

HE SAW MILLIONS GO SKYWARD IN SMOKE

Thomas C. Johnson Home From France Where He Saw Service— Was Witness Before Graham Investigating Committee.

"It was a shame to see great trainloads of material that the American people paid for go up in smoke, that is what we thought when we reported our Colonel who ordered us to burn it," said Thomas C. Johnson, brother of Amos K. and William Johnson of this city on his return here last Saturday night.

"The fire which burned for days over in France was not one to get rid of used material. Why, I saw ten carloads of fine baled hay, better than that which we fed the army horses, thrown into the fire to be burned. All kinds of machinery was burned and equipment of all kinds, including new clothing as well as old.

"Of course the men in our squad did their work and watched the fire under orders, but we thought it a shame to use the money of American citizens that way, so when we landed in New York we reported what we had seen. That is why we came to testify before the Graham committee, and judging by what we heard while in Washington there will be many more things that the American people will know about the conduct of the war before the Graham committee gets thru its work."

MERCURY CLIMBS TO DIZZY HEIGHTS AND SCORES 102

The warmest day of the summer, so far, was yesterday when the mercury after a steady strong pull for the top of the tube reached the dizzy height of 102 in the shade—and shade was welcome indeed compared with the broad sunlight.

Just what a mercury would have recorded in the sun is not known, but it would have been plenty for the heat that bounced back from the sidewalks, on shady sides of the street, was enough to start folks talking about hot days "back east."

Ontarians were congratulating themselves that with the setting of the sun they secured relief and were able to sleep, forgetting the discomfort of the day.

Today, in the opinion of some, is hotter than yesterday but as yet the thermometer has not reached the height recorded yesterday afternoon.

Those who fear the inroads of Bolshevism in America should take heart. So long as the American Legion exists pledged to its constitution there will be no danger. No more lofty set of principles could be enunciated than those contained in the preamble to the Constitution of the Legion which is as follows:

Preamble
For God and country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:
To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of association in the Great War; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principals of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

M. E. Bain came up from Jordan Valley on business Tuesday and remained over Wednesday. Mr. Bain is now in charge of the project office of the Jordan Valley Farms company and reports excellent progress on the farm.

Mr. Gordon has recently completed the reconstruction of the house which he bought south of town.

AT THE MOVIES

Madame Nazimova is an actress of unique and original talent. She is known as the woman of a thousand moods and her art is as great in light fantastic or whimsical moments as it is in the heavy emotional drama, for which she is internationally famed. See her in "Out of the Fog" Friday and Saturday, July 18 and 19. The play is surrounded by the mystery of the sea and the charm of romance.

How much more appealing and inspiring is the SIGHT of Jo sacrificing her long rippling tresses to furnish the money for her mother's trip to the bedside of her beloved father, than the mere reading of the incident in cold black type. Yet 2,600,000 lovers of the best in American literature have bought the book, "Little Women." Show at your show Sunday and Monday, July 13 and 14. 10,000,000 persons must have read it.

MEMORABLE GAME OF CARDS

Said to Have Suggested System of Life Insurance to Eminent French Mathematician.

A game of cards is said to have suggested the system of life insurance now so universal, according to London Answers.

A Flemish nobleman in the seventeenth century tried to divide equitably the cash staked upon an interrupted game of chance. He was helped in his attempt by Pascal, a distinguished French mathematician, who solved the problem. In doing so he also solved the "doctrine of probabilities" or laws governing insurances of all kinds.

The idea can be illustrated by the throwing of a dice, the chance of turning up an ace being one out of six. In a large number of throws the chances are in the same proportion. From this Pascal laid down the proposition that results which have happened in a given number of observed cases will again happen in similar circumstances, provided the numbers be sufficient for the proper working of the law of averages.

The life of a person is one of the greatest uncertainties, but the duration or rate of mortality of a large number of persons may be predicted with the greatest accuracy by comparison with the observed result among a sufficiently large number of persons of similar ages and occupations and subject to similar climatic influences.

Song Inspired by Poster?

It is an interesting bit of history, in view of the importance of posters as an inspiration and interpretation of patriotism, that the Marseillaise was inspired by a contemporary poster. At first thought one might imagine that the art of the poster, as it is now understood, was unknown in 1792, but the proclamation of the mayor of Strasbourg, with its terse, ringing sentences, beginning "To arms, citizens!" was no doubt as effective as the posters produced in 1918. Posted on the city walls, as Jean Richepin of the French academy has just pointed out, the words of the proclamation directly inspired Rouget de Lisle in the composition of the "Marseillaise," or, as it was first called, "The War Song of the Armies of the Rhine." Later the convention at Paris entitled it the "Hymn of Marseilles," but the public promptly named it "La Marseillaise," and it might almost be said to have set the mayor's poster to music.—Christian Science Monitor.

Red Rag to a Bull.

How many people know the real meaning of the phrase "Like red rag to a bull?"

Why should a bull, or any other creature, be enraged when a piece of scarlet cloth is flaunted before them? For bulls are not alone in this. Sheep, usually so meek and gentle, will apparently become transported with rage if they see anything of this color. Geese and turkeys are similarly affected—the former even having been known to attack a scarlet-clad child.

The excitement animals display in such circumstances is similar to that caused by the smell of blood. Here is the theory: The color reminds the animals of blood, an association which invariably suggests bodily discomfort and hurt. So they express their terror by the only means they possess.

Weather Talk.

Mrs. Flatbush—They say some people can talk of nothing but the weather.

Mrs. Bensonhurst—Well, I believe it. I asked my husband for some money this morning and he said, "Isn't it a beautiful day?"

