

EDISON BECOMES WIZARD OF THE AGE

Invents Electric Light After He Stubs His Toe on a Dark Crossing.

LAW OF SNUFF RECITED

By A. R. GROH.

From Mrs. Gladys Matoush, 556 Meredith avenue, Gregory, S. D., comes a request that I write up "Thomas A. Edison, his early life and scientific achievements."

"I am glad to get this request and shall direct upon Mr. Edison the searchlight of my wisdom."

Thomas Alva Edison was born in 1847 in Ohio, U. S. A. While he was a small boy people did not know that some day he would become the greatest inventor in the world. One summer evening, while out walking, he came to a dusty place at a crossing and, as it was dark, he got his shoes all dusty.

The boy decided then that some day he would invent the electric light.

Time went on. He finally got a job as newsboy on the Grand Trunk railway and before long he was a telegraph operator. He invented things that saved the telegraph companies millions of dollars and every once in a while they would raise his pay \$5 a month.

Becomes a Wizard.

Soon he started out in business for himself as an inventor and rapidly became the great "wizard" that he is today. We could never hear "Cohen at the Telephone" or the Fifteenth Bulgarian Rhapsody in B or any of the other classics on the phonograph if Edison had remained a telegraph operator, for he invented the phonograph! He also invented the incandescent light.

I saw Mr. Edison once. However, I do not think he remembers me. It was in a large crowd of about 10,000 people and he may not even have seen me. If you should desire a fuller biography of Mr. Edison you may be able to find it at the library.

A great legal question is presented for my decision by John Klascus, Creighton law student, who addresses me as "America's greatest phenologist" and says he would appoint me judge if he had the appointive power.

"Your first case," he writes, "will be to decide the legality of a law which forbids the importation, selling or giving away of snuff or any of its substitutes."

Wants the Law.

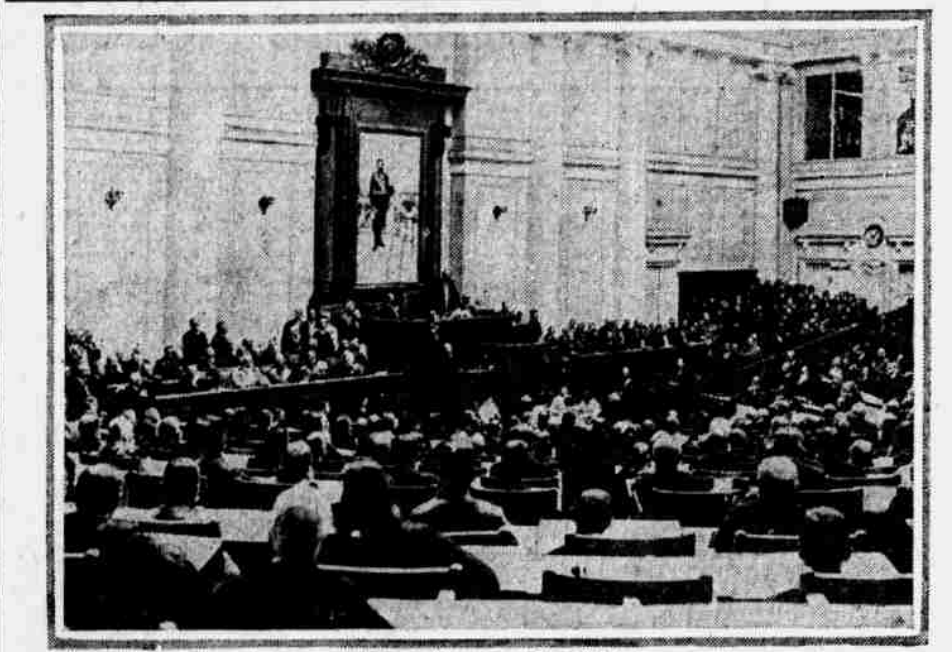
He further informs me that I will find a case of this in 144 Northwest Reporter, page 661, at the Douglas county law library.

All right, John, call the court to order. I have looked up the case you mention, State vs. Olson. This case has to do with a South Dakota law and it defines snuff as "any tobacco that has been fermented, dried, flavored, pulverized, cut, scented or otherwise treated."

