

Wealthy Indian Has no Heirs.

WASHINGTON.—Disposal of the fortune of Jackson Barnett, reputed to be Oklahoma's wealthiest Indian, has been arranged at his request to keep it out of the hands of "designing persons" when he dies, Charles H. Burke, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, has announced. The plan, it was said, assures Barnett an income of about \$50,000 a year during his life and disposes of the bulk of his estate, comprised of his allotment in the Cushing oil pool of Oklahoma and Liberty Bonds and cash amounting to \$1,500,000, through gifts and trusts in such a way as to explode the schemes of a host of "designing persons" whose activities and ingenuity have added considerably to the work of the Indian bureau. Barnett, who has no living relatives with legal or moral claims upon him, according to Mr. Burke's announcement, has been in the public eye more prominently perhaps than any other Indian, not only because of his great wealth, but because of his sensational marriage about three years ago, when his bride is alleged to have kidnapped him from his guardian in Oklahoma and taken him to Kansas, where they were married. The disposal of the estate includes gifts of \$500,000 each to Barnett's wife and the Baptist Home Mission Society of New York. Out of the gift to Mrs. Barnett she establishes a trust fund of \$200,000 through a Washington bank, with the provision that Barnett is to receive \$7,500 of the annual income, and the entire gift to the mission society is deposited with a New York trust company, which agrees to pay him \$20,000 a year from its proceeds as long as he lives. It is explained that the gift to the society, which will go to its permanent endowment fund, is not a denominational church donation, but is made solely because the organization has administrative control over Beacon College and the Murrow Indian Orphan's Home in the heart of the Indian country of Oklahoma. Barnett in addition to the \$7,500 a year thus assured to him from these two gifts, it is explained, retains title to his allotment in the Cushing oil field, which is bringing him more than \$18,000 annually and is receiving about \$5,000 a year in interest on loans which have been made for him.

Franklin, Saver of Daylight.

Daylight saving is commonly regarded as a British device, because it was proposed and practiced in that country some years before its trial here. But now it appears that it was a "Yankee notion" of ancient date, having been devised by no less an authority than Benjamin Franklin. A writer in "L'Intransigeant" recalls that, on April 26, 1784, there appeared in "Le Journal de Paris" a letter from the great American philosopher, in which he set forth his conception of the daylight-saving idea. He related that one night, after tarrying with friends until a late hour, he went home at 3 o'clock in the morning and retired, hoping to have a long sleep. But very soon he was awakened by the noise made by his neighbors in the apartment overhead. "I was astonished," he said, "to see my room lighted, and thought first that a dozen lamps had been lighted, but upon rubbing my eyes I realized that my servant had forgotten to close the shutters, and that the sun was rising. I looked at my watches, which were going well, and saw that it was only 4 o'clock. As I found it extremely extraordinary that the sun rose so early I consulted my almanac and read there that the sun would continue to rise earlier every day until the end of June. "This suggested to me several serious reflections. I considered that if it had not been for the accident that shortened my sleep I would have slept six or seven hours longer, and that many persons were every day doing the same. Let us suppose there are in Paris 100,000 families, each of which consumes half a pound of wax candles an hour; this con-

sumption would go on during six months, with a daily mean of seven hours, which, for the 100,000 families of Paris alone and the 135,000,000 of wax, at the average price of 40 sous a pound, an annual expense of 9,875,000 Tournois livres. "What a discovery and what a saving," cried Franklin, "if only the Parisians could be persuaded to live in summer only in daylight! But how convince them?" And Franklin proposed three means: "First—To put a tax of one louis on every window that had shutters preventing the light from entering the rooms as soon as the sun was on the horizon. "Second—To establish a law to diminish the consumption of wax and candles; to put guards in the stores of wax chandlers and not permit a family to purchase more than one pound a week. "Third—Have all the bells of the churches ring at sunrise, and, if need be, have cannons fired in every street to open the eyes of the lazy people to their interest." The means employed in our days are quite different.



Harrison Ford who supports Norma Talmadge in "The Wonderful Thing" which is the offering at the Nickel Monday.

