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Doings in Europe.

Horse Meat in Berlin.

The Taegliche Rundschau says that as one consequence of the continued rise in meat prices in Berlin a special municipal slaughter house for horses will shortly be established in Berlin. An extraordinary story circulated by the Deutsche Orientkorrespondenz from St. Petersburg declares that a Russian knacker who previously buried the bodies of old horses slaughtered at Reval and Dorpat for their hides has recently been making a big profit by pickling his horse meat and importing it for food into Germany. The story meets with considerable incredulity, as such importation should be impossible under the German regulations, but the Berliner Tageblatt demands an inquiry. The official figures recently published by the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung showed a considerable increase in the consumption of horse meat.

The Health of King Alfonso.

Deep anxiety prevails in court circles at Madrid owing to the well authenticated report that a Viennese specialist, consulted by King Alfonso, takes a grave view of the king's condition. The affection of the throat from which the king has been suffering for years has spread to the post-nasal organs and is progressing upward. Unless it can be checked, consequences of the gravest kind are feared. Alfonso has been advised that the only possible hope of arresting the disease lies in undergoing a course of treatment for a year, living an absolutely quiet life and abandoning all official work and entertainments.

The king is reported to have replied: "You don't guarantee a cure, and I can tell you that a year as an invalid would certainly finish me." The king's action excites intense admiration, but his restless energy and fatiguing pursuits aggravate his condition.

Serum Prevents Diphtheria.

Prof. Behring, of Paris, who in 1922, created anti-diphtheria serum, has just perfected it so that it is a preventive as well as a curative. Heretofore this serum had, above all, a curative value. Injected into a person already ill, it arrested the progress of disease in proportion to the promptness of use after the outbreak, but the serum was almost useless as a preventive. In epidemics it was only useful for a few days.

The new serum is obtained by mixing the diphtheria toxin with the anti-toxin extracted from the serum of immune animals. This is entirely harmless. Injected into school children it will cause to appear in their blood for a long period a quantity of the preservative anti-toxin. It has also the advantage of sterilizing bacilli in persons who, while their own systems resist disease, may impart it to others.

Mid Gems in Oranges.

Some days ago a dealer in precious stones in Naples, Signor Gasparo Boscarino, was robbed of jewelry valued at \$100,000, and although the suspicion of the police was directed toward two brothers who kept a fruiterer's business, a search of the shop failed to reveal anything of an incriminating nature. By chance a policeman observed some boys playing in the gutter with what proved on examination to be some of the stolen stones. The boys, who were quite unaware of their value, confessed that they had found the stones secreted in some oranges and citrons which they had purloined from the shop of the suspected brothers.

The shop was again raided by the police and the brothers were arrested. It was discovered that on the previous visit of the police the whole of the stolen property was hidden in oranges and citrons from which the pulp had been taken.

The Extermination of Mice.

German science has lately turned its attention to mouse-killing, and an effective method of exterminating the rodents by exploding bombs in their holes is the result. The country is just now suffering from something like an Egyptian plague of mice, and the scientific men long have been trying to find a means of killing the pests by wholesale. A German chemist has discovered a method of using with safety bisulphide of carbon, a gas which poisons small life. Capsules containing the elements of the gas and a little explosive cartridge are lowered into the burrows of the mice, all the entrances are stopped with earth, the capsule is exploded and the gas generated permeates all parts of the holes, killing every inmate. The process is swift, requires little labor and is cheap.

Paris Police Poorly Paid.

The Paris police, some of whose members have fallen into disgrace, are poorly paid. The maximum salary attainable by a "sergent de ville" is \$360 a year. In view of the high cost of living in Paris, this amount is inadequate to maintain a

family in any degree of comfort, and the married members of the force have frequently to supplement their incomes as best they can. Some of them earn a few francs by working as market porters during their time of duty. Others do boot repairing, and there is one who does odd tailoring jobs.

Still, in spite of these hardships, there are always plenty of men eager to join the force, about ten candidates being available for every vacancy that occurs.

Claim Millions After 20 Years.

The hearing in one of the most romantic cases ever before the French courts has begun in the civil tribunal of the Seine. It is the claim of Mme. Cotton against the French government for \$2,000,000 francs (\$1,000,000) left her by her ancestor Jean Thiry, who died in Corsica in 1675, leaving a fortune to his brothers and other descendants.

The brothers entered endless litigation in the courts over the division of the property, which the courts ordered held by the State Bank of Venice, pending final judgment. There it lay until 1785, when Napoleon seized it, using part of it to pay his army and forwarding the rest to Paris.

X-Rays for Teeth Cleaning.

A new method of dentistry is being introduced in Paris in the form of treatment of the teeth by ultra-violet rays.

Such rays from a mercury lamp, it is claimed, have the power of whitening discolored teeth and sterilizing them in such a way that they are not so easily liable to decay. The teeth to be treated are isolated from the rest, which are covered with a rubber shield. The face too is protected by a mask. The teeth are then washed with oxygenated water and exposed for an hour to the direct action of the rays.

