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SEA MONSTER FOUND IN FLORIDA THOUGHT TO BE A MOLA MOLA

Weights 1,000 Pounds and
Has a Semi-Circular
Head.

Miami, Fla., Aug. 20.—A strange sea monster has drifted ashore on Key Biscayne, a few miles southeast of Miami. Weighing about 1,000 pounds and dead less than twenty-four hours, it presents a sight never before seen in these waters.

About eight feet long it is four feet in depth and only a foot across. It has a head, if it can be called that, shaped in a semi-circle measuring from back to belly across the face. Large eyes are but a few inches from a remarkably small mouth, and in the way of fins it has two small ones, but a few inches long, back of the gills, and two large vertebrae, two feet long and shaped somewhat like shark fins. A tall, or rudder shaped fin is the only other. The skin is similar to a shark's but not as tough.

Of particular curiosity is the tail fin, which seems to be hinged as a ship's rudder. There is a joint between this fin which permitted it to swing back and forth. This fin or tail at the extreme apex of the fish is the only appendage and gives the end the appearance of being cut off square with the body.

Fishermen here have exhibited un-

usual interest and every means is being taken to classify the monster.

J. T. Nichols, head of the placatory department of the American Museum of Natural History, said that the unusual sea monster found ashore on Key Biscayne undoubtedly was an ocean sunfish, or mola mola. The description of the fish given in press dispatches, he added, tallied with that of the museum's specimen of the mola mola, captured off California.

Industrial Board Opposed to Bonus As "Unfair Burden"

New York, Aug. 20.—(By A. P.)—Opposition to the proposed bonus for World War veterans, on the grounds that it is economically unsound and would impose an unfair burden on taxpayers, is expressed in a report just made public by the National Industrial Conference Board.

The report is the outcome of researches conducted in anticipation of re-introduction of the bonus bills in Congress in December.

"The principle of granting special compensation to special social groups for losses or sacrifices incurred in a common emergency," says the report, "is unwise and anti-social, and fraught with dangerous possibilities."

The findings were reached after consideration of data obtained from the American Legion, the United States Treasury, and other authoritative sources.

"The proposal," the report continues, "cannot be justified on grounds of equity and fairness to the veterans or to the general population, while it would lay upon the country a financial burden which would adversely affect the interests of the nation as well as of the veterans, and might tend to hamper the nation's necessary efforts in behalf of the incapacitated veterans at present and the needy and aged veterans of the future."

The report estimates the probable cost of the bonus at \$4,000,000,000, and adds that the proposal "wholly ignores" the \$300,000,000 already received by some veterans in State bonuses.

"Direct comparison between service men and civilians is false," it asserts, "because the factors on which such a comparison must be made cannot be evaluated in economic terms. They were an inevitable consequence of war and were the result of the chance of selection for service. Those at home were equally subject to this chance by virtue of the selective draft."

Reviewing the argument that the bonus is an economic need, the investigators hold that on this grounds other classes whose earnings did not equal war-time living costs would be equally justified in asking adjusted compensation.

AUSTRALIA TO INAUGURATE NEW FEDERAL CAPITAL

Melbourne, July 16.—(A. P. by Mail)—The next session of the Australian parliament will be in Canberra, the new Federal capital which, like Washington, D. C., is a city located and planned for the special purpose of being a national capital. The Australian capital was laid out by an American architect, Walter Burley Griffin, of Chicago.

Canberra is situated on a splendid undulating plateau about 2,000 feet above sea level, a little to the north of the highest peaks of the Australian Alps. The city site is divided by three sheets of water, supplied by the sluggish Molonglo River, and adorned by parks and boulevards. The parliament house and government buildings will face a central lake with streets laid out in octagonal form around them. On one side will be a fan-shaped residential quarter; on the other the university, municipal and industrial centers. Main thoroughfares will radiate from the parliament building.

GERMANY GETS RUSSIAN GRAIN

Hamburg, July 20.—(A. P. by Mail)—Russia has exported 600,000 tons of grain so far this year, according to statistics compiled here, where Germany has taken over two-thirds.

Before the war Russia exported about 8,000,000 tons of grain. The entire exports for this year are estimated between 2,500,000 and 3,000,000 tons.

SEAWEED FAR FROM HOME

Heligoland, July 28.—(A. P. by Mail)—Asiatic seaweed has invaded the North Sea and crowded out nearly all other forms of marine vegetation. Twenty years ago this Red Sea product was unknown in these latitudes. To day it flourishes everywhere. The invader is supposed to have been imported on the hulls of ships.

Modern English Prison Adopts Many Reforms

London, Aug. 1.—(A. P. by Mail)—Prison reform is popular just now in England, where it used to be regarded

as purely an American notion. The latest thing in prison reform has been adopted in Wakefield Gaol, with excellent results, it is said. The prison, which was closed in 1916, has been reopened as a training centre for adult prisoners.

The underlying idea of the training is to teach the prisoners to "play the game." Scarcely a warden is to be seen. To maintain order the perfect system of the English public schools has been adopted. Solitary confinement has been abolished, and there is no restraint on conversation at meal times.

The men all have allotments. They work in pairs—a man who knows something of gardening being coupled with a man who knows nothing about it. Every prisoner who does well is allowed to grow a border of flowers to decorate his "room" as the cells are called. There is plenty of work done—nine hours manual, two hours mental. Work is arranged under expert instruction.

