

MONGOLIA REPUBLIC GRABS BIG ESTATES

To Be Turned Into Farms Operated by Peasants.

Washington.—Where is Ulan Bator, capital of one of the six largest republics in the world?

The telegraph and cable may lose the last of the three terms, so that in newspaper date lines the city is likely to make its infrequent appearance as "Ulan Bator."

Ulan Bator—City of the Red Horse—is a little-known city of the north of the "People's Republic of Mongolia."

"Few countries have ever had such a tangled political situation as Mongolia has had since 1911 when the Chinese empire collapsed."

"The influences of the Russian empire increased in semi-independent Mongolia for a time, but with the progress of the World War Mongolia was left without this source of assistance."

Refugee "White" Russians assembled in Siberia following the Bolshevik revolution, and in 1920 and 1921 drove the Chinese from Mongolia and set up a state under Russian influence.

"It is a republic without a president, the supreme authority resting in a parliament of 100 elected members."

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"Little comes to the outside world in regard to the operations of the Mongolian government, but it is believed to be coming more and more under the influence of Soviet Russia."

"The Republic of Mongolia has an area of more than a million and a quarter square miles. Its population is estimated to be less than one million, made up roughly of three quarters of a million Mongols and 100,000 foreigners, mostly Russians."

Juneau, Alaska.—After eight weeks of futile efforts, an attempt to salvage millions of dollars worth of gold but lion lost in a steamer catastrophe 29 years ago, was abandoned.

Wiley brothers, Seattle, announced that they had lost \$20,000 worth of equipment when a work barge was swamped by treacherous Taku inlet winds, and that they were forced to abandon their efforts until the summer.

The salvagers had been seeking to reach the bulk of the steamer Silland, which sank off Douglas island, 1907, costing many lives, and taking to the bottom a vast cargo of gold being brought back by the miners who were returning from the Alaskan gold fields.

Get Something From Nothing The resourcefulness of the archeological explorer enables him to do some wonderful things in the field that savor almost of the magical.

Woolley, working at Ur of the Chaldees, for instance, had his attention called to the presence of two small and cleanly cut holes in the ground which were so very much alike that he thought they might mean something.

"So the work of excavation in that particular spot was halted while a thin mixture of plaster of paris was made and this was poured into the holes and allowed to set. When the cast was finally uncovered it was found that he had secured the lines of a Sumerian harp which had been shaped of wood which had long since decayed and disappeared. The cast was perfect in all its details and comprised a valuable specimen.

FASCISTS SENT THOUSANDS INTO EXILE WITHOUT TRIAL

Nephew of Former Italian Premier Charges Government With Inhuman Treatment.

New York.—Charges that the Fascist government has imprisoned and exiled thousands of its political opponents without trial, subjecting them to extreme inhuman treatment, are made by Francesco P. Nitti, nephew of the exiled former premier of Italy, and himself an escaped prisoner from the rocky penal islands off the north African coast, in an article in the North American Review.

Nitti's article is presented as a part of his forthcoming book, the announcement of which has aroused vigorous Fascist opposition to its publication and caused the offices of the publisher both in London and New York to be put under police guard.

"I was arrested in Rome during the first two weeks of Fascist power in 1925. He was never shown a warrant for his imprisonment and never brought to trial. Within two weeks he was ordered deported to the penal islands for five years, although no specific charge was ever filed against him."

"We lacked even sufficient water for washing," he says. "The food was beyond imagination—putrid macaroni, cooked in water and mixed with boiled onions. By paying outrageous amounts we were able to obtain dried figs and onions. We slept on the floors, on mattresses stuffed with wood shavings, two of us on each mattress."

Washington.—The United States suffers an annual economic loss of \$1,000,000,000 because of lack of adequate health services in the rural communities, stated Surgeon General H. S. Cummings in a recent report to congress.

At the present rate of progress it will take fifty-one years before all the rural communities will be receiving the necessary health service, he said. During the fiscal year just completed, the public health service co-operated in 204 counties located in 17 states.

The establishment of county health organizations provide the machinery through which all public health services may be conducted in proper sequence and proper relation one to the other. These organizations insure to communities a well balanced, comprehensive and general program of public health work adapted to their needs.

It was such organizations as these which were established in the areas affected by the Mississippi flood of 1927 that were largely instrumental in averting outbreaks of disease which threatened to follow the wake of flood.

