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TO RESTORE HISTORIC SPOT

City of New Orleans Taking Steps to Preserve and Beautify Bienville's Landing Place.

An effort is being made in New Orleans to restore the old historic spots around the city. With the restoration of the old Place d'Armes, the rehabilitation of the Cabildo and the Pontalba apartments which surround it, and the preservation of all as an artistic center for the old French and Spanish quarter, an effort is being made to restore and preserve the landing place of Bienville, where he first set foot on the high land in 1720, at the place he was destined to convert into Nouvelle Orleans. This landing place, which lies on the river directly facing the Place d'Armes, which is now Jackson square, is covered with the switch tracks of the Southern Pacific and public Belt railroads, and with a part of the large steel warehouse belonging to the board of commissioners of the port of New Orleans.

Supporters of the Louisiana State museum have appealed to the mayor and the various civic organizations to have these sheds and railroad tracks removed at once, inasmuch as the land, clear from the Cabildo to the river itself, was expropriated some time ago to be put in historical and artistic reserve. As all the water front of New Orleans and the east bank of the river belongs to the city and state forever, the completion of the artistic center is sure of accomplishment.

ACCEPTED MANDATE OF FATE

Young English Soldier Proved Himself Worthy When Called to Position of Responsibility.

When Rudyard Kipling's "The Man Who Would Be King" was published it was regarded as an excursion into the improbable, if not the impossible. It was the Anglo-Saxon imagination accepted by the colorful Hindustani civilization.

But the sober chronicles of the war have outdone Kipling. Thorneycroft, a twenty-two-year-old British trooper, found himself stranded in Turkey after Townsend's ill-fated offensive. Nothing daunted, he accepted his predicament as a mandatory of Fate. He proceeded to rule over a territory containing 60 villages and 60,000 people, and he ruled them until relieved by the martial law brought by Allenby's troops. The son of a hotel keeper of Bristol, he proved at the test that he was of imperial fiber.

Truth is stranger than fiction. It always has been and always will be, with Tommy Atkins or his first cousin, the doughboy, as protagonist. Each possesses the comic spirit that means adaptability, no matter what the emergency.

Marshal Joffre a Catalanian.

Possibly with more reason than the seven claimants to the birthplace of Homer, Catalonia makes out a good case for asserting that Marshal Joffre belongs to her by right of birth. The great estopier of the German first offensive is a native of Perpignan, where the Catalanian race predominated in past ages and where today are found many families which still retain Catalanian customs and language. Leading business firms of Catalonia, seeking to establish a tangible claim, have appointed a committee which is to proceed to Paris and present a sword to the great warrior, unless he fulfill a promise made at the peace conference that he will visit Catalonia, in which case the presentation will be made at Barcelona. This, of course, would be the occasion of a great celebration.

Mexicans Hold Strange Beliefs.

Few countries are richer in strange beliefs than Mexico, writes Charles Bernard Nordhoff in the Atlantic Monthly. There the witches assume the eyes of cats and flit through the night on vampire's wings. A brisk business is done in love potions and candle flames still point the way to buried treasure. The Mexican inherits his cruelty to domestic beasts from both the Spaniard and the Indian, and his superstitions may be traced to the same double source.

Eccentricity is not understood in Mexico. The native is a lover of formality, and one is judged largely by external things. Each man dresses according to his station, and it is unthinkable that a well-to-do man should wear a straw sombrero or carry a serape; the peons would be the first to jeer at him.

Painstaking Work.

A French critic who complained of the hasty composition and lack of fine writing among his compatriots drew from M. Pierre Louys, the author of "La Femme et le Pantin," a pained and precise denial of the charge. M. Louys, who has not published anything in several years, says that he has been diligently occupied on a work which he rewrites and corrects a hundred times to each page. This and other works which he has not yet considered worthy of publication have accumulated until he has on hand more than 200 pounds of manuscript.

The Croix de Guerre.

The croix de guerre, corresponding to the military cross of Britain and the Iron cross of Germany, will be noticeable henceforth on the breasts of Frenchmen, civilian as well as military, who have been distinguished by being mentioned in the dispatches. It is made of Florentine bronze, about an inch and a half in diameter, with crossed swords between the arms.

WORK OF PLANT INVENTOR

His Skill Produces Variations That Nature Would Require Thousands of Years to Accomplish.

With a watch glass and a fine camel's hair brush the plant inventor performs miracles. He causes more changes in six generations than Nature, unaided, would produce in 100,000 years. Two plants may be growing in his garden, native of countries separated by continents. Their structures, habits, hereditary tendencies and identities have been preserved through thousands of years. The plant inventor takes the pollen from one, transfers it to his watch glass, carries it to the other, and from the glass transfers it to the bloom. The resultant seed is sown. The new plants may resemble one plant or the other, or they may be like neither, or they may be the veriest monstrosities. There are thousands of disappointments for one success in the work.

Luther Burbank chose one seeding out of 65,000 when he invented the primusberry. The rest were remorselessly destroyed. The new primusberry is a cross between the raspberry and the blackberry, but has a fruit much larger and finer than either. Mr. Burbank has produced 300,000 varieties of plums, 60,000 peaches and nectarines, 500 almonds, 5,000 walnuts, 3,000 apples, 2,000 grapes, 2,000 pears and thousands of different kinds of berries, flowers and vegetables in equal profusion.

