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Washington.—A young man dropped into a lawyer's office here the other day.

"I want to change my name," he said sadly. "I'm a locksmith. I have my name on the door—B. Ware—and customers are always cracking jokes and pretending to be afraid of me. People even come in just to make silly puns and take up my time."

"Why don't you write your first name out?" suggested the attorney.

"Oh, that would be worse. My name's Barry Ware—it sounds like bow-wow."

The lawyer drew up a petition for the young man, to be called Barry Ward, and in three weeks the change was effected to the client's joy.

### Many German Names Changed.

The lawyer who told us this story says business in changing names has been humming ever since the war. Families who had been in this country for four generations, and who prided themselves on their American qualities, woke up in 1916 and 1917 to find their German sounding patronyms were regarded with disfavor, if not with suspicion. There was just one remedy, and a great many took it. German names were legally turned into English equivalents, or were replaced by plain American names, Carter or Johnson.

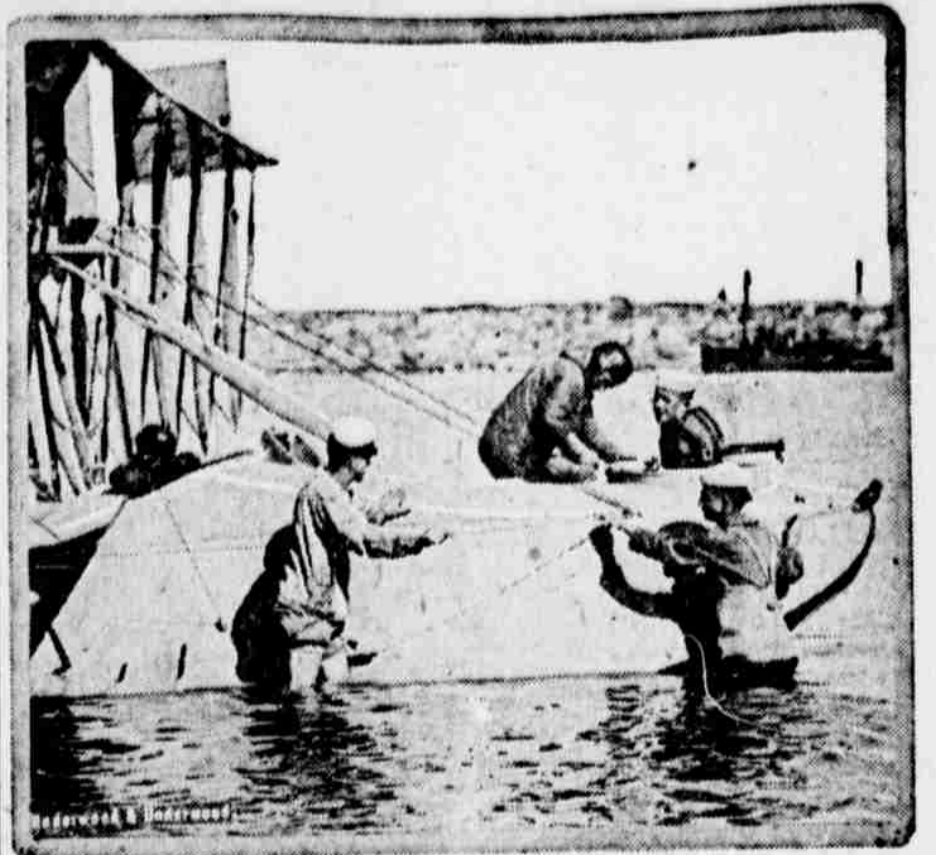
In some cases, owners of German names desired changes as a means of showing they were not hyphenated Americans. In others, it was a matter of business. Such names as Kaiser and Hindenburg, the owners stated, were injuring their trade, as Americans regarded them as German firms and were prejudiced by war associations.

Names besides those of German sound sometimes have an undesirable effect on business. Such names seem to be discarded by their owners in greater numbers than ever before. These are chiefly the masterpieces of the Russian, Greek, Italian and Slavic languages. Some of these combinations contain the best part of the alphabet and defy pronunciation, let alone spelling.

Occasionally a clever man makes capital of a peculiar name, as the man named Easum, who once advertised "Easum's pills" all over town. But as a rule the odd name which suggests amusing comparisons is regarded as something to put up with, like awkward hands or a stiff neck.

Most names brought to court for revision are surnames. Now and again,

### GETTING READY FOR A FLIGHT AT SAN DIEGO



United States naval aviators getting a seaplane ready for a flight at the North Island naval-air station at San Diego, Cal., the largest naval-air station on the west coast.

however, a Christian name which worried the owner, like an old man of the sea, is happily discarded. It is hard to get the point of view of parents who give their children ridiculous names merely to gratify an overdeveloped sense of humor.

