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One of the things that make New York an interesting city is the practice of some shopkeepers of putting in their windows attractive people with labels.

At Ann Arbor, Mich., workmen recently repaired the outside stairs of old University hall. The building was constructed in the '70s, and complaint was made at that time that the stairway was too narrow to permit the co-eds to pass comfortably.

Mohammedans are supposed neither to drink wine nor to eat pork, but Alibed-Hamoun, dethroned sultan of Zanzibar, who now lives affluently in Paris, has a bold and original way of doing both.

Seventy-eight gold watch fobs have been awarded employees of the Southern Pacific railroad who did efficient safety first work during the last year. The prizes are won under a point system.

When Mrs. Mary E. Peters, age 66, of Millville, N. J., became the bride of James McNeal, age 38, the bride was given in marriage by her mother, Mrs. Jane Facemier, age 99.

Since the beginning of the European war American diamond buyers have shown a revival of interest in the diamond fields of Brazil, which have attracted a considerable number of buyers.

Mount Taishan, a famous sacred mountain of China, which has long been denuded of woodland, is to be reforested by the government. There it was that Emperor Shun offered sacrifices to heaven.

Emory Anderson, of Syracuse, N. Y., who weighs 250 pounds, saw a pheasant on the ground, pursued it and finally caught it by making a flying tackle.

The queen of Norway dresses economically to the point of shabbiness, spending only \$1,000 a year for her clothes. The queen of Spain is the most extravagant of European royalties for her wardrobe.

The one-mile derby run annually on watermelon day at the Arkansas valley fair, Rocky Ford, Colo., was this year won by a woman jockey for the first time on record.

Rutebeuf and Jean de Meung were the two most noted poets of the thirteenth century. The former was an exponent of every form of poetry and prose, and is the oldest representative of personal poetry in France.

The first carload of silico-manganese ever produced in California, and as far as recorded ever produced in the United States, has been shipped to London.

In order that Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, age 25, of Pittsburgh, the mother of eight children, may share the Edwards estate without facing possible legal complications, Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards, wealthy Mt. Washington woman, has adopted her.

Gardner Miffen, age 88, a veteran mason, of Washington, N. H., has been the mason work of the new house of Dr. William Snow. He is to build two fireplaces and chimneys and put on more than 400 yards of plastering.

The importation into Australia of explosives containing more than 50 per cent of nitroglycerine has been prohibited, except after the consent, in writing, of the minister of state for trade and customs has been obtained.

While boring for oil near Port Elizabeth, South Africa, hot water was encountered in such volume at a depth of 3,800 feet that drilling operations ceased. The well developed a never-failing supply of water.

Saco, Me., is now without a hotel, a manufacturing concern having leased the only building of the kind for accommodations for its employees who could not find quarters elsewhere in the city.

Companies and corporations doing business in Turkey are compelled by a new law to use the Turkish language. Foreign corporations must use Turkish in their correspondence with the government.

Prof. E. Livingston Barbour, of Rutgers college, who was the prohibition candidate for United States senator from New Jersey, was unable to vote, as he failed to register.

RAIL COMMISSIONERS FEAR LOSS OF POWER

Say Bill Before Congress Would Rob Them of Rights Given By State.

Lincoln, Neb., March 9.—Nebraska state railway commissioners are dismayed over the discovery in the copy of the bill now before congress providing for the compensation of railroads while in government hands, just received by them, that if it passes in that form their jobs so far as regulating Nebraska railroads is at an end.

"The bill takes away from all state commissions," said Commissioner Taylor, "all of the worth while powers they now possess. Section 16, which seems to have been added somewhat in the passage between the Senate and House and without any publicity being given thereto, gives to the railroads the thing they have been fighting for for years, the lodging in the federal commission of sweeping powers over rates, service and stock and bond issues."

"When the federal law takes away from state commissions," says Commissioner Taylor, "the power to regulate rates, to supervise and direct the expenditures of revenues, to supervise and improve the making of additions and improvements to property and control of stocks and bond issues, as this law does, there is nothing left for the commissions to do."

