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SITES OF HISTORIC INTEREST

Many Places Around Dutch City of Doorn Should Be of Interest to the Kaiser.

Doorn, the little Dutch town now the home of the former emperor of Germany, is surrounded by sites that may give the former kaiser cause for reflection, says a bulletin of the National Geographic society. At Rhenen he might find a historical companion in misery. Friedrich of Pfalz, the exiled king of Bohemia, took refuge there. Perhaps the most noteworthy aspect of Rhenen is its tower, which bears the name of Kunera, after the daughter of the ruler of the Orkney Isles, who accompanied Ursula and her 11,000 virgins on a pilgrimage to Rome. Upon their return, according to the legend, now known to have been based on a misreading of a Latin text, the maidens were coming ashore to Cologne when Huns killed them all except Kunera. Later she leaped to her death from a castle parapet.

From the Moravian settlement of Zeist the former kaiser might learn of humility, virtue and genuine piety. Considerable property is held in common by the people. There widows, married women and girls are classified by their attire. At Maarsbergen the Pyramid of Austerlitz was erected by Marmont's soldiers to commemorate the crowning of Napoleon. At Utrecht the treaty was signed which opened the way for Britain's present great commercial power, as it gave her Gibraltar and several colonies.

PURPLE DYE FROM SHELLFISH
Possibility That New Industry May Be Developed, Since the Supply Is Inexhaustible.

On the Pacific coast of Costa Rica, especially in the region about Cocos bay, there abounds a kind of shellfish called the "nacascol," from which a fine purple color is obtained. So far no way has been found for preserving this dye, and the industry has remained in the hands of the few old people who take the trouble to dye a few ounces of thread every summer. The process is very simple. On picking up the shell from the beach or detaching it from a bowlder, the gatherer blows her breath into it, whereupon a few drops of a greenish liquor ooze out. This liquor is collected in a clamshell and after a sufficient quantity has been collected the thread is passed through it, soon after assuming, on exposure to the sunlight, a beautiful purple color, which is absolutely fast after it has turned purple. It is thought possible that the dye turns fast only on exposure to the air and that the liquor could be preserved by keeping the air from it. There is little doubt that this industry of dyeing thread could be extended to greater proportions if an extensive demand at good prices could be found for the dyestuff.

General Wood's First Battle.
When Geronimo, the last of the great Apache chieftains, began murdering American women and most hideously torturing American children in New Mexico and Arizona, Leonard Wood, then an army surgeon, exchanging his surgeon's scalpel for a rifle, became one of a famous little company which chased the monster over the sandy and burning plains of the Southwest and northern Mexico, and did not desist until the enemy surrendered. The reports of Generals Lawton and Miles witness to the healthy-minded zeal which Wood manifested toward the barbarians who wreaked their savagery on American women and children; and the fact that Wood received that greatest of all military distinctions for his efficient bravery in this campaign—the medal of congress—is testimony of the same kind. —Burton J. Hendrick in the World's Work.

Trunk Lines in the Air.
Long distance air transportation will soon be a commonplace. The successful trip from London to Australia recently completed has encouraged Great Britain to lay out a number of great air routes, connecting England with great trunk lines with its possessions. The service will be maintained at first by airships and later doubtless by airplanes. The first of these trunk lines will connect London with Canada by way of Newfoundland. Another line will operate between London and Egypt and will be extended to South Africa. The air lines will be backed by large government subsidies.—Boys' Life.

Trained Nurses Popular.
That trained nurses are being employed in increasing numbers shows that employers generally are recognizing their services. Previous to 1919, only 66 industrial firms employed trained nurses. Today more than 871 industries have nursing services. The industrial nurse has proved to be a good investment. She is a teacher of hygiene, and health education means prevention of accidents, which in years gone by have cost industry many thousands of dollars.

Once Thought to Be Worthless.
The shark is found to furnish about 11.9 per cent of hide, 31.3 of edible food, and 44.7 of fertilizer material, and a ten pound liver yielded three quarts of oil. The oil, fairly free from fishy odor, is well adapted for tanning and paints. The dried fertilizer material equals about 20 per cent of the total weight of the shark, and contains 18.3 per cent of nitrogen. The stomach may be utilized for leather.

