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WOMAN WAGED RUTHLESS WAR ON BOLSHIEVIKI

When Captured After Three Years She Defiantly Faced Instant Execution.

Paris, June 10.—One of the scores of little wars which are constantly being waged against the Bolshevik regime within Russia, has just come to an end, says the Figaro, through the death of a leader who for more than three years has been fighting the Soviet oppressors.

This heroic leader was a woman Marie Nikoforova. She was before the war the wife of a colonel in the Russian army who, when the revolution broke out, was shot down by his own men, who had turned Bolshevik. His wife rallied a band of 2,000 horse-men in the Ukraine and began a guer-

illa war. Night and day they harried the Bolsheviks over a wide stretch of country and took their toll of vengeance for the death of the colonel. Some months ago the exploits of the band became so daring and disastrous to the Reds that Trotsky ordered its destruction at all cost. A big force was sent out to scour the country and gradually a cordon was drawn around the band. Fighting at the head of her men and desperately exposing life, Marie Nikoforova was captured. A Soviet court-martial ordered her shot on the spot.

But then a curious thing happened. The platoon of her captors told off for her execution fired into the air. A second platoon was ordered to take its place. When the order to fire came, this, too, fired into the air. In a fury, the commissary in charge, turning a machine-gun on his men shouted that he would fire on them all if they did not obey orders.

So, with her eyes unbanded Marie Nikoforova, who may become one of the national heroines of Russia, fell a victim to her country's struggle against the Bolshevik tyranny.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Colonel and Mrs. G. R. White of Quebec, Celebrate

Lindsay, June 7.—Colonel and Mrs. George Rolt White, of Quebec City, celebrated their golden wedding today at the residence of their son, Col. B. C. White, Arsenal Residence Lindsay, Ont. They attended the service of thanksgiving and received holy communion at St. Paul's Church this morning and a garden party was held in their honor at Col. B. C. White's residence this afternoon. Colonel and Mrs. White were married in Quebec City June 7, 1871.

CAT CATCHES TWO TROUT.

Hollis, N. H., June 10.—It takes a cat to put to blush some of the fastidious Isaac Waltons. A feline belonging to A. B. Eaton recently brought in two live trout, each measuring six inches. Where the cat got the trout is a mystery. She keeps her own secret.



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GOLF A DIFFICULT FOREIGN LANGUAGE

(By Emmett Campbell Hall.)

"Oh, yes," said the man, upon his return from his first afternoon on the links, "it's a good game, and I think I will shortly learn to play it, but," he added, with a sigh and a shade of his head, "I'm afraid I'll never be able to speak it—I was never any good at foreign languages."

Every sport has a terminology of its own, but golf is particularly rich in this respect, and as full of traps for the inexperienced as the links are full of hazards. To the sincere devotee, lapses of golf-speech are painful in the extreme, and if one desires to forfeit forever the good opinion of a real golfer it is only necessary to refer to the playing course as "a link." Although one may correctly use the word "links" with either singular or plural attributes—"it is an easy link" being quite as correct as "they are easy links"—the word itself is always plural.

Different Kinds of Links.

In the original Scotch, the word means any stretch of ground of flat or slightly undulating character on the sea shore, part sandy, and having more or less bent grass and furze, but having also some good sward. This is the meaning of the word as used by Stevenson in the title of his story, "The Pavilion on the Links," which has nothing whatever to do with golf, as more than one golfing enthusiast must have discovered after purchasing the book. The word is also used to describe the winding of a river and the ground lying along such winding, as "the links of the Forth," and here again there is no suggestion of golf.

"Hazard" is a word of French origin and means a difficulty of any description on the golf links; the definition says "a hazard is any bunker, sand, water, path, etc.," but a great many players, even of experience, persist in treating the word as though it were synonymous with "bunker." A bunker is a hazard, but a hazard is not necessarily a bunker. "Bunker" is a very old golfing term, but just when or why it came to be used to designate a sand hole or pit is not clear. It appears in the literature of the game for the year 1812, but in Matheson's poem, "The Golf," published in 1748, the terms "gaping face" and "sandy face" are used to describe the same thing.

