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THE "DEATH RAYS"

Is there a "Doc" Cook among the inventors of death rays? Possibly, yet no nation appears ready to run the risk of losing a supremely deadly weapon which might be used against it in war, and so the ray merchants are sought rather than ignored. The Matthews ray, it is now reported, is to be controlled by a British company.

The inventors, or alleged inventors, of such rays appeal strongly to the imagination of a world which still dwells reluctantly upon the horrors of the recent war, but most scientific and military men are still very skeptical about the claims of those who profess to have made discoveries which would revolutionize warfare. Among these "revolutionary" weapons, "disabbling" rays, there are now four Englishmen, a Russian, and a German. It was asserted recently in the Reichstag that the German Government had under control a process that would destroy aeroplanes, stop the engines of tanks or ships, and "spread a curtain of death." Very lately, too, Trotsky boasted about a ray which a Russian had invented, and made some characteristic threats about what would happen if other nations "tempted Russia to violence." Both Matthews and Professor Wall declare that attacking aeroplanes can be put out of business, and that their rays would destroy vital parts of a warship's machinery and put the crew out of action as well.

Lord Birkenhead is among the skeptics. In speaking of Matthews he says: "That an unknown amateur should stumble upon an epoch-making discovery is about as likely as that a child of five should defeat either the champion chess player or Mlle. Lengien." While that is true, and while skeptics are numerous enough in the war departments of most nations, Matthews appears to have had dealings of a sort with three or four countries, whose representatives are not only ready but anxious to secure control of his device if he can give any demonstration of its power sufficient to warrant belief in its efficacy, and the British company would scarcely have acted in advance of evidence that it was of some value. Without dismissing the diabolical rays altogether, the New York Times says that "it all comes down to this, that a ray, or stream of electric particles, can be developed and shot out for a short distance with unknown possibilities of destructiveness, but whether with increased power it could be projected as far as to be an effective and deadly agency in warfare the inventors do not know. Nor do they know that it could not be rendered harmless by protective appliances. If paid a substantial fee, the inventors will continue their experiments in the hope of evolving a new terror in war. Meanwhile, there is no occasion for concern about a death-dealing device that may never be anything more than a laboratory experiment."

AT SCAPA FLOW.

When the great German fleet was surrendered and when the Germans scuttled most of their ships at Scapa Flow, with the curious idea of avoiding some portion of their humiliation or of cheating their victors out of the prizes of war, it was supposed that the incident was closed. German naval power had been destroyed in a spectacular and effective fashion without parallel in history; but it now turns out that an immense work of salvage, the most extensive ever undertaken, will be necessary on the part of the British in order to clear the anchorage ground at Scapa Flow of the rustling German hulks.

It is expected that this work may occupy eight or nine years. The first step is the dispatch to the scene of an immense floating workshop which is to carry on the work of salvage and disposing of the sunken ships. There is no thought of attempting to repair or place them in commission again; the purpose being only to sweep the bottom clear of the collection of junk to which the Germans reduced many of their finest vessels by sinking them.

Curiously enough the floating workshop which is to be used in raising the German wrecks is a great German one which was surrendered to the British at Harwich. This machine shop, which is also a machine shop, has been towed to the Orkneys and there will be cut into two pontoons, each complete in itself and each 200 feet long, so that any sunken ship may be worked on from both sides. It is thought that the first to be tackled will be the great Hindenburg, which, it was found, is resting upright on the bottom, whereas some of the other ships, including the battle cruiser Seydlitz, are lying on their sides. The work will be long and expensive, but a portion of the cost will be paid by disposing of a great deal of junk and of some of the more valuable fittings of the German ships.

All of which is a grim reminder of Germany's beautiful prediction that she would one day rule the ocean. She is rapidly rebuilding her merchant fleet,

we have only five ships that could hold their own theoretically in an engagement with the British line of battle. What is being done, or authorized to be done, is meant to bring the American fleet up to the level of British strength in time, but the President is authorized to suspend any or all construction if another conference to limit armaments is called at any time. This is an important provision for the British Prime Minister and Mr. Coolidge are in agreement that such a conference will be brought about so soon as the improvement in European conditions warrants such a step.