STUCK IN THEIR MEMORIES

American Slang Phrases That Became Popular Among the Filipinos and Frenchmen.

"All right" was generally the first English phrase the French picked up from American troops. "All right" answers probably a quarter of the questions that an American is called upon to reply to. In the great mass of jargon in a strange tongue, it stood out on account of constant repetition. The poilus were wont to practice it, over their cognac and vin blanc glasses, in place of their own "tres bien," and yell it out to the Yankees on the side of the cafe.

As the French mastered "all right," so the Filipinos took up "gangway" during the American occupation of the Philippine islands 20 years ago. Pursuing rough-house tactics that were not permitted during the last war in France, the American troopers would go down the streets of the island towns, pushing the natives into the gutter and yelling "gangway!" It became so that whenever a native heard "gangway" half a mile off, he immediately began to make way for the gang.

During the insurrection, at the height of one of the rebels' "offensives," the American troops were astonished to see a great swarm of Aguinaido's soldiers come rushing over the top, waving bolos and spears and yelling "Gangway! Gangway!"

The Filipinos thought "gangway" was a vile American cuss word. They later decided that Col. Fred Funston and his Twentieth Kansas doughboys didn't care even if they were sworn at.—Ralph Duffy in Home Sector.

LOOK TO FUTURE OF FOREST

Experts Point Out Folly of Practices Which Prevent the Reproduction of the Trees.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)
That young growth in the woods, known popularly as "brush," is something to be rid of, is a prevalent but mistaken conception since a forest cannot maintain itself long without reproduction. For the sake of getting a scattering of green grass in the spring it is the short-sighted practice in hundreds of localities to fire the woods regularly. This results in killing thousands of small trees needed to continue the forest in the future, and also infuses a large amount of marketable timber. Furthermore, such burning destroys a large amount of rich vegetable fertilizer.

Cattle and hogs in hardwood stands, and hogs in long-leaf pines, keep the forest from being restocked. Damage from insects can be reduced by cutting timber at the proper time of year and by utilizing lightning-killed trees without delay, since they harbor destructive pests. Cattle destroy the productive leaf mulch which keep the trees growing during long, dry spells. All large openings where light comes through into the forest should be filled with younger trees.

Telephone Defect Remedied.

Part of the construction of the telephone consists of a pocket containing a small quantity of granules of carbon through which the vibrations pass, and the difficulty with this has always been that its full efficiency has not been secured by reason of the fact that these particles become packed in and are therefore non-conductive. This condition is attributed to the moisture of the atmosphere. To remedy this defect some French inventors have made a microphone in which each individual grain of carbon is in a coil by itself so that no two grains can touch each other, being in contact only with the walls of the coil and diaphragm of the instrument. Experiments have shown that the new microphone is remarkably sensitive and gives a purer tone than any constructed on the old principle.—Indianapolis News.

Coaches to Go in the Trossachs.

An epoch of more than local interest was closed recently, when the four-in-hand and other coaches formerly in use on the famous Trossachs route were brought under the auctioneer's hammer.

For more than 60 years the four-in-hand coach with its team of powerful horses and its post-boy in scarlet coat and white hat has been a familiar and picturesque feature of the season on the road between Callander and the Trossachs.

The picturesque four-in-hand coach is being displaced by the utilitarian motorcar, and a fleet of them is being put upon the road by the new company which has taken over the Trossachs hotel from the Blair family, in whose hands the famous hostelry has been for more than half a century.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

Origin of the Word Canada.

The origin of the word Canada is obscure, but it is now generally accepted that it is derived from an Indian word, "Kannatha," meaning a village or collection of huts, and it is supposed that Jacques Cartier, hearing this word used by the Indians with reference to their settlements, mistook its meaning, and applied it to the whole country. Quebec is said to be derived from the Indian word "Kébec," meaning a strait, and was given to the site of the present city of Quebec from the peculiar configuration of the St. Lawrence river at that point, for the river there grows narrow and from its deep waters rises the bold height on which the ancient city stands.

