

To Link North and Black Seas

Plan to Cut Steamship Waterway That Would Be Great Help to Commerce.

ACROSS EUROPE BY WATER

Germany is Considering Project of Connecting Up the Rhine and the Danube for Ocean-going Vessels.

Washington, D. C.—"Instinctively one links the Mississippi and the Missouri rivers; years to come may find us regarding the Danube and the Rhine in the same way," is the comment of a National Geographic society bulletin upon the reports of a plan to cut a steamship waterway from the North sea to the Black sea.

"As for a 'waterway across Europe'—such a waterway already exists, though travelers through a small section of it might have to resort to very small craft. Information about the condition of the canalized portion of this trans-European water route is not readily available, since the linking of the Rhine and the Danube occurs in Germany.

New Conceptions of Europe.

"The very fact that we classify the legend-laden Rhine in one mental pigeonhole, and the romantic, castled Danube in another, makes the announcement of a 'waterway across Europe' come upon us with the impact of a fresh idea. Just as war brought about political changes in Europe, so peace is bringing economic changes. Hence, if Germany carries out the project she is considering, we will have to think of a Europe cut through with a water route, just as we have learned to think of a Europe with Turkey almost gone, a Poland with a boundary, and the new names of Czechoslovakia and Yugo-Slavia conspicuous upon its map.

"A present water route across Europe—and others are possible with very short portages—lies along the Rhine to Mainz, up the Rhine's tributary, Main, to Bamberg, thence through the Regnitz, into the Ludwig canal to the Altmühl, which empties into the Danube at Kelheim.

Where Two Rivers Are Linked.

"In your mind's eye, even without a map, you can recall two focal points of this route, Frankfurt, on the Main, and Ratisbon (or Regensburg) on the Danube. Vessels of more than 1,000 tons can go up the Rhine and Main to Frankfurt; and vessels between 400 and 1,000 tons can go up the Danube as far as Ratisbon. Kelheim, the Danube end of the small river-canal

link with the Rhine, is only 12 miles southwest of Ratisbon. The improvement of the Danube to Kelheim would offer no great difficulties. Above Frankfurt, to Würzburg, vessels between 400 and 1,000 tons can traverse the Main.

"The trouble with this route, even with channels deep enough to carry large steamers from Würzburg to Ratisbon, is the extremely circuitous course between the Rhine and the Danube. From Frankfurt the route forms an almost perfect 'W' and then trails off like a careless flourish through Nuremberg to Ratisbon. A projected shortening of this route contemplates passing the confluence of the Rhine and the Main, continuing up the Rhine to Mannheim, thence into the Neckar and into the proposed canal from that point to connect with the Danube near Offingen.

"Completion of the project for this deep waterway across Europe would make the Rhine-Danube route one of the most important commercial highways of the world—ranking in economic importance with the Panama and Suez canals, and in extent with the Mississippi-Missouri channel and the tremendous navigable length of the Amazon. The Black-to-North-sea trip would be a journey of nearly 2,200 miles. The high water navigation head of the Missouri, in Montana, is 3,500 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, while ocean-going steamers may ascend the Amazon for 2,300 miles."

Has First Bible Printed in U. S.

Newberry Library in Chicago Also Possesses Parliament Act Ordering It.

TRANSLATED INTO RED TONGUE

Government Ordered Collection in England and Wales to Defray Cost of Propagating Gospel in New England.

Chicago.—The first Bible printed in the United States sprang directly from a national solicitation of funds in England and Wales in a manner somewhat akin to the Liberty loan drives, according to George B. Utley, librarian

Surprised House Cat Hatches Out Chickens

North Baltimore, O.—A house cat belonging to Mrs. Fred Loomis of Perrysburg, O., is the wonder of the town. The cat has just hatched out two chickens.

The other day Mrs. Loomis heard a noise coming from the cat's nest. She investigated and found two baby chicks.

Her theory is that a hen used the cat's nest for her nest, while the cat furnished the incubation. Anyway, Mrs. Cat is puzzled over her new family.

MATRIMONY 'AD' FILLS HOUSE

Young Tenor in Rome Uses Ruse to Attract Women Hearers to Opera.