It is stated that the teeth acquire a lustre like that of pearls. Two sittings a year are recommended to keep the teeth in good condition.

A HUMAN DEVIL.

General Villa Delights to Kill Men Who Are Helpless Before Him.

General Villa, the successful leader of the revolutionist forces in Mexico, is a murderer and thief, according to a wealthy mine owner who has just returned from that troublous country.

"Villa," said he, "is half devil and half cur. He is the most unspeakable wretch that ever straddled a horse, but he doesn't expose himself to danger if he can keep out of it. I suppose he has killed as many men with his own hands as any other man in Mexico. I doubt if half a dozen were given the chance to shoot back."

He told of one occasion in the early days of the present insurrec-



General Villa.

tion in Mexico when Villa captured twenty men of a band that had been badgering him. He condemned them to death in his usual way, never bothering with court-martials or other flub-dubbery. Then he designated himself as the executioner of his own decree. He had the men bound, hands behind backs, but with eyes unbandaged.

"This will seem impossible to you," said the mine owner, "but Villa walked down that line of men, revolver in hand. From time to time he shot a man through the heart, and stood by him until the victim had kicked his last kick. He taunted the bound men.

Prolonged Torture.

"I want you to enjoy this, as I do," he told them. "Those who gave way to terror he put aside, to be shot last of all. In that way they savored to the last twinge the full agony of their position. Some of them he half encouraged to believe that he might spare them. Then he killed them, fairly licking his lips as he did so."

There was another story, of Villa's garroting half a dozen men one day. For some reason he did not want to shoot. He slipped a short loop over the head of each man, thrust a stick through it, and twisted. As the victim gasped for breath he let up on the pressure, so that the death agonies might be as sweetly prolonged as possible. An eye-witness told the mine owner of this series.

"When they were the witness," Villa was heard to sleep like a babe."

"For years," said the man from Mexico, "Villa has made a practice of robbing isolated ranches or little towns. First he killed every man he could find, both because he liked to kill and because he carries caution to an absurd excess. Then he took the women. He led his men in the excesses that followed.

Twenty Years a Bandit.

"For twenty years Villa has been a bandit. In that time he has never exposed himself willingly to bullet or knife. I do not say that the man is a coward. I merely declare that fair play, as Anglo-Saxons understand it, is folly to Mexicans. They hate and fear Villa, but it has never occurred to them that he was anything but superlatively sane in lying behind a rock when he shot down his man, or in approaching a man with a smile, only to thrust a knife through him when his back was safely turned. They do things differently in these Latinized countries.

"Villa is an able man," said the speaker. "He kept at liberty for twenty years, during most of which time a price was on his head. He knows the desert and mountain country better than you do the lines in your hand, and he has a certain quality of loyalty not common among Mexican leaders. His men knew that if they were captured by the police or soldiers Villa would rescue them if he could. If he could not he would have revenge for them. His revenges were so bloody and cruel that towards the last he was little interfered with by the regular forces. One of Madero's mistakes was in recognizing this man. And yet he remained true to Madero as better men did not. He is a fairly good general, and has not imposed too onerous restrictions upon his men, who are for the most part mere land pirates. It is not likely that Chihuahua or any other large town will be looted by him, because of the effect upon his standing with the United States. But later you will hear that he has carried fire and sword to the lonely countryside. Every man who had money before the war began has been made to give it up—if Villa found him."

UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE.

The Automobile Is Doing Its Part To Spread the English Tongue.

France gave to the world the automobile. It would not be strange if the automobile should make France an English-speaking country. Twenty years ago there were few places in France, outside of the hotels, where a traveller could find a native with any knowledge of the English language. Today there hardly is a village in the republic where a Frenchman or a French child with a smattering of English will be encountered.

The French as a people have made more progress in the last ten years towards speaking English than in the previous ten centuries. Persons who went abroad last year for the first time in four or five years, were amazed at the tremendous spread of the knowledge of English throughout France. The automobile has done it. In some parts of France English is being taught in the public schools. Trade and travel break down the prejudice of ages. Sentiment sinks before the power of money.

France is invaded each year by an army of Americans and Britishers in motor cars. Nowhere do they find better roads or more places of historic interest or charm. No pleasure seekers are more lavish in their expenditures. The lacemakers of the hamlets, the shopkeepers of the quaint old towns, and the keepers of crumbling chateaux, find it profits to be able to speak the tongue of the rich visitor. France gains a pretty penny through this annual invasion, and each year the gain is larger.

What is true regarding France is true to a minor degree in respect to Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland and Austria. Wherever the automobile goes it drops the seeds of gold that flower into English. It is idle to talk of Volapuk or Esperanto as the universal language. Whatever chance they ever had was ruined by the automobile. If there is to be a universal language, it will be English. And the men who have unwittingly done the most towards this end are Daimler, Beau de Rochas and Panhard, one a German, the other two French.

