COMPLETE AND NOISY MEAL

Traveler Surely Well Fitted With Abundance of Nourishment and "Music."

The longest and noisiest dinner that Mr. James Sibree, Jr., the author of "A Naturalist in Madagascar," ever attended was given by the governor of a town called Ankarana. About a score of officers were at the table and seven ladies. After a long grace by the pastor, dinner was brought in, and consisted of the following courses:

First, curry; second, goose; third, pigeons and waterfowl; fourth, chicken cutlets and poached eggs; fifth, beef sausages; sixth, boiled tongue; seventh, sardines; eighth, pig's trotters; ninth, fried bananas; tenth, pancakes; eleventh, manioc; twelfth, dried bananas.

And lastly, says Mr. Sibree, when I thought everything must have been served, came haunches of roast beef. Claret went about very freely, and at length some much stronger liquor; and the healths of the queen, "Our friends, the two foreigners," then those of the prime minister, chief secretary and chief judge, were all drunk twice over, the governor's coming last; and each was followed by musical and drum honors.

There was a big drum just outside on the veranda, as well as two small ones, besides clarinets and fiddles, and these were in full play almost all the time. Then the room was filled by a crowd of servants and aides de camp, and the shouting of everyone, from the governor down, was deafening. The old gentleman directed everything and everyone. I was glad when I could take my leave, after two hours' sitting, but I was not to leave quietly. The governor took me by the hand and escorted me home, while the big drum was hammered at ahead of us all the way.—Youth's Companion.

What Was in the Barrel?

McTavish was accused of having illicit whisky in his possession. A reluctant witness admitted that he knew of a suspicious barrel going to the accused.

"Now," said the prosecuting counsel, warningly, "remember, you are on oath. What was in the barrel?"

"Weel," replied the witness, "there was 'McTavish' marked on a'e end of the barrel, and 'whisky' on the other, but being on oath, your honor, I couldna say whether it was whisky or McTavish that was in the barrel."

The Paternal Opinion.

"My son," said old Mr. Pebblescope, "I see a disposition on your part to lead a fast life. If you persist in this course I will have to take drastic measures to reform you."

"What will you do, pop?"

"I'll cut off your allowance and you'll have to earn every cent you spend. In that case I figure that a joy ride on a trolley car will be about your limit."

Going Up.

"What is the reason ice is so high this summer?" inquired the lady of the house.

"It's like this," said the iceman. "The early part of the summer was so cool that there wasn't much demand for ice, so we had to raise the price so we could make a living."

CONDENSATION OF FRESH NEWS

THE LATEST IMPORTANT DISPATCHES PUT INTO SHORT, CRISP PARAGRAPHS.

STORY OF THE WEEK

SHOWING THE PROGRESS OF EVENTS IN OUR OWN AND FOREIGN LANDS.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

ABOUT THE WAR

General Funston sent a battalion of the Ninth Infantry to Brownsville, Tex.

The English east coast was again raided by German aircraft. Six persons were killed and twenty-three injured.

President Wilson on return to Washington approved and signed peace appeal to Mexican factions drafted by Pan-American diplomats.

General Villa notifies United States government he will agree to a truce with his opponents during time required for holding peace conference.

Allies begin a new drive against Constantinople, in hope of relieving Russia, and Gen. Hamilton reports capture of important Turkish positions.

Disaster has befallen three warships in the naval activities of the war. They are the British auxiliary cruiser Ramsey, the German auxiliary cruiser Meteor and the Austrian submarine U-12.

Sending of battleships to Vera Cruz officially described as precautionary measures to afford assistance to foreigners. Secretary Daniels says he does not contemplate sending more than two ships south at the present time.

Governor Ferguson of Texas appealed to President Wilson for more troops in Rio Grande valley, declaring situation perilous and grave, and is doubtful if state forces can control it. "Reign of terror exists on border," he says.

Desperate German attacks on the roads between Chelm and Vladova have been repulsed by the Russians with extremely heavy losses to the Germans, according to an official statement issued at the headquarters of the Russian general staff.

