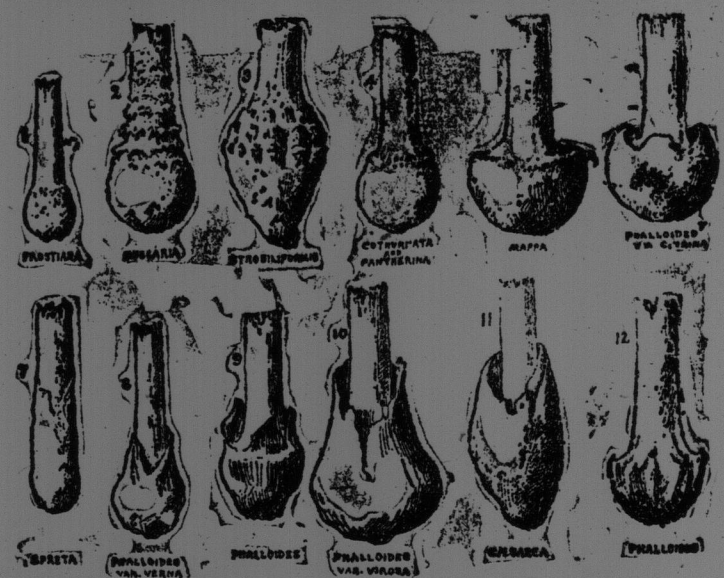
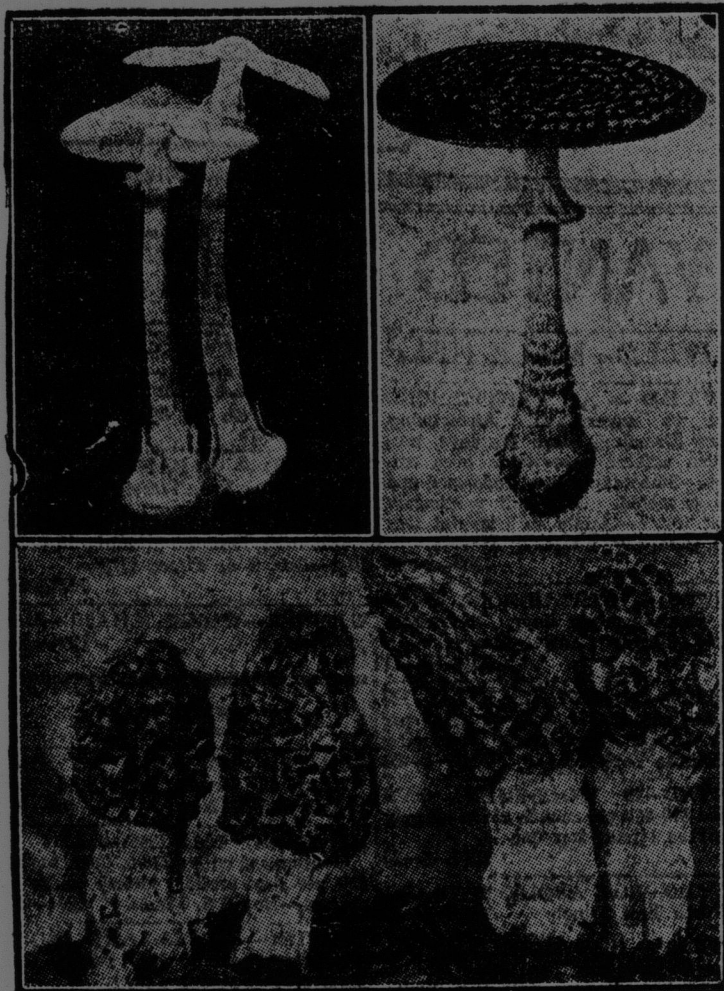


DANGER SIGNALS OF THE DEADLY MUSH-ROOM FAMILY



At the top on the left the Destroying Angel (*Amanita Phalloides*) one of the worst of the man-killing mushrooms. Note the death cup at the base of the stem and ring or veil beneath the cap. On the right the Fly Mushroom (*Amanita Muscaria*) also deadly poisonous. Death cup and veil are also present in this dangerous fungus. In the center the Morel or *Morchella Conica*, which is edible and which was recently blamed for three deaths at the Soc, Ontario. Below can be seen the various forms of death cups, which nature places on the bases or underground poraglike type, Nos. 10 and 11 and the more or less fragile crumbly or scaly type, Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Mushrooms with this cup at the base should be avoided. They are deadly.

BULGARIA.