CITY HAS NO RUNNING WATER

Vladivostok, Political Capital of the Far East, Lacks What Americans Consider Essential.

A city with some 350,000 inhabitants and no running water—such is Vladivostok, as described by Phil Norton in the columns of Travel. Not is this lack of an everyday convenience made less pressing by the fact that Vladivostok jumped from a population of about 90,000 people without adding to the number of houses. The Manchu water vender, with his hogshead mounted on two wheels and drawn by sturdy, thick-coated Siberian horses, takes the place of pipes and faucets, filling his hogshead at a shallow well in some private or public yard, and retailing the commodity at the rate of two buckets a day for a month, for about \$2 in American money. He carries the buckets at the end of a pole over his shoulder. If one can manage to live in reasonable comfort in Vladivostok, a coolie boy can be procured to bring water to one's room, and heat it in the kitchen. Or again, if the water vender has failed to arrive, the coolie boy will gather snow and melt it, and there is one's morning bath. If one wants more generous ablution one goes to the public baths; and if one wants a drink of water one thoroughly boils the merchandise of the water vender before drinking it. And this city of the primitive water supply is now the political capital of the far east.

WILLING TO SWIM ACROSS

Ocean Couldn't Be Dampier Than Alice, Was the Assertion Made by Negro Yank.

We wanted to watch the negro troops defile, according to Edith O'Shaughnessy in "Alsace in Rust and Gold." They appeared very smartly dressed till the eye got to their feet. Such a collection of ripped, torn, cut, down-at-the-heel footwear was never seen before. I spoke to a couple of them very much en repos, who were leaning against a fence near the motor, as I got in.

One answered with a broad grin: "You an American from America?" "Yes."

"Well, have you heard this here war's about oveh?"
The coolest-black one then contributed this to the conversation: "When pece is signed dis here nigger starts to walk home."
"What about the ocean?"
"I'll take a swim, lady. The water can't be no coldeh and no dampch dan dis here 'Alice' land."

The mulatto by his side said: "I subscribes," and became a pale gray at the bare idea of getting colder or damper.

Venice Art Being Restored.

Now that the war is over and Venice has recovered from the nightmare of having her wealth of art destroyed by shell fire, or, worse still, looted by soldiers, one by one her treasures from underground cellars or distant galleries are being returned to their places. One of her most admired possessions, however, Titian's "Assumption of the Virgin," which is counted among the seven great masterpieces in the world, the pride of the Venetian Academy of Fine Arts, has been returned, not to the gallery, but to its original home in the choir of the beautiful gothic Church of the Frari, for which it was painted by Titian in 1516.

The magnificent frame of carved marble originally built round it now shows off the glorious picture to advantage and the Venetians are delighted that it should be restored to the position where its donors and the great genius who composed it intended it to remain.

Embarrassing Situation.

I have been teaching at the same place for fifteen years, have a family and up to a short time ago was considered respectable, but my most embarrassing moment also greatly lowered my standing in this town.

At recess, when all the pupils had gone to the recreation room and I sat alone at my desk, one of the young lady teachers came in and, after making me swear to keep her secret until the close of the school year, told me she had married my cousin the day before, and now that we were cousins she wanted me to kiss the bride.

She was very pretty and I needed no second invitation. But as I lifted my head after giving her a resounding smack, there stood our superintendent in the doorway, and I, sworn to secrecy, could not explain.—Exchange.

The Good Heckler.

Elihu Root said at a New York luncheon:
"I like to attend some radical meetings on account of the heckling that goes on at them. Hecklers are much cleverer than the speakers as a rule."

"A radical orator was being heckled the other evening by a broad-shouldered lad in a brown cap. The orator got the worst of it, and he lost his temper. Finally he said in a voice of rage and hatred:
"Take off your cap, young man, if you want to question me!"

"Take off your cap! Take off your cap!" yelled the orator's supporters on the platform.

"But the broad-shouldered youth grinned and shouted:
"I didn't take off me cap when I went over the top!"



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