

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

Anna Held, noted actress, declines drinking among American women.

The house will send a diamond necklace as a wedding gift to Miss Wilson.

Reports of damage to the Argentine wheat crop have raised prices in Chicago.

Huerta in a note to the foreign diplomats, insists his aim is peace and legality.

The University of Argentina conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws on Colonel Roosevelt.

One hundred thousand eastern railway trainmen have won an increase in pay after long arbitration.

Blizzards envelop the east and Mississippi valley, doing great damage and causing much suffering.

Sulzer maintains he is still legal governor of New York and has demanded his pay for October.

Premier Asquith assures America that England has no intention of interfering in the Mexican affair.

Sir Richard Solomon, high commissioner in London, for the Union of South Africa, is dead, aged 63.

Miss Nelda Jaeger, of Tacoma, has been admitted to practice law before the United States supreme court.

Sir Van Sittart Bowater was installed Lord Mayor of London with all the display and solemnity that ancient custom demands.

Chairman Henry, of the house rules committee, has set Wednesday, December 4, for beginning hearings on the woman suffrage amendments.

More than 100 gallons of milk from a nearby dairy were used to extinguish a burning residence in the suburbs of Kansas City, no fire hydrant being available.

A resolution was introduced in the New York state assembly to bring charges against ex-Governor Sulzer for perjury, conspiracy and other offenses, but no one supported the motion.

Ex-Ambassador Bryce says British and Americans were born to be friends.

The wearing of striped clothing has been abolished at San Quentin penitentiary.

General Felix Diaz was stabbed by Carranza sympathizers in Havana, but not seriously injured.

A San Francisco woman lawyer seeks the position of assistant United States district attorney.

Brownsville, Tex., reports that heavy firing has been heard in the direction of Monterey, and it is believed the rebels have again attacked that city.

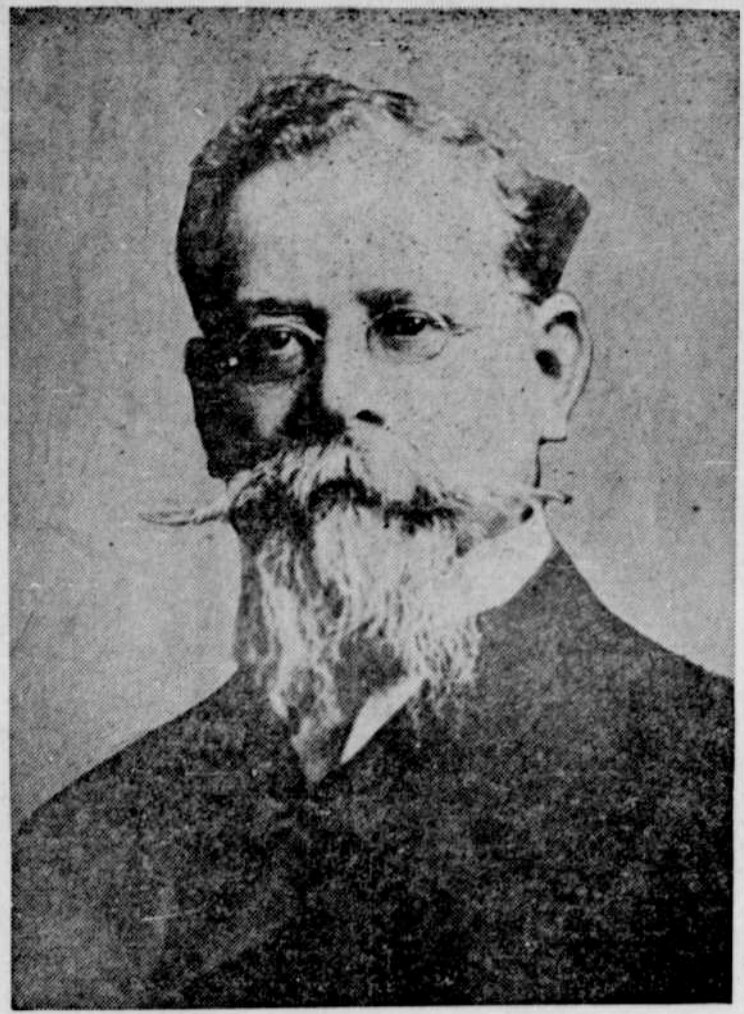
Washington officials state that the election recently held by Huerta is considered illegal, so that the congress elected at that time cannot be recognized.