POTATO SITUATION IS NOT SO SERIOUS

Lincoln, Neb., March 9.—The potato situation in western Nebraska is not as gloomy as it has been represented, according to Prof. R. F. Howard, of the state university and secretary of the Nebraska Potato Improvement association, who has just returned from an inspection trip throughout the potato section. The situation in a nutshell is embraced in the following facts:

There are still 200,000 to 300,000 bushels of potatoes waiting for shipment. Seventy-five to 100,000 bushels are worthless, owing to dry rot, scab, frost and other diseases.

Potato growers who have had good potatoes will make a profit this year despite the large crop.

"At the present time potatoes are moving out of the district very fast," said Prof. Howard. "Three weeks ago 500,000 bushels were reported to be held at Morrill alone. In a talk with growers throughout the entire section and at several potato meetings I learned that there are only between 200,000 and 300,000 bushels that have not as yet been shipped."

FINANCIAL TROUBLE CAUSE OF SUICIDE

Norfolk, Neb., March 9.—Ed Marquard, familiarly known as "Curley," committed suicide at his home on South Third street by drinking most of the contents of an ounce bottle of carbolic acid. The body was found in the cellar and the police notified. Chief Brush immediately investigated and found that life had been extinct for about an hour.

Marquard's friends had noticed that he had not appeared quite well for some time. He was employed at the Barrett soft drink place. He leaves a wife and several children.

Marquard was 33 years old and has lived in Norfolk most of his life. His father, Dr. C. F. W. Marquard, formerly a jeweler and optician in Norfolk, lives at Ashton, Id.

EUSTIS PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO HANDLE GERMANS

Lincoln, Neb., March 9.—The state council of defense in receipt of word from Eustis to the effect that the newspaper reports of the trouble there with pro-Germans were overdrawn and that there is no danger of any uprising against authority. The local council announces its ability to handle the situation without any help from outside. The first reports from there were that the German sympathizers had armed themselves after one of their men had attacked a member of the council that did not do anything and that the governor would be asked to send home guards there.

The county council has begun a vigorous campaign to stamp out all disloyalty in the county, where there is a heavy settlement of Germans direct from the fatherland within the last two years. The council proposes to summon the leaders to a conference and force a showdown.

DOCTOR FEARS HE WILL LOSE PATIENTS

Lincoln, Neb., March 8.—Dr. Hewitt, of Beaver Crossing, has appealed to the state railway commission to save him from the loss of part of his patients, due to a recent rate of the Lincoln Telephone company, that operates a group of exchanges in the vicinity of the state. The case is an unusual one. The towns of Exeter and Beaver Crossing are 12 miles apart, with the town of Cordova half way between. The telephone exchanges are operated by different companies, but have all been taken over by the Lincoln corporation. Under permission of the state commission it was permitted to offer all of its rural subscribers the choice of free connections with the two market towns. In making this choice a group of farmers north of Cordova and within four miles of Beaver Crossing signed up for service with Cordova and Exeter. A number of these were former patients of Dr. Hewitt at Beaver Crossing, and their choice put them beyond the free service zone of Beaver Crossing and makes it necessary for them to pay a small toll charge to talk to the doctor, who must also pay to talk to them. More than 10 to 15-cent charge they transferred their patronage to Exeter doctors.

Dr. Hewitt insists that the company oughtn't to be allowed to make a rule that deprives him of part of his clients, but the commission and the company have not yet been able to figure a way out unless the farmer clients forego the pleasure of talking with Exeter and take Beaver Crossing instead.

MARRIAGE LICENSE GOOD IN OTHER COUNTY

Crofton, Neb., March 9.—A few days ago a wedding party drove to the home of Rev. F. J. Tresider and a marriage ceremony was about to be performed, when it was discovered the license had been issued in Cedar county. While Exeter is in Knox county, the party drove a mile across the county line into Cedar county, where the ceremony was performed in regulation fashion and the party returned to the parsonage, where the papers were made out in proper style.

