

In the Days of Duelling

At an election for Queen's County, between Gen. Walsh and Mr. Warburton, of Garraghinch, about the year 1783, took place the most curious duel of any which have occurred within my recollection. A Mr. Frank Shelton, a boisterous, joking, fat young fellow, was prevailed on, much against his grain, to challenge the exciseman of the town for running the butt-end of a horse-pistol down his throat the night before, whilst he lay drunk and sleeping with his mouth open.

Frank, though he had been nearly choked, was very reluctant to fight; he said "he was sure to die if he did; as the exciseman could snuff a candle with his pistol ball and as he himself was as big as a hundred dove of candles, what chance could he have?" We told him jocosely to give the exciseman no time to aim at him, by which means he might perhaps hit his adversary first, and thus survive the contest. He seemed somewhat encouraged and consoled by the hint, and most strictly did he adhere to it.

Hundreds of the townspeople went to see the fight on the green of Maryborough. The ground was regularly measured, and the friends of each party pitched a ridge tent on the green, where whiskey and salt beef were consumed to abundance. Shelton having taken his ground, and at the same time two heavy drams from a bottle his foster-brother had brought, appeared quite stout until he saw the balls entering the mouths of the exciseman's pistols, which shone as bright as silver, and were nearly as long as fusils. This vision made a palpable alteration in Shelton's sentiments; he changed color, and looked about him as if he wanted some assistance. However, their seconds, who were of the same rank and description, handed to each party his exciseman's pistol, and half-bellowed to them to "Blaze away, boys!"

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Only 36 Hours to Cross Ocean

London dispatch.—"America will become within reach of England in a day and a half and the time will come when an English man in New York will see his London paper this morning after a publication, said Handley Page, airplane captain, recently.

He prophesied that immediately on the declaration of peace it would be possible to begin an air service between Miraselles and London with a single stop at Paris for an overhaul and taking on gasoline. Mr. Page continued:

"Constantinople could be reached in twenty hours, Rome in twelve and a half hours and Miraselles in eight hours," he said. "An 800 mile service could be run at a profit both for mails and for passengers, at a rate but little in excess of that at present in force.

"I base my calculations on the use of a medium-sized machine, making nonstop flights of 400 miles. Each would carry 4,000 pounds of revenue earning load. There would be first-class aeroplanes at each end of the route, and another in the middle. Second class aeroplanes would be provided every 100 miles. A minimum service of six machines each way per day could be provided for a capital of under \$500,000 pounds. The annual cost would be under \$300,000.

The naval strength of the United States will be about twice as great by 1920 as it was in 1917, he says the U. S. entered the world war, it was brought out Thursday before the House Naval Committee in considering the 1920 Naval Appropriation Bill.

English as It is Sung

Sir Henry Wood, so long and so closely associated with the Hall and who has recently been offered the appointment of conductor of the Boston, Mass., Symphony Orchestra, is a stickler for clear enunciation in singing.

Lecturing on this subject one day, he puzzled his hearers by addressing them as follows:

"I see you are all here, my boys. His audience looked puzzled, as well they might.

"Now," proceeded Sir Henry, "this is an Esperanto, neither do I happen to be Chinese or Choctaw or any other outlandish lingo.

"It is merely how many singers render the first two lines of the 'Lost Chord,' which are translated into ordinary English: 'Sister one day at the organ, I was weary and ill at ease.'—Pearson's Weekly.

PUT CURB ON MISSISSIPPI

Engineers Hope to Control River's Eccentricities by the Piling of a Carpet in its Bed.

The Mississippi river, most capricious and pumpeful of all streams, on which Uncle Sam has spent millions of dollars in jetties and levees to keep her in proper place, is now having a carpet made for her at an expense of many hundreds of thousands of dollars.

They will be used to carpet the bed of the river near Memphis, Tenn., in order to prevent the stream from changing its course and leaving the city high and dry. The Mississippi has an unfortunate and expensive habit of cutting new channels and deserting towns upon its banks that have grown up into thriving centers on account of their position on the stream.

In the case of Memphis, the consequences of the river cutting a new channel several miles west of its present bed and leaving a city of more than 100,000 people stranded would be so serious that the government has come to the rescue of the threatened town.

Not an Auxiliary. Upon one entrance into the war a great women's organization, the one for the women of the United States, was equipped a hospital unit.

