the local company as to the cost of service.

Death of Hannibal Pioneer.

Samuel Seibel, 83 years old, one of the founders of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church, and a resident of Hannibal since 1861, died recently.

Wins in Oratorical Contest.

Eugene F. Kimbrell, former champion debater of the Fulton high school, won the Dobyns oratorical contest. He will receive \$50 and represent Westminster college in the state contest at Parkville, March 2.

To Close Joplin Saloons Longer.

An ordinance passed by the Joplin city council requires saloons to close at 11:30 o'clock at night and remain closed until 6 o'clock in the morning. Joplin saloons now open at 5 o'clock in the morning and close at 3 o'clock.

As a Foreigner Sees the White House

By Samuel Howe

The President's home, a part of the magnificent park system of the National Capital, is compared with some official residences of the old-world cities

(Editor's Note—The following matter is taken from an elaborately illustrated article, published recently in "Country Life," one of the leading weekly periodicals in England.)

In spite of its intimate history whereby the White House enters so essentially into the life of the people, it is its decorative setting that first appeals to the visitor. It is the manner in which Major L'Enfant's century-old dream has been realized that is so wonderful. The capital is famous the world over for its avenues and vistas, its canopied foot-paths, stately buildings, parks, and splendid monuments. The White House is essentially a part of the general lay-out of Washington. It is tied to it; it belongs to it. No sympathetic visitor would isolate it for one moment. It is a part of the Washington park scheme, as much as the palaces of France or Italy or any other old-world official residences are a portion of their setting, of their sunken or walled gardens, their fountains or terraces. Nature has done little for London and hardly more even for Paris, but much for Washington. It is interesting to see to what time use a remarkable site has been put and the way in which the best has been made of the opportunity. The charm inspires every visitor. He is forced to recognize how well it all goes together.

However often we may look at the quaint old woodcuts for the detail of the White House when it was a building isolated and alone, destitute of trees or shrubbery, the site outlined in a primitive fashion by a wooden paling, we are compelled to see that the idea was right. That is to be seen today, now that the White House is tied to Washington and to its wonderful park scheme, just as it is to the history of the people by a wonderful network of policies, the ebb and flow of ambitions, and by the change of officers, who, like grapes in a great bunch, arrive at intervals, dominate things for a time, and then pass on. Viscount Bryce in his own gracious fashion voices the idea of the fathers when he says, "Washington is the embodiment of the majesty of the whole nation, and the man from Maine and Minnesota and Florida must feel that Washington belongs to him."

Continuing, that distinguished ambassador compares this ideal city to Constantinople and Calcutta because of their park systems. He calls attention to the beauty of Rock Creek valley, recently set aside as a park, joining the woods that stretch along Potomac river. He says, "Washington seems consecrated to society, to the delight of human intercourse."

We hear a great deal today of American as commercial material. Is not this an occasion for congratulation? May Americans not well be proud of the success which gives happy homes to so many thousand families? In this it follows closely the history of the dim eastern empires of Athens, of Rome, and in our own time, of England. Still, the republic claims a universal salutation to the thought that idealism is still the characteristic of the American people as it was in the colonial days. To dispose of the subject in a colloquial manner, the great heart of the people is sound, though it has flirited at times with false gods.

We have but to look at Washington for a moment to realize in the countenance of the average citizen the delight in a great ideal. He is proud of the city. A visit to the District of Columbia will remove in an instant any element of doubt as to American veneration for the spirit of imagination and ambition.

Like every country house the executive mansion grew from the ground up and not from the drawing office down, and yet, in this particular instance, the drawing office played a very essential part in the general arrangement of things; for the scheme is so big that the drawing office and all for which it stands needed to be very much in evidence. The area is large, involving several miles, with problems that challenge and perplex.

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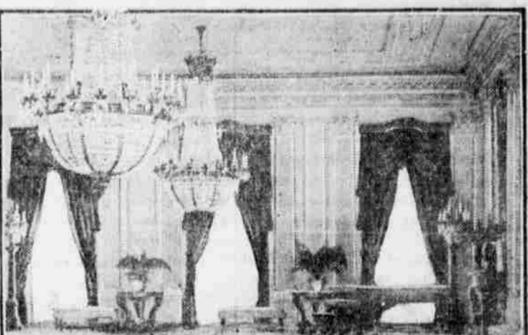
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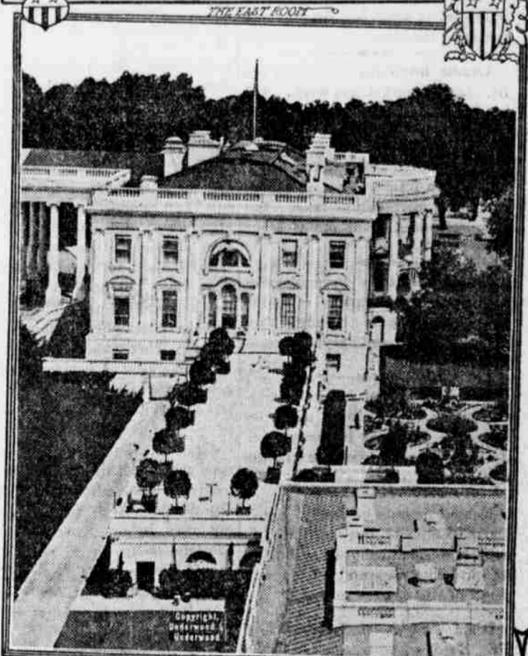
The annual rice production of Japan has reached the 250,000,000-bushel mark.

The longest river in Japan is the Tone, its main course being about 200 miles long.

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