

# FOREIGN LEGION NOW HEADED BY FORMER EX-MONK

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T. A. Z. A. Mornico, (AP)—Send Freydenberg, came the headline from Paul Painleve, minister of war in Paris, a few hours after he had been informed that troops of the Foreign Legion, Senegalese and Moroccan, had been ambushed by the Moors near Ait-Yacoub, and that 81 were killed or missing and 22 wounded.

"Give Freydenberg eight battalions of the Foreign Legion and send him to the relief of Ait-Yacoub," were the supplementary instructions reaching Lucien Saint, resident general, and General Vindon, commander-in-chief, shortly afterwards. A week later Ait-Yacoub was relieved.

"The monk-soldier," as Freydenberg is known, is a veteran of desert wars, who has battled with thirst in the drought periods, fought floods in the same regions a few weeks later and ever and always has been in the front line of battle against the Moors, the Touaregs or the Rifians.

An inmate of a monastery until he had reached his fortieth year, Freydenberg suddenly decided that he wanted a little more action than carrying water to thirsty vegetables or scrubbing the floors of the monastery's halls.

He joined the Foreign Legion. In two months he was a corporal and had two wounds. The Touaregs of the southern Atlas accounted for the stamp which is even now visible as a white streak across the scalp of his flowing red head. Then, Fez, Colonel Berchar, saw him in turn, as a sergeant, a second lieutenant, and later a captain.

He was made a colonel at the beginning of the World war, and although he took part in most of the battles along the western front, a colonel he remained at the armistice.

When Abd-el-Krim made his drive against French Morocco in 1925 after practically driving the Spaniards into the Mediterranean, Freydenberg was in Fez. Krim

## No Blue Law Policy



Mrs. Emily L. Jones, recently elected mayor of Eureka, Cal., told her friends, "I don't expect to have any more success than the federal government in enforcing the prohibition law."

raced down through the Riff, occupied Sidi-Abdullah halfway between Taza and Fez, cutting the narrow gauge railroad between the two cities and commanding the main road.

"Am sending Freydenberg," General Count de Charbriat, the American citizen descendant of Lafayette, who was in command at Fez at the time, wired the ministry of war. Freydenberg was given two companies of Senegalese, each carrying four machine guns, and in four days Krim was in flight to the north.

"These chaps may not be great fighters, but they are damned good runners," Freydenberg said later, without the slightest monk accent, when explaining why the Rifians had gotten away.

They simply had to make Freydenberg a brigadier general after that battle.

"All I got out of the great war was a few white hairs in my red head," Freydenberg once told his officers at the mess. "I'd rather rather fight in Africa."

MOSCOW.—(AP)—Seven and a half million tons of peat were cut in soviet union last year. This was four and a half times the volume of 1927, but the government plans to double the present figure within five years.

## DODGE EXCEEDS 300,000 MILES

How long is "long life" in a motor car?

The characteristic dependability of Dodge Brothers cars has been given additional prestige by the discovery of a 1914 model whose mileage has been just somewhere above the 300,000 mile mark. The motor number is 146, and for thirteen years, this veteran car has been the proudest possession of Bill McCordle, a copper prospector who lives in a tar covered shack, isolated in the high mountains of northeastern Nevada.

McCordle's house and garden are surrounded by peaks nearly 10,000 feet high. Over rocky hills, across gulches and up difficult digways, McCordle patrols his domain in his faithful car, which, he declares, still "runs like a top." Bill bought it second hand in 1918, and since that time, the car has taken him wherever he wished to go. Yet the repair bills in this period have totaled only \$21.

Since the last repair, Bill makes some steep grades on high gear where much younger cars are forced into low gear to surmount the rugged roads that were once only prospector's trails over the Nevada mountains.

Bill's house is in a little sheltered cove with steep bluffs surrounding it. A half acre garden spot not only supplies food for him, but brings him several hundred dollars every summer where the fine vegetables are marketed in Conifer, a nearby town.

Not even the gold rush days of the Klondike or Goldfield burst full away from his home where he has lived since 1896. Consequently, he is the patriarch of all the prospectors in that region, just as the Dodge car is the patriarch of cars in lands where rough roads and steep grades eliminate the weak ones.