Baltimore.—Fourteen wooden vessels built during the World War for the United States shipping board will be used in the construction of a bulkhead for a chemical company, opposite the company's land on the Patuxent river and east of its plant on Marley Neck, Curtis Bay.

The work is expected to require about three months. A dredge is at work, preparing a channel for the reception of the bulkheads which have been dismantled and stripped of machinery. Within this has been completed the vessels, filled with rock and sand, will be sunk in the channel.

The plans include the interlocking of the bulkheads at bow and stern to form a continuous bulkhead about 3,500 feet long. When completed an area of about 30 acres will have been reclaimed. The topsides of the sunk ships will be burned off for leveling purposes, it was said. The ships are approximately 300 feet long and are lying off the company's property.

Washington.—The birth rate of the United States fell from 20.7 to 19.7 per 1,000, while the death rate increased from 11.4 to 12.1 during the period ended June 30, 1929, the United States Public Health Service reported. The infant mortality rate jumped from 54.6 to 67.9 per 1,000 births.

The report stated that the increase in the death rate probably is due in part to influenza. Archimedes II The family was out for a Sunday afternoon ride. Each member of the group entered gayly into the lively conversation about neighbors and the weather—each, that is, except Joe, age six. Joe had said nothing and seemed engrossed in deep thought.

Suddenly a look of surprise and wonderment lighted the young man's face and he broke his silence in the voice of one who had just made a strange discovery. "Poppa," he cried, "I can look straight ahead with one eye and look around with the other!"

Brothers Arrest Each Other to Beat Drugs Oakland, Calif.—In order to rid themselves of the narcotic habit, which they had had for many years, Edward and William Vincent, brothers, each swore out a complaint against the other, and both are in adjacent beds in the psychopathic ward of a local hospital to take the cure.

LIGHTS of NEW YORK

Severe Test One more towering light is nearing completion in the neighborhood of Pennsylvania station, and the work of training the staff has begun.

An applicant is asked if he is courteous at all times, and if it appears that she is, she gets probationary employment. Then a professional annoyner goes to work. For days he hounds the operator, calling from various rooms and making absurd and ill-mannered demands. He will ask for Circle 5620, get his connection, and then angrily flash the hotel operator. "Having a good time talking to the boy friend?" he will inquire. "Why don't you keep your wits on your job? I told you to get me Circle 5623."

If the operator replies, "You did not. You asked for Circle 5620," she is discharged. But if she's meek and pleasant, she keeps her job. Cops' College New York will soon dedicate the only college of its kind in the world—a police college. Not only the sciences, but also the arts, will be taught to criminal catchers. Fifty men, with diplomas as well as the police ranks will form the faculty. The theory method, long the pet of writers of detective fiction, will not be taught. Instead, detectives will be instructed in correlating known facts. One was instructed that the students will be taught copious. New York, by the way, was the first city in the country to organize a real police force, having organized a day force in 1525.

Kitchen Aid The traffic control lights, up to now utterly useless except as a source of annoyance to pedestrians and motorists alike, have at last been put to practical employment. A certain young housewife who, although she lives on Park avenue, gets her husband's breakfast in the morning, has discovered that the lights are perfect for timing the eggs. Two green and three red flashes add up to just the right time to make hubby's eggs medium soft boiled.

Unkind One of the kindest of all theoretical criticisms that have come to my knowledge is an opinion of a certain actress' ability that was written by a man who is now, fortunately or unfortunately out of the profession. The actress was playing in a drama which involved the theft of a pearl necklace. "They spent three acts looking for the pearls," he wrote, "and from the way Miss Blank acted, I suspected all along that they were hidden in her mouth."

Evenbody Late one evening a woman and her escort were taking a stroll along Fifth avenue, and they came upon a private policeman assigned to guard the various exclusive stores on the block. (In many sections of the city, merchants feel safer if they hire their own police force.) The private watchman stepped up to an ornate entrance, grasped the door and shook it vigorously to deter him that the lock hadn't been tampered with. His actions were puzzling to the woman stroller. "Hey," she yelled in a well modulated voice, "you can't get in there. It's after hours and it's locked."

Squelched Out of desperation a certain young woman has evolved what appears to be the perfect way to cope with a somewhat unruly man in the apartment above. This gentleman is not usually noisy, but he's annoying even when he's quiet. He will strike a chord, think for ten minutes, and then strike another chord almost, but not quite like the first one. Occasionally he will play a whole piece—a classic, usually He is looking for a passage which can be turned into a good popular tune.

