

The Potential Scope of Optometry

Three people out of every ten in America are wearing glasses and it is said that seven out of every ten need them. This almost universal need for glasses in modern civilized life is due largely to the constant use of the eyes at close range, and almost constant exposure to glare from sidewalks, streets, buildings and high power electric lights.

Modern life demands modern equipment and it is the constant use of the eyes for close work that has made scientific glass fitting a great basic human need.

To supply this almost universal need, there has come into existence a great army of refractionists who are known as Optometrists and who devote their lives to the conservation of vision.

'Optometrist' is a word coined a few years ago from the Greek and meaning "eye measures." This word fairly describes the work of the Optometrist who, without the use of drugs or medicine, but through the skillful use of scientific instruments, measures the human eye and prescribes glasses for its needs.

There are many physical defects which may retard your progress in life and this article is intended to stress the prevalence of eye strain and its attendant evils. Consultation with a competent Optometrist will quickly disclose eye strain or any other eye defect that may exist.

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NORWAY WHALING CRAFT WILL USE ELECTRIC HARPOON

OSLO.—(AP) The whaling industry in Norway has succumbed to modernization and become electrified.

Holm Hansen, a Norwegian civil engineer, has developed a method of electrifying the harpoon which is expected to reduce the cost of whaling in addition to sparing the animal much of the torture that has marked the catch before.

On board the whaler an electric power plant is built, producing alternating current of low tension. One pole of the generator is connected with the harpoon and its insulated cable, the other with the ship's side.

When the harpoon is launched from the gun, the electric circuit is automatically closed, and when the spear hits the whale the animal is instantly electrocuted. The muscular spasm prevents the whale from being blown from the lungs, causing the body to float while it is towed to the cookery or ashore.

It is estimated that the new process will double the catch of the ordinary whaler.

The present harpoon method was invented 50 years ago by Sven Foyn. It entails a serious struggle for many hours after the harpoon has landed. Then when the whale is exhausted and dies, it sinks, making it a difficult task to get the weight of 20 to 40 tons up from the depths by derrick.

Most of the Norwegian whalers operate in Antarctic waters, where the season will soon open. This year 8,000 men will make up the crew both in the field and in the land stations, twice as many as were in the business two years ago.

Thirty cookeries on vessels are being fitted out, huge floating plants of 15,000 and 20,000 tons with the most up-to-date machinery to make use of every part of the catch, the whole fish, bones and fat.

HIGH LEGAL FEES DRAW FIRE FROM ENGLISH JURISTS

LONDON.—(AP)—There is growing resentment in England over the high cost of "going to law."

Sir Edward Parry has commented on the "astounding expenses of litigation today" by setting one divorce which cost \$150,000.

Lord Justice Critten has gone even further by denouncing the "outrageous" estimate for costs in a case brought before the court of appeal. He called attention officially to the increasing costs of legal expenses which, he said, may develop into a serious scandal unless checked.

Judge Crawford recently ordered an investigation of a case in which a woman found herself faced with a legal bill for \$2,500 arising out of a dispute about a carpet.

There have been many similar cases recently before the British courts. The Tichborne trial about a disputed estate cost \$520,000. The costs of another famous lawsuit are said to have totaled \$250,000. Eighteen counsels were briefed among them, five of whom each received fees of \$5,000 with "refreshers" of \$75 a day.

It is argued that, while in many cases the litigants can well afford the luxury of expensive attorneys, the practice tends to place justice for the deserving poor out of reach and that even in court cases the legal costs are out of all proportion to the issues at stake, so that justice becomes a luxury limited to the well-to-do.

The late Judge Atherly Jones urged a bill which would enlarge the discretionary powers of a magistrate in the matter of costs.

Another remedy that has been suggested is the amalgamation of the two branches of the legal profession, the solicitors and barristers into one class of attorneys, as in the United States. The British solicitor handles all the legal work out of court while the barrister does all the actual work in court, thus creating two sets of fees.

PHILIPPINES MESSAGE DELIVERED TO TALENT MOTHER BY AMATEURS

TALENT, Ore., Nov. 11.—(Special) Through the courtesy of an amateur radio operator in Seattle, Mrs. R. F. Parks of this city received a radiogram from her son Wayne who is serving in the U. S. navy and is stationed at Fort Mills in the Philippine Islands.

