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His Deed of Bravery Deserves to Be Recorded.

Joseph Marcio's Saving of Comrade Washed Overboard Proof That Courage in Navy Is Not Confined to the Fighters.

Many brave things have been done by the men of these hard-driven American ships, and one of them stands out superbly, writes Ralph D. Paine in the Saturday Evening Post. It was the rescue of a man overboard in the midst of a storm. This ressel was mengist out in it while on convoy duty and her survival was little short of a mirade. The French marines called It the worst blow the Bay of Bloomy had seen in eight years. Its violence was that of a harricane, with a wind velocity approaching a hundred miles an hour, such a storm as would have sorely pounded and damaged a great

The ship was more or less knocked into kindling wood, both masts broken off and rolled out of her, all three boats smashed and carried away, decks gutted, life rails splintered, compartments flooded. The ship was rolling 55 degrees, or almost flat on her side, and when she plunged, more than half the length of her keel was in the air. In the midst of it the steering gear jammed and the ship was likely to broach to and founder unless it could be cleared. The chief quartermaster, E. H. Robertson, volunteered for the job and was presently washed overboard, carried off to leeward on the back of a roaring sea.

There was not one chance in a miltion of saving him. He was as good as dead, and vanished. The ship was running before the storm and a quarter of an hour passed before she could be brought to, a very dangerous maneuver, which again swept her clean. The quartermaster had not gone down, but was visible on the lee bow, swimming with the courage of a man who refuses to surrender to the inevitable. Lines were thrown to him, but he was onable to reach them. Even if the boats had not been smashed it would have been impossible to launch one.

A life raft was shoved over, and it floated toward Robertson so that he could clutch it and hang on.

This was merely to prolong his agony, however, for he could do nothing re to help himself. He had been in the water 17 minutes, buffeted, strangled, freezing. The month was December, the temperature of the sea 36 degrees. Among those who looked on and pitied the exhausted man who had made such a plucky fight of it was the ship's cook, Joseph Marcio. His realm of pots and pans being wrecked and awash, he turned his attention to this affair of the drowning quartermaster. Knotting a line about his middle and making no fuss about it he jumped into the sea and swam to Robertson, a heritable porpoise of a sea cook with a soul as big as all outdoors.

The ship had some way on her and could not be wholly stopped. It happened, therefore, that when the cook grabbed the quartermaster they were slowly towed through the seas. The strain was terrific and the rope nearly cut the cook in two, but he clung to his man until they were fetched alongside and hauled aboard together.

and the cook also collapsed on deck, but was thawed out with no serious This Joseph Marcio was promoted to the rating of chief commissary steward in recognition of the deed and was recommended for the gold life-saving medal of the navy de-

Clark's Day Dream.

In an address in Washington some time ago Speaker Clark said, accord ing to the Pathfinder, that if he should suddenly find himself possessed of the wealth of a Rockefeller the first thing he would do would be to establish a publishing house in St. Louis, Mo.

"Then," he said, "I'd publish an unabridged dictionary, with words prosounced the way the people of the country pronounce them, and put it on the market to compete with those composed by somebody up in a garret who's trying to make people here talk like those in England.

"The next thing I'd do would be to have a real history of the United States composed and published under the people who have done things credit."

At Pool of Bethesda.
An English reservist, who was living near Sudbury. Ont., before the war, writes to his old neighbors from the Pool of Bethesda, Palestine: "I tasted the water-not too clean !- and in order to do it had to descend lots of steps, as the well is deep down in the ground. At the entrance one may, if one wishes, read in 77 different languages the account of the healing described in the fifth chapter of Johna quite sufficient choice, one would Imagine, but 'Taffy' thought differently, and not finding his mother tongue represented, promptly wrote it all out in Welsh from his own Testament. So now there are 78 different versions for visitors to choose from.'

Rhetorical Emphasis.

"Don't you think there is too much tendency to profanity in conversation?" "Yes. And it's going to be worse. I and two cupfuls of coffee." understand the government is going to open up more canals. And that means more mules."

Considerable Amount of Ingenuity Required to Make Words Fit Savage Knowledge.