"A country largely of peasants, scornful of idleness and pretence, yet producers of what is perhaps the world's best known symbol of luxury, attar of roses—such," says a bulletin from the American National Geographic Society, "is Bulgaria." The country has recently come into the public eye and its agrarian character has been more strongly emphasized by the meeting in Sofia, the capital, of a congress of small farmers to discuss the taking of even more radical steps toward making Bulgaria still more truly a peasant state. Bulgaria is often considered merely one of the Balkan states. But, whatever its faults and its virtues, it certainly is not colorless, and it deserves to stand on its own feet. The differences between the Bulgars and the Turks are obvious, and 600 years of domination by the latter did not serve to eradicate them.

Mingled With Slavs.

There is almost as much of a racial gulf between the Bulgars and the Greeks; and their differences are accentuated by an ancient enmity dating from the time when the Bulgars were a threatening spear-point against the Greek Byzantine empire, and later when for a space Bulgaria was tributary to that same Byzantium. The Romanians to the north are Latins and they, too, are racially distinct from the Bulgars. It is only to the Serbs and other Yugoslavs that the Bulgars are related, and that relationship is not close enough to have brought about a friendship or lasting co-operation. In a phrase, the Bulgars are Slavs who are different. The very name Bulgaria is of non-Slavic origin. It was brought in by Tartar conquerors from southern Russia in 679. Relatively few in number, the Bulgars merged themselves with the Slavs and adopted the Slavic language and customs. They were but the spice which gives the Slavic Bulgarians of today the flavor that differentiates them from their brother Slavs. Their contribution to Bulgarian character seems to have been coolness, practicalness and tenacity.

Limited Holdings.

Agriculture has always held first place in the life of the Bulgarians. Turkish domination for half a millennium made farming still more general among the Bulgars, for practically no other calling was left open to them. By weeding out the upper classes, too, the Turks made Bulgarian agriculture more and more a peasant activity. And now, by legislation, the Bulgarians themselves are emphasizing farming on a small scale. A national law limits the estate that an individual may hold to a maximum of about seventy-four acres, and most of the holdings are much smaller. Another law aims to abolish a leisure class by requiring all adults between certain ages to work. The peasants are now almost completely in control of the political machinery, with one of their number holding the premiership and with a marked majority in the cabinet and the national assembly. Bulgaria long suffered not only from the tyranny of the non-Christian Turk, but also from the diplomatic intrigues of the Christian powers of Europe. Russia liberated the country from the Turkish yoke by the Russo-Turkish war of 1877-78, and proposed to set it up as an independent nation with considerably more territory than it has today. But other powers, fearful of a strong state in the Balkans, compelled

the transfer of areas to adjacent states, divided the territory that was left into Bulgaria and Eastern Rumelia, and placed both back under the suzerainty of Turkey. Bulgaria, a semi-independent principality, elected a German prince for its ruler and remained much as it was created for seven years.

A Bad Name.

Then by a coup d'etat Eastern Rumelia was annexed to the principality, an arrangement accepted by Turkey. Full independence came in 1908, when the then Prince Ferdinand proclaimed himself czar, like the Bulgarian rulers of the country's ancient golden age. Poor leadership during the last decade has given Bulgaria a bad name with much of the outside world. After the war in which Bulgaria, Serbia and Greece defeated Turkey in 1912, there was a war over the spoils between Bulgaria and the other former allies, with Roumania finally intervening against Bulgaria. The responsibility for this conflict, whether rightly or wrongly, has generally been laid at the door of Bulgaria. During the world war, perhaps, largely because of the Hohenzollern blood of the Bulgarian tsar, Bulgaria lined up with Germany, Austria and Turkey. But the present premier was opposed to this step and was imprisoned because of his opposition. His attitude probably reflected that of his party, which is now overwhelmingly in power.

Not a Southern Country.

There is a temptation to consider Bulgaria, touching Greece as it does, a southern country. But its latitude is approximately that of Iowa. Though Bulgaria produces the usual grains, fruits, tobacco and live stock of its part of the world, it is best known for its extensive culture of roses for the manufacture of the famous and valuable attar of roses. The number of acres of roses cultivated for this purpose in Bulgaria has approached 20,000. An acre produces about 4,000 pounds of rose petals, but this great bulk of petals yields only about twenty ounces of attar. The saleable product from a whole acre is therefore little more than one pound. This much-sought essence, however, is worth from \$60 up per pound in Bulgaria, and many times more than that in foreign countries.

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TRYING TO PACIFY TURKS AND GREEKS

Another Attempt to Arrange Peace Conference—Sultan Receives Allied Chief.

