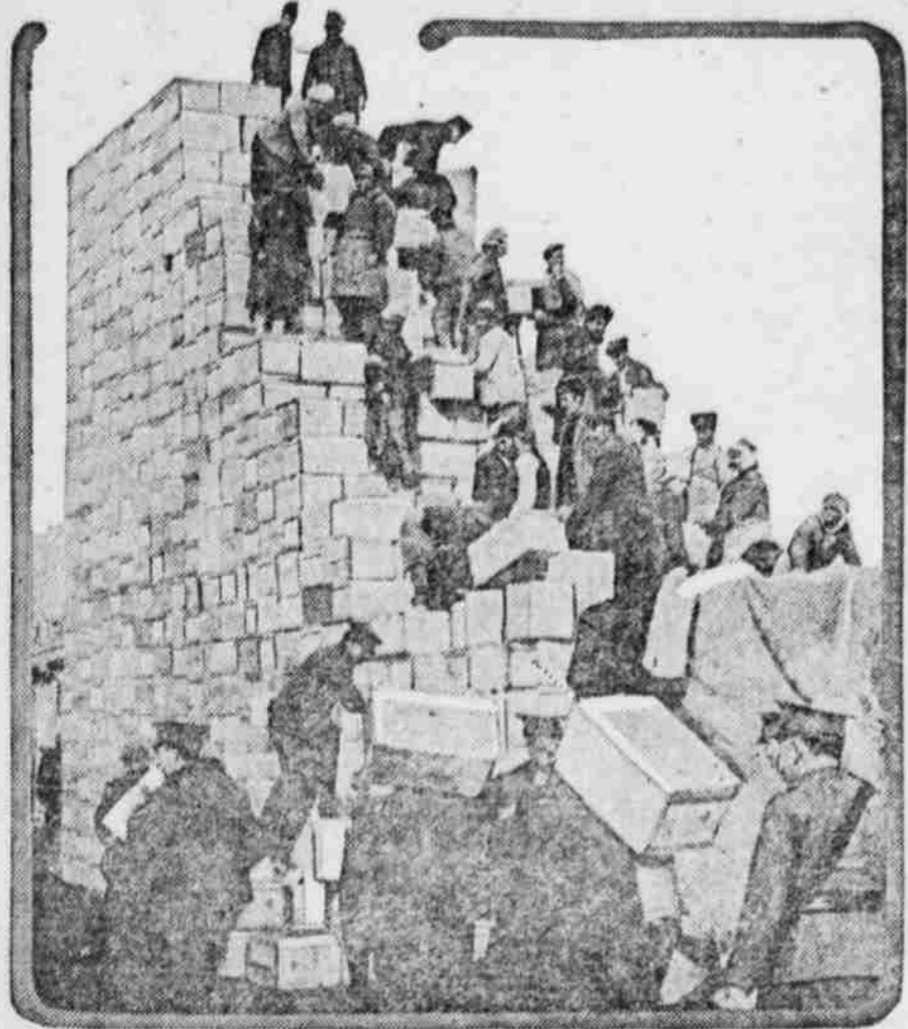


TOWER OF BISCUITS FOR BRITISH



The biscuit of the British corresponds to the "hard tack" of the United States. Immense quantities of this "staff of life" are shipped regularly to all the war fronts. The picture shows some Tommies piling up boxes of biscuits at Saloniki.

TO STOP LOTTERIES

Foreign Agents Give Post Office Officials Much Trouble.

Vigilance and Drastic Methods of the One Almost Matched by the Ingenuity of the Other—Fraud Orders Help.

Washington.—The post office department is determined to stop the operation of European lottery agents in the United States, and so stringent have become the department's rulings in this matter that a newspaper was warned by the department recently that it must not print again the result of lottery winnings abroad. The same dispatch was published in many other papers, but the postmaster of the city in which the newspaper referred to is published came near confiscating the entire mail edition of the paper in his town.

