

Many Accorded Fame They Had Not Earned

The popular belief that Watt was led to invent the steam engine by observing the effect of steam on the kettle lid was described as a myth by Prof. E. N. de C. Andrade in a lecture to children on "Engines" at the Royal Institution, London.

Actually, he said, Watt, as an instrument maker, was asked to repair the model of a Newcomen engine, and by his examination of this he was led to design a more efficient and economic steam engine, in which steam, having been expanded to low pressure in other parts of the engine, did work by virtue of the partial vacuum created by a condenser. It was that principle which was applied in every economical reciprocating or turbine engine of today.

Many other famous discoveries have been called in question, and the claims of inventors and scientists dispelled by the explosion of similar popular myths surrounding their work.

There was a heated controversy as to whether George Stephenson or Sir Humphrey Davy was the first to invent the miners' safety lamp. When the admirers of Davy in 1817 presented him a service of plate those of Stephenson countered with an address and £1,000 in 1818. Henry Bell, the Scottish engineer who placed the first ship, the Comet, on the Clyde in 1812, had to concede priority for the invention to Robert Fulton, an American engineer.

Scorched Feet, but Squirrel Got Nuts

This may not be the time of year for nature stories, but here's one already made. The little girl and her brother had tamed a squirrel. Every morning he came to their house for breakfast of some sort. One day the little girl started to market and the squirrel companionably went along with her. Into the very store he scrambled after her, much to the amusement and surprise of the proprietor, and of the customers.

They began to throw nuts for the little fellow and he scrambled after them eagerly. A poorly aimed shot suddenly went into the wide-open door of the low stove and like a flash the little animal jumped in after it. There was a yell of dismay from the onlookers and they started to the squirrel's aid, but he deftly jumped out again, his feet scorched, but otherwise seemingly not much hurt by his jump onto live coals.—Springfield Union.

Maggie's Many Virtues

The magpie, which is quite common on the plains and mountains of the West, has many excellent qualities and as many bad ones. As an insect eater the magpie surpasses the crow and all other members of the same family. Destructive weevils, caterpillars and grasshoppers characterize its insect food, which forms nearly 36 per cent of its diet. The magpie also eats a limited number of small rodents, and as a carrion feeder it does additional good. The magpie has, however, some outstanding faults. It is guilty of the destruction of poultry and beneficial wild birds and their eggs, and at times becomes a pest on the cattle ranch by its attacks on sick, injured or weak live stock. There are times when the birds gather in such large numbers that it becomes necessary to kill off some of them.

Stamped the Letter

Saralou, age four, was on her way with her mother to mail a letter to daddy. As they approached the post office, Saralou, who carried the letter, ran to put it in the box. Her mother, knowing it was unstamped, called to her young daughter: "Saralou, the letter must be stamped before you mail it, or daddy will never get it."

Saralou looked inquiringly into her mother's eyes. Then without much hesitation, she placed the letter on the sidewalk, and with all the wild enthusiasm of a four-year-old, jumped up and down with both feet upon the letter. Thinking it had been stamped sufficiently, Saralou picked it up and said in most assuring and convincing tones, "Muvver, I stamped it; now daddy will get it, won't he?"—Indianapolis News.

Found Antique "Mine"

Much has been said and written about places to go in search of antiques. The American traveler in his enthusiasm for the wealth of supposed antiques which he finds in every English city, is likely to be led astray by the hundreds of shops which lie along the beaten track, and may pass up completely the out-of-the-way places where the real article may be found.

A traveler says that he struck a veritable mine of riches in a little-frequented town in the interior. Going down for golf he discovered a real antique shop "right off the map in the heart of the country."—Antiquarian Magazine.

Spellbound

Ten-year-old Mary had won a scholarship, and was telling her mother about the papers.

The subject for essay had been, "How I Spend My Saturday Morning," and after discoursing on minding the baby, helping mother wash up, and so on, Mary ended with the amazing statement, "and then I play a game of chess with my brother."