The other afternoon he played a Grieg sonata. It was very badly done, and the exasperated young woman began to dash to her piano to play the same piece—just to show how it should be done. Then, to rub it in, she selected certain melodious passages and jazzed them, also to show the song writer how it should be done. He didn't strike another chord all afternoon. (By the Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

Basque Peace Officers Kept Reasonably Busy Unique is the miguelete. Every where in Spain, from the gates of the royal palace in Madrid out to the remotest, humblest hamlets, the civil guardmen have the right of way—except in the Basque province of Guipuzcoa. The Basques have their own police, called migueletes, who wear a jaunty uniform of baggy red trousers, a blue tunic with a cape fixed to the shoulders and a red bolero on their heads (a contrast to the civil guards' yellow trappings and gray or black uniforms and shiny cocked hats, triangular and of olivian). Although a soldier, armed and trained as such the miguelete, instead of parading about in idleness, has many civilian duties. He carries all the official mail in the province, conveys lunatics to the mad asylum, inspects the roads, teaches the illiterates to read and write, collects telephone tolls and also taxes. A Basque is always ready with a bet, which is the common way of ending a dispute about handball, tree felling, grass mowing, stone lifting, swimming, about what weight his pair of oxen will drag or the fighting powers of a ram from his herd. On every bet a percentage is due and is collected by the miguelete. It is the miguelete also who takes charge of the savings bank accounts, and so great is the confidence he inspires among the peasantry that old and young hand over their hard-earned reales and pesetas to this red-legged cop. What prestige! Indeed, it has been proposed that the League of Nations study the corps with a view to making it a world organization.

DOUGHBOY OF U. S. ARMY IS NOW MAN OF MANY DUTIES

Changes Made in Arms of the Infantryman, War Department Reveals.

Washington.—Private Terrence Mulvaney was a lance corporal once and an infantryman to-day, as a Kipling fan would recall. He and his fellow doughboys the world over would be chagrined and saddened were they introduced to the modern infantryman as visualized by the United States War Department. An infantryman in these experimental, post-war days is as likely to yank a lanyard or tool as a caterpillar truck over plowed ground as he is to muzzle his chin against his rifle butt or brandish a bayonet. What the infantryman has done for us has been revealed by the War Department. If experiments are successful, the infantryman of the next war, if any, will be a composite machine gunner, artilleryman, automatic rifleman, and whatnot with here and there an individual possessing the familiar rifle, revolver, and bayonet.

After experiments at Fort Benning, Ga., Secretary of War Hurley authorized organization of the Twenty-ninth Infantry as an experimental battalion for investigation of new tactics. The purpose is "to give the maximum striking power and capacity for sustained effort without disproportionate loss of mobility or increase of vulnerability." The war strength infantry battalion to be experimented with will consist of battalion headquarters, battalion headquarters company, three rifle companies, two caliber 30 machine gun companies, two caliber 37 machine gun companies, and one machine gun platoon. The department said changes in following: Two instead of one automatic rifle per squad in rifle companies. Addition of one machine gun platoon, two 37 mm. cannon and two 75 mm. mortars to the headquarters company.

The effect of these changes is to increase battalion strength by 328 to 1,178 men and to increase fire power by improvement of weapons. Meaningful experiments continue on a semi-automatic rifle, to supplant the rifle used during the World War. Peace Justice Holds Court Every Two Years Houston.—"Court stands adjourned for two more years, boys," is an expression originated in the hill country north of here by Ed Hill, eighty-eight, long time justice of the peace, who reckons the successes of his jurisprudence to some extent after the successes of Judge Bean West of the Peecos. The expression is familiar to the voters of the Wimberly section.

"The boys have fallen" onis and knock each other about some something, the aged dispenser of justice said recently, "but there's always enough on the right side to straighten out the feller on the wrong side. We're civilized up here. We settle our difficulties out of court. "Had a letter from some state of feller not long ago wanting to know what I'd done with the fines I'd collected, ha, ha," the old man continued to chuckle. "We settle our difficulties out of court, and let the boys keep their money." Hays county officials stated that if there ever had been a trial at Wimberly during his tenure of office they had no record of it.