Rome.—Women's love of romance has been utilized for theatrical advertising by the agent of Sig. Umberto Rota, a tenor here. In the personal columns of several Rome newspapers the following appeared:

"Man of independent means and handsome appearance desires to marry young woman. Dowry unnecessary. He may be seen in one of the stage boxes at the Adriano theater on Saturday night.—Umberto Rota."

At the performance the theater was sold out to women of all degrees, who kept their gaze fixed not upon the stage, but on the boxes. As the latter remained empty they turned their attention to the program, where they found that Umberto Rota was a young tenor making his debut that evening.

NEWS OF STATE TERSELY TOLD

Recent Happenings in Nebraska Given in Brief Items For Busy Readers.

Endicott now has electric lights for the first time. The juice comes from the municipal plant at Fairbury.

At the Seventeenth annual Automobile show, Omaha the attendance was in excess of 10,000 persons the opening day.

Petitions are being circulated at Wymore asking the city council to repeal the ordinance prohibiting Sunday amusements.

Mrs. Otto Fiehlman of Elmwood had both bones of her right leg broken just above the ankle when she was knocked down by a cow.

In order to reduce taxes the board of education at Leigh decided to eliminate kindergarten work from the public schools.

Bids submitted for grading roads leading in and out of Omaha indicate that prices are close to 50 per cent lower than one year ago.

The Security State bank of Spaulding has taken over the Farmers State bank. The latter had been in existence for about three years.

The gas department of the Omaha utilities district made a net profit of \$263,794.78 last year, besides increasing its reserves \$276,150.18.

Arnold churches and schools have been closed and a ban has been placed upon all public gatherings, in an effort to check a sudden epidemic of scarlet fever.

Eugene Meyer of the War Finance corporation, in an address in Omaha, asserted that the government has plenty of money to loan Nebraska farmers.

The annual reunion of Nebraska Base Hospital, No. 49, overseas during the war, will be held in Omaha April 22. An attendance of 250 is expected. J. E. Meeck, Omaha, is secretary.

A 3-year-old daughter of William H. Smith of Nebraska City, fell on a well curb projection and a hole was punched through her tongue by her teeth. A physician took several stitches to close the wound.

Jack Hodek, of Exeter, was fined \$10 and costs for using an auto license plate on a car which he had not paid for and Joe Gehlert, a neighbor of Hodek, was fined \$5 and costs for furnishing the plate.

George Meyer, a young man of DuBoise, was seriously injured a few days ago, when eight sticks of dynamite exploded within two feet of his face. He was hurled about fifteen feet, his right arm was broken and his face forehead were badly bruised.

Gravel surfacing of the Lincoln highway, from Elm Creek east to Kearney, is now in progress. The state has located gravel pits south of Elm Creek and South Odessa, to reduce the hauling costs. It is stated that it will require about sixty days to surface the ten miles.

William E. McMahon, of Omaha, thru his attorney pleaded guilty in district court to embezzling \$2,918.75 of organized funds while he was commander of a local chapter of disabled veterans of the world war, and was placed on four-year probation.

The purebred stockmen of Stanton county organized an association which will be known as the Stanton County Purebred Livestock Breeders association. There was a good attendance from the various parts of the county, all being enthusiastic over the future of the new organization.

The city of Wayne already is planning its July 4 celebration. The legion will have charge. Business men have donated several thousand dollars. Former Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis has been invited as the orator. Dan Desdunes' band of Omaha will furnish the music.

Tentative plans are being made at Lincoln for a public reception in the senate chamber at the state house for Augusto de Alencar, Brazilian minister, April 11. The minister is being escorted over the United States by Frank A. Harrison of Lincoln, politician and globe trotter. Harrison will be at the head of an American trade commission which will go to Brazil shortly to establish friendly trade relations between the two countries and investigate its resources.

William H. Jones, bachelor inmate of the Soldiers' home at Grand Island, 81 years old, has been married to Mrs. Nellie Woods. The bride is many years younger than Mr. Jones.

Clark Stell, of Fremont, owner of Stell's Utility garage, has disappeared. The garage doors are locked and relatives of Stell say they do not know where he has gone. Stell left March 4 for Chicago to drive a Cadillac automobile, it was said. Mrs. Stell, who is the daughter of a former professor at Fremont college, filed suit for divorce, asking custody of the one child.