The Russian war office in an official communication admits the evacuation of the towns of Sokolow, Siedlce and Lukow, to the east of Warsaw, but claims that the Germans in the region of Riga under Gen. Von Buelow have been driven back and that near Kovno, under the pressure of the Russians, they have abandoned their attack.

The British warship Ramsey was sunk in the North Sea by the German steamer Meteor, it was officially announced in London. The sinking of ten more craft was announced. They were the British steamer Oakwood, the Norwegian bark Morna, the French bark Francois and seven trawlers—the Young Admiral, the George Crabbe, Illustrious, Calm, Trevire, Welcome and Utopia. The crews were saved.

WESTERN

Sept. 2 will be "Taft Day" at the Panama-Pacific exposition.

Twelve hundred teamsters went out on strike in St. Louis Friday.

A movement to keep the California expositions open next year was initiated by the Salt Lake, Utah, Commercial Club.

Fire that destroyed business property valued at about $500,000 in San Salvador, capital of Salvador, was reported at San Francisco.

In a fight near Mercedes, Hidalgo county, Tex., three Mexican bandits are reported as having been killed in a fight with rangers. The Texas border guards captured twenty-two horses of the peons. It was also reported that troops had chased the band of bandits across the Rio Grande.

According to word received from New York, Marjorie Hamilton, the principal witness in the prosecution of the government in Denver against her second husband, Walter C. Cunningham, who made a fortune in a "fat-reduction" cure, is now Mrs. Lynman of New York and the mother of a baby girl.

WASHINGTON

Senator Warren of Wyoming has been notified that the reclamation service will open bids in Denver Sept. 8 for the first ten miles of the Fort Laramie reclamation project to irrigate 120,000 acres in Goshen park, Wyoming and Nebraska, at an ultimate cost of $1,500,000.

FOREIGN

Gen. Baron G. von Scheffer-Boyadel has been appointed governor of Warsaw.

The bodies of three Mexicans were found near Santa Maria, about twenty miles northwest of Brownsville, Tex.

Maria Cecelia Natalie Janotha, court pianiste to Emperor William, was arrested in London and deported from Tilbury.

The Portuguese cruiser Republica foundered on the rocks of Ericeira, twenty-two miles northwest of Lisbon, and is a total loss.

Pavlof volcano, situated on the Alaska peninsula, was in full eruption the night of July 23, last, with flames shooting from the crater.

The 4,638-ton Swedish steamer Kiruna, from Philadelphia to Stockholm, has gone ashore on the Skerries islands, sixty miles west of Liverpool.

A special irade issued by the Sultan at Constantinople makes public drunkenness a crime punishable by military court-martial. The order will bt effective for the remainder of the war.

London is stirred for the moment by a report, apparently well authenticated, that the engagement of the young Prince of Wales to Princess Margaret of Denmark is to be announced at the close of the war.

The British foreign office in London notified the American embassy in London that Americans resident in the United Kingdom as well as all aliens will be subject to registration under the British national registration act.

Announcement was made of the sinking by submarines of the British steamers Osprey, Jacona and Summerfield and the Norwegian steamer Aura. The chief engineer, mate and the mate's wife of the Summerfield were drowned.

Both Vesuvius and Mount Etna, Italian volcanoes which suddenly became active, continue to spout forth great columns of steam and smoke, according to dispatches received at Rome. Villages at their bases are now almost deserted.

SPORTING NEWS

Standing of Western League Clubs.

CLUBS	W.	L.	Pct.
Des Moines	73	41	.641
Denver	65	44	.596
Topeka	58	56	.508
Lincoln	54	58	.565
Sioux City	52	55	.486
Omaha	52	60	.464
Wichita	46	63	.422
St. Joseph	39	68	.364

Morgan Williams of Victor, Colo., has been matched to fight Jim Flynn at Victor Labor Day, the bout to be of fifteen rounds.

What was said to be a new world's baseball throwing record for a girl was made at Tacoma, Wash., by Miss Ruth McCabe when she threw a ball 209 feet 5 inches.

Ten-cent bastball will be inaugurated at the Federal League park at Baltimore. Admission to the pavilion hereafter will be 25 cents and to the grandstand 50 cents.

