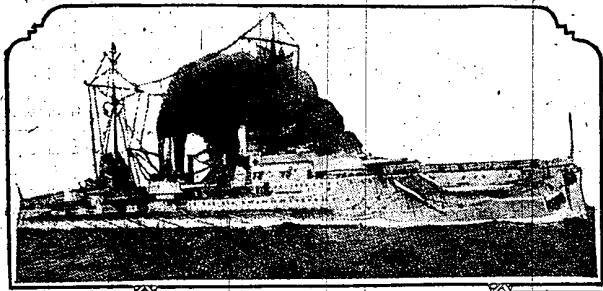


BRITISH REJOICE OVER NAVAL VICTORY AND BLUECHER'S LOSS



Bluecher (top) sunk by Lion (bottom).

All England is rejoicing over the recent naval victory in which the German armored cruiser Bluecher was sunk. The Bluecher was a cruiser of 15,000 tons displacement and, although commissioned in 1908, was re-armed last year and was valued at \$5,500,000. The Bluecher was sunk by the British cruiser Lion, which has a displacement of 26,350 tons, and carries eight 13.5-inch guns, sixteen 4-inch and four 3-pounders. The Bluecher carried a crew of 885 men, most of whom were lost. The Lion has a complement of 1,000 men.

CHICAGO MEN WILL RUN FOR MAYORALTY



Carter H. Harrison (top) and Judge Harry Olson.

Harry Olson, chief justice of the municipal courts of Chicago, is one of the Republican candidates for the mayoralty in that city. Carter H. Harrison, Democrat and present mayor, last announced that he will seek re-election.

OKLAHOMA BOY RIVAL TO EDISON

Youth Specializes in Making and Flying Kites by the Use of Cables.

USES A CAT MAKING EXPERIMENTS

Possesses Electric Train, Wireless Apparatus and "Wireless Light"

Checotah, Okla.—Paul Parrott, a Checotah, Okla., boy has broken the record in this part of the country so far as kites are concerned, having recently constructed one fourteen feet long and nine feet wide, which requires a cable to hold it when flying. While flying the kite pulls so vigorously that it cannot be held by hand, but must be bound and untied by means of a wireless which is anchored to a telephone pole.

After experimenting with the kite, the owner conceived the idea of a parachute attachment, and made one corresponding to the kite in size. He figured that a small copper wire fastened to a pulley on the rope and attached to the parachute would hold it while the parachute reached the kite, within it would give way and the parachute would float gently to the ground. When tested the experiment proved that his conjectures were right, but the desired end had not yet been reached, he waited a passenger to test its carrying ability. Accordingly he began to cast about for the coveted object.

A cat seemed to be the most available thing, which was fastened securely to a net to the parachute and sent up to meet the kite. Though the cat's protests, expressed by continuous howls could be heard from any part of the town during its flight, it made a successful trip and reached the ground in safety. On the cat's second trip it remained perfectly quiet until the parachute landed, and when picked up to be released was purring softly. Paul's name for the cat is "Polly," which is painted in giant black letters on the face of the kite and is clearly legible from the kite's greatest flight of 600 or 650 feet, or the extreme length of the rope.

He has other interesting experiments, among which is an electric train with a black signal, which causes the train to automatically stop at the gate for two minutes, when the switch opens and permits the train to make another revolution of the circuit.

All this is accomplished by means of storage batteries and works as perfectly as if done by hand and will operate day and night without being touched as long as it is connected with the current. Included in this display is what he calls his wireless light, a small bulb showing no connection with either battery or current, seeming to burn independently of everything else. It is likely that he will be called to the east in the near future to install this display at Chautauque headquarters.

Paul, when a small boy, came to Checotah with his parents from his Ohio home, and has since lived here. He is a sign painter by trade, but is easily anything else that is necessary. His chosen profession being very elastic, it is applied to different kinds of painting, such as stage curtains, interior decorations, window lettering, cards, caricature drawing and various other things. He is always ready to lend a helping hand to anything beneficial and is a treasure in local talent. He plays the cornet in the church choir, the orchestra and the town band.