Either through ignorance of American laws or through hope of evading those same statutes, foreign lottery concerns annually flood the United States with thousands of circulars advertising foreign lotteries. There is no check on the mailing of these advertisements abroad, as the foreign postal laws do not prevent the use of the mails for such purposes.

Usually the foreign lottery men will mail a big batch of circulars to the United States, addressed to prominent business men in various cities. The usual appeal of the advertisements is based on the statement that many of the wealthy families of foreign countries are participating and that the winnings are so considerable that a well-to-do business man can afford to take a small chance.

The very volume of these circulars is what usually results in their detection. When a quantity is received at New York or some other port of mail entry the post office officials usually suspect their real nature, and across the face of each letter they stamp a notice to the postmaster at the letter's destination that it is supposed to contain unmailable matter. This means that when the postmaster at Chicago, for instance, or one of his employees comes across the letter it is held and the addressee required to come to the office and open the letter in the presence of a post office official. In this way the department officials learn the contents, and in case the letter was mailed by a lottery concern abroad the department issues a fraud order against it.

It is impossible, of course, to stop all mail matter coming into the United States from these firms. In fact a great deal may slip in after the passing of the fraud order, because the lottery concern is usually wise enough to keep its name off the outside of the envelope. But no matter how it may fool the country with literature it is altogether another matter for the recipient on this side to answer.

Notice of the fraud order has been issued meanwhile to the postmaster at New York and to all other points of foreign mail entry and egress. The department will not permit the dispatching of letters or mail of any kind to the concern or individuals who have been "posted." A prosecution, however, cannot follow on evidence contained in the letter addressed to the lottery concern. The American may be mailing money for a lottery ticket and thereby violating the law, but the department cannot open the letter. It is properly stamped and returned to the sender, with a notice that no mail is carried by the government for the individual or corporation to which it is addressed. And that usually ends the efforts of the American to get a ticket, unless he happens to have a friend abroad, or

unless he cares to use the cables, which is a very expensive proposition. In this country the law is so generally known that few persons try to put across an actual lottery. They usually try to rig up a virtual lottery so disguised as to escape the detection of the department. It speaks well for American ingenuity, however, to say that the variety and number of these "home made" schemes defy enumeration.

Many of them masquerade as contests of skill, and some are so skillfully rigged up from a legal point of view that it requires the closest analysis and study to arrive at their real nature. These include so-called investment schemes, home-buying propositions, endless-chain ideas and the like. Newspapers are frequent offenders in their efforts to increase circulation. A warning, however, from the post office officials is usually sufficient to cause an abandonment of the scheme.

One newspaper, however, appealed to the courts from the decision of the post office department not to permit copies of the paper to go through the mails so long as it published a scheme, which the department said was a lottery. The court refused to hold for the publisher.

BOY TRAPS WHITE WEASEL

Pennsylvania Lad Catches Animal in Rock Pile While Hunting Rabbits.

Waynesboro, Pa.—Lloyd Carr, fourteen-year-old son of Sherman Carr, is entitled to wear the belt as the champion weasel hunter. While hunting rabbits along the Roadside road he chased a weasel under a rock pile on the side of the hill. Believing that there was a weasel den under these rocks the boy came to town and, securing a steel trap, set it in front of the hole. His efforts were rewarded when he went to his trap and found the next morning a pure white weasel dead in the trap. The animal was beautifully marked, the body being a creamy white, the feet and tip of the tail light brown, and a light brown spot on the head between the ears. It measured 17 inches.

IT'S LEAP YEAR, RED HAIR

Chicago Eugenist Gives Warning to Those Who Are Under Matrimonial Handicap.

Denver.—"If you have red hair you'd better grab the first matrimonial chance which comes your way, because opportunity to marry are few and far between for those with titian locks," declared Dr. Edward T. Lazelle, the eugenic expert.