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

SETTLEMENT OF SYDNEY STRIKE ASSURED. SYDNEY, Feb. 17. Settlement of the Sydney steel strike seems assured. After a conference ending at 3.30, this morning a basis of agreement was reached and will be voted upon immediately by the striking steel workers. The company proposes to reopen the case of Sir MacNeil, discharging for alleged insubordination. If the evidence shows that MacNeil was guilty, his discharge will be made permanent, but if proven innocent he will be reinstated. This proposition proved acceptable to the workers committee, and they will recommend it to their men. When the vote is taken there seems no doubt whatever that it will be accepted.

THE LAST WORD.

DUBLIN, Feb. 17. President Cosgrave this morning issued "the word" statement on peace question in which he says Government "determined to put down this revolt against democracy regardless of cost; let no man be deceived if anyone continue in this unnatural war upon his own people. After the expiration of stated period of amnesty, he must be prepared to pay the price in full for there will be no turning back upon this. Furthermore it must be clearly understood there will be no meeting for negotiations on the part of the Government with DeValera, Liam Lynch or any of their collaborators in destruction, male or female." Amnesty period proclaimed by Free State Government on Feb. 8th, expires Sunday.

MADAME VIVIANI DEAD.

PARIS, Feb. 17. Madame Rene Viviani, wife of former Premier Viviani, died last night after an illness of a few hours.

TROUBLE AT DUSSELDORF.

DUSSELDORF, Feb. 17. Bomb throwing and serious cases of sabotage in Ruhr Valley during the night.

MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT HARDING.

LONDON, Feb. 17. Eight members of Commons signed the following cable to Harding: "America with Great Britain unwittingly has made France's destructive action possible. We appeal for American co-operation to-day to save Europe."

RELIEF FOR UNEMPLOYED.

LONDON, Feb. 17. The British unemployment situation may be relieved in some degree by a project now under way to have skilled artisans work in war-devastated regions and other points of France. Acting on his own initiative a committee, representing workers and the British Ministry of Labor, have gone

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to France and an agreement may be signed next week between French and British Departments of Labor.

FUNDING SETTLEMENT COMPLETED. WASHINGTON, Feb. 17. The United States Congressional approval of the British Funding Settlement was virtually completed last night when the Senate passed the House Funding Bill by a vote of 70 to 13.

COURT MARTIAL. ESSEN, Feb. 17. A French court martial, at Bredey, trying Germans on a charge of resisting occupying forces, sentenced Oberburgomaster Havenstein of Oberhausen, to three years imprisonment, and director Buszmann Rheinisch-Westphalian Electric Works to pay a fine of five million marks.

SCHOONER IN TOW OF COAST-GUARD. NORFOLK, Feb. 17. The four-masted schooner Friendship, Rockland, Maine, reported as sinking yesterday, is expected to pass Virginia Capes to-day in tow of the coastguard Manning.

Try an Onion! There Are Many Strong Points About It Apart from Its Smell.

Although apples have their virtues, the saying "An apple a day keeps the doctor away" should be revised to "An onion a day keeps the doctor away." One humble onion is worth fifty apples from the medicinal, disease-preventing point of view.

It almost seems as if the onion was specially created for the definite purpose of keeping men and women healthy, free from disease, and practically immune from infection.

The freedom from disease and will, in its passage through the body, destroy every poisonous germ and purify the blood. A sliced onion placed in an open dish in a sick-room will gather to itself the microbes and germs in the air quite as well as any expensive disinfectant will do. But the onion must afterwards be thrown away, never eaten.

Keep the "Flu" Away. Those who include onions in their regular diet never suffer from neuralgia, headache, or kindred troubles. When influenza is about not a doctor in the land could prescribe a better preventive than the humble onion. The juice of an apple is good for the teeth, but the juice of an onion is a hundred times better.

The freedom from disease and longevity of the Breton onion-growers is well-known, and the smooth and silky complexion of the women has been often remarked. For a fact, for a clear skin and beautiful complexion nothing can beat onions!

Yes, they make the breath odorless, but only until your system has become accustomed to them.

An onion poultice on a bruise will quickly take away all discoloration. A painful strain of sprain is also eased by an onion poultice. Finally, onion juice is excellent for a wasp sting and for raising hair on bald heads. And yet in nine houses out of ten an onion could not be found at any time in the year!

OPEN AIR SKATING.—During the past few weeks large numbers of people find excellent enjoyment on the open air rink at Bannerman Park. The ice is now in excellent condition for skating.

