

# OUT OF THE ORDINARY

## Where Canalejas Was Slain



This is the Puerta del Sol, or Gate of the Sun, the big square in the center of Madrid where Jose Canalejas, the premier of Spain, was assassinated in front of the ministry of the interior. This is the busiest spot in the city.

## ARE PROUD OF BIG FAMILIES

The Chinese are proud of large families, and a large family living together under one roof is looked upon as a proof of the good temper and correct course of life of its members and as a sure path to prosperity. A large family which is able to live together without dividing up the property always receives much credit and is highly respected. It is one of the highest distinctions in China to have Wu Fu Tung T'ang, or five generations, under one roof, although such a distinction is attained by very few.

According to a recent census, the family of Meng Yu Shih, a widow of the village of Mangtao, in the territory of Wei-hai-wai, has the distinction of being the largest in the land. Her family consists of sixty-six members and, with one servant, there are sixty-seven mouths to be fed daily. Meng Yu Shih is sixty-six years old, and has nine sons and numerous grandchildren, all living under her roof. She has not yet attained the ambition of being the head of Wu Fu Tung T'ang, but the size of her family has already given her the honor and pleasure of being the largest in China, even if she had not five generations under one roof.

There are many households with more than forty members, and almost all old and distinguished families of China have at least twenty members. Families of small size, three or four, are considered rather bad, even if they are rich and occupying high positions. Size of family is as valuable in China as size of strong-box.

## HIS NEPHEW'S STEPFATHER

Harry E. Harkness of Altoona has become his nephew's stepfather. Harkness, who is fifty-three, and has been a widower for two years, married his brother's widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Harkness, fifty-three. At the same time that Mrs. Harkness married, her son, Gehring Harkness, married Maud C. Walton. Suppose Gehring Harkness has children, what relation will they be to their father's uncle and stepfather?

## HE MAY BE IN WILSON'S CABINET



This is the latest photograph of Josephus Daniels, editor of the Raleigh (N. C.) News and Observer, who, it is rumored, will be a member of Woodrow Wilson's cabinet. He was one of the most ardent pre-convention supporters of the president-elect, and is the Democratic national committeeman from North Carolina.

## \$250 FOR 3 LOST TOENAILS

New York Jury Adds Another Valuation to Long List Recently Compiled in Court.

New York.—A toenail—that is, a New York lady's toenail—is worth \$23.33 1-3, or three for \$250, according to the New York courts.

Mrs. Anna Elliott was tipped over in a taxicab, lost a shoe, damaged a stocking and was parted from three toenails for the term of her life on this earth. So she sued for \$2,500 damages. The jury expressed sympathy for the loss of the shoe and stocking, but ruled them out of the count and cut down the bill by 90 per cent.

As a result a list of "What's Worth What" has been compiled from recent court decisions. It runs: Toes, woman's \$4,480; man's, three for \$2,000; arms, woman's, disfigured (pair), \$500; squeezed, \$1,000; legs, man's (pair), \$38,000; scalp, woman's lost, \$4,200; ankles, woman's, \$3,000 to \$20,000 each; fingers, man's, \$18,000 for four; hands, man's right, injured, \$1,000; woman's right, injured, \$1,284; opera \$750 apiece (manuscripts, not matinees); fiances (male), \$28,828 each; sermons, 98 cents, or 312 for \$300.

## ELK LIKE HOMING PIGEONS

Branded and Shipped 300 Miles Early Last Spring. They Go Back to National Park.

Bozeman, Mont.—Sportsmen and game wardens of Montana are convinced that the elk from the herds in the Yellowstone National park possess a homing instinct equal to that of the carrier pigeon.

Early last spring Game Warden Ferguson and his rangers trapped two carloads of elk in the mountains near Gardiner and shipped them to Hamilton, Mont., 300 miles away. They were branded and turned loose in the Hell Gate reserve, one of the largest national forests in the west.

During the last few months ranchmen in the vicinity of Hamilton have noticed a dwindling of the number of Elk in the Hell Gate forests. It has since developed, according to the state game wardens, that the animals have been returning to their old stamping ground in the Yellowstone park.

## CONVICT FOUR RUSS OFFICERS'

Policemen Beat a Peasant Almost to Death and Are Sent to Jail for Twenty-One Days.

St. Petersburg.—At the trial of Police Inspector Makaronka and three policemen at Vilna on the charge of inhuman brutality to an arrested peasant it was proven that they had bound their victim hand and foot with chains, laid him on the ground, jumped on him, beat him about the head and finally flung him, half dead, into an underground cell. They were let off with sentences of 21 days' imprisonment for the inspector and seven days each for the policemen. Radical papers are contrasting this leniency with the punishment of a month's imprisonment recently passed upon M. Garbunoff, the publisher, and his friend, M. Boulanger, for the crime of burying Mme. Schmidt, a follower of Tolstoy, according to her wishes, without church ceremonial.

