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BRINGING THE SEA TO THE SAHARA

French and English are Considering
Plans to Flood the Vast Sahara
Desert, Once Bed of Mighty
Ocean.

If the allies win the war France and England together will own nearly the whole of Africa. They are already making plans to co-operate in the rapid development of that enormous territory, and one of the projects contemplated is the flooding of a great part of the Sahara desert.

This, from an engineering viewpoint, will not be a very difficult affair. In the western Sahara there is a vast depression or "sink" 200 feet below the level of the ocean and covering an area of about 10,000 square miles. All that is necessary is to cut a canal six miles long in order to let the sea into it.

The depression is called by the Arabs El Juf, or the Great Hollow. It is a level plain extending from the vicinity of Cape Juby on the northwest coast, directly opposite the Canary Islands southeast to within 100 miles of Timbuktu. Its greatest breadth, 120 miles, is toward the south. To the north west it gradually narrows, terminating in the dry channel which represents its former connection with the Atlantic.

Once an Inland Sea.

Not much more than 1,000 years ago El Juf was an inland sea—in fact, an arm of the Atlantic ocean. But the entrance channel (thirty miles north of Cape Juby) was at about that time blocked by sand, the waters of the gulf that occupied the great hollow were dried up by evaporation, and the area was transformed into a desert. The proposition now is to make a cutting through the sand-bar, run out jettyes to prevent further accumulations of sand, and so restore the old condition of allowing the sea to be more easily reached.

When this shall have been accomplished there will be direct navigation from Europe to the interior of the continent of Africa. The project is a grand one. From the port of Maradit a water trip of 1,800 miles will bring the traveler within a short distance of Timbuktu, the "mysterious city" that was never even seen by a white man until less than a century ago.

El Juf is today a hopeless region, destitute of vegetable and animal life. With the exception of one small village on its eastern border, not a single human habitation exists throughout the basin. This village, Taudeny, is on an ancient caravan route, and salt mines are worked there to supply the Sudan markets, the stuff being quarried out in big slabs.

Moonshine distilling of sourmash whiskey is a new industry on Coos Bay.

One industry helps another. Mining prosperity helps the lumber trade. Copper sales at 30 cents makes firmer prices for lumber.

"I Thank Thee, Lord"

I thank thee, Lord, for every
moment dropped
Into my life that had some
sweetness in it;
For all the golden hours when
friendship met
And gave up heart for heart
and thought for thought;
For all the love that faithful
hearts let fall
To drop into mine own; for
every look
From loving eyes; for every
smile or word
That gladdened me; for subtle
influence
That made me strong, dear
Lord, I thank thee.
I thank thee, Lord; I thank
thee for the hours
When flowed my tears;
When fell those grief wrung
drops
On lips that murmured, "Lord,
thou knowest best."
For all the love born sorrow,
hidden pain;
For all the cares and burdens
of my life
(For, glad or sad, thou givest
for the best);
For all the strength thou gav-
est me to bear,
Dear Lord, I thank thee.
—Rose Pastor.

LONE WOMAN LEADS SAV- AGES AGAINST BRITISH

There has appeared in the Kilimanjaro region a German woman warrior, who is leading a force of native troops without the assistance of any other Europeans, says a dispatch from Cape Town, South Africa.

Near the Mountains of the Moon this desperate woman is waging a guerrilla warfare against the allied forces, and thrilling stories are told of the strange, wild life which she and her black followers lead.

The native story is that she is the widow of a German commandant who was killed in the fight which took place at Longido on Sept. 25, 1914. She was so grief stricken over the death of her husband that she openly declared her desire to be revenged.

The natives, who spoke of her as a mad woman, said that her anger was particularly concentrated against the King's African rifles, in a skirmish with which force her husband had been slightly wounded, and the East African mounted rifles.

In the early days of the East African campaign, before and even after the arrival of the Indian troops in November, 1914, there was a great deal of guerrilla fighting, and on both sides there were retirements before superior forces. The woman was seen on several occasions, her force varying from 100 to 200 natives. Through glasses many officers of the British forces have seen this white woman commander in her kraal, surrounded by blacks. Never since the Longido fight has she been seen in the company of a European.

She is described as a big woman with flaxen hair. She rides astride and is armed to the teeth. She seems to have a wonderful control over her native followers. The natives tell wonderful stories of the woman's prowess with the gun. She has the reputation of never missing anything at which she aims.