A governor of a certain state, by name Hogg, will always be remembered for the fact that he named his two daughters Ina and Cra. At least one of these girls, we are told, married early, thereby spoiling the point of the father's little joke.

Still more outlandish is the record in British history of a father who desired to name his child Beelzebub. When the boy was brought to church to be christened the bishop refused to bestow the name upon him, saying it was not a fit name to be sanctioned by the church.

The process of changing an undesirable name is simple. Here in Washington all you have to do is file a petition with the Supreme court of the District of Columbia, saying it wastes too much of your friends' time to call you by your proper name, or whatever reason you may have for the change. You must swear that you are not abandoning your old name to avoid debts or any demands, against you. Then you have a notice of the change of name printed in a local newspaper once a week for three weeks. At the end of that time, if nobody comes forward to object—and nobody ever does—the court formally grants your petition and you go forth with whatever name you have picked out. Considering how easy it is, we wonder that there are so many people with names that are unmelodious to say the least.—Frederic A. Haskin, in Chicago Daily News.

### Drive On Sparrows

700,000 of the Pests Are Killed in Utah.

State-Wide Campaign Results in Saving of More Than \$100,000 for the Farmer.

Washington.—Seven hundred thousand English sparrows, each eating six quarts of wheat a year, would mean a feed bill of more than \$131,000. Therefore the killing of 700,000 English sparrows means that amount of money saved for the farmers concerned. And nearly 700,000 sparrows were killed in a state-wide campaign in which 783 Utah farmers joined forces to get rid of the pests during the winter months.

County agents helped in the campaign, which used 5,243 pounds of poisoned bait. In most cases the bait was made of wheat, poisoned with strychnine in accordance with a recipe sent out by the biological survey of the United States department of agriculture. It was put up in one-quarter-pound paper bags in the county agent's office. Full instructions were printed on the bags for the use of the poison. Each co-operator receiving the bait agreed to report on the results. Usually the sparrows were enticed for a few days by putting unpoisoned bait in places not frequented by other birds and also inaccessible to the poultry of the farm. Then a few grains of poisoned wheat were put out each day. The dead sparrows were gathered up, counted, and either burned or buried every few days to prevent the sparrow population from becoming suspicious. The number of sparrows counted by each farmer was reported to the committeemen or the county agent at the end of the season.

As many as 240 dead sparrows were gathered up as the result of a single package of poisoned wheat. It is believed that where care was used in placing the poisoned bait an average of 75 sparrows were killed with each one-quarter-pound package. In each of several counties 50,000 to 100,000 sparrows were destroyed.

Income of Fake Cripple Rated at \$69,000 a Year

With a perfectly good right arm bandaged, Arthur Harrison, beggar, admitted in a New York city court he had received \$13 in a half hour from sympathetic passersby.

Magistrate Steers estimated this income to be at the rate of \$69,000 a year. He sent the beggar to the penitentiary for six months.

"One of them vanilla cornucopias," he says.

At noon he appears again. And twice in the evening—before and after the movie show—his "ice cream cones for one" and the bailliff disappears behind the swinging doors of the courtroom.

### SWINE SWARM IN DETROIT

Driven in Herds Through Streets on Account of the Switchmen's Strike.

Detroit, Mich.—City ordinances and custom both went by the boards here because of the switchmen's strike. Squealing pigs—1,500 of them—had to be removed from cars in railroad yards and driven for some distance through the streets to the packing houses.

They scattered in all directions, demoralizing traffic and furnishing amusement for almost everybody except the street car motemen.

Some of the porkers were caught under street cars, but were recovered without serious damage.

### NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

Timely News Culled From All Parts of the State, Reduced for the Busy.

### SCORES OF EVENTS COVERED

The first genuine action by the government to curb hoarding and profiteering in Nebraska, occurred at Omaha last week when agents of the Department of Justice, after a hasty investigation, seized 168,000 pounds of sugar stored in two warehouses by retail dealers. More raids on sugar hoarders in Omaha and other cities in the state are expected, and the guilty are to be prosecuted, government officials at Omaha state.

The little Baptist church at Enders, with only a membership of sixteen, won the honors of being the first church in the state over the top with its new world movement quota. The church's apportionment was \$1,000, and its members subscribed a total of \$1,131 to the new world fund. The church never had a pastor, but is just now erecting a new \$5,000 edifice for its Sunday school and preaching services.

The city of North Platte is held responsible for the sum of \$5,250 for the death of each of two of its police officers who were shot and killed by two Mexicans resisting arrest. This decision was entered by State Labor Commissioner Frank A. Kennedy, acting as commissioner under the state compensation law.

