

**HERDS OF GOATS HAMPER
IN ISLAND COFFEE AREA**

Hundreds of the Animals Killed in Drive in the Kona District of Hawaii.

New York.—A description of the coffee-raising industry in the Kona district of the Island of Hawaii, which is expected within a few years to help relieve the frequent disturbances in the coffee market here, is given by George T. Armitage of Honolulu. He believes that the growth of the Kona product has been retarded to some extent by goats and, to a greater degree, by the rapidly spreading guava plant. "They told us that everything grows in Kona," said Mr. Armitage, "and there was ample evidence to prove it. It is the proverbial Hawaiian land of milk and honey, whose coffee has an aroma not equaled even in Brazil. While coffee is the principal crop, there also raise tobacco, hemp, cotton and even sugar. The only sugar mill in the territory operated by Japanese is there."

"Coffee grows everywhere, and it is even to be seen springing luxuriously out of rocks where apparently one could not scrape up a peck of soil on an acre of ground. The chief enemies of coffee and other Kona crops are guava and goats, and, unfortunately, guava is about the only thing the goat won't eat. The ranchers hope some day that an insect similar to those which have destroyed other pests will be found to cope with the guava. "The goats are so numerous that the ranchers conduct drives several times a week which net hundreds of these animals, yet they make only a small impression on the thousands that are eating up the crops. In one drive last year, by a combined army of boy scouts and soldiers, nearly 7,000 goats were captured. Almost as many more escaped, and afterward the participants in the roundup had to go out seeking the boy scouts, who became exhausted and ruined their shoes scrambling over the lava. "Rather unsatisfactory attempts have been made to poison the goats, and an effort to reduce their number by the use of dogs was frustrated by the acumen of the goats in remaining on the roughest variety of the lava, which in a few moments reduces the paws of a pursuing dog to pulp."

Mr. Armitage, who made a tour over the entire island of Hawaii, largest in the territory, told of finding what he describes as "probably the largest bed in Christendom," at Kealahou. "It is an immense four-poster of the old school," he said, "built entirely of wood from the koa tree, and so vast that it fills an entire room. A whole family of large size could sleep in it and not disturb each other. It was built in the days when Koa was plentiful by a woman who wanted to do something different, and a glimpse of the bed convinces one that she succeeded. Koa once covered the mountains, but foraging cattle, by exposing the roots, have killed nearly all of these valuable trees."

At Kealahou Mr. Armitage found a native Hawaiian woman who asserted that she was born in the year that King Kamehameha I died, 105 years ago. Residents of the town who have checked up on incidents which the aged woman remembered believe she is fully as old as she claims to be.

**Develops Tropical Apple
After Years of Effort**

Lexington, Texas.—For many years H. C. Helms, a horticulturist who died a few days ago at his home near here, devoted his efforts to developing a species of apple that could be successfully grown in the southern states and in the more tropical parts of the world. He finally accomplished his purpose and from one thirty-five-year-old apple tree which he grew in his orchard, two miles west of Lexington, the new species of apple has spread to Cuba, the Isle of Pines, various parts of southern Texas and to Florida. It is stated that the United States Department of Agriculture has done much toward introducing the so-called tropical apple to localities where the fruit was never before grown.

Island Swallowed by Sea

London.—Port Alexander, a small island in the Portuguese colony of Angola, West Africa, has been suddenly submerged in the sea and disappeared, according to a Lisbon dispatch to the Sunday Express. No details have been received, but a considerable loss of life is feared, as the islet, which was 4,000 square yards in area was inhabited by Portuguese and native settlers.

Long Trip for Leg

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Judge Pierre Crabtree, representative of the United States on the Cairo International court, who recently arrived in Chattanooga, traveled 8,000 miles to get an artificial leg. Judge Crabtree lost his right leg last year when he was struck by a street car. He was forced to travel to New York to purchase his substitute leg.

Old Chestnuts

Richwood, W. Va.—Twenty-three years ago a little girl, Sally Reid, living on her father's farm in Rockbridge county, Virginia, gathered a box of chestnuts and sent them to Henry Holt, a farmer boy living at Gantley Bridge, W. Va. This fall Sally Reid, long since Mrs. Henry Holt, found these chestnuts hidden away in an old trunk and well preserved.

**AMERICA EATS
UP ITS INCOME**

People Spend Fourth for Stuff That Goes Into the Mouth.

