

### Iowa CARS TO RACE OVER IOWA

Stripped Machines Will Make Run from Des Moines to Council Bluffs.

#### WILL SETTLE ROAD DISPUTE

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Two Ford machines stripped of everything unnecessary to speed and endurance and driven by Des Moines men will race across Iowa from Davenport and Clinton to Council Bluffs, Monday.

The race will be made to settle a dispute as to whether the river-to-river road or Lincoln highway is the better course.

Harvey Strong of the Perkins Manufacturing company will drive one of the cars. He will attempt to win laurels for river-to-river supporters, starting at Davenport.

J. A. Thompson of the Hipp Motor company will be Strong's opponent in the race. He will travel over the Lincoln highway, starting at Clinton.

#### Horticulturists Meet.

The fifty-fifth annual convention of the Iowa State Horticultural society is to be held in the horticultural rooms at the state house, December 7, 8 and 9. A display of apples is to be put in in the corridors and the premiums are hung up, totaling \$25. One of the features of the convention will be a speaking contest by students from the horticultural department at Iowa State college at Ames and generous prizes are offered to the winners. A banquet is to be held Wednesday evening at the Chamberlain hotel.

F. F. Spencer of Randolph is president of the association, Wesley Green of Des Moines is secretary, W. B. Chapman of Correctionville is vice president and Frank O. Harrington of Williamsburg is treasurer.

General W. L. Alexander, an Iowa pioneer and for a number of years adjutant general of the state, was found dead in his bed at his home in Pasadena, Cal., Wednesday morning. He was 62 years of age and had been in poor health for some time.

#### To Contest Patent.

Henry Sampson, assistant attorney general, has called a conference of representatives of the state legal departments from Kansas, Colorado, Michigan and Indiana, to be held at the state house in the near future, for the discussion of the claims of a certain patent on the reinforcing of retaining walls. Mr. Sampson is of the opinion that the patent is not valid and a united effort may be made by all of these states to contest it.

#### Wants Pay for Injuries.

The workmen's compensation case of Peter Doria against the Des Moines Clay Manufacturing company will be heard by Industrial Commissioner Warren Garst tomorrow. Doria was injured April 19, when one of the small cars used for handling brick at the plant overturned and he was caught underneath. He was paid compensation by the company for a time, but that was given up when the company declared he was sufficiently recovered to exempt them from further liability. He has appealed to the industrial commission, claiming permanent injuries.

#### Garst May Resign.

It is rumored at the state house that Industrial Commissioner Warren Garst expects to give up his position soon, to devote his time to personal business interests and that the Hon. A. B. Funk, formerly of Spirit Lake, who has recently moved to Des Moines, will be appointed to the position. Commissioner Garst was out of the city today and the rumor could not be verified. Commissioner Garst was appointed to this office by Governor Clark, when the office was first established, July 4, 1911, for a six-year term. Mr. Funk is at present vice president of the state board of education. His term as a member of the board does not expire until July 1, 1917. He was state senator from Dickinson county, serving from the twenty-second to the twenty-sixth general assemblies, inclusive. The office of industrial commissioner pays a salary of \$3,000 per year and the term is six years.

#### Foot and Mouth Disease.

W. B. Barney, state dairy commissioner, who has returned from attending the conference in Chicago on foot and mouth disease, says that a resolution was passed by the National Association of Record Associations and approved by Acting Secretary Karl Freeman, asking the federal government to pay for pure bred cattle on the basis of pure breeds and not as market cattle, when killed because of foot and mouth disease. This will probably be acted on by congress at its coming session.

#### Police Matron Retired.

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Babcock, police matron for eighteen years, was retired from service and pensioned by the police pension board late Wednesday. She will receive \$2.50 a month. Mrs. Babcock applied for pension because of physical disability.