When she was being assisted in harbor she broke her back, by January, 1917, the two halves were refitted and beached inside the harbor. They since been towed across the river to the operation, which will result in the addition of a ship to the merchant navy.

Ships on Way With Food

One of the last acts of Mr. Hoover before sailing on last Saturday for Europe was to appoint a special shipping committee, headed by Theodore Whitnash.

Officials of the commission for relief in Belgium here believe that the destination of the ships on their way to Gibraltar is the port of Trieste. The ships now on their way are understood to be the first that have left American ports with food for countries other than Northern France and Belgium.

Salvage Miracles

Since the outbreak of the war no fewer than 500 vessels have been saved by the Admiralty salvage section, some of them under almost superhuman difficulties.

Hopeful Outlook For Armenians

Although little or no official information comes out of Asia Minor, it is possible now to state briefly the new and hopeful conditions surrounding the Armenians. Since the publication of the terms of the Turkish capitulations one specification of which was that the Armenians interned in and around Constantinople were to be delivered to the custody of the Allies, interest has been revived in this unfortunate people, who have suffered continuously at the hands of the Turk from the beginning of the atrocities in 1915 to the present time.

At the beginning of the war there were 4,000,000 Armenians. Three million remain. One million have perished. Of the 3,000,000 remaining 2,000,000 are in Caucasus, 500,000 are in Turkey and another 500,000 are scattered. Virtually all of this race are starboard side close to the half-submerged superstructure of the wreck.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Ships carrying 200,000 tons of food for the populations of Northern France, Belgium, and Austria now are enroute to Europe. They are proceeding under sealed orders to Gibraltar and Bristol Channel ports, and on arrival will await word from Food Administrator Hoover as to their final destinations.

It was reported today on the floor of produce exchange that the government had purchased 1,514,000 barrels of flour on bids, which were open yesterday. This is in addition to purchases of at least 1,500,000 barrels of flour made last week. It is said all is for shipment to Europe to feed famine sufferers.

CHINESE HAD BRIGHT IDEA

Attempted Reproduction of Machine, However, Didn't Win Any Approval From Aviator.

After completing his service in the United States army the enlisted in 1907, Raoul Lufbery roamed over Japan and China and India. During his travels he ran across an airplane exhibition flight in Saigon, Marc Pourpe, the famous French trick flyer, was bemoaning in the far East. He gave Lufbery employment as mechanic and thus occupied in a new and fascinating pursuit, Lufbery continued his airplane education for three years under Pourpe. The experience lasted until the beginning of the great war.

While performing in China the two aviators were struck with the unusual warmth of their welcome and the repeated invitations they received to prolong their stay. They were overwhelmed with gifts as well as with praise, and received many marks of royal favor.

Upon approaching the inclosure, the aviators saw the admiring populace roll back, disclosing to view a gorgeous spectacle—the first Chinese airplane. Stepping nearer to study the magnificent creation they heard the subdued roar of the engine above the riotous clamor of foreign tongues.

The roar of the engine continued. Placing an ear against the engine hood, Pourpe tried to fathom this mysterious sound motionless. A splendid production of highly polished teak wood and mahogany, and undeniably indifferent to the healthy manifestations of engine power within. Several coolies anchored the impetuous machine to earth by holding impatiently to its framework with all their might whose lives have been one round of trouble.

More than 2,000,000 boys and girls were reached through club work last year, according to a compilation recently made by the United States department of agriculture, which supervises this work in co-operation with state agricultural colleges. This number approximately \$30,000 made complete reports, which show that they produced and conserved products amounting to \$10,000,000.

England Breeds Rabbits for Food. Rabbit breeding in England has been undertaken by the government in an effort to relieve the shortage of meat due to the war.

Metion Pictures to Get Trade. The motion picture exhibition of British industries is organizing a tour of the important cities of western Europe, North and South America, and the British dominions. Films will be shown illustrating the manufacture and use of British-made goods.

Study of Rats Valuable. After 12 years of experimenting with rats, Dr. E. V. McCollum, head of the chemistry department of the school of hygiene and public health of Johns Hopkins university, has reached the conclusion that the food requirements of all animals, including man, are the same.

Fortunate Man. Postmist Jones—How it is, Smith, that you look so hale and happy and well? Optimist Smith—Every time I sit down to worry I fall asleep.—Pearson's.

What He Wants to Learn. "Pa," "Well, my son," "Can't you take me out of this public school? I'm going to and send me to one of those officers' training schools. I read so much about it."

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