A Kansas farmer has sued a railroad company for setting fire to a stubble field, which burned off the stubble and allowed the wind to blow away the light, dry soil.

The entire state militia of Indiana has been called out to quell the rioting incidental to the streetcar strike in Indianapolis.

President Wilson accepted the invitation of the Gridiron club to attend its dinner on December 13. The President has attended only one banquet since he was inaugurated.

A woman's suffrage school will be opened in Washington December 8 and Senators Chamberlain, of Oregon, and Owen, of Oklahoma, have agreed to lecture at the opening "term."



GENERAL VENUSTIANO CARRANZA
Leader of Mexican Rebels, Who Says if United States Will Let Him Import Munitions of War He Will Soon Oust Huerta.

Five Per Cent Discount On Tariff Is Held Void

Washington, D. C.—Attorney-General McReynolds, in an opinion that has the force of a decision, has held that the sub-section of the new tariff law authorizing a discount of 5 per cent on all goods imported in American vessels is nullified by its proviso that nothing in this sub-section "shall be construed as to abrogate or in any manner impair or affect the provisions of any treaty concluded between the United States and any foreign nation."

Secretary McAdoo, of the treasury department, made public the attorney-general's opinion and announced that in accordance with it all collectors of customs would disregard the sub-section, as they had been instructed to do on October 8. Entries held up pending the decision will now be liquidated and importers who insist on the 5 per cent discount will protest, with the right of finally carrying the question to the court of customs appeals.

This ends, for the present at least, the discussion over the proposed differential duty provision, the subject of much debate in congress when the tariff bill was under consideration. Mr. McReynolds held:

"That the 5 per cent discount to American vessels only, which was the primary object of the sub-section in question, cannot be given without impairing the stipulations of existing treaties between the United States and various other powers and that consequently the sub-section, by the express terms of the proviso, is inoperative."

Twenty-three nations have treaties with the United States under which they contended their ships had a right to the differential in common with the American ships. These included Great Britain, Germany, France, Austria-Hungary, Italy, Japan, Belgium, Denmark, Greece, The Netherlands, Spain, Norway and Sweden.

English Socialists Adopt Tactics of Suffragists

London.—The socialists have adopted suffragist tactics and have decided to oppose all liberal candidates and refuse to have a hearing at public meetings until James Larkin, leader of the striking Irish telephone workers, who was sentenced to seven months' imprisonment at Dublin, is released.

The Right Honorable Charles Frederick Masterman, M. P., was howled down Monday when he attempted to speak at the Shoreditch Tabernacle. A small party of men kept up a continuous cry for the release of Larkin. The police finally were forced to clear the church.

A demonstration was held at Dublin by strikers in celebration of "the success of the socialists in keeping the liberal candidate out in Reading." This had reference to the success of Captain Wilson, the Unionist candidate, in being elected to the Reading seat, when the socialist, Mr. Butler, cut into the liberal vote.

Beggars Worry Diplomat.

Vienna.—The life of United States Ambassador Penfield has been made rather unpleasant the past few days because of a refusal to contribute money to a fund for poor schoolchildren.

The American ambassador's predecessor here has given rather ungenerously. To go even a Vienna newspaper writer published in all the Gallician papers that Mr. Penfield is of Jewish descent, that his name was "Federfield" and that his ambition is to spend millions relieving the distress of Gallician Jews.

Living Cost Increased 7 Per Cent.

New York.—Railroad men expressed only moderate satisfaction with the findings, made public Wednesday, of the arbitration board which settled the wage dispute between 41 eastern railroads and approximately 100,000 of their employees. According to the board the cost of living has increased seven per cent since 1909, when the men received their last increase, and a seven per cent increase in wages was ordered accordingly. The men assert the living cost has increased much more than seven per cent.

Warships Offered Rebels.

Nogales, Sonora.—After a conference here between General Carranza and delegations from Cuba, headed by Pablo C. Menocal, brother of the president of Cuba, and from the camp of Zapata, it was reported two or more war vessels had been offered to the constitutionalist leader. Carranza said that in response to his summons, Perez Romero, his agent at Washington, had started for Nogales.

Snow and Blizzards Rule Eastern States

Chicago.—Fourteen dead, numberless injured, delayed transportation, almost useless telegraph and telephone service in many districts and terrible suffering from the cold—these are the chief results of the storm which swept the central states Tuesday and Wednesday.

Duluth and Winnipeg, Canada, tied for lowest temperature, 6 degrees above zero. Every city except two in the district east of the Mississippi river and west of the Allegheny mountains as far south as the Gulf states reported ice in every space of open water nearby.

