

WAGNER'S SON COMING TO CONDUCT MUSIC OF THREE GENERATIONS

Siegfried Wagner, son of the famous Richard, and his English wife, Winifred Klindworth, in the garden of their home at Bayreuth. They will come to this country in January and Siegfried will conduct an orchestral tour of the principal cities to raise funds for the restoration of the Bayreuth Festival Theatre. He will conduct the music of three generations—his own; his father's, Richard Wagner, and his maternal grandfather, Franz Liszt.

VITAL STATISTICS

CITY OF ST. JOHN'S (Within the limits.)	
Total births for December, 1923.	100
Total deaths for December, 1923.	75
Deaths under one month	
Convulsions	1
Pneumo-pneumonia	1
Infantile debility	1
Total	3
Deaths under One Year	
Measles	2
Marasmus	1
Congenital Lues	1
Convulsions	1
Broncho-pneumonia	1
Hydrocephalus	1
Total	8
Deaths From One to Five Years	
Measles	10
Membranous croup	1
Septicaemia	1
Intestinal Tuberculosis	1
Convulsions	1
Typhoid	1
Broncho-pneumonia	1
Pneumonia	1
Total	16

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

YEARS.....	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
Total births, month of December	106	100	112	94	100
Total deaths, month of December	61	61	44	50	75
Deaths under one month	5	5	4	8	3
Deaths under one year	4	7	4	2	8
Deaths from one to five years	2	13	4	4	18
Deaths from five years and over	50	36	22	36	46
Total births for year	1236	1230	1216	1220	1274
Total deaths for year	631	697	595	648	632

PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

The number of deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis and the rates per 1,000 of the population for the past six years are as follows:

YEARS.....	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
Total deaths, A.....	101	58	64	42	53	42
Rates per 1,000 population.....	2.95	1.67	1.81	1.13	1.40	1.09

It is gratifying to note that the reduction in the mortality of this disease among our people during the period is a substantial one, the mortality rate having dropped from 2.95 to 1.09 per 1,000 of the population. This year's rate is the lowest on record.

Infantile Mortality

The number of children who died before completing twelve months of age was 131, which is a rate of 102.82 per 1,000 births and is the lowest rate

YEARS.....	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
Total deaths.....	137	141	180	160	167	131
Rates per 1,000 births.....	152.05	114.07	146.34	131.57	136.88	102.82

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H-E-A-D-S

(By T. W. J., in Montreal Standard.)

French surgeon cut the heads off a boy beetle and a girl beetle. Then he stuck the heads on the wrong bodies. When Old Man Beetle came out he saw his daughter trying to kick football, and his boy powdering his nose. Visiting scientists were as pleased as a kid with a taffy apple, but Mr. Beetle's blood pressure went up several hundred pounds. The poor innocent bugs.

Surgeon is now anxious to play his little trick on a couple of human beetles, but up to the present he has found no volunteers. Brains may be all right, but Gloria Swanson and Marie Provost show no signs of wanting to change heads with Lloyd George and Bernard Shaw. And beauty is all right too, but so far Rudyard Kipling hasn't offered to switch domes of thought with one of the Follies girls.

It seems hardly fair that the boy who plays hockey from school to see the six-legged cat in this idea should be spanked, while scientists can go all the way to Paris to look at a lady beetle wearing her brother's pants and no one ever says "Naughty boy."

Shows the inferiority of beetles. Takes an operation to get a beetle into pants, whereas many a wife wears the trousers without any encouragement at all.

Still it will be a pretty serious thing if a man can't be sure of waking up with his own head. Think of getting up in the morning, making ready to shave, and then seeing some other person's face in the glass. A man gets a kind of liking for his own head, even if he loses it every once in a while. There's a mutual attachment that it hurts him a lot to break. He has to get it in the neck, in fact, before he'll part with his old bean.

Curious thing. Man feels quite flattered by your interest if you tell him he should go to the doctor and have his heart or lungs examined. But tell him he should have his head examined.

A head's great object in life is to support a hat and a barber. Many a head continues to support a hat years after it has ceased to interest a barber.

To return to the realm of pure science. Great thing to change the heads of a horse and an alligator. Talk about winning a race by a nose. And how pleased the savants would be to feast their eyes on an alligator eating hay. The horse, by the way, after winning a race, could reach around and eat his jockey for dessert.

A pin is no good without a head. Neither is a cabbage. That's where man has it over pins and cabbages.

Dr. Marx Portrays Pitiable Condition of German Nation

An Unfortunate People Thankful to
Receive Foreign Charity

A CONQUERED COUNTRY

"But let us grit our teeth and say
That only He is lost Who Gives
Up the Fight," says Marx

BERLIN, Dec. 25—Christmas was a gloomy day in Germany. Chancellor Marx motored over to a broadcasting station, late in the afternoon and dictated a lugubrious "political Christmas greeting" for the edification of several thousand radio listeners scattered over Germany and nearby states.