BEET GROWERS WILL DEMAND MORE MONEY

Commission Named by Food Administrator to Study Situation in Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., March 9.—A commission appointed by the national food administration to fix the price that the beet sugar manufacturers of the state shall pay for beets this year will meet tomorrow at Grand Island to hear what both the growers and the manufacturers have to offer as to the matter of costs of seed and production and also of manufacture.

Beet sugar growers in the North Platte valley, the principal growing area of the state, have declared that they will not plant their land to beets but will use it for wheat and corn if they are not paid a larger sum per acre, amounting in some cases to a 50 per cent increase. The complaint is that the manufacturers are making enormous profits, and can afford to pay a better price and one at which the growers can make good money.

The commission is made up of Dean Burnett and Professor Filley, of the state college of agriculture; W. L. Farley and A. E. Cady, business men, and Andrew Weiser, connected with the government reclamation service.

SOCIAL DISEASE WILL HAVE CLOSE ATTENTION

Omaha, Neb., March 9.—An ordinance requiring the internment or quarantine of any person with social disease has been passed by the Omaha city council. The ordinance is to take effect immediately.

Physicians, nurses, hospital attendants and all other persons who have knowledge of such cases must report to the health commissioner under penalty of not more than \$100 fine or more than 30 days in jail.

Any person, according to the ordinance, who exposes another to social diseases is liable to a fine of \$100 or a jail sentence of 30 days.

"The health commissioner shall hold all names and data given him under this ordinance as confidential and privileged," reads the ordinance, "and shall disclose the information to no one excepting interested officials and these in turn shall also be bound to secrecy."

Cases reported to the health commissioner will be considered and the patient isolated. Commissioner A. C. Kugel introduced the ordinance.

HORSE MEAT SERVED AT BIG BANQUET

Fremont, Neb., March 9.—When it leaked out that the roast served at the Y. M. C. A. volley ball banquet yesterday was horse meat, the hotel proprietor knew about it. Everybody present considered the meat exceptionally good. Even the presence of many bottles of horseradish on the tables, and the serving of ice cream in the shape of horses, failed to tip off to the hungry banqueters that they were being served with "war horse" meat.

WILL SUPPLY CARS FOR FARMERS MOVING

Lincoln, Neb., March 9.—The state railway commission has wrested from the national director of transportation a concession that will permit emigrants to move their household goods with them when they change farms on this month. The director recently issued orders giving grant preference over everything else. To move grain takes box cars and if box cars are taken at this time of year nobody can move. Many changes occur at this time of the year, particularly in the west.

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MAN WHO ATTEMPTED SUICIDE WILL RECOVER

Fremont, Neb., March 9.—Will Brinkley, 30-year-old farmer near Hooper who fired a charge of buckshot at his own head because of "numerous troubles" will recover. Brinkley sat up today and wrote several letters. He talked freely, declaring he was heartily ashamed of himself. Brinkley had trouble 10 days ago with another young man who called on the girl who had promised to marry Brinkley. Brinkley had bought, stock and implements to go to farming and then could not get a farm. He said at the hospital today that he would "turn over a new leaf."

WEEK OF MARCH 9 TO BE PURE FOOD WEEK

Lincoln, Neb., March 7.—Governor Neville has issued a proclamation calling upon the people of the state to observe the week of March 9 as pure food week, for the purpose of impressing upon everyone the facts connected with the need for greater production and conservation of foodstuffs, to the end that the pure food department of the state will be the better able to protect the health of the people and incidentally render more efficient and effective assistance to the government in the winning of the war.

The proclamation reads in part: "Never in the history of the nation has pure food been as essential to our well being as at the present time. In the period of national crisis when the obligation to feed a continent and a portion of the population of the world rests upon our country, when our people are asked to eat less than our allies may eat more, the question of pure food takes on an added importance and significance."

CONDITIONS AT EUSTIS TO BE INVESTIGATED

Omaha, Neb., March 9.—The state council of defense and the federal department of justice will immediately investigate conditions at Eustis, Neb., where pro-Germans are said to be threatening local Americans to such an extent that a petition is in circulation asking Governor Neville to send armed protection to that place.