The radiogram was sent from that station Oct. 11 and was again broadcast from Honolulu, Oct. 29 and received by John B. Wasley over Station WITX, who forwarded it by mail to Mrs. Parks. The radiogram read:

"Dear mother: Held over until next available transport. Hope all is well. Returned to Battery 9, 60 C. A.—Your son."

Mrs. Parks expected her son to arrive Nov. 8.

Pages of Mail Hold Graphic Story of War Days and Signing of Peace; Medford Showed Joy Over Armistice

Looking backward 11 years through the files of The Mail Tribune, one enters into the dramatic suspense of the World War days and into the keen anticipation of the first Armistice Day. Across the front pages and thru the columns, for over a week the word "armistice" frequently appeared.

On November 5, 1918, Premier Clemenceau warned the chamber of deputies in Paris that peace might not be so near as some might think. On that same day, however, the headlines shouted that the Germans were retiring on a 75-mile battle line, and President Wilson was preparing a dispatch to the German government advising them to apply to Marshal Foch for information concerning the terms of the armistice, as prepared by the supreme war council at Versailles.

The battle against the "Hun" continued to wage through the next few days over seas, and the battle against the "Hun" at home. Medford's interest in the war was not confined to the signing of the armistice, as prepared by the supreme war council at Versailles.

On November 7, Sedan, famous in the Franco-Prussian war, was entered by the first American army. On that day the Americans marched into the section of the town on the west bank of the Meuse, marking an advance of more than 24 miles since the drive started.

Lieutenant Colonel E. E. Kelly, according to a local news story, "was in the thick of the closing battle of the war, as indicated by the announcement that the 8th division, of which he is chief signal officer, captured Bazancourt, November 1, in the advance upon Sedan. Before his transfer to the 8th Division he participated in the San Mihel advance, etc."

On the night of November 7, Foch received the first German telegram and gave them the allied terms of peace. The Boche were given until Monday morning, November 11, to answer.

The Kaiser abdicated, according to a streamer across the top of the Mail Tribune, abdicated the throne of Germany, and the crown prince also renounced his right to the throne. No answer to Foch's terms was yet received and the British forces pushed on eastward, capturing the fortress of Maastricht. On the same day the Yanks captured the last German hold on Meuse Heights.

Bright and early Monday morning, to be exact—the Armistice was signed. Fighting ceased at 11 o'clock. President Wilson's proclamation on that day follows:

My Fellow Countrymen:
The armistice was signed this morning. Everything for which America fought has been accomplished. It will now be our fortunate duty to assist, by example, by sober, friendly council and by material aid in the establishment of just democracy throughout the world.

(Signed) "Woodrow Wilson."
While Germany was thrown into a revolution by the turn of events, all of American entered into a frenzy of joy. In San Francisco, according to a dispatch, "the city conventions were thrown to the winds and strangers linked arms with strangers in solid lines that stretched across the wide space of Market street," the main thoroughfare.

Parachutes On Plane Wings Fail; Pilot Joins Caterpillar Club In A Thrilling Drop To Mother Earth

THACY, Cal., Nov. 11.—(AP)—Alive only because he made a remarkable escape from an airplane that swathed itself in a huge parachute and fell 3700 feet before he could leap clear, E. J. McKeon, San Mateo aviator, automatically became a member of the Caterpillar club.

McKeon went aloft in an old mail plane to test a parachute system designed to protect fog-blinded fliers. Strapped to the end of each upper wing was a big parachute, releasable by wires leading to the cockpit.

The theory of the invention, designed by Charles Broadwick of San Francisco, was that a pilot, lost in fog, could release the parachutes, drift downward until he got his bearings, cut away the big chute and go on his way.

Climbing to 5200 feet McKeon released the big parachutes, while 25 aviation experts watched from below in an accompanying plane.

The left parachute opened, slowly, the right one remained closed. The plane went into a flat spin, wings up, and the pilot, who had cut away the left chute, was left to drift for itself. Under the silk folds, McKeon was trapped in the cockpit.