"Berle," from which Berlin has caught her name, means uncultivated land. Slavonian Wendes, the earliest settlers on the sandy plain, could make but little out of the soil. The population in 1832 was only a quarter of a million; less than forty years later it was 300,000, and now it runs into two millions. The man who gave to Berlin its present form was Frederick II, but Frederick the Great and the Great Elector started the nobility of beautifying the wonderful city.

It has been shown in practice that concrete buildings require less artificial light than those of slow-burning construction. This is owing to the reflection of light from the white walls and ceilings and columns and also to the fact that it is possible to supply buildings of this character with greater window area than others.

ALL KINDS COIN IN VERA CRUZ

For the Price of Two 2c. Postage Stamps One Can Buy His Breakfast.

CONFEDERATE BILLS PASSED

Even Cigar Store Coupons Are Pained Off on Unsuspecting Natives.

Vera Cruz.—For the price of two 2-cent postage stamps one may get a breakfast of coffee and sweet bread in Vera Cruz these days. And Americans can dollar, worth five times as much as a Mexican peso (and they are the same in size, too), two 2-cent American stamps are worth 20 centavos in Mexican money, which is sufficient sum to buy the coffee and bread. That is the price in the lesser perlatas, the sidewalk restaurant and drinking place just off the Plaza de la Constitucion, and opposite the ancient cathedral church, which, in 1734, was dedicated to Nuestra Señora de la Asuncion—Our Lady of the Assumption.

In these portales the men of the middle classes and the cultured men of the American Army and Navy sit about the tables and drink their coffee, or beer, or what they please, while in the next block, under the portales of the Hotel Dilligencias, facing the plaza, the Mexican refugees of substance, the erstwhile federal generals, the Cientificos, the ousted officialdomers under Victoriano Huerta, and the officers of the United States Army and Navy do likewise, albeit not quite so cheaply. For it will take the price of three 2-cent postage stamps to get the coffee and sweetbread in the Dilligencias portales.

Not that the coffee is a bit better in one place than in the other, and the bread all comes from the same bakeries. It is all a matter of caste and location, just as one may get the same beer downtown in New York for 5 cents a glass that he must pay 25 cents for in a marble tiled and gilded cafe of some ultra-fashionable hotel in town. In both portales the coffee is black as ink and strong as aqua fortis, and it is served in tumblers with plenty of milk to dilute it and make it palatable.

But, for all this, the cost of living is much higher in Vera Cruz than it used to be before the American occupation of the port. That is, it is far higher in Mexican money, and much cheaper in gold money. When a Mexican peso was worth 50 cents gold one could buy the coffee and bread for 15 centavos instead of the 20 it costs now, but then it would cost 15 cents American money, instead of the 4 cents it costs now, with exchange at five to one. The man who is paid a salary in American money can make it go a great deal further now than he could formerly, but the man with a salary in Mexican money is hard put to it to make both ends meet.

Two years ago the Mexican who was making \$20 a month Mexican money, was getting the same as the American who was earning \$25 a week, gold. Now, supporting each the same salary, the Mexican still has his 50 pesos a week and the American, with his \$25 gold has 125 pesos, two and a half times as much as the Mexican. If the Mexican has to pay 5 pesos a day to support his family he has only 10 pesos a week left over, but the American, after paying out 5 pesos a day, has 90 pesos left over.

All sorts of Mexican money passes in Vera Cruz nowadays at its face value, no matter whether it is in the form of national bank bills, Huerista bills, which were printed by the millions in Mexico City, or the Constitutionalist bills of Carranza Villa. The fractional currency bills are even more varied, but no one ever thinks of refusing one, no matter by whom issued. Many are issued by local banks in Vera Cruz. Others are in the form of state bank bills, which are equally good here. Street car fares are 6 centavos or 1.15 cents gold. A first-class fare from Vera Cruz to Mexico City, including a berth in a Pullman, costs \$19.60 Mexican, or \$3.92 American money, for an all-night or all-day journey.