Big Railway Orders. A MILLION STERLING TO BE SPENT BY INDIA. (News of the World Special.) Big contracts for locomotives and materials for Indian railways will be placed in Great Britain shortly. A first instalment will be the announcement at an early date, it is expected, of orders for 120 locomotives, valued roughly at £1,000,000 sterling, Messrs. Armstrong & Co., Newcastle, whose recent successes in open competition include the capture of the

big Southampton dry dock and the hull of one of the battleships, are pretty certain to book one-half of this part of the work. Mr. Bonar Law, it is stated, has agreed to look into the question of so much Indian railway work finding its way into German and other workshops on the Continent. Notwithstanding that the price offered by British makers for locomotives, and wheels and axes, was only 5 per cent, or 10 per cent, in excess of the Germans, the contracts were placed in that country.

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Pacific Cruise of Discovery. An expedition of scientists leave London early in the summer navigate tracks of the Pacific have hitherto been unexplored and little-known lands. An attempt will also be made to trace the track of the recent earthquake that did much damage on Chilean coast. This voyage of discovery is organized by the Scientific Expeditionary Research Association which will shortly be officially inaugurated at Burlington House, Cadilly. A schooner of 2,000 tons, with auxiliary oil engine, will be fitted for the cruise, which will extend 10 months. The number of scientific adventurers will be limited, some of whom will be women. Discussing the project with a Mail reporter recently, Sir J. D. Mackenzie, chairman of the committee, said: "So far as sons have declared their willingness to accompany the expedition, it will be a wonderful cruise, with adventure, sport, and sight-seeing as well as the fascinating work of search among the flora and fauna of the distant islands of the Pacific." A doctor and also a student with hospital training for the expedition will be carried. It is proposed to man the ship with men who have served with the Navy or Mercantile Marine. Commander D. Blair, R.N.R., will be in command. It is probable that a seaplane will be taken to make aerial observations and photographs. The voyage will be from London to the Canaries, en route for the Isthmus of Panama, thence to the Canal to the Galapagos Islands and on to Easter Island. From Easter Island a westerly course will be taken, a series of tropical lands lying off the ordinary routes will be visited. The organizing secretary of the Scientific Expeditionary Research Association, the offices of which are at 68, Pall Mall, S.W., is Lieut. Col. W. Kealey. American History in Canadian Schools. The people of British Columbia justly proud of their history which history is taught in the schools of that Province. Hincliffe, M.P.P., recently referred to the matter at length in the Columbia Legislature. He spoke particularly of the "History of Europe," the text book used in the University of British Columbia from the quotations given in an evidence that this "history" is an American publication and meant for the States schools and has been put upon the people of that Province. "I find," said Canon Hincliffe, "that seventy-five pages of history are devoted to the great and in all that the Canadian people referred to just twice. I find that the greatest military feats performed by the British or any other nation since the retreat from Mons—is all used by the words 'The French English rapidly retreated southward' a word of the tremendous odds of the heroism which should be an inspiration to every Canadian youth. As a matter of fact this seventy-page history of the great war is being more or less than a glorification of the United States, including the son's precious fourteen points and the rest that helped to wreck the settlement. In this work is a long speech delivered by Prof. Wilson in 1914, but not a reference to the outstanding pronouncement of Lord Grey, then Sir Edward Grey, about the same time. But his delicious bit: 'At last in 1917 England became a democracy after more than a century. It is essentially a people in spite of its King and nobility.' Just what happened in 1917 we are curious to ascertain. The heads of the university of Toronto tell us. They might indeed write a treatise on it and distribute the same to members in the Legislature, as was to the school children. Canadians with mature minds fully developed reasoning powers afford to laugh at such exaggerated historical misrepresentation, but of the youth in the formative period of their lives, I am sure that the First Impressions are deep and long. American influences which have warped and altogether distorted the conception of the history of our own and the British Empire should not be allowed to have no place in our schools. It is a great pity that our Government in its formative period did not see that the school books of our own Provinces were standardized, and particularly so in respect to our own works. As it is each Province has its own and a good deal of the work does it very badly. The thing for British Columbia is to make a bonfire of the lot and to fresh with a history written by a recognized British or Canadian author. Saturday-Night, Toronto. HINDRICK'S LINIMENT FOR COUGHS & COLIC.