How much do you supopse an Eskimo knows about an olive? Or a Hottentot about cherubim? Or a cannibal about the Holy Ghost?

That's why the men and women who translate the Bible into pagan languages have to use a greater amount of ingenuity and imagination than anything else, observes a writer in the World Outlook.

It must have been a very pleasant person who finally suggested to the mingled relief and amusement of the tired workers, that "the lamb of God" might just as well be translated "the little seal of God," in the Eskimo Bible. Eskimo children have the same tenderness toward the funny little things with their mournful eyes and soft fur that other children have toward baby

The Eslamo Bible was one of the most difficult to translate, and has just been finished after 250 years of work. Of course, to a half frozen, fur-clad people, living in igloos-or is it harpoons?-and surrounded by polar hears and walruses, it is next to impossible to translate the story of the bright colored, sun-drenched holy land. The language of a northern people is necessarily lacking in dozens of words and phrases, and, too often, even

But Bible translating is like Greek grammar-there's an exception to every rule. The Zulus live in a country as warm and tropical as the holy land on the pleasantest of days, but the Zulu Bible has offered about as many difficulties as any respectable task has a right to offer.

In the first place, the earliest translation was made by more than thirty people working independently. Despite its inaccuracy and inconsistency it was extremely popular among the na-tives; it even shaped Zulu thought so completely that every paragraph of the Zulu newspaper teems with Bible Many of the mistakes were, of course, extremely amusing. The translators found to their surprise that instead of crossing the Red sea and the Jordan dry shod, the children of Israel went over thirsty. And a literal translation of the promise that enemies should melt away before them, was discovered to mean in Zulu idiom the their enemies should be as happy as men full

In 1901 a new translation was be-How were the translators, for instance, to describe as in Isaiah 3, 18-24, the entire wardrobe of a Jewess at the height of the nation's civilization to the Zulu debutante who in the heaviest winter season wears little more than a string of scarlet beads?

On the Channel Patrol.

"The weather round about here has been too damnable for words lately, and life on a patrol boat has been no cinch. Came down harbor yesterday in a regular blizzard-could barely see fifty yards ahead at times, about three inches of snow all over the ship-freezing like the devil. There's an infernal no'westernly wind blowing, and this packet rolls about like a sick-headache. It's no joke monkeying about in a tiny craft of this size, hunting 'tin fishes.' In daylight it's bad enough, but at night it's extremely dangerous, as one can't see the seas and one's liable to half swamp one's self in turning. And as far as any comfort below goes, there isn't any. Everything is damp and cold, and the steward loses the greater part of your food in bringing it to you, and what you finally receive is a cold unpalatable mess. Yet by Heaven! it's something to be out here having a chance to bag a bally German swine."-Atlantic Magazine.

Learn Something Every Day.

In their antipathy to England and to everything English, or supposedly English, the Germans have apparently undertaken to eliminate from the spoken and written Teutonic language of the day all words of known or suspected English origin. There comes at first hand this episode reported by Prof. F. Sefton Delmer, who was instructor of English in the University of Berlin when the war broke out and who, from that time until May 23 of this year was either a civil or an interned prisoner. Wishing to make him uncomfortable at a police station one day a portierfrau, who knew his nationality, rebuked her departing companion for using the "Ach was," she called word adieu. after her, "adleu sagt man nicht mehr. Das ist Englisch."

Kit Rations for Officers.

These German demigods, the officers of the army, are now on clothing rations like ordinary mortals. They will | Americans are among those dickering henceforth only be able to secure new for that superior quality amber-coluniforms on clothing cards. The new regulation prescribes just how extensive a wardrobe an officer may have, and he will not be permitted to array himself in excess of its limitations. The only special concession to officers is that they are not required, as civillans are, to declare how much clothing they already possess.

Light Work. "Mrs. Griddles promised a tramp a good breakfast if he would cut a little

"Well?" "So the fellow consumed eight or ten biscuits, ham and eggs, some potatoes

"And then did he cut a little wood?" "Yes. He whittled himself a tooth-pick and said, 'Good morning.'"

