

## ALARM IS CAUSED BY PHANTOM BEAR

Residents in Maine Community Fear to Go Out After Dark.

## CARRIES BIG KNAPSACK

Eph Mason Tells About Meeting Animal Suddenly, and as Eph is 6 Feet 2 Inches, His Word is Not Doubted.

Bar Harbor, Me.—Just up beyond the toll bridge, on the other side of the Trenton line, on Mount Desert, the residents have been alarmed at the presence, so they say, of a phantom bear with a big knapsack on his shoulder. Even the men, although hardly fearing to believe the yarns, aren't noticeably anxious to wander far from their own firesides after the sun sets.

**Eph Tells About It.**  
Eph Mason is known among his neighbors as a man of unimpeachable veracity. Eph saw him, or at least says he did, and as Eph is 6 feet 2 inches in his homespun stockings, no one cares to dispute the fact with him. Eph told about it down at the grocery store:

"I was just goin' out to my pig pen," said Eph, "with a bucket of swill to feed the pigs. It wuz gittin' kinder dusky, an' I thought I saw somethin' leenin' over the fence, somethin' kinder dark, an' I thought that the dum cow had broken the fence an' had got into the yard. It provoked me, sorter, 'cause that 'ere cow is gittin' bracher an' bracher, an' I swore at her in some quite considerable language. In fact, I addressed her in what you might call some quite glowin' terms. Finally I picked up a big rock an' let her have it full tilt. I hit her plumb in the side, an' then—

**Thought His Time Was Come.**  
"Sufferin' cuts, I thought my time had come, sure! A big black 'n' riz right up stiddy on his hind legs an' looked at me. He looked's big ez a mounting there in the twilight, an' I was so blame skeered I stood still in my tracks without sayin' a word. He stood there an' grunted, an' then picked the fattest shote I had up under one arm. I was countin' considerable on that shote, but I didn't dare to say any-



Put the Bag Over His Shoulder and Walked Off.

thing, becuz I didn't have so much ez a pitchfork with me. An' what do you think?

"That 'n' took a big crocus bag, held it wide open in his mouth jest like my wife will a pillow case when she's makin' the bed, an' popped Mr. Shote inter it quicker than you could say seat to a tomat. Then Mr. 'n' wunk at me kinder solemn, put the bag over his shoulder, an' walked off inter the woods big ez life. I'm not naturally very timid, but I'll be darned if I care to have any dealin's with a beast that's so dum cute as that."

## HAS TEMPLE OF DISHONESTY

House Erected in Los Angeles in Which All Component Parts Are Stolen.

Los Angeles.—Somebody is building a temple of dishonesty in the form of a house of which all the component parts are stolen.

Now the thieves are stealing the doors. The last case of such thievery was reported to the police recently by Mrs. W. H. Hill of No. 1414 Fedora street. When Mrs. Hill left home the other morning the back door was locked safely on its hinges. When she returned two hours later the door was gone. Other house parts have been stolen in other neighborhoods recently. The police are wondering what the thieves will do when they get around to making a basement and cement walk for their home.

**Ignore Valuables; Steal Eats.**  
Bayonne, N. J.—Ignoring jewelry, money and silverware, two burglars stole ham sandwiches from Rev. S. Teichmiller's home and later purloined fruit and preserves from the house of Floyd Davis.

## RUSSIAN TROOPS ARRIVE AT SALONIKI



First photograph showing the Russian forces entering Saloniki. They are marching through streets banked with French, British, Serbian and Greek soldiers.

## NATIONAL ARCHERY TOURNAMENT AT JERSEY CITY



For the first time in a generation residents of New York and vicinity recently had an opportunity to see handled by the country's best experts the ancient weapons that laid Achilles low and were the dread of the early American colonists in their wars with the Indians. The thirty-eighth annual tournament of the National Archery association was held at the Hudson county range in Jersey City, N. J., with a goodly representation of both gentlemen and lady archers from all parts of the country.

## CONNAUGHT AS A CHIEF



The duke of Connaught, governor general of Canada, in war paint at Banff, Alberta, where the Indians made him a chief the other day.

## Effectuated a Cure.

The doctor examined the fat, wheezy patient. Then he wrote on his prescription pad:

1/2 oz. ol. Buzinkum.  
1 dr. essence bibulorus.  
1 dr. Tinct. whirln us nix.  
1/2 oz. powd. oomhaha.

Of course he didn't write it as plainly as that; doctors never do. He gave the slip to the patient.

