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DRIVE CLEMENCEAU TO FIELD

Former Paris Cab Driver, Now in America, Tells of French Premier's Dueling Days.

Running a chicken ranch near Tacoma, Wash., is a man named Nicholas Thien, who, in his younger days was cab driver to Clemenceau, and who has accompanied the French premier to many a combat on the "field of honor."

"No one in any country," he remarked the other day, standing among his chickens, "has fought so many duels as M'sieu Clemenceau. They came from what he wrote in his paper. But he was so strong. He always won. No adversary could hold a sword against him."

"It was against the law, of course," added the old Frenchman, seventy-two now, in a whisper, "so we always slipped out of the city for these fights."

M'sieu Thien's cab stand used to be in front of L'Intransigent, Clemenceau's paper. Almost nightly, he says, the present premier would come out of his office and hail cab 8088.

"He got the name 'Tiger,'" M. Thien explains, "because he was always the boss, like the big striped cat is the boss of all animals."

"Ah, my friend, those were the happy days! Of course I will not insult my chickens. They are good ones, all chickens go. But it is a tame life here. I dream often of the old days when M'sieu Clemenceau would hail me 'long about two o'clock in the morning and we'd be off."

SEE VALUE OF MOTOR TRUCK

French Business Men Realize That Their System of Freight Transportation is Obsolete.

That the war brought to France an object lesson in the utility of the motortruck as a means of freight transportation appears in plans now under way to develop a long haul system. It is hoped thereby to quicken the movement of goods and lessen the impatience of various business interests with the slowness of railway and waterway traffic. The practicability of the motortruck as a freight carrier was a revelation to Frenchmen of business who had depended in normal times on what would be held an abnormally slow service. From Havre to Paris by boat means often a journey of at least three months, and at the quickest, which requires special arrangement with the government, takes about four weeks. Commenting on railroad transportation between Paris and the seaports, a Paris business man is reported as saying that from Havre one must expect a delay of one or two months, from Bordeaux a delay of two or three months, and that "when goods for Paris reach Marseilles they stay there." The humorous exaggeration illustrates the condition which is turning Frenchmen to the hopeful project of long hauls by motortrucks, a solution which will probably develop because the nation is already provided with excellent roads.

Production is the only way to solve for high prices.

REMINDED HER OF SALMON

American Traveler in Europe Confesses She Would Have Welcomed Dish Once Despised.

Elisabeth Fraser, a traveler and writer, was talking at a diplomatic reception in Paris about her recent experiences in Vienna.

"It is difficult, said Miss Fraser, "to satisfy one's hunger there, even at hotels that cost \$15 a day. "Eating my unappetizing dish of hashed turnips, which frequently composed the principal dish of the menu, I thought regretfully of the salmon I once dined on a Canadian trip."

Miss Fraser laughed. "I was traveling in the back country of Canada, where salmon—boiled, broiled, in salad, creamed, as cutlets—figured at every meal and became very monotonous.

"Is there nothing else for breakfast? I asked the hotelkeeper one morning as a whole fish and pot of mustard was put before me.

"Nothing else?" the man exclaimed. "Why, there's salmon enough there for six, ain't there?"

"Yes," I admitted, "but I do not want salmon."

"Well, then," my host replied curtly, "fire into the mustard."

Retrieving Barbed Wire.

The problem of retrieving the buried and broken barbed wire on the battlefields of Flanders and northern France is being tackled by the British war office salvage committee, and a machine for the purpose has been invented and built which is thus described:

One truck and trailer carries the whole of the plant, which can work on the most uneven ground. A stout wire rope with a number of hooks is worked by a winch. As the barbed wire is drawn up it passes through two sets of rollers, and the salvaged metal appears in blocks from one foot to 18 inches square, and weighing from 70 to 80 pounds. For smelting it sells for about \$25 a ton. The staff in charge of the scheme thinks that there are 100,000 tons that can be removed, and if that is the aggregate weight the cost of the 40 outfits said to have been ordered should be amply justified.

Ye Old-Time Telephone Girl.

"Time was before the experts came along, and, in vulgar business parlance, 'sold efficiency' to the telephone companies, when the telephone was a real convenience," John Ambruster relates in Everybody's. "The historic instance of a lady who rang up central and said: 'I am just stepping over to Mrs. Brewster's for a few minutes to get her doughnut recipe—she's Main 227—and I'll leave the receiver off so you can hear if the baby cries and let me know.' In my home town we used to ask central where the fire was and who was dead and did she think there was any mail for us."

King Corn is one of the monarchs who will not join the ex-royalty club in Switzerland.

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OLD TURKISH TRADE UNIONS

Guides Formed of Members of Various Industrial Vocations Common in Constantinople.

