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France Will Stand Firmly

WITH GREAT BRITAIN FOR FREEDOM OF DARDANELLES—BOTH WILL TAKE MILITARY AND NAVAL ACTION IF FORCED TO DO SO.

Paris, Sept. 11.—France has definitely decided to stand firmly with Great Britain for the freedom of the Straits of the Dardanelles and for some form of international control of Constantinople.

Competent observers say any military action by the Turks toward the occupation of the Dardanelles will result in military and naval action by the Allies.

Why Life's so Short.

That a baby born to-day has a good chance of living twelve years longer than its grandfather is one of the many interesting facts recorded in the annual report of the Ministry of Health for 1921, published recently.

This, however, is because babies and young people are better looked after nowadays than they were in the early years of the last century. The result has been to reduce infantile and juvenile mortality very considerably.

This chance of longer life does not apply, speaking generally, to people past middle-age. The life-expectation of men forty-five is but little better to-day than it was seventy years ago.

This is largely their own fault. Young people can, to a certain extent, be protected against themselves. Older people cannot. They will "gang their own salt," come what may; or at least, most of them will.

They eat too much of the wrong kind of food, drink too much of the wrong kind of drink, smoke too much tobacco, worry too much, over-fatigue themselves; with the inevitable result that, sooner or later, the human machine slows down and eventually comes to a standstill much earlier than it otherwise would.

This ought not to be, for the human machine, like the man-made machine, contains within itself the materials and apparatus for its own upkeep. Our bodies are constantly being repaired, and the young wastage made good, by a number of intricate processes of sifting, filtering, and so on.

If these processes could always be carried out under ideal conditions very many years would be added to a man's span of life. Absolutely ideal conditions, are, however, impossible of attainment, but it is comparatively an easy matter for all of us to approach them more or less closely.

As the Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health aptly says, the sound foundation of personal and national health is the body of man. Let that be well bred; let it be well nourished; keep it clean within and without; train it in health living, in fresh air and in exercise; avoid excess and overstrain; and we cast our anchor wisely.

What a Mirage is.

The sudden heat wave we experienced recently produced a return of that peculiar phenomenon the mirage in the Mall, in London.

This is an illusion due to the curving of rays of light from the sun as they pass through our atmosphere, and although the popular idea is that the phenomenon is caused entirely by heat, and belongs by right to the desert, this notion is not founded on fact.

For instance, the Welsh mountain, Snowden, is sometimes seen from Dublin Bay, looking as though it were only twenty miles away, and there are several instances on record of the Isle of Wight being plainly visible from Brighton.

Mirage is sometimes seen in the Arctic regions, and Captain Scoresby, the explorer, gives an amusing instance of this. When off the coast of Greenland a ship was seen upside down in the sky by the crew of his own ship, though this vessel at the time was about fifty miles away.

A similar case is recorded in the Baltic, when a whole English fleet, nineteen in all, was seen as it suspended inverted in the air by the crew of H.M.S. Archer.

As in the previous instance, the distance was fully fifty miles, yet the ships were seen so clearly that each could be plainly recognized.

These northern mirages are caused by a layer of cold, heavy air lying over the water instead of a layer of hot air rising; consequently the conditions are reversed, the rays being bent in the opposite direction.

Mirage of the heat kind is sometimes seen in the Fen district, and is not uncommon on sandy beaches such as the one at Morecombe Bay.

OLD ROOFS DISAPPEARING!—It is noticeable that many of the saddle roof slate covered houses on the North Side of Water Street, East of the Post Office, are being remodelled and not more than twenty old style roofs are now to be seen on the thoroughfare. The modernised roof will relieve pedestrians of the necessity of dodging loose plates, snow and ice, during the winter months.

Next Week ("SPECIAL WEEK") At The Nickel—Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday**Waves Don't Travel.**

Have you ever watched the waves breaking on the seashore?

The more you watch them the more certain are you that the waves actually travel. But, no matter how certain you are, the fact remains that waves do not move forward.

The waves are made of water, so that if they move forward the water, too, must move forward and would soon cover the beach.

But if you watch when the tide is going out, the waves still seem to be coming in. Moreover, if there is anything floating, you will see that it does not move forward, but remains in the same place after the wave has, apparently, passed under it.

If the wave travelled it would carry this floating object along with it.

If there is still any doubt about the matter an easy experiment will settle it.

The one end of a fairly long rope to some fixed object, and send a series of waves along it; these waves will appear to travel like those of the sea, but it is quite clear that no part of the rope can move forward because both ends are secured.

