

**THE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNE**

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The reckless chauffeur and his machine are soon parted.

Humanity gets its money's worth out of the bathing suit.

Lots of people never thought of hurrying until they got a fast motor car.

So far no one has been accused of mortgaging the home to buy an aeroplane.

Wireless telegraphy begins to rival chloroform in the alleviation of distress.

There is no truth in the rumor that the backbone of winter has been mended.

Those Zeppelin airships have to be handled more delicately than a pet rhinoceros.

Air sickness is an affliction that has come with the flying machine. "Stand firm under."

That celebrated expert, the katydid, was not so far off in its long-distance weather prediction.

There is to be an eclipse of the moon in November. And undoubtedly others, not of the moon.

People have such a habit of crowding around a broken-down automobile as if they were glad of it.

An Ohio judge has ruled that a pretzel is not a dangerous weapon. Now for a judicial opinion concerning wieners.

The summer is about over. We notice that the society column says "has returned" oftener than "has sailed" nowadays.

A Washington girl strangled a mad dog with her bare hands. What couldn't she have done with the gloves on?

"Heavy hogs are slow and weak," says a market report, but common experience proves that sometimes they don't act that way.

King George wants all the British army officers to wear mustaches, which is one way of getting soldiers with stiff upper lips.

A New York man committed suicide for the purpose of giving his wife a chance to get a better husband. She will not have to look far.

The Kaiser has a new palace, making 57 in all. Private millionaires, even in America, have their work cut out for them if they mean to travel at that pace.

A man has been found starving himself because he feared the end of the world was at hand. There must be such a thing as the rash bravery of cowardice.

A New York woman declares that an income is like a reputation—it must be lived up to. That is true, but it makes some difference as to how one lives up to it.

New Jersey has a college graduate 100 years old. Maybe he can tell us who originated that modern jest of leading the college president's cow to the top floor of the dormitory.

A London newspaper announces that Swift's idea of wit was all wrong. Next thing London will probably inform us that Shakespeare didn't know anything about writing plays.

A man who has become involved in trouble because he married three women in three months sets up the claim that he is insane. Some married men are mean enough to believe him.

A lawyer in Chicago has figured that the Fourth of July really comes on August 4. If he wants to do something really worth while, let him figure that moving day comes on February 30.

Firemen in New Hampshire prevented a suicide by playing the hose on a man determined to cut his throat. There is nothing like cold water to bring emotionalism of any kind down to a common-sense basis.