"Chess?" queried her mother. "But you can't play chess!"

"I know, I wanted to put dominoes, but I couldn't spell it."

GEORGE JOHNSON BURIED

The funeral of George Johnson, aged 51 years, who died February 28, a 12:15 p. m. was held from the residence, 2921 North Twenty-fifth street, March 2 at 2:00 p. m. Rev. John Grant officiated. The widow, Mrs. Belle Johnson, is ill and friends hope for her speedy recovery. He leaves also to mourn his loss, a daughter, Cordella Armstrong; two grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. Ollie Bright of St. Joseph, Mo., and Mrs. E. J. Howard of Chicago, Ill.; two brothers, Louis Johnson of St. Joseph, and Henry Johnson of Leavenworth, Kansas, and a host of friends. Interment was at Forest Lawn cemetery.

INFANT DAUGHTER DIES

The funeral of Charlene Elizabeth Chin, who was born March 10 at 12:20 a. m. at the Methodist hospital, was held March 10 at 2 p. m. from the Joseph D. Lewis mortuary, Rev. A. H. Higgs officiated. She was the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Edward Chin, jr., of Newport, Rhode Island. Mrs. Chin was Mrs. Margaret Dewitt, daughter of Mrs. John McCree, of 2919 Burdette street.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our sincere thanks to our many friends for their kindness during the illness and death of our beloved husband, father and brother, George Johnson, who departed this life, February 28.

BELLE JOHNSON, wife;

CORDELLA ARMSTRONG, daughter;

MRS. OLLIE BRIGHT,

MRS. E. J. HOWARD, sisters;

LOUIS JOHNSON,

HENRY JOHNSON, brothers.

UNITY CLASS

The Unity class meets at the Y. W. C. A. Sunday evening at six p. m. The subject of the lesson will be "The Formative Power of Thought." The subject for Tuesday afternoon, twenty-third, is "Words." Everyone is welcome.

PLEASANT SURPRISE PARTY

A lovely surprise party was given on Mrs. G. A. Price by her daughters and son, Saturday, March 3, at the home of Mrs. P. J. Price. The evening was spent with prayer and songs. Dr. A. F. Martin of Chicago, Dr. F. S. Goodlett and Dr. P. J. Price gave very interesting talks.

OFFER \$10,000 IN PRIZES

Detroit, Mich.—Prizes aggregating \$10,000 have been offered by Dodge Brothers, Inc., for the best slogan "that describes the performance of the new Victory Six." The first prize will be \$1,000 and the second \$500. There will be also 30 prizes of \$50 each, 100 prizes of \$25 each and 200 of \$10 each.

The slogan must be of not more than ten words and each contestant must mail his entry to contest editor, Dodge Brothers, Inc., Detroit, Mich., before midnight of March 31.

Any one may submit as many slogans as he pleases. The officials of the company will be the judges.

Indian Names

Indian place-names. It is pointed out, may refer to physical characteristics of the place, to incidents in the history of the time, or to associations of a tribe with a region. Examples may be seen in Saskatchewan river (swift flowing), Battle river (place of numerous battles) and Ottawa river (river frequented by the Ottawa tribe).

Another point is that Indian tribes generally had two names—the name they gave themselves and the name given them by their enemies—and in many cases the names which have been "enemy" names. This accounts for the very uncomplimentary names which some Indian tribes bear.

Explaining "Creole"

The "New International Encyclopedia" states that Creole is "a name properly used in the southern United States and in Latin America to designate the pure-blooded descendants of original French, Spanish or Portuguese stock. By English writers it has sometimes been incorrectly supposed to mean a mestizo or mulatto; but it cannot properly be applied to any person of mixed race, non-Latin stock or European birth, neither is it used in speaking of the Canadian French."

"Great Britain"

"Britain" is the Anglified form of the classical name of England, Wales, and Scotland. Not until after the accession of James I did "Great Britain" become the formal designation for the union of the kingdoms of England and Scotland. Since 1801 and until recently the full title of the political unit composed of England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland has been "United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland."

