

## MINUTE MEN FORM TO ENFORCE LAWS

Patriotic Body Is Headed by General Dawes.

20,000 NOW BELONG

Non-Partisan Group of Public-Spirited Citizens to Weed Out All Religious Prejudices.

Chicago.—Born of a patriotic idea a little more than two months ago, the Minute Men of the Constitution, a non-partisan organization of public-spirited citizens, working in the interest of good government and the upholding of American principles and traditions, has grown with remarkable rapidity in Illinois and is spreading to adjacent states.

Care is taken to examine the standing and records of all applicants for membership, but more than 20,000 persons are now enrolled in northern Illinois. In the course of a year it is believed the membership in this state will exceed 100,000, a compact, brainy, driving force that must be taken into consideration in campaigns and at all times. Sponsors of the organization declare it will become a powerful national body in the course of five years.

The election of men to congress and other positions of trust who are in sympathy with American traditions, ethics and principles and who have the nerve to stand for these things.

The right of men to engage in collective bargaining and the equal right of any and every man to work and support his family, free of interference by other men.

The rigid suppression of anarchy in any form or color, from the blood-red Russian bolshevik to the pale pink parlor socialist.

Strict enforcement for all laws that make for the general good of the public; the bringing about of a general respect for law and order, and the disciplining of foreign and native agitators who teach disregard for everything Americans stand for.

The weeding out of all religious prejudice and persecutions because of religious beliefs.

Brigadier-General Charles Dawes of "Hell an' Marra" fame, and who stood the loafing, wasteful departments at Washington on their heads, is the originator and head of the Minute Men.

### BOSS IS MURDERER SAYS FLORIDA JURY

Lake City, Fla.—Thomas Walter Higginbotham was late Saturday found guilty of the murder of Martin Tabert of North Dakota in the second degree by a jury here. The jury was out one hour and 20 minutes.

Higginbotham was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment. He was released on \$10,000 bond pending hearing of appeal.

The former convict-whipping boss was accused of having caused the death of Tabert as the result of a beating administered while the North Dakotan was serving a term in the Putnam Lumber company convict-leased camp. The trial consumed 12 days.

The death of Tabert finally resulted in an investigation of the whole convict-leasing system and its abolishment by the Florida legislature. That body also prohibited corporal punishment. Before the Florida legislature convened the senate of North Dakota adopted a memorial asking the Florida lawmakers to investigate the death of Tabert.

#### Warships Are Exempt.

San Francisco.—If the British warship Curlew were equipped with a bar she could "set 'em up" in the harbor of San Francisco during her forthcoming visit here without fear of a raid by prohibition agents. According to a statement from the office of the collector of customs, the recent prohibition against foreign ships bringing liquor into an American port do not apply to foreign warships.

#### Aeronauts Yet Missing.

Cleveland, O.—The flying boat Nina of the Aero Marine Airways Company, Inc., returned here Sunday after a six-hour search of the Canadian and American shores of Lake Erie in a fruitless effort to find some trace of Lieutenants L. J. Roth and T. B. Null, lost when the naval balloon A-6598 fell into Lake Erie Friday after leaving Indianapolis Wednesday in the national elimination air race.

#### Portland Office Fifth.

Washington, D. C.—Portland ranked fifth among the leading postoffices of the country in the percentage of gain for postal business last month as compared with June, 1922. Its percentage of gain, the postoffice department announced Saturday, was 14.88. Seattle ranked eighth, with a gain of 12.33 per cent.

## Growth of Duck Raising in U. S.

Last Census Showed 2,817,624 Worth \$3,373,966 in This Country.

New York.—Duck raising is conducted successfully both as a side issue on general farms and as a special business on a large scale. The Peking is the most popular breed for the production of meat, and the Indian Runner is the most popular for the production of market eggs. The rearing of ducks for market on a large scale requires extensive capital and experience, remarks a New York Times writer. Young ducks forced for rapid growth and marketed at from eight to twelve weeks of age are called "green" ducks. They weigh from four and one-half to six pounds each and are the principal source of income on commercial duck farms.

"According to the census of 1920," says Alfred R. Lee of the United States Department of Agriculture, "there were 2,817,624 ducks in the United States, valued at \$3,373,966. This shows a slight decrease in numbers from the census of 1910, indicating that the production of ducks in the country as a whole is barely holding its own. The decrease occurred in the southern states, but several of the states in which ducks are raised on special duck farms showed an increase in the number of ducks kept."

