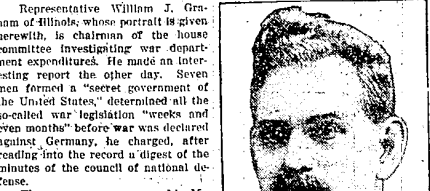


OUT OF ORDINARY PEOPLE

THE COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE



Representative William J. Graham of Illinois, whose portrait is given herewith, is chairman of the house committee investigating war department expenditures.

The seven men were named by Mr. Graham as follows: Godfrey, Howard B. Coffin, Bernard M. Baruch, Samuel Commins, Franklin H. Martin, Julius Rosenberg, and Daniel Willard, members of the advisory commission of the council.

Mr. Graham asserted the council assumed such broad powers that Major General Goethals, former chief of the purchase, storage, and traffic division of the war department, defied it; cabinet members protested against its activities, and Albert H. Gary, president of the United States Steel corporation, accused it of operating in "flagrant violation of laws."

"Behind closed doors, weeks and even months before war was declared," he said, "these seven men designed practically every war measure which congress subsequently enacted.

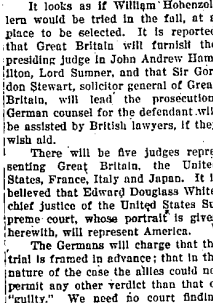
ROCKEFELLER'S EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY



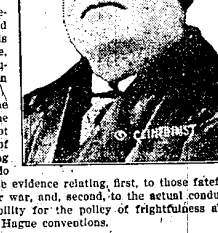
John D. Rockefeller celebrated his eightieth birthday the other day at his Pocantico Hills estate and then went to Seal Harbor, N.Y., to receive the congratulations of his guests by his long life. Mr. Rockefeller said: "I hope you will all live to be not only eighty years old, but ninety or one hundred, for I have just begun to live."

Mr. Rockefeller has an ambition to live to be one hundred years of age—and then really begin living. Certain men who lived to reach the century mark in good condition mentally and physically have held that they had to live till ninety to realize that the world was beautiful.

WILLIAM HOHENZOLLERN AT THE BAR



It looks as if William Hohenzollern would be tried in the fall, at a place to be selected. It is reported that Great Britain will furnish the presiding judge in John Andrew Hoar, Lord Sumner, and Sir Gordon Stewart, solicitor general of Great Britain, will lead the prosecution.



SWIMMING CHAMPION IN POLITICS



Duke Kahanamoku, world's aquatic champion, has dived into the pool of politics over on his native shores of Hawaii and is rapidly converting his famous "crawl" into the stroke of statesmanship.

The duke shed his high robe into the ring as candidate for supervisor in Honolulu. When he codified his ambition to follow Republicans on the island they said: "Fine! Poland has a pianist for premier. Why not a swimmer for a city father?"

"It looked like a swim-away for the duke when I left Honolulu," said a shrewd political doer upon his recent arrival in San Francisco from the islands. Kahanamoku holds several championship records. He is the fastest sprint swimmer in the world. Twice he has toured the United States as a participant in swimming events, and he represented Hawaii at the Olympic games at Stockholm in 1910.

DELIA'S HOME

By CELIA ROSE.

Notwithstanding Delia's success in her short business career, she was essentially domestic. Throughout her youth, Delia had been hidden in a white house among the hills, and perhaps because her grandmother's home was so difficult of access, possible lovers had not found their way to the door.

No one was more amazed than the shy, yet resourceful Delia. She wondered modestly, why the dainty woman who flocked during the afternoon hour to her pretty room, sang so loudly.

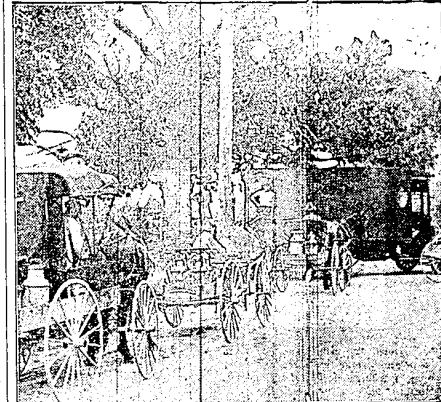
Each week she saved painstakingly a part of her earnings toward that little house which should some day be hers. But she would continue its dream of home realization.

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IMPROVED ROADS AND MOTORTRUCKS WILL CUT COST OF TRANSPORTATION



Collecting Milk at the Cross Roads to Be Delivered by Motortruck to City.

The man who never gets out of sight of the tall buildings, as well as the man who has yet to see a city skyscraper, should be a booster for better roads. Highways are used in transporting practically every article of food at some stage in its journey to the consumer's table.

From the time when farm products were first hauled in wagons to markets they have been an interest in better roads as a means of reducing the cost of transportation, but improved highways mean more now because of the extensive use of motortrucks in hauling products from the farm to the market.

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THE VIOLETS

By MILDRED WHITE.

Mollie was almost discouraged. Through the long furtive weeks in the city her bright optimism had held sway; but now, with no promise of a position, and with no dollar exactly in her purse, the girl from the country was justified in her sense of failure.

She wished wistfully, as she trudged the city streets, that she might be taken to teach school in the home village. But even that was denied her.

The small amount of money she had been able to save after the debts were paid was exhausted after five weeks of labor seeking in the city.

Her pretty color which had glowed like a reflection of the flowers she tended in her garden had faded to the whiteness of the pavements she traversed.

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OIL AND TIRES

Oil and gasoline are deadly enemies to automobile tires. If you don't believe it, take a rubber band and immerse it in gasoline. Watch it swell—grow before your eyes.

Gasoline has a similar effect on automobile tires. Gas oozes a weak spot into the tread of sidewall and starts deterioration. Oil and grease have the same effect.

Great care should be exercised in the use of oil around a garage. Oil or gasoline should not be spread where it is likely to be stepped on or rolled over by tires.

NEED NOT FIT NEW RINGS

Comparatively Easy Matter of Overcoming Spark Plug Fouling From Oil Which Leaks Through. When an engine starts to pump oil and the spark plugs become fouled, it is not always the best and cheapest plan to fit new rings.

The piston is taken out and centered up in the circle of a lathe and a groove is cut in the skirt of the piston. Then eight or ten bolts are drilled at equal spaces around the periphery of the piston.

Delia gasped, but his eagerly compelling eyes still searched hers. "Well—yes I do," she whispered. (Copyright, 1919, by the Western Newspaper Union.)

KEEPS FOOT BRAKE ADJUSTED

By the Use of This Device One Man May Easily and Successfully "Do Work." Many automobile owners neglect the close adjustment of foot brakes, causing needless expense and possible danger.

As they wandered up and down the fragrant aisles together, passing here and there to admire an unusual plant, the young man naturally mentioned his ownership of the shop, dwelling upon its growing success and commending because of his lack of help.

And the young man hesitated a day regularly at the ending of her story: "I could only find some person with your interest and admiration for flowers, who would be willing to help me out here in the shop, which couldn't be made any more."

So that is how the extravagant purchase of a bunch of violets led Mollie to the means of earning a livelihood, for which she was peculiarly fitted.

And later when she entered the pretty home near the conservatory as its owner's bride, Mollie wore a coronet of purple violets on her wedding gown.

VERY INGENIOUS TOOL RACK

May Be Made by Boring Number of Holes in a Board and Then Drilling in Clothspans. A very ingenious tool rack for flat tools may be made by boring a number of holes in a board, each hole being just large enough to take the head of a clothspan.

