

FOUR NEW NATIONAL FLAGS ARE ADOPTED

Designs Selected by States of the Levant.

Geneva, Switzerland.—Four more national flags have been added to the rainbow of banners which must be kept by all governments and warships to be flown on state occasions.

France carried up the Levant into four sovereign states, under the mandate of the League of Nations. Each has now picked its own flag. The republic of Lebanon adopted the red, white and blue tricolor of France, with the addition of a green cedar of Lebanon in the middle of the white band.

The state of Syria has adopted three green, white and black horizontal stripes, with three red five-pointed stars on the white band. The flag of the state of Jataka, formerly the state of Alawites, resembles somewhat that of Japan. It is a golden sun with 11 rays rising out of the center of a white flag. In one corner is a tiny French tricolor and in the other corners are three red triangles.

The government of Jebel-Druze has perhaps the gaudiest flag in the world, with five colors worked into a difficult composition. In the top left corner is a red, white and blue rectangle, and the remainder is like the American flag, with stripes. There are five stripes—green, red, yellow, blue and white.

Man Bites Dog; Town Breaks into the News

London.—For one brief afternoon the seaside town of Heme Bay broke into the front pages of the London afternoon papers because real news happened there.

In other words, a man bit a dog in Heme Bay. Hundreds of bathers were astonished to see the owner of a dog which had been running about the beach barking and snapping at people, suddenly pick up the dog and give it a good hard bite.

The dog gave one startled yelp and tore off down the beach. A moment later it returned to its owner and docilely trotted at his heels.

"I have tried all sorts of remedies to keep the pup from snapping at people but none of them worked," said its owner. "So I thought I'd show him what it felt like to be snapped at himself. It was a last-measure remedy but it seems to have worked."

Man Seeking to Beat Solomon's Nuptial Mark

El Paso, Texas.—"I'm out to beat King Solomon at his own game—the marriage game."

That's what Bruce W. Steele, dashing young El Paso plumber, says in his ambition. He has just asked the courts to dissolve his fourteenth matrimonial alliance. Of course, he's got a long way to go to overhaul the ancient wise man—but he's got a fair start.

"Not one of my wives left me because she ceased to love me," Steele brags. "They simply went away because they were jealous of my success with other women."

"Winning women is the easiest thing in the world—once you know how. All you have to do is find out a woman's weakness, play up to that—and you've got her."

"Executed" Man Observes His 89th Anniversary

Kingston, Mo.—It's a matter of record that B. G. Wallace, who is usually to be seen relaxing in the shade of the courthouse trees here, is dead. But recently he celebrated his eighty-ninth birthday.

Wallace, captured with three other men during the Civil war, was convicted of participation in guerrilla warfare and sentenced to die.

The men were lined up, rifles cracked and they fell forward. Wallace and his companions were dead, but he, unhurt, fell from fright. The execution squad came near and fired a bullet at the head of each man to make certain of death. The bullet intended for Wallace pierced his hat, grooved his skull. The scar remains today as proof of his story.

There is no rest for the man who is in politics.

London had only ten murders last year. Pooh! Small-town stuff.

Politicians are as good as you are, for the way you vote creates politicians.

It is possible for a baldheaded man to be a failure, although he has come out on top.

We stepped into a barber shop during the recent unexpected showers but no umbrellas were left.

Back home there were a few abandoned farms but there were more that just looked abandoned.

Perhaps an arc light over the short-stop would help him to find the ball in the afternoon games, also.

When it feels that way, we don't suppose anything can be less automatic than an automatic elevator.

It seems that there's a lot of difference between undress parade at an army post and on the burlesque stage.

Tehitcherin, Soviet minister, is said to have been dropped, although at last reports he was still holding onto all his letters.

It is seen where one of the humorists magazines has bought a new joke to go with the drawing of two structural iron workers.

When a girl's face and neck look as though she had been exposed to yellow smoke from a factory chimney, that's sun tan face powder.

Three Sisters Drown With Hands Clasped

Escanaba, Mich.—Bodies of three young sisters, one a sixteen-year-old mother, were found clasped hand-in-hand in McDonald lake, near here.