NOTED YOUNG ARTIST COMING

Jessie Andrews Zackery, appearing at Zion Baptist church under the auspices of the Trustee Helpers' club of St. John A. M. E., and the Wide Awake 24 of Zion Baptist churches, March 19, at 8 o'clock, is a noted coloratura soprano of New York and will present a program of the highest merit. Mme. Zackery studied grand opera in Europe where she met with great success. This is the social event of Omaha. Everyone is urged to attend to get the greatest thrill of their lives. Andras Lindsay, of New York, is the highest paid accompanist of her sex in our race.

Persons desiring to sit in groups are urged to be seated by 7:30 p. m. Admission is 35 cents. Mrs. Hiram Greenfield and Mrs. W. D. Taylor, presidents.—Adv.

URBAN LEAGUE ANNOUNCES 1928-1929 FELLOWSHIPS

The National Urban league announces that applications may be filed up to April 15th for its fellowships for training in social work. These fellowships are available for graduates of accredited colleges. They are for study during the school year 1928-29 at the New York School of Social Work, the University of Pittsburgh, and the University of Chicago, at the discretion of the Urban league officials.

The Ella Sachs Plotz Fellowship at the New York School of Social Work, awarded in memory of the late Mrs. Ella Sachs Plotz, is endowed with the sum of \$12,100, and, with the tuition scholarship and special gifts to the fund, is valued at \$1,200 for the school year. A second scholarship at the New York School of Social Work granted co-operatively by the Urban league and the school is valued at \$1,200. The other fellowships carry a minimum of \$70 per month and tuition during the school year. An examination is given to applicants early in May and the awards are made late in June. Applications should be filed at once with Eugene Kinckle Jones, executive secretary of the National Urban league, 17 Madison avenue, New York City.

N. A. A. C. P.

The Omaha branch will hold its regular monthly forum meeting at the Pilgrim Baptist church, Twenty-fifth and Hamilton streets, Sunday, 4 p. m.

It is one of the objects of the branch during the ensuing year to familiarize our people, especially our young people, with the national Negro anthem. To that end we are encouraging the singing of it at every opportunity.

Therefore we are pleased to announce that the Pilgrim Baptist junior choir, consisting of some 40 voices of high school boys and girls have kindly consented to lead in the singing of this most stirring hymn of true patriotism at this meeting.

Another special feature will be a paper, "The Fading Democracy of Our Public School System—our Our Boys and Girls Getting a Square Deal," by the Rev. Russel Taylor.

Discussion of this paper will be opened by Mr. Joe Krisfeld, the young Jewish lad, senior in Central High, who so nobly protested by an article in the Public Pulse of The World-Herald on the removal of the only colored member of the Central High basketball team because the St. Joseph team refused to play otherwise. Surely, you will come out and show your appreciation of this young man of another race in his courageous stand in our behalf.

WAR DEPARTMENT TELLS N.A.A.C.P. LAST HOUSTON MARTYR BUT 1 RELEASED

New York City—All but one member of the 24th U. S. Infantry, imprisoned in connection with the Houston, Texas, riot of 1917, have now been released, according to a letter from the U. S. Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

In this letter Col. A. A. Hickox, parole officer, informs the N. A. A. C. P. that Robert Smith has been paroled under date of February 2, and was released February 29, leaving only one "Houston martyr" in prison. The man still imprisoned was denied parole because of a "poor conduct record" during his imprisonment.

The N. A. A. C. P. has been fighting for the release of the 24th Infantrymen since the riot in 1917, and has repeatedly announced its intention of following their cases until the last man has been liberated on parole. Monster petitions have been presented to two presidents under the auspices of the N. A. A. C. P., the cases of the soldiers being reviewed by the War department and their terms shortened in consequence. The last petition, to President Coolidge, bore upwards of 125,000 names.