Whitewash Farm Buildings

The following is the government formula for whitewash, and will be found very useful on every farm, for the liberal use of whitewash not only adds greatly to the appearance about the farm, but it also serves an excellent purpose in destroying germ life. This formula, which we are reproducing, should be saved for reference and used often.

One-half bushel unslaked lime, 1 peck of salt well dissolved in warm water, 3 pounds of ground rice boiled to a thin paste, stirred into the mixture when boiling hot; half pound of powdered Spanish whiting, 1 pound glue previously dissolved over a slow fire. Five gallons of hot water complete the mixture. Stir well and let it stand for a few days before using. Protect it from dirt and extraneous matter. It should be put on white hot. One pint of the mixture will cover a square yard if properly applied. This can be used with brushes or with a machine. The salt and the lime both possess disinfecting qualities and the glue gives a lasting finish and prevents the whitewash from rubbing off. Anyone who has used the ordinary solution without glue will be surprised at the great improvement this makes.

WED THIRTEEN YEARS NOW ON A HONEYMOON

Comanche, Okla.—When R. L. De Lung, publisher of the Reflex here, was married thirteen years ago he promised to take his bride on a tour such as other brides take.

"To Niagara Falls and all that?" she asked.

"Well," said young Mr. De Lung, "not right away. You'll have to give me time, my dear."

Mrs. De Lung gave him time—thirteen years of it—and had nearly forgotten about his pre-nuptial promise. In the early years of their married life she used to inquire now and then about that promised honeymoon journey, but De Lung always said he was too busy.

"Some other time," he would say. Recently the newspaper man's conscience went to work on him and gave him the drubbing of his life.

"You ornery cuss," his conscience said to him, "you have been promising that good woman a honeymoon trip thirteen years. She believed for a time that you meant it, too, but now she knows better. She must think you have a soul about as big as a mustard seed, you tightwad, and that your word is worth about as much as a Mexican peso."

Editor De Lung slipped out and bought an automobile. Then he learned to engineer it without letting his wife know about it. When all was ready he invited her to take the honeymoon trip. They are now touring Texas and New Mexico and having the time of their lives.

Chanksgiving Proclamation By Woodrow Wilson

The season is at hand in which it has been our long respected custom as a people to turn in praise and Chanksgiving to Almighty God for His manifold mercies and blessings to us as a Nation. Now therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the last Thursday of November next as a day of Chanksgiving and prayer, and invite the people throughout the land to cease from their wonted occupations and in their several homes and places of worship render thanks to Almighty God.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

The new legislature will convene Tuesday, January 3, 1917.

Polk county's yield of apples this fall is believed to be the largest in the county's history.

Building operations to the value of \$24,265 were begun in Eugene during the month of October.

The second annual corn and land products show was held at the armory in Woodburn last week.

The annual meeting of the Oregon state hotel association will be held in Portland December 1 and 2.

Hood River's apple loss from the early cold weather is placed at between 10 and 15 per cent of the total crop.

A farmers' co-operative cheese association has been organized by dairymen in South Silverton and the Waldo Hills.

Postal records in the Albany post-office show that postoffice receipts there have more than doubled in the past 14 years.

The planing mill of the Stoddard Bros. Lumber company at Baker was almost destroyed by fire, with a loss of about \$15,000.

None of the 275 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ending November 16 were fatal.

Work on the \$25,000 sawmill to be erected by the recently incorporated Applegate Lumber company at Medford, has been started.

Eight thousand dollars is appropriated in the Clackamas county budget for 1917 for the construction of an armory in Oregon City.

Charles E. Hughes carried Oregon for president by a plurality of 6965, according to the official returns from every county in the state.

The adoption by the people of Oregon of the "bone-dry" prohibition law has stimulated to a marked degree receipts of liquor in the state.

Over \$400,000 is to be spent during 1917 by Coos county for good roads. Of this sum \$362,000 comes from sale of bonds and \$240,000 from general taxation.

The Pendleton normal school committee spent \$14,362.56 in the recent campaign, according to an expense statement filed with Secretary of State Olcott.

The city of Bandon has completed the reconstruction of its water system and has an up-to-date distribution and a pressure said to be entirely satisfactory.

The state fair board in its estimate for 1917-1918 asks the legislature to appropriate \$225,800, as compared with \$35,195 appropriated for the 1915-1916 biennium.