The victims were Mrs. Lawrence Grenier, sixteen; Genevieve Laberty, eleven, and Leona Laberty, thirteen.

BRAVE BOY FIGHTS FULL-GROWN TIGER

Lad, Practicing Tarzan Stunts, Drops into Cage.

Los Angeles.—If Tarzan of the Apes lived outside of the pages of fiction he would be proud of his little son, a twelve-year-old Alfred Hill—who today fought a full grown tiger rather than show cowardice.

He sought surgeons in a whisper as they asked to save his life: "But was I game—just like Tarzan?" For weeks Alfred had read of Tarzan's thrilling experiences. Some day when he grew up he would emulate them. Meanwhile the boy swung from trees, climbed bluffs, played strange jungle games to prepare himself for the great adventures that were to be his.

Alfred was prowling about an artificial jungle at Luna Park zoo used by movie companies. He saw a dark inclosure; climbed through a trap door.

An angry growl rumbled through the artificial jungle. He had entered a tiger's cage. It was too late to retreat. Alfred's great adventure had come. He faced it manfully—did not cover or cry.

Alfred drew his pitifully inadequate weapon—a small pocket knife—and met the charge of the beast with slashes.

Attracted to the cage by the roars of the tiger and the battle shouts of the little hero, horrified keepers saw him stabbing the tiger as it clawed him mercilessly.

They tried to beat the large cat off with the staves. Failed. Not until the tiger was killed by a rifle shot was the youngster saved.

Keeper Melvin Koomtz told police surgeons: "He's the bravest kid I've ever heard of. He never whimpered once." They told Alfred.

The boy smiled wanly, his voice trailing into an inaudible whisper: "Aw, just wait till I grow up." But Alfred's first great adventure was his last, for he died in the hospital.

Superstitious Mother Tortures Her Daughter

Los Angeles.—Convicted of beating her eight-year-old daughter, Jennie, in accordance with a superstition, Mrs. Jennie Papeleo, 9423 Compton avenue, was sentenced to serve 40 days in jail by Municipal Judge Sheldon.

Before passing sentence, Judge Sheldon denied a motion for probation filed by the woman's attorneys.

She was charged with inflicting cruel and unnecessary punishment on a child.

Probation Officer Minnie Barton, the court said, recommended that Mrs. Papeleo be not given probation.

Mrs. Barton reported that Jennie, since her birth, had been badly treated by her mother on account of the fact that the latter believed the little girl had brought a curse upon her by being born cross-eyed.

Jennie was forced for a time to live in a chicken coop in the rear of the Papeleo home, Mrs. Barton reported and was beaten continually and ill treated, not only by her mother, but by older brothers and sisters.

He Made Wife Take Job; She's Gunning for Him

Kansas City.—It was 100 degrees in the shade when two deputy sheriffs found a gray-haired woman sitting on a porch.

In her lap she cradled a .44 caliber revolver.

"No mystery," she answered officer's inquiries, keeping her eyes on a board ing house across the street.

"I'm just waiting to kill my boss band, John Madden. I went to a weed patch he was cutting and took a couple of shots at him awhile ago, but he ran away. I'm waiting for him to come home."

Her husband, Mrs. Madden explained, had forced her to take a job cooking.

Radius of Universe Placed at Nine Septillion Miles

Washington.—The radius of the universe has been placed at about 9,500,000,000,000,000,000 miles.

That is the calculation sent to the National Academy of Sciences by Prof. Wilhelm De Sitter, of the University of Leyden, Holland, one of the world's foremost mathematician-astronomers.

It is based on the velocities of spiral nebulae, or island universes, as measured by the Mount Wilson Observatory of the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

Locates Squeakers Loveland, Colo.—D. D. Kesler had a squeak in his car that no garage man could fix. While Kesler had the spark plugs out of the engine, a mouse made her nest in one of the holes. Five young mice were found in the nest when Kesler investigated the trouble.

Oregon State News

Picking and packing of Newtown apples is well under way in the Rogue River section. It is estimated that apple shipments will total 600 cars. They are shipped mostly to England and continental Europe, bringing \$1.50 per box.