No clue to the whereabouts of J. W. Allsherry, farmer and ranchman of Norway, who has been missing from his home since April 22, has been found. Authorities have been notified of his disappearance and a reward of \$50 offered for information concerning him.

It is reported that Second Lieutenant J. T. Logan of Seward, former finance officer of Camp Knox, Louisville, Ky., who disappeared four months ago, was approximately short \$13,000 in his accounts when he left. No trace of him has been found.

The Nebraska delegation to the republican national convention at Chicago expects that headquarters room for a week will cost \$600 and that the individual delegates will have to pay from \$15 to \$25 a night for their sleeping accommodations.

Close to \$1,000,000 will be spent for Baptist activities in Nebraska as a result of the New World movement. A whirlwind canvass is being made in every Baptist church in the state in an effort to clean up Nebraska's quota in the drive.

Paying a man \$800 for a case of bootleg whisky at the Missouri Pacific station in Auburn, a well known Verdon man found the bottles full of cold tea. He complained to the sheriff that he had been "robbed by an unmasked bandit."

For the first time Brown county will see a commercial fertilizer used on its farms this year, a carload of potash fertilizer having been sold at Alsworth by the Cherry county potash plants. It will be used in experiments.

The Dawson County Fair association and the Lexington Commercial club will stage what promises to be the largest Fourth of July celebration in western Nebraska at Lexington, July 5.

Approaches to two bridges over the Elkhorn river near Winslow have been washed out and the Elk City bridge has been so weakened that traffic from Omaha to Fremont is being detoured.

Indications are that Holt county will have the biggest hay crop this year in the history of the county. Holt is the leading hay producing county in the state.

Movement of cattle from the winter ranges of Holt county back to the summer pastures of their owners in Wyoming and also in Iowa continues uninterrupted.

Manderson Lehr Post No. 162, American Legion of Albion, has gone on record favoring the four-fold soldier relief legislation now pending in congress.

At the recent primaries but one man voted the prohibition ticket in Holt county. The woman vote was 338 republican and 196 democratic.

Scout troops over the state are planning to observe National Boy Scout Week, May 30 to June 6.

Commissioners of Madison county have appropriated \$5,000 for life expenses for Charles Young in a Louisiana leper colony.

A rate of one and one-third fare has been obtained by the G. A. R. over all railroads for the Grand Army encampment which meets in Fremont May 17, 18 and 19.

Mrs. C. C. Ryan of Grand Island, federal fair price commissioner for Nebraska, has re-established the war time licensing system for sugar distribution in an effort to cope with the present situation.

Funds for a \$3,000 budget are being asked business men of Tecumseh by the finance committee of the Tecumseh Community club.

The American legion band at Lincoln, sixty strong, voted to affiliate with the musicians' protective union of the city and become a strictly union organization.

The state of Nebraska has purchased sixty-three acres of gravel land along the Platte river near Ashland, in order to be in a position to furnish its own gravel and sand for road work.

Madeline Wilcox of Burr carried off high honors, both oral and written, at the state spelling contest held at Lincoln, successfully spelling every word in a text prepared by R. W. Eaton of Omaha. Sixty-seven contestants, representing thirty-eight Nebraska counties were entered. Other winners were Clarence Heidner of Hampton, Crede Baker of Weeping Water, George Hayden of Ruskin, Mary Johnson of Fordyce, Julia Kosteca of Richardson county, and Ruby Nelson of Phelps county. The Lincoln Commercial club furnished cash prizes.

A committee composed of Chancellor Avery of the University of Nebraska, Prof. J. A. Rice of the State University and Paul F. Good of Lincoln will choose one Rhodes scholar from Nebraska this fall. The scholarship is good for three years in Oxford university beginning October, 1921. Anyone desiring to become a candidate should consult the authorities of his college or university.

The \$250,000 damage suit of Beryl A. Felters, former non-partisan league organizer, against a number of Omaha and Lincoln business men and Clark citizens, will be tried in federal court at Lincoln, May 17. Felters charges that due to a propaganda campaign waged against the league by the defendants he was assaulted and an attempt made to lynch him in Polk county in May, 1914.

Thomas Morris, believed to have been the oldest white man in the United States, died May 1, at the home of Charles Mitten, ranchman, eight miles northeast of Ansley. He was 126 years old, having been born in Berren, North Wales, January 15, 1794. He came to this country in 1871, locating at Streator, Ill., and moved to Custer county, Nebraska, in 1886.

Warning that fake oil lease promoters are busy fleecing Nebraska people, and that reliable information upon any oil prospects within the state may be obtained from state authorities for the asking is voiced in a statement issued at Lincoln by Professor Condra of the University of Nebraska.