Constantinople, Aug. 15.—Another attempt to get the Turks and Greeks together for a peace conference is under way. The allied high commissioners here, acting under instructions from their governments, held lengthy discussions of the situation and have finally decided upon Venice as the site of the meeting. It is believed this will be acceptable to both belligerents. The sultan yesterday received Brigadier-General Sir Charles Harington, allied commander-in-chief, and the high commissioners, who reiterated the assurances of their governments that no attack on Constantinople by the Greeks will be permitted. It is learned here that Greek airplanes have dropped thousands of Turkish translations of the British premier's speech on the near eastern question over the Turkish lines, in Asia Minor.

UNIQUE THEATRE

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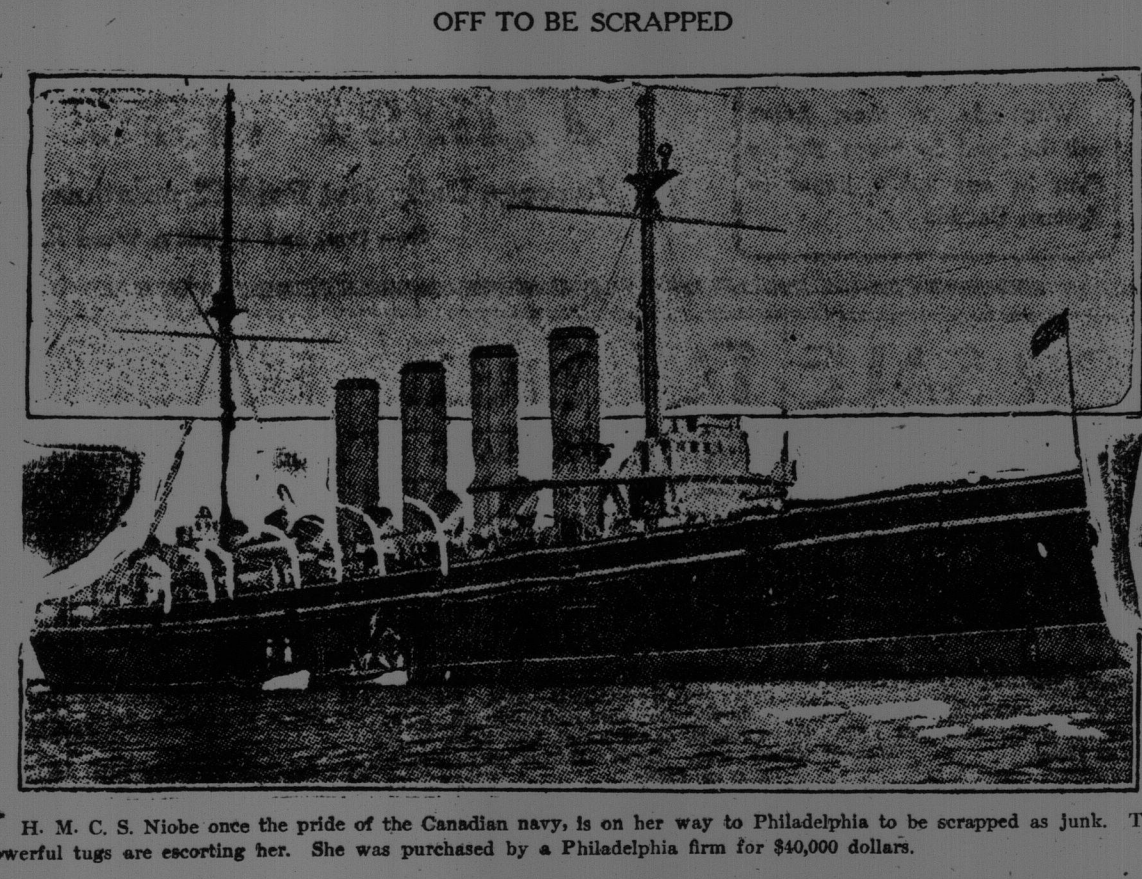
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nificant of the theme of the story: a woman striving to help her husband's advancement by vamping his superior officer and at the same time feeling the stir of feminine instincts outraged by lack of company and lack of occupation. Vamping isn't an occupation! At least it isn't a wholesome one. The play presents the star in a performance that is a worthy successor of her delineation of the leading feminine character in "Foolish Wives."

PENNSYLVANIA HAS SOFT COAL RESERVES TO LAST 290 YEARS

Harrisburg, Aug. 15.—Pennsylvania's bituminous coal fields contain 43,830,860,000 short tons of recoverable coal, enough to meet the demands of the next 290 years at the present rate of consumption, the State Department of Internal Affairs announced in making public the results of a recent survey of the

Bureau of Topographic and Geological Survey. The supply available is less than previous estimates, which had placed the amount recoverable at least 75,000,000,000 short tons. The survey fixes the original bituminous deposits at 75,259,055,000 tons, of which 4,519,775,000 have been mined. Waste and unrecoverable coal reduces the amount available to the total estimated.

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