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Old Judge Skover, our local capitalist, besides wearing a hair watch chain, is the sole survivor of the business careers founded entirely upon an ability for Spencerian penmanship.

LAUGHS

Saving His Face
"Don't speak to me again, Ernest Maltravers. I have discovered that you are not a real marquis."
"Curses, Geraldine, what have you discovered?"
"I have discovered that you came to this country on a cattle boat."
"Quite true—the cattle aboard were all pedigreed cattle."
"Oh, well, that's different."

Perpetual Motion
"Have you heard about that Mexican Ferris wheel at the fair?"
"No. Why Mexican?"
"Because it's capable of any number of revolutions."

Wanted Culture
Bismarck was on one occasion pressed by a certain American official to recommend his son for a diplomatic place.
"He is a remarkable fellow," said the proud father. "He speaks seven languages."
"Indeed," said Bismarck, who had not a high opinion of linguistic accomplishments. "What a wonderful head waiter he would make."

Troubled Waters
"Ah, yes," murmured Miss Screecher, after the first selection at the concert. "I have had some very exciting experiences. Coming over here from abroad, a terrible storm arose and I had to sing to quiet the passengers. You should have seen the heavy seas running."
And the big rude man in the pink necktie gazed out of the window.
"I don't blame the sea," he muttered.

Not a Boost
Caller—Pardon me, sir, but is there another artist in this building?
Artist—There is not. There is, however, a man on the fourth floor who paints.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

She Survived
"Sis won't be able to see you tonight, Mr. Jones," said her little brother. "She's had a terrible accident."
"Is that so? What happened?"
"All her hair got burned up."
"Good heavens. Was she burned?"
"Naw, she wasn't there."—Pittsburg Chronicle.

Tapering Off
"Have you a spare cigar about you, old chap?"
"Certainly. But I thought that you were going to stop smoking?"
"So I am, but not too abruptly. I've already stopped smoking my own cigars."
All Aboard!
He—Some tunes quite carry me away.
She—Only tell me one, and I will play it with great pleasure.
Warned in Time
Cholly—When I was a boy, you know, the doctor said if I didn't stop smoking cigarettes I would become half-witted.
She—Well, why didn't you

SOLVING SHIPPING PROBLEMS

FRUIT RAISING in the orchard districts of the northwest is gradually getting upon a business basis. The citrus fruit grower of southern California years ago was forced to solve the same problems and has done so successfully.

Co-operation is the key to the solution of the growers and shippers' problems—co-operation among growers in orchard care, in fruit picking and packing, and co-operation among shippers in marketing.

Quantity production spelled the doom of the individual shipper and the doom of the shipper on consignment accelerated by the dishonesty and rapacity of the commission broker. The orchardist must look forward in the future, not to fancy prices, but to sure markets at reasonably profitable prices, and in order to enlarge his markets, he must plan to reduce the price of his products. He must get upon a manufacturing basis.

The formation of growers' and shippers' leagues, comprising all the fruit belts of the northwest, is the most hopeful sign of the times. The need of the hour has forced it. Co-operation is essential all along the line, and the scientific distribution of the fruit, so as not to glut any one market, is as imperative as the f. o. b. sale wherever possible, the minimum price consignment and the opening of new markets.

The war has demoralized the European markets for fruit. Lack of adequate shipping facilities threatens to hamper it for years to come. Meanwhile the orchard output is constantly increasing and profitable markets must be found if fruit raising is to be established on a sound business basis.

A meeting has been called for tonight at the library building of orchardists and shippers of the valley to discuss co-operative shipping and marketing, which all fruit-growers are requested to attend. Among those who will speak is H. G. Davidson of Hood River, president of the Pacific Fruit Distributors, and also president of the newly organized shippers' council.

BEGIN THE WAR ON PESTS

THE Farmers' and Fruitgrowers' league is doing a valuable work in behalf of the producers of the valley and their warning in regard to fighting animal pests should be heeded.

Now is the time to begin the war upon digger squirrels, gophers, moles, rats, mice and other pests that do much to lessen the growers' profits. Every animal killed within the next few weeks means many less for the farmer to fight the coming summer, as spring is the season when they breed and multiply.

The league has published the best methods of exterminating the predatory animals, recommended traps to use, given recipes for preparing poisoned food, and arranged to supply poisoned grain at wholesale prices. They have done everything except place the traps and the poison, and it is up to the farmer to do the rest.

