

**GREAT EVENT FOR MOSLEMS**

Gala Day When the "Procession of the Holy Carpet" Leaves Cairo for City of Mecca.

Always picturesque, Cairo is never more fascinating than during the "Procession of the Holy Carpet." In the bazaars we watch the barefooted workmen embroidering, holding the cloth in their toes, which appear to be prehensile, or watch them go to the nearest mosque to bathe five times a day. As many times a day also from the minarets of mosques the muezzins are reminding the natives of the approaching festival, and that "God is great, there is no God but God, and Mohammed is his prophet. Come to Prayer."

Howling dervishes are dancing in the mosque near the Square of Sultan Hasan, while devout Moslems are engaged in eventful prayer on their housetops. Water carriers are on the way to the yellow Nile for water, or are bearing wine in their goatskins the same as in Biblical times, while aged men in the mosques are apparelled exactly as in Abraham's day.

The streets are filled with soldiers, while thousands of civilians attend the ceremonial held in the sacred prophetic enclosure in the great square near the citadel. The enclosure is a pyramidal wooden structure covered with embroidered stuffs emblazoned with gold embroidery and quotations from the Koran. Here the people receive the blessings of the prophet, together with special dispensations and sacred talismans.

The khedive and his dignitaries are all present to formally start the caravan and its military escort toward Mecca, in far-off Arabia. The people press forward to touch the sacred inclosure, kissing it with fervor. Women let down their shawls and face veils from the windows, as the procession at last starts. Following it are the pilgrims who will accompany the carpet to the sanctuary in the mosque at Mecca, and who will return later with the same caravan to Cairo, bearing the carpet of the previous year.

**Marriage in Bulgaria.**

Since Bulgaria's unconditional surrender to the allies the men of her armies have been straggling homeward and many weddings are being celebrated in consequence.

Bulgarian methods of entertaining before the wedding do not differ materially from those of other nations except that the bride instead of having her trousseau carefully put away in the "hope chest," from which she only takes it for the privileged few, hangs it up on cords which are stretched across the main room of the house. Here it is viewed on the Friday before the wedding by all the matrons of the town, while the bride and the maidens dance before the door and remain there until the matrons have given their full criticism of each garment, and if they disapprove of them the girls must help the bride make them over until "suitable."

Instead of rice, corn as an emblem of plenty, is showered over the bride and groom, who are escorted to their home with many ceremonies and they are virtually imprisoned within its doors.

**New Uses of Raw Products.**

The Weltmarkt directs attention to new uses of some raw products. In Holland a useful gum or paste is being made from garlic. The bulbs are pressed and the juice or fluid matter so obtained is thickened by inspissation. A good substitute for cork is obtained from certain fungi, which are dried and ground, mixed with cement and consolidated by pressure. In Norway a process has been patented to enable carbide to be used for driving motors. In Denmark a company has been floated to make briquettes from heather. These have a higher heat value than peat. Experiments are being made to use chalk marl, especially that which comes from the Limburg mines, as a manure.

**Typhoon Hurt Coconut Trees.**

The Christmas typhoon which swept over the southern Philippine islands did considerable damage to the coconut plantations. Trees, especially those along the seashore and places most open to the wind, were either blown down or weakened to such a degree that unless the affected groves are cleaned up and taken care of, the trees still standing are doomed, but for another reason, says the bureau of agriculture. The fallen trunks will become breeding places of all manner of beetles, borers and other coconut destroying pests and diseases. The weakened trees, unable to fight these odds, will sooner or later succumb and thus the farmers will suffer more losses.

**Got Him at Last.**

He was a large, dapple-gray, sensible-looking horse. It was his task to pull a baker's wagon from house to house in a district on the North side, as the driver dodged in and out of the houses with his basket of bread and cakes.

"Fritz," called out the driver as he ran down the porch steps, intending that as a notice to his faithful friend to move on down the street. The horse did not move.

"Charlie," spoke up the driver again, and the old dapple-gray stepped off promptly.—Indianapolis News.

**Uncle Eben.**

"Owin' to de way smarter men dan I is has got mixed up in arguments," said Uncle Eben, "whenever anybody 'splains de leauge o' nations to me, I jes' says 'yessir' an' goes 'bout my business."