The state council of defense has sent three men to investigate the situation. Eberstein, of Omaha, head of the federal department of justice in Nebraska, took the affair up and said he would at once send an investigator to Eustis.

CAPITAL TAKES UP FRENCH WOMAN



Mme. J. Devilder, wife of the French high commissioner in the United States, has taken a Washington residence and she and her husband are extensively entertainers and pursued guests. She has entered into war work whole heartedly, too.

RUMANIA FEELS DEEPLY SHAMED

Jassy, Rumania, Monday, March 4. (By Wireless to Saloniki, Tuesday, March 5.)—Intense indignation is felt by the army and people of Rumania over the terms of the preliminary peace imposed upon Rumania by the central powers. With its military forces scattered and its hopeless strategic position, Rumania had no recourse except to yield to her powerful and ruthless foe.

The Rumanian example is pointed to as a repetition of the bitter fate suffered by Serbia and Belgium. The royal family is greatly depressed over the disastrous course of events. Both the king and queen, through the Associated Press express the hope that the American people will have a sympathetic appreciation of the tragic circumstances that forced peace on Rumania, that the warm friendship that has always existed between the two nations will in nowise be impaired.

Hope is felt by the royal family and the people that when world peace comes some of the sacrifices now being made by Rumania will be recognized and compensated.

The American Red Cross and all other foreign missions in Rumania are making plans to leave, their departure being compelled by the peace terms.

Under the peace terms, Rumania not only will have to give up Dobruja, lose control of the Danube and endure other great economic sacrifices, but she will be compelled to yield to Germany large wheat, petroleum and salt concessions. It is understood that Germany will have control of the Rumanian railways for a period of 15 years and will have possession of the four principal fortified passes through the Carpathians.

All German goods are to enter into Rumania free of duty while all Rumanian goods will go into Germany duty free.

Germany served her final ultimatum on Rumania yesterday, leaving her only two hours in which to make final decision. A crown council was held and it was decided that Rumania, completely isolated and without outside support would have to bow to the force of circumstances and take a course from which there appeared to be no escape.

STEADY STREAM OF TROOPS TO EUROPE

Shipping Board Meets Demand For Shipping to Supply U. S. Army.

Washington, D. C., March 9.—Troops and supplies for General Pershing's force now are moving to France on schedule time, it was learned yesterday on high authority. While figures may not be published, it was stated positively that transportation requirements for the army are being met by the shipping board and the immediate situation as to ships was described as satisfactory.

In view of this assurance that the United States will be able to maintain its place as a fighting unit on the battle fronts, reports from the western front are being scanned more eagerly than ever by officers here for the first signs of the 1918 campaign. It is felt strongly that the opening of major operations in what President Wilson has predicted will prove the decisive year of the great war will not be much longer delayed.

TWO FIFTHS OF 1917 CORN CROP ON FARMS

Washington, D. C., March 9.—Grain in farmers' hands on March 1, as announced today by the department of agriculture was: Corn, 1,322,905,000 bushels, or 40.9 per cent of the 1917 crop; wheat, 111,272,000 bushels, or 17.1 per cent; oats, 585,195,000 bushels, or 37.5 per cent; barley, 2,404,600 bushels, or 20.8 per cent.

ANOTHER UPHEAVAL IN SPANISH CABINET

Madrid, March 9.—The Spanish cabinet, recently constructed by the Marquis De Alencuer, who in addition to being premier held the portfolios of foreign affairs, resigned today.

Great Tank Battle Soon to Be Fought On the West Front

New York, March 9.—Tank against tank is the new kind of land warfare predicted by military observers recently back from France.

Germany has built and mobilized a vast fleet of these crawling fortresses to hurl against the tank squadrons of the allies in her coming offensive.

A gargantuan trial of strength will result. Dispatches from Germany reveal the fact that the German high command is building thousands of monster "turtles"—a new type of tank—larger than the first British tanks and armed with heavy guns—some reports say 6-inch and even 8-inch guns. The caterpillar treads are entirely hidden by armor plate and there is a sharp projection at the front for ramming.