Words From Scotch and French.

"Niblick" is a comparatively new golfing word, though there are various forms of it in the old Scotch, such as "knablick" and "kniblock," which means a round block of wood or stone, and "nibble," which means a shepherd's crook, but the golfers of the old days had not niblicks, and when in trouble used sand or track irons, which were merely very heavy specimens of the ordinary iron. The modern niblick seems to have been invented and christened about fifty years ago. The maslie is also a quite modern club, and its name is without significance, though efforts have been made to see a connection with the colonial Spanish machete, a heavy knife used to clear away underbrush and bushes.

"Caddie" is simply the French word cadet, and was so spelled originally in Scotland. It is one of the many words taken by the Scotch from the French during the Stuart period, and was the term for any kind of light porter or luggage carrier before it came to have its special and limited application to the golf-club carrier.

Every golfer knows what a stymie is, but the word trips up outsiders, as illustrated by an old story of a man who, when asked if he played golf, replied: "No, I don't. Some years back I had three clubs, but I broke the putter and the driver, and so gave up golf. I think I still have the stymie somewhere around the house."

PESSIMISM, SAYS FORBES.

Business Man's Mental Attitude Partly to Blame for Hard Times, Editor Says.

"Too much pessimism"—this was the brief description of the present-day business man's mental attitude given by B. C. Forbes, editor of Forbes Magazine, who recently addressed the National Paper Box Manufacturers' Association at their annual convention. This point of view, he said, was a reaction from an over-optimistic attitude adopted a year ago when wages and prices were at their peak.

"We were headed for disaster then, as plain as a pikestaff," said Mr. Forbes, "but today we are headed in the right direction and there is no reason for deep discouragement. There is not one pillar of modern business which is not strong—I mean by these pillars money, labor, agriculture, transportation, politics, international affairs, and, last but not least, our mental attitude."

"On the first subject, everything points to easier money. Prices are coming down, frozen credits are thawing out, and much less capital and credit is needed for running the business of the country. Labor was too cocky and arrogant a year ago, but now it is not only plentiful, but is rather rapidly becoming efficient. Wages are coming down, as was inevitable, for they must come to the same level in this country as in the other parts of the world. Labor is headed in the right direction."

"As to the farmers, those who live in the large cities do not realize that these 'hayseeds,' as they call them, are the most important element in our population, and constitute one-third of it. Whether the farmers suffer, whether

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their crops are large or small, is of fundamental importance to business. And they are now meeting prices thirty-three per cent. higher than they were in 1913, while in the industries, such as coal, steel, building materials, furniture, and so forth, they are from fifty to 150 per cent. higher than in that year. But happily the prices of the farmers' supplies are coming down, and the price of his products is rising, although it should do so a little more still.

The railroads, Mr. Forbes continued, are getting near the edge of the dark woods, and will soon see the daylight from a financial and industrial point of view, so that a readjustment of rates may come sooner than most shippers dare to hope. In the political field, he continued, the nation's leaders of capital and industry are feeling more confidence in the Harding administration than in the preceding one, and international complications seem to be in process of clearing up. Most important of all, he concluded, is the mental attitude

of American business men toward their problems.

BIG SALMON SHIPMENT.

Moncton Transcript:—Over six tons of fresh salmon from Miramichi and other points north were transferred here yesterday to St. John expresses by the Dominion Express Company for the Boston market. Another four tons arrived on the Maritime express this morning en route to the same destination. Shipments of salmon to the American market

this season are so heavy that local dealers say they find it rather difficult at times, to secure near enough to serve local demands. The heavy shipments to American markets tend to the price up here.

Rev. Jasper L. Douthill, of Pasadena, believes that he is the oldest active student in the United States of Mendville Theological College, founded with the University of California and is ninety-three years old.