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EM-TEES

Our Own Travalogue

Chihuahua—Chihuahua is a city in Mexico where everybody but the Americans are happy. The principal industry of Chihuahua is shouting "vivas" for the last "general" to capture the city. This industry is closely allied with the "Safety First" movement. If you "viva" loud enough for the guy who happens to be in power that day you may be able to avoid—temporarily—getting between an adobe wall and a line of rifles "made in the U. S. A." and sold at 200 per cent profit to the Mexican army. The most popular pastime in Chihuahua is insulting the American flag and playing a gentle little parlor game, entitled "Death to the Gringo." This game resembles "tag" and an American is always "it." Of course a new "it" has to be found every once in a while because "it" frequently gets hurt. The supply of "its" has been running low of late, but recently seventeen nice new ones were captured and they may be sent to Chihuahua to keep the sporting element from becoming discontented.

Suggested Titles for Popular Songs

- "Don't Worry About the Wood, Mother, Father'll Bring Home a Load."
"Your Face It Glows With Beauty in the Light of the Kitchen Stove."
"My Heart and Hand and Butcher Shop, I Lay Them at Your Feet."
"Oh, Mr. Villa, Your a Thriller South of the Rio Grande."
"Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the Boys Are Marching, While Congress Sits Around and Talks."

She Misses and is Missed
We are glad to learn that Mrs. Willets is able to be out again. It is nearly two months since she kicked at the cat and broke her knee cap against the door. Society has missed her very much.—The Hometown (Pa.) Banner.

RELEASE 460 IRISHMEN IMPRISONED FOR REVOLT

LONDON, July 12.—The advisory committee appointed to consider the cases of men arrested in Ireland during the recent rebellion and still under detention has recommended the release of 460 of them.

The recommendation will be given effect immediately, Herbert L. Samsel, secretary of state for home affairs, informed the house committee today.

MR. THOMPSON LEAVES THE MAY CO. TODAY

D. A. Thompson, who for the past year, has been connected with the May Company store, leaves for Juneau, Alaska, today, where he is to be associated with the B. M. Behrends Company, who operate one of the largest department stores in Alaska.

Mr. Thompson is a five-wire young merchant, thoroughly experienced in the business and is very attentive to his work. He has materially increased the business of the May Company and is popular with the people and his fellow merchants, who will regret to see him leave.

Mr. Thompson is also an extensive and judicious advertiser. He has made a study of that phase of the business and prepares some of the best copy and ad designs of any merchant that has ever been in Medford.

BLISS TREASURER OF REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, July 12.—Cornelius N. Bliss will be the next treasurer of the Republican national committee. This was officially announced today at the headquarters of Charles E. Hughes.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS

AN epidemic of infantile paralysis is sweeping New York City. Deaths so far have averaged one an hour. Federal assistance has been invoked to stem the ravages of this most mysterious and dreaded malady in the list of child diseases.

Poliomyelitis is the technical name for infant paralysis, which, though commonest among babies, also affects adults. It is one of the diseases that have so far defied the efforts of science to control, though considerable progress has been made in its treatment. It was known to the ancients, and not much more is known about it today.

The disease is spread from a discharge from the membranes of the nose, containing the virus, which is carried by flies and dust. It affects the gray matter at the base of the brain, and even if the child recovers, he is usually paralyzed for life.

All cases so far developed in other cities can be traced back to New York. A score of cities now number victims, and so only strict quarantine can prevent its sweeping the country.

In 1907 infantile paralysis became epidemic in New York and spread to Massachusetts, where it lasted three years. The present epidemic is reported by health officials to have a high degree of virulence as well as of infectivity.

Experiments of injecting solutions of sweepings from rooms where there have been cases of infantile paralysis into healthy monkeys proves that dust carries the germs. Experiments upon monkeys are to be continued on an elaborate scale in the search for the cause and cure of the malady.

The only known method of repressing the disease is to isolate each case as it develops. A strict quarantine has been established in New York City. Not even relatives are permitted to visit the afflicted. Ten thousand policemen are enforcing the quarantine. An army of inspectors, physicians and nurses are assisting in its control. Children have been barred from movie theaters and public places in the effort to restrain the epidemic.

As a cure, serum is injected, electricity applied and a system of massage given.

If the Mail Tribune has done Mr. Hill, president of the Commercial club, an injustice, it gladly apologizes. Mr. Hill states that, while interested in a comparatively small way in mines in the Blue Ledge district, he is not interested in a townsite, and that his investment was made before the agitation for a railroad was begun. The Mail Tribune's statement was made in good faith upon what it presumed reliable information.

TUG PREPARES TO MEET SUBMARINE BREMEN

NORFOLK, Va., July 12.—It is reported here that the tug Thomas A. Timmons is preparing to leave Baltimore for the Virginia Capes. Some believe the tug is under orders to meet the German undersea boat Bremen, reported en route to an American port.