"Fines? Why if there's ever been a trial in Hill's court I don't know of it." County Attorney B. G. Neighbors commented. Justice Hill will be elected to serve another term just as sure as election time comes around, voters there predict. Lies to Shield Child for Death of Sister Berlin.—Because he did not want his three-year-old daughter Frika to be cursed for life with the knowledge of having killed her baby sister, Friedrich Pesia tried to make the court believe that he had poisoned his own baby. While her parents were sleeping, Frika played with her mother's pills, and fed some of them to the baby. When her father realized what had happened, he rushed the baby to the hospital, but it had died. The father asserted that he had poisoned the child because it was his fourth daughter and a cripple. His wife contradicted this, saying it was a lie to shield Frika. Pesia then admitted that he heard his relation bearing Frika for killing her sister and he decided to take the guilt on his own shoulders to save the child from having her life ruined by the memory of the baby's death. Lessoning Aversion to Formal Music Lessons Children's aversion to music lessons, entailing long hours of practice for many months, can be overcome by making them familiar at an early age with musical toys, according to Frank H. Richardson, M. D., in Woman's Home Companion. "Many families have found the approach to a real appreciation and love of music is made easier by having the simpler musical instruments around where they can be picked up and played casually even before formal lessons have begun," says Doctor Richardson. "Such simple things as the five, flageolet and piccolo; the banjo, mandolin or even the humble ukulele; the xylophone or bells will often tempt not only the child but also the guest in the home. "Improvised ensembles prove delightful ways of teaching children good fellowship and freeing them from the embarrassment so overpowering in children whose only contact with strangers has been formal. "Many a child who would have been repelled at first by the technical difficulties of the violin or piano, has come happily to these more difficult musical instruments by way of their humbler and more easily mastered brothers in the musical family."

PARIS IS READY FOR VETS' VISIT

Gold Star Mothers to Go With Twenty-Seventh Division.

Paris.—Maj. Gen. John F. O'Riyan and Brig. Gen. J. Leslie Kincaid have completed arrangements for the veterans of the Twenty-seventh division to come over in May for their first official visit since the war to the battlefields where they helped make his story. The former commanders of the division visited London, Brussels, Berlin and Paris, obtaining the governments' assurances that everything would be done to help make the veterans happy. The party of 1,000 veterans and 250 Gold Star mothers will sail from New York on May 13 on the Republic, the same ship which carried many of the men of that division as a transport in 1917. Many reunions will feature the return of the veterans of the famous Twenty-seventh to the old battle areas. The Twenty-seventh was one of the two divisions, the other being the Thirtieth, made up of fighting Tennesseans, who were with the British army in Flanders. They were attached to the units under Byng, Plummer and Rollison, and made a name for themselves when the Hindenburg line was smashed at St. Quentin. Major General O'Riyan was awarded the K. C. M. G. by King George V for his war services. General Kincaid was awarded the D. S. O. Both officers have a wide circle of friends in London, Brussels and Paris, and much enthusiasm has been aroused in anticipation of the return of the division. While the convention sessions will be held in London, the entire delegation will come to the continent later to be received in Brussels by King Albert and in Paris by official representatives of the French government. At the cemetery of Bony on Memorial day, May 30, the veterans will pay tribute to their fallen comrades. While in northern France, a fleet of charabancs will transport the visitors to Quenonmont farm, Roisel, Longueville, Tincourt and Peronne, familiar places to many of the men.

Woman's Poetry Tells How She Killed Mate Ashland, Miss.—Her poetic confession to the murder of her husband a matter of record, Mrs. Marion Drew, twenty-five, was held in jail here pending a sentence that will send her to prison to take the place of her aged father. Mrs. Drew wrote Gov. Theo C. Bilbo in verse the story of how she killed her husband, then prompted her eight-year-old daughter to swear falsely to send the child's grandfather, G. T. Hunter, to prison. Part of the poem follows: Down in a lonely graveyard, Where the flowers bloom and fade, There lies my darling, sleeping, In a cold and silent grave. He died not broken-hearted, Nor by a disease he fell, But in an instant parted, From the ones he loved so well. The poem contains nearly forty verses and recounts in detail how her husband, Marion Drew, was driven to liquor by false gossip he heard about her, and how he threatened her life.