The Klamath Packing company plant on the Midland road, near Klamath Falls, was destroyed by fire. The plant was a comparatively new structure of partial brick construction. The loss is estimated at between \$35,000 and \$50,000.

A marker for Battle Mountain park on the Ukiah highway southwest of Pendleton was erected by Pilot Rock business men. The marker was purchased by the state highway commission. Official dedicatory services will not be held until next spring.

A China peasant flew in through an open window in a downtown cafe at Marshfield recently. As pheasants are not numerous in the immediate vicinity of Marshfield, it is believed to have escaped from a returning hunter who had taken it alive.

J. S. Peterson of Baker, forest examiner of the Whitman forest preserve, and K. H. McCool, district ranger, are inspecting range conditions near Cove. McCool reported only four small fires in his district this season, none covering more than one-fourth of an acre.

Norman Hawk, 35, nearly bled to death from a bullet wound in his leg, received when his father, F. H. Hawk, 60, fired at him thinking he was shooting at a deer. The two were hunting in the Big Applegate district, and were in a deep canyon when the accident occurred.

Fifty-two Oregon towns are included in the list of "half million dollar deposits" as shown by the September call, according to a report prepared by A. A. Schramm, state superintendent of banks. Banks of the 52 towns hold deposits totaling \$272,454,237.56, the report shows.

A. G. Stevens, contractor, started actual work on the new cannery building near Oregon City, using a crew of 10 men. Due to the fact that so many have applied for work Stevens is splitting his crew into two shifts, one working from 8 until noon and the other from 1 until 5, giving twice as many men work.

The hills surrounding the McKenzie valley resounded to the roar of blasts as work was started on grading the new highway on the Deerhorn grade. Workmen set off only small charges at a time in order not to block the existing highway, and traffic was halted only during the time the blasts were to be set off.

Since the sale of the Hood River Co-operative creamery to private interests, the city has been without an ice cream factory. The Blue Ribbon dairy, composed of several dairymen of the valley, is planning to install an ice cream manufacturing plant and will manufacture both ice cream and butter for local trade.

The historical curtain of Astoria's past was raised recently when excavators uncovered part of what is believed to be the old Fort George stock ade during their work in connection with the new St. Mary's hospital. This information was released by Judge A. B. Buchanan, secretary of the Clatsop County Historical association.

Eight hundred pounds of alfalfa seed has just been threshed from a four-acre tract of Grimm's alfalfa, near Carlton. This is believed to be the first successful harvest of alfalfa seed in Yamhill county. Besides the crop of seed, a number of loads of hay were taken from the land early in the summer.

Many complaints are heard relative to the new non-skid pavement that is being laid on the highway through Hood River county to the effect that the constant vibration caused by the surface finish breaks the filaments in the headlights of the automobiles and leaves the driver in the dark. Several near accidents have occurred on the

highway as the result of the sudden breaking of the headlights.

Pomona members from all grades in Coos and Curry counties at a recent meeting voted down a resolution indorsing the levying of a 1-cent tax per cow upon every dairymen to create a fund to advertise the dairy products of the Coos district.

An average of 1200 persons per day crossed Coos Bay via the ferry Oregon during the month of September, according to the log book of the carrier. Only one team made the crossing during the month, while 14,727 autos made the passage.

Preparations for marketing the Rogue valley turkey crop are being made by the farmers' co-operative exchange here. The crop is estimated at about 60,000 pounds. Plans are under way for shipping a large part of the crop east early in November.

Mrs. Emil Jorgensen of Youngs River Falls hooked a large steelhead salmon and after a 20-minute struggle her line broke. She jumped into the water and engaged a hand-to-hand combat with the silver fish. She returned to shore with a 12-pound prize.

South American Languages

Spanish is spoken in Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama, Salvador, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay. Portuguese is spoken in Brazil.

In British Honduras English is the official language, but some Spanish is spoken in the interior and along the border of Mexico and Guatemala.