Whatever may be the eventual government of Constantinople, the countless guilds or corporations created by members of the various industrial vocations followed by the population will probably respond slowly to the change. In Constantinople, says a writer on Turkish life, every trade and calling has its own union, many of which are of long ancestry; the emarf, or guild, of the shoemakers, for example, is said to have been granted power to judge and punish its own members for public offenses as long ago as the sixteenth century, in return for some service which if then rendered Sultan the Magnificent. Organized for the common benefit as traders or workers, the members of the guilds are admitted irrespective of race or religion so long as they follow that particular occupation. The business of the organization is conducted by judges, the officers of which have held responsible for the good behavior of members. Although full conditions in Constantinople will doubtless modify them, the emarfs will probably continue to be a power.

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Everyone There Named Levy.

There is a peculiarity about Little Tancook Island, Lunenburg county, Nova Scotia, which is not generally known. Nearly all the residents are named Levy. In fact, only a few years ago all the residents bore that name. In the majority of cases the given or Christian names is taken from the Old Testament. The Levys claim to be direct descendants of the men who followed the fisherman's calling on the shores of Galilee in the time of Christ.

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WILL ROAR TOWARD GERMANY

Position of Sculptured Lion on Famous Battlefield of Waterloo is to Be Reversed.

The lion on the battlefield of Waterloo is to face the other way, and before long it will stand with open, ponderous paws roaring silently, after the manner of your fierce but considerate sculptured lions, toward Germany instead of France. Fortunately for the quiet of the countryside the roar is imaginary or the lion would long ago have become a nuisance whichever way he faced. The lion was set up by Belgium after the battle of Waterloo, and stood as a warning to France not to engage in any more Napoleonic dreams of conquest; and year after year it looked toward France, while behind it Germany prepared for the next effort to dominate other nations. It maintained its attitude while Germany carried through the program that separated Alsace-Lorraine from France; but presently behind the lion's back Belgium began to fortify, and eventually left him in the ridiculous position of looking in one direction while the Belgian fortifications looked in another. A tame lion, one might say, roaring for the edification of tourists and with no personal feeling about it. But now Belgium decides to turn him round and let him roar toward Germany as a solemn reminder of the un wisdom of dreams of world conquest.

THINK TERM IS EFFEMINATE

Some Tennis Players Object to Word "Love" as at Present Employed in Scoring System.

There is talk among the overlords of tennis of finding another word than "love" to mean "nothing" in the scoring system, for, although it may surprise many to hear it, the game is sometimes spoken of as effeminate, and this bit of terminology is held responsible. Nobody has ever explained why "love" means "nothing" in tennis, but there is a footnote in an old and rare book about card-playing which refers to an old Scottish word "tuff," which meant "nothing," and this, perhaps, may have been somehow transferred into the game of tennis. Or, again, the term may be of far eastern origin, where a word sounding like "love" was used in the old form of tennis that was once popular in the orient. Whether or not the terminology undergoes change, the game is in no immediate danger of falling off in popularity, and the repeated shouting of these seeming endearments across the tennis net has occasioned much innocent merriment.—Christian Science Monitor.

Honor Cuban General.

Cuba is to pay honor to the memory of General Maximo Gomez, the island republic's military hero, by erecting a costly monument. A first prize of \$25,000 was awarded recently to Aldo Gaba, an Italian sculptor, for a model of the memorial, which is to cost \$200,000. Second and third prizes went respectively to Huertas Cabarcos, a Spanish-Cuban, and Gutson Borgium, an American. General Gomez became popular as the leader of the Cuban forces in the war for independence from Spain, from 1895 to 1898. He also took a prominent part in the Ten Years' war, a revolt which began in 1868. On the day of his death, June 13, 1905, the general's family was presented with a gift of \$100,000 by the government of Cuba. At the conclusion of the Spanish-American war, General Gomez was honored at a public reception given by the American forces occupying Havana at that time.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Helium Gas Cheapened.

Up to 1915 the total output of helium gas in all the world had probably been less than 100 cubic feet, and it was worth about \$1,700 a cubic foot. But just before the armistice was signed a shipment of 150,000 cubic feet of helium gas was sent to Europe, and it costs less than 10 cents a cubic foot.

Helium gas was first discovered on the sun, by spectroscopy. It is the best gas for use in balloons, because it is not inflammable. It is now extracted from the natural gas of Texas and Kansas.

The method is delicate and complex, but is based upon the fact that the principal constituents of natural gas liquefy when cooled to about minus 329 degrees F., but that helium remains a gas at that temperature, and hence is easily separated.

Surveyors Use Airplanes.

Four airplanes are being used to survey the extensive forests of Labrador to determine the value of the wood pulp represented by the growing trees. Aerial photographs will be taken of many parts of the peninsula for use in compiling statistics. The surveying party, which left the United States recently for Nova Scotia, is composed of 40 persons and is headed by a man who served two years as a captain in the British air forces.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Rich Gift to Museum.

Field museum, in Chicago, has just been given a rare treasure trove, consisting of a collection of gold ornaments excavated from the basin of the Nech river in Colombia, South America, last June, consisting of breastplates, aprons, elaborate earrings, bells and necklaces, all in pure gold, forming the most valuable collection in the world of art of Colombia's ancient inhabitants.

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