

# The Kiddies' Korner

MADRE PENN

S-h-h-h.

My maw—she's upstairs in bed,  
An' It's there wif her.  
It's all bundled up and red—  
Can't nobody stir;  
Can't nobody say a word  
Since it come to us.  
Only thing 'at I have heard,  
'Cepting all It's fuss,  
Is S-h-h-h.

That there nurse she shakes her head  
When I come upstairs,  
"S-h-h-h" she sez—"at's all she's said  
To me, anywheres.  
Doctor—he's the man 'at brung  
It to us to stay—  
He makes me put out my tongue,  
'Nen says "S-h-h-h"—'at way;  
Jest "S-h-h-h."

I goed to see my maw,  
'Nen climb on th' bed.  
Was she glad to see me? Pshaw!  
"S-h-h-h"—'at's what she said.  
'Nen It blinked an' tried to see—  
'Nen I runned away  
Out to m old apple tree,  
Where no one could say  
"S-h-h-h."

'Nen I lay down on the ground  
An' say 'at I just wish  
I was big. An' there's a sound—  
'At old tree says, "S-h-h-h."  
'Nen I cry and cry an' cry  
Till my paw he hears,  
An' comed there an' wiped my eye  
An' mop up th' tears—  
'Nen sez "S-h-h-h."

I'm going to tell my maw 'at she  
Don't suit me one bit—  
Why d' all say "S-h-h-h" to me  
An' not say "S-h-h-h" to It?  
—Chicago Tribune.

## ST. VALENTINE

Once there was a man named Valentine. He went to people's houses giving them gifts and clothing. One day he became sick and could not go to see them so thought of a plan. He said, now I will send them greetings of love written down on paper." The people were very glad to get them. When he died they honored his birthday by sending tokens of love and greetings every year on February 14. They made them in shapes of hearts and other things and also called them Valentines.

SYBIL MERRIFIELD.

## AFRICAN WINS ALDERSHOT RACE

London, England.—(Special to The Monitor.)—Private Stewart, an African soldier from Sierre Leone, won the championship foot race held at Aldershot recently. At this race the King of England was the starter and Her Majesty Queen Mary presented the prize personally to the winner.



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### STAY IN SCHOOL AND TRAIN FOR THE FUTURE

Secretary of Labor Says the Place of the Child Is in School.

"It is the children who are in school today who will see to it that their fathers and brothers who have fought and died in this war have not fought and died in vain. We must keep them in school and see that they get there the equipment they need for the work that is before them," said Secretary Wilson in a recent message, endorsing the Back-to-School Drive which is being conducted by the Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor and the Child Conservation Section of the Council of National Defense. "If we are not to go down to defeat in the battles of peace, we must have an army of reserves who are strong in body, well trained in hand and mind."

The administration at Washington has repeatedly expressed the opinion that any falling off in school attendance should be discouraged. The president himself, as well as the secretaries of war, the navy, the interior

and labor, have publicly emphasized the importance of keeping the school going at full capacity.

If, in the next few years, the United States is to have the help of intelligent men and women in meeting the extraordinary obligations it is assuming, it will be necessary to check the exodus of the boys and girls from the high and elementary schools, statements issued in connection with the Back-to-School Drive point out. The reckless squandering of the child power of the country, through premature entrance into industry, is one of the great evils now to be corrected.

A bulletin recently issued by the children's bureau states that the work engaged in at this complete sacrifice of educational opportunities usually offers the children no training and very slight prospects of future employment. It adds further that 1,000,000 children between 14 and 15 leave school for work every year.

It is hoped that as a result of the Back-to-School Drive stricter standards for protecting the education of the American child will be set up.

### JAPAN DETERMINES TO FORCE RACE ISSUE

Tokio, Japan, Feb. 26.—In the Japanese diet today Premier Hara assured the body that the race problem would be forced up to the peace conference by the Japanese delegates and that there is no danger of it escaping the utmost attention of the Japanese government.

## RESOURCES OF BELGIAN CONGO

New York, Feb. 12.—A pamphlet on the Belgian Congo, containing much information of value to the exporter and importer and the student, soon will be issued by the foreign trade department of the National Association of Manufacturers. It has been prepared by Edwin N. Le Plae, professor of general and tropical agriculture of the University of Louvain and director general of the department of colonies of Belgium at Brussels.

