

**Siamese Fighting Fish.**

Never heard of fish-fighting? Well, you have heard of bull fights, and bear fights, and cock fights—this is merely a different twist to the game where it is fish that do the combat. So says an author in "Every Week," and he places the locale of this sport in Siam. It is said to be the national sport of that far-away country, and the Siamese find it just as attractive as the West Indians find cock-fighting. We are told:

The men of that country will stake on fish fights not only all the money they have but even their wives and children.

It is no uncommon thing in Siam to see a man strolling along the street with a peculiar bulge distending some part of his clothing. The bulge represents a small glass bowl of water containing a fighting fish which the owner is anxious to match against somebody else's funny champion. The reason for the concealment is that fish-fighting is a government gambling monopoly in Siam. Licenses to exhibit fish fights are sold, bringing in considerable annual revenue to the coffers of the King. The unlicensed fish fight is like a cock fight in the United States; the managers and spectators are liable to be arrested and jailed.

Just as the cocks are bred for fighting, so are these fishes in Siam, where a special race of game fighting fish has been developed. They are so tiny that they are commonly kept in tumblers of water, and fed with mosquito-wrigglers and other aquatic insects.

Despite their small size, no living creatures are more fiercely pugnacious. It is the males that do the fighting, always in the manner of the duello. The object sought by each of the combatants is to maim and mutilate its adversary. They go at each other in rough-and-tumble fashion, like two roosters, trying with their strong jaws and sharp teeth to inflict disabling injuries by biting off fins.

The fins and tails of these fighting fish are huge relatively to the size of the little creatures. In the breeding season the males enhance their brilliant markings with a lustrous olive-green hue, overlaid by fleeting prismatic color flashes, which seem to be controlled by the fish, the tail and fins outlined in brilliant red and yellow.

If this seems an odd accomplishment for a fish, consider then, this one. These fighting fish differ from the ordinary species in that they do not depend for air, as others do, on the oxygen in the water, liberated by plants or held with the liquid in microscopic quantities. They breathe air quite as land animals and frogs do. And the account adds:

Hence they will thrive and reproduce their species under conditions that for other fish would be impossible. No other kind of fish is so easy to breed in captivity. These Siamese fighting fish have been bred for centuries in small glass bowls and other such receptacles, being fed with earthworms and chopped raw meat when house-flies, mosquito larvae, or other insects were scarce. It is necessary, however, to separate



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the female from the male, except in the breeding season, because the latter will attack even his mate when offspring are not in prospect.

Most interesting of all, perhaps, is the nest-building habit of this funny species. It makes a veritable fairy nest of his bubbles, which, extruded from the mouth of the male, are coated with a gelatinous matter that gives them permanency, like soap-bubbles blown from a prepared fluid. The female lays her eggs in the mass of bubbles thus prepared, and her mate guards them until they hatch. Indeed, after they are hatched, he will not allow her to approach the young until they are big enough to take care of themselves.—N. Y. Fishing Gazette.

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The defendant, before sentence was imposed, was asked if he cared to say anything. In reply he said he had been under terrible strain, and had felt as if he would go insane. He also felt that he would be unable to undergo a severe sentence. He had tried to do his duty as a loyal American citizen, he said.

"I only ask you to give me another chance," he added. "Send me to France, anywhere. I will lay down my life for my country. Take this stain of prison from me."

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one could help feeling profoundly sorry for his innocent daughters and his sickly young son, whose death has been recently reported. Through no fault of their own they were placed in the most unfortunate circumstances and even now the future of the young family is dark enough.

The execution of the Czar further emphasizes the black record of the Bolsheviki since they betrayed Russia to the enemy. Their whole activity is sickening, and their power must be broken before there can be any hope of making Russia free.—St. John Telegraph.

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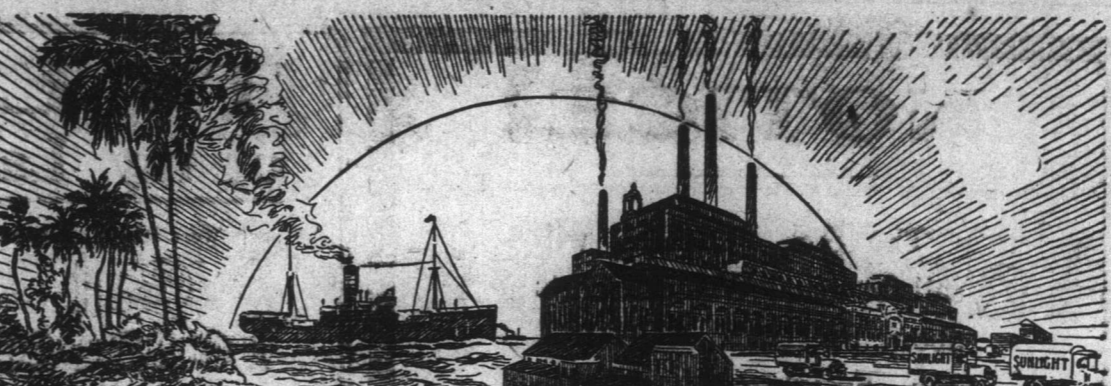
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(By Edwin L. James.) WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE MARNE, July 17.—Turning their keenest brand of hate against the Americans, the Germans have begun a systematic bombing of our hospitals.

Since the start of this drive several days ago five of our hospitals have been special targets for German bombers, who, in two instances, were successful.

Doubts are often expressed in America about the stories of bombing hospitals of the British and French Armies. These doubts should now vanish, together with all belief in German decency.

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chateau with an enormous Red Cross on the roof and another in the yard. German observers had been many times over the spot and knew just what use was being made of the chateau.

The bomb struck part of the hospital not used for wards. It killed two orderlies and wounded one doctor and one nurse.

Repeated Attacks Made. Another hospital in a town even further behind the lines had four bombs dropped about it, none hitting.

Still another hospital, several kilometers distant, at Comoumiers, and isolated, was also attacked in vain.

On Monday one of our hospitals in the Champagne, plainly marked, was bombed, and several casualties resulted.

On Monday night a large hospital just turned over to our use had six bombs dropped near it, one falling in the yard.

Yesterday afternoon I went into one of the hospitals where a bomb had fallen into the yard in the night, one piece wounding an American soldier lying in the courtyard on a stretcher. Here a kindly American woman was going about feeding and caring for German wounded. In a nearby operating room a captured German army surgeon had every facility to help care for his own wounded.

Thus Americans give every care to German wounded and unwounded prisoners. On the other hand, the directions of the German high command are to kill all of the helpless American boys whom their bombs can reach.

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