

ANOTHER DOOMED DICTATOR.



—Fitzgerald in St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Marrying the Whole Family.

"I am marrying Tom, but I am not marrying his whole family," said a bride the other day. Yes, but you are. When you get married you do come into relationship with his whole family, and you can't help yourself. I have known a number of cases in which some "sniffy" bride or bridegroom tried to ignore certain members of the "married into" family and later had to be closely connected with them. There was civility on both sides, but the early break could never be quite covered up, though the one who made it would have given anything to have it forgotten. When you get married, unless there are actual criminals there whom duty would forbid you to recognize, accept cordially all of the family into which you are going. Don't be mean and airy about it. Apart from considerations of right and propriety, there may be others which will make you sorry enough if you don't.—Kate Upson Clark in Leslie's.

The Caspian Sea Puzzle.

Should the tideless Caspian sea be really drying up it is only continuing the process which has been puzzling scientists for the past hundred years. The great dried up salt lakes to the east, south and north of the Caspian no doubt once formed part of the great lake that remains, and Russia may yet be able to build a railway across her inland waterway. But, if inland seas dry up, land elsewhere is sinking under them. Where are the ancient ports that Agrippa used? Under the waves of the Mediterranean. No place in the world seems to have suffered so much from the sinking of the land as the bay of Naples, that paradise of the

submarine archaeologist, who is even now making fresh discoveries of buried suburbs and massive blocks of masonry with the stone rings for mooring the Roman galleys. But he has to dive to get at them.—London Citizen.

Home Comforts at Sea.

The circumstances in which one travels on the ocean have vastly improved during the past twenty years. Spring mattresses and brass bedsteads have replaced the old wooden bunks, improved systems of heating and ventilation have been introduced, sanitary arrangements are greatly superior, both in quantity and in quality, while the furnishings of the public apartments and the attractions of the dining saloon vie with those of the finest hotels on shore. Third class passengers have now separate cabins for four, six or eight persons each in place of large open tween deck spaces filled with tiers of iron beds and accommodating hundreds. In place of benches and tables along the sides of their sleeping quarters separate dining saloons, smoke rooms and music rooms are provided.

Accounted For.

"That couple lead a cat and dog life. I wonder why?"  
"I guess it is because he is so dogmatic and she is so categorical."—Baltimore American.

Dwarfs and Giants.

Records show that dwarfs have been known to live to the patriarchal age of ninety-nine years, whereas giants usually die while comparatively young.

When one gets to love work his life is a happy one.—Ruskin.

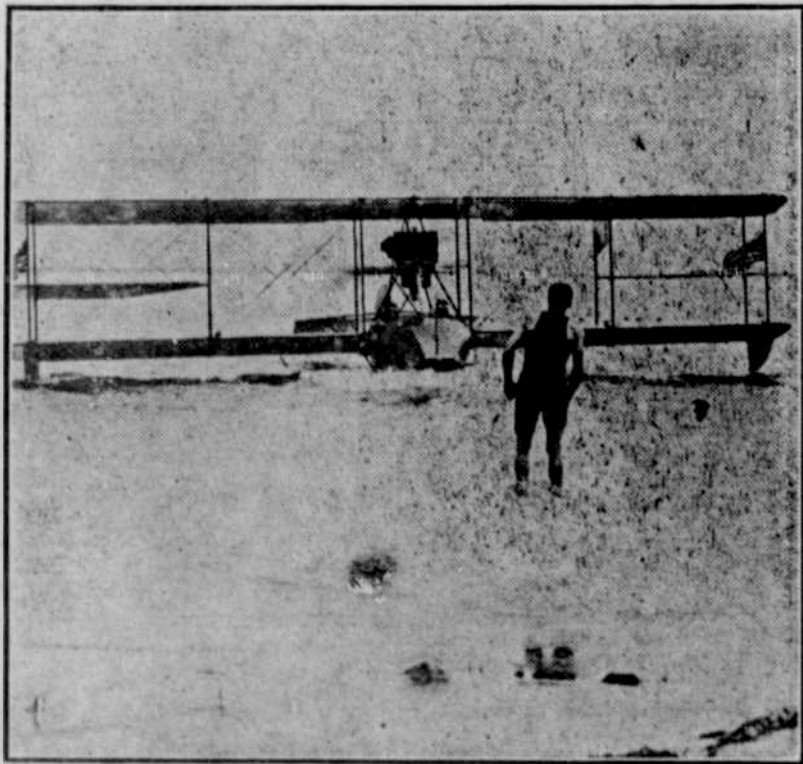


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Alighting After Flight Over Vera Cruz

Lieutenant Bellinger of the United States navy is shown making a landing on the beach at Vera Cruz. He has just completed a flight over the outskirts of the city and reported that the Mexican forces have retreated far into the country.

