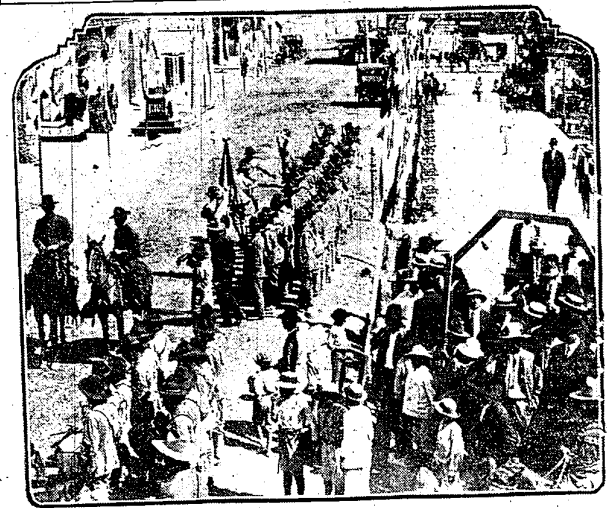


CARRANZA TROOPS RETURN TO MATAMOROS WITH CAPTURED FLAGS



Carranza soldiers in front of City Building on Plaza de Armas, Matamoros, Mexico. This picture, taken last week in Matamoros, just across the international boundary line from Brownsville, Texas shows a group of Carranza soldiers who have just returned to the city after a successful sortie in which they captured four Villa flags. It is believed that the Villa forces, who have suffered heavy losses, have practically abandoned their attempt to capture the Carranza stronghold.

DECORATED BY KING FOR FIRST AID WORK



Miss Muriel Thompson. King Albert of Belgium has personally decorated Miss Muriel Thompson of the first aid nursing yeomanry corps, for bravely rescuing wounded men from the trenches while under heavy shell fire. Miss Thompson received the Order of Leopold II.

FIND ANCIENT COIN IN KANSAS

Bears Bust of Osirus, Pharaoh of Egypt, 250 B. C.
An Egyptian coin in use about 250 years before the birth of Christ is in the possession of Rev. G. L. Rarick, of Scottsville, Kan. It is a brass coin about as large as an American half dollar. The obverse side of the coin bears the bust of Osirus, Pharaoh of Egypt, who reigned 250 B. C., and was one of Egypt's most beloved rulers.

The reverse side bears a figure of the Sphinx, with the sun rising behind a row of pyramids in the background. Both sides bear various characters and symbols.

It was found about five years ago by Clarence Warner while digging near Lucas, Kan., and presented by him to Mr. Rarick. The coin is in good condition and was pronounced a genuine Egyptian coin of ancient date by Dr. Don Nichols of Philadelphia, an authority on Egyptian statues.

BIG ANCIENT STATUE IS FOUND

Alexander the Great in Sculpture Unearthed in African Town.

Libya, in Africa, again has given an ancient piece of sculpture to the world. At Cyrene, once the principal city of ancient Cyrenaica, a colossal statue of Alexander the Great, lacking only a part of the right forearm, has been excavated. It is a magnificent marble copy of the celebrated bronze of Alexander by Lysippos, which is known only by the copies of it on coins, the original having been destroyed.

The statue probably was made fifty or sixty years after the original, in the third or fourth century before Christ. It is larger than life and represents Alexander, entirely nude, standing, looking upward, with his right arm outstretched and his left holding a spear, on which he is leaning.

PAPER MONEY INSTEAD OF GOLD

Change Shocks Old Timers of California, But Otherwise Will Work no Trouble.

One of the interesting results of the establishment of the new Federal reserve banks is the gradual disappearance from ordinary circulation in the far west of gold coin. The Pacific Coast has been the only part of the United States in which gold coin in the pockets and hands of the people has been the regular medium of exchange. In other sections the gold has been in the banks and treasury and has been represented in the pockets of the people by various forms of paper money.

The custom of using gold in California was inherited from the early gold mining days, when private mintage and even gold in an unalloyed form was in common use. Aside from its practical advantages, western people have taken pride in maintaining a custom that distinguished their section from the rest of the country. Even during the Civil War and the years immediately following it, when the rest of the nation was on a depreciated paper standard, California remained on a gold standard and boasted of being the only place in the United States where either gold or silver was in general circulation.

And the commercial obligations in California have always been payable in gold coin, the fact having been specified on legal papers of all kinds calling for the payment of money. The constant use of gold for large transactions and the absence of pennies have been characteristic of California. Since the start of the European war and the establishment of the Federal reserve banks, there has been a tendency on the part of the financial institutions to encourage the use of paper money and there is more of this in circulation in the west than ever before. The new system being introduced merely enforces on the Pacific Coast the customs of the rest of the country and will do no harm, except to shock the sentiments of the old Californians who will look back with regret to the days when "hard money" was the sole medium of exchange in the golden West.

"ELECTRIC" TOWEL IS LATEST

Device Tried Out at Washington Doss Work in 30 Seconds.

The new magical building at Washington, D. C. is equipped with "electro-towels" devised by its superintendent, J. M. Ward. The electro-towel is simply an electric hand-dryer. It looks like a rectangular box with the front face knocked out and set on a pedestal which brings it about waist high. The box is large enough to accommodate an ordinary pair of hands. There is an electric heating device in the stand and a blower which forces the air through ducts into the box on top, where the hands are held while drying. A lever operated by the foot turns the current of hot air into it and sets the blower at work.

