

AMERICAN NURSES ON WAY TO WAR HAVE EXCITING EXPERIENCES ON BURNING SHIP



American nurses aboard La Touraine, photographed just before leaving New York.

These American nurses on their way to the war zone in France got a very good taste of danger while yet on the Atlantic. The La Touraine, the French liner on which they sailed, was taken afire at sea, and for a time it was feared the ship would be lost. She was saved by the wireless, however, and towed into port with all her passengers unhurt. Mrs. William J. Fitzgerald of New York donated \$100,000 to equip these nurses and five doctors for field service.

MICHIGAN NEWS

IMMIGRANTS TAUGHT HOW TO PROGRESS IN NORTH MICHIGAN

Houghton, Mich.—The Otter lake district, 16 miles south of Houghton, has been likened to a little Finland by its population of Finnish farmers for its reputation as living under conditions quite similar to those in Finland itself. The country lies somewhat back from the copper mines, and has been as yet not well developed, but, properly directed, these Finnish farmers are regarded as the people to make the wilderness blossom. They are a sturdy folk, and by old associations a stock raising folk, but they have needed educational facilities, and this township, in education, is seeking to furnish what the school district is lacking. In a timbered area of 40 acres belonging to the school district, the township has erected a school post-office building, the equipment usually looked for in a city school only—electricity, light, gas, water under pressure, and steam heat, and what many rural schools in the United States are still without, facilities indoors and out for the school boys' milk of the farm-stand. The school is made at the very best of the school building, and the separator and other parts of high equipment are also a flock of high quality and some pigs.

The boys use their practical training in carpenter work to erect buildings for these animals. An oil engine runs the machinery. In the meetings are held regularly in the township and by experts brought from the language used being Finnish as well as English. The older people have been so isolated for in one of the most populous counties of Michigan, that many of them cannot yet speak the English language.

Under the head of the school a farmers club has been organized, among those young men who are too young to attend the school, and social and athletic activities are being provided at the school for the boys and girls, in order that they may enjoy some of the pleasures of wholesome conditions. Nothing less than the regeneration of a backward community, getting an immigrant back on an up-to-date farmer, is the aim of Capt. J. A. Doelle and his board of education. Eighteen thousand dollars have already been expended on this school, and \$42,000 in addition on a road connecting the region with its nearest market town at Houghton. It is believed that the Otter lake agricultural school is one of the very best of the kind in Michigan. The school conducted wholly for pupils of primary grade.

THE NEWSPAPER MEN IN HOUSE AND SENATE HAVE FORMED AN ORGANIZATION

Followed the Lead of the Farmers, and Will Have a "Brain Trust," as They Say

Lansing, Mich.—Newspaper owners, publishers and writers among the membership of the house and senate have followed the lead of the farmers and organized a club which they proudly style the Brain Trust of the legislature.

TON OF COAL SHOVELED IN BED BY DRIVER'S ERROR

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Because all windows in the Miami apartment looked alike to a teamster employed by the A. Himes Coal Company, there is much cleaning being done at the apartment flat in the basement of the building.

The teamster placed the delivery chute against a window which he thought led to the cellar near the furnace and shoveled in a ton of "shot" coal.

SEEK WAY TO USE WASTE POTATOES

Farmers' Clubs Will Ask for Help From Legislature

Over 1,000 Carloads of 1914 Crop Likely to Go to Waste.

Lansing, Mich.—The surplus of potatoes in Michigan from the 1914 crop is said to be so large that James C. A. Biddle, president of the State Association of Farmers' Clubs, estimates upwards of 1,000 carloads will go to waste unless some way is devised to find a market for the surplus.

Facts About the Jews.

The number of Jews in the entire world is approximately 12,000,000—scattered among all the nations of the earth. Of this number, about 2,000,000 are in America—half of these in New York; 150,000 in Chicago; 100,000 in Philadelphia; 50,000 in Boston; 50,000 in St. Louis, and the rest distributed chiefly in other large cities. In an area of a single square mile in New York is a population of more than 400,000 Jewish men, women and children.

The Jews almost control the wealth of the world. In Germany, nearly one-half of the rich people are Jews. Six-sevenths of all the bankers of Prussia are Jews, while only one in 536 is a day laborer.

