

### Some Interesting Facts About Copper--The Great Part it Has Played in World's History

Germany is now, apparently, engaged in a feverish search for copper, which to her, has become indeed one of the "precious metals." To supply her dire necessity, Belgian, and presumably also German, kitchens are being ransacked for copper cooking utensils, which are being thrown into the net to furnish the munitions of war. It is reported that every possible kind of substitute is being experimented with, but so far to no purpose.

This news is some indication of the stupendous part which the discovery of copper has played in the history of the world's civilization. For that event was ushered in the reign of the age of metals and the emancipation from the bondage of the Stone Age.

There is naturally much room for speculation as to the circumstances which led up to this tremendous event. Prof. Elliot Smith ventures to suggest that the earliest piece of metal was formed, accidentally, at the tolling table of a proto-Egyptian abelle! At any rate, it is certain that the Egyptian women--and occasionally the men--used the crude copper ore, malachite, as the ingredient of a face-paint. And he suggests that one day a lump of this dropped into a charcoal fire, with the result that a bead of copper was formed. This, doubtless, led to the production of more beads, and from this by experiment

seems to have spread from Egypt into Asia, and thence into Europe--though long ages afterwards, for stone tools continued to be used in Great Britain and northern Europe for about 2000 years after they had been discarded in Egypt. Egypt's nearest source of copper was Mount Sinai--whence she obtained her tin, is not known--while all this time both copper and tin lay unsuspected in English soil in abundance--a fact discovered in due course by the Phoenicians, who exploited the mineral fields of Britain as far back as 1500 B.C. And from this fact it is implied that the natives of these islands had already had their eyes opened to their great source of wealth, and the uses to which it could be put some two thousand years B.C.

That the use of copper was independently discovered by the natives of these islands is improbable. Fortunately, evidence is obtainable on this point from which a learned professor contemptuously called "old bones" in museums. These same "old bones" have been collected in large numbers from ancient burial-mounds or "barrows," in various parts of Great Britain and Ireland. These mounds are circular in form, and the skulls of the dead they contain are of the type known as "round" skulls, as distinct from the "long" skulls of the people of the Stone Age. That is to say, the people of the round skulls were an alien race; and they introduced the art of metal-working, for metal objects in the specimens of their tools, ornaments and weapons have been found in their tombs. These aliens were "wise men from the East," Armenoids, who brought with them this priceless knowledge.

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Dear Mother--Received your two parcels o.k. was more than glad to hear from you and was also very thankful for the parcels. Well, mother, the cake was just as good as the day you packed it. You could hardly think it would keep good so long. Well, I suppose, it is very frosty home now, but it is just like summer over here. You could hardly believe it is so warm for winter months.

Well, mother, you said you never got a letter from me for a long while. I wrote every week, the letters must be on the way somewhere. I didn't get one from home the last three months but I'm sure there are some coming. I got one from you, dated in September, but I never got one since. I expect to get them all in a bunch now. I got one from you yesterday, that one was written in May, it was nearly ten months on the way.

We are having a rest here now. We are camping out, it is better than in barracks. It is a lot cooler. I was in hospital for a month. I wrote three letters to you while I was there. I hope you got them by this time. Well, mother, that was a fine pair of socks you sent me; they are the right thing for the trenches later on.

I was going to send a cablegram when I came here first, but we were a good while before we were paid, so I knew you would hear where we were and I gave it up. It costs quite a lot to send a cable message from home here. I think I have told you all for this time. Will write again soon. Remember me to father, and say me to all my friends. So good bye, from your loving son,  
P.T.E. R. RYAN.

### GARLAND GREENING WRITES HIS FATHER

No. 1506, 1st. Nfld Reg.,  
Newton Park School,  
Ayre,  
Dec. 23rd, 1915

Dear Father--Just a few lines to say that I am well and enjoying myself fine. I received a letter from you this week, so I thought that I would write a few lines in answer. You will hear by mother's letter that I will be away soon. We may be in the Dardanelles before you get this letter. I hope that you keep well through the winter and keep in good spirits all along. Don't think that I am downhearted about going to the front. All my chums are going with me, or at least all except one, all the boys from home are going.

You said on your letter that it seemed like as if there is no bright side to this terrible conflict; well it often seem as if there is not, but there is one somewhere. I think that this war will soon be brought to an end. Hold on a bit till you see me coming home with a V.C., then you will be proud, won't you. Well, I don't care if I can get home myself without the V.C.

I am sending home some books that I have here, I didn't know what else to do with them, as I could not take them to the front with me, also my skates that I had here. Tell me he can use them if he wishes, if he can get a chance. I only got a chance to put them on once, there haven't been any ice since. One of the books that I am sending is one that Mrs. General Booth gave me. I am also sending a testament which the Pocket Testament League gave me.