Superintendent Ward contends that the lever is operated by the foot and the hands are merely extended into the box through the open front where they come into contact with no part of the device, and so the operation is perfectly sanitary. It takes thirty seconds to dry hands in this way.

A combination of mirror, comb and identification card to be carried in a person's hat has been patented.

REMARKABLE SHIP MODELS.

Those of the Transport Sherman Present Every Detail.

Under the direction of Quartermaster-General Humphrey of the army, models prepared of the United States transport, Sherman, attract much attention at the War Department. The models are about 29 feet long, and show not only the exterior of the ship, but also the interior. One model represents the transport cut in halves and shows the relative positions of the quarters for soldiers, passengers, coal bunkers, freight compartments, and machinery rooms.

With great detail the interior has been worked out in such manner that nothing is left to the imagination. Even the beds for the men are reproduced on a small scale, and the freight is represented by miniature barrels and boxes. Actual coal is used in the bunkers, and the machinery and guns are reproduced with such fidelity that they can be moved and adjusted in such manner that their position may seem more realistic. Navy Department models of battleships have been outdistained by the transport models, as the navy has never attempted to reproduce a transverse section.

ORPHAN BOY WINS A HOME

Wealthy Man, Attracted by the Music, Adopts 10-Year-Old Italian Lad.

Albany, N. Y.—Tony Paciano, a 10-year-old Italian orphan, bound for a labor camp along the large canal, was playing a violin on the deck of a Hudson River steamer when his music was heard by Charles L. Andrews, a wealthy manufacturer of Omaha, Neb., impressed by the lad's playing, Andrews hunted up the boy's uncle and got permission for the youngster to accompany him. Andrews will take Tony Omaha, where he will be educated. He said he would be turned over to a famous violinist in the west.

PARKER PRAISES AMERICA FOR HER "ALMIGHTY HEART"



Sir Gilbert Parker.

"The almighty heart is still stronger in the United States than the almighty dollar," recently declared Sir Gilbert Parker, the Canadian novelist, in a speech in London. The American government has pursued the only course possible to a nation desirous of preserving its territory high reputation in the field of diplomacy. It has been a true sympathy with the high mildness and sensible idealism of the American people in regard to the great events of the world's history.

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INSANITY IN LIFE CONVICTS.

Tendency to Mental Collapse Greater Than in Other Prisoners.

A tendency to insanity among life prisoners is pointed out by the directors of the State Prison in their annual report. The report says: "Of the 173 prisoners undergoing confinement more than twelve per cent. are serving life sentences. The periods of their individual confinement range from a few months to forty-six years."

"With just enough exceptions to prove the rule, this large body of life prisoners is orderly and well behaved, although the tendency of them to drift into insanity is much greater than obtains among other convicts."

"The comparative youthfulness of persons who commit the bulk of serious offenses is a fundamental fact in connection with the problem of crime. The period between sixteen and thirty is the criminal age. Then the functional activities attain their maximum; then the force of passion and of emotion was hottest; then the spirit of incalculable adventures exercises the greatest influence on the cross purposes of life; and then the responsiveness of the individual to his environment, whether helpful or harmful is promptest."

Dust and Microbes.
Dr. Somerville Hastings, lecturing at the London Institute of Hygiene, recently on "Cleanliness is Next to Godliness," said that people were much cleaner now than in the reigns of Queen Mary and Elizabeth, when the washing of clothes was unknown. Cotton was hardly in use, and linen was expensive. The poor wore rough, woolen garments, which were never washed, and the better class adorned themselves with silks and velvets, which were dyed when they could no longer pass muster in regard to cleanliness. It is recorded, said Dr. Hastings, that James I. never washed either hands or face during the period he posed as the wise fool in Christendom, but confined his cleanliness within the narrow limits of wiping his finger tips upon a damp napkin.

A very simple experiment, made by an eminent bacteriologist, determines in a startling manner the potential dangers associated with accumulations of dust in living rooms. A violent was used to convey as much dust as so small a vehicle will carry. This yielded no less than 3,000 colonies of living germs when cultivated on gelatine, and although fortunately every species was not representative of disease, yet the majority were potent sources of decomposition and danger to health.

65-CENT ROOSTER COSTS \$16

But Owner Has Satisfaction of Having it Back in His Pen

Denver, Col.—Sixteen dollars was the amount a rooster worth 65 cents cost Charles Utt, a resident of West Denver, not counting loss of time spent in an endeavor to regain the bird.

The rooster managed to escape from the pen in the rear of Utt's home on Santa Fe drive, between West Fifth and Sixth avenues. It was wandering in the alley when Ralph Nissen, a small boy living in the same block, caught it. The boy took it home, and refused to give it up when Utt learned of its whereabouts.

Realizing that the boy would not give the bird up voluntarily, Utt had recourse to the law to regain his rooster. He hired an attorney to bring replevin proceedings in Justice Rice's court at an expense of five dollars, and then hired an auto to convey Deputy Constable Robert Shores to and from the Nissen home. He was out sixteen dollars when Shores turned the rooster over to him.

SPEEDWAY

Stock Taken by Leading Citizens

Conservative business men of Detroit, including some large Automobile Manufacturers, have during the past few days invested in the Detroit Motor Speedway.

Contractors now have large force of men and teams at work on Speedway. First race on Labor Day; purse \$75,000. This will bring 100,000 strangers to Detroit.

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