ITALIANS DEFEAT TRIPOLITAN REBELS

ROME, via Paris, March 17.—An Italian punitive expedition sent from Benghazi under Colonel Paola, dispersed a strong force of rebels near Gohadia, after a hard fight. The insurgents lost 100 men killed and many wounded while the Italian losses are placed at 40 killed and 45 wounded.

The expedition from Benghazi, capital of one of the administrative districts of Tripoli, was sent out in connection with a force from Cyrenaica to put down a rebellion of natives which is reported to have reached considerable proportions.

GERMANY FAILS TO AROUSE CHINA

TOKIO, March 17.—The Osaka Jiji has published an interview with Premier Count Okuma during which this Japanese statesman said he expected good results, from the negotiations going on at the present time with China. The premier said among other things that Germany was investigating China against Japan, but that the result would be futile. He said that if Russia secured Constantinople it was his opinion that she would be content to abandon her ideas of obtaining an outlet in the Orient.
The premier spoke strongly of the changed attitude in the United States towards Japan. He said these relations were becoming very friendly and that they were especially good at the present moment.

A STRANGE WOMAN

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TURKISH CAPITAL REMAINS CALM

CONSTANTINOPLE, via Berlin and wireless to London, March 17.—Only important movements have been undertaken by the allied fleet operating against the Dardanelles for the past few days. The activity of the warships has been limited to demonstrations. New attempts by cruisers and destroyers to approach the outer fortifications and clean the channel of mines are reported to have been futile because of effective fire from the batteries.
Civilian population of Constantinople appears quiet and most indifferent to the ships which are being made to force a passage of Dardanelles.

BELGIAN HERO REFUSES TO ACCEPT PAROLE

PARIS, March 17.—General Leman, Belgian defender of Liege, now a prisoner in Germany, has refused to accept his liberty under a parole which the Germans have offered him, according to a letter received by one of his friends, a major in a Belgian engineer corps.
General Leman replied to the offer of a parole, he wrote his friend, that his first act on obtaining freedom would be to offer his services to Belgium and his king. He added that the wound in his foot, which troubled him so long had at last healed.

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WHO'S WHO ON THE FILMS



In six months Edith Johnson has advanced herself until she plays the leads in many western moving picture plays. She is very beautiful and has a simple, sweet manner that makes her an ideal film girl.
Artists who have seen Edith in moving pictures say she would make a wonderful model. She has received many offers to pose for prominent men in New York, but she loves the movies and doesn't think any one person can do two things well at the same time.
Some recent pictures in which Miss Johnson played the lead are: "If I Were Young Again," "The Flower of Faith" and "The Lure of the Windigo."

ACCUSED WOMAN COLLAPSES ON STAND

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., March 17.—Mrs. Helen M. Angie, on trial for manslaughter, collapsed today during the recess of the court, her strength giving way under the ordeal of the cross-examination. She is charged with having caused the death of Wallace R. Ballou in Stamford last June.
Mrs. Angie revived shortly and was on the stand at the noon recess.
Replying to a question of the state's attorney, Mrs. Angie said she had never seen Ballou intoxicated.

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BERLIN REPORTS RENEWED FIGHTING ON BOTH FRONTS

BERLIN, March 17 (by wireless).—The German war office today gave out an official report on the progress of the war, dated March 17, and reading as follows:

"The contest for the possession of an eminence on the southern slope of the Lorette heights to the northwest of Arras has been decided in favor of the Germans in the Champagne district, specifically to the west of Perthes and to the north of Le Mesnil, the French yesterday delivered several unsuccessful attacks. North of Le Mesnil the attacks were renewed with stronger forces and the engagements still continue.

"In the Argonne the fighting has not yet come to an end. French forces have been driven back from the slope to the southwest of Vanquois, occupied by them. Two French attacks in the Le Petre forest, northwest of Pont-a-Mousson, resulted in failure. In the Vosges there has been nothing more than artillery duels.

"The Russian advance against Tanroggen, in Kovno province, Russia, northeast of Tilsit and Langsargen, in east Prussia, just across the border from Tanroggen, have been repulsed.

"Russian attempts to break through the German lines between the Skwa and the Orave rivers, north of Warsaw, also have been repulsed.

"There is no change in the situation south of the Vistula."

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