As the result of a freight car shortage on the O-W. R. & N., the Baker

White Pine Lumber company was forced to close down its planer, throwing 90 men out of work.

Oregon's estimated population for 1916, based upon the school population, is \$84,515, as compared with a population of 672,765 shown by the federal census of 1910.

Plans for the holding of the first southern Oregon corn show in Grants Pass are now under way. It is proposed to hold the show during the early part of November, 1917.

Fully 20 conventions and conferences will be held during the annual farmers' and home makers' week at the Oregon Agricultural college during the week of January 2 to 6.

The president has commissioned Calvin U. Gantenbein, of Portland, as colonel of infantry in the officers' reserve corps, United States army, organized under the new army law.

Glen O. Dasset, manager of the Spaulding Logging company of Newberg, was killed when a log slipped from a car, near which he was standing, struck him and broke his back.

Simply to give liquor away without subterfuge in the giving to obtain recompense some other way is not violating the prohibition law, Circuit Judge Knowles has held at La Grande.

Two women narrowly escaped death and damage estimated at \$25,000 was done when fire swept over Rock Island in the Willamette, near Milwaukie, and destroyed the big clubhouse on the island.

Put out of business as jitneys by action of the city council, Portland owners of the automobiles arranged to operate as taxicabs and "for hire" cars, and attempt to operate over their old routes.

Since the removal of the \$3 bounty on coyotes nearly a year ago, this pest is again becoming very numerous near John Day. Reports of damage among sheep in the Bear valley and Issa regions are frequent.

The biennial budget will be ready for distribution to all the members of the legislature early in December. The law provides that the budget shall be in the hands of each legislator 30 days before the session opens.

Pomona grange of Lane county has adopted resolutions inviting the federal government to assist the farmers in exterminating gophers, moles and squirrels, believing that they cause a loss in Lane county annually equal to the total school tax.

In the two years ending September 30, 1916, the state of Oregon has received from all sources a total of \$13,219,513.95, according to figures compiled by State Treasurer Kay. In this period \$11,473,452.43 in warrants have been redeemed by the state.

FALLS 3,000 FEET AND LANDS ON LONDON ROOF

A young Liverpool member of the royal flying corps, who is now in training somewhere in England, came unscathed, except for a bruise or two, from a thrilling experience when his machine fell from a height of 3,000 feet on a house in a populous part of London. He tells of his feelings during the descent at the rate of 1,000 feet a minute as follows:

"I was leading a reconnaissance flight and had to go up to 3,000 feet, when I signaled to the others following by firing a pistol. The pistol exploded and hit me on the head and broke my propeller, and the back of the engine caught fire. Both controls were cut away, so I only had the elevator control left and could not guide her."

"The broken propeller tore a large hole in the plane. It was very windy and damp, and the wind carried me up toward London, dropping me about a 1,000 feet every minute. I shut my eyes and dropped and landed half on a house and half in a little alley. I was covered with petrol and got an awful knock on the head and was dazed when I hit the ground. My right wing went through a window, and the whole machine was smashed."

"When I crawled out with my head in my hands, the first thing the lady of the house said was, 'What on earth are you doing here?' So I said, 'I've come for tea.' She said, 'You've killed one of my chickens.' The machine was a wreck."

"It was a nasty feeling, as I had no control, and it was just luck that I did not land on a church steeple."

Who Named the Turkey?

How the turkey came by its name has been a moot question for a long time.

The Thanksgiving fowl is an American bird which was introduced to Europe from the new world and had nothing whatever to do with Turkey or Turks. The name turkey, however, was originally applied to the fowl, which is now known as the guinea fowl, and some authors in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries confused the two species.

As both birds became more common and better known, to quote the Encyclopedia Britannica, "the distinction was gradually perceived, and the name turkey became restricted to that from the new world, possibly because of its repeated call note, to be syllabled 'turk, turk, turk,' whereby it may be almost said to have named itself. The turkey, so far as we know, was first described by Oviedo in his 'Sumario de la natural historia de las Indias,' said to have been published in 1527."