#### New York Ahead in Duck Raising.

"Massachusetts, California and Colorado showed an increase of about 5 per cent. New York, which contains by far the greatest number of duck farms, shows no change in the number of ducks, but as the number raised on commercial farms has undoubtedly increased materially in the last ten years, a decrease in the number of ducks on general farms must have occurred to offset this increase on duck farms."

"There are about the same number of ducks as geese in this country, and only about three-fourths as many ducks as turkeys. Ducks are most numerous in the following states, arranged according to their production: Iowa, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York, Missouri, Minnesota, Tennessee, Ohio, South Dakota, Indiana and Nebraska, the number ranging from 225,000 head in Iowa to 100,000 in Nebraska."

"There are eleven standard breeds of ducks which have been admitted to the American Standard of Perfection. These breeds may be divided into three classes: (1) The meat class, including the Peking, Aylesbury, Muscovy, Rouen, Cayuga, Buff and Swedish; (2) the egg class, represented by the Indian Runner, and (3) the ornamental class, composed of the Call, the Crested White and the Black East India. The ducks commonly kept on many farms in the South and Middle West are of mixed breeding, and are generally of small size, poor layers and undesirable types of market duck. Except the Muscovy, all our economic breeds of ducks are said to have originated from the Mallard or wild duck."

#### On a Large Scale.

"Duck raising on a large scale has been developed as a special business to a considerable extent on Long Island, in sections within easy shipping distance of New York city, Boston and Philadelphia. Intensive duck farming on a large scale has been more successful than intensive chicken raising, as Peking ducks, especially stand confinement well, are more easily brooded and are less subject to disease than chickens. Artificial methods of hatching and rearing and labor-

saving machinery have been used very successfully on duck farms.

"The demand for table ducks at good prices is mostly limited to a few large cities, and is not nearly so general as the demand for chickens or fowls. The demand, however, appears to be gradually increasing, but this lack of wide market materially influences the establishment and growth of duck farms. The market conditions should be studied carefully before making a large investment in ducks."

"A prejudice against the duck flesh and eggs exists in many places, caused probably by eating the common duck, which has been allowed to roam in places where filthy conditions exist. The rearing of ducks for market on a large scale is a business requiring capital and extensive experience. Practical experience on a large duck plant is the best teacher, but the novice can begin in a small way and enlarge as experience justifies. Ducks can be raised with success and at a profit on general farms, but do not appear to be so well adapted as a source of income to average farm conditions as fowl, although they serve to add variety to both meat and eggs for the farmer's table."

## CALIFORNIA HAS RECORD



So far as known, this is the highest auto license number ever issued—number 1,000,000—which was recently issued by the state of California. The one-millionth license was not issued out of order, but only after 900,909 previous ones had been given out.

#### Hen Lays 183 Eggs in Seven Months.

Springfield, Ill.—With a record of 183 eggs laid in the seven months from November 1, 1922, to June 1, 1923, a white leghorn hen owned by H. B. Hammer of Weaver, Ia., has outlaid all other hens in the two-state they belong to Ecuador. Here, surely, is a new field for enterprise."

## Islands Natural History Museum

### Hidden Gold, Strange Birds and Giant Tortoises on the Galapagos.

Washington, D. C.—"The Galapagos islands are being revisited by scientists because they form an incomparable natural history museum," says a bulletin from the Washington (D. C.) headquarters of the National Geographic society.

"Charles Darwin began their scientific exploration and he reported on the various species of giant tortoises, each species confined to a single islet, and pointed out that half the flowers and half the birds of the island are to be found nowhere else in the world. "More than 2,000 volcanic cones besprinkle the archipelago, one estimate has it, and the islands' volcanic origin accounts for the peculiar interest they hold to science. Darwin deduced that the group has not been nearer the mainland, nor have the islands been closer together than now."

"How Peculiarities Developed. "Hence the species of flowers and birds which drifted to the islands have undergone a development in their isolated environment very different from that in their native habitats. Seldom has nature provided such a clear-cut opportunity to study the processes of evolution."

"The Galapagos hold a different sort of lure for the modern world. Most tales of hidden treasures warrant many grains of salt, but it seems certain that the pirates of South America hid their loot of gold and silver where they had their headquarters. Two caches have been unearthed, silver ingots and pieces of eight. The finder of one built a hotel in Ecuador; the second drank himself to death."

