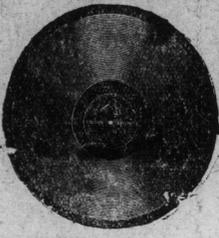


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Tampico became famous in the money market at the beginning of the great oil boom, and some idea of its importance in connection with that industry may be gathered from the fact that in about ten years nearly fifty million sterling has been invested in the oilfields in the State of Tamaulipas to which Tampico belongs.

Of this total over £15,000,000 represents British interests, and the amazing growth of oil properties in that corner of the world is illustrated by the fact that from the 1,000,000 barrels of oil secured in 1907, the figure has grown to 16,000,000, which was last year's total.

Apart from oil, however, Tampico which shares with Vera Cruz the greater portion of the foreign trade of Mexico, has quite a number of other prosperous industries, which have been greatly developed of late years by British and American residents, who are more numerous in Tampico than in any other part of Mexico. The excellent harbor accommodation of the town makes it the chief port for the exportation of coffee, sugar, rubber, copper ores, and asphalt, the most important products of the neighboring territory.

The soil is very rich, and it is expected that within a few years there will be an enormous increase of the flourishing trade in fruit and vegetables. Furthermore, it is a fine centre for sea-fishing. Indeed, it is the happy hunting-ground of the enthusiasts who delight to catch the big game of the sea, for in no other waters can that giant fish, the tarpon, which attains a length of 6 feet or 7 feet, be found in such large numbers.

Most of the commerce of Vera Cruz is also in the hands of foreigners, although it is a place to be avoided by those who have a regard for their health. Its moist, hot climate is notoriously unhealthy, and the annual death rate ranges from one in eleven to one in twenty of the population, mostly from lung diseases and from yellow and other fevers. The full title of the city is Villa Nueva de la Vera Cruz, or "New City of the True Cross."

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To be earnest, to be strong.
To make light the way with song;
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Walking steadfast through the days,
Firm of purpose, sure of soul,
Pressing onward to the goal,
Upright, even, undismayed,
Sure, serene, and unafraid.

To be patient, to be kind.
To be purposeful, and find
Sweetness all along the way;
Loath to judge, but firm to say
Truth with unrelenting tongue,
By no cavil veered or swung
From the right; and to endure
Hopeful, helpful, clean and pure.

To be gentle, to forgive.
True to life and glad to live,
To be watchful and to be
Rich with boundless charity;
To be humble in success,
Strong of heart in bitterness,
Tender, gracious, thoughtful, good
In our man and woman hood.

To be smiling, to be glad
For the yesterdays we've had;
To be grateful all the way
For the beauties of to-day;
To be hopeful and to see
In the days that are to be
Bigger, better, broader things,
Robes of purple, crowns of kings!

Bite of Sick Child Ends Doctor's Life.

Physician Dies From Poison of Diphtheritic Child.

New York, April 23.—Three months after he had been bitten in the hand by a child suffering from diphtheria, Dr. Julius Caesar Lauer, of Astoria, Long Island City, died of blood poisoning. His death occurred at his home yesterday.

The exact cause of Dr. Lauer's death is obscure. The only source it can be attributed to is the bite of a diphtheritic patient. At the time Dr. Lauer was bitten he was administering anti-toxin to the little patient.

Dr. Lauer thought nothing of the occurrence, but soon his hand and arm began to swell and pain him, and then it was discovered that he was suffering from blood poisoning. He was taken to the German Hospital where he was under treatment for ten weeks. It was found that he was suffering from septic endocarditis and that his blood was filled with microbes.

It is said that others volunteered to give up fresh blood which was infused into Dr. Lauer's veins. He was also inoculated with a vaccine. Under the method employed he improved rapidly and the microbes seemed to disappear entirely. He was then taken to his home where there was plenty of fresh air and where there seemed to be every prospect that he would eventually recover. Instead of recovering he grew rapidly worse.

Dr. Lauer was 56 years old and had been a physician for more than 35 years. He was born in Berlin and was educated at the Royal Friedrich Wilhelm University in that city. He also took a post graduate course at Columbia University. He had been practising for eight years in Long Island City.

Their Daily Round.

