

### A COLLISION AT SEA.

The Scene as the Tai Hoku Plunged into the Depths.

The Tai Hoku was a steamship of 3,100 tons, built at Middleboro, England, for the Osaka Steam Navigation company, says the Engineering News. Having sailed to Antwerp to complete her cargo, the steamship left that port on Aug. 6, 1927, for Japan. On the following Sunday she passed into a heavy fog, and at about 9 o'clock that night the steamer collided violently with another vessel. At first it was supposed that no serious damage had been done, but in half an hour five feet of water was reported in the forehold. The water gained at the rate of about two feet per hour, and the ship gradually settled by the head.

At 4 a. m. on Monday there was sixteen feet of water in the forehold, and all the pumping power available made no impression upon the inflow. At 5 a. m. all hands took to the boats and pushed off a few hundred yards from the sinking steamship, and at 8:30 a. m. the party was rescued by the steamship Millicent. By this time the fog had cleared away, and the stern of the Tai Hoku could be seen gradually rising in the air. Shortly before 1 p. m. she began to roll heavily, and then she plunged and sank. In the fifteen minutes previous to her final disappearance four photographs were taken.

When the Tai Hoku went down there was, of course, considerable steam pressure in her boilers, possibly sixty or seventy pounds. When the bridge collapsed, the siren and foghorn cords being attached to it, both the siren and foghorn sounded just as the vessel disappeared. The third and final view shows, apparently, an explosion. But as a matter of fact, said an engineer who witnessed the accident and took the photographs, there is little doubt that when the water reached the boiler fires there was a sudden generation of steam and gas, which rushed with almost an explosive effect up the flues and smokestack, carrying with it quantities of soot, which remained suspended in the air for some minutes after the ship disappeared. There was not the least sign of the proverbial whirlpool when the ship went down, though there were abundant surface signs of the gradual escape of the air imprisoned in the hull.

### The Old Men of the Mountain.

The title "Old Men of the Mountain" was first applied to Hassan Ben Sabbah, chief of a Mohammedan sect who founded a formidable dynasty in Syria, A. D. 1090. Banished from his country, he took up his abode on Mount Lebanon, gathered a band of followers and soon became the terror of the Jews, Christians and Turks. They all obeyed his orders implicitly in the belief that they would receive choice rewards in the joys of paradise. These assassins, as his followers were called among themselves, rode roughshod over the country for about 200 years. Whenever their chief, the Old Man of the Mountain, thought himself injured he sent a band of these men secretly to murder the offender, and it was from this that our word assassin originally took its meaning.

### The Game Remedy.

A little girl came to her mother near luncheon with a pain in her "tummy."

"Perhaps it aches," her mother said, "because it's empty. We'll put something in it, and then it will be all right."

The next day her father, who is a lawyer and has congressional aspirations, came home with a bad headache. The little daughter came and stood near his chair.

"Perhaps your head aches because it is empty," she said, looking into his face with sympathy. "I'd better put something in it, and then it will feel all right!"

### Making Him Useful.

A prominent politician was asked if he was for a certain candidate for governor, and he answered:

"No. I don't want to waste him. The situation is like an event in a Dublin theater. Some fellow had made a disturbance in the gallery, and the cry was raised: 'Throw him over! Throw him over!' Thereupon a solemn looking man rose from his seat and impressively shouted: 'Hold on! Don't waste him! Kill a fiddler wid him.'—Everybody's.

### TRADE WINDS.

Why They Blow Straight Toward the West Far Out at Sea.

The earth rotates on its axis from west to east and to a man north of the equator, facing the equator, from right to left, or opposite to the motion of the hands of his watch held with its back toward the equator. And the general movement of the entire mass of air around the earth is in the same direction. If not, then the equatorial regions would be torn by a wind from the east blowing at a rate of 1,000 miles per hour.

Air in the tropical zone is therefore carried from west to east along with the earth's surface of land and sea. But the heat of the sun expands the air over these areas and makes it rarer, and this causes it to rise far above other layers of greater density; then cool air from the north and south temperate zones rushes into the vacancy, and wind would blow straight toward the equator from both north and south were it not for the rotation of the earth.