"Red hair is one of the most pronounced matrimonial disqualifications," Dr. Lazelle added. "Girls with red hair see brown and black and yellow tressed ones being grabbed up on all sides while they pine away."

"It is the same with red-headed men. Red-haired people are the weaklings of the race, too, provided they have the fair skin which generally goes with red hair."

Forty Miles for a Bath.

Oatman, Ariz.—How would you like to walk forty miles every time you took a bath? That's what the citizens of this place have to do. The mining boom is making the town grow at the rate of about 100 persons a day. The local water supply has to be teamed from Needles, Cal., forty miles away.

Has Eight Grandparents.

Eastford, Conn.—What other infant can make the claim of Beatrice, the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Buell of this town? The baby has two grandmothers, two grandfathers, three great-grandmothers and one great-grandfather.

ENDS "HOODOO SHIP"

Ill-Fated Steamer Goes Up in Flames at San Juan.

Forest City Never Made a Voyage Without a Mishap—Meets Accidents of Every Variety Known to Seagoing Vessels.

San Juan, P. R.—The burning of the four-masted American schooner Forest City in San Juan harbor a few nights ago marked the close of the career of a vessel long known along the Atlantic coast as a "hoodoo ship."

The Forest City came in here in distress from Calabar, on the west coast of Africa, with a cargo of palm oil for New York. At 10 p. m., soon after she was tied up at a bulkhead, smoke was seen issuing from her forward hatch. The San Juan fire department hurried to the pier, and the coast guard cutter Itasca and steamer John E. Berwind pumped water into the flames in the schooner's hold.

The burning oil, however, spread rapidly, and after a three-hour fight the Berwind and Itasca towed the blazing hulk out into the harbor near the interned German ships, where, a huge torch, she lighted the heavens, while 20,000 people on shore watched the spectacle. Spurts of flame leaped a hundred feet in air as the masts went by the board. Finally the Itasca fired three six-pound shells into the schooner, below the water line, practically completing her destruction, although part of the hulk burned until next day.

The entire cargo was lost with the ship. It was valued at \$125,000, and was built at Millbridge, Me., in 1904. She was owned by Frankel & Co. Her captain, H. B. Allen, was making his first trip as her master.

It is said that the Forest City never made a voyage without mishap. On her last trip she was blown far out of her course, and when she put into San Juan she was leaking badly, with several spars gone. Three of her crew had contracted beriberi during her 71-days' run from Africa.

Several years ago, then being known as the Myrtle Tunnel, she went fast on Frying Pan shoals, off North Carolina, and it was several months before she was pulled off and towed into Savannah, bottom up. She was then rebuilt and renamed Forest City, but it did not change her run of luck. In taking her away from the bulkhead while she was afire she carried away the bowsprit and part of the rigging of the schooner Warren Adams, moored near her stern, and nearly set that vessel ablaze.

She has been twice waterlogged, and in the winter of 1912 she was so badly battered in a gale on the New England coast that she put into Nantucket with spars broken off, her sails torn away and her captain sick in his cabin. To add to her misfortunes the Sound froze and she was icebound for a long time.

SUES BRITISH AVIATOR



Mrs. Claude Graham-White, who was, previous to her marriage in June, 1912, to the British flight commander, Miss Dorothy Caldwell Taylor of New York, has started suit in London for a divorce.

White Muskrat With Pink Eyes.

Curtice, O.—John St. John, Jr., a boy of ten years, living on the Cedar Point road, north of Curtice, caught a pure white muskrat with pink eyes while hunting.

NEWS and GOSSIP OF WASHINGTON



President's Attempt to Put World Into Two Camps

WASHINGTON.—When it came time for the president to arrange for the customary dinners to the diplomatic corps this winter, Mr. Wilson and his social, military and diplomatic assistants found themselves up against a hard proposition, due to the European war. From the first it was evident that two dinners must be given, and so the president undertook to divide the diplomatic world of Washington into two camps, each of which would be harmonious.