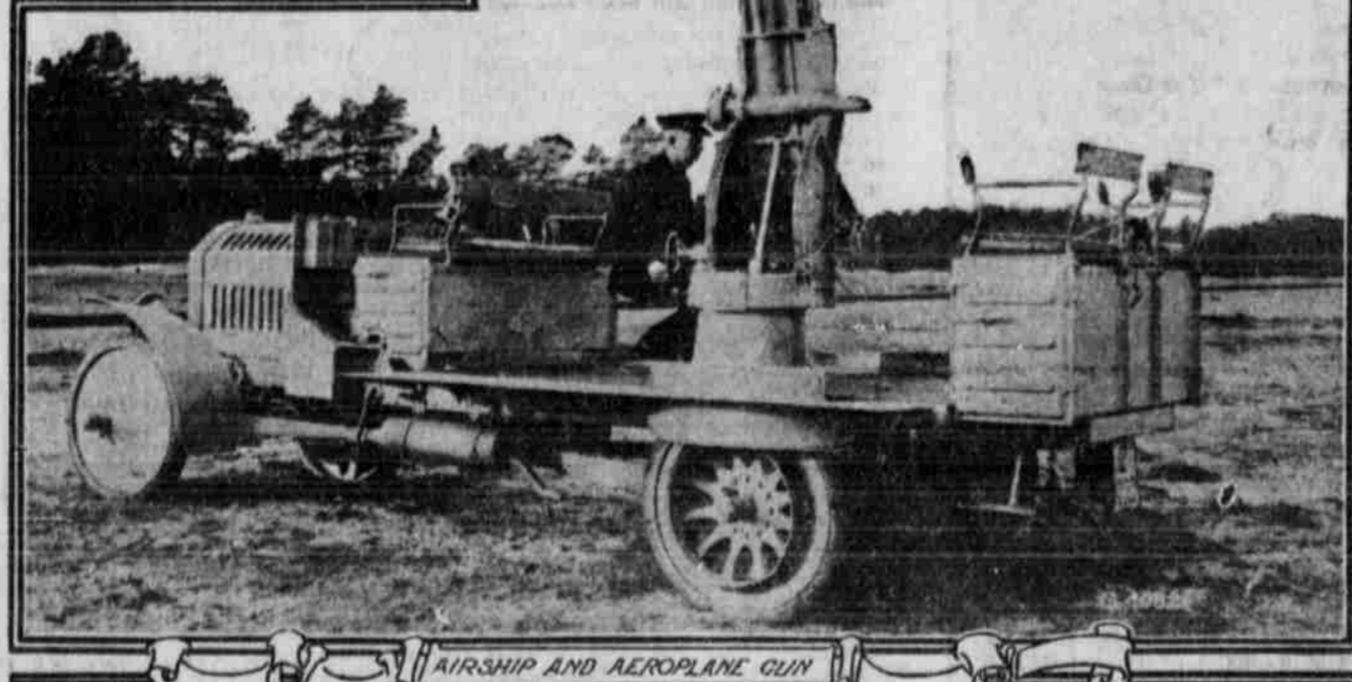
While people over here have been shivering in the heat, France has been suffering from thunder storms, gales and unseasonably cold weather. In the village of Bonneville, near St. Etienne, the local postman, who goes his rounds in a blouse and carries an umbrella, was caught by the gale the other day and blown nearly half a mile. He came safely to earth again, but he lost all his letters. That ought to cure him of the umbrella habit.

It is said that Edison has invented an automatic talking machine to accompany the moving pictures. The only thing remaining is for the wizard to invent an automatic silencing machine for the campaign orator and a few others.

Out in California some of the people have begun fasting for six weeks, hoping that at the end of that time they will go to heaven. Even if they fail to go to heaven they will probably have saved enough to make earth seem pretty heavenly.

**NEWEST WEAPON FOR WAR IN THE AIR**

BERLIN.—The great Krupp gun factory has just turned out an improved pattern of the airship and aeroplane gun, mounted on a fast, high-power motor car to follow balloons and other airships at a high speed. In trials that have been made, the gun was fired at dummy balloons and nearly every shell hit and exploded the balloon. The shell used contains a substance which leaves a trail in the air, showing the course it has taken.



**SNAKES KILL MANY TO REGISTER APPLE TREES**

**Reptiles in India Cause More Deaths Than Any Animal.**

**Tigers Claim 909 Victims, Leopards and Wolves Slay 571; Other Animals 686—Ravages of Plague Are Checked.**

Calcutta.—Over 21,000 lives—that's the toll of the jungle and forest in India for a single year.

These figures of sudden death are set out coldly in tabular form, in the Blue Book just issued which deals with the statistics of the Indian empire, under the heading, "Number of Persons and Cattle Killed in British India by Wild Animals and Snakes."

The list goes into details. Thus we learn that in the year under review, 1905, no fewer than 909 people—853 victims to tigers, 302 to leopards, while wolves claimed 269 as their prey. "Other animals" killed 686.

But the ravages of the man eater were as nothing compared to those of the snake, for the poisoned fangs of the latter put an end to 19,738 lives.

To cattle, leopards were by far the most destructive. Their kill was 42,427 head of a total of 98,307. Tigers claimed as their quarry 28,258, and wolves about 10,000.

Snakes, it would seem, are far less fatal to cattle than to humankind, for during the year they only killed 10,000, a small proportion of the total.

But the war was not one-sided. Seventeen thousand, nine hundred and twenty-six of the denizens of the jungle fell before the rifle and gun, and 70,498 snakes—roughly, four for every person killed—were destroyed. Bounties for their destruction amounted to \$50,000.

