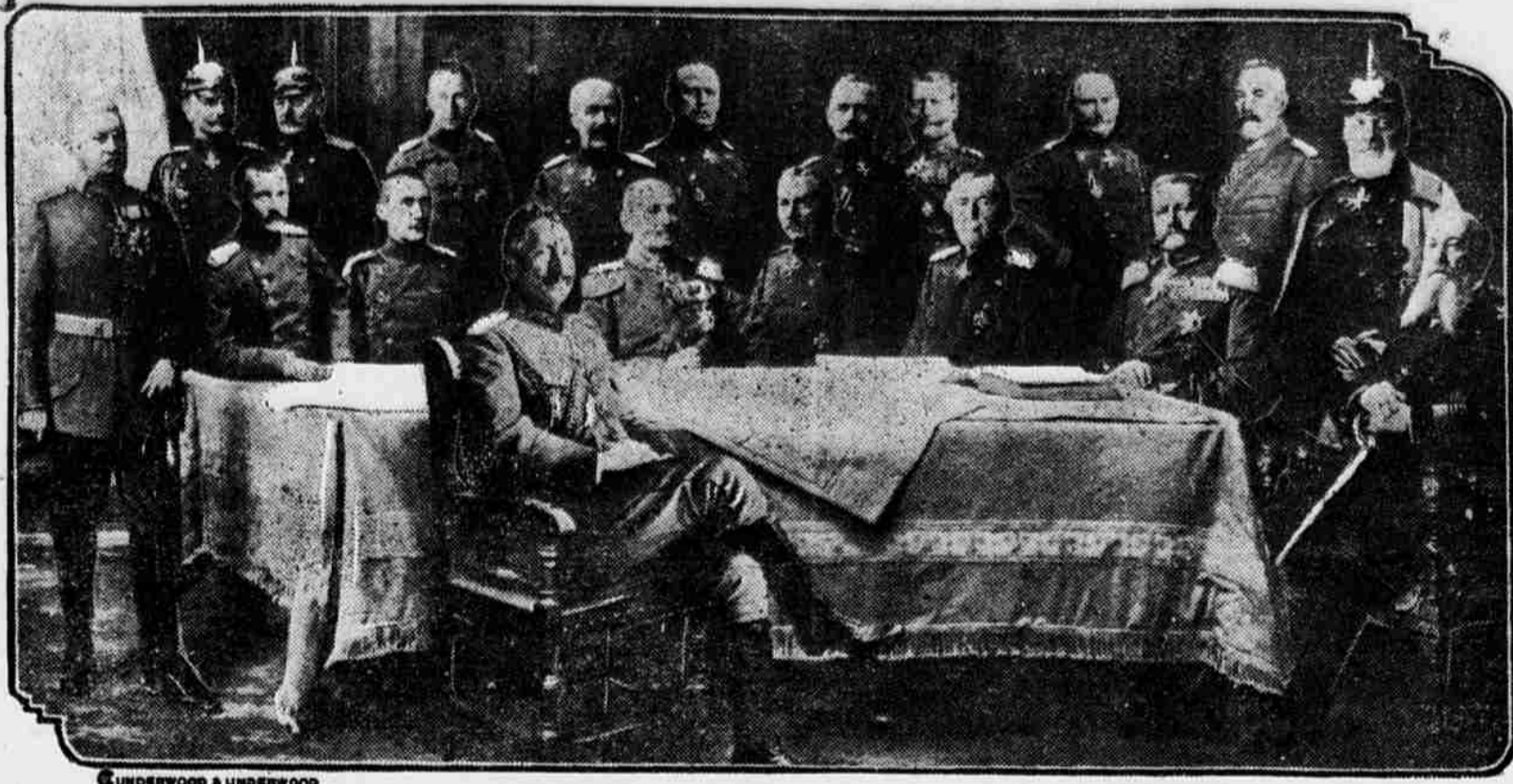


KAISER AND LEADING MILITARY MEN OF GERMAN EMPIRE HOLD BIG WAR COUNCIL



Left to right, standing: Bulow, Mackensen, Moltke, Crown Prince William, Francois, Ludendorff, Falkenhayn, Einem, Beseler, Bethmann-Hollweg, Heeringen. Seated behind table: Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, Herzog Albrecht, Kluck, Emmich, Haeseler, Hindenburg and Tirpitz. In foreground, Emperor William.

This remarkable photograph is the first to reach this country showing the Kaiser in one of his conferences with his military staff, his naval his war minister and the crown prince. On March 18 the Kaiser, accompanied by General von Falkenhayn, chief of the German general staff, and the German headquarters near Lille for a war conference. It was one of the most important conferences yet held during the war.