French Propose Mutuel Betting on Auto Races Paris.—The French government is considering the extension of the mutuel betting system now in operation on Longchamps, Auteuil and other horse racing courses to automobile racing. At present, there is no control over mutuel race betting, with the result that bookmakers often disappear when their losses are heavy, and the government fails to collect its commission from any of the bets. Since mechanics have replaced horses in general life, the government feels there is just as much interest in promoting good machinery as in developing good horsemanship, so a portion of the mutuel bet will be used to establish prizes for international races. For the present the mutuel system will not be applied to foot races.

British Women Granted More Divorce Rights London, England.—New divorce laws now in effect in England tend to temper justice with mercy. A modern spirit of broad thinking has resulted in the new code. Women are now placed on the same level with men in regards to facilities for pursuing divorce petitions. Women up to about seven years ago, in order to secure their freedom, had to establish against men both unfaithfulness and cruelty or desertion. This code of statutes had the effect upon the authorities that legal cruelty was not established until an adverse effect on the wife's physical health and well-being was shown. Dr. Ph. Is' Anti-Dog Weapon When I took my first bicycle tour in Germany, I noticed that the German wheelmen carried a whip in a receptacle attached to the handlebars. Upon inquiry, it was for dogs. I carried no whip, for I found a more excellent weapon. When chased by infuriated dogs, which happened three or four times every day, I waited till the monster got close. Then leaning over, I spit in his eye, becoming with practice uncannily accurate. The animal invariably retired. It wasn't the heat, it was the humility.—William Lyon Phelps in Scribner's Magazine. Pigeons Must Go Cologne.—Because they have been damaging the ornaments and walls of the edifice, the great flocks of pigeons that have for many years made their home in the towered or four times dial are to be driven out and their nests destroyed.

Missourians Shoot Big Eagle and Albino Quail

West Plains, Mo.—An albino quail and a black eagle with a wingspread of more than seven feet are on exhibition here as unusual kills of the current hunting season.

Until the eagle was bagged by N. E. Morrison of St. James, Mo., farmers in this vicinity had been losing pigs and other small farm animals. The quail was shot by Edward Hill near Dora, Mo., and is the most perfect specimen ever seen here, according to veteran hunters.

Old Miner Explains Butte Tunnel Mystery Butte, Mont.—A tunnel leading under one of Butte's main streets, discovery of which caused much speculation concerning its use in the early history of the community, has been explained by an old time miner as having been built to drain a flooded mine shaft. The mine was known as the Destroying Angel claim.

"Ornery" Long Employed To Express Contempt "Ornery" and "onery" are corrupted forms of "ordinary." They are dialect or colloquial terms meaning insignificant, low, mean, contemptible, and they express a higher degree of contempt and disapprobation than "ordinary" does. "Ornery" as a contraction of "ordinary" was a common provincialism in England in the time of the Stuarts, although it is now nearly obsolete. We find the phrase "upon ornery time," in the Easthampton records as late as 1670. In Ireland and the United States this form persists in the still more corrupted forms of "ornery" and "onery" which were brought to the American colonies and perpetuated largely by Irish and Scotch-Irish immigrants who settled in the South and West. This explains the fact that "ornery" and "onery" are generally regarded as southernisms or westernisms. In 1830 the New York Constellation published the following as a southern expression: "You ornery fellow! Do you pretend to call me to account for my language?"—Pathfinder Magazine.

France First Country to Organize Zouaves Zouave is the name of a tribe of Berbers in Algeria. In 1831 the French recruited two battalions of Berber soldiers, who were uniformed in their native costume. In about ten years they were converted into an infantry branch of the French army and the uniform retained. Before the World War there were four regiments of zouaves still in the French army. The first service that these troops saw outside Algeria was in the Crimean war. They attracted much attention because of their uniforms and their fighting qualities, and volunteer military organizations throughout the world adopted the uniform, or a modification of it, and the drills and tactics. There were several of these zouave companies in the Civil War, and they were taken into the army as organized.

Meatless Days Ordered in Moscow Restaurants Moscow.—In order to relieve the present meat shortage the Soviet government has reverted to war measures and ordered meatless Mondays and Thursdays in all Moscow restaurants. This measure followed the trial of one vegetarian day weekly in a number of co-operative restaurants. So successful was the experiment that the government ordered two days of abstinence and included all private restaurants in the decree. Fall Cures "Trench Feet" London.—A man fell down the stoke hold of a ship on Armistice day, there by curing "trench feet" that had caused him to walk on crutches since the war.

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