HARD TO TRANSLATE BIBLE GUARD SHOT ONCE

And He Admits That the Mules Did the Rest.

Things Happened So Rapidly That Holdup Men Really Didn't Have a Chance to Take Alm, While Team Made a Record.

Even today in the Sierra Nevadas where little mining camps send out gold dust by stage to be carried from the nearest railway station to the San Francisco mint a shotgun messenger rides with the driver if there is a gold shipment in the box. The barrel of the gun is shortened for the sake of convenience in handling in close quarters, and its efficiency for its particular work is not lessened, as it is used only to quiet a robber who has suddenly appeared close by the side of the treasure stage with the laconic mmand, "Throw down the box!"

The messenger, as he is called where he is known, never guard or gun man, carries his gun across his knees where danger seems light, or lightly in his hands passing through bad spots. His job is to shoot anyone so careless as to step out from behind a tree or rock the side of the stage, and shoot before the intruder gets the drop. Mountain folk who want to take a stage between stations make themselves conspicuous in the middle of the road before the stage rolls into sight. That is the safe way.

If a messenger fails to see a robber before the latter has him covered box is thrown down-usually. There was one instance where the rule was not followed, which old stage drivers in the Sierra Nevadas tell about today. On a stage out from Bodie was a shipment of bullion consigned to the Carson mint. The messenger was alert, his sawed-off shotgun lightly balanced in his hands passing the danger spots, or resting on his knees where the cover seemed to be too thin to vocabulary. But it was inaccurate, conceal a robber by the side of the

On one good stretch the messenger gripped his gun between his knees while both hands sought in the pockets of his heavy coat for the makings. The unexpected happened; out of a patch of straggly sage brush two men leaped, one to the bridle of the off leader mule, one to the off side of the stage. They had the drop on both messenger and driver. "Throw down the box!" commanded

There was still many difficul- the man at the fore wheel of the stage. The messenger thought one-quarter of a second—he was precise in telling that part of the story-and then without having to invite a bullet by moving his gun or hand, he pulled the trigger of the right barrel. So many things happened in the remaining three-quarters of the first second after the command that they make a long and lovely story as one listens to an old driver tell it today.

The short of the story is that the shot shredded the ears of the leaders. and generally speaking those mules did the rest. The six mules bounded ahead, startled and indignant, robber at the bridle was kicked in rapid succession by the off leader, off swing and off wheeler, so his pistol alm was not good, and the robber at the stage wheel was run over by the rear wheels, and his aim was not good. The six mules, the driver has sworn to this, did the next mile in four minmore than two stage wheels were on the road at the same time.

"It was sure some lucky escape," the messenger admitted, "but I never truly made up with them lead mules. They never seemed to relish me after that little sawed-off spoke to them. Touchy sort of critters, mules is, any-

Tommy Atkine, Philologist.

Mr. Thomas Atkins has further en-riched the English language with war words and phrases. They may not creep into future dictionaries, remarks London Answers, but they will certainly remain as part of the common language of everyday use. "Narpoo," coined by Tommy from the French "Il n'y a plus," is now our general ex-pression for "nothing doing."

It is safe to assume that the expres sion "over the top" will become part of our language, to be used when man must be put to the supreme test.

"Anzac" is another coined word that will remain for all time. A "scrounger" for a forager, "buckshee" for anything extra in the way of rations, and "Conchy" for the shirker, are hardly likely to be forgotten.

Quarter-Pound Diamond.

One of the world's largest diamonds may come to the United States, as ored stone, weighing 4421/2 caratsabout a quarter of a pound-found recently in the Du Toits Pan mine in South Africa. The stone is the most valuable ever found in Griqualand West, although it is not a record as regards weight.

The most famous diamonds in the world are: Cullinan, now called the Star of Africa, part of the British crown jewels, 3,032; Excelsior, 969; Kohinoor, 900; Regent, 410; Orloff, 193, all uncut, and the Great Mogul, 280, cut.

Not That Flavor.

"You know, there are some hosts who allow their hospital meats to be seasoned with acerbity."

"Do they? We always use catchup

FIGURES LONG IN HISTORY

Stirling Castle Inseparably Connected With All That the Scottish Heart Holde Dear.