No deaths were reported in Chicago, although at Hammond and Peru, Ind., not many miles apart, half a dozen persons were killed. In Chicago vast damage was done by the pounding waves, short circuited electric wires and a dry, biting cold wind, which grew to a 40-mile gale and raised to high midwinter mark the number of calls for food, fuel and clothing for the poor. Great havoc was wrought in electric communication and transportation service. All of Ohio and western Pennsylvania were practically without telegraph communication.

Cleveland, O., has been practically cut off in wire service from the world for two days. Only railroad service wires for directing trains have been in operation.

Snow covered a great part of Ohio river valley to a depth of from two to five feet. In the mountains of West Virginia and western Pennsylvania drifts and banks as deep as 15 feet were reported, and in these trains were stuck in at least two places.

Pittsburg, Mo., reported records for 34 years were broken when the thermometer registered a decrease of 18 degrees in an hour to 22 above zero.

Buffalo experienced a gale of 73 miles an hour. Three feet of snow fell and street traffic was at a standstill.

RUSSIAN JEWS FEAR MASSACRE

"Ritualistic Murder" Trial May Cause Uprising.

Washington, D. C.—Two departments of the government Wednesday gave advice to American growers and exporters of fruits. The department of agriculture advocated specialization in fruit producing while the department of commerce urged more careful methods in marketing abroad.

"As the business aspects of fruit-growing receive more definite recognition," declares the department of agriculture, quoting from its year book, "varieties will be planted more and more to meet particular conditions and for special rather than for general purposes. The department looks on the future of the fruit industry with an optimistic eye. It believes that new and better varieties better adapted to commercial needs will be developed," as the market demand increases.

The department of commerce, in a special bulletin, also looks on the fruit industry with confidence in its future. The bulletin deals with the several kinds of fruits mostly in demand in the various nations, but the department adds:

"Of more vital importance, however, to the grower, packer and exporter is the manner adapted to commercial needs in the bulletin as to kinds of fruit and size of packing preferred, prices for native and foreign products, supply and demand, tariff charges, shipping and packing hints, pure food regulations and names of importers and dealers."

Advice to Fruit Growers Given by Government

New York.—"The entire Jewish people in Russia is in constant fear of massacres as an outcome of this case," says the annual report of the executive committee of the American Jewish committee, referring to the trial of Mendel Beiliss at Kiev, on a charge of ritual murder. The case is referred to as "the most tragic occurrence in Jewish life for many years."

The report was submitted at the seventh annual meeting here of the American Jewish committee, a national organization, the purposes of which "is to prevent infringement on the rights of Jews in this country and abroad and to relieve them in case of distress and persecution."

The committee appropriated \$5000 for the relief of persecuted Semites and Moroccan Jews, and discussed at length the situation of Jews in Roumania and Russia.

Of the situation of Jews in Roumania, where demands have been made that persecution cease and the Jews receive equal rights guaranteed them under the Berlin treaty of 1878, the executive committee's report says: "There are indications this problem is about to assume a new phase."

The situation in Russia is dealt with extensively, but the conclusion reached that the condition of the Jews in that country "remains practically as hopeless as last year," while it is noted that "to the roll of usual horrors there has been added economic persecution of the Jews in Poland."

"That the Poles, in ruining Jews, are also ruining themselves," is the committee's conclusion.

Latin and Yankee Exchange Compliments

Buenos Ayres.—The University of Argentine conferred the honorary degree of doctor of laws on Colonel Roosevelt. In an address Estanislao Seballos, ex-prime minister, enlarged the ex-president of the United States and his policy toward Panama. The ex-premier said eventually the United States must dominate the Caribbean sea otherwise the republics in that vicinity would invite European intervention.

Senor Seballos declared the homage done by Argentine to Canning was uncalculated and suggested that the name of Canning, street in Buenos Ayres, should be changed to that of Monroe, who saved the independence of all America. He declared that nowadays the Argentine republic did not accept the protection of the Monroe doctrine in America. This did not mean hostility to Europe, however, as that continent supplied immigrants and capital to the country.

Colonel Roosevelt, in his reply, recognized that Argentina did not need the protection of the Monroe doctrine. "We should have regard for Europe," said the ex-president, "but above all we should be citizens of our own countries. I always will denounce revolutions in countries where the people are unable to govern themselves."

