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**Fortunes of
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(New York Sun)
Washington left an estate valued at more than \$100,000; John Adams died moderately well off, leaving about \$75,000; Jefferson died so poor that if Congress had not purchased his library at \$20,000, he would have been a pauper; Madison was frugal and left about \$150,000; Monroe died so poor that he was buried at the expense of his relatives; John Quincy Adams left about \$55,000; Jackson died worth \$80,000; Van Buren left some \$40,000. It is said he did not draw his salary while in office, but at the expiration of his term of service drew the whole \$100,000. Polk left an estate valued at \$150,000; Taylor had saved something from his pay while in the army and died worth \$150,000; Tyler married a lady of wealth; Fillmore was always frugal and added to his savings by marrying a woman of wealth, and was worth \$200,000; Pierce's estate was valued at \$50,000; Buchanan left \$200,000; Grant became wealthy, but lost his fortune in the Grant and Ward failure; Hayes was always frugal and added to his fortune while Garfield was only moderately well off; Harrison died worth \$250,000; while Cleveland's fortune was large; McKinley and Taft were not well off; Roosevelt had a substantial competence; Wilson has royalties from his books and his second wife is a woman of wealth.

**WOODROW
WILSON.**

While the campaign managers of the republican party are still in doubt regarding the election of Woodrow Wilson as next president of the United States, independent opinion has little if any hesitation in accepting the claim of a democratic victory. We do not think that Canadians should be disappointed at the result. True, the policy of Washington in recent months has served to arouse some irritation on this side of the line, but we must not forget that the attitude of the United States is "strict neutrality," and that the government, while the great majority of the people may be sympathetic with the allies, is bound to observe that attitude. Indeed, it may be claimed that on the whole Wilson's policy of strict neutrality has operated more in favor of Great Britain and her allies than in Germany's favor. Whatever the policy of Mr. Hughes might have been if he had succeeded President Wilson in the White House, it is known that he was strongly supported by the Pro-German element in the United States, and as a consequence might be susceptible to Germanic influence. For the country over which he presides, Woodrow Wilson has followed what his friends have described as the "safe and sane" course. The proof that the majority approve of that course lies in his re-election to the presidency.—Sydney Record, Nov. 11.

**Man Battles
With Jelly Fish**

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Nov. 13.—G. H. Wilson was sent to the Cottage Hospital here in a critical condition recently. He had a life and death struggle with a huge jellyfish. Four hundred feet from shore, off Serena, Wilson was suddenly attacked.

He saw before him what he later said looked like a great sheet of butter and eggs. Suddenly the strips of yellow and what began to separate from the mass and extend toward him. He turned to swim out of reach when the creature threw its tentacles about him and the mad fight was on. In the struggle Wilson broke the mass into fragments, but reached the shore exhausted, and his face and shoulders stringing as though from scalds.

At the hospital it was said that the patient would recover. His pain at times was so intense that morphine had to be administered. His shoulders and face resemble one mass of poison oak burns.

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**Is Germany Honest in
Her Offer to Poland?**

Germany and Austria have united in an announcement that Poland is to be free, that is to say, that part of Poland which is under Russian sovereignty and has been overrun by the Teutonic armies. They propose that the ancient kingdom shall be in part restored, but they fail to promise that the Poles who are under the German heel and the Poles who acknowledge the Austrian yoke shall be joined to their Russian kin. The purpose of this announcement is obvious. The Germans hope that the millions of Russian Poles now temporarily under German authority will spring to arms to win the independence which they have so long struggled for; but the significance of the announcement, in the opinion of the New York Tribune, is that Germany and Austria have abandoned all hope of making a separate peace with Russia. Ever since the beginning of the war the Teuton statesmen have had the idea that diplomacy might rupture the Allies' league, and that one or the other might be detached. In the hope that Russia might be disaffected, no announcement concerning the future of Russian Poland was made for more than a year after it had been conquered. Germany hoped to use this great territory, one-quarter as large almost as the German Empire, as a bait to Russia. Now she has concluded that it is useless to attempt to deal with Russia, and so she burns her bridges behind her.