AMERICAN LEGION

MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE AIDS LEGION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



By special appointment, arranged through Rev. C.H. Trusty, chaplain of Roosevelt Post No. 30, our publicity director was given audience before the Ministerial Alliance, Monday morning at their regular business meeting, to discuss "ways and means" by which both the Legion and Alliance can be of mutual helpfulness to each other and the community in general.

The chief feature of the proposal to which the ministers unanimously agreed, was: that each Sunday, beginning March 18th to April 15th, each minister will announce from his pulpit, the urgent necessity of every ex-serviceman in his congregation to "Join the Legion Now." He will also stress the importance of actively participating in an organization that is rendering the greatest possible service to all ex-servicemen, whenever the occasion arises, regardless of whether or not the veteran is a legionnaire.

It is indeed gratifying to note the readiness with which the intelligent citizens of Omaha are familiarizing themselves with the activities of the Legion and appreciating the valuable services being rendered by its members. We are also making a special appeal to the women of Omaha: "If your husband, brother or son, served in the world war, it is not only to your advantage—but it is your duty to persuade him to join the Legion."

Post Commander E. W. Killingsworth received a letter from General Frank T. Hines, director of the Veterans' bureau, Washington, D. C., commending the attitude of Roosevelt Post No. 30, toward the local bureau and its officials.

National Commander Ed Spafford notified the post that he will stop in Omaha some time next month, while en route to the northwestern departments. He urges that all posts reach their membership quotas at the earliest possible date.

Attention—Ex-Service Men!

In your daily contact with men, let your watchword be—"JOIN THE LEGION NOW."

THE TRI-ARTS SOCIETY

The Tri-Arts society met last Sunday in the Guild room of St. Philip's church. First, on the short, but delightful program was Miss Edna Mae James who very beautifully sang "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise." As an encore, she sang "At Dawning." The feature of the program was a delightful and very interesting talk by Mrs. T. P. Mahamitt on her travels abroad. During her most interesting talk Mrs. Mahamitt told of her visit to the Alhambra in Granada, where she explored the beautiful and interesting palace of the Moorish prince. While in Spain, she also visited in Seville, where she witnessed a bullfight.

While in Rome, she visited St. Peter's cathedral, where she saw St. Peter's tomb. Upon leaving Rome, she went to Venice where she experienced the thrill of riding in a gondola and of feeding the famous pigeons of St. Mark's Square. Upon leaving Italy, she went to Lucerne, Switzerland, where she saw the most picturesque and beautiful lake in the world, Lake Lucerne. After spending a delightful time in Switzerland, she traveled to Paris, where she made quite a lengthy stay, visiting the Louvre, Notre Dame, Arch de Triomphe, and other places of historical note. She then went to London and visited Westminster Abbey and the Parliament building on the River Thames. She also saw Buckingham Palace, home of the king and queen of England, and St. James' Palace, the home of the Prince of Wales. From London she sailed back to New York and home.

Mrs. Mahamitt's talk was so realistic, that it made those who were fortunate enough to be among her audience feel as though they had made the trip that she had talked about.

KILL DISCRIMINATION BILL

Jacksonville, Fla.—A jim crow labor bill introduced in the city council was reported unfavorable by that body. The failure of the bill followed the protest of Negro contractors against whom it was aimed. The bill would have restricted colored contractors from contracting for any work in a white district.

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HAITI HONORS AMERICANS

Washington, D. C.—The little Negro republic of Haiti has done honor to two outstanding Americans by giving their names to streets in her capital, Port au Prince. The names "Avenue George Washington" and "Avenue Charles Lindbergh" have been given to "Place Pantheon" and "Place Dessalines," formerly known as "Champ D'Mars."

GEORGIA BANK CLOSES

Savannah, Ga. — (Special) — The Wage Earners' bank, a race institution, capitalized at \$50,000 with \$988,024 in deposits, failed to open its doors recently.

A notice posted on the door said the affairs of the institution were in the hands of the state bank examiners.

No reason for closing was given.

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