The total population is nearly 300,000,000—294,361,956, according to the 1901 census—and they inhabit 55,841,315 houses. Two-thirds of the inhabitants are Hindus, 62,000,000 Mohammedans, and but 3,000,000 Christians.

The average Indian does not indulge in overmuch letter-writing. Altogether the post office dealt with 875,255,832 letters, post cards and parcels—an average of about three per head of the population; but this seems less curious when it is remembered that all but 15,500,000 of India's 300,000,000 people are described as illiterate. These latter figures explain, too, how letter writing may be a lucrative employment.

Very interesting, in the light of recent seditious trails, are some of the crime statistics. Thus 12,411 offenses against the state and public tranquility were reported, and 4,797 convictions; while dacoities, political and others, numbered 2,984; with 659 convictions.

As might perhaps be expected in a land so densely populated as India, physical and mental infirmity is by no means rare, and altogether the total population afflicted is 584,498.

Lepers, male and female, numbered 107,340, blind over 350,000 and deaf-mutes about 150,000. The insane population was about 65,000.

One of the greatest campaigns engaged in India is that against plague, but, despite vaccination and all the resources of modern knowledge, the mortality remains terribly high.

Thus in 1905 plague claimed 174,874 victims, a high figure, but one that pales into insignificance before the total of 1,316,892 in 1907. The death toll for the last 11 years was 6,364,212. Some remarkable figures occur under the heading "Principal Specified Occupations."

Thus we find that 1,023,932 persons were engaged in "barbering" and shampooing the others, while clothes were washed by 600,000 men and about 500,000 women.

Nor are the Indian masses left unmolested. Actors, singers, dancers, bandmasters, players, etc., numbered 268,000—about one for every thousand. Four of these are men for every woman.

Priests and others engaged in religion numbered 1,150,525, and sweetmeat makers and sellers 284,421.

But perhaps the most amazing entry under this head of "Occupations" is "Mendicants (nonreligious)." The begging profession had 2,433,115 proponents, and the total supported by begging (nonreligious) was over 4,000,000.

Farmer Has Plan of Growing Orchard of Pedigreed Stock—Produce Prize Winners.

Spokane, Wash.—Growing thoroughbred apple trees, to be registered the same as live stock with pedigrees, is an innovation in eastern Washington. H. M. Lichty, an orchardist in the Yakima-Sunnyside district, west of Spokane, has perfected a plan to place the science of growing commercial fruit of the highest quality and color and uniform size upon a practical basis.

Explaining his plan, Mr. Lichty said that in every thoroughly cultivated apple orchard there are trees which stand out for yielding most of the prize winners at national and state shows. Scions are taken from these and transferred to other trees by budding and grafting, thus raising the quality. The trees are recorded upon an orchard plat, then registered and a pedigree is issued to the grower.

"I do not claim that all trees so grown will produce premium winning fruit," he added, "as that cannot be said of pedigree live stock; but the experience of the foremost growers in the northwest and other parts of the United States and Canada will show that a greater percentage of high grade trees is raised by following a common sense system than by orcharding in the old haphazard way. My own experiments prove these are superior strains of the several varieties of standard apple trees."

Prof. W. S. Thornber, head of the horticultural department at the state of Washington college, Pullman, and growers in the apple belts in eastern Washington and elsewhere, approve the Lichty plan, the former saying that the products of healthy trees may be improved by budding and grafting from superior stock. He added there is just as much difference in apple trees of the same variety as there is in horses of the same breed. The plan of registering trees and keeping a record of yielding performances is also endorsed.

**Letter Seven Years in Transit.**

London.—A letter posted from Streatham on July 31, 1903, has just been delivered at Briollay, France.

**HUMOR IN DOCTOR'S HASTE**

"Peg-Legger" Dragged to Hospital for Operation—Needed Carpenter, Not Surgeon.

Phoenixville, Pa.—When William Springer, a resident of Royersford, was found lying alongside the Reading railway near that town he told the men who found him that his foot had been cut off by a passing freight train. A stretcher was hurriedly brought, Springer was quickly placed on board an express train, which had been flagged for the purpose, and was taken to Phoenixville. A telegraph message to the station summoned the ambulance of the Phoenixville hospital and the hospital authorities, informed by telephone of the nature of Springer's injury, routed the house surgeons from bed and made the operating-room ready for an amputation.