"We are an impoverished people—so poor that thousands of our fellow-citizens are thankful that they are able to get a warm meal, these Christmas days, through the munificence of foreign charitable institutions," the Chancellor declared. He made cordial acknowledgement of Scandinavian, Swiss, United States and other outside relief work and expressed appreciation for the understanding of and sympathy for German distress manifested in those quarters.

To Meet Obligations

Listeners-in were reminded by the Chancellor that the Government's taxation program and retrenchment policies were destined to bring additional individual privation, but that these were unavoidable if the nation's disrupted economics were to be saved from complete collapse.

Reviewing the situation in the Ruhr and the Rhineland, Chancellor Marx said: "The German people and the German Government propose to meet their reparation obligations to the

full extent of their abilities, but this would be impossible if we were to be hindered from having full disposition of our most productive areas. Boycotts and oppression will never produce economic results."

"A Conquered Nation"

He believed that once the people of the Ruhr and Rhineland were granted their freedom they would promptly show their old-time enthusiasm for work, despite their present state of under-nourishment and physical privation.

"We are a conquered nation," he continued, "but a proud people that demand to live because they have the right to life, work, and happiness. Let us grit our teeth and say that only he is lost who gives up the fight. Let us work, and not despair."

Several of the Reichstag leaders also sent Christmas greetings and reflections on the situation over the radio to the listening nation.

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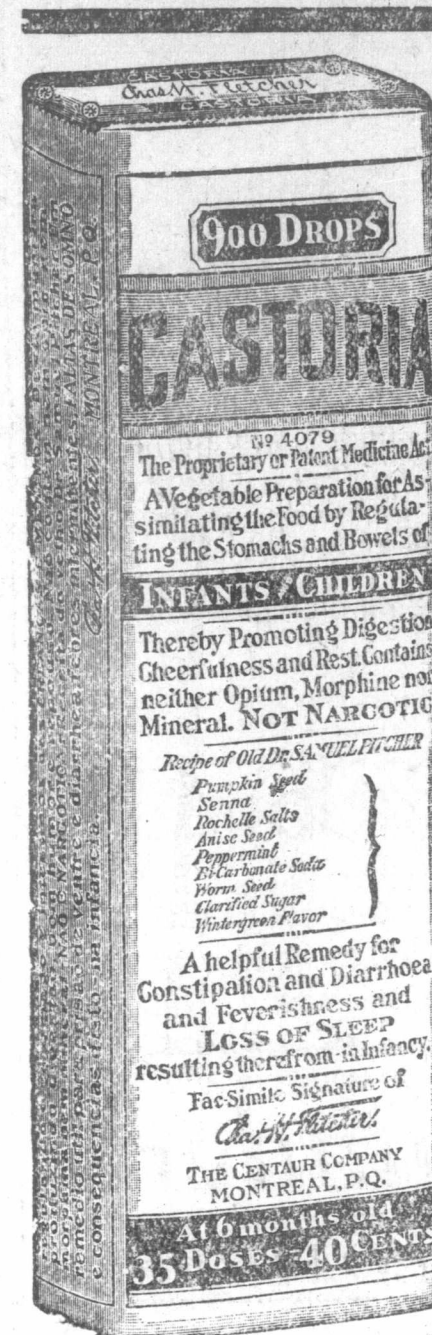
Proposed Drill Code of Knights Templar Ready for Approval

NEWTON, Kans., Dec. 27—Provisional drill regulations of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, printed in book form as authorized by a special committee at the triennial encampment at New Orleans in May, 1922, are ready for distribution throughout the country on orders from commanderies or individual six knights.

The book contains the authorization by the grand master, definitions, general principles and rules, orders, commands, all manner of drill tactics and stunts, competitive drill movements and regulations, reviews, parades, inspections, bugle signals and calls, rules for the proper display of important in the conduct of the commandery. The committee of which Col. P. M. Hoisington of Newton, was made chairman, expects to have the book adopted by the next grand encampment at Seattle, without revision.

Commanderies of Knights Templar within the jurisdiction of the grand encampment are urged to adopt the book in an authorization of the provisional report by Leonidas P. Newby grand master of the grand encampment, Knightstown, Indiana.

Agitation over a long period of years for uniform regulations was said to have prompted the action at New Orleans. Ever since the organization has existed in the United States, it was explained, each grand commandery jurisdiction has followed regulations and tactics of its own adoption and had caused some confusion and uncertainty in the triennial convocation. The committee was selected on individual merit in ability and experience in drill regulations.



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