First, he put in camp No. 1 the entente powers, and in camp No. 2 the central powers. So far, so good. Then, closing his ears to the whisperings of those who professed to know the sentiment of the neutral countries, Mr. Wilson took the little blue-covered diplomatic book issued by the state department and placed in camp No. 1 the first neutral representative on the list. The next he put in the second camp, and alternating thus, he had the world divided into camps, with the United States standing between.

It was an ingenious though simple plan, and seemed to give assurance of peace at the festive board. But on second thought the chief executive gave it up and adopted another. The belligerent leaders of each camp were left as they were, but along with each of these groups the representatives of all the neutral countries were invited. So peace reigned anyhow, and the lucky neutrals had two dinners instead of one.

Little Incident in a Street Car in Washington

A FAT, wabby woman, overburdened with what you might literally call a game bag filled with trophies of the day's bargain hunt, entered a crowded car. No man showed symptoms of chivalry, and as a fat, wabby woman dangling at a strap makes a somewhat distressing show of herself, a young woman arose and gave up her seat.

This act of courtesy aroused no belated gallantry in the man passengers, each of whom read his paper or looked bluntly satisfied and uncaring, as, of course, he had a right to do if he wished.

After a bit a man boarded the car, saw the girl, cordially shook her free hand and said to her in the voice of one who owns the world and all there is in it:

"If you want to hear me speak here's your chance. Come up to the capitol with me now for luncheon. Mary will be there."

"Thank you, not this time, senator. We have a tea on hand for the afternoon. Try to look in on us—"

Our home men are not toadies, but there are always exceptions. And they happened to be in the car. Every newspaper lost its lure for the reader masked behind its pages. Every stolid passenger who had ignored the mere everyday woman who had given them an object lesson in unselfishness became simultaneously solicitous to place his share of the car at the disposal of the booming-toned senator and his friend.

Neither paid any attention, thanks be; and that was all there was to it except that—

It was only another proof of a now generally accepted fact—that young women who go out in the world to battle for right of way are acquiring a protective tenderness for all who are old and helpless—a protective tenderness which men are throwing aside, and which selfish, home-pampered women and girls never did have, and never will.

Foreign Lotteries Worrying Postal Authorities

INCREASE in the number of government lotteries abroad, as the war drags itself out, is forcing United States postal authorities to be especially watchful to prevent their advertisement in this country. The lotteries are given publicity in the United States in two ways, it is said at the post office department. Individual letters are written to American citizens in an effort to induce them to purchase tickets and news stories are circulated of fabulous sums won.

Letters soliciting clients, if they fall into the department's hands, never reach their destinations. Some get through the department if on the outside they do not present suspicious appearance. All the suspected letters are diverted and opened. With news stories the department does not find it so easy to deal. The solicitor's office of the department holds that any news story advertising a lottery must be barred from the mails. Under the department's ruling this means any story giving publicity to a lottery. It does not have to be a paid advertisement.

Many news stories of European lotteries have been printed recently, the department says, which approach closely a violation of the law. A story that mentions the name of a winner or winners of a lottery is held to be a distinct violation. A story, too, that might be expected to attract such attention to a lottery that readers would investigate is held to be a violation.

Most of the lotteries being carried on in Europe now are for war benefits. Hospitals, the wounded, soldiers' dependents and other war victims are aided.

Uncle Sam Looks After the Health of the Oyster

DESIROUS that more of the hundred million inhabitants of this country should realize their good fortune in living near the waters in which oysters grow better than anywhere else in the world, the federal government is doing all that it can to increase the consumption of this cheapest of animal foods.

For a generation the bureau of fisheries of the department of commerce has made a study of the oyster, and has revealed details of its life history that have made possible its propagation with increasing success, and to such an extent that its price has remained practically the same for 25 years. More recently the bureau of chemistry of the department of agriculture and the public health service of the treasury department have been co-operating in a sanitary survey of the oyster beds of the Atlantic coast, which has resulted in the closing of those found to be in any way polluted. The work of its various agencies has been so thorough that the government announces that oysters are more sanitary and better than ever before.

