

"Said the Governor of Texas to the Governor of Oklahoma"



Governor William P. Hobby of Texas (left), met Governor J. B. A. Robinson of Oklahoma, for conference at Ft. Worth recently, resulting in a futile effort to solve a dispute over valuable oil lands on the "Oklahoma-Texas" border line. Both states have appointed receivers to take charge of the land, but Texas gained possession when guards were hurried to the district. The land is valued at several million dollars. The case has gone to the United States Supreme Court for settlement.

PIRATES ARE NOT ALL DEAD

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24.—(By Mail)—Pirates, buccaneers and marine freebooters, story-book men in high, leather boots who swear terrible oaths and carry huge swords, are not all dead. A number of them have been found on small islands off the west coast of Mexico and President Carranza has dispatched from Mazatlan a naval expedition equipped for two month's service with the object of routing the outlaws.

Travelers on the Pacific have told of late of seeing numerous bands of these pirates who have preyed upon tramp vessels when occasion afforded and at other times engaged in smuggling. Their headquarters are in the almost inaccessible caves on lonely islands where, it is said, they have stored much valuable booty which at opportune moments they carry to the United States or South American ports. Most of their plunder is obtained from Mexico.

The Mexican government is determined to rid its islands of the freebooters and its present expedition after driving out the pirates will set up military posts to guard against their return.

THEATER HAS BEEN BUILDING 18 YEARS

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 25. (By Mail)—The National Theater which has been in the process of erection since 1902 and which when completed will represent an expenditure of not less than 20,000,000 pesos, probably will be formally dedicated sometime next year, a tentative date having been set for September 16, the national holiday.

This structure which was conceived as one of the most pretentious playhouses in the world occupies a site in the center of the capital.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Regular January meeting of Business Mens Association will be held Friday evening, 6:30 p. m. Jan. 9th at the White Pelican Hotel. Election of officers. Full attendance requested. By order of the President.—W. C. VAN EMON, Secretary.

Living microbes have been found in manuscripts hundreds of years old.

HAS HIGH PLACE IN HISTORY

Magellan Famed as Man Who Found the Pacific and Completed the Work of Columbus.

Four centuries ago Ferdinand Magellan sailed from Seville, Spain, on the voyage during which he discovered the Pacific ocean, named the Straits of Magellan and opened the islands of the Pacific ocean to the people of Europe. His was the first circumnavigation of the earth. Had he not been imbued with the desire to be the governor of a new world, in keeping with the promise accorded him by Charles V., the great geographer might have attained even greater heights. Instead he died, before the three years' cruise was completed, while in battle with natives of a group of the Philippine islands. He had discovered them, along with Ladrone and Guam islands, and was intent on making them Spanish.

The discovery of America by Columbus had not completely convinced Europeans that the earth was round, but the findings of Magellan clinched the argument. He started with a crew of 270 men and five vessels, but the one ship that survived the cruise only took back a remnant of that party. Many died of scurvy, and some fell during mutinies and battles with natives. Magellan added much to the world's geography. He outlined the entire eastern coast of South America. His discoveries offered the Spaniards new opportunity, and they started to further explore the Pacific. Spaniards found and named California, after a character in a Spanish novel. Then for some unaccountable reason they rested on their laurels.

BALD HEADS AT PEACE TABLE

Many Diplomats Had Whiskers and Mustaches, but Lacked Hair on Their Craniums.

An amusing sidelight on the recent peace conference at Versailles is thrown by a correspondent, who not only reported the proceedings proper, but took notes regarding the hair, mustaches, beards and whiskers of the peacemakers.

Two-thirds of the delegates were more or less bald. Perhaps some of them made up for this by wearing mustaches. Out of 85 men who sat round the peace table, all had mustaches; but 14

Whiskers, on the other hand, were not popular. Only three people wore them. And by a curious coincidence the names of all these three people began with V. They were Venizelos of Greece, Vandervelde of Belgium and Vassitch of Serbia. The latter's whiskers were particularly prominent.

In regard to dress, there was less formal attire than one might have imagined. The English paid no special attention to dress. High hats and frock-coats, once a combination that would never have been sanctioned, were quite popular; but there were some countries which put all they knew into their attire. These were, notably, the Japanese, and some of the South American states.

The New Age

A pretty Philadelphia girl at a Newport dance wore a rose-colored gown of the new "bareback" fashion.

Very décollete in front, the gown's bodice in the rear opened in a broad V almost to the waist. There were no sleeves to the rose-colored gown; on the contrary, it was cut out under the arms like the jerseys worn by athletes. It had, to be sure, a dainty wisp of a train, but nevertheless the flimsy skirt was so exigent that as the girl whirled about the ballroom to the wild strains of the jazz band it was frequently possible to see that her partners had ruby buckles.

A Philadelphia matron said to George Gould as the girl floated past: "Josh is a lovely creature, but all her interests are wrapped in clothes." "Evidently her interests only, ma'am," said Mr. Gould with a cynical smile.

Please, Doctor, Make Us Pretty!

Dr. Seymour Oppenheimer of New York writes to the Medical Record expressing the hope that the long strides made in what is called "cosmetic" surgery during the war may not be lost to the civil population.

He says that this surgery for the sole purpose of beautifying ugly persons was always considered "rather a shady business" in which no reputable surgeon would engage.

But there are so many ugly faces and their beautification would make their owners happy, some surgeon the richer by a fee, and the world at large happier for not being obliged to look at ugliness, that this is the auspicious moment for taking cosmetic surgery out of the hands of charlatans and quacks and putting it into those of skilled practitioners.

A Drawback

Jacob Ruppert, the New York brewer, told at a luncheon a story about a wife and profiteer.

"He gave a dinner one night," said Mr. Ruppert, "and when his wife entered the drawing room he was astonished to see her in a very décollete dinner gown—no sleeves, very low in the front, and lower still in the back. His wife had never worn a décollete gown before and the profiteer stared at her in bewilderment.

"Well," she said, "don't you like it? Don't you like this Paris confection, darling?"

"Sure I like it," said the profiteer, "but what I want to know is, honey, where the dickens are you goin' to tuck your napkin?"

GERMANS GO TO SOUTH AMERICA

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 20. (By Mail)—German immigrants have been pouring into Argentina on every ship that came from Holland. One ship brought 400 of Teutonic nationality.

Land allotments have been made to these immigrants in sections of the territory of Misiones, a strip of fertile country in northwestern Argentina between Paraguay and the state of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. There has long been a German colony in Rio Grande do Sul and recently Paraguay announced allotments

for cultivation by German immigrants.

The arriving colonists are chiefly applying themselves to the cultivation of yerba mate, the plant from which is brewed the famous South American drink resembling tea. It is reported that the Misiones colonists are being given provisional permits to occupy lots of 123 acres each.

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