"The islands lie just under the equator, but the air frequently is chilly on some of them. One, Albe-

marie, also called Isabella, is 500 feet high. The cold Antarctic currents which fan the coast of Peru strike seaward at Cape Blanco and surge across the Galapagos group. Up to 800 feet most of the islands are barren, above that level they are swathed in clouds whose moisture aids luxuriant vegetation.

"Wild goats, cattle, cats and dogs, as well as hidden treasure, bear evidence of the rendezvous of buccaniers. In 1832 Ecuador annexed the islands, and since 1885 they have had a governor. They acquired a strategic importance with the opening of the Panama canal, for they lie on the canal-to-Australia route.

"The largest island of the group, the aforementioned Albebarie, is larger than Long Island, New York; the entire group has an area considerably in excess of that of Delaware. The nearest of the islands to mainland is 900 miles west of Ecuador.

#### Have Economic Value.

"Treasure and science to one side, as a famous humorist would say, the future of the islands looms large upon their agricultural merit." Ralph Stock, in his classic account of "The Dream Ship" expedition, wrote:

"The soil is a rich, red loam, almost stoneless, and scarcely touched by the plow. There are 3,500 head of cattle at present on Cristobal Island, and it could support 50,000 with ease. There is no disease and no adverse climatic condition with which to contend, and at three years old a steer brings \$100 (gold), live weight, at Guayaquil—when a steamer can be induced to call and take it there.

"There are a few hundred acres under cultivation when there might be thousands, and 200 bone-lazy ronds do the work of 50 ordinary farm hands."

"Looking down on this fertile valley, it is hard to realize that one is standing on the lip of a long extinct crater, that in reality Cristobal is a series of these, dour and uninviting to a degree, viewed from outside, but veritable gardens within. And there are four other islands in the Galapagos group—some smaller, some larger, than Cristobal—uninhabited and exactly similar in character. Nominally, egg-laying contests at Quincey and Murphysboro.

#### Kills Self by Bomb in Mouth.

Lepzig, Germany.—When police approached to arrest him Johann Relase placed a small bomb in his mouth, lighted the fuse and blew himself to pieces.

#### Shot by Wad of Gum.

Norfolk, Va.—Mary E. Davis, thirteen years old, was wounded in the breast by a wad of chewing gum shot at her during an Indian play in her school. The injury is not serious.

### Baby's Birth Causes Blockade in Traffic

Eugene Reed, colored, employed as a gateman by the Long Island railroad at Rockville Center, N. Y., was advised by telephone at five o'clock one morning that a baby was being born at his home. He waxed impatient when his relief failed to arrive three hours later, and telephoned his boss regularly at five-minute intervals, but no relief arrived.

At 11:45 a. m. he lowered his gates and went home. Twenty minutes later, when a long string of automobiles had accumulated, the police arrived and straightened out the tangle. The next day Reed lost his job.

### Close-Up of Fatal Texas Oil Fire



A spark caused by the clashing of bits of metal as crews of men were trying to cap the Hughes gusher near Kerens, Tex., set the gas and oil on fire and 14 men were burned to death. The well burned for days, the intense heat making approach impossible until men attired and equipped with asbestos suits entered the heated zone and recovered most of the charred bodies of the victims. Although thousands of curio-seekers were kept at a distance of 500 yards from the scene, P. J. Howe, photographer for the Fort Worth Record, ran to a point within 30 feet of the blaze, and at the risk of his life made this extraordinary picture. Howe's clothes were ruined by the spouting oil and his camera and plateholders were burned.

### French Traitor Freed From Devil's Isle

Paris.—Three lines in a daily paper have just recalled a story of passion, treason and crime; the ruin and degradation of a brilliant young naval officer who, 15 years ago, betrayed his country in order to obtain money for a woman of whom he was enamored. Ullmo, condemned to penal servitude for life, has been released from his prison in Devil's Island and given freedom—comparative freedom, that is to

say—in the scorched land of Cayenne where he will drag out the remainder of his miserable existence.

La Belle Lison was the name of the woman who fascinated Ullmo in the early years of his career at Toulon. The son of a wealthy industrialist at Lyons from whom he received a handsome allowance to supplement his pay, Ullmo was envied by his poorer comrades. But La Belle Lison had expen-

sive tastes. To satisfy them the young officer was soon reduced to borrowing and then to other more dishonest means of procuring money.

Employed in a naval department office where he had access to important documents, he succumbed to temptation and began to sell secrets to foreign agents. He even endeavored to sell to his own government forged documents purporting to be information relative to a foreign power's military plans. Suspicions were raised and the authorities laid a trap for Ullmo.

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