SEND CHRISTMAS MAIL EARLY, SAYS DEPARTMENT

Washington, D. C.—"Mail your Christmas parcels early." This notice in big letters was posted every postoffice in the country, at the instance of Postmaster-General Burleson, who proposes to see that all Christmas parcels shall be delivered on or before Christmas day if possible.

The first Christmas season the parcel post system is almost at hand. Officials propose to see that every package shall be handled expeditiously, so that there will be no possibility of congestion. They believe they can give the public quick and accurate transportation and delivery if patrons only will aid by mailing their Christmas parcels early.

Huerta Gets British Loan.

Mexico City.—It was said on what appeared to be reliable authority here that Provisional President Huerta had obtained from British sources a loan sufficient to operate the government until the end of the present month. The money, the amount of which is not announced, was procured, it is said, through the influence of Lord Cowdray, head of the Pearson syndicate, which is said to hold large oil concessions in the Mexican republic. The financial situation in the capital was somewhat improved.

Usurers Have New Enemy.

Chicago.—Offices of the first State Industrial-Wage Loan Society will be opened Monday in the Union Bank building. The society, which was organized several weeks ago to start legalized competition with "loan sharks," has already received more than 50 applications for aid, several coming from men already in the toils of money-lenders, who charge usurious rates of interest. The society is incorporated under the laws of Illinois and two directors have been named to represent Mayor Harrison and Governor Dunne.

English Speech Protested.

Washington, D. C.—Protests from the Confederated German-Speaking Societies and the Rerort German Society of Portland, Or., against Ambassador Walter H. Page's recent London speech in which he was credited with having said the United States was English-led and English ruled was read in the senate. Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, made the request to have the protests read.



The Isolated Continent
A ROMANCE OF THE FUTURE
By GUIDO VON HORVATH and DEAN HOARD
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SYNOPSIS.

For fifty years the continent of North America has been isolated from the rest of the world by the use of Z-rays, a wonderful invention of a brilliant Prussian. The invention had saved the country from foreign invasion, and the continent had been united under one government with Prussia as president. For half a century peace and prosperity reigned in this part of the world. But before he can tell the location of the place, Astra is notified by the president that the first message from Count von Werdenstein of Germany that he has at last succeeded in constructing the rays, and that he is a prisoner of war. Astra is informed that he is a prisoner of war. He gives her a ring made of a new synthetic substance which, he says, will solve the problem of flying, he says. Astra is informed that he is a prisoner of war. He gives her a ring made of a new synthetic substance which, he says, will solve the problem of flying, he says.

CHAPTER XVIII.

The Secret of the Aerodrome.

The newly made Princess of Schomburg Lithov and her fiance, Santos, reached Berlin safely. They flew in the Hawk to Irkutsk in Asiatic Russia and from there continued their journey on the quick aeroplane to the German capital. They sent the aerodrome back to Clyryne.

The Rosina mansion was ready for them. Rosita's first action was to send word to the Count von Werdenstein that she wanted to see him.

When the chancellor came, Rosita received him alone. It was necessary for her to explain the situation. The Count Rosina was dead. He had been on board the Tzar that Napoleon had sunk. This freed Rosita, but as a princess she could not marry a plain citizen, so she asked the count to make Mr. Duprel a titled nobleman.

Rosita told all she thought necessary, and they talked for a long time.

Santos was told the plans without the slightest idea that it was a tremendous, far-reaching plot designed to destroy all the achievements of the peace committee. He could see nothing but Rosita, he could think of nothing but their approaching marriage.

The purpose of the chancellor and Rosita had in mind, was to manufacture and equip a number of aerodromes.

If they pursued this desire, they would have, inside of a year, the power to master the situation and take the lead in political affairs.

Sueneg now belonged to Rosita and the aerodrome itself there was very rich. The Count von Werdenstein placed an unlimited account in the bank to her credit, so that she and Santos could begin work at once.

The people of Kise-Cell were surprised at the unusual activities displayed by the strange men imported.

Santos Duprel was very busy. He had been informed that after the successful completion of the first aerodrome he would have the title of "count" conferred upon him, and that this would remove all the barriers between Rosita and him. Their marriage would take place the day of the trial flight. This fired his ambition, and he worked hard and long. He was allowed to plan as he wished, and one day laid his blue prints before the Count von Werdenstein. He showed him that a larger and more powerful aerodrome than Napoleon's would be necessary; otherwise the design and make would be unchanged. This improvement in size would give more motive power, and thus make it superior to the Eagle.

"And what is your motive power?" I don't see any details in your plan that would explain the wonderful power that your device of the air possesses."