#### Federal Bank Directors Here.

The directors of the Chicago Regional bank visited Des Moines yesterday as guests of E. T. Meredith, a member of the board. Those who were in attendance were as follows:

J. B. McDougal, governor; C. H. Bosworth, chairman, and the following directors: George M. Reynolds, J. B. Fagan, A. H. Vogel, E. L. Johnson and E. T. Meredith. The party was accompanied by Arthur Reynolds, vice president of the Continental and Commercial National bank of Chicago, and Attorney C. L. Powell, formerly of Des Moines. W. F. McLellan, secretary of the federal bank, and H. B. Joy, director, were unable to accompany the party.

### MEDICAL SOCIETY HAS MEETING AT GLENWOOD

GLENWOOD, Ia., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—The Mills County Medical society met here yesterday. The entire program was business for the "good of the organization." The old officers were elected for the coming year. Dr. Parsons, president; Dr. Rush, secretary; both of Malvern. Those present were: Drs. Parsons and Rush, Malvern; Dr. McCue, Silver City; Dr. Christy, Hastings; Dr. Craig, Henderson; Dr. Patton, Omaha; Dr. McRidge, Moon, Sidwell, Agan and Donnan, Glenwood, and Dr. Yates, Emerson.

#### Iowa News Notes.

PENNINGTON—The Federal Mutual Insurance company of Des Moines has made a settlement with its policy holders in Crawford county on a basis of a 1 per cent assessment. The policy holders claimed they had an agreement that the assessment should not exceed \$1 per thousand per year. The call was made for \$1. Some of the policy holders still expect to fight the company.

WOODBINE—The Church of Christ at Woodbine is now in the midst of a revival meeting with its pastor, V. M. Ellison, delivering the sermons and Frank McVey, the colored singer of Concordia, Pa., in charge of the music. Sixty-eight have signed themselves with the church, nearly all of them by confession.

### Hurry! Hurry! or It Can't Start!



### Statement by Taft as to Shipment of Serum to Austria

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 28.—William H. Taft, chairman of the central committee of the American Red Cross, makes public a statement in connection with recently published reports concerning the shipment of anti-tetanus serum to Austria. Mr. Taft points out that the reports have intimated that the Austrian consulate in New York plotted to obtain possession of the serum, which had been prepared for the Austrian Red Cross. In justice to the American consul general Mr. Taft, on behalf of the Red Cross, denied the intimation of the published reports and makes known the facts in detail as follows:

"The American Red Cross had a consignment of eleven boxes of anti-tetanus serum, prepared by the New York City board of health, for the Austrian Red Cross. Eight boxes only were received in time for shipment, the remaining three boxes arriving a day or two late. As there would not be another Austrian shipment for some time, and there were no facilities at the warehouse for keeping this serum cold in warm weather to preserve its efficiency, the Red Cross agent telephoned to the Austrian consulate, asking if it could find some means of sending over these additional three boxes. The consulate, through the courtesy of Mrs. Hurd and Mr. Wedl, were able to make arrangements for the shipment. The steamer was to sail on the 1st of June early in the morning. May 21 was a holiday and our agent requested that these boxes be taken by the consulate on Saturday as the warehouse would not be open on Sunday and Monday and there would not be time Tuesday morning, June 1, to get the boxes from Brooklyn to Hoboken. It was, therefore, in compliance with the request of the agent of the Red Cross that the consulate sent for the boxes on Saturday, holding them until early Tuesday, when they were sent to the steamer."

### HYMENEAL

Baker-Rackley.

Miss Ellen Rackley of Beatrice, Neb., and Arthur E. Baker of Indianopolis, Ind., were married Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. Charles W. Savidge at his office in the Brandeis theater building.

### Battle Waged in the Alps Above the Timber and in Snow

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) GENEVA, Switzerland, Nov. 28.—In the semi-circle from Trent to Trieste where Austro-Germans and Italians are fighting for supremacy, military operations will be seriously affected by snow. Neither side dares to advance large units which may be lost in a night owing to a heavy snowfall.

On the Austro-Italian frontier where fighting is taking place at 10,000 feet above sea level over miles of mountains where every little pass means a small battle, weather conditions and snow are important factors. On these mountains ordinary regiments, however brave, are practically useless as they cannot stand the climate and only Alpine troops on both sides are being utilized.

