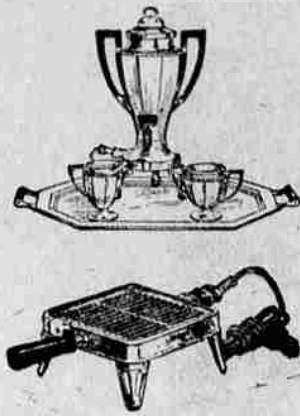


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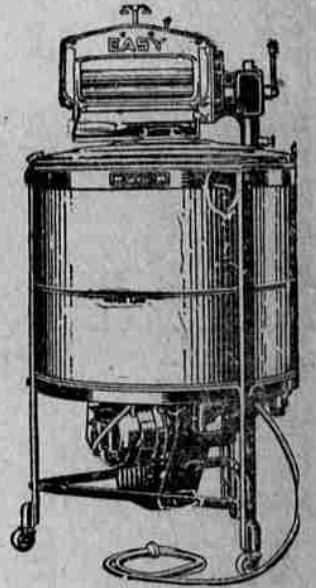
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TUNNEL WORK PROGRESSING

DENVER (AP) — The Moffat tunnel, piercing the continental divide of the Rocky mountains west of here, and one of the world's greatest railroad bores, is nearly one-third completed and is ten per cent ahead of the time schedule set by the builders.

To date the pioneer, or water tunnel, has been bored 4500 feet from the east portal and 6450 from the west portal, or more than one-third of the six mile distance. The main heading has penetrated James Peak 6215 feet from the east portal and 4700 feet from the west. The cross-cut tunnels, connecting the main and water bores at intervals of from 1300 to 1500 feet, have reached a total of 520 feet. Each of these cross-cut tunnels is approximately 75 feet in length. The full size railway tunnel has penetrated 2994 feet from the east and 521 feet from the western portal.

At present the work of enlarging the main heading, which is being drilled seven and one-half to nine feet, to the full sized tunnel, which will be 16 by 24 feet, is proceeding twice as fast as the work at the front. At this ratio, tunnel engineers estimate, within a year this work will be abreast of the main heading.

The slowness of progress on the eastern end is accounted for by the fact that builders have encountered soft shale and dirt rather than solid rock. This necessitates timbering every foot of the way at a cost of more than \$100 per linear foot. At the east portal solid rock was found after the first few hundred feet and enabled the contractors to speed up the work materially.

That the work through the winter months will proceed even more rapidly than during the summer is the prediction by engineers today. Absence of visitors through the months when the camps are snow-bound, and the lessening likelihood of workmen drifting from their jobs, account for this prediction, it was explained.

The men are comfortably housed in camps at each end of the tunnel, where stocks of provisions sufficient for three months are at hand. Each camp has a medical dispensary and hospital with a doctor and nurse in constant attendance. Fatalities, however, have been almost nil, but one death resulting from accident during the 17 months the work has been in progress.

Terms of the contract call for

the completion of the project not later than July, 1927. The opening of the tunnel to railroad traffic will start the development of a vast tract of virgin territory in northwestern Colorado, a region heretofore not reached by railroad lines. In this territory lie vast coal deposits, oil shale beds and oil fields as yet untapped except for one or two isolated wells that have come in for flows estimated at several thousand barrels a day.

PRICE OF WALES DRIVES WHILE CHAUFFEUR SLEEPS

LONDON (AP)—The numerous rounds of engagements which the Prince of Wales is called upon to fulfill often demand long hours of duty on the part of his servants and attendants, but the prince is uniformly considerate of them.

On one occasion the prince arrived home in the early hours of the morning after a busy day and told his chauffeur he would require his car at 7 o'clock as he wanted to go hunting. Detecting a shadow on the chauffeur's face the prince inquired the reason for it. The chauffeur replied that he would not have time to clean the car whereupon the prince replied with an encouraging smile:

"Well bring the car round at 7:30. Don't trouble to clean it, I'll drive and you can hop inside and have a sleep."

Jerusalem Bars Auto Horns

JERUSALEM (AP)—The growth of motor traffic in Palestine since the war has increased so greatly that the municipal government of Jerusalem has been compelled to take steps to curb the mad careening of automobiles through the crowded streets of the city. Also it will stop the harsh honking of horns, which are distasteful to a population accustomed to living in the medieval quietness and quiet which were characteristic of the Holy City before its modernization began.