Springer, from under the stretcher cover, protested against being taken to the hospital and said he wanted to go home. His protestations were ignored peremptorily, but kindly, with the admonitions of those about him that he lie perfectly still and not to worry.

Upon his arrival here he was at once loaded into the ambulance and a record trip made to the hospital. Here he was rolled into the operating-room and placed on the table.

The sight of the white-gowned surgeons and nurses and the array of surgical instruments caused the confused Springer to scream, but the absence of any evidence of bleeding from the mangled limb led the doctors quickly to the discovery that, while Springer had indeed lost a foot, he was in greater need of a carpenter than a surgeon. For the foot that he had lost was his wooden one. Springer said he would have told them that if they hadn't refused to hear his protests.

The doctors trimmed off the splintered leg and nailed a block of wood on the remnant to temporarily fill the need of the lost foot. Springer then set out for home.

**CURE FOR AFRICAN SCOURGE**

Famous Continental Physician Discovers Remedy for Sickness After Many Experiments.

Paris.—"606," the arsenical preparation of Dr. Ehrlich, the distinguished Frankfort physician, which has of late been engrossing the attention of the medical world, is at present being experimented with as a remedy for various tropical diseases. The preparation was named "606" as being the final successful result after experimenting with 606 preparations invented by Dr. Ehrlich for the alleviation and cure of an organic disease.

The Brussels Etoile Belge now states that the experiments made with "606" point to its efficacy as a remedy for malaria, sleeping sickness and recurrent fever.

Dr. Broden, the Journal adds, is studying the effects of the preparation in the Congo, and though his experiments are not yet concluded, he is stated to have already expressed the belief that henceforth it will be possible victoriously to combat the scourge of sleeping sickness with its aid.

**Enoch, Man Who Walked With God**

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Text—And Enoch walked with God; and he was not; for God took him.—Gen. 5:24.

God has many distinguished servants whose dignity is all derived from their heavenly Master. The names and histories of many of these, as portrayed in the Scriptures, are coupled with tell-tale epithets or brief characterizations, which have now become familiar as household words, that are significant of the peculiar aptitudes and achievements of the men to whom they are applied. Of one man in the Bible a phrase is used (applied elsewhere to one other, Noah) which is strangely suggestive and wonderfully inspiring—for it is said of Enoch that he "walked with God." All men, good and bad, walk in the sight of God, and all good men may be said to walk before or in the presence of God—guided by his eye, shone upon by his glory, and surrounded by tokens of his love—but of that primal, pre-eminent man of an early rude age it is declared that he walked "with God," which must mean something very illustrious, and denote a dignity almost, if not quite, unexampled in the whole course of human history.

The character of Snoch, as viewed through the lengthened vistas of the varying ages, seems to shine with a pure white light almost, if not quite unearthly. Its gleam was never lightened on man-made altars, the sheen is not dimmed by earth-born mists or garish glare or historic contrivances. We cannot know just what were the psychologic qualities of this holy, happy man, but we may be sure of one thing, that his character was singularly pure, far above that of his fellows, or the unexampled honor of "walking with God" and of being translated without hint or hurt of death would never have been given to him. "Be ye holy, for I am holy," must have been fulfilled in marvelous degree in Enoch's case. He was a saint, as were others of his contemporaries, but somehow, in close contact with the fires of the Divine holiness, the dress of his own humanity was burned away so that even before he was caught away to paradise, he became detached from earth and filled with the very spirit of heaven.

Enoch walked with God it appears, as a prophet. God may have revealed to him in quiet, tender converse many wonderful secrets of his plans. What did Enoch see in prophecy? Who knows but that in those ecstatic 300 years there may have passed before his vision, revealed by the direct will and wish of Jehovah, the outlines of redemption—the coming history of the ages, exhibited as it were, in an elongated panorama, all illustrating the wonders of grace and centering about the cross, whose distant gleam Enoch's quickened eyes may have clearly seen? Paul, in a later age, was taken up into the third heaven—why may Enoch not have been granted the vision of a redeemed earth? We cannot say that it was so—but we may wonder whether such dreams and visions did not come to that holy and unique man.