The surface of the earth at the equator moves eastward with a velocity of seventeen miles per minute and at the latitude of the Looe observatory only fourteen and one-half miles per minute and less still at San Francisco, and this is the eastward speed of the air also.

Then the air at varying eastward speeds of from, say, twelve to sixteen miles per hour moves into air moving seventeen, and owing to the great fundamental law of inertia it cannot at once take up the greater speed, so it lags behind toward the west, at first at an angle with the equator and then straight west. Everybody thinks that a steady wind from the east is blowing.

The causes of trade winds are three—motion of the earth, of the air and heat. They blow straight toward the west only far out at sea. Land currents disturb trade winds over continents, due to unequal heating of air.—Edgar Lucien Larkin in New York American.

### Some Snakes.

Too much good fellowship and hilarity had dulled the once brightest wit of Jerryville, Ga., and he had fallen into vagabondage after having enjoyed a competency from the practice of law.

"Cheer up, Mark, old fellow," said one of his friends consolingly. "You'll get over this and soon be yourself, but you ought to remember not to let the snakes get into your boots again."

"That's all right," replied the melancholy Mark, "but I'm going to leave this burg for keeps. I'm going far away."

"Where do you think you'll go?" asked the friend.

"I'm going down to South America," exclaimed Mark—"South America, where the snakes are too big to get into a fellow's boots."—Popular Magazine.

### Trollope Disagreed.

Although Anthony Trollope never smoked, he liked being with those who did. It soothed his nerves, he said, and sent him to sleep. On one occasion, when he had just returned to London from South Africa, he was talking at the Cosmopolitan club to Lord Carnarvon, Lord Derby, Froude, the historian; Lord Wolseley and one or two others equally famous on the future of that country. In the midst of the discussion Trollope fell asleep, and after a quarter of an hour's doze he awoke, shaking himself together like the faithful, growling Newfoundland dog he so much resembled. Dissatisfied even in his unconsciousness, he spluttered forth: "I utterly disagree with every one of you. What is it you said?"

### Meaning of Stepmother.

"Stepmother" is a word with a commonly unsuspected history. Probably most people, if called upon to explain it, would say that it meant a woman who had stepped into the place of the true mother. Dr. Johnson, at any rate, believed that this was the suggestion of the word to most minds. Really, "step" is the Anglo-Saxon "steop," the original meaning of which appears to have been "orphaned." Stepchild, stepbairn, stepson and stepdaughter came first, and then, by gradual fading of the etymological meaning of "step," stepfather and stepmother came into being.—London Chronicle.

### Draining Desert Lands.

One of the curiosities of irrigation is that it is sometimes necessary to drain such lands. When the lands are situated on a comparative level the water from the irrigating ditch above seeps along the line between the rock formation and the soil to the land below and in many cases accumulates in such an amount that it actually becomes swampy. Then it has to be drained, just as in the case of swamps. It seems strange to witness the laying of a drainage system in an arid country, but it has been done a great many times. The average user of irrigation who fails may trace his lack of success to the too liberal use of water. Instead of watering he really drowns his crops.—New York Press.

### The Famous Mamelukes.

The mamelukes were a body of soldiers who ruled Egypt for several hundred years. Their name is derived from an Arab word which means slave, and they were originally captives from Caucasian countries. In the middle of the thirteenth century they were introduced into Egypt as the sultan's bodyguards, but upon the accession of Turan Shah, whom they hated, they overthrew him and elected one of themselves in his place. For nearly 300 years they held the power thus usurped, and even when compelled to resign it they had much influence in Egypt. In 1811 nearly all the mamelukes were massacred by Mohammed Ali, and those who then escaped to Nubia were destroyed in 1820.

### Very Unexpected.

The teacher in the infants' school was explaining the principle of subtraction.

"Now, suppose," she said, "that mother put seven cherries on the table and little Willie came in and took one. How did mother know that one was gone when she did not see little Willie take it?"

She paused for an answer, expecting some child to say, "Because there would be six left."

But, instead, little Ena, blushing furiously, answered: "I 'spect Willie forgot to hide the stem and the stone!"—London Saturday Journal.

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