McCook's preliminary drive for hospital funds closed with \$25,000 pledged. Bids will shortly be received and contract let for a \$75,000 hospital.

A western Nebraska irrigation association, comprising the counties of Keith, Deuel and Perkins, have let the contract for the completion of a permanent irrigation survey. The project begins on the south side of the South Platte river near Ovid, Colo., and extends eastward eighty-five miles through Sedgewick county, Colorado, and Keith, Perkins and the west-twelve miles of Lincoln county, Nebraska.

The Columbus Light, Heat & Power company is storing 1,000 tons of coal in anticipation of a coal strike.

Cozad Milling company are going to build a much larger mill, the work of which will commence at once.

There will be a bond election in Central City on April 18 to vote \$12,000 bonds to rebuild the gas plant, recently consumed by fire.

The body of H. W. Funk, of York, deaf mute, was found sitting at the dining table in his home where he lived alone. He was 79. Death probably was due to heart failure.

The congregation of the Presbyterian church of Scottsbluff, by a vote of two to one, decided to build the new church home on the site of the present one near the business district.

Telephone and electric light wires near Gibbon are down and a large number of trees were snapped off by the weight of six inches of wet snow that was preceded by a steady rain for several hours.

Forty-eight Duroc Jersey hogs of the family of Giant Sensation brought over \$6,000 in cash at the W. H. Rasmussen sale at Norfolk, said to be one of the best illustrations of better farm business since the financial slump.

Eleven hundred dollars in currency which had been concealed in jars and other receptacles was stolen from the home of Hery Worster of Lincoln while members of the family were in bed.

The Alliance Board of Education have advertised for bids for the construction of a new high school and a new grade building. The bond issue of \$250,000 was voted about a year ago.

The \$85,000 school bond issue at Scribner carried by a large majority and the new building which will be 70x104 feet in dimension and three stories high, will be commenced as soon as possible.

As a result of the recent storm, causing washing out of roadways, eighty-two automobiles were hopelessly mired in mud holes along the highway between Fremont and Valley, abandoned by their owners until the return of dry weather.

The state's heaviest fine for breaking the game laws was imposed by District Judge E. D. Brown at Nelson on William A. Thornton, a resident of Superior. Thornton was fined \$1,000 and costs for catching five beavers in the Republican river in a trap.

Fire destroyed the five-room home of W. D. Shaal near Springfield. Mr. Shaal was alone in the house at the time of the fire and almost suffocated before rescued. The firemen were unable to save the house or contents. The loss is estimated at \$3,000.

George Schleiter 14, son of Otto Schleiter, prominent Fremont road builder, was electrocuted when carrying an extension light while doing his daily chores. While carrying the extension light and a pitchfork the lad evidently fell, breaking the light bulb. The current leaped through his body grounded by his feet to the damp floor. The only marks of electricity discovered were holes burned in the bottom of his shoes.

The suit of Raleigh Medicine company vs. W. C. Drake et al has taken the attention of the district court at Fairbury the past few days. The plaintiff was awarded the full amount of its claim and interest totalling \$1,720. Two farmers signed a guarantee bond for G. W. Miles a patent medicine salesman. Mr. Miles died insolvent owing the company about \$1,400 for merchandise. The bondsmen said they thought they were signing a recommendation as to the good character of Miles when in reality it was a bond guaranteeing payment. The court held that ignorance of the contents of the instrument signed does not release the signers when the instrument becomes the property of an innocent party.

The state of Nebraska won the victory over Goldwyn's and other national film distributing agencies in the suit brought in federal court at Omaha to knock out the law of the last legislature to protect exhibitors who were required to make advance deposits on future picture contracts, according to Charles S. Reed, assistant attorney general, who has just received a copy of the journal entry made by the three federal judges sitting on the case on February 27, this year. "Our impression was that the court held the law invalid," Reed said, "but only that portion is knocked out which requires advance deposits to be placed in Nebraska banks. The law making the deposit a trust fund held by the company and a preferred claim against the com-

At the annual meeting of the Association of American Medical colleges, held in Chicago, Dr. Irvin S. Cutter, dean of the medical department of the University of Omaha was elected vice-president.