## Farmers Using Ten Million Pairs of Motor Wheels

Ten million pairs of motor-propelled wheels serve the needs of the American farmer. Three quarters of a million tractors cultivated farm acres, nearly as many trucks transport farm products, more than four and a half million passenger cars wheeze or purr as they carry the farmer and his family from here to there, according to figures on farm automobiles gathered by the department of market analysis of the Farm Journal, Philadelphia.

Texas leads the states with 227,000 automobiles used by farmers, 25,000 trucks and 26,425 tractors, a total of 342,600. Ohio is second and Illinois third. Oregon farmers drive 59,000 autos, 7,500 trucks and 8,568 tractors, a total of 66,500.

RIO JANEIRO.—(AP)—This capital with 2,094,000 inhabitants and Sao Paulo with 1,440,000, lead Brazilian cities in government automobiles. The total population of the republic is figured at 42,637,000, but experts assert that next year's census will show more than 45,000,000 people in the country.

## WILMER STULTZ KILLED IN PLANE CRASH



Wilmer Stultz, who piloted Amelia Earhart across the Atlantic, and two companions were killed in an airplane accident at Roosevelt field, New York.

## NEW HIGH RECORD OAKLAND-PONTIACS

Nation-wide substantiation of the optimistic forecasts for a record in 1929 automobile sales is clearly borne out in a statement released by W. R. Tracy, vice-president in charge of sales for the Oakland Motor Car company. Shipments of Oakland and Pontiac sixes during the first four months of 1929 totaled 118,222, making a new high record for this manufacturer.

Mr. Tracy said: "April shipments alone totaled 26,284 cars, 76 short of the 36,469 shipped in March, the high month in the company's records. But for the fact that there was one less working day than in March, April would have been the greatest month in our history."

## SCIENCE STRIVES TO PREVENT GLUT WHEAT MARKETS

WASHINGTON (AP)—A flood-tide of golden grain that might drown the farmer in his own produce may be stemmed by scientists, who are seeking to combat an over-supply of wheat.

Two lines of research are under way at the bureau of standards to erase from the calendar that day when there will be too much economic loss to wheat farmers.

On the one hand, the economics of making paper from wheat straw is being investigated; on the other, the farmer may be shown he can supplant grain with artichokes, found to be a valuable, untapped source of the sweetest of sugars.

Paper from wheat straw has been produced in Europe for more than a generation, but its use in the United States has been retarded by the competition of cheap wood pulp paper.

The research, initiated under charge of W. E. Emley, chief of the division of organic and fibrous materials, undertakes to determine what quality paper may be made from a ton of straw and the cost.

Results are not expected for a year. If the cost of the new paper is high, as compared with wood paper, it is hoped that the prospect of better quality will justify manufacture.

One element that may reduce the cost is the concentration of straw, by improved harvesting methods, that makes it more easily secured.

The other alternative in the relief program centers around the raising of the Jerusalem artichoke, the tuber of a native sunflower and once considered a weed. It is a hardy plant and able to grow in the same soils and under identical climatic conditions as wheat. It has fought for its existence through extremes of climate and against insects until it can adapt itself to any condition.

Its valuable store of levulose, the sweetest of sugars, was discovered to be easily produced at the bureau of standards, and a semi-commercial factory is being constructed at

## Day in Shanghai

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Jean Meredith, 18, traveled 13,380 miles from San Francisco to China and return to spend one day with her parents in the Orient.

the bureau for the production. A surplus of sugar never has been produced. In relieving the farmer of an over supply of wheat, the scientists believe they can also remedy the sugar situation.

Methods of transforming wheat into other compounds, as a way to reduce the over supply, are not considered practical because of the cost of the grain.

COPENHAGEN.—(AP)—The big butter and egg men of Denmark have been getting undue credit for the prosperity of this hard working little agricultural country.

Statistics just published show that it's the big bacon men of Denmark who really keep the bank accounts booming. So can the Danish farm product that demands highest prices on the English market, partly due to the fact that American competition for the business has shrunk to little or nothing. Uncle Sam nowadays eats all his own bacon and also buys most of the bacon product of Canada.

England, Germany and Italy are Denmark's most important bacon markets. Nearly all Danish bacon is exported to England, while a considerable number of five pigs are sent to Germany and Italy.

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