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WHITEFISH may be served in a number of attractive ways for the Lenten dinner. It can be sent to the table with watercress or cucumbers. When these are not to be had it may be simply dressed with sprigs of parsley. The following ways for cooking it are very nice:

**Minced Whitefish.**—Take three smoked whitefish; soak overnight in fresh water. In the morning boil for five minutes. When cooked, remove the skin and bones, shred into small particles, make a paste and cook one-half cupful of milk, with one teaspoonful of flour and one and one-half teaspoonfuls of butter. Mix with shredded fish and serve on toast.

Nicely Browned.

**Broiled Whitefish.**—Wipe the fish with a damp cloth and lay skin side down on the greased grill for broiling. When thoroughly heated, rub with butter, so the fish will brown. Cook until the flesh will flake from the bones and it is well browned. Then season and lift to a hot platter.

**Whitefish With Cucumbers.**—Wrap one pound whitefish in cheesecloth and boil gently for twenty minutes in water enough to cover it. To this add one teaspoonful salt and one teaspoonful vinegar. Flake the fish and place in a buttered casserole. Pour over it a lemon sauce and cover with buttered crumbs. Bake in a moderate oven fifteen minutes. Place the casserole on a plate and surround the fish with slices of cucumbers which have been marinated with French dressing.

Baked on a Board.

**Planked Whitefish.**—Take a five pound whitefish or two smaller ones. Scale, clean and cut open down the middle with a small knife. Loosen the backbone at the neck until you can take hold of it and gently draw it out. Rinse the fish and place back downward on a piece of hardwood plank. (A dripping pan will answer, but does not impart the same flavor.) Dot with small pieces of butter, pepper and salt. Sprinkle over it the juice of a lemon. Bake in rather quick oven. Serve with sauce.

*Anna Thompson.*

John Marshall's Eloquence.

Chief Justice John Marshall was not an orator of the "spellbinder" type, but after he began practice at the Richmond (Va.) bar, he was recognized as a convincing speaker. William Wirt, one of the great lawyers of the day, though several years younger than Marshall, said of him: "This extraordinary man, without the aid of fancy, without the advantages of person, voice, attitude, gesture or any other ornaments of an orator, deserves to be considered as one of the most eloquent men in the world, if eloquence may be said to consist in the power of seizing the attention with an irrepressible force, and never permitting it to elude the grasp until the hearer has received the conviction which the speaker intends." Whether an eloquent advocate or not, Marshall must have been rated a great lawyer, for Washington offered him a position in his cabinet as attorney general, which he declined, and President Adams, in 1798, offered him a place on the supreme bench, which was also declined before he was finally in 1801 appointed chief justice.—Philadelphia Press.

Not Without Honor.

William Phelps Eno, who devised the system of traffic regulation now practiced in New York and who has been called the "father of street traffic regulation," had a hard time at first impressing his ideas on public officials. Foreign cities appreciated them more than American cities. Paris, threatened with a strike of the cab drivers unless the system Eno were put in effect, adopted it. Then Buenos Aires sent for Mr. Eno, asked him to work out a plan for its traffic and agreed to every suggestion he made.

A year or two later Mr. Eno was introduced as a traffic regulation authority to a much traveled resident of Washington.

The globe trotter shook hands with him and then said in a rather patronizing manner:

"If you want to know what's what in a street traffic system, Mr. Eno, you ought to see the way they do the trick in Buenos Aires."—New York Post.

The Fungous Plant.

All the energies of the fungous plant seem to be directed to the production of germs for propagating its kind. Their number is often almost incalculable. You have doubtless observed that the common puffball when mature is filled with a fine dust, and this consists entirely of spores corresponding to seeds, which are eventually diffused in the air by the bursting of the puffball. In a single puffball more than 10,000,000 of them have been counted, and when these minute bodies are once set afloat in the atmosphere they are distributed abroad over an indefinite space, being so small that it is difficult to conceive of a place from which they could be excluded. Their astonishing fertility and rapidity of growth are among the most remarkable characteristics of this vegetable tribe.

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