A Cement Grindstone.

A grindstone made from one-half best Portland cement and one-half silica sand may be used in grinding cast iron to take the place of the wheel. The materials must be thoroughly mixed and evenly tamped. The advantage of this stone is that when properly made there will be no hard spots, and it will grind glass without scratching. The cost is about ten per cent. of that of the common grinding stone. The Newark Manufacturing Company, of Menasha, Wis., to whom we are indebted for this information, has been using cement grindstones successfully for a year.

OFFICIALS DERIDE GATHMANN'S ATTACKS

A man never keeps it if his name is misspelled in the police records of a newspaper.



Louis Gathmann (top) and General Crozier.

The charges of Louis Gathmann, inventor of the high explosive shell and fuse which bears his name, that Gen. Crozier, army chief of ordnance, Rear Admiral Joseph Strauss, chief of the bureau of ordnance of the navy, and other high officials of the army and navy are in a conspiracy with the armistice to defraud the government has caused a sensation in Washington. The accused men laugh at the charges, which they brand as false.

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GRANDDAUGHTER OF ALABAMA SENATOR



Miss Marian Bankhead.

Miss Marian Bankhead, queen of the cotton ball, with which Washington recently closed its social season, is the granddaughter of U. S. Senator Robert Bankhead of Alabama and is known as one of the most beautiful girls in the national capital. She is a student at the exclusive Fairmont Seminary in Washington.

KING EDWARD'S RACEHORSES.

Only Two Have Been Winners in Great English Turf Events.

Probably no owner ever had such a persistent run of bad luck as his Majesty, King Edward, during the early years of his racing career. At his first, thirtieth appearance on a race horse, Champion, had the misfortune to fall early in the race, and although he made a game effort to recover lost ground he could only finish second.

Six years later—at his second appearance—at the Newmarket July meeting, his horse Alep was badly beaten by Lord Strathairn's Avonal, and it was not until 1890 that Leonel Hopkinson scored his first victory in the Aldershot cup.

Six years more elapsed, making fifteen years in all from his racing debut, before the royal cotons were cast with a victory for the first time in flat racing, when, amid a scene of great enthusiasm, Countess, ridden by Archer, won a maiden plate at Sandown.

What's in a Title?

Judge Gray, of Delaware, was talking recently about the fondness of American girls for English titles.

"Titles are just as meaningless in the United States as they are in this country," the title of judge, for instance, I was traveling in the country a short time ago, and at the table of the hotel where I was stopping, there was a man whom ever; one present addressed as "Judge."

Miss Marian Bankhead.

assistants were well-nigh exhausted by the prolonged struggle. "This is likely to give to most readers an entirely novel idea of the labor of the laboratory. When the absolute zero is approached the obstacles that have to be overcome in order to lower the temperature are of a degree of immensity. The boiling-point of liquid helium is four and one-half degrees Centigrade above absolute zero. By great effort the temperature was reduced to three centigrades, but without affecting the mobility of the liquid.

Few Large Greenbacks.

Somewhere in the United States presumably, is held the single \$10,000 note which has not been outstanding and which for a considerable period the Treasury Department has been awaiting an opportunity to retire. The amount of United States notes originally issued in the \$10,000 denomination was \$10,000,000, and the same amount was issued in 25,000 notes. Of the former there remains but one that has not been surrendered for retirement, and only two notes of the latter denomination are still in the hands of the public. It would be interesting to know where these three greenbacks are held, if indeed the fact that they have not yet come into the hands of the Government is not due to their having been lost or destroyed in pursuance of the policy adopted. In pursuance of the policy adopted of greenbacks have been converted into notes of the denomination of \$10.

Of the total of about \$246,000,000 of United States notes now outstanding, \$27,000,000 are of the denomination of \$10 and about \$20,000,000 are of the denomination of \$20 and about \$23,000,000 are still outstanding in the form of \$1,000 notes. Where, as in the troublous times that preceded the overthrow of the silver agitation in 1896 it was an easy matter to gather together any quantity of greenbacks for the purpose of withdrawing gold from the Treasury, the same process now would be attended by much greater difficulty.