## BURNS WOODWORK IN GALES

German Steamer Pennoll Is Forced to Extremities To Provide Fuel.

New York.—Buffeted at sea by what her captain declared was the worst weather he had encountered, the German steamer Pennoll, bound from Rotterdam to Philadelphia, is coaling here. She had only a few pounds of coal in her bunkers when she anchored off quarantine. The succession of gales which she encountered held her back and depleted her coal supply to such an extent that she was forced practically to strip herself of woodwork to keep the fires going.

## REMARKABLE RAILWAY BRIDGE



One of the most extraordinary railway bridges in the world is that which spans the Nam-Ti chasm in China. Owing to the shape of the chasm it was impossible to build piers to support the bridge, so tunnels piercing the walls were first constructed and the bridge supports were built in two parts and lowered to meet in the middle, there to be joined finally. This was the only point at which it was possible to bridge the chasm.

## ANCIENT VESSEL IS FOUND

The discovery of an ancient ship embedded in the Thames mud at Woolwich has been made by Leo W. T. Vincent, president of the Woolwich Antiquarian society. It is his conclusion that it is probably the Harry Grace a Dieu, the first line of battle ship of the British navy built by Henry VIII, which met her fate in the neighborhood of the place of discovery owing to the carelessness of the mariners in 1553.

The vessel was built at the Royal Dockyard, Woolwich, in 1512, and it was on board of her that King Henry crossed to the Field of the Cloth of Gold. From the size and construction of the ship it is believed that she was a large man-of-war, and the position in which she lies leads to the conclusion that she must have run ashore in an ancient dock or creek, as she lies on an even keel twenty feet below the surface of the wharf, in which an excavation was being made when the vessel was discovered.

## FINDS \$4,000 IN MATTRESS

The finding of a small fortune in an old mattress that he was about to burn, was the experience of William Schultz of Rochester, Minn. The mattress had been in the family's possession for years, and some time ago was relegated to the scrap pile. Mr. Schultz decided to burn the mattress and was about to apply the match when he felt a small, hard roll, which he pulled out. It proved to be a roll of greenbacks, amounting to \$4,000. Mr. Schultz is unable to explain the presence of the money.

## HORSE TIES UP RAILROAD

A horse played tag, the horse being "it," with a southbound passenger train on the Wilmington & Columbia division of the Philadelphia & Reading railway in the neighborhood of Glenhill, Pa. The train was delayed nearly an hour and the schedule of the division was badly upset as a result.

The animal first ran on the tracks and waited for the train to approach, then ran a mile in front of the locomotive and waited again. This was repeated several times. After a run of three miles the horse left the railroad at a crossing.

## SETTER WEARS SPECTACLES

Minnesota Fanny, a thoroughbred English setter, owned by Troy Cantrell of Lead Hill, Ark., wears spectacles. She was fitted with "specs" by an oculist, who found that she was suffering from astigmatism. For years Fanny has been known as the best hunting dog in northwest Arkansas. The dog's "specs" are held in place by straps and appear very much like goggles. The lenses are protected from damage by protruding rims of metal. The intelligent dog seems to understand their benefit and "hunts" like an old timer now.

## MAN AND WIFE FIGHT QUEL

An extraordinary duel between a man and wife armed with hatchets is reported from Volosca, Austria. The pair, named Pilevitch, locked themselves in their kitchen. The woman severely wounded her husband in the head. He chopped off his wife's arm and finally shattered her skull, killing her. Crawling to a window he told passersby what had happened and then died.

## SHADOOF ON THE RIVER NILE



In these days of vast irrigation works, the shadoof of Egypt is becoming less common than formerly. The method is very ancient and very simple. A series of trenches are cut in the banks of the Nile, step fashion; the lowest fills itself from the river, then by means of the shadoof the water is ladled up into the next one by hand, and so on until it is poured into the irrigation trench.

The counterpoise of the shadoof is a mass of Nile mud.

## Monuments to Servian Dead



Monuments like those here pictured, erected by the Servian peasants to their relatives who have fallen in war are to be found all over Servia, being put up near the soldier's home or near the spot where he died. They are painted in vivid reds and blues and each bears a crude bas-relief of the soldier. Above the man's head is an inscription giving his name and sometimes a few details of how he met his death.

## LAND OF LOST MEN

Scores Mysteriously Disappear From Far Southwest.

In Country of Swift Changes Customs Are Opposed to Asking Strangers Personal Questions—No Trace Is Left Behind.

El Paso, Tex.—Is there a "port of missing men?" That is a question to be answered as your fancy dictates, says a writer. But that there is a country from which men are constantly "missing" allows of no contradiction. A section of this great United States of America there is which literally swallows up human beings and leaves no inkling of their fates or their whereabouts. Such a section and such places are found throughout the great southwest from western Texas to the Pacific coast.