The Sidney National bank has been chartered and will open about May 1. This new bank will take over the business of the First National bank of Sidney, which closed May 10, 1921, and will pay depositors in full under a certificate of deposit plan, which has been approved by the comptroller of the currency at Washington, D. C.

A new mill and industry is to be located in Fremont with the erection of a \$30,000 corn-alfalfa milling plant by Henry E. Fredrickson, former Fremont, and Omaha Automobile dealer. It is expected that construction will start on the mill about the first of April.

Dan Swanson, state and commissioner, and secretary of the board of educational lands and funds, has announced that he had invested \$75,000 of the \$2,000,000 bonus passed by the last legislature in school bonds of the city of Nelson.

MOTHER, QUICK! GIVE CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP FOR CHILD'S BOWELS

Even a sick child loves the "fruity" taste of "California Fig Syrup." If the little tongue is coated, or if your child is listless, cross, feverish, full of cold, or has colic, a teaspoonful will never fail to open the bowels. In a few hours you can see for yourself how thoroughly it works all the constipation poisons, sour bile and waste from the tender, little bowels and gives you a well, playful child again.

Millions of mothers keep "California Fig Syrup" handy. They know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask your druggist for genuine "California Fig Syrup" which has directions for babies and children of all ages printed on bottle. Mother! You must say "California" or you may get an imitation fig syrup.—Advertisement.

No man flatters the woman he truly loves.

WOMEN NEED SWAMP-ROOT

Thousands of women have kidney and bladder trouble and never suspect it. Women's complaints often prove to be nothing else but kidney trouble, or the result of kidney or bladder disease.

If the kidneys are not in a healthy condition, they may cause the other organs to become diseased.

Pain in the back, headache, loss of ambition, nervousness, are often times symptoms of kidney trouble.

Don't delay starting treatment. Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, a physician's prescription, obtained at any drug store, may be just the remedy needed to overcome such conditions.

Get a medium or large size bottle immediately from any drug store. 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.—Advertisement.

Who saves nothing has nothing. Who has nothing is nothing.

QYED HER SKIRT, DRESS, SWEATER AND DRAPERIES WITH "DIAMOND DYES"

Each package of "Diamond Dyes" contains directions so simple any woman can dye or tint her worn, shabby dresses, skirts, waists, coats, stockings, sweaters, coverings, draperies, hangings, everything, even if she has never dyed before. Buy "Diamond Dyes"—no other kind—then perfect home dyeing is sure because Diamond Dyes are guaranteed not to spot, fade, streak or run. Tell your druggist whether the material you wish to dye is wool or silk, or whether it is linen, cotton or mixed goods.—Advertisement.

Talk in a wrong cause is better than jailed silence.

Cuticura for Pimply Faces. To remove pimples and blackheads smear them with Cuticura Ointment. Wash off in five minutes with Cuticura Soap and hot water. Once clear keep your skin clear by using them for daily toilet purposes. Don't fail to include Cuticura Talcum. Advertisement.

Moral obligation binds men without promise or contract.

No ugly, grimy streaks on the clothes when Red Cross Ball Blue is used. Good bluing gets good results. All grocers carry it.—Advertisement.

The wisest man can learn.

SPENT HALF HER TIME IN BED

Farmer's Wife Tells How Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Made Her a Well Woman

Carter's Creek, Tenn.—"Three years ago I was almost an invalid. I spent half of my time in bed, being afflicted with a trouble which women of a certain age are apt to have. I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Tablets and used Lydia E. Pinkham's Sanative Wash. I am a well woman now and have been for two years. I can work as well as any one who is younger and as I am a farmer's wife I have plenty to do for I cultivate my own garden, raise many chickens and do my own housework. You may publish this letter as I am ready to do anything to help other women as I have been so well and happy since my troubles are past."—Mrs. E. I. GALLOWAY, Carter's Creek, Tenn.