On the north coast of Honduras English is spoken. English is also spoken in Guatemala, Panama, Salvador and Dutch Guiana. In British Guiana English is spoken exclusively. Dutch is spoken in Dutch Guiana and French exclusively in French Guiana and to some extent in Salvador. In Ecuador Quechua is also spoken, and this and other native dialects in Peru.

Last Mile the Longest

A nurse sat at a desk at the end of a hospital hall, apparently engaged in making a drawing of some sort. An inquisitive fellow-sufferer of suffering humanity approached. Both had been assigned to the floor used exclusively by the stork. The two talked generalities for a moment, then smilingly observed two men pacing up and down the hall. There were echoes of baby cries from the nearby nursery. Finally the inquisitive one, noting the drawing, said:

"What are you doing, Madge? Making plans for a new home?"

"No," came the reply. "I'm trying to figure out a new hospital containing a race track for prospective fathers!"

World's Fair Weather Voyage

The sea voyage to South Africa is the fair weather voyage of the world. Capetown, once a remote outpost of civilization, is today one of the world's fairest cities. It is not only beautiful and delightfully situated, but the Cape is historical as well, for it was here in 1487 that Dias saw the sea route to India and this incited Columbus, who in his search for India found America instead. Drake describes it as "the fairest Cape in the whole circumference in the world." Few discoveries have influenced the affairs of nations more than the discoveries between 1487 and 1497. This era was truly the dawn after the Dark ages and the first rays lit the Cape when Dias discovered his way around.

Wedding Waits as Groom Goes to Watch Blaze

Connersville, Ind.—Garret Reynolds can get married any day, at any time, but he can't see a fire that often he decided when he left his bride-to-be shortly before the hour set for the wedding and hurried to a fire.

The plant at which Reynolds works caught on fire and the wedding was stopped until he could check up on the exact extent of the damage.

Dies at Mistress' Grave

Marlboro, Mass.—A yellow mongrel dog was found dead today on the grave of its mistress, Mrs. Alfred W. Strange. The dog had steadfastly refused to leave the grave in Maple wood cemetery since the owner's body was buried ten days ago.

Bolt Kills Baby in Mother's Arms

Marletta, Ga.—Robert Baswell, two years old, is dead, his life snuffed out by a bolt of lightning which struck him as he slumbered in his mother's arms.

Mrs. Baswell was knocked unconscious by the bolt.

MAN SURVIVES OWN "DEATH" TO SLAY

Case Recited of Bungled Italian Execution.

London, England.—The case of a man who survived his own execution and lived to commit a murder afterward was described recently to a house of commons committee considering a bill for abolition of capital punishment.

The witness was Sir Simon van der An, a Dutchman whose British title was conferred in recognition of his services as secretary of the international prison congress in London, 1925. He told of the case, which he said occurred in Italy at the end of the eighteenth century, and in which the executioner added the "executed" prisoner in order not to lose his job after he had bungled.

"It seems peculiar," Sir Simon said "but it has been the case. The man was hanged, but not in a direct way. When the executioner came to take him off, he found the prisoner had lost his senses, but was alive. The executioner gave him money so that he might escape. The man became a servant at a hospital and, three years later, in an excess of fury, he killed a patient."

Sir Simon, who is a member of the international prison committee and who is an opponent of capital punishment, said the last execution for murder in Italy took place in 1890, ten years before capital punishment was formally abolished.

"A great impression was made on the public mind by one particular occurrence," Sir Simon said. "It was a murder committed by a man who had witnessed an execution only two days before."

Boy Kills Girl, but Fails to End Own Life

Berlin.—A boy of nineteen arraigned before the Berlin courts for killing his eighteen-year-old fiancée, tried to commit suicide in three ways with in the space of an hour.

In despair because of the obstacles placed by their parents in the way of their alliance on account of their youth, the young couple determined on suicide. The boy acquired a revolver and, taking the girl to a farmhouse on the outskirts of Berlin, shot her dead with two bullets. Turning the revolver upon himself, he found that it was jammed and would not fire.

The boy fled to a railway line nearby and tried to throw himself under a train. Railway employees stopped him escaping from them, he reached a river and tried to throw himself in. Passersby, observing his distracted appearance, rushed and seized him and eventually he was handed over to the police.

