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LOCAL BREVITIES

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Treux at Pedee Sunday.

W. R. Carroll of Buena Vista seeks a divorce from his wife, alleging desertion.

Ernest Chown is proving a very accommodating and efficient clerk at the Spa in Salem.

Shoes bought at Valiton's in Salem are guaranteed to give satisfaction.

Owing to the high class train service Independence had this week, Mrs. Sarah Young was able to come from Albany direct to Independence Wednesday night on the Shasta Limited.

"FLYING SICKNESS."

Two theories are cited in the Scientific American to account for flying sickness. The French school, headed by Professors Bert and Regnard, holds that it is caused by shortage of oxygen, while the Italian school, led by Professor Mosso, maintains that shortage of oxygen does not of itself account for the sickness, but that collapse is due to lack of carbonic acid in the blood at high altitudes. Up to 9,000 meters, application of oxygen will overcome the sickness, but above that height a mixture containing carbon dioxide and oxygen is necessary.

Chicks Hatched in Crate.

In the market house of Paducah, Ky., a woman was astonished to find 14 thriving chicks in the bottom of an egg crate.

She had bought the crate some time before and had been selling eggs from the top. The sun is thought to have hatched the chicks.

Jailed for Killing Cat.

Michael Zistoul, of New York city, was sentenced to two days in the workhouse for the "murder" of a cat. He says he threw the animal out of the window in self-defense.

STIRRED HER TO INDIGNATION

Mother Simply Could Not Stand for Repetition of Odious Word by Her Small Boy.

She was apparently a lady of refinement. She had all the hall-marks of the elect. Her clothing was faultless and there was a look of keen intellectuality in her face. With her, says the New York Mail, was a beautiful little boy—not exactly a Little Lord Fauntleroy, but a little chap with big eyes and a wealth of tousled hair.

I noticed them, the lady for her dignified bearing and the boy for his bright face, as I sat down just in front of them on the suburban train. Pretty soon I heard the little boy say, evidently referring to me:

"Ain't that a funny hat that man has got on? Ain't it an old hat, mom?"

No reply.
"Ain't he a funny looking man, mom? Ain't he?"

No reply.
"Ain't it funny when a man has got a boll on the back of his neck, mom? Ain't it?" (We happened to have one that morning.)

No reply.
"Ain't there nothing to do about bolis on the back of the neck, mom, ain't there?"

"Shut up!" came the voice of the lady. "If you use that word 'ain't' again, I am going to soak you on the bugle, now take it from me. How often have I got to tell you not to use that word 'ain't'?"

HAVE APPRECIATION OF LIGHT

Citizens of Colorado Town Realize What It Means to Secure the Needed Power.

You who live in cities where the electricity is a thing to be taken for granted, requiring only the pressing of a button, would appreciate it more if you could see what has to be done in Green Mountain Falls, Colo., before we have any light.

In the first place, we don't have any electric light at all until 6 or 6:30 o'clock in the evening. And the only reason that we have that is because the men who manage the power plant, which is situated almost at the very top of a mountain, start their long and far-from-easy climb every night about 5:30 and turn on the lights for us.

It may sound very simple and all that, but if you could see the speck that is the power house, way, way up there against the side of an exceedingly steep and rocky mountain, you would change your mind about it. They say the climb is about a mile. And sometimes in the midst of a

good swimmer ought easily to realize that keeping one's head above the waters of failure depends a good deal on how one handles defeat.—Brooklyn Eagle.

ARMY OF 50,000 LOST IN MONTH

General Lu's Forces Wiped Out by Mutiny, Surrender and Battle Losses.

CANTONESE WIN THE "WAR"

Righteousness of Their Cause Given as Cause for Victory in Battle Between Two Chinese Provinces—Gambling Licensed.

Canton.—The "war" between Kwangtung and Kwangsi has seemingly terminated with the fall of Nanking on July 22—just a month after the beginning of hostilities—when Lu Yung-ting, the foremost of southern militarists, made his official exit from the province which he had dominated for ten years.

General Lu was at one time inspector general of the two Kwang provinces, and a constitutionalist leader when constitutionalism was popular in the southwest.

50,000 Army Wiped Out.

Prior to the opening of recent hostilities General Lu had an army of nearly 50,000. He lost it all within a month by mutiny, desertion, surrender and loss in battle.

The Cantonese have won. They attribute their victory to the righteousness of their cause, to disaffection among the Kwangsi forces toward their leader and to better organization and discipline in the Canton army, to assurances given the people of Kwangsi of noninterference with their ambition for self-government, and to Dr. Sun Yat-sen's political doctrine of representative government.

The military governors of Kwangtung province have looked upon that province as conquered territory since the one-time monarchist governor, Lung Chi-Kuang, was ejected, notwithstanding the Cantonese played no small part in ousting Lung.

Gambling Is Licensed.

Under the administration of the Lu Yung-ting faction licensed gambling was revived under the pretext of raising revenue for military purposes, burdensome taxes were imposed to the detriment of trade and industry, and millions of dollars of worthless paper money issued without security.

The Kwangsi people themselves have played an important part in helping the Cantonese to drive the militarists out of the province. Besides organizing revolutionary forces to supplement the Canton armies, they have carried on valuable propaganda to convince their fellow clansmen of the good intentions of the Cantonese.

Cantonese leaders now declare that they have no ambition to dominate Kwangsi. Gen. Chen Chung-ming has repeatedly refused to allow military authorities occupying Kwangsi towns and cities to establish political organs or offices which will be misinterpreted or misunderstood by those who are antagonistic to the constitutionalist government.