Santos cast a questioning glance at Rosita. She nodded acquiescence, and he began:

"The power, of course, is electricity. I will try to explain things as simply as they are. The flight of the aerodrome is based on the flight of a bird—not any bird, but the king of the air, the eagle. Size of body, wings, and balance are all considered. After a long search and study, Napoleon Edison found that no muscle power could have the endurance of the eagle and a few other birds that are able to cover remarkably long distances in a very

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"Both the Count Rosina and the countess were members of the German secret service. They needed means to keep up their title and did not hesitate to become spies. Besides, she said it was her greatest pleasure to participate in intrigue and the excitement of this profession.

"A few years later, a complete moral wreck I broke away from her, and went to Russia. There I became a tool of that infamous, grewsome society that works in the dark against all that is good. It was my fate to be selected to do the ugliest crime of my life. I thank God I was prevented from succeeding.

"I am trying to right the wrong I intended to do you. I know my punishment can only be death. I expect it. I long for it, and these, my last words, are sacred.

"I have not seen her for years and her unexpected appearance on the scene diverted my mind—for a moment I wanted to kill her.

"This is my story, your ladyship, and since I have breathed American air, even though it came through prison windows, I begin to understand the greatness of the ideals you are serving, and I beg you not to condemn me in your thoughts. The knowledge that your noble mind pardons the unhappy tool of a wrong idea, will ease my last hour.

"AETZEL VON ROTHENBERG."

There the long letter ended, but another sheet was waiting to be read: "Your ladyship—My former communication was written before I received the news that I am pardoned.

"Life is precious, and while I was ready to give it up, I accept your kind act that was inspired by the goodness of your heart, Substantly. You gave me life and liberty and will you now accept my true and faithful services so long as I live?

"If I could tell you how I feel toward your ladyship, you would not hesitate to rely upon me.

"God shall give all his blessings upon you and yours.

"I will be at the Columbian Hotel awaiting your decision.

"Your grateful servant,
"AETZEL VON ROTHENBERG."

Napoleon placed the long missile on the desk and looked thoughtfully at Astra, then without a word, turned to the electro-stylograph.

A few minutes later he was talking to his master mechanic, old Jerome Whistler, on the island of Clyryne.

"Hello, Whistler?"

"Hello, Mr. Edison! What can I do for you?"

"How is everything at Clyryne?"

"All well."

"The aerodromes all in?"

"Yes, sir, except the Eagle, that is your private machine."

"Have you seen the Countess Rosina today?"

"She left with Mr. Duprel, day before yesterday on the Hawk."

"But Santos brought the machine back?"

"Not he, but young Sullivan, who went with them."

"Then he does not know where Santos and the countess left the machine?"

do is to direct the flight, as the wings are moved by the force of the electricity; that is, they come together until the force of the opposite magnetic power forces them apart, and the repetition of this operation is called flight."

"That certainly sounds simple," murmured the chancellor.

"Now take the aerodrome," continued Santos. "Through mechanical inventions, and clyrith, we have improved the bird's method of flight. The improvement is in the storing away of unused magnetism. The more quickly we fly, the more magnetism is gathered by the machine." Santos pointed to the front part of the machine on the blueprint, calling the chancellor's attention to the contrivance that gave the machine the appearance of an eagle. It was a large brass ball, covered with a clyrith cap. Then he pointed to a broad brass bar that extended over the entire top of the machine; that bar was like a round brush, and its duty was to gather in every little spark of electricity, and store it in the brass collector. When the insulation was broken, a lightning flash was sent out, directed at the will of the air man. So long as the machine was in motion there was always plenty of electricity in the collector, ready to be sent out to cause destruction to anything.

"Wonderful!" sighed the count. "I know what those sparks mean. I have seen them in action."

"The simple machinery that is built into every aerodrome is to control the flight and to start the wings. On account of the extreme simplicity of the mechanism and the tremendous strength of clyrith, the aerodromes is, practically speaking, indestructible."

"But how can one machine capture the other, or even fight the other, under these conditions?" asked the count anxiously.

"There are two ways in which a machine may gain victory over the other. One is to disable the brain of the machine, that is, the man behind the wheel."

"How can that be done?" asked the count eagerly.

"Clyrith, you know, is harder than anything except the diamond, so I believe if hard steel bullets were made with diamond points they would penetrate the comparatively thin shell of clyrith that defends the airman. However, this is only a theory. Experiments must show the advisability of their manufacture."

"What is the other way?"