Since the beginning of October several feet of snow has fallen in the Swiss Tyrol and Italian Alps above 3,000 feet and there is besides always the danger of an avalanche. Under these conditions Alpine warfare will be impossible even for a strong force. The men and mountain artillery are practically buried in deep snow in the higher Alps and the attack must be postponed until spring. Thus Italy feels secure from an invasion of Lombardy and Venetia during the winter and can employ her reserve forces for other spheres.

On the Isonzo, however, it is another matter, for the country around is a plain and there is little doubt that the Italian army will attempt to force its way to Trieste and Plume via Tolmino and Gorizia this winter. Daily the attacks on these two towns on the main railway are becoming fiercer. The Italians continue to bring up more heavy artillery which now is in a semi-circle around both cities.

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LOGAN, Ia., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Nearly 250 gophers have been caught in Harrison county by F. S. Simmons thus far this season. Mr. Simmons also operates in Polk and Waukegan counties.

### GERMAN VIEW OF LUSITANIA

Tenton Professors Quote U. S. War Orders of 1812 in Support of Their Side.

### NEUTRALS SHOULD AVOID RISKS

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) BRESLAU, Germany, Nov. 8.—The opinions of twenty-one of the most prominent German authorities on international law, with few exceptions university professors, on the legal questions involved in the sinking of the Lusitania have been collected into one volume, which is published and hailed as the consensus of German opinion. In differing language, but with unanimity the authorities agree that the act of the submarine was justified.

As representative of all twenty-one, the Koelnische Zeitung selects for publication and approving comment the opinion of Prof. Max Fleischmann of the University of Koelnberg, who has written a comprehensive but concise introduction to the book, and extracts from the opinion of Dr. Karl Strupp of Frankfurt-on-the-Main.

#### Quotes Old Naval Orders.

Dr. Strupp begins by quotations from naval orders in the war of 1812, issued respectively to Lieutenant Allan of the American ship Argus, and to Captain Stewart, the first advising of the inadvisability of attacking the enemy's commerce, and the second directing the sinking of English vessels when there is any risk of their being rescued while en route to a port as prizes.

"It cannot be expressed more clearly," says Dr. Strupp, "that the North American government orders the destruction of enemy ships when they cannot be safely brought to a friendly port."

He then asks the question whether it is the duty of a war vessel to save the passengers and crew of an enemy ship, admitting in doing so that existing rules of international law apply to submarines. He declares they are to be regarded as suspended when military necessity, or even when serious need, arises.

The commander of a vessel must weigh the circumstances, and did in the case of the Lusitania, and decided rightly that such need did exist for his little ship before the giant vessel of 40,000 tons, "which might at any time ram him and which probably had concealed cannon on board, and perhaps even Canadian auxiliary troops."

#### An Auxiliary Cruiser.

"Above all," says Dr. Strupp, "it is settled that the Lusitania was an auxiliary cruiser, subsidized by the English government, and carried as such in the English list, which, as a natural consequence, meant that it was no longer a merchant vessel, but was to be regarded and treated as a vessel of war."

The submarine commander, continues Dr. Strupp, did not have to wait until his danger became acute. In case of the destruction of the Lusitania was justified, he was under no necessity to take heed of the presence of non-combatants, not even neutrals. Whether two or 1,500 were involved is not a question of law, but purely one of quantity. The number plays a roll only from a humanitarian, not from a judicial standpoint.

The American contention that the commander should have warned the Lusitania Dr. Strupp characterizes as "wholly deviant." In support of his contention he again quotes from American precedent and reproduces an order of Secretary of State Bayard of January 8, 1888, reading:

Duty to Avoid Risks.

"It is the duty of foreigners to withdraw from such risks and if they do not do so, or if they voluntarily expose themselves to such risk, they must take the consequences."

Likewise, the author also denies that any indemnity should be paid for lives or property lost on the Lusitania, and cites a prize court finding in the Franco-German war. A French court ruled that English, then neutral owners of cargoes that had been sunk in German ships could not collect damages. He also quotes the English authority on international law, Hall, who says that neutral owners of cargoes destroyed by acts of war have no valid claim for damages.