The hearing of his case has been attended by several postponements and all that stood between him and jail at the last session was his known intention to commit suicide if once he was set free.

French Swain Leaps to Death From Plane

Montpellier, France.—Deciding to imitate the aerial suicide of the millionaire financier Lowenstein, who dropped into the English channel two years ago, a Frenchman, Jean Castern, jumped to death from a plane flying over here.

In case there should be any doubt as to why he chose to kill himself, the suicide left a message stating he had been disappointed in love. He added that he elected to jump from a plane as the surest means of meeting death. A letter addressed to the girl who crossed him in love was found on his mutilated body.

German Safe Crackers Perform Unrivaled Feat

Berlin.—A gang of burglars in Hamburg accomplished what is believed to be an unrivaled feat in the field of burglary. Breaking into the offices of a local railroad company by way of a skylight, they removed a safe weighing 400 pounds through the window and lowered it to the ground. They then proceeded with their booty to a wood several miles distant and cracked it open. Their reward, however, was not in proportion to their trouble. They netted \$125.

Police Trick Lunatic After 3-Day Siege

Budapest, Hungary.—By keeping him awake for three days and nights the Budapest police were finally able to trick the Hungarian piano manufacturer, Karl Csernak, into a deep sleep, disarm him and carry him to an asylum. He became insane and imagined himself to be a Twentieth century reincarnation of Christ. He guarded his bedroom with a revolver after plastering the walls, ceiling and floors with religious leaflets.

Concerning the Law

The true view, as I submit, is that the law is what the judges desire; that statutes, precedents, the opinions of learned experts, customs, and morality are the sources of the law; that back of everything lie the opinions of the ruling spirits of the community; who have the power to close any of these sources; but that as long as they do not interfere, the judges, in establishing law, have recourse to those sources.—John Chipman Gray.

PRODUCES A LIGHT BRIGHT AS SUN'S

Scientist Has Formula That Uses No Electricity.

Los Angeles.—Dr. William George Schnell, young scientist, claims a formula to produce light as bright as the sun's without the use of electricity. His invention assertedly is composed of the same atoms which compose the sun.

Doctor Schnell, University of Colorado and University of Dresden graduate, said the formula really was a reproduction of the sun itself.

"For," he said, "the compounds which make up my invention are composed of the same atoms as the sun. In some ways we even have the sun cheated for we can produce a hot or a cold ray as we desire."

Doctor Schnell said the test of burning wood by a magnifying glass had been equally successful with the sun and with his invention.

The inventor said he had illuminated entire rooms with his mysterious light and has conducted other tests to the entire satisfaction of noted scientists.

Doctor Schnell disclosed that he believes his invention eventually will eliminate all forms of outdoor electrical signs and lights, illuminate homes, cook food and assist medical work, through its X-ray qualities.

The formula for his light producer is very simple, he said, containing certain minerals which are mixed with oils and acids.

Rat Catching Cat Club Organized in Havre

Havre.—A Rat Catching Cat club has been founded here to breed rat catching-cats on a large scale on a model cat farm.

Doctor Loir, who is a nephew of the great scientist, Pasteur, is the prime mover in the campaign for breeding rat catchers, and for the last four years he has been busy selecting specimens he considers best for breeding purposes.

The destruction of rats has become an international question of the greatest importance. The primitive methods used up to now, poison or gas, are not without danger to humans whereas Doctor Loir feels a race of robust felines would be extremely useful especially in ports such as Havre, where so much is stocked under sheds and it is difficult to destroy the rodents that devour grain and are disease spreading animals.

Early Railroads Cared Little for the Humble

The shades of early third-class travelers ought to smile with satisfaction on hearing the report that first class railway travel is "doomed." The railways were planned for the wealthy. Down to 1845 the third-class passenger had no legal status at all, many companies refused to carry him at any price, while others put him in an open goods truck with movable seats placed across it and charged him 1 1/2 pence a mile for the privilege.