"That is a certain method, and is based on the laws of electricity that seem to govern aerial navigation."

"What is it?" asked the count, impatiently, as Santos hesitated and looked at Rosita.

"It is the same as when a boy takes a piece of amber or any other substance that can be magnetized and lifts up a paper scrap. The quicker airman has to maneuver so as to alight on top of the hostile machine. The lower machine then sticks to the upper, like the paper to the amber, only with such great force that it cannot be released until the current is stopped and the necessary insulation between the opposing forces is obtained."

"But the wings of the lower machine might strike the upper," remarked the count.

"It looks that way," answered Santos wearily. "It brought back the happy days in the service of Napoleon, and his heart was heavy. But, as I have mentioned, different laws prevail in the air, totally different from the laws that govern the land or water. The atmospheric electricity has qualities that cannot be judged by our present knowledge. It has to be experimented with. Our trials on the island of Clyryne showed us that the aerodromes do not injure each other; they might stick together, or be hurled apart, but they are never damaged."

"Then you think, Mr. Duprel, that you will be able to capture Edison's force?"

"The little man cast an appealing glance toward Rosita; she looked him straight in the eyes and encouraged him. He said bravely:

"Mr. Edison is a very formidable enemy, but our improved machines will give us the advantage, and besides, we will have a larger force."

The count was satisfied and the work under Santos' direction went on. It took months before the factory was in perfect shape, and the various parts were manufactured for the aerodromes.

They often wondered that Napoleon had not appeared to interfere with their work.

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COLOR BLIND NEVER HAUNTED

Professor Explains Phenomenon—Normal Eye Creates Effect of Apparitions in the Dark.

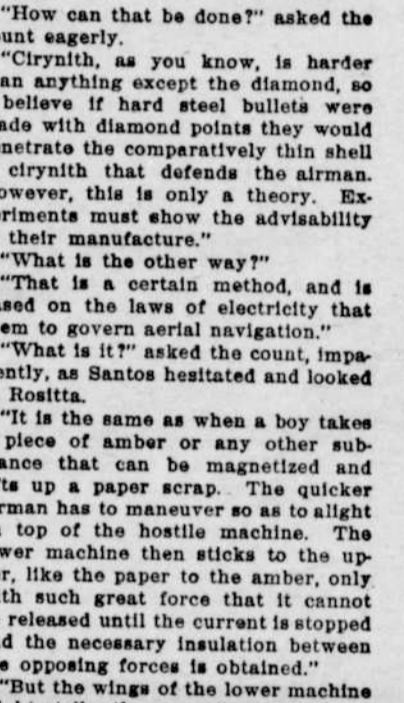
Are you afraid of the dark? There isn't a chance of your seeing a ghost if you are color blind, which may furnish you a ray of comfort for the beauties of landscape and floral decorations you may have missed during your lifetime. Dr. August Lummer, head of the University of Breslau, in Germany, is authority for this.

Dr. Lummer explains the phenomenon in this way:

"The normal eye has an arrangement of tiny rods and cones in the retina. The rods perceive light and the cones dark color. When a person with a normal eye tries to see in a half dark place the cones, which are useless, interfere with the effective action of the rods, and the confusion creates the effect of apparitions that come and go and change their shapes. The color blind person lacks the cones and his rods with extraordinary efficiency in the dark. That color blind person sees a clear, permanent outline of things as long as there is the least amount of light present. That means that he never sees ghosts."

Having Too Many Things.

Many nervous, irritable, dissatisfied, unhappy women would become calm and contented if they would store give throw away half of their belongings. Some have abandoned elegant residences and taken their families into hotels or boarding houses who could have continued to keep up their homes if, instead of giving up the houses themselves, they had done away with the superfluous furnishings.



"The Power, of Course, is Electricity."

short time. He closely examined living birds, and took the homing pigeon, for example, after a long flight, and proved that they had collected in their feathers a surprisingly large quantity of atmospheric electricity. The feathers on the wings especially, serve as collectors, and every little hairlike feather adds to the supply.

"When the bird begins to fly a regular magnet is created, that has its two poles at the two ends of the wings. One side is the negative and the other the positive. From the moment this electric-magnetic state is reached, all the work the muscles are expected to

REBELS TAKE TOWN OF 4000.

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Eagle Pass, Tex.—Murquía, a town of 4000 inhabitants, in Coahuila, Mex., has been captured by constitutionalist forces from Torreón, according to constitutionalist advices received here.

The federal garrison was said to have been killed. The strength of the garrison, and the date of capture are not given.