Boone county citizens were severely shocked when John Buchanan, 30, shot and killed Mrs. Chapman, 78, and then killed himself at the Buchanan farm near Albion. The slayer is believed to have been mentally deranged.

Development of the tree planting system in which but six varieties of trees shall be planted and each street will have only trees of the specified kind is included in the beautifying plan of the city commission of Lincoln.

The first road building camp for penitentiary prisoners has been opened by the state one mile west of Tecumseh. Seventeen prisoners are in the camp and others will be set to work later in Seward county and at Table Rock.

The state department of irrigation has approved a project to irrigate a 400-acre tract in Rock county from Rock creek. The water will be carried by a flume a mile long. It is the first irrigation project in the county.

An extensive and elaborate program has been arranged for the forty-fourth annual encampment of the Nebraska G. A. R. Ladies of the G. A. R. W. R. C. and Sons and Daughters of Veterans to be held at Fremont, May 17 to 19.

Following an alleged assault upon a small boy committed by one of their number the entire gang of colored section laborers was run out of Lakeside by an enraged crowd of farmers and townspeople.

In an effort to beat old H. C. of L. girls of Auburn High school will be graduated in white middie blouses, white skirts, stockings and shoes, with black ties.

From Omaha to Fremont in twenty-one minutes, a distance of thirty-seven miles, was made by an airplane the other day, piloted by C. J. Robins of Fremont.

To supervise the expenditure of \$34,000 given by Fremont to the Y. W. C. A., a citizen's committee has been organized to work with association of officers.

Sidney is to have a salaried baseball team this year, the expense of the club to be borne by the business men of the city.

The city council of Auburn has decided to proceed with the paving program which involves 22 blocks.

The Lincoln Aero club is promoting an all-Nebraska air derby and definite plans are to be made soon.

Carnival companies have been prohibited from showing in York county by the county board.

Four officers on the Omaha police force have been stripped of their badges and discharged for improper conduct in the past three weeks.

Several hundred delegates are expected to attend the first convention of the Nebraska League of Women Voters, which will be held in Omaha in June.

A state wide drive for funds to erect an auditorium on the campus of the state university at Lincoln to the memory of the soldier and sailor dead of the war will be launched in Nebraska on June 6.

A great deal of damage was done at Waterloo when the Elkhorn river overflowed last week and flooded a part of the town.

All Nebraska posts of the American Legion are to take an active part in the nation-wide campaign May 17 to 22 to add 1,000,000 new members to the organization.

A report issued by W. E. Meyers, receiver of the Farmers' State bank at Halsey, shows that claims approved due to depositors and preferred creditors amount to \$36,490.23, all of which must be made good by the state.

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### AMERICAN AVIATORS GREET CAPRONI



American aviators who flew Caproni planes to greet Gianni Caproni, inventor of the Caproni type of plane, on his arrival on the S. S. Giuseppe Verdi. Left to right are: Lieut. Talbot O. Freeman, Medfield, Mass.; Lieut. Allan W. Revin, Jamaica, L. I.; Gianni Caproni, Lieut. Frank Lambert of Baltimore, Md., and Lieut. Phillips, Melville, N. Y.

### FOND OF ICE CREAM

Tombstone Druggist Fears Juror Will "Founder Hissself."

Peculiar Tastes Developed by Jurors When Court Gives Bailiff Carte Blanche.

Tombstone, Ariz.—"I gotta have another of them cornucopias," impatiently remarked an elderly gentleman to the keeper of Tombstone's only soda fountain, located in Tombstone's combination drug store, cabaret, concert hall, news stand and cigar emporium.

"If that old fellow don't quit chasing me over here after cornucopias he's goin' to founder hisself," the elderly gentleman went on.

It was the bailiff carrying out the court's instructions with regard to the care of the Bigbee "deportation" jury. "You gentlemen are to see that every want of these jurors is filled,"

was what Judge Sam Pattee had told the three bailiffs the night he ordered the cowboy jury locked up for the remainder of the historic trial in which it was sitting.

Those orders were a signal for every juror to satisfy the least whim he had developed in long, dreary months of riding ranges and facing the wind, sun and sand of the desert.

With one man the chief demand had been for talcum after a shave. Another is forcing the county to furnish him with a luxurious hand-scap which contains olive oil, as a relief from the brand purchasable at the crossroads grocery.

But with one juror the demand is for ice cream cones. Who the dissipating member of the jury is no one can tell, but that does not alter the fact that all Tombstone knows his failings for vanilla ice cream.

Just before court convenes in the morning a bailiff makes a hurry call at the soda fountain.