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Tested Recipes.

Mock Angel Cake.—Mix and sift four times one cupful of fine granulated sugar, one and one-third cupfuls of flour, three tablespoonfuls of baking powder and one-third teaspoonful of salt. Pour on gradually while serving constantly two-thirds cupful of hot scalded milk.

Pineapple Bavarian Cream.—Two tablespoons granulated gelatin, half cupful of cold water, one can grated pineapple, half cupful of sugar, one tablespoon lemon juice, whip from three cups of cream. Soak gelatin in cold water. Heat pineapple, add sugar, lemon juice and soaked gelatin; chill in a pan of ice water until it begins to thicken, then fold in the whip from cream, mold and chill.

Currant Muffins.—One cup milk, 2 tablespoons fat, 1/4 cup sugar, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 4 teaspoons baking powder, 1 egg, 1-3 cup currants. Mix and sift dry materials together, add milk, then beaten egg and melted fat. Stir in currants, which have been washed and sprinkled with a little flour. Bake in a moderate oven about twenty minutes.

Hollandaise Sauce.—One-half cup butter, 2 egg yolks, 1 tablespoon of lemon juice, 1/2 teaspoon of salt and 1-3 cup of water. Cook over a slow fire as you would a custard.

Eggs a la Suisse.—Four eggs, 1/2 cup cream, 1 tablespoon butter, salt, pepper, speck cayenne, 2 tablespoons of grated cheese. Heat a small skillet, put in butter and when melted add cream. Slip in the eggs one at a time, sprinkle with salt, pepper and a few grains of cayenne. When whites are nearly firm sprinkle with cheese. Finish cooking and serve on buttered toast. Pour cream over the toast.

Breaded Veal Cutlets.—Dredge veal with flour, dip in egg, then in bread or cracker crumbs. Brown in hot fat, cover with milk and cook in very slow oven until tender.

Meat Loaf.—This is best made of half veal and half salt pork. Mix with this the yolk of an egg and dried breadcrumbs. To be tender and juicy it must be cooked in an oven which has a very low fire under it. The white of the egg may be put over the top of the loaf to give it a glaze.

Quick Cake.—One-half cup butter, 1 cup brown sugar, 2 eggs, 1/2 cup milk, 1-3 cups flour, 3 teaspoons cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon grated nutmeg, 1/2 pound dates, stoned and cut in pieces. Soften the butter and put all ingredients in a bowl. Beat together for 3 minutes. Bake 35 to 40 minutes.

Prune Whip.—Whites of three eggs, three-quarters of a cup of prune pulp, one-quarter cup of

sugar, one teaspoon lemon juice. Beat the whites of eggs until stiff, fold in the prune pulp, sugar and lemon juice. Pile lightly in buttered baking dish and bake twenty minutes in a slow oven. Serve cold with cream. This may be served hot if desired.

Peanut Cookies.—One-fourth cup sugar, two tablespoons butter, one egg, one teaspoon baking powder, one-quarter teaspoon salt, one-half cup flour, two tablespoons milk, one-half cup finely chopped peanuts, one-half teaspoon lemon juice. Cream the butter and sugar together and add egg well beaten. Sift dry materials and add alternately with the milk to the butter and sugar mixture. Add peanuts and lemon juice. Drop from a teaspoon on an unbuttered sheet one inch apart. Place half a peanut on top of each and bake twelve to fifteen minutes in a slow oven.

Useful Hints.

Fried food should not be allowed to become chilled before serving. The stove front can be painted with black stove enamel instead of blackening it daily.

Kerosene is not so explosive as it is inflammable, but it should never be brought in contact with fire. If oatmeal is put to soak overnight in cold water it will only take half the time to cook it in the morning.

It is a good idea to put a heavy Turkish towel on the bottom of the dishpan when washing fine china or glass.

The juice of a lemon added to a pan of water will freshen wilted vegetables. Let them stand in it for one hour.

Roast pork should never be eaten by anyone with a delicate digestion. Salmon and herring are also very hard to digest.

It is a good idea to have a good-sized kitchen salt shaker filled with a mixture of salt and pepper. This saves time in seasoning.

Always push a new lamp wick through the top of a burner, wet the lighting end in kerosene, turn low and allow it to stand a day before using.

The odor of kerosene lamps can be stopped by putting one teaspoonful of fine table salt into each lamp. The salt should be changed once a month.

The term "folding," used in recipes, means the cutting down and lifting up the mixture in such a way as to distribute it over as little as possible.

Potatoes are not so apt to rot if the cellar is not kept too warm. Sprinkle air-lime among them lightly to keep the light away.

To clean windows easily first wipe thoroughly with a dry cloth. Then rub with a chamois skin which has been wrung out of cold water. No further polishing is needed.

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