New York.—America eats up its income. What people put into their mouths, including tobacco, represents more money than all other expenditures at retail stores combined. Ten years ago one-fifth of one's income was deemed sufficient for food. But the figure has now risen to 27 per cent. And most families, says Mrs. Christine Frederick, founder of the Appliance House Experiment station at Greenlawn, L. I., spend from 35 to 40 per cent of their income on food. Mrs. Frederick has surveyed the changed American budget for the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

The bill for the entire nation at retail food stores in 1930 was \$4,000,000,000, as calculated by Dr. Paul H. Nystrom, head of the Retail Research association. In 1921 this was doubled and is almost doubled again today. Of the total national income of \$33,000,000,000, estimated for 1924, according to his figures, almost half goes to retail stores; and of this \$33,000,000,000, \$15,000,000,000 goes to food stores, \$1,700,000,000 to tobacco shops and \$1,500,000,000 to dealers in candy and soft drinks.

Spent in Stores.—Almost \$8,000,000,000 is spent in clothing stores, \$3,500,000,000 on automobiles, \$1,300,000,000 in furniture and housefurnishing stores and \$1,000,000,000 in jewelry and music shops. Americans eat more in calories than most other peoples. Alton E. Taylor, food expert, puts the American calories average at 3,650 to 3,900 a day. In the United Kingdom the average is 2,800 calories and in Italy 2,500. Our climate is, of course, on the whole, much colder than that of either of those countries and we need more heating food. Ten per cent of the American people are said to eat more than 4,000 calories a day without the hard work that justifies this.

In the last ten or fifteen years hotels and eating places in this country have increased 40 per cent to a total of 125,000. There are 85,000 confectionery stores selling 18 pounds of candy a person a year to the people of the United States. This is an increase of 800 per cent in a few decades. Candy and soft drinks represent 6 per cent of the food bill. Before the Civil War a few pounds of sugar a person a year was the consumption. In 1910 it was 79 pounds, now it is 100. But tea and coffee are said to be growing less popular and meat consumption dropped from 181.5 pounds a person in 1900 to 132 in 1917.

Pickles and Diamonds.

The nation's expense account in per capita terms for a year, as reported by the Business Bureau, International, throws light on the requirements and tastes of Americans. For diamonds the American on the average spends annually \$2.58. He spends 22 cents for dentifrices, \$1.30 on pickles and 18 cents on pens, both fountain and steel. He puts out \$4.15 for near beer and 6 cents for ink; \$3 for ice cream and 90 cents for eggs; \$3.75 for toilet soap and \$1.10 for books. He spends \$27 on joy riding and kindred activities and \$1.29 for the work of religion. Five dollars go for jewelry and 15 cents for art works. Eleven cents is invested in health service and 65 cents is spent for coffins. Nine dollars go for perfume and cosmetics and 32 cents for watches. Ten dollars is spent on public schools and \$1.85 is invested in shirts. He spends \$45 for luxurious foods and gives 8 cents to the salaries of professors.

Washington Chapel to Get Pew in Honor of the Lees

Valley Forge, Pa.—The Society of Lees of Virginia has presented to the Washington Memorial chapel here a choir pew in honor of the Lees who served in the Revolutionary war and an endowment for maintenance of the chapel choir. The pew is to be of oak hand carved. On the ends will be carved continental soldiers kneeling in prayer, and on the back will be the coat of arms of the Lee family, with an inscription and the names of the Lees who served in the war. Included in the list are Richard Henry Lee, who offered the resolution that the states should be free; Francis Lightfoot Lee, signer of the Declaration of Independence, and "Light-horse" Harry Lee.

Clock Saves Block

Martinsburg, W. Va.—Sounding of an alarm clock which, by mistake, had been set an hour earlier than usual, was responsible for blocking an early morning fire in the Evers building here. The fire department soon had it under control.

Diver Kills Shark

Vancouver, B. C.—After a 20-minute battle with a six-foot shark 95 feet below the surface of the water of this harbor recently, Jack Bruce, a Vancouver diver, emerged victor, having killed the animal with an iron bar.

Phones in Church

Shamokin, Pa.—There is no longer an excuse for members of St. John's Reformed church congregation falling asleep during the pastor's sermons. Ear phones have been installed by the pastor.