Warren N. Carter, city trustee of South Pasadena, Cal., confirmed a report that he was interested in a deal to acquire ownership of the Cincinnati National League Baseball Club.

The Wichita Western League team, headed by "Ham" Patterson, the Pueblo boy, will play a picked team from the Semi-Pro League at Pueblo, Colo., Aug. 30. The game will be staged on the Minnequa park diamond.

E. J. Holland of Springfield, Mo., won the state championship shoot here in St. Louis under the auspices of the Missouri Athletic Association. He broke 100 straight targets in the afternoon event and a similar number in the morning. Holland is an amateur.

In his first appearance as a professional, Jim McMahon of Leadville, winner of the amateur heavyweight championship at D. A. C. tournament in Denver last January, was knocked out in the fourth round of a scheduled twenty-round bout at Leadville, Colo., by Young Hector of Denver.

GENERAL

Cancellation by representatives of the allies of contracts aggregating nearly 2,000,000 bushels of wheat bought for September shipment to Europe was disappointing to the grain trade in Chicago.

Private advices from London intimate that the recent shipment of $20,000,000 in gold to this country via Halifax is soon to be supplemented by heavy imports direct from South Africa and Australia.

Designation of the Sunday preceding Labor Day each year as Thrift Day was asked of President Wilson and governors of states in resolutions passed at the second day's session of the first International Congress for Thrift at the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco.

Resolutions urging the warring factions of Europe to conclude an honorable and lasting peace and praising the course of President Wilson in handling foreign complications were adopted at Los Angeles at the sixty-first annual convention of the International Typographical Union.

CLEARLY NO MILK FOR HIM

Traveler's Hopes of Nourishment Disappeared as Woman's Explanations Came to an End.

A traveler from the North, walking through the mountains of North Carolina, came on a cabin that gave unusual evidence of rural industry, says Harper's Magazine. Although it was only ten o'clock in the morning, the traveler decided to stop and ask for refreshment, since he might not come on anything so promising for many miles.

A tall, apparently ill-fed woman came to the door. She looked at the traveler in amazement, and seemed to be resentful when he made known his wants.

"We've et," she said in a reproachful tone. "Tom's gone to town to fetch cornmeal."

The traveler suggested a glass of milk.

Again the woman shook her head, while her sallow visage lengthened. "Tom went and forgot to milk the cow. He won't be back till evenin'."

That seemed to be the traveler's opportunity, both to show his good nature and to obtain a glass of milk.

"I'd be glad to milk her for you," he offered. "I was brought up on a farm."

Again the woman shook her head. "Ye cain't, stranger." And this time her resentment was tinged with futile regret. "Tom rid the cow to town."

A Dull Life.

"I don't know how we'll get along without you, Nora."

"Thank you, ma'am."

"You've been with us a long time."

"Yes, ma'am. Nearly seven months."

"And you still refuse to tell us why you are leaving?"

"Well, ma'am, if you insist on knowing it's because I can't stand the company here."

"The idea! Our house is frequented by the best people."

"It's not that, ma'am. I was speaking of my own company. Where I used to work most of my friends were chauffeurs, ma'am. The only man who has asked me to ride with him since I've been here was a vegetable peddler."

Submerged but Deadly.

Knicker — Isn't Jones a summer pest?

Bocker—He is the submarine under the hot wave.

Many people are either rich or happy, but few are both.

Fallacious Fabrications.

An old horse that lay sleeping in his stall was rudely awakened by the hired man, who jabbed him with a pitchfork.

"Oh, ho, ho!" said the horse, arising stiffly. "Another day's work ahead, I suppose."

"For once," said the hired hand, who was a college graduate in disguise, "your supposition is incorrect. You will be permitted to remain in your stall and rest. Your master is dead, and his funeral will be held today."

"But I am going to the funeral," said the old horse.

"Why, for the love of Mike," gruffly asked the hired man, "should you go when you may as well stay here and rest?"

"For 20 years," replied the aged horse, "I have been wanting to attend my master's funeral, and now that the opportunity is present, I will not be denied."

Occasionally it happens that all those in the funeral train are not there for the purpose of shedding the scalding tear.—Judge.

Denmark has about 85 head of cattle to every 100 inhabitants.