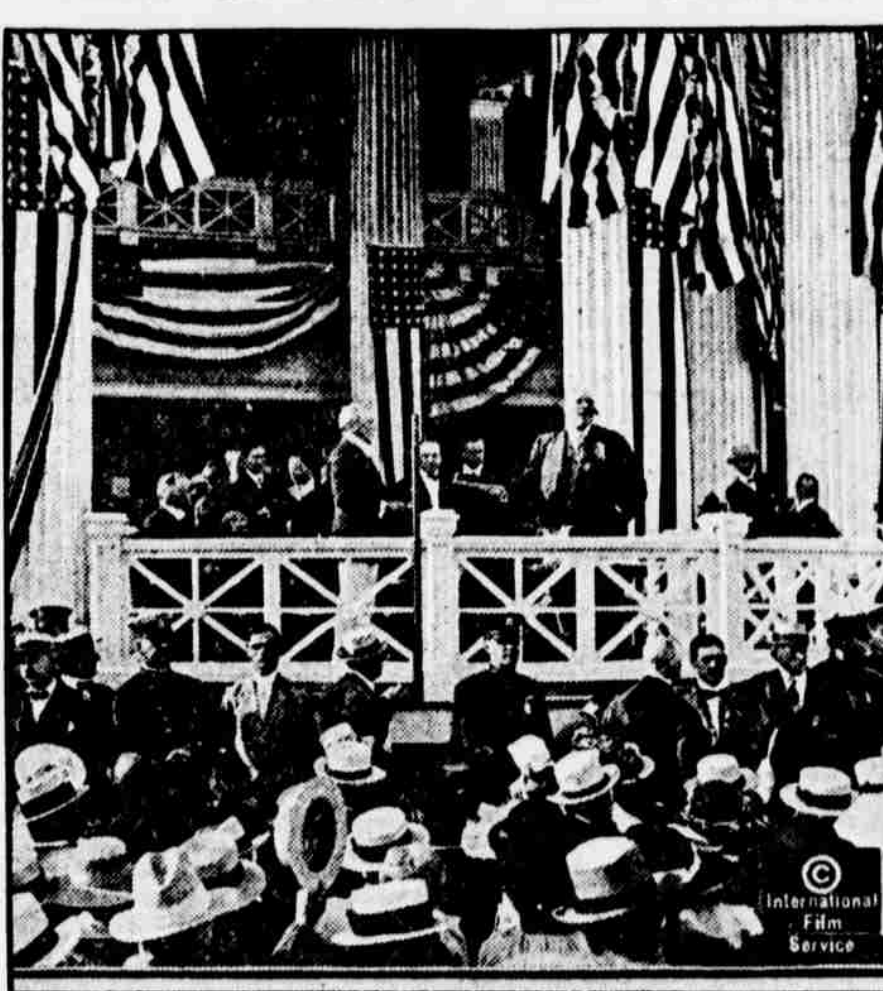
"Where'll I get it, doc?" asked the patient.

"Any drug store," replied the doctor, just as readily as if he had been talking of radium or roc's eggs.

"I've tried every drug store in the city of Greater New York," he said later, "and they all said they were out of one of the ingredients."

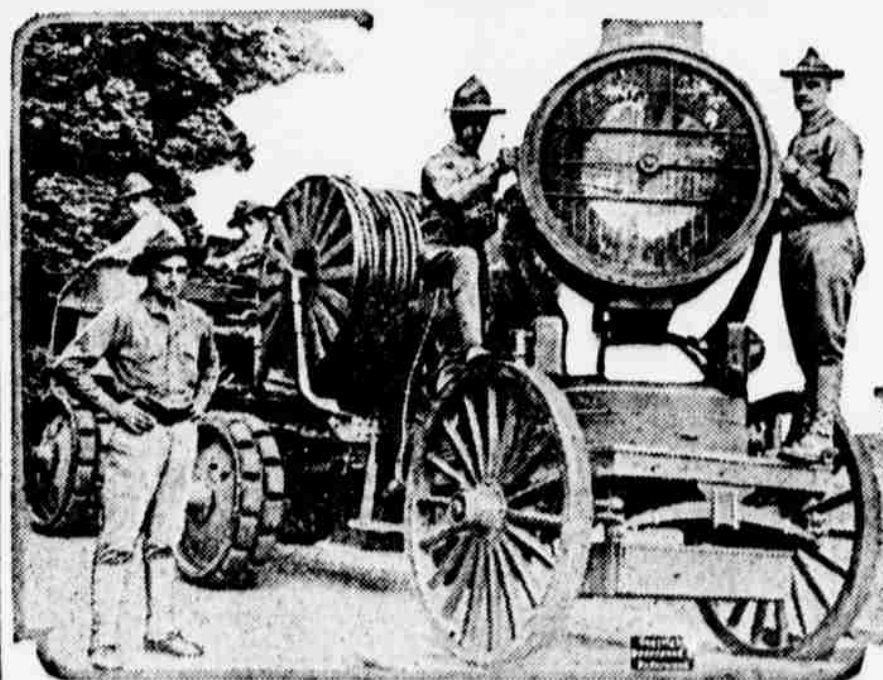
"All you needed was exercise," the doctor said, "and the only way I could get you to take it was by making you chase around the drug stores. Ten dollars, please."