Probably no other optical illusion is more perfect than this of the waves, nor can the actual facts be more clearly proved.

How Our Royalties Spend Their Leisure.

One of the penalties of kingship is that your spare time is seldom your own. Even though the King has a certain amount of leisure he can very rarely spend it in the way he would most like to do.

For example, his Majesty is nearly as fond of walking as he is of riding. If he were not a monarch he would spend much of his time in studying the life of the streets, but he has to be content with observing it from a motor-car or state coach.

This is one reason why he developed an interest in stamp collecting. He had so few opportunities of following his own inclinations regarding an outdoor hobby that he went in whole-heartedly for an indoor one—with what success everyone knows. He has personally compiled one of the finest stamp collections in existence, and much of his spare time continues to be occupied in this way.

But his Majesty's spare time interests are not confined to stamps. He reads a great deal, his favorite books being those that deal with agriculture and old English country life.

The Queen's leisure hours are invariably occupied by feminine pursuits, and she does a vast amount of needlework. Quite recently the writer had a talk with the housekeeper of a house where the Queen has often stayed, and was told that while in residence there the Queen did more sewing in a day than the average housewife does in a week.

Her Majesty also shares the King's fondness for occasional musical evenings, and who herself plays the piano.

The Prince of Wales has no favorite odd-hour hobby, but is ready to enjoy anything that comes along. In one holiday that he spent at a country house by the sea, when he was not mowing the lawn he was indoors listening to the gramophone.

Seeing Lightning 200 Miles off.

(By A Weather Expert.)

Very often on a summer night the sky is illuminated by what is generally called sheep lightning. This happens quite frequently in England, while in the West Indies and other tropical countries the phenomenon is seen almost every night during the rainy season.

As a rule, sheet lightning is the reflection of a storm in the distance. The sound of thunder does not travel so far as you might imagine. Not nearly so far, for instance, as the sound of the firing of big guns.

But lightning, or rather its reflection upon lofty clouds, can be seen from an immense distance.

The crew of a ship at sea some seventy miles off Lima, on the western coast of South America, one night saw bright flashes in the sky.

Now, thunderstorms are unknown on that coast, and for a matter of one hundred miles inland as well, so the sheet lightning must have been the reflection of a storm that was going on nearly two hundred miles away.

Lightning, as most people are aware, is usually a discharge of electricity between the earth and a cloud,

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But a discharge may take place between two beds of clouds differently charged. Such a discharge is usually accompanied by thunder, but it is quite possible that the sound may not reach the earth's surface, for the lower bed of cloud may entirely cut it off. This silent lightning is not often experienced in England. A lightning flash may be any length from a thousand up to twenty thousand yards, yet in no case does it last more than the hundredth part of a second. It is the impression which the blinding flash leaves upon your eye which makes you believe that its duration is so much greater.

Obituary.**MARY SKIFFINGTON.**

Mary Skiffington, aged 84 years, eldest daughter of Mr. Skiffington, Colonial Street, died at the Canitatum on Tuesday, inst., after a very short illness of the sad occurrence caused found sorrow among her numerous friends as his was only a short time ago. The deceased was a very popular young lady, she was frank, straightforward, one could not know her without appreciating her many excellent qualities. She will be missed in the fly circle, where she filled the place of her late mother. Before the body reached the deceased home hundreds of citizens expressed their sympathy. The funeral took place on Thursday, inst., and was very largely attended. —R.P.

Fashion Plate

The Home Dressmaker should have a Catalogue Scrap Book of recent fashions. These will be found useful to refer to from time to time.

A COMFORTABLE HOME DRESS.

4081. Long waisted effects prevail, as this style shows. It is for tub silk, gingham, voile and for tulle, gingham and crepe, and white checked gingham is portrayed with bindings of blue, grey and orange for collar and cuffs. The sleeve in wrist length is with a dart.

The Pattern is cut in 7 sizes: 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches measure. A 38 inch size requires yards of 32 inch material. The collar at the foot is 2 1/2 yards with extended. Collar and cuffs of contrasting material require 1/2 yard each. Pattern mailed to any address on receipt of 15 cents in silver or stamps.

A POPULAR STYLE.

4088. Here is a simple elegant style, with a neat gump that is finished with wrist length of length sleeves. Plaid gingham is used for the dress and voile for the gump. This style is nice for silk, for crepe and gabardine. The Pattern is cut in 4 sizes: 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches. In order to cover the lower half of the skirt require 2 1/2 yards for the gump and 2 1/2 yards for the dress of 32 inch material.

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