The allied governments are prepared to meet the threat. The British—first to develop the tank—are building still larger machines. The French are developing their own type. Our own government is turning out a fleet of tanks, the first of which are now going forward to General Pershing.

11 KILLED; 46 HURT IN RAIDS

German Airplanes Again Succeeded in Reaching London Despite Vigorous Defense.

London, March 9.—Eleven persons were killed and 46 others were injured in last night's airplane raid on London, according to the latest police reports, says an official announcement today. It is feared that an additional six bodies are in the ruins of houses wrecked.

Another raider dropped bombs in the northern district of London, demolishing several houses.

The raid demonstrated that German aviators no longer depend upon moonlight. It was the first time the enemy had attempted a night raid over London when there was no moon. The stars were out, however, and there was little wind. Londoners were taken by surprise when the warning signals were sounded. The theaters were just closing. The streets were soon cleared. The warning to avoid danger from shrapnel was generally heeded, every one taking cover. For a time the sun fire was heavy.

Several persons were killed by the private houses in northeastern London. The house of a vicar was partially wrecked, but the clergyman escaped. He is a constable and had left home for duty when the warning came a few minutes before the explosion which damaged his residence. The vicar worked throughout the night assisting the wounded and homeless neighbors.

Last night's air raid appears to have been carried out by seven or eight enemy airplanes, of which two reached London. The first two raiders, which approached the Isle of Thanet at about 10:55 p. m., and proceeded up the Thames estuary. Both were turned back before reaching London.

Meanwhile the third raider came across the Essex coast at 11:20 p. m. and steered west. At 11:45 p. m. it was reported over East London. A few minutes later it dropped bombs on the southeastern and northwestern districts. At 11:50 p. m. the fourth raider, which had also come in across Essex, dropped bombs to the north of London and then proceeded south across the capital, dropping its remaining bombs on the northern district between 12:20 and 12:30 a. m.

"The remaining enemy machines, all of which came across the Essex coast, were turned back before they reached London.

A certain amount of damage was caused to residential property in London. Several houses have been demolished."

LIQUID FIRE GIVEN YANKS

But American Troops Beat Off German Raiders in Latest Engagement on Toul Front.

London, March 9.—A German attack with liquid fire on the American forces northwest of Toul in the St. Mihiel sector was repulsed Thursday, according to dispatches received here today.

On the same front it was reported the American sentries drove off an enemy patrol of 40 men.

MONTENEGRO REJECTS ENEMY PEACE OFFERS

Formal Proposal Sent King in France But He Turns It Down.

London, March 9.—Niko Haidoukovich, Montenegrin minister of war and interior, who is now in London, in a letter to the Daily Chronicle, in the name of his king and government, declares that Montenegro will make a separate peace with the central powers.

The letter adds that if Montenegro had contemplated a separate peace, she could have obtained it. Minister Haidoukovich asserts that an offer of peace reached King Nicholas since he took up his residence in France. He adds:

"The offer was put forward formally by the central powers and was refused in terms of contempt and indignation."

ADVANCE INTEREST TO ALLIES.

Washington, D. C., March 8.—The interest on loans to allies has been raised from 4 1/2 per cent to 5 per cent as a result of the recent increase in the rates on certificates of indebtedness from 4 to 4 1/2 per cent.

NEBRASKA WOMEN TO STUDY CONSERVATION

First of Series of Meetings to Be Held at Fremont—Discuss Baking Problems.

Fremont, Neb., March 8.—The first of a series of food conservation meetings to be held in country homes over Dodge county will be held at the residence of Mrs. Joseph Roberts, wife of Joe Roberts, of the state fair board, tomorrow afternoon. The Roberts' home is five miles east of Fremont in Elk-horn township. Those who have been invited to attend have been asked to bring along their best recipes for making war bread and for using wheat flour substitutes. It is expected by comparisons of results on the part of housewives who attend the meetings, to clear up many perplexing problems that have been confronting country women.