Professor Le Plae asserts that "no colony in Africa has a greater economic future," because the Belgian Congo "combines thousands of miles of deep and easily navigable rivers, with an excellent climate, enormous hardwood forests and a considerable wealth of valuable ores, metals and precious stones." He says that improvement of the colony was continued through the period of the war, and that it now offers ideal opportunity to the trader and investor because of the international agreement opening the Congo to traders and planters of all nationalities.

The review issued with a working map of the district, trade methods, weights, taxes and so forth, and tells briefly the possibilities in exploitation of coffee, rubber, coco oil, palm, lumber, tin, diamond and gold mines, coal, oil and iron fields.

In a table of imports for 1914 the United States is fourth with \$590,794 out of a total of \$8,898,423.

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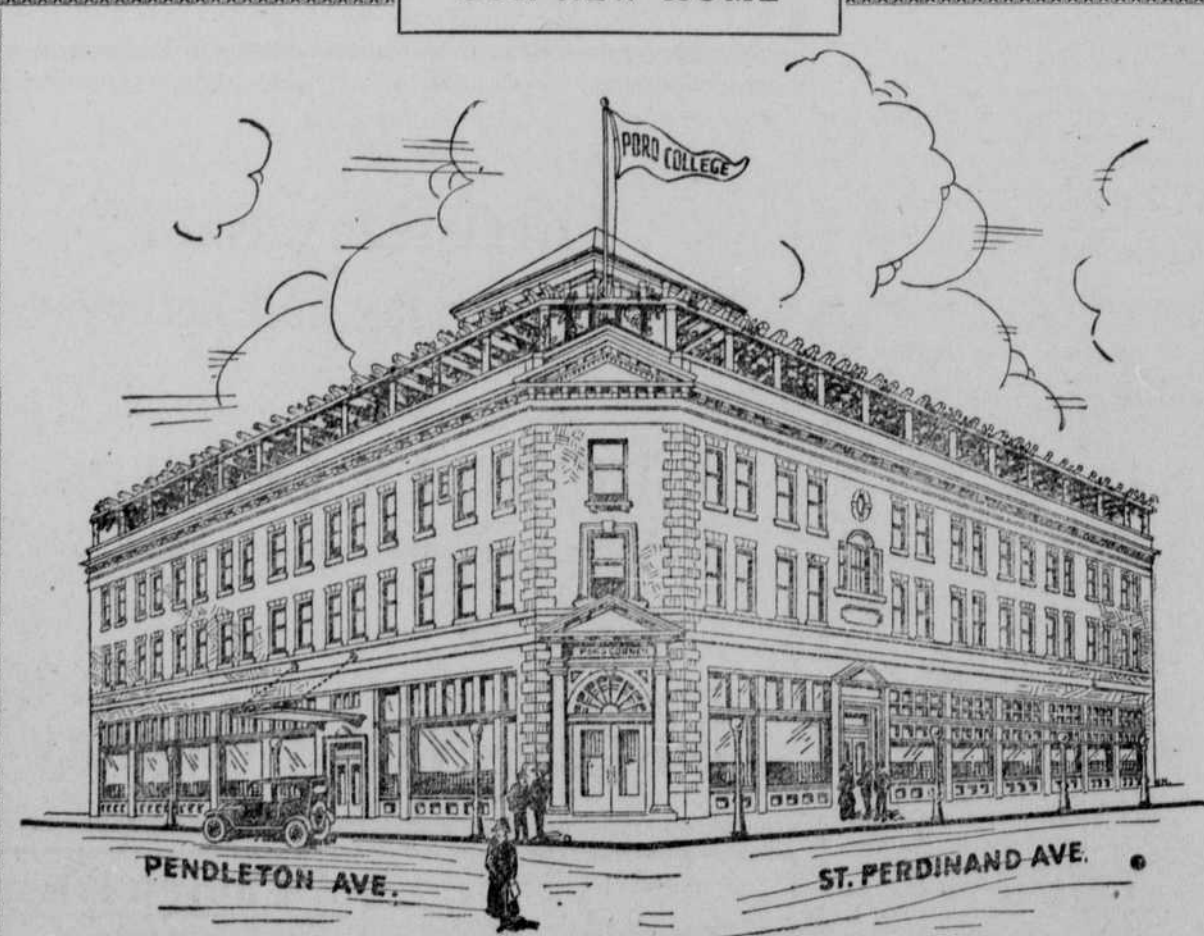
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