In the enforcement of sanitary regulations concerning oyster beds the federal government has, of course, been restricted to oysters entering interstate commerce, but by co-operation with various states the good effects of the federal work have been extended practically all over the country.



"CASCRET'S" ACT ON LIVER; BOWELS

Get a 10-cent box. Are you keeping your bowels, liver, and stomach clean, pure and fresh with Cascarets, or merely forcing a passage every few days with Salts, Cathartic Pills, Castor Oil or Purgative Waters?

Stop having a bowel wash-day. Let Cascarets thoroughly cleanse and regulate the stomach, remove the sour and fermenting food and foul gases, take the excess bile from the liver and carry out of the system all the constipated waste matter and poisons in the bowels.

A Cascaret to-night will make you feel great by morning. They work while you sleep—never gripe, sicken or cause any inconvenience, and cost only 10 cents a box from your store. Millions of men and women take a Cascaret now and then and never have Headache, Biliousness, Coated Tongue, Indigestion, Sour Stomach or Constipation Adv.

In a Different Light. "The boys are throwing stones at a poor peddler." "Outrageous." "That's what I think." "Whose boys are they?" "Yours." "Oh, well, boys will be boys. Let the children play."

For a really fine coffee at a moderate price, drink Denison's Seminole Brand, 35c the lb., in sealed cans.

Only one merchant in each town sells Seminole. If your grocer isn't the one, write the Denison Coffee Co., Chicago, for a souvenir and the name of your Seminole dealer.

Buy the 3 lb. Canister Can for \$1.00.—Adv.

Extreme Pacifism. "Soldiers in Europe are fighting with gas bombs and liquid fire." "What are we coming to?" "I don't know, but so long as there are places in the world where a man may hide himself, I know I'm not coming to that."

RELIABLE REMEDY RESTORES KIDNEYS

For many years druggists have watched with much interest the remarkable record maintained by Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy.

It is a physician's prescription. Swamp-Root is a strengthening medicine. Dr. Kilmer used it for years in his private practice. It helps the kidneys, liver and bladder do the work nature intended they should do.

Swamp-Root has stood the test of years. It is sold by all druggists on its merit and it will help you. No other remedy can successfully take its place.

Be sure to get Swamp-Root and start treatment at once.

However, if you wish first to test this great preparation send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention this paper.—Adv.

A Stranger. "Tomorrow will be the first Sunday of the year, and I propose to commence the new year by going to church," announced Mr. Gibbs, reverently. "You'd better take me with you," calmly rejoined Mrs. Gibbs. "What for?" "You may need somebody to identify you."—Judge.

GIRLS! GIRLS! TRY IT, BEAUTIFY YOUR HAIR

Make It Thick, Glossy, Wavy, Luxuriant and Remove Dandruff—Real Surprise for You.

Your hair becomes light, wavy, fluffy, abundant and appears as soft, lustrous and beautiful as a young girl's after a "Danderine hair cleanse." Just try this—moisten a cloth with a little Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. This will cleanse the hair of dust, dirt and excessive oil and in just a few moments you have doubled the beauty of your hair.

Besides beautifying the hair at once, Danderine dissolves every particle of dandruff; cleanses, purifies and invigorates the scalp, forever stopping itching and falling hair.

But what will please you most will be after a few weeks' use when you will actually see new hair—fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair—growing all over the scalp. If you care for pretty, soft hair and lots of it, surely get a 25 cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any store and just try it. Adv.

Nebraska's 803 state banks contain \$114,487,652.98, belonging to 380,223 depositors.

Let's be kind to the beggars. We may want to borrow money of them some day.

An ounce of criticism is worth more than a pound of fattery.