In addition to the opinions of the twenty-one professors, which take up ninety-three pages, the new book contains, for future reference, the announcement of the German admiralty of February 4, the American note of February 12, the German answer of February 18 and the note exchange following the Lusitania incident.

### MILLIONAIRE OF AUSTRALIA ENLISTS AS PRIVATE SOLDIER

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) MELBOURNE, Australia, Nov. 30.—Giving his name as John Wren, a man applied at the Melbourne town hall a few days ago for enlistment. He said his business was racing.

"Are you the owner of the race courses," asked the surprised recruiting officer.

"Yes," he replied. He is perhaps the most widely known of Australia's millionaires. He owns several race courses, a newspaper or two, and is interested in a great variety of industrial enterprises. He gave \$2,500 as a prize to the first Australian to win the Victoria cross.

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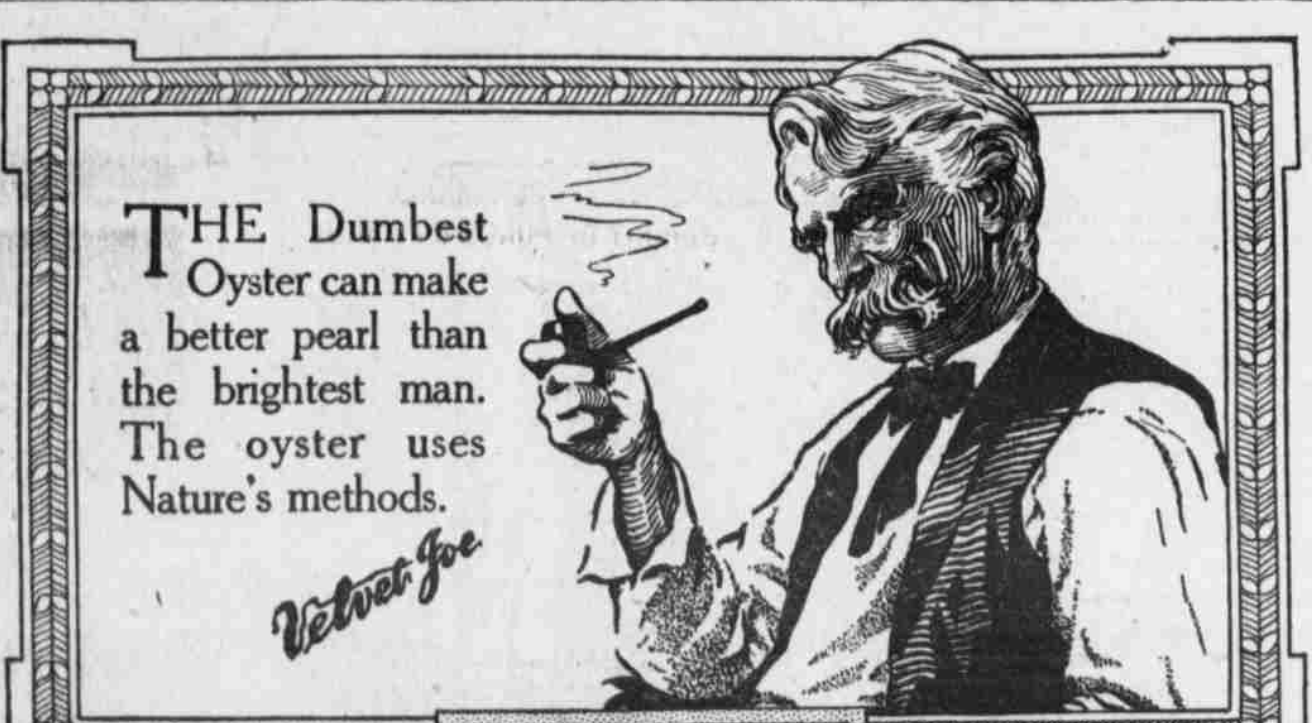
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