Another theorist, who felt he fell and hit "chute opened and caught the air 500 feet from the ground. The falling plane was overtaking him, threatening to jam through his parachute and perhaps drag him to death in spite of all his efforts.

A healthy pull at the shroud on one side of his parachute enabled him to float clear of the path of the plane. As he touched the earth the plane fell with a crash, less than 100 feet away. The photographer in the accompanying plane obtained several pictures of the spectacular fall.

And that was "Mickey" McKeon's first parachute jump.

40,000,000. Some officials claim that Bulgaria tops the world in the number as well as in the percentage of its century old persons.

WAREHOUSE IN TALENT OPENED BY SCOTTIE CO.

TALENT, Ore., Nov. 11.—(Special) Mrs. Scottie of the Scottie Produce company has opened a warehouse in the Ames building here and last week sold 1000 sacks of wheat, which were shipped by car and unloaded at the depot.

FRANCE TO MAKE HER OWN TALKIES SAYS MOVIE HEAD

PARIS.—(AP) Before the year is out France will be making her own talking films, with French machinery and all-French actors, was the announcement made to the Associated Press by Charles Delac, president of the Association of Cinematograph Producers of France.

French film makers, who have so far been reluctant to invest the great amount of capital necessary for producing talking films, have waited long enough to be sure that the talking film has come to stay. American talkies which have been showing for many months in Paris to crowded houses, have been the deciding factor.

M. Delac sees in the talking film a slight hope that France will be able to make up film ground lost in the war. American and even German producers were at work during the great conflict, perfecting their instruments and the technique of cinematography. When peace came French film producers found themselves faced by an entrenched competition which has been strengthened steadily ever since.

M. Delac believes that the talking film will deal a heavy blow to the system of international casts in which the hero is American, the heroine German, the heavy man Italian or Russian, and so on. The new form of film means a purely national production, and each country's films will have an individuality which was in great danger of being lost. In M. Delac's opinion, in the international productions to which the silent film was becoming daily more and more committed.

As the French have always been famous for fine actors and casts in the "legitimate drama," the talking film, M. Delac thinks, may provide France with an opportunity to regain the high rank she held in the early days of the cinematograph.

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RIORDAN DEATH HAS NO EFFECT ON BANK

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—(AP)—The County Trust company, whose president, James T. Riordan, committed suicide Friday, opened this morning a few minutes ahead of time without special incident and no withdrawals during the first few minutes.

John J. Raschob, elected chairman of the board of directors Saturday at the bank a few moments before its opening, reiterated that the bank was sound and that Mr. Riordan, whatever the cause of his suicide, was not personally indebted to the bank.

ASHLAND MAN AIDE ON CANNON PAPER

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Nov. 11.—(Special) Ned Mars, Ashland, has been named a copy writer on the business staff of the Emerald, student daily at the university, according to THH Hammond, business manager. Mars will write advertisements for the paper.

Hunters' Barrage Frightens Elk To Forest Sanctuary

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Nov. 11.—(AP)—Too many hunters saved the elk here yesterday when open season on animals opened in Jefferson national forest, 25 miles southeast of here.

A general slaughter of elk was expected, but six hundred nimrods took the 140 square miles of hunting area and at least a veritable barrage of rifle fire at long range. The net result was 35 to 40 animals.

Though the season does not close until Thursday, the frightened animals were driven into a part of the forest designated as a sanctuary.

Find Boys' Body
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 11.—(AP)—The body of five-year old John Pleone was uncovered in a

pipe-lined excavation where he had been buried alive under a load of dirt released by a steam shovel. The lad had apparently been playing in the ditch, unnoticed by workmen.

Solve Death Mystery
SAN MATEO, Cal., Nov. 11.—(AP) Solving the mystery of his disappearance two weeks ago, the body of Mirko Porovich, Oakland tugboat captain, was discovered in a slough near San Carlos. Porovich went out in a rowboat to search for his launch, which had broken its mooring, and never returned.

To Train Fliers
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 11.—(AP)—Jack Frye, president of the Aero Corporation of California, announced the establishment within the next three months of a nationwide chain of flying schools. First of the schools, he said, would be located on the Pacific coast.

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