I am also sending a box of leaves, Holly and other leaves, which I had given me. Some of them are from the mountains in Africa. I think I will close now with love to you all. From your loving son,  
GARLAND GREENING

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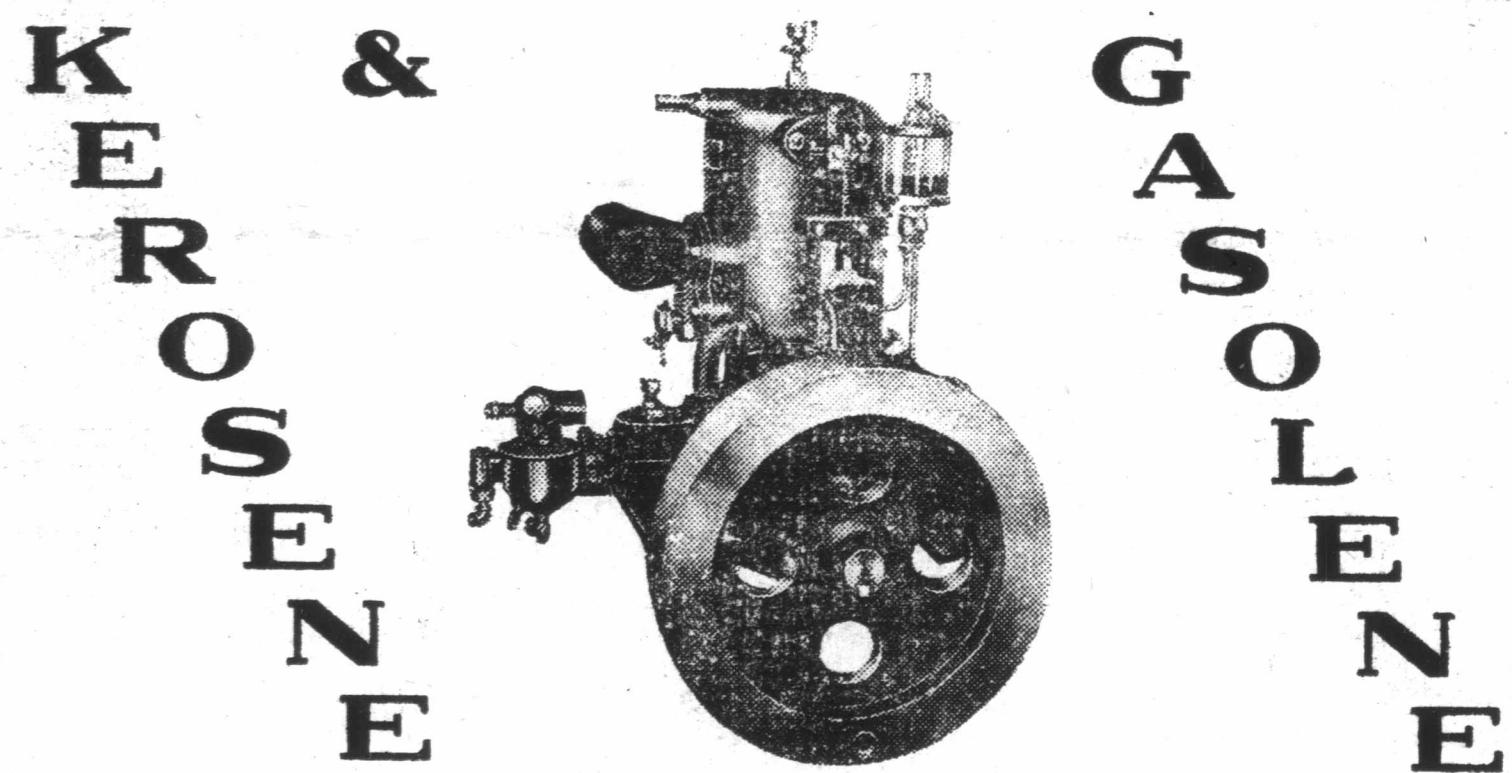
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Yours truly,  
(Miss) LEAH CASSELL, Secretary.  
Green Cove and  
PIKE'S Arm, Feb. 21, 1916.

### LETTER OF THANKS FROM REV. FRENCH

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir--I wish to acknowledge through the columns of your paper the sum of (\$10.15) ten dollars and fifteen cents, received from the people of Champney's West, for the purpose of assisting me in my loss caused by the burning of the parsonage. Sincerely yours,  
ISAAC FRENCH,  
Methodist Minister  
Trinity West, March 2nd, 1916.

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### ATTACKED TRAIN OF WAR SUPPLIES AT TACOMA

TACOMA, Washington, Feb. 29--Attacking a Great Northern freight train loaded with automobiles and war supplies for shipment to Russia from Seattle in the Northern Pacific freight yard here today six or eight men cut the air hose between cars in five places and cut the train in four sections. The train crew fought them off and captured two who gave the names of Sam Rusky and John Ross, and their nationality as Austrians. They were held.

Great Northern officials said it was stated that the train carried supplies from the east intended for Russia.

### "HAPPY OMEN FOR THE FATHERLAND"

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 29 (via London)--The Kielzerunk says a sensation has been caused by the stranding of a small dinghy, belonging to the German men cruiser Nurnberg, which was sunk in the battle with the British fleet off the Falkland Islands, Dec. 8, 1914.

The newspaper suggests that the dinghy drifted from the Falkland Islands to Iceland, and thence homeward under southwesterly winds. It adds that the Germans regard the return of the boat a happy omen for the Fatherland.