In view of this, of course, and basing my construction of the "quid" pro nullus a priori and taking into consideration the court's decision in the similar case of State vs. Schmitzbaum (171 Illinois Territory, page 3,694), as this is the case having similar bearing though somewhat more pluribus unum and therefore ex parte vobiscum, State vs. Sbrinkivmotzki (974 Oregon, page 1,753), the court holds that snuff, being tobacco non vult and the statute in this case providing that if not it should stand semper idem, the court so decides, fixing the costs on the plaintiff.

Remember, also, John, that you can be an upright man and good citizen even though you are a lawyer. Yes, indeed.

RECENT PICTURE OF DUMA IN SESSION—The Russian Duma, or Congress, which is largely responsible for the successful revolution against Czar Nicholas and his administration, is here seen in session in the chamber of Tauride Palace, which was set aside for its use. A large portrait of the Czar is placed behind the President's desk.



DUMA IN SESSION

ENTENTE LEGATION ALL ON SHIPBOARD

Foreign Ministers to Greece Having Lonesome Time These Days.

NOTHING TO DO BUT LOAF

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

On Board the Abbasieh, Off Piraeus, Greece, Feb. 20.—The Abbasieh is the ship which, since December 15, has housed all the entente legations accredited to King Constantine, save the Italian mission. A small boat, once a yacht, it is a far from comfortable dwelling for so many diplomats and their families.

The various cabins have signs on them indicating that one or the other is the British, French, Serbian, Belgian, Russian or Roumanian legation. The main saloon at meal times is a common dining room as international in character as that of any Swiss hotel in the tourist season. By dint of long, enforced residence at close quarters, some of the little niceties of life have gone by the board. French, the common diplomatic tongue, is here solely the language of the French. Each group sticks together and converses in its native speech, save at the formal conferences.

Reading a Thankless Task.

After the common breakfast, the tables are cleared and the reading of the Athenian morning papers is falling to Mr. Filidor, the Roumanian minister, the readiest translator from Greek. The task is rather a thankless one, as the Athenian newspapers have little good to say of the entente powers these days of blockade. The comments of the listeners, however,

are generally of similar tenor, albeit from the other side. The news of the day digested, there is the first conference and discussion on the day's program. Once the conference adjourned, the legations separate, each to occupy a set of tables of its own for its work—when there is any to do.

The British and French legations are the busy ones. The Roumanian minister, almost entirely cut off from his government, of whose seat he is never quite sure, is a forlorn figure, pacing the deck while his colleagues labor. The Russian minister is somewhat busier, especially since he acts as his own cook. The Serbian minister disappears frequently, quietly slipping ashore and making his way to Athens, to return only late in the evening, spending the night aboard as a pure matter of form.

Runs His Own Typewriter.

At one table Sir Francis Elliot, the British minister in shirt sleeves is tapping the typewriter himself, at another one of his secretaries is lost among the maze of papers that with every roll of the ship slip to the floor. Nearby at another table two other British secretaries are playing chess. In a corner four of the diplomatic ladies have organized a day-long game of bridge. The Belgian charge watches the bridge, sadly, his thoughts far away on the sand dunes that are all that remains of his native land.

On the opposite side of the cabin, Jean Guillemain, the French minister holds sway. Nervous and restless, he is constantly up and down, rushing back and forth from his cabin or breaking in on his British colleague who listens to comment or discussion impassively, returning to poking one finger of each hand at the typewriter keys when the storm has passed. Captain de Rouppeville, the French naval attache, hurries in with the latest reports from the Athenian cafes, filled with the lurid color characteristic of the Orient. The eager French gather about to drink them in, with many

Russia Will Become Definite Force in War, Says Milukoff

London, March 26.—Foreign Minister Milukoff has outlined the attitude of the new Russian government in foreign affairs to a number of Petrograd and Moscow journalists. A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd quotes the foreign minister as saying:

"We shall remain faithful to all past alliances similar to that with our allies, which would still further be strengthened and become still more cordial and sincere. The change in regime will disperse the distrust our allies had a right to feel toward the late government. It is Russia's duty to continue the struggle brilliantly both for its own liberty and that of all Europe."