Decrees have been issued providing drastic punishments for speeding and reckless driving, and stipulating that after Jan. 1, all automobile horns must be replaced by bells. The latter, the government declares, are more in character with the spirit of Jerusalem.

Alleged Thief Arrested.

ASHLAND, Ore.—John Boell, a Serbian who was arrested in Hornbrook, Cal., upon request of local officials on a charge of robbing a Southern Pacific caboose in this city has been returned to the local jail. Some of the loot stolen was alleged to have been found on Boell when arrested in Hornbrook.

French don't want to pay for anything for 10 years. The French, it seems, think Uncle Sam is Santa Claus.

Number of American Students at Oxford Declining to Normal

OXFORD, Eng. (AP)—The number of American students in Oxford University is slowly declining from the total of the immediate post war years. In 1922 the American men students numbered 226. Last year the number fell to 181 and this year there are 170.

Of these only 50 are Rhodes scholars, as compared with 141 two years ago and 169 last year.

Jailed!



Mitchell Heath, 29, Princeton, Ind., was fined \$10 and costs for drunkenness by Mayor and City Judge Charles Niemeier of Princeton, and ordered to attend Sunday school with the mayor next Sunday. Heath failed to attend Sunday school and Niemeier threw him in jail for 48 hours. Heath above, Niemeier below.

The normal number of Rhodes scholars is two for each state, but the suspension of the scholarships during the last years of the war resulted in a greatly increased representation from 1919 onwards. Now the number has reached the normal again. In 1922 the number of men students not Rhodes scholars was 55, last year it fell to 72 and now it has risen to 50.

Of the 170 men students in attendance 50 come from five of the larger American universities. Harvard comes first with 39, Princeton second with 16, Yale third with 15, and Cornell and University of Virginia tie with six each.

The large representation of these universities is due in part to the tendency of Rhodes scholars to select as their alma maters the eastern universities and in part to the greater wealth of the students here. The greater number of Harvard men at Oxford are here at their own expense.

It is interesting to note that English, German and Scandinavian names predominate among the American students at Oxford.

The strong influence of English social customs in America is showing itself in the appearance of the hyphenated surname and the triple Christian name. The fact that great numbers of Americans are content with a single Christian name has always been a source of wonderment at Oxford, where three, four, or even five initial letters are nothing out of the ordinary.

Of the Oxford Colleges, Exeter is the most popular with Americans. It has 20 American students. Americans are represented in the other colleges in the following numbers: Balliol 14, Christ Church 13, Pembroke 11, Magdalen and New College nine each; Queen's and Wadham eight each; Merton, Lincoln and Hertford seven each; Worcester, University, Oriel and Iffley five each; St. John's and Trinity, four each; Keble, Jesus and Corpus Christi, two each; and St. Edmund Hall, one.

The Non Collegiate Society, better known in Oxford as St. Catherine's or St. Cat's, has 22 American members. St. Cat's is not ranked as a full Oxford college, having no hall and no dormitories and no porter's gate, yet it is a part of the university and its relation to the university is in many respects similar to that of the ordinary colleges.

England Has 41 Portias

LONDON (AP)—When seven women candidates were called to the bar a few days ago they brought the total number of female barristers practicing in England to 41.

Among the 92 candidates called on this occasion were one American citizen and a citizen of Russia. No rule exists preventing foreign subjects from being called to the English bar.

Government bonds are being sold to raise three or four billions, indicating Uncle Sam may buy some Christmas presents.

Crop Diversification Bulletin Is Issued

The growing of a greater variety of crops, with less wheat, has been repeatedly recommended for the dry lands of the northwest by many students of agricultural conditions in this section. These recommendations have not always been backed up by authentic information in regard to the yields

and probable profits farmers might be reasonably expected to obtain over a period of years by growing such crops as corn, peas, potatoes, and alfalfa in rotations with small grains.

The latest and by far the most exhaustive contribution on this subject has recently appeared in an Oregon Experiment Station bulletin No. 299, entitled Dry Farm Crop Rotation Experiments at Moro, Oregon. The merits of

the various crops that have been tried at this station for many years in rotations with grain are fully discussed and figures presented giving annual and average yields, cost of production and profits obtained from the various rotations. Some of which are found to be more profitable than growing winter wheat after summer fallow.

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