**IN THE PUBLIC EYE**

**LAND FOR AMERICAN SOLDIERS**



Representative Edward T. Taylor of Colorado, who introduced the bill providing for Secretary of the Interior Lane's plan of reclamation of arid, swamp and cut-over lands for homes for soldiers in the last congress, will reintroduce the bill in the Sixty-sixth congress and believes it will pass. He says:

"I say to the country, and to the many thousands of our splendid boys who will be sorely disappointed by failure of the house to pass the bill or act upon this subject, that I will reintroduce the bill on the opening day of the next session of congress and push the measure with all the energy I possess, and I sincerely hope and believe that it will be speedily enacted into law.

"And I also hope that instead of the appropriation being for \$100,000,000, it may be five times that amount; because even then we will not, in proportion to our wealth and resources, be doing nearly as much for our returning soldiers as is being done by Canada, Australia and all other English-speaking countries. I am not only confident that this measure will be adopted, but I firmly believe it will go down in history as one of the great constructive policies of our country."

**FLIGHT ACROSS THE ATLANTIC**

It is reported from Washington that the United States navy department will essay a flight across the Atlantic by seaplane in May regardless of attempts that may be made in the meantime. Commander J. H. Towers heads a detail of six naval officers and one officer of the marine corps which has been assigned to the transatlantic section of the office of the director of naval aviation in connection with the plans of this flight. It is stated, but the crews—there may be three seaplanes—have not been selected.



While the department is maintaining the closest secrecy, it has transpired that the navy is experimenting not only with the NC-1, but with NC-2 and NC-3, of the same type, and that NC-4 is nearing completion. While all of these seaplanes are similar in construction, each one was improved by experiments with its predecessors suggested. The following is a reliable description of the NC-1, which flew at Rockaway Beach last November under the guidance of Lieut. David H. McCullough with 51 men aboard:

It is a combination of a flying boat and a pontoon seaplane. It has a horse power of 1,200, developed by three Liberty motors, with a maximum flying speed of 80 miles an hour. Without load the machine weighs 13,000 pounds; loaded, 22,000. The overall wing measurement is 126 feet.

**Methodist Church St. Marys Church**  
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**SOME HOG TALK**

It was not so many years ago that a \$100 hog was a neighborhood scandal. Nine farmers in ten then would consider a man unbalanced, possessing more money than sense, who would pay one hundred real dollars for a single hog.

In skimming through some recent sales of breeding stock, taken haphazard over two thousand miles of country we gather items like this:

The 277 grand champion of the national swine show sells for \$269. Breeder refuses \$2500 for a young sow.

In reports of a dozen mid-winter sales the lowest price for young stock was \$52, the average was nearer \$100 a head and dozens of hogs sold for prices above the \$500 mark.

One breeder announces disposing of three hogs at private sale; one brought \$5500, another \$2000, the third \$1050.

A thousand dollars is hardly an average price for a proven boar in the championship class.

Ten thousand dollars has been paid for a single hog in the past year; probably more, for our reading of hogology is but casual.

The point is that this country has in a decade become the chief hog breeding spot on earth.

Not only does the nation lead in strictly American breeds, like the Chester White and Poland China but in imported breeds like the Berkshire and Tamworth. American breeders no longer need to go abroad for fancy foundation stock.

A pig is no longer likely to be worth \$1000 and be housed in a better home than the average farm family dwelt in when dad was a boy.

And these fancy prices are proving good business; for a single registered sire will return several times his cost in a single breeding season in the increased size, improved form and ease of fattening of his progeny.

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**Suits at \$37.50** Belted models with plaits forming panels from the waist-line, others gathered and trimmed with black-silk braid and buttons.  
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**Suits at \$42.50** Snug-fitting models on plain-tailored lines, box effects and belted styles, developed of serge and poplin in black and navy blue. Also Suits in shades of blue, brown and olive.

**Coats, Capes and Dolmans**  
 The very best wraps of moderate price are to be found right here in abundance. Perhaps the sum you have set aside is  
**Between \$15.00 and \$32.50**  
 Then you may choose a cape, a coat or a dolman of serge, poplin, gabardine, burella or velour and so many and so varied are the styles that it is great fun to make a selection. Favy and black as well as the gayer spring shades are here.  
**From \$22.50 to \$32.50**  
 The showing is greatest. Here are wraps or serge, silvertone, fine suede velour and duvet de laine, many of which are lined throughout with peau de cygne or figured silk.  
**The Finer Things** of bolivia, silver-tone, velour and duvetyn are marked at \$35 to \$55. The materials are so soft and the linings so lovely that just to feel them is a pleasure. Many of the models in capes, coats and dolmans are individual and were Paris inspired.