We are told, at any rate, in the epistle of Jude, of a wonderful vision which Enoch had of the consummation of human history, when the Lord will come with ten thousand of his angels to visit a dire punishment on ungodly men—a message which seems to have been a quotation from or an adaptation of, a prophecy in the Book of Enoch, which last is a collection of apocryphal stories regarding many matters in nature and in life which the church has declined to introduce into the canon, and does not receive as veritable Scripture. The general truth holds good at all events that the nearer one walks with God and the more transparent is the moral nature of any believer the broader and grander is the vision which such a one enjoys of eternal things—for in the highest ranges of Christian experience being is seeing.

There is need today for the transparent, guileless, reverent, meditative Enoch-like type of character—a frame or fashion of moral being which may seem, indeed, quite foreign to the "zeitgeist" or prevailing spirit of the times. Yet in a rushing age, more, if anything, than in any other, men need the close converse with their Maker to keep them poised amid social agitations steadily against the assaults of temptation, and clear-eyed amid the whirl and swirl of numberless worldly distractions. It should not be thought, because Enoch lived in a simple age, that, therefore, he enjoyed exceptional opportunities for being religious, while in this characteristically worldly day it is quite out of the question to maintain a spiritual frame. The fact is that Enoch lived in an age that was rude, riotous and coarse, when vice was rampant, when the sanctions of society itself were largely lacking, when there were no Bibles, churches, Endeavor societies, religious clubs or religious books or weeklies, and, therefore, it was all the more to his praise that, under conditions even more unfriendly, perhaps, to righteousness than those that obtain today, he walked with God and comforted himself as befitting a saint of the Most High.

Salvation means more than simply a kind of ticket to heaven.—Rev. Carter H. Jones, Baptist, Louisville.

**AN OLD-TIME CLOWN.**

J. B. Agler, (Tony Parker,) Praiseworthy Doan's Kidney Pills.

Mr. Agler is one of the best known men in the circus world, having been on the road with a wagon show 53 years. When interviewed at his home in Winfield, Kans., he said: "I contracted kidney trouble in the war, and suffered intensely for twelve years. Backache was so severe I could hardly walk and my rest was broken by distressing urinary trouble. Doan's Kidney Pills cured me and my cure has been permanent for five years. This is remarkable as I am in my 53rd year."

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**TO SAVE TIME.**



Aisy Wealding—Miss Wise, I wish that is—Glady, I'er-desire to-wa! really—

Glady Wise—Keep right on; I'll consider your proposal and have my answer ready by the time you have gotten it out of your system.

**WASTED A FORTUNE ON SKIN TROUBLE**

"I began to have an itching over my whole body about seven years ago and this settled in my limbs, from the knee to the toes. I went to see a great many physicians, a matter which cost me a fortune, and after I noticed that I did not get any relief that way, I went for three years to the hospital. But they were unable to help me there, I used all the medicines that I could see but became worse and worse, I had an inflammation which made me almost crazy with pain. When I showed my foot to my friends they would get really frightened. I did not know what to do. I was so sick and had become so nervous that I positively lost all hope."

"I had seen the advertisement of the Cuticura Remedies a great many times, but could not make up my mind to buy them, for I had already used so many medicines. Finally I did decide to use the Cuticura Remedies and I tell you that I was never so pleased as when I noticed that, after having used two sets of Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment and Cuticura Pills, the entire inflammation had gone. I was completely cured. I should be only too glad if people with similar disease would come to me and find out the truth. I would only recommend them to use Cuticura. Mrs. Bertha Sachs, 1621 Second Ave., New York, N. Y., Aug. 20, 1909."

"Mrs. Bertha Sachs is my sister-in-law and I know well how she suffered and was cured by Cuticura Remedies after many other treatments failed. Morris Sachs, 321 E. 98th St., New York, N. Y., Secretary of Deutsch-Ostrower Unt-Veren, Kemptner Hebrew Benevolent Society, etc."

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