"By its change in regime we definitely won the sympathy of neutrals, especially Sweden, while Finland, thanks to the restoration of its constitution, has become our sincere friend. Our allies came into touch with the new regime without an instant's delay, understanding that the old regime was a religious hindrance to that organization of the Russian people which is necessary for a final triumph."

"Today Russia is no longer a dead weight in the coalition of allies. It is a productive force. Henceforth all rumors of a separate peace must vanish once for all. It would be anti-national for freed Russia to come to an understanding with reactionary Germany."

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Invention by Which the Blind Are Able to Read

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

London, March 6.—At the Roetgen Ray society's February meeting Prof. Fournier d'Albe demonstrated an instrument whereby, with practice, blind persons are enabled to read ordinary print by sound. The instrument depends upon an application of selenium, and is a development of an instrument which Prof. d'Albe used four years ago to enable sightless persons to locate bright lights or brightly luminous patches by means of the ear and to discover shadows intercepting the light. In this case the light shining upon the selenium arms of the machine caused certain irregularities or changes in the electric current passing through them, which were translated into sounds by means of a telephonic contrivance. The later apparatus is a more delicate adaptation of the same idea.

A small, revolving perforated disk is illuminated by a half-watt lamp, and the image of a line of luminous dots, furnished by the revolving disk, is projected upon the type to be read. The light thus reflected from the type is passed to a set of selenium bridges connected by a telephone relay, and sound corresponding to the various letters of the type are carried to the receiver. Each letter of the printed matter, as it passes over the small aperture in the slab, gives a different sound effect from any other letter, and with practice a blind person can recognize or changes in the sound. This sound alphabet, of course, has to be learned, but with practice the line of type can be moved across the aperture at the rate of several words a minute, and the sense becomes intelligible to the reader, or hearer.



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In the most common foods of America, the starches, sugars, table syrups, candies, polished rice, white bread, soda, bicarbonates, macaroni, molasses, tapioca, farina, degerminated cornmeal no longer is iron to be found. Refining processes have removed the iron of Mother Earth from these impoverished foods, and silly methods of home cooking, by throwing down the waste pipe the water in which our vegetables are cooked, are responsible for another grave iron loss.

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"On account of the peculiar nature of woman, and the great drain placed upon her system at certain periods, she requires iron much more than man. It helps make up for the loss. Iron is also absolutely necessary to enable your blood to change food into living tissue."

Without it, no matter how much or what you eat, your food merely passes through you without doing you any good. You don't get the strength out of it, and as a consequence you become weak, pale and sickly looking, just like a plant trying to grow in a soil deficient in iron. If you are not strong or well, you owe it to yourself to make the following test: See how long you can work or how far you can walk without becoming tired. Next take two five grain tablets of Nuxated Iron three times per day after meals for two weeks, then test your strength again and see how much you have gained. I have seen dozens of nervous, run-down people who were alling all the while double their strength and endurance and entirely rid themselves of all symptoms of dyspepsia, liver and other troubles in from ten to fourteen days' time simply by taking iron in the proper form. And this after they had in some cases been doctoring for months without obtaining any benefit. But the younger as well as older women of America, what a wonderful change will take place in many cases, when Nuxated Iron is taken; how it will cause the enriched blood to bring the roses to their cheeks, the sparkle to their eyes and the elasticity to their step; how their every function will be stimulated and regulated and that sense of what the French call bien entre will get up with them in the morning and accompany them at night to a sound and perfect sleep. Men too—those who, in the strenuous strain of business competition burn up rapidly stores of nervous energy, here is a source of power, and renewed strength and endurance which will be found unerring."

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Dr. Ferdinand King, New York Physician, and Medical Author, tells physicians that they should prescribe more organic iron—Nuxated Iron—for their patients: says anemia—iron deficiency is the greatest curse to the health, strength, and beauty of the modern American Woman—Sounds warning against use of metallic iron, which may injure the test, corrode the stomach and do far more harm than good, advises use of only Nuxated Iron.

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