There are about forty candidates for the Democratic nomination for the presidency. Of these the best known are Senator Underwood of Alabama, Governor Al. Smith of New York, and William G. McKelvey, son-in-law of Woodrow Wilson. The prophets are saying that none of the three can be nominated, and that the prize is likely to go to a dark horse. Scarcely ever in the history of the party has there been more uncertainty as to the standard bearer, but many Democrats think the chance of beating Mr. Coolidge is good, chiefly because there is widespread unrest and desire for a change.

Premier Smuts is fighting with his back to the wall in South Africa. Opponents hounded him down at one meeting in Durban, but he turned this violence to good account a little later, appealing strongly to the orderly and right-thinking people who are with him in his struggle to keep the country within the Empire. The result of the elections on June 17 is still regarded as doubtful, but throughout the Empire hope is strong that General Smuts will crown his career by victory.

Two Japanese citizens in Tokio have committed suicide as a protest against the American exclusion law. Tokio thinks this is too many, and Washington that it is not enough.

"BLEACHERIES"

(St. Paul Pioneer-Press.)
"Bleacheries" is the name of the disorder from which America is suffering—so Dr. James Edward Rogers told the National Congress of Parents and Teachers Association convening in this city. As he believes, we have become a nation of onlookers content with such amusements as may be obtained with the least effort. The movies, the radio and the automobile have been the instruments of our degradation, our deterioration from vigor and activities.

Be Curious

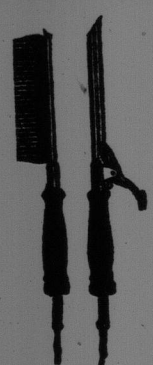
Be curious about the condition of your eyes. Your own notion of their power and adjustment is all you have to go by. If you could see with the eyes of others who are proven perfect, then you could safely judge.

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extended rather than shortened. Degeneracy cannot, therefore, be quite the immediate danger that our diagnosticians would persuade us.

HAPPINESS

(London Observer.)
This is the flower which turns the night to day.

The hope, the dream, the goal, the long-sought prize.

This is the flower of flowers. Ah, come away.

Let you should wither it with your fierce eyes.

Its light and haunting blossoms are more frail

Than floating bubbles are; the softest breath

Will wreck its beauty like a winter gale.

And tear the petals down and scatter death.

It needs no storm to bruise the tender bell,

Nor any tempest for its shattering.

Your eager hands will spoil it. Ah, I know well

That eager hands will spoil the lovely thing!

IN LIGHTER VEIN

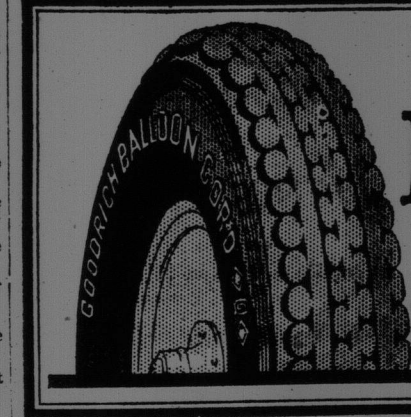
Quite Calm

"No, Euphemia, it isn't a sign that a camper is angry when he pitches his tent out of doors."

No Waste in Nature

Here is a professor who claims to know what becomes of a light when it goes out. When he has succeeded in explaining that one he may clear up the ancient mystery about what becomes of all the yins—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Mystery, nothing," comments J. L. H. "Every schoolboy knows that pins ultimately find their way to earth and become tarrapins."

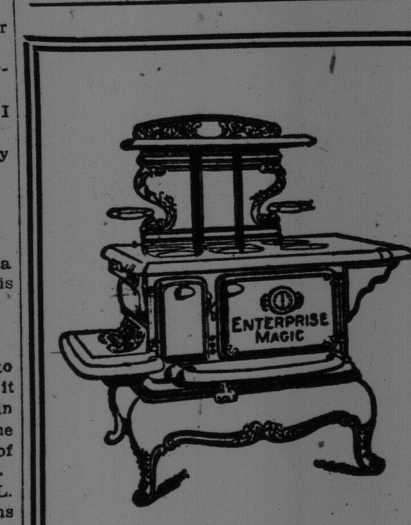


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