DISBARMENT OF CHADRON ATTORNEY IS DEMANDED

Chadron, Neb., March 8.—Permanent disbarment of Allen G. Fisher, Chadron attorney, and former mayor, on the grounds of "sharp practices," and "irregular, illegal and unprofessional conduct," and because of "his evil reputation, which reflects on the bar and the courts of the state," is asked for in a petition filed with the Nebraska supreme court by Newton Rule, a resident of Chadron.

The case is brought as an original proceeding in supreme court and was filed without special permission. The information against Fisher is lengthy and contains seven different counts. It is accompanied by a motion asking the court to appoint a special prosecutor for the purpose of taking testimony and reporting its findings and conclusions. This motion will be heard at the next sitting, which starts March 18.

GERMAN SYMPATHIZERS ARE BECOMING UGLY

Eustis, Neb., March 8.—Citizens of Eustis, fearing trouble with pro-Germans, are advising the state council of defense, asking for protection from the pro-Germans. The state council has sent three agents to Eustis to investigate conditions.

"Fear of possible violence, owing to strong German sentiment in the county is the reason for the precautionary movements of the loyal citizens. Many enemy aliens live in Eustis and the county, and pro-German sympathizers are numerous."

Several nights ago James M. Still, of the local exemption board, was set upon and badly beaten by Fred Daalhorn, a draft sealer, after Still had participated in a decision of the exemption board which made Daalhorn subject to immediate draft. Since that event feeling has been brewing and yesterday a petition to the governor and the state council was put in circulation. The state council is investigating conditions.

PROTECTION ASSURED AGAINST PRO-GERMANS

Lincoln, Neb., March 8.—Assurance was given at the office of the state council of defense today that loyal American citizens at Eustis, Neb., would be given protection against any possible trouble from pro-Germans reported to be numerous there. A report from Eustis last night said that citizens of that county, who have been pro-Germans were arming themselves, and were circulating a petition to the council, asking for protection.

GERMAN TEXT BOOKS BURNED AT GRAND ISLAND

Grand Island, Neb., March 8.—The burning of 300 German text books taken from the local high school, the painting yellow of the hall Mr. Goehring offic and the Liederkranz auditorium is said to be the result of resentment over an alleged remark made by Richard Goehring, Jr., manager of the lumber company and prominent in the marching of the hall Mr. Goehring does not having made any offensive remarks against American soldiers and sailors.

DR. MULLEN IS HEARD BY OAKLAND PEOPLE

Oakland, Neb., March 8.—Dr. W. L. Mullen, of Bloomfield, Neb., speaking under the auspices of the state council of defense, addressed a mass meeting at the opera house here Monday night and created a great patriotic feeling in the community as he is said to do wherever he goes. At the conclusion of the meeting a resolution pledging the support of the local community to the administration in the prosecution of the war was adopted and wired to President Wilson.

INSANE CONVICTS MAKE THEIR ESCAPE

Hastings, Neb., March 8.—Harry Palmer escaped from the state penitentiary six years ago in Hastings for killing his wife, escaped from Ingleside, Palmer had been transferred and was being held by a criminally insane. For some months he had been employed in the bakery of George Bond, another insane convict, recently transferred from the penitentiary, escaped with Palmer. It is believed the men went west on a freight train.

STUDENT AVIATORS ARE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

Washington, D. C., March 6.—Student aviators at the various flying fields are so keenly jealous of the records made by other fields that new records for the day's work are being established frequently. Officials here believe the competition is responsible for the splendid morale among the fliers and the progress being made by them. One of the fields near Fort Worth, Tex., recently reported a total of 75,000 miles, or three times around the world, flown by the students in one day.

American students are not being crowded through the air lines as great as students of the other allies, every precaution being taken to qualify the man before he takes the air alone, so that accidents will be kept to a minimum. A statement showing the large number of men now in training and the distances flown by them probably will be issued soon.

DISCOURAGING VIEW OF SHIP SITUATION

London, March 6.—Sir John Ellerman, controlling officer of several steamship lines, speaking today at a meeting of the chamber of shipping, declared he believed he was right in saying that the whole outlook of shipping in this country since the outbreak of the war has been one of depression. The losses by marine causes, leaving the losses by enemy action yet to be made up.