

USE CHAMPAGNE AT LAUNCHING OF COAST SHIPS

Dry Law Will Not Prevent Californians From Maintaining Custom of the Sea.

Oakland, Cal., Aug. 9.—United States may be "dry," but the Oakland ship launchings will be "wet" for some years to come. To this end the shipyard owners of this city have laid in a supply of California champagne to be used at christenings. This step was taken in deference to sea superstition. "We had to do it," said George A. Ames, president of the Moore Shipbuilding Co. "Sailors will not go to sea on a ship that has not had a bottle of wine broken over its prow at its launching. It is a hoodoo ship. It would be difficult for us to sell our ships if they were not christened according to custom."

The shipyard owners stocked up on wine only after they had procured advice of attorneys. The lawyers held there would be no violation of law because the wine "was neither sold, or given away."

Oakland nearly had a dry christening recently at the launching of the City of Berkeley, a Liberty ship. Its namesake city, Berkeley, adjoining Oakland, is the seat of the University of California and is therefore "dry" by local option and state enactment. Petitions against christening the vessel

Detective's Eye Saved by Convict Whom He Befriended

Prevents Plot of Fellow Convict Who Wanted to Throw Red Pepper Into Officer's Eyes on Way from Denver to Chicago.

Chicago, Aug. 9.—How a convict "played white" with a detective who had done him a good turn two years ago, was told at the detective bureau when Detective Sergeant John T. Cartan returned from Denver with a prisoner wanted in Chicago on charges of passing bogus checks.

About 18 months ago Arthur Hanson, a street car conductor, married and the father of several small children, was captured in connection with a string of burglaries. While held at the police station he sawed his way out and disappeared.

Six months previous Hanson had been arrested by Detective Sergeant Cartan for burglary at Stockton, Ill. Hanson pleaded that it was his first job, that had company had resulted in his crime, and that with another chance he would walk the straight path. Cartan became interested and was instrumental in obtaining a parole for him. Cartan found a job for Hanson in Chicago as a conductor.

Recently Cartan departed for the Colorado state penitentiary at Canon City to bring back Frank S. Perry, alias Harry G. Hinton, alias John C. Manning. Perry was finishing a sentence for passing a bogus check in Denver.

Knowing that indictments had been returned against him in Chicago for similar offenses, the Colorado authorities advised the Chicago police that they would be ready to turn the prisoner over upon the expiration of his term. Perry had once been a clerk in the office of the Department of Justice.

But Perry learned of the action

NOBILITY HAS LEARNED SPIRIT OF DEMOCRACY

Dutch Baroness Works as Maid in Frisco Home While Detectives Search for Her.

San Francisco, Aug. 9.—There is mourning in the home of R. B. Burmeister. The "perfect servant" has gone—returned to her two beautiful children, her big castle, her jewels and motor and friends.

While the police along the entire Pacific coast were searching for Baroness Hommel Mackay, wife of Baron Daniel Mackay, wealthy Dutch shipowner, now chief Dutch official at Medan, Sumatra, a plainly dressed matron, decidedly good looking, apparently the Burmeister home, employment as "second maid." She was employed.

For four months "Ella," as the new maid was called, did her work wonderfully well. She seemed to know by instinct just what to do and how to do it. Then as suddenly as she came she went away. And the story came out.

Ella Hommel was the daughter of well-to-do Swiss parents. She married Baron Daniel Mackay of Holland. They lived in splendor in Van Ophemert Castle and everything she needed was at her disposal. Two children came. But the baroness wasn't happy. When her husband went to Sumatra she accompanied him. The children were left behind. Early last spring she left Sumatra to return to Holland and her children. She reached San Francisco and disappeared. Detectives scoured the coast for her, but they never found her.

So well had she disguised herself as a servant girl that for months she worked in the Burmeister home as a maid and later in the Ouyon family without her identity being discovered.

Then the baroness thought she had learned enough of American life and she decided to return to her home. A telegram to the effect that her children, now aged 9 and 12, were being caused her to announce where she really was.

She sailed from New York two weeks ago to return to Holland.

Lonely Serbian King Now an Almost Forgotten Paralytic

Lives Near Athens and Voices His Thanks for Yankee Philanthropy—Sometimes Courier Brings News From His Son, Prince Regent Alexander.