Death of Mrs. Ewing

After an illness of over two years, Mrs. Nora J. Ewing passed away Nov. 20, 1916, aged 73 years, 10 months and 12 days. Death was caused by the hardening of the arteries of the brain. Mr. and Mrs. Ewing came to make their home at Mayer, Ore., until the death of Mr. Ewing May 16, 1904. Here Mrs. Ewing was laid to rest Tuesday, Nov. 21, beside her husband and only son, N. C. Ewing, who passed away Dec. 25, 1908. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. D. Johnson of Clatskanie at the M. E. church of Mayer. Mrs. Ewing was a noble christian woman and loved by everyone. The living children are, Mary A. Ewing of Boyd, Mrs. Rose E. Watts of Seapooose, Mrs. Lily McLane of Arleta, Mrs. Daisy L. Hazen of Lents, all of Oregon, and twelve grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The relatives are grateful for the many acts of kindness shown by friends and acquaintances. The many floral offerings from friends of the family were highly appreciated.

Resolution of Condolence

To the members of Pleasant Valley Grange, we your committee appointed to draft a resolution of condolence, do hereby recommend that, whereas the Almighty Father has seen fit to remove from our midst Brother C. H. Bateman, who was a consistent member of Pleasant Valley Grange No. 348, be it resolved by said Grange that a copy of this resolution of condolence be sent to the bereaved Sister, and relatives, that a copy be spread on the minutes of this Grange, that one be sent to the Grange Bulletin, one each to the Mount Scott Herald and Gresham Outlook, that our charter be draped for 30 days and that members wear badges reversed same length of time. Signed

G. N. Sager

J. W. Frost

E. L. Anderson.

Roeburg will improve three streets with 2000 yards of crushed rock.

BIG TOURIST ASSO- CIATION FORMED

Oregon's Beauty and Scenic Wonders to be Published World Wide.
Financial Harvest Will Repay Effort.

The best estimates of the value of all Oregon crops of grain, fruit, fish, vegetables, live stock and dairy products for 1916—at war prices—is placed at \$130,000,000. In the grain districts and the livestock centers the farmers are mighty prosperous. But if some man came along and showed these farmers where they could get another \$100,000,000 added to the circulating medium in this state, would they take it? Foolish question number one. Yet, that is exactly what is proposed by the North Pacific Coast Tourist Association. They intend to bring a crop of tourists to Oregon, Washington and British Columbia and to have those tourist drop \$100,000,000 every year in the laps of Oregon farmers, laborers and merchants.

If the Association should get only \$50,000,000 a year from tourists it would be more money than is brought into the state by wheat and cattle; it would about double the value of the combined fruit crops; it would be more money than Oregon gets for her potatoes, corn, barley, rye, oats and hay.

The Tourist Association has adopted the same plan, with improvements, that has been successful in getting the tourist to California and to Switzerland. They will combine the big scenic attractions of the Northwest and advertise them as one tour. It is intended to feature the summer climate of the Northwest and to induce tourists to stay here for months, visiting every section of the state. That means that every community will secure its share of this new money, and that its resources will be looked over by men who are able to buy. Every Olmstead of Portland, is vice president for Oregon. H. A. Latta, of Medford, R. E. Scott, of Hood River, J. H. Koke of Eugene, Tilford Taylor, of Pendleton, W. J. Hofmann of the Oregonian, Phil Metachan, Jr., representing the hotel men of the state, C. C. Overmire for the automobile men, and Mark Woodruff for the Portland Chamber of Commerce are the men behind the scheme.

With such a roster of directors for Oregon the plan escapes being branded as a "Portland scheme." It is an all Oregon move. With all Oregon interested the legislature will be asked to finance the North Pacific Coast Tourist Association for \$25,000 a year for two years. Washington and British Columbia will do their part.

If the legislature refuses to make the appropriation the plan will be dropped. It would be impossible to raise the money by subscription. And it is doubtful if it should be. Every citizen is benefitted by the new money brought here by the tourist, and why should not every citizen pay the few cents that this sum means to each taxpayer in the state?

Lakeview votes \$20,000 bonds to buy a railroad right of way.

A Glad Chanksgiving

Wisely and well in earlier times
This happy day was chosen
That, though the earth grow stiff and bare,
Our hearts might not be frozen;
That fall by fall and year by year
Kind words know no declining;
The wilder storm, the warmer cheer
Where light of love is shining.
Oh, let us hold unruined still
The pure peace of believing;
The clear, rich anthem of our praise
Be free from notes of grieving!
In sweet, serene and thankful hearts
Lies all the joy of living.
Lift pure and strong your choral song
And make a glad Chanksgiving.