All over Great Britain—particularly in the rural parts—there are aged postmen who cover, on foot, their twenty and thirty miles a day, and who, during the past twenty years or so, have tramped many thousands of miles.

But there is another branch of activity in connection with the postman's daily life about which one hears very little. What of the stairs climbed by the men who deliver letters in the great commercial centres of the Kingdom?

Investigations, recently carried out in Glasgow, show that in some cases a postman climbs, on an average, so many as two hundred and ten flights of stairs a day.

Another Glasgow postman has to climb up and down fifty-one thousand four hundred steps in a week, his daily average when working, being over nine thousand.

There is a third who every day walks nearly fifteen miles on the level as well as climbing to a total height of three thousand two hundred and sixty-six feet up office staircases! In other words, every day he ascends a height only three hundred and five feet less than that of Snowden—with a fifteen mile tramp thrown in!

Philadelphia, May 14.—Nearly ten tons of milk and the equivalent of more than 1,260 pounds of butter in a year, is the world's record produced from the Guernsey cow, "May Lilla," owned by Captain E. B. Cassatt, at his Chesterbrook farm, at Berwyn, near here. For the 365 days ending yesterday, the cow's record is 19,373 lbs. of milk and 1,072 pounds of butter fat, the gross earnings of the animal for the year being nearly \$1,200.

Supreme Court.

(Before Full Bench.)
TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Job Bros. & Co., Ltd., vs. John McMartin, et al. J. W. O'Brien, Cross-examined by Mr. Howley, K.C.—(Continued.)—As to the note he did not know to whom it was payable, nor that it was a note in connection with the Labrador Pulp and Lumber Co., nor what business transactions existed between Job Bros. and the McMartins. Mr. Reid was the first to tell him that he was needed as a witness to this case for the plaintiffs.

That was about last December. He has no interest in the Labrador Pulp and Lumber Co., though Mr. Reid promised him an interest about five years ago.

Howley, K.C., read affidavit of John K. Erskine, showing that the cross-examination of Charles C. Paulding, who left on Monday's train for New York, was absolutely necessary, and showed that it was equitable that the defendant be given the opportunity to cross-examine him. Some discussion followed. The Court decided that a commission be appointed to cross-examine him in New York before judgment. Various legal points were

raised and argued by Counsel on both sides. Court rose at 4.30. This morning the further hearing was postponed till 3 o'clock this evening. Mr. H. Knight has been associated with Mr. Howley, K.C. in the defence.

More Fires.

Fires provoke immediate sympathy for the sufferers and also thankfulness for personal escape. Another thought should be whether one is personally and sufficiently protected? An insurance policy with Percis Johnson would provide for you this desired security and at small expense. Have you enough insurance?

Ten Men Were Hurlled to Death.

Detroit, Mich., May 15.—Ten men, most of them chemists, were killed by the explosion of acid and chemicals in the mixing room of the Mexican Crude Rubber Company on the West Side here to-day. Four other employees, removed from the steaming debris, were taken to a hospital, and all may die. Two men were less seriously hurt. The building, a one storey structure of solid concrete and cement, was almost obliterated. Other buildings within a radius of a mile were more or less damaged. The loss was estimated at \$50,000. The lead are: Edward Christopher, Wm. McCoy, C. Larsen, Al. Hodgins, Victor R. Burns, William F. Niles, Jose Casse, Gorton Latta, Emon Aman and George Gleggoria. The four last mentioned victims were Mexicans. All but Gleggoria probably were instantly killed. He died in a hospital. Among those who escaped were John H. Evans, superintendent and John C. Treadwell, manager of the plant. Just what caused the explosion probably will never be known. In the mixing room was a large vat of molten rubber being prepared by a secret process. Without a moment's warning the building was torn to pieces. Every man who was in the mixing room at the moment was killed.

The company manufactured imitation leather, and it is understood that ether and other explosives were used in large quantities. Because of the secret process of preparing the crude rubber, employees were not allowed to leave their department to enter other parts of the plant. Few of the employees knew each other, and it was some time before the victims were identified.

Coroner Rothacher said he has started an investigation to determine whether negligence was the cause of the explosion, or whether the concern violated a city ordinance by mixing dangerous explosives within the city limits.

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