LOAFERS PROFIT IN ENGLAND

Surveys Show "Practical" Socialism Pays Jobless More Than Workers Get.

London.—Surveys here show that "practical" socialism is benefiting the unemployed to such an extent that it is actually more profitable to be without work than to have a job.

Islington, Cumberwell and Bedmondsey boroughs of London have in effect a law providing \$18 a week "allowance" to the unemployed man having a so-called "standard" family of a wife and six children. The average wage received by the Londoner who works is \$15. Thus it would benefit the worker by just \$3 to quit his job and join the ranks of the unemployed.

Shoreditch and Hackney boroughs have fixed "allowances" at \$22.50 a week. The board of guardians of Woolwich borough is considering an "allowance" of \$25 a week. Socialist leaders who have gained control of the boards of guardians and who are responsible for agitation resulting in the passage of these "relief" measures predict that similar ordinances will be soon put into effect by every borough of workingmen in the city.

Sweden's Population.

Stockholm.—Sweden's total population at the end of 1920 amounted to more than 5,904,000 according to the Central Statistical bureau's preliminary figures just published. This is an increase during 1920 of more than 57,000 and a record increase since 1881.

\$175,000 for Finder of Petroleum in Australia

Washington.—The Australian government has offered a reward of \$125,000 and the government of New South Wales has offered \$50,000 to any one who discovers petroleum in paying quantities. Hundreds of thousands of pounds sterling have been expended by the government and by private concerns in an endeavor to find oil in Australia, but so far the discoveries have been practically negligible.

WORK IS HARD ON ARTISTS

Singing into the Recording Horn Conceded to Be a Nerve-Racking Experience.

Music is a lot trickier to can than peaches or pears, remarks Farm and Fireside.

When you play one of your phonograph records you have no idea how hard it may have been to get that melody "preserved." You are listening to the result of a lot of mighty hard work, which may have included considerable storming by the director and tears on the part of the artist. Some artists simply cannot sing for the records at all, while others are nervous wrecks for days after a session of recording.

To sing into a recording horn may look easy—just as it may look easy for a baseball player to hit a ball over the fence for a home run—but in reality it is one of the most difficult, nerve-racking things anyone can attempt.

On the concert stage a singer with a good voice may make little mistakes without the audience noticing them. If he has an attractive presence and an engaging manner, he may even sing a bit off key and yet make a hit. But the wax master record is a relentless mirror, with no mercy for the imperfections that the average artist—like other human beings—is guilty of. The slightest waver or strain in the voice, the slightest deviation from the true pitch, comes out badly. And the very fear of making these mistakes and flaws "hoodoo" most singers into making them.

The result is that many a popular stage artist has met defeat in the laboratory.

WAR ON SCREW-WORM FLIES

Traps Have Proved Effective Methods of Getting Rid of Human and Animal Pests.

The use of flytraps for catching screw-worm flies is a new idea as a means of combating those abominable insects, and has already proved decidedly effective. They are a first-class pest in some parts of this country, and especially in southwest Texas. Cattle and other livestock suffer much from their attacks, their habit being to lay eggs in any sort of wound.

The larvae hatched from the eggs bore into the tissues, feeding upon them and doing most destructive mischief. When ready to transform into pupae, they come out, drop to the ground and bury themselves to await metamorphosis into flies. The screw-worm flies are typical meat flies, and the carcasses of any dead animal quickly becomes a hatchery for them. Hence, in the region afflicted by them, it is very important that all carcasses shall be promptly destroyed, preferably by burning. Occasionally it happens that human beings are attacked. A fly crawls up the nostrils of a sleeping person and lays its eggs. The larvae hatched from them invade the sinuses, and death is likely to result.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Squirrels and Robins Fight.

A fierce lawn battle between forces of squirrels and robins has been observed in Mount Vernon, N. Y. The squirrels and robins on Eleventh avenue, Mount Vernon, have declared war upon each other, and each day the battles are waged bigger and fiercer. Residents on Eleventh avenue have for some time thrown peanuts on their lawns for the squirrels and bread crumbs for the birds of the neighborhood. Three weeks ago a few robins after eating the bread helped themselves to peanuts, and the squirrels ran away. The first day a few squirrels attacked the robins and there was a short but furious fight in which the squirrels saved their suppers. The second day about twenty robins swooped down and the squirrels were routed. The third day the squirrels returned reinforced by an equal number and there was a battle royal for a quarter of an hour. It was a drawn battle, both sides leaving most of their peanuts and crumbs on the field.

THE VICTIM



Fatwun—Are you Mr. Leenwun, the husband of the celebrated lecturer on cookery?
Leenwun—Yes, I am the man whom she tries her new dishes on.

If the movie makers are wise they will see that their posters always have a picture of at least one curly haired man and they will never lack for a packed house of women spectators.—Florida Times-Union.

Monte Carlo of Big Desert Seen in "The Sheik"

Biskra is known as the Monte Carlo of the desert. It is the gathering place for the wealthy

the dissolute, the adventurous, the pleasure seeking people of the African littoral and affords a marvelously picturesque background for fiction or photoplay.

It is used in George Melford's Paramount production of "The Sheik" which comes to the Oregon, Salem, Sunday.

Agnes Ayres and Rudolph Valentino are the featured players with a fine supporting cast.

In a big casino, the most colorful spot in Biskra, the scene of the grand fete given by the young Sheik is laid and therein the beautiful customs of the Orient are shown with great fidelity.

Other scenes are those upon the Sahara, with the wild riders of the desert; the stronghold in the sandy sea of Omaid, a bandit of the Sahara, and the Sheik's Oriental dwelling.

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