POISONS IN COMMON SALT

Deadly Chemical Elements, When United, Form Substance Beneficial to All Animal Life.

When a native of the savage tribes of Africa happens to find a piece of rock salt he considers himself most fortunate. Often he will invite his friends to a party and serve this piece of salt as the refreshments. The guests seat themselves in a circle and take their turns at licking the choice bit, passing it around in much the same manner as the Indians pass around their pipe of peace. Salt seems to be necessary for most forms of animal life. Cattle will travel for miles just to get a taste of it.

Few persons realize when eating this substance that it is composed of two deadly poisons, the metal sodium and the gas chlorine. Sodium is one of the most active metals, while chlorine is a gas dangerous to breathe even in small quantities. If a piece of sodium is placed on water it will react violently. For this reason it is always kept under kerosene to keep it from reacting with the moisture in the air, and it is always handled with tweezers, as it will cause a severe burn if allowed to touch the skin, especially if the hands are damp. The poisonous nature of chlorine is generally known, as it was one of the first deadly gases used by the Germans during the world war.

When these two chemical elements unite each loses its poisonous nature and the salt which is formed is an entirely new substance, having none of the properties of either sodium or chlorine. Nevertheless salt is composed of two deadly poisons, but chemically combined we eat it every day, as it is both harmless and necessary.

MARK TWAIN "TURNED DOWN"

Popular Writer's Report on City's Religious Condition Failed to Appear in Print.

When Mark Twain was a reporter on the Virginia City Enterprise he was given an assignment to report the condition of the churches in Gold Hill. The next day he turned in the following, which the managing editor declined to print:

"Your reporter had some difficulty in securing an interview with the pastor of the Baptist church. He found him pushing an ox cart on the dump pile of the Overman mine. He said that he was doing this not merely for exercise but for \$3.50 a day. He said that his clerical salary was nominally \$50 per month, but the irregularity with which it was not paid was very distressing. The butcher, he said, had been very kind to him, but his patience had limits, and lately when called upon for a beefsteak he had, in an absent-minded way, cut off a piece of liver. His congregation had dwindled to 14 hearers, and the collection for the previous Sabbath amounted to but 40 cents. He had made one convert, but had been unable to baptize him, for the water company had refused to supply the water except for cash in advance.

"On the whole," reported Mark Twain, "the condition of the cause of religion in Gold Hill seems to leave very much to be desired."

The Man Who Overcame.

Men with weak eyes will remember that Theodore Roosevelt had weak eyes all his life and became a successful hunter, an omnivorous reader and a keen naturalist. Men with defective hearing will remember that Theodore Roosevelt lost the use of one of his ears and could still distinguish the calls of birds and lead a people magnificently. Men stricken with pain will remember that once Theodore Roosevelt worked at his correspondence until he fainted and the couch on which he lay was drenched with blood. Cripples will hear the word that Theodore Roosevelt spoke when a physician told him in the last month of his life that he might be confined to his chair the rest of his days. "All right! I can live that way, too!"

The millions will remember the inspiring leader; but a few with terrors to face will always cherish most the man who overcame.—Herman Hagedorn in Carry On.

Elided With a Solo.

It was Sunday morning in the choir of a large church. I was singing soprano in a quartet. At the end of the selection I was under the impression that we were to sing "Amen," but, not noticing closely that the other members in the quartet had seated themselves, I remained standing and started with the "Amen" singing out in the silence of the church, without even the support of the organ. With the eyes of the congregation all turned on me, I sat down, amid the smiles of my fellow singers, wishing the floor might open up and swallow me.—Chicago Tribune.

Overcome Obstacles.

"Don't let obstacles or hardships worry you—a goodly share of difficulties and hardships have the same effect upon the right kind of young man as blows have upon a piece of steel that is being tempered. Setbacks train you to fight better. The Black Friday panic of 1873 bankrupted me just after I had made my first start in business, when twenty-eight, and I well recall an older man then saying to me, by way of consolation: 'Happy and lucky is the man who fails when he is young.'"—Robert Dollar in the American Magazine.

REAL BARGAINS

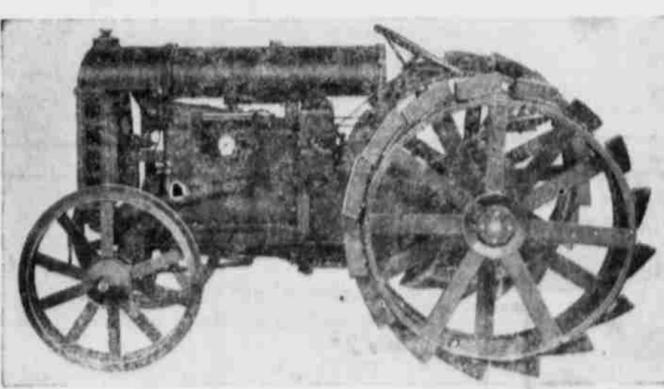
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About Digestion.
Digestion begins in the mouth. The food should be thoroughly masticated and insalivated before it is swallowed. When this is habitually neglected stomach trouble is almost sure to follow. If you now have indigestion eat no beef or veal and sparingly of other meats, masticate your food thoroughly and you may recover without taking any medicine. If your bowels are constipated take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only cause a gentle movement of the bowels but aid digestion and strengthen the stomach.

Mrs. W. W. Wood and daughters are now enjoying the mountain scenery of the Blue Mountain Springs region of Grant, while the Judge continues to battle with knotty legal problems here in Ontario, hoping to the early arrival of the day when his vacation comes.

Price Reduction Announcement!



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