## TELLING MR. WILSON OF HIS NOMINATION



Scene at Shadow Lawn, near Long Branch, N. J., as Senator Ollie James handed to President Wilson the scroll bearing the formal notification of his nomination by the Democratic convention.

## MARINE CORPS' GIANT SEARCHLIGHT



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## INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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### LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 17

#### PRISONER IN THE CASTLE.

LESSON TEXT—Acts 22.  
GOLDEN TEXT—He is my refuge and my fortress.—Ps. 91:2.

Paul was rescued from the mob by the prompt action of Lysias, and was saved from scourging by revealing his Roman citizenship (21:27-22:29). Every true life, real social service, patriotism and national righteousness rest upon the value of conversion to Christ. The fundamental message of the Christian church must always be regeneration. With this message Billy Sunday is gripping the large cities, and Dr. John R. Mott is reaching the student life of the world.

**I. Paul's Account of His Early Life (v. 1-5).** By his use of the Greek tongue he obtained permission to deliver this address, and by his wise use of the Jewish language he gained the attention of the excited crowd. Paul asserted his Jewish origin. (Acts 21:39). Tarsus, where he was born, had a university which rivaled those of Athens and Alexandria, and Paul had probably heard his great philosophers. Paul was an educated man; he was brought up in Jerusalem from his early boyhood at the feet of Gamaliel its greatest teacher. Thus his religious training was according to the law of the fathers, and as "touching the righteousness which is of the law," he was blameless (Phil. 3:6). He was zealous for God, doing what he thought he would have him do even when "persecuted this way," the way of forgiveness, salvation and righteousness. Jesus said, "I am the way." Paul was at this time an instrument in the hands of the rulers, carrying out their plans, but he exceeded them in zeal for "the traditions of our fathers (Gal. 1:14). He was not at all like those Pharisees whom Christ condemned as "white sepulchers." He was not what we would term today, "a bad man."

**II. Paul's Turning Point (v. 6-21).** Paul seems to pick out three different crises in this rehearsal. (1) His interview with Christ, when he saw Jesus as he really was in his glory, a living risen Savior (Cor. 9:1; 15:8). He had positive proof of the resurrection from the dead. This proof convicted him of sin. He had heard Jesus call. He had asked Jesus what he would have him to do. He was ready to obey, and something was given him to do. The light which he met on that journey arrested him in his mad course. The voice gave him his directions. In obedience to the command, "Arise and go," he gained knowledge and skill. (2) He lights upon his interview with Ananias (v. 14) where he received personal help from an experienced Christian. In the darkness and conflict of those three days of loneliness the questions must have been: Could he leave rank, honor, friends? Could he enter the service of the despised one and suffer reproach, danger and death? During this conflict he must have had before him the vision of what God would have him do, and the work for which he chose him (vv. 16-18). His vision and commission constituted a strong motive for right decision. During the vision he came into the light, and confessed his faith by his baptism. As a result of those three days and his interview with Ananias he came to know God's will more fully. The next step was of course (3) his public avowal (See Acts 2:38; Heb. 10:22; Rom. 10:13; I Cor. 6:11). The purpose of Paul's whole life and mission was changed.

**III. Paul's Dangerous Position (vv. 20-30).** The mob gave him audience until his words about the Gentiles. His declaration that God had commanded him to go upon a mission to the Gentiles was an offense to the Jews, and his words fell like a "spark upon an inflammable mass of fanaticism." They broke out into a frenzy of excitement, and made preparations to stone him. An Oriental mob is hideous beyond degree, howling, yelling, cursing, gnashing their teeth, flinging their arms, casting off their garments (v. 23), throwing dust into the air to relieve their excitement and to express their execration. It was a manifestation of their uncontrollable rage. The opposition of a mob is no proof that the person it curses is wrong.

Immediately preparations stopped. The commander was called, and, learning that Paul was a free-born Roman citizen, he had cause to be afraid that he had gone too far.

To assert Roman citizenship falsely was punishable with death.

The chief captain told Paul that with a great sum he had obtained his Roman citizenship, but Paul's reply was, "But I am Roman born."

Paul was well cared for after this, and, in order to find out why the Jews were so opposed to him, the captain summoned the Sanhedrin to meet the following day, thus unconsciously giving Paul another opportunity to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Paul indeed was ready to be bound, and also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

He knew how his Lord had been bound (John 18:12), and he rejoiced in the fellowship of his sufferings (Phil. 3:10) yet he claims his right as a citizen for there is no need of morbidly seeking unnecessary disgrace or pain.



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## WHEN FOES MEET IN AIR

German Lieutenant of Engage-ment in Which French Aviators Lost Their Lives.

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