The Czar's Promise
The German offer is also a belated effort to equal the bid of the Czar for Polish support. Early in the war he announced that the restrictive and even oppressive laws that affected Russian Poland would be abolished, and expressed the conviction that after the struggle all Poles—Russian, German and Austrian—might be reunited in one kingdom, under Russian protection. This offer went further than the latest bid, for it was a renunciation on the part of Russia of Russian Poland, with a population of 12,000,000. In Austria and Germany there are probably 9,000,000 Poles. If one can imagine Germany victorious, and keeping her word by restoring to nationhood twelve million Poles, it is conceivable that this new kingdom would not draw to itself or attempt to draw to itself the other nine million brothers living under the German and Austrian flags?

A Mad Offer
In the certain event of a defeat for the Central Powers Russia and the other Allies would have the German precedent for making Poland independent. Germany having offered independence to Russian Poles, Russia can with perfect propriety offer independence to the German Poles. If Russia lost her Polish population it would amount to no more than the topping off of a finger-joint. If Germany is to lose her Polish population the operation will more closely resemble the excision of a part of her neck. The Poles are extraneous to Russia. They are a loose end. In Germany Poles and Germans are inextricably mixed in East Prussia, West Prussia and Posen. If these districts are to be incorporated in the Kingdom of Poland a wall will be erected anew between East Prussia and the rest of Germany which Frederick the Great broke down. Bismarck said he would rather lose Westphalia than the Polish provinces.

Rather Russia Than Germany.
The German bid for Polish support does not specify, though it implies, that the German Emperor would expect some sort of overlordship of the new kingdom. The inference is that the Poles would prefer the Germans to the Russians as overlords. The Poles have had their experience of both Russia and Germany, and there is little doubt that they would prefer the Russian knout to the Prussian scorpion. Russia has been harsh with her Polish population. But Germany has been calculatingly brutal. She has carried on her cruel programme with Prussian thoroughness. Both Russia and Germany have tried to blot out from the mind of the Poles the memory of former independence, and so a Pole might reasonably hate them both. But in Russia the Poles were prospering before the war, and were developing a middle class, something that Poland needed if its struggle for independence was to succeed.

The German Poles
Germany has made most systematic efforts to crush the national spirit out of German Poland, in addition to copying every repressive act that Russia ever thought of, she has tried to dilute Polish sentiment by setting among the Poles 100,000 Prussians, and by rewarding apostate Poles with high office and emolument. The Poles could only retort with passive resistance. They used the boycott effectively, and by means of countless secret societies have been able to meet every

German attack upon their ideal of independence and nationality. Nobody who knows the history of Poland will attempt to represent the Poles as a nation composed of such heroes as Thaddeus of Warsaw. When they had their day of power they were less tolerant than the Russians or even the Germans. No country owes them anything; whatever is granted them will be granted with the sole view of advantage to the benefactor.

Hearst's Reply

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—William D. Hearst has as yet made no comment on the order expelling his newspapers and news service from Canada. His heading to the order in this morning's American, however, is as follows: "Here's a new war fine that's well worth the money. Canada assesses all readers of Hearst's publications \$5,000 for possessing them."

"I would go to the ends of the earth for you" he said.
"Let us have some plain talk," said the girl. "Am I to understand that you will take me around the world on the wedding trip?"

**The High Cost of
Keeping Warm**

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—The high cost of keeping warm took another jump here to-day. Householders in New York City learned that coal in the domestic sizes, egg and nut, now brings \$12 a ton.

Dealers attributed the increase to the tremendous consumption of coal in factories throughout the country which are running day and night to fill war and other orders; to the natural increase of coal orders at this time of year; to the inability of railroads, because of a shortage in equipment, to haul all the coal that is ordered and to the large increases in shipments of coal to other countries, chiefly Canada. There is no shortage, it is stated, in the coal supply.

Anthracite coal operators declare that the shortage of labor is largely responsible for high prices. Thousands of mine workers have returned to their homes in Europe to fight and others have gone to earn better wages in war munition factories.

**FAMOUS AMERICAN
JOCKEY DEAD.**

LONDON, Nov. 13.—Danny Maher, the American jockey, died at a nursing home in London early to-day, after a lingering illness, which caused his retirement from the turf three years ago.

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