An American Army officer jokingly offered a position of Mexican cashier coffee wood cases a 25-cent United Cigar Stores coupon the other day. The officer had had it in his pocket ever since he came from New York. The Mexican cashier was willing to take it for \$1.25 Mexican, but the officer told him that it was no good and was not money.

"Oh, sir, senator. It is quite good," insisted the Mexican. "I will have no trouble in passing it again."

A \$20 Confederate States bill was passed the other day at a curio store, and the man who passed it received 2 pesos' worth of merchandise and 98 pesos in money. The curio dealer was greatly surprised when he was told that the Confederate bill was worth only a few cents as a curio. Any piece of paper looking like a bank bill and printed in English, with figures on it, would pass for its alleged face value here among the Mexicans. It would not have to be counterfeited money. Stage money, advertisements, any old thing that looked like money would do.

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Has Scheme to Tell When Rails are Broken

Grand Army Man Finds Defect That Caused Fatal Wreck—Uses Strip of Paper.

As a result of his recent experience in a railroad wreck, Joseph H. Gartside, commander of a Grand Army post in Philadelphia, Pa., has invented a system of detecting fractured rails, which are the cause of so many accidents.

Gartside and his wife were passengers on a long special train that was wrecked at Manchester, N. Y., twenty-nine persons having been killed and sixty-two injured. Gartside was not hurt, but his wife sustained injuries which rendered her an invalid, unable to walk. Gartside found the broken rail that caused the wreck. Two-thirds of the break was black and one-third white, showing that it had been fractured for a long time, and on this account it let go after the two engines and five cars of the train had passed over it.

Gartside's scheme to detect the breaks in time to correct them has been called impracticable, but it has been successfully tested. It consists of pasting a strip of paper or other fragile material on the web of the rail. If the fracture exists, the weight of the engine passing over it will expand the fracture and tear the paper, enabling the track walker or inspector to detect it, which otherwise could not be seen, as after the engine passes it comes so close together that the fracture could not be seen.

NEW EXPLOSIVE FOR BLASTING

Is Stronger and Safer Than Dynamite, But Costs the Same.

A new explosive, three times as strong as dynamite, was proved practicable for blasting purposes at tests held recently at Vancouver, B. C., Canada. A company has been organized to manufacture the explosive, which is called Sabulite. Sabulite can be handled without danger both in the course of its manufacture and in use, none of the things it is made of being explosive themselves. It is not affected by heat or cold and gives off no poisonous fumes. Its cost is about the same as dynamite.

KEEPS EVERY TOOTH HE PULLS

Unpaid Arkansas Dentist Has a Collection of 9,863 Molars.

Three Brothers, Ark.—Wallan Vargo, who has been extracting teeth in this section for more than thirty years, has a collection of every tooth he has pulled during that time.

Not only is the collection unique in that it contains 9,863 teeth, but also because it contains some specimens of the aches and pains of nearly every family within a radius of twenty miles of this town.

Vargo, who is 71 years old, is really a farmer, and has never accepted money for his services as a dentist.

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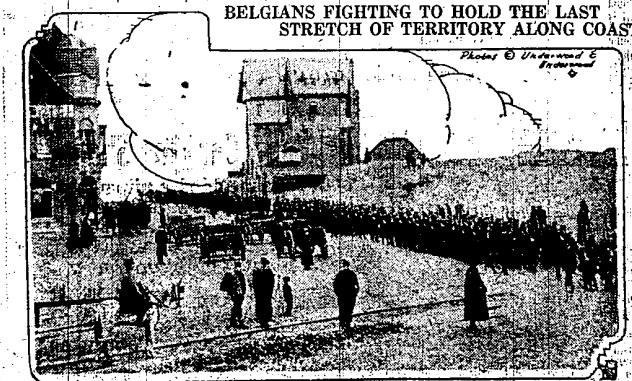
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