Recently the English government ent some German priseners of war to Stirling castle. The ancient fortress is again a prison; again the "eye of the north" keeps watch over the nation's safety. Stirling is only a few hours' ride from Glasgow, but it is a journey from the nineteenth century to the middle ages. The castle, on the right bank of the Forth, is built on the highest up of a promontory, close to the edge of the crag. Its position is almost impregnable.

On the north and south a rolling plain stretches away to the feet of the Ochil hills, below, the Forth winds silver across the plate. On the east and west the water prejects the fortress. The key to the highlands, the bulwark of the north, Stirling was for centuries Scotland's main defense against the invading English.

Much history has been made on the plain at the castle's foot. The German prisoners from the ramparts can view the scene of seven important battles. On the northwest on the top of a high hill stands a statue to William Wallace. At the foot of the hill was fought the battle of Stirling. Just inside the curve of the Forth is the field of Cambuskenneth, where in 843 the Scots defeated the Picts. Faikirk, where-Wallace was defeated, lies to the south. Years later on this same field Prince Charlie won one of his most important battles. Bannockburn, the holy ground of Scotland, lies to the south. From the castle you can see the center of the field, the Borestone, marked by a tall white flagpole.

Mary of Scots was crowned in the castle hall. Her son, afterwards James the Sixth, passed his baby days here. The iron bare at the windows of some of the rooms were placed there to protect the tiny prince from kidnapers. Years afterwards he was crowned as king in the same walls. John Knox preached the coronation sermon.

Advice for Would-Be Flyers. The secret of the whole game of learning to fly is, I believe, never to get excited. I have seen beginner after beginner smash when he was first sent up to fly. They run along the ground, pull back the stick, as told, and a moment later are so astonished to find themselves 20 or 30 feet off the ground that they can think of nothing but shutting off the throttle. Many crash down tail first, with controls in climbing position to the last. If they would simply think-

"Ha, old bay, you're in the air at last—come thrill, but the main thing now is to stay here a bit and then ease down without a crash. Ease the stick forward-now we have stopped climbing. Feel that puff—she's tipping, but a little stick or rudder will stop that. Now pique her down, and reduce the gas a notch or two. Here comes the ground-straighten her out; too much, she's climbing again; there, cut the gas-a little more-there-not a bad landing for the first try."-C. B. Nordhoff in the Atlantic.

Food Waster Rebuked.

The man who went into a Dallas (Texas) hotel dining room and complained because sugar was rationed probably believes now that it would have been more sensible for him to eat what was set before him and say nothing. When he was told sugar was scarce the man broke up two rolls into bits and threw them on the floor. Inside of an hour a committee waited upon him and he was told to buy a Red Cross button, apologize to the waitress for rudeness and write a letter daily to the Dallas council of defense as long as he remained in Texas, so that his movements could be followed. The man showed that he was sorry for his display of temper and It is not believed he will waste food

Weigh the Babies.
If you have babies to weigh prepare to weigh them now. This is the bables' year. It began April 6, the first war. The first step is to weigh all the children under five years of age. The idea is to begin with the children, to build up the nation of tomorrow.

Many of the physical defects which caused the rejection of applicants for enlistment in the army and navy are believed to have had their beginning in infancy and the committee believes a higher standard of physical efficiency in the rising generation will result from these tests. Height, weight and reach are considered a rough index of a child's health.

Emperor Karl.

The impression which the Austrian emperor has made on his subjects, since his accession, is showing itself in the nickname which be bears in Vienna-Karl der Ploetzliche-which may be translated Charles the Man of Impulse, because of the emperor's brusque decisions. The Tzach nickname is: "Karel Novak spravce konkursni podstaty firmy Austria." which appears in English as "Charles Jones, official receiver of the liquidation of the house of Austria."

Oratory.
"What's all that about the Argonauts and the golden fleece?"

"Just a little flowery stuff as a starter. The senator is discussing the wool schedule."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Getting the Money.
"So your daughter is to marry?"

"I should say so. His father is or of our foremost profiteers."

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