MAKE ARITHMETIC MORE PRACTICAL, SAYS EXPERT

Speaker at Ann Arbor Institute Would Help Pupils Solve Problems of Daily Life.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—Elementary curriculum making by Professor E. D. Coffman of the University of Illinois, and "The nature of arithmetical abilities," by Professor E. L. Thorndyke of the Teachers' College, Columbia University, were the two topics discussed at the session of the teachers' short-term institute, at the University of Michigan. Professor Thorndyke paid particular attention in his talk to the need for a more practical use of the problems in school work, where the figures might arouse the pupil's interest by the placing of daily problems before children for solution.

"Unless one aims to help the child solve the problems he will encounter in his daily life, the value of the problems in arithmetic is greatly lessened," said Professor Thorndyke.

A DETROIT MOTOR SPEEDWAY

The Auto City to Have a Marvelous Track—Stock is Now Being Offered to Investors.

On April 7th work started on what is destined to prove the most remarkable auto speedway in the United States. Other cities over the country have had their race course for autos, but it is only logical that Detroit, the real auto center of the world to have the most modern track for speeding that has ever been devised.

The plans for this gigantic enterprise have all been carefully figured out, and on Labor Day this fall, the great sweepstakes that will rivet the attention of all race lovers will be held for a purse of \$75,000.

On the reinforced track with its great banks at the turns a speed of 125 miles an hour can be attained. The races held in California, Florida and other states will all be distanced by the events staged for Detroit, leading makers will outfit themselves to place in the races cars to excel in every way those of the past. The convenient location of Detroit means that throngs will attend who cannot afford to take the long trips hitherto necessary for these most interesting events.

The mammoth grandstands will accommodate fully 110,000 people, and auto parking privileges will take care of 115,000 more, making the Detroit speedway the largest assembly in the world.

All of the spectators pay well for admission and seats, and the holders of stock in such an enterprise are assured of the largest, surest dividends possible. 50 per cent to 100 per cent has been made in other cities and Detroit should go beyond this figure, as it has a larger population surrounding it, and more automobile interests than any other city of the country.

The Detroit Motor Speedway is a Michigan Corporation of which the president is Hon. John B. Whelan, one of the best known citizens of Detroit, where he has had the honor of being the collector of customs for the past dozen years. This is the most important government position in Michigan. S. D. Maddux, of Indianapolis, is vice-president, Robt. Swart is secretary, and Alfred Harkenstien is treasurer.

Mr. Maddux is thoroughly familiar with every phase of the speedway business, and in a recent statement says that every fault of other speedways will be overcome by this latest marvel of the auto racing world. That the investor with a desire for assured profits of a large character can find the best opportunity ever offered is self-evident, in the Detroit Speedway.

The Detroit offices are located at 848 Majestic Building, where stock can be secured at \$10 per share, with every assurance of tremendous interests in the way of dividends. Visitors are cordially welcome at the offices at all times.

A written language, invented by a native of the west coast of Africa, assisted by five friends, is said to be successfully competing with English in that portion of the Dark Continent.

DISSAPPEARING TULE LAKE

The Water is Rapidly Falling and a Tremendous Whirlpool Has Formed.

The water of Tule Lake is rapidly falling, and a tremendous whirlpool has formed just off Scorpion Point, through which the water is passing with a deafening roar that can be heard a great distance. Below is apparently a great channel underground through which the waters find outlet beneath the Modoc lava beds and thence through the drainage of Fall River to Pitt, and finally on to the ocean through the Sacramento and San Francisco Bay.

It has long been held by geologists that Tule Lake has an underground outlet and that Fall River which bursts from a gushing spring in Modoc county, Cal., is the vent. Last spring the lake water reached a higher level than has ever been known since the country was settled, and bordering farms were inundated. For several days the water has been receding, and investigation revealed the new outlet. Should the lake entirely drain the body of the lake it will add 50,000 acres of irrigable land to the project and at a saving of hundreds of thousands of dollars to the people of the Klamath Basin, as the intended diversion of Lost River will be rendered unnecessary.

Johannesburg. The fact becomes plained every day that Johannesburg is over-built and that its trade is no more a legitimate index of the prosperity of the Witwatersrand goldfields than is the gambling in gold shares in Europe a legitimate index of the prosperity of South Africa. The handsome town suffers from over-competition. Such trade as there is thoroughly sound, and quite worthy of the world's greatest gold industry—Special Commissioner of South Africa.

MILITARY ATTACHE TO BERLIN RECALLED



Major George T. Langhorne. Mystery surrounds the recalling of Major George T. Langhorne, U. S. military attache, from Germany. Pro-German dispatches were sent to this country bearing the major's signature. While it is not believed that Langhorne sent them, no other reason can be discovered for the action of the government in asking him to come home.