BRIEFS

We need more grocery stores and fewer pool parlors.
The United Cigar Stores corporation employs colored clerks in a number of their Chicago stores.
Doctors of medicine, including about 2,600 colored, represent the largest single group of professional men in the country.
It was Roosevelt who said, "Take a chance: The man who never makes a mistake is the man who never does anything."
There is a practicing colored attorney in the State of Delaware.
Interracial committees in several southern states are doing splendid work among the "Africs" and Nordics.
That wonderful machine operated by the Hon. Edward H. Wright had more than enough gas to make the grade in the recent Chicago aldermanic election.
All of the loud speakers are not attached to radio outfits.

**NEW PLANT RACES ARE
SOUGHT FOR THE WORLD**

Scientists Urge Co-Operation of Medicine and Botany in Vast Plan of Research.

New York.—Enormous economic losses can be checked, and the cost of the food supply cut, by creating new races of plants, it was declared in a report by the scientific directors of the New York Botanical garden, of which Prof. Robert A. Harper of Columbia university is chairman. Medicine and botany should join in a vast plan of research to attack the problems of disease in plants, which offer many analogies to disease in human beings, according to the report, made public by the directors, who include President Nicholas Murray Butler and members of the science faculties of Columbia.

"With New York gradually becoming the leading medical center of this country," the report says, "and with the opportunity for medical contributions from the side of botany, it would seem most appropriate for the botanical garden to offer the facilities of its immense collections for fundamental researches into the problems of disease." Diseases of the great cereal crops are now vitally affecting the welfare of both farmers and consumers, the report says, pointing out that wheat rust in a single year has cost the country more than \$20,000,000, and that dry-rot of corn is becoming a pressing problem, a loss of more than \$5,000,000 having been suffered during this period in Illinois alone. "Plants may provide a new method of attack for the conquest of human ills," "There are reasons for believing," the report explains, "that many of the fundamental phenomena of disease processes applicable to all living beings may be studied in plant as readily as, if not more readily than, in human beings. "While it is becoming customary to control the infectious diseases of human beings by the use of serums and vaccines, this method has so far proved impracticable with plants; and the common procedure with them is to apply poisons by spraying, dusting or treating the seed. This entails a permanent cost on the grower, which in the case of food plants is added to the cost of the human food supply. "If, however, races could be produced which were immune to disease, the cost of food production would be so much reduced. It is now, indeed, generally agreed by plant pathologists that it is in the study of racial and inherited immunity and in breeding for disease resistance, rather than in prophylactic measures with existing races, that the solution of the great problem of reducing the enormous losses to agriculture and horticulture due to diseases of both physiological and infectious origin is to be sought."

Mines Laid in War Menace Baltic Ships
Amsterdam.—Twenty thousand deep sea mines are slowly rising to the surface in the Baltic and adjacent waters and are becoming a formidable menace to shipping, according to A. Flaes, Netherlands, consul-general in Hamburg.

In a report published here recently Mr. Flaes says that during the war 60,000 mines were laid between Bergen, Norway, and the Baltic archipelago. Forty thousand of them have been recovered in some way or other; mostly, it is assumed, through the chains by which they were secured being gradually eaten away by the action of the sea water. The rest are still unaccounted for, and they are reappearing gradually in unexpected places.

Deer Leaps at Workman; Caught in Tarrytown Plant

Tarrytown, N. Y.—When Alluviano Gabriele of 109 Cortland street, an employee of the Westchester Lighting company started home at noon he had only one idea in mind, which was to get a good meal of spaghetti. He got the meal all right, also a scare. As he passed one of the large gas tanks a half-grown deer leaped at him. Grabbing the deer by a hind leg, Gabriele shouted for help. Two other workmen responded, and the deer was safely locked up in a pen and the county gamekeeper notified. It is believed the animal escaped from the Rockefeller estate and swam the Hudson.

Rulers' Bombastic Titles

Leningrad.—The Revolution museum has received an interesting document from the Moscow government. It is the census return which was filled in by the czaristic family in 1897. The answer of the then czar and czarina to the question, "what is your profession?" was "Master and mistress of the Russian empire."

His Birthday Marked

Passaic, N. J.—Just at 9:11 a. m. January 24, the moment of totality of the eclipse of the sun, a boy came in to the world at the Passaic hospital. He weighs eight pounds. His mother is Mrs. Jesse Speck of Weatherford.

Wears Cap 56 Years

Ottawa, Kan.—Dr. J. M. McWhar of Ottawa believes he can beat the record of Tom Mercer of Cottonwood Falls who has worn one pair of buckskin gloves 59 years. He says he has worn a seal skull cap 56 years and that it is still in good condition.

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