Not one man or one woman, but scores of men and women, come, are seen and vanish in this section of the states each year. To disappear from off the face of the earth as completely as if one had never existed is not a feat easy of accomplishment even in the great centers of population in the eastern states. And in this country of missing men it happens so frequently that only a case of extraordinary interest commands the attention of the natives. A grunt or a shrug of the shoulders dismisses the matter as soon as it is mentioned. One must be rich or one must be influential if one would have the arm of the law stretched forth in succor. The penalty of obscurity here, as elsewhere, is indifference. "Who cares?"—who, indeed?

But indifference alone is not responsible for the lack of interest in so small a matter as the mere disappearance of a man. No, there is that in the attitude of the average native of the southwest which makes him hesitate to show any interest or concern in the affairs of another man. In the east such questions as "Where are you from?" or "Are you in business here?" are common enough. And such questions are asked with no purpose or intent of prying into another's affairs. It is a part of the social customs of the "polite" east to show some interest in another's well-being. But such personal, intimate questions never fall from the lips of the man born or reared in the great southwest.

Only a few days ago the proprietress of one of the largest and finest boarding houses in El Paso furnished me with convincing evidence of the fact that men disappear all too often in these parts. Taking the correspondent up to a spacious garret, she pointed to a pile of trunks and other effects and said:

"You see all these trunks here? Well, they belong to men and women who have come to my place, taken rooms and suddenly departed. Do I never hear from them? Not in a single instance have I received one line from one of them, or from any one knowing them. All I know about them, as a rule, is their last names. I don't ask them anything about themselves. I know what you are thinking," she added. "You are thinking these are the effects of 'board jumpers.' But you are wrong. I make 'em all pay from the day they get their rooms—a week in advance. I'm no used to keeping a boarding house or 'taken in' by men with empty

trunks or trunks loaded with bricks and the like. If you will look you will see that some of these trunks are not even locked. They are full of clothes—more or less good. Sometimes one finds the relatives of a person who has disappeared by letters and sometimes by cards and other things left in the trunks.

"This trunk here," she said, pointing to a rather new trunk, "belongs to a young man who left here only about three weeks ago. The Lord only knows where he is. I've not had a line from anybody about him. I'm holding the trunk, but, of course, some one is in the room he had. I used to bother about such things, but it happens so often that I have about got used to it."

Some time later a group of men were chatting together on this topic. It seemed to be a common enough occurrence all throughout the southwest. Many reasons were given for the mysterious disappearances, but none seemed quite good enough to answer satisfactorily the big query, "What becomes of the scores of human beings who disappear each year in the great southwest?"

## ANGRY BOY STARTS FIRE

Lad Igntes Straw Under Mules and Barn Is Burned—Animals Are Cremated.

Jamestown, N. D.—G. W. Wilson's "hired man" would not let the five-year-old son of his employer, who lives west of Montpelier, N. D., lead the mules to water, so the lad piled straw under the animals and set fire to the straw. The flames not only cremated the mules but the barn. The mules belonged to the "hired man," who had left for Iowa.

## GIANT PIGS GIVEN MUSEUM

Hunter Sends to New York Specimens He Captured in Africa.

New York.—Two specimens of the giant forest pig, captured by Alfred J. Klein near the Channa river in Africa, have been presented to the Museum of Natural History. They have been mounted by F. Blaschke.

The forest pig is exceeded in size only by some long extinct species whose fossil remains are found in the western states. It is comparatively unknown, partly on account of its habits, which are nocturnal. It thrives in the grass of the African jungle. High up on the slope of Mount Kenya at an elevation of about 6,000 feet, Carl E. Akeley, the elephant hunter, found traces of these pigs, their tracks following the elephant trails for long distances.

The head of the forest pig is long, with ugly upturned tusks. Its legs are slender, supporting a heavy, stocky body. It is agile and powerful as it goes cavorting through the brush of the jungle. For about 15 years it was suspected that the forests of central Africa harbored some giant specimen of the pig family. In 1904 one of these curious animals was captured by a naturalist, and thus it became known to science.

As a gift from D. G. Stapleton the museum has received a number of

valuable prehistoric objects in gold and platinum from the province of Esmeraldas, Ecuador and Colombia. The collection is on exhibition in the South American gallery. The objects in platinum are of most interest, as it was not known that this metal was worked, except in this locality, by a prehistoric race of people.

## UNDERWORLD AS EXAMPLE

Archbishop Says Young People of Today Are Traveling the Wrong Road.

New Orleans.—The underworld has become the exemplar of too many young people who should have for their patron Mary Immaculate, declared Archbishop Bleak in a sermon at the Jesuits' church recently, in which he scored modern dancing and social customs.

"This spirit, he said, had resulted in such dances as the 'grizzly bear,' the 'turkey trot,' the 'Gaby glide' and the 'bunny hug.'"

"Has it come to this," asked the archbishop, "that our beautiful society—our boasted civilization, nay, even our Christianity, should be banished to make room for the vile corruption freighted with the miasma of the underworld? I appeal to mothers and fathers, for the love of God, to set their faces against this outrage."