HATFIELD WORRIED AS WEST VIRGINIA GOES "DEAD BROKE"



Gov. Henry H. Hatfield. West Virginia is "dead broke" at the present time and by the end of June the state will face a deficit of \$700,000, according to official estimate. The situation worries Governor Hatfield, who is held partly responsible for the situation by his political enemies, the Democrats.

CHURNS BUTTER WITH AUTO. Chauffeur Makes Great Discovery with Milk-Cooled Machine.

It has been discovered here that an automobile can be used effectively as a butter churn and that the butter can be churned while the machine is speeding along the road in the performance of other duty. The discoverer is Warren Schelling, chauffeur for Charles Spohr, a dairyman on the Jacksonville turnpike. It is thought that within six months every dairy farm in this section of New Jersey will be churning butter by the auto process, and that Schelling will be hailed throughout the countryside as a great benefactor of womankind. Like many other discoveries, this one was made by accident. Truly, in this instance, necessity was the mother of invention. Schelling, who was driving the Spohr auto-milk wagon, ran out of water on the way from the farm to Caldwell to ship milk and cream to market. The machine stopped. When Schelling investigated the water cooler he discovered it was empty. Besides, he was far from any water supply.

"I've read some place," he said to himself, "that normally milk consists of 96 per cent water, 5 per cent substances which produce muscle and 9 per cent fat. That is not as good as cucumbers, which are 97 per cent water, or even as good as turnips, which are 94.4 per cent water. However, as cucumbers are out of season, and the farmers have buried their turnips, I guess I'll have to fall back on milk, so here goes."

He lifted a can, poured in the yellowish-white fluid, closed the water cooler, put on power and soon was on his way to Caldwell again. That town almost was in sight when the machine balked again. Schelling opened the water cooler and discovered he had filled the water cooler with pure cream, which is 100 per cent fat. Abandoning his butter-clogged machine, he walked to Caldwell for help. Horses dragged the four-wheeled churn to a garage, and all the way there Schelling was trying to think out an auto attachment for printing and wrapping butter after the churning process is finished.—Verona (N. J.) Cor. New York Press.

An Average Portrait Artist (angrily)—"Why did you sky my 'Portrait of a Gentleman'?" Can't see it without a stepladder." Hanging Committeeman—"Very sorry; but, you see, he looks like the sort of a person who would feel more comfortable up there than down on a level with ordinary people."

DIPLOMATIST'S ANGORA RABBIT

London.—"What is home without an Angora rabbit!" This is the motto which will henceforth adorn the home of Mr. Franklin Mott Gunther and Mr. J. H. Stabler, of the American embassy here, as a symbol of their first experience in joint housekeeping in London. Both Mr. Gunther and Mr. Stabler recently decided that club life could not compare with the comforts of a "happy home," so together they took a house at 51 Lower Belgrave street, in one of the exclusive residential sections. With the house went the furniture, and with the furniture went an unexcelled matronly cook and an Angora rabbit. The rabbit was a great pet, and the American diplomatists agreed to show it every consideration and incidentally return it to the owner when the lease expired.

All went well until Mr. Gunther conceived the idea of helping out the decorations of the dining room with some unfaded rare Japanese prints which he treasured. One of the prints was of a lettuce on a green background. He returned home the other evening to find the print gone and the rabbit dead. The cook was heartbroken and the house owner was notified. A cloud hung over the "happy home" which it seemed nothing would dissipate.

Matters continued this way for several days until last evening, when in the midst of a little private supper a loud outcry was heard from the kitchen, followed by a crash of dishes when the cook fell prostrate to the floor. Near by, doing a jaunty "bunny walk" was an Angora rabbit, apparently looking for more paintings on the wall. Mr. Gunther said today that the cook had recovered, but fully believes in the resurrection of the dead. Mr. Gunther and Mr. Stabler believe that Angora rabbits, like cats, have nine lives, but there is a report at the embassy that one of the attaches, after the sad fate of the first rabbit, had succeeded in getting one more like it than the original itself and that it was surreptitiously smuggled into the house last night. Anyway, the rabbit is well and happy today and Mr. Gunther has taken his Japanese prints from the dining room.

The Fourth of July To the sages who spoke, to the heroes who bled, To the day and the deed, strike the harp strings of glory! Let the tongue of the ransomed remember the dead, And the tongue of the eloquent hallow the story!

O'er the bones of the bold Be the story told, And on fame's olden tablets their triumphs enrolled, Who on freedom's green hills freedom's banner unfurled, And on fame's green hills freedom's banner unfurled, And the beacon fire raised that gave light to the world!

They are gone—mighty men!—and they sleep in their frame; Shall we ever forget them? Oh never! no never! Let our sons learn from us to embalm each great name, And the anthem send down—"Independence forever!" Wake, wake, heart and tongue! Keep the theme ever young; Let their deeds through the long line of ages be sung, Who on freedom's green hills freedom's banner unfurled, And the beacon fire raised that gave light to the world!

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