He was conveyed with other unclean animals by cattle-trains, he was shunted about in his bufferless box for hours, and when at last he reached his destination, covered with dust and cinders, it was to see to notice that "the company's servants are strictly ordered not to porter for wagon passengers."

Third-class passengers, nevertheless, persisted in traveling. The companies introduced the "Stanhope." This consisted of a box about 18 feet long, divided into four compartments by two wooden bars crossing each other in the middle. There was a door to each compartment, but no seats, so that the number of passengers it could contain depended upon the bulk of the "Stanhopes." Usually 65 passengers were crowded into a wagon!—Manchester (Eng.) Guardian.

Great Mission Pioneers Revered in California

The mission of Carmel stands as a memorial to Father Ramon Mestres as well as to the great Padre Junipero Serra. Products of different epochs, Padre Serra and Father Mestres were both pioneers, the one in mission founding, the other in rebuilding. Perhaps it was partly due to the fact that Father Mestres' birthplace in Spain was nearby that of Padre Serra that, finding himself pastor of San Carlos at Monterey, he was inspired with the zeal that restored the neighboring Carmel mission from the wreck into which neglect had let it fall. By this restoration Father Mestres served the traditions of his church and the welfare of the state to which he brought back the reminders of the great age of romance of early California.

With every earmark of the aristocrat, Father Mestres walked with humility in the footsteps of his great predecessor. Passing on, he leaves a memory of character and achievement as his monument.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Too Many Bachelors in Towns of Alaska

Juneau, Alaska.—There are nine single men to one single woman in various towns in Alaska, the 1930 census reveals. Numerous governmental offices opened during the last year have increased the bachelor population and the ratio is larger than in the statistics gathered two years ago.

Gov. George Parks has been interested recently in offers of young women from various large cities to come to Alaska provided suitable jobs might be available. Many of Alaska's single men who are permanently employed plan later on to send for or to call for sweethearts waiting in the states.

Final Step in Assembly of Ford Cars



This is a scene from the moving picture of a tour through the plants of the Ford Motor Company, one of the features of the Ford road show. The picture shows the final assembly line on which the Ford is put together part by part as it moves slowly forward until at the end of the line the completed car is driven away under its own power. Parts are served the workmen by conveyors. Each part is timed to arrive at precisely the right moment. In this illustration the chassis of the car in the foreground has completed and a body is being lowered by a crane from a balcony.

Mystery Man Proves Costly to Taxpayers

Ashland, Wis.—Joe, a "mystery man" found in a snow bank with a fractured leg and skull here last year, has proved expensive for hospital and county authorities.

The fractures have healed but Joe's mind remains a blank, so far as physicians can learn. He speaks only two words of English, "Joe" and "cigarette."

Maintenance of the stranger by the county has made heavy inroads on its poor relief fund. The hospital has been forced to hire an extra stenographer to answer letters concerning him.

Discolorations on his forehead and scars on his legs lead physicians to believe that he has been a coal miner in Pennsylvania, where they say these pigmentation are peculiar to the industry.

Cat Attains Ripe Old Age of Nineteen Years

Rochester, N. Y.—Like the babbling brook, Rough Neck, a cat, goes on and on. Rough Neck, fittingly named, is nineteen years old. It has endeavored itself to Joseph Lussardy, its master.

Each night the cat is on hand to meet its master and each morning, if the alarm clock fails to function, it awakes him by purring and clawing at his bedclothes.

Makes Sure His Mail Will Reach Destination

Rochester, N. Y.—A letter written by a local angler and addressed "To Renter of Boats on Canadice Lake (E. by N. E. shore) near Hemlock, N. Y.," was delivered the following day. To aid the mail carrier the writer drew a map on the envelope, showing Hemlock, Canadice and Honeoye lakes, with an arrow pointing to a spot labeled "Here it is."

If that Hungarian inventor doesn't manage to shoot a rocket from Transylvania to the United States, he must expect somebody in this country to pick it up and send it the rest of the way around the world.

A Boston editor, who said after the Paris flight that Lindbergh would probably marry a girl who gets dizzy looking out of a fifth story window, has just been reminded of the circumstance by a faithful reader.

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