WEALTH IN BAMBOO GROVES

Their Cultivation in the Southern States Is Expected Soon to Be a Recognized Procedure.

One thinks more readily of an American farm with a wood lot than of one with a bamboo grove, but bamboo groves may yet become common in the southern states, if the idea of "instruct the farmer" in the desirability of planting them makes reasonable progress. It will be a new idea to the farmer, and he will have to think it over. Meantime the country has one important bamboo grove flourishing in the state of Georgia, where it stands in the custody of the United States department of agriculture, to serve as an object lesson. The young bamboo shoots provide an early spring vegetable, said to have a flavor much like that of sweet corn, and the stalks have a wide range of uses which should make a bamboo grove profitable. It is worth the farmer's consideration, for example, that millions of small canes are yearly imported from Japan, and fishing rods made out of them, for which the United States pays annually about \$5,000,000.

Hard to Account for Figures.

Statistics have recently been published in Germany which are so striking that the Medical Record's Geneva (Switzerland) correspondent says they "need confirmation." It is stated that for every 1,000 boys born in the later years of the war, 1,086 girls have been born. Before the war the ratio was 1,000 boys to 1,024 girls. "Nothing," writes the correspondent, "is known with certainty as to the conditions that determine sex in the human species, but there is quite a large amount of evidence in support of the generalization that during wars and famines, when the conditions are generally adverse, especially with regard to nutrition, the proportion of male relative to female births increases. If there is any foundation for this generalization, then we must conclude either that the figures are wrong or that Germany was mighty well nourished during the war, or else that some entirely aberrant influence was at work."

Koran Brought Up to Date.

It is not surprising that most of the Arab population should be illiterate since the language used in writing and printing is literary Arabic, the very same in which the Koran was composed 12 centuries ago. It has been preserved intact, while the spoken tongue has gradually changed, as spoken tongues will. Literary Arabic today is about as much like the ancient language as Latin is like French. Ninety per cent of the people do not understand the language in which the books are written.

An interesting experiment has been begun by Rev. Percy Smith, a missionary in North Africa, who is translating the Bible and the hymns of the church into the ordinary speech of the people, instead of in literary Arabic.—Christian Herald.

New Power Is Wanted.

In the field of research in connection with automobile underwater torpedoes, there needs to be developed a new source of power, said Rear Admiral Ralph Earle, U. S. N., chief of the bureau of ordinance, at a recent meeting of the American Chemical society. The present source is compressed air and the new source must be of greater potential per unit volume and weight and be nearly as safe to handle and store on board ship. Oxygen has been proposed but is too dangerous to handle.

Quite Henglish, This.

"Hout!" cried the umpire as the wicket keeper made a catch. "Look 'ere," protested the batsman. "It wasn't off my bat, it was off my 'ead." "Oh!" said the umpire. "My mistake. I 'eard the ball 'it wood and I supposed it was off the bat."—Boston Evening Transcript.

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TRUST CONTROL IN ARGENTINE

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 20.—(By Mail).—A committee of the chamber of deputies has discovered after more than a year's investigation that Argentina is afflicted with "trusts." Wine, flour, lime, potatoes, meat, and oil and naphtha are described in a recent report of the committee as under the control of "trusts" which have been able to flourish and maintain high prices chiefly because of high protective tariffs or favorable railroad rates, it is charged.

The committee finds that the "most typical trust" in Argentina (the word "trust" is put in quotation marks throughout the report) is the "wine trust" in the great grape-growing province of Mendoza on the slopes of the Andes. It is charged that this combination of wine producers is an "official trust organized by the law of the province" which is able to pay the cost of the greater part of its administration out of "the local privilege created by the monopoly of wine."

Destruction of grapes and wine, exportation of wine at a low price and maintenance of a high price in Argentina are alleged. The "trust" is able to exist, the report says, by virtue of high customs duties which discourage the importation of ordinary wines and by the aid of the national banks. Reform in the administration of the banks and in the tariff laws is demanded.

The committee names the Standard Oil company, of the United States, as the "trust" which controls kerosene and naphtha in Argentina. The report sets for that that this "trust...norteamericano del petrolea" has in Argentina a "powerful subsidiary company, divided in its legal aspect into one section of production, another of marketing and transport."

"The commercial practices of this 'trust,'" says the report, "are those of a monopoly which wishes to ex-

tend even more and consolidate. There is no proof that the 'trust' has determined upon increasing the price of kerosene and naphtha in the country, but it is certain that its prices represent a relative increase, that is to say, with relation to the cost of production."

Argentina's defense against "this international and almost world-wide monopoly," the committee says, consists of encouraging commerce in and production of all other materials capable of producing light and heat and developing the production of petroleum as a government enterprise "since every private enterprise will be annihilated or absorbed by the 'trust.'"

Dealing with meat, the report says that the exportation of this commodity is "in the hands of great companies which are subsidiary to still more powerful foreign companies tending toward capitalistic monopoly." The committee recommends that Argentina organize its own meat industry with municipal and regional cold storage plants and enter into direct relation with the great foreign markets of consumption.

Finding that a milling trust exists, the committee declares that laws against extortionate capitalistic combinations are necessary and that "we should educate ourselves economically and politically for the socialization of this industry."

BABY GIRL ARRIVES

A baby daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mitchell last night about midnight. Mother and daughter are doing nicely and father wears a smile that won't come off.

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