Athens, Aug. 9.—Alone, almost forgotten by the world, King Peter of Serbia lives surrounded by a few faithful officers, at Phalaron, a few minutes' ride from Athens. The king is suffering from paralysis and passes most of his time in one room of a small house overlooking a sea dotted with the later sails of Greek fishermen.

Occasionally a courier, arrives from Belgrade bringing word to the old man from his son, Prince Regent Alexander. King Peter still takes an active interest in world events despite his physical condition. Occasionally he rides down to Athens when he learns that fresh batch of mail and dispatches for him has arrived. On these trips he is assisted into a side car attached to a motorcycle, as he prefers this simple conveyance to the automobile.

King Peter lives the simple life at Phalaron. He rises early and retires at sunset. His food is the simplest possible. His home is very modest in all its appointments. Despite his condition King Peter expressed his thanks for what America had done for his country.

"Serbia will never forget what America has done for her in her need," said the old king. "No nobler sentiment than that of charity can touch the heart and never has a people obeyed in the fullest measure the promptings of that sentiment as has the American people. Noble sentiments call forth noble sentiments and the Christian charity of

"Dear Sweet Baby Doll" Never Kissed, Admission In Court

Los Angeles, Aug. 9.—Though she claims David W. Ballew, wealthy Texas oil man, promised to marry her, upon the witness stand Miss Marie Stewart admitted that Ballew never kissed her. The testimony was given at the trial of the \$25,000 breach of promise suit which Miss Stewart has brought against Ballew.

Ballew failed to file an answer to the suit and his default was entered.

Miss Stewart said she was employed at the news stand at a local hotel and met Ballew. She claims he made violent love to her and backed her claim with several letters addressed "Dear Sweet Baby Doll," which she said she got from Ballew.

"Did he kiss you or caress you?" asked the judge.

"No, he didn't," replied the girl. The judge thereupon took the matter under advisement.

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Princess From Nile Wants to Marry an American Husband

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Princess Della Patisra, a royal Egyptian scion of the purest blood, has come to America for a triple purpose—First and most important—she wants to secure a good American husband. Next, she is bent upon investing at least \$50,000 in an up-to-date wardrobe, and third, she means to tour the country and see with her own bright dar'eyes the wonders and splendors of which she has heard.

This modern "Cleopatra" from the Nile carries an engaging smile, which reveals two rows of pearly teeth. The dress she wore when she reached this city included loose, baggy trousers, which were confined by bands a little above the ankles. Her ankles, by the way, are not the twin slender shafts that support the average American girl. But she's an honest-to-goodness princess.

Stolen Kiss Costs Life.

Uniontown, Pa., Aug. 9.—Frank Rossi stole a kiss from little Katharine Romansky and the act cost him his life. Valerio Virginia, the girl's suitor, in a deep rage told his friends: "I'll spoil his kisser." He pulled his gun and taking careful aim sent the bullet squarely in Rossi's mouth.

Diatribes Against Doctors Delivered by G. Bernard Shaw

London, Aug. 9.—Physicians and surgeons are all wrong, and they've been barking up the wrong tree. George Bernard Shaw says so. He ridicules people who pay big fees "to be told their intestines are too long," declares vivisectionists who regard the human organism as a mere mechanical thing or chemist who think of it as a chemical thing are idiots. Shaw thinks surgeons and physicians should study human anatomy from the biological aspect of life.

"Here am I, a mass of carbon and sodium," Shaw told a meeting organized to abolish vivisection. "There is any amount of these chemicals lying about. Now, what you see before you called Bernard Shaw? What is it that has taken them and holds them together in this strange and fantastic shape, making a curious noise, and getting

Complain of Airplanes; Say Oil Ruins Washing

Cleveland, O., Aug. 9.—Every innovation must run the gauntlet of criticism. First the live stock owners along the route of the Cleveland-Chicago aerial mail route complained that the whirr of the planes made their stock nervous. Now housewives along the route say the passing mail planes are showering their weekly wash with a spray of oil.

Objects to Having His Obituary Printed Again

Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 9.—"Please don't print my obituary again tomorrow," said a voice editor of a local paper.

When the newspaper man had regained his composure he learned that the speaker was A. J. Holman and that he was in an accident 21 years ago. It was believed that he had been killed and his obituary was printed. Last year the same paper under the heading "Happenings of 20 Years Ago," reprinted the obituary. On the eve of the 21st anniversary of the accident Holman took the precaution to see that he wasn't killed for a third time.

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