What British Ties Call Their Ships.

Some navy nicknames: Majestic, Jew's Stock, Magnificent, Maggie, Prince George, P. G.; Sans Pareil, Sampson; Amphitrite, Ham an' Tripe; Hermione, My Own; Prince of Wales, Heding Dean; Narcissus, Little Class; Jupiter, Juno; Queen, Alice; The Walkover; Bacchante, Back Shant; Sult, Sultie J.; Niobe, Nobbler; Hogue, Hog; Warspite, Warbash; Royal Oak, Acorn; Godolphin, The Royal; Fenimore, Fenimore's Light; Pomone, Pom One; Nile, The Jew; Victorious, V. C.; Bellephron, Billy Ruffian; Fonduray, Food and Drink.—St. James Gazette.

Whips from a Tree.

In the island of Jamaica there grows a tree with the botanic name of the Daphne lagetta, from the trunk of which native workmen branches of which native workmen whips. These whips have the handle and lash all in one piece. The handle consists of a part of the stem retaining the bark. For the last the stem is deprived of bark and then split into strips, which are woven together in a flexible cord six or seven feet long. The proper texture is afforded by the detaching more and more of the strip as the end of the lash is approached.

ACKNOWLEDGE IT

You Must Bow to the Inevitable—Scores of Endorsements

After reading the public statement of this fellow-sufferer given below, you must come to this conclusion: A heavy ache in my back, the kidney remedy which proved so beneficial years ago with the kidneys can naturally be expected to perform the same work in similar cases. Read this: Mrs. J. Provonsha, Main St., Oak Harbor, Ohio, says: "I have tried Doan's Kidney Pills on two occasions and in each instance, have had such great benefit that I feel justified in recommending them. My kidney complaint bothered me for years. I suffered almost constantly from a dull, aching pain in my back. My secretions were unnatural and showed signs of kidney trouble. My family had been helped by Doan's Kidney Pills and I began taking them. They did me good, and I am now comfortable. I take pleasure in again recommending Doan's Kidney Pills, and I am confident that they will be of great benefit to all who are afflicted with a kidney remedy—see Doan's Kidney Pills. Sold by J. C. Provonsha, Main St., Oak Harbor, Ohio, Proprietor, Buffalo, N. Y.—Advt.

It Does Not Fal. Quarrel not at all. No man who resolves to quarrel the most of himself can spare time for personal contention. Still less can he afford to take all the consequences, including the vitiation of his temper and the loss of self-control. Yield larger things to others, and you can have no more than equal right, and yield lesser ones though clearly your own. Better give your path to a dog, than be bitten by him in contesting for the right. Even killing the dog would not cure the bite.

To Bar Christmas Solicitors. Boston.—The Salvation Army ladies and Volunteers of America "Santa Clausess" cannot hereafter solicit funds on the street for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for the poor, according to a Police Commissioner's order. His report says the custom has grown to such an extent that annually more than fifty different organizations seek the privilege of soliciting aid.

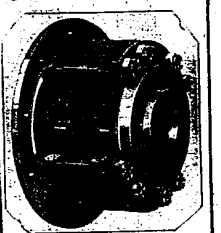
His Favorite Game-Bird.

At a dinner one day, says a writer in the Philadelphia Public Ledger, some men were discussing the merits of different kinds of game-birds. One preferred canvasback duck, another, woodcock, and still another thought a quail the most delicious article of food. The discussion and the dinner ended at about the same time. "Now, Frank," said one of the men to the waiter at his elbow, "what kind of game do you like best?" "Well, sah, to tell the truf, almost any kind of game suits me, but what I like best is an American eagle served on a silver platter."

A Bird Census.

Under the direction of Prof. S. A. Forbes of the University of Illinois a summer bird census of that state has been taken. The method was to enumerate the birds seen on a strip 150 feet broad and 428 miles long, running across the state from north to south. This strip covers an area of 12 square miles. The count showed 7,740 birds of 80 species. On this basis the total summer bird population of Illinois was calculated at 30,720,000, of which 5,500,000 are English sparrows. The meadow-lark is the next most numerous. The English sparrows from north to south in number were found to decrease in number from north to south. On the contrary, the native birds increased.

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