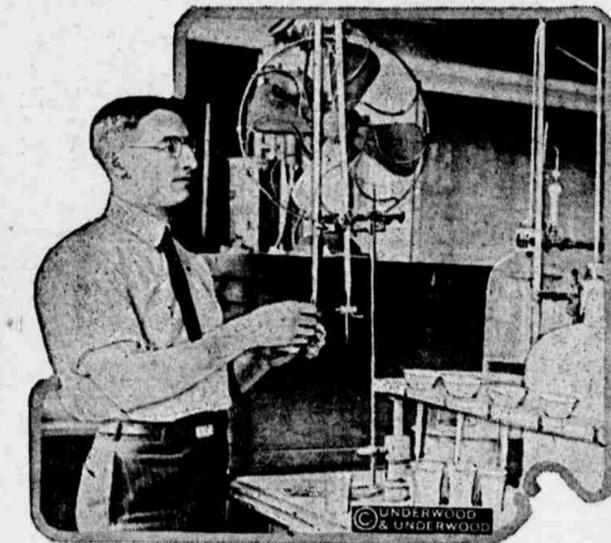


Most women find plenty to do. If they are upset with some female ailment and troubled with such symptoms as Mrs. Galloway had, the smallest duty seems a mountain. If you find it hard to keep up, if you are nervous and irritable, without ambition and out of sorts generally, give the Vegetable Compound a fair trial. We believe it will help you greatly, for it has helped others.

No Rubber but More Stretch in No-Way or EXCELLO SUSPENDERS and a Year's Wear Guaranteed Ask Your Dealer If he hasn't them, send direct, giving dealer's name. Accept no substitute. Look for guarantee label and name on buckle. Ask for No-Way Hose Supporters No-Way Stretch Suspenders Co., Mrs. Adrian, Mich.



One of Uncle Sam's Helpful Stunts



The Department of Agriculture gives all sorts of service to people throughout the United States. One man, curious to know the cause of the death of a mule, sent the stomach to the bureau of animal industry to have it examined. The photograph shows Dr. W. N. Berg doing the work requested.

AGING WORLD WAR VETERANS

Government Is Spending More Than \$1,000,000 a Day.

Director of Veterans' Bureau Seeks Half-Billion to Divide into Seven Composite Branches of Relief Work.

Washington.—More than \$1,000,000 a day, including Sunday, is being expended by the United States government for the former service men and their dependents, say government officials.

The 1922 budget estimate of expenditures to be made directly for the benefit of the former warriors, calls for \$510,000,000. This huge sum will be divided, Col. C. R. Forbes, director of the United States veterans' bureau, said, into seven composite branches of soldier relief work.

For vocational training, the sum of \$167,500,000; for medical and hospital

services, the sum of \$64,600,000; for payments on war risk term insurance, the sum of \$81,700,000; for United States government life insurance, the sum of \$161,000,000; for retroactive government allowances on proved and extant claims, the sum of \$2,000,000; for salaries and expenses, that is administration, the sum of \$31,500,000.

These figures total \$514,000,000 from which Colonel Forbes deducts the \$5,700,000 to be paid in United States government life insurance claims, on the ground that it is a self-supporting branch of the bureau's activities.

COAL MINE FATALITIES DROP

Decrease of 26 Per Cent Shown in United States Bureau Report for January.

Washington, D. C.—Fatalities at coal mines during January declined about 26 per cent from January a year ago, according to an announcement

issued by the bureau of mines. The total last month was 146 against 197 last year. Based on an estimated coal production of 43,955,000 tons last month, the death rate was 3.32 per million tons mined, compared with 4.13 for January 1921.

Compared with the accident record for January last year, there was a reduction last January of thirteen fatalities in West Virginia, eight in Kentucky, seven in the bituminous mines of Pennsylvania, four in Wyoming, three in Indiana and three in Iowa. Alabama showed an increase of five and Ohio two. A reduction of seven is shown in the number killed at the anthracite mines in Pennsylvania.

Golden Eagle Captured.

Anderson, Ky.—A golden eagle which measured seven feet from tip to tip of its wings was captured one day by Winfrey P. Blackburn, Van Buren, between Glensboro and Lawrenceburg. The bird is a splendid specimen of the rare species and was not injured. The big bird has attracted much attention at the home of Blackburn, where it is being exhibited.