TURKISH SUCCESSES IN MESOPOTAMIA

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 12.—The Russians have attempted to check the Turkish troops in the Caucasus by means of counter attacks, but the war office announces today these onslaughts had been beaten off. In Mesopotamia, a small body of British troops was put to flight.

ENGLISH PORT OF SEAHAM ATTACKED BY SUBMARINE

LONDON, July 12.—The English port of Seaham has been attacked last night by a submarine. About thirty rounds of shrapnel were fired. One woman was killed by the bombardment. One house was struck by a shell.

The announcement says: "At 10:30 o'clock last night a German submarine appeared off the small undefended port of Seaham Harbor (on the North Sea, six miles southeast of Sunderland, and a coal shipping port.) She appeared within a few hundred yards of the town and then opened fire. Some thirty rounds of shrapnel were fired from a three inch gun. Twenty rounds fell in the direction of Daltondale; a dozen rounds fell in and about Seaham colliery.

"A woman walking through the colliery yard was injured and died this morning. One house was struck by a shell. No other damage was done."

SANITARY CONDITIONS ALONG BORDER GOOD

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, July 12.—All the official information at Fort Sam Houston today relative to the coming to the border of Major General Bliss, assistant chief of staff of the army, was contained in a brief message to General Funston stating that General Bliss would be here Thursday to consult with General Funston on questions affecting the national guard.

Reports received from border stations and concentration camps indicate the sanitary conditions have been maintained at a high standard and that the health of the troops generally is good.

BRITAIN APPROVES ECONOMIC ALLIANCE

LONDON, July 12.—The British government has approved of the resolution adopted by the Paris economic conference of representatives of the entente allies, according to a statement made in the house of commons this afternoon by Premier Asquith.

GERMANS DENT BRITISH LINES ON SOMME FRONT

LONDON, July 12.—The Germans, heavily reinforced, delivered strong attacks against the British on the Somme front last night. They gained ground in Mametz Wood and Trones Wood.

An official announcement issued this afternoon says all the German attacks were beaten off except in Mametz and Trones Woods.

"Since the commencement of the battle the enemy has received large reinforcements," the announcement says. "Yesterday and last night strong hostile attacks were made against several points of our new positions.

"Except in Mametz Wood and Trones Wood, in both of which localities the Germans regained some ground; all these attacks were beaten off with loss to the enemy.

"Between the main battlefield and the sea we have been actively engaged in bombarding the enemy positions and raiding his front line. Southeast of Loos a party of Royal Irish fusiliers penetrated the enemy's trenches at a point where they were strongly held, and remained there for twenty minutes, during which time heavy fighting took place in the trenches.

"Many Germans were killed. Our casualties were slight.

"Opposite the Hohenzollern re-doubt two companies of Seaforth Highlanders forced their way into another portion of the enemy trenches after a stiff fight. Many Germans were killed or wounded. A hostile machine gun was destroyed. Several dugouts crowded with the enemy were successfully bombed and some prisoners were taken.

SPANISH RAILROAD STRIKE TIES-UP TRAFFIC

MADRID, July 12.—The railroad strike situation shows no improvement. Premier Romanos and the minister of public works conferred with leaders of the employees and the railroads today without result and the strike begins at midnight, at which hour all trains on the northern railroad will be stopped. Meanwhile all the principal railroad stations will be occupied by troops.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor:

As the orchard owners are having more trouble with the blight this year than usual, I will offer some suggestions of what I have observed. When I settled in this valley thirty-nine years ago blight was unknown, as also was the smudge pot. I have an orchard in the foothills which has been bearing for the last thirty-five years and never had one case of blight up to date. I have observed that the orchards that are above the frost line are immune from blight—that is, all orchards that are far enough back that the cloud of smudge smoke does not settle over them are not troubled with blight. While blight is contagious when once started is a well-known fact. The cause of blight, I think, is a killing frost, which kills young fruit and tender twigs and which, if left alone, will dry up as soon as the sun strikes them. If, however, a heavy smudge smoke hangs over the valley for a few hours, the young fruit and tender twigs which have been frost-bitten will form a scum, that some unknown insect will deposit its eggs in the scum, then you have a case of blight, especially if the weather following should be rainy or cloudy, which would start the scum all the more and put the blight beyond control. If orchard owners will throw the smudge pot in the junk pile it will not be many years until blight will be unknown in this valley. While it is true there will be some loss from frost, it will not be much compared with blight. While I may be wrong in my conclusions, I have lived in this valley for the last thirty-nine years and have been a close observer of the fruit industry. If some method of heating orchards without any smoke can be found, it might be all right to fight frost. One thing sure, where the smudge smoke is the heaviest and forms a cloud for several hours over an orchard, in the morning there is also the worst blight. HARVEY RICHARDSON, Central Point, Or.

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