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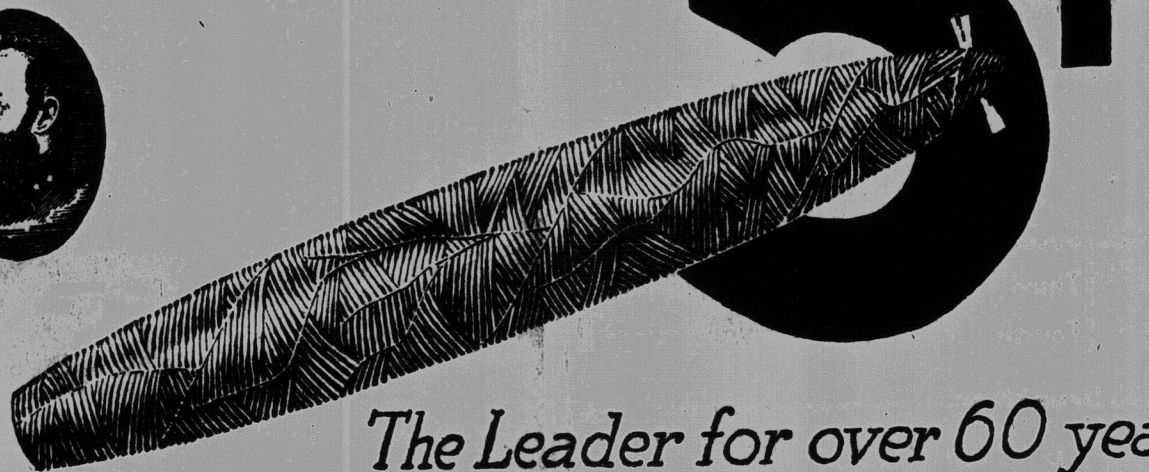
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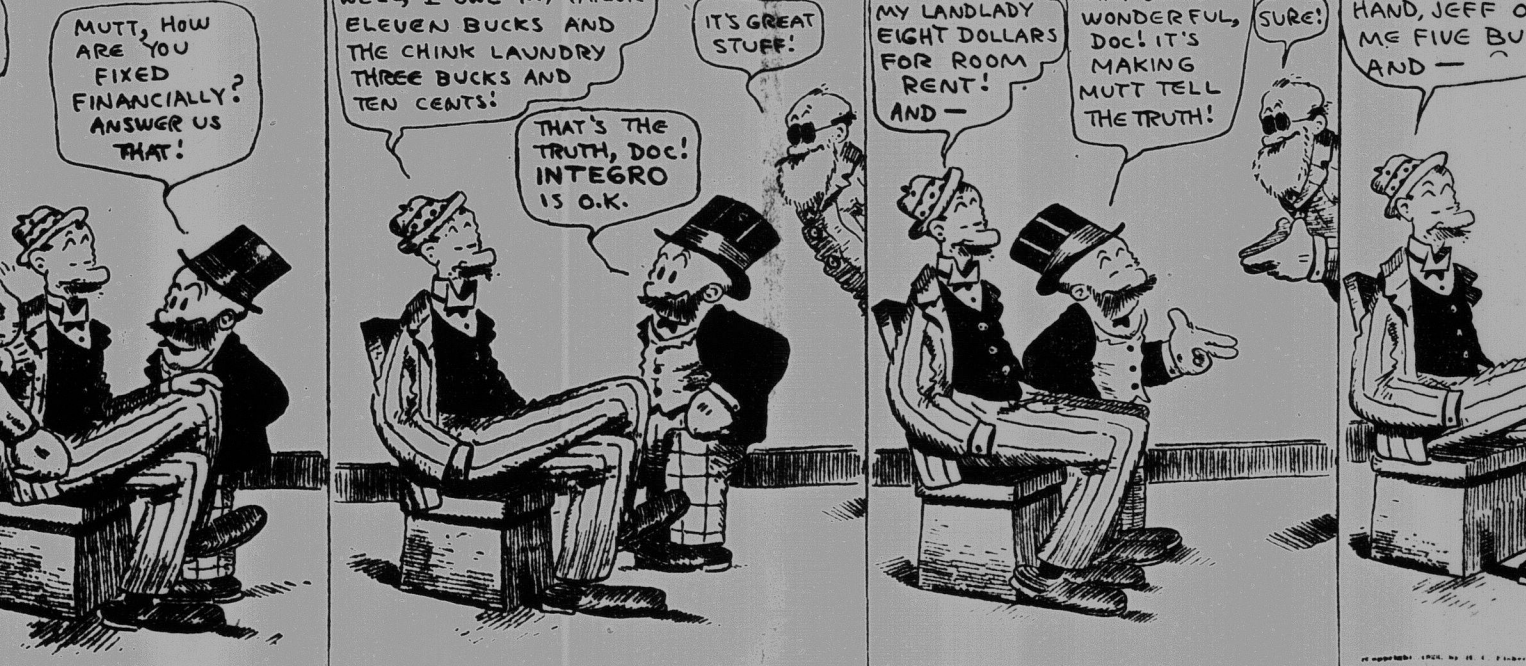
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TO SEND FREIGHT BY AIR.
Service Between Detroit and Cleveland to Start Sept. 1.

Detroit, Aug. 20.—Aerial freight service will be started between Detroit

and Cleveland about September 1. J. B. Kent, president of the International Airways Company, has announced.

Three junker planes fitted with pontoons are to be placed in service and each will make four trips daily across Lake Erie.

It was pointed out the service would be an experiment to test the practicality of aerial freight.

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