

## DON'T FALL FOR SPANISH SWINDLE

Americans Have Quit Going to Spain to Rescue Wealthy Imprisoned Princesses.

### GERMANS ARE NOW VICTIMS

Impostors Who Market Adventures to Credulous Investors Give Their Princesses Names of Famous Women Long Dead.

Granada, Spain.—Americans have quit coming to Spain in search of the beautiful and wealthy princesses imprisoned in a dark, damp tower by a greedy uncle who is anxious to annex her fortune.

The historic old Spanish swindle apparently has gone out of fashion in the United States, but it is still in vogue in other parts of the world. Germany has recently supplied quite a crop of kind-hearted gentlemen who advanced money for the release of the dark-eyed Spanish beauty who was suffering in a rat-infested cell and slowly dying on a diet of bread and water while the bats hovered about her head and added to the terrors of her solitary confinement.

**Beauties in Granada.**  
Granada has always been a popular center for the men who have contributed to the relief of imprisoned beauties. Washington Irving and scores of lesser writers have credited Granada with having more beautiful women than any other city in the world.

The legend of the Rose of the Alhambra and the stories of the three beautiful princesses, Zayda, Zorayda and Zorahayda, hover about the Alhambra and make it the natural refuge for disappointed investors in distressed beauty.

So it is not strange that searchers for princesses should come to Granada after having sought vainly for mythical castles in mythical mountains. Most of the modern Spanish princesses are being held captives in castles by the sea. Castles by the sea are so much damper, and then it is much more romantic for rescue parties to approach the rock coast in ships and wade to the imprisoned princess, who will promptly tear her clothing to bits and make a rope with which she will lower herself from the gloomy tower.

Many of the impostors who are marketing adventure to credulous investors give their princesses the names of famous women who have been dead for centuries. Moraymah and Alishah, queens of the Moorish regime, who have been dead for over 400 years, and many other celebrities of history and legend have lent their names to princesses supposed to be in distress.

**Visitors Are Warned.**  
Hotel keepers in Granada have become skilled in detecting visitors who are searching for imprisoned beauties. They usually make very guarded inquiries and seldom admit they have been duped. Frequently they inquire for gypsy fortune tellers, or astrologers, who probably charge well for their services.

Letters concerning the distressed princesses are usually marked strictly confidential, and instructions are given that nothing must be said to anyone lest the life of the princess be endangered. Most of the dupes are too much ashamed of their plight to confess openly that they have been gulled.

### BIRD DIES WITH HER YOUNG

Asbury Park, N. J.—A dead gaunt pine was a giant torch half way up its length in the big woods fire, which swept the outskirts of Brielle recently. At the very top was a giant fish-hawk nest, and braving the inferno of flame and smoke a parent bird hovered over the nest with a fish in its beak for the three baby inmates craning their necks over the edge. Finally, wheeling in desperation, the bird conquered its terror and settled upon the nest just as the tree toppled with a resounding crash into the blazing underbrush, carrying the hawk mother and babes to death.

### BUYS DOGS FOR "PARADISE"

Texas Man Will Save Hounds Doomed to Death by City—To Build Big Kennels.

Benmont, Tex.—The first "dog paradise" in the South will be established here by T. D. Brooks, president of the Brooks Supply company, who already has bought more than 200 canines of all breeds, sizes and colors which were awaiting execution in the city dog pound.

Mr. Brooks said he would build the largest and most complete dog kennel in the South. He gives as his only reason for the project that he was anxious to save the lives of homeless dogs which were to have been asphyxiated by the city.

**Caterpillars Destroy Woods.**  
Regina, Sask.—Caterpillars have eaten up 50 square miles of forests in the Kipling district near here. Scarcely a green leaf remains and the district presents the stark appearance of a winter scene, forestry officials say.

## ASK UNIFORM SIGNALS

Railway Association Recommends Standard Colors.

One of the Suggestions Made in the Interest of Public Safety Is Use of Yellow in Automobile Tail Lights.

Chicago.—In the interest of public safety recommendations for the standardization of colors for traffic signals are being considered. These recommendations were made on behalf of the signal section of the American Railway association at a recent conference requested by the Illuminating Engineering society and the International Traffic Officers' association and held under the auspices of the American engineering standards committee. The recommendations are:

1. The principle of red for stop everywhere, unless qualified by a more favorable indication—that is at highway crossings with railroads if train is approaching, in fixed signals and in the hands of traffic officers, at street intersections, at the ends of streets, and possibly to indicate excavations in streets.

2. Yellow for tail lights of automobiles, possibly excavations in streets and for calling policemen, or for any other purpose where caution is required; possibly at busy street intersections to indicate that the traffic lights will be changed from red to green or from green to red.

3. Green lights for fire escapes, for proceed at street intersections and other purposes to indicate the way is clear.

In presenting these recommendations on behalf of the signal section A. H. Rudd, chief signal engineer of the Pennsylvania system, said:

"The railroads are particularly interested in eliminating the use of the red light for various purposes other than that of indicating danger or stop unless qualified by a more favorable color. They desire that any scheme devised may conflict as little as possible with their own signal systems already established and that uniformity of indications in the protection of highway crossings at grade may be established."

### HAS GOPHER TURTLE



Miss Theodora Olsen is pictured here with the gopher turtle brought from the dry pine woods of Florida by Curator Englehardt of the Brooklyn museum. The turtle is of a queer species and known to be a vegetarian, feeding for most part on grass and various farm products. It is exceptionally tame and harmless, and at the least show of battle on the part of other animals will draw its head and legs into its shell.

### PARIS BEAUTY SUES MANAGER

Paris, France.—Because he dashed her hopes of becoming a stage star, France's "most beautiful girl" is suing a theatrical manager for breach of contract.

Elected by popular vote France's "queen of queens" for 1922 and acclaimed the most adorable out of 5,000,000 adorable blondes and brunettes, Mile. Germaine Buchet expected to fulfill her childhood dreams of appearing before the footlights.

She turned down many offers of marriage, she alleges, to sign a contract for appearance in the operetta "Helen Returns," but the role went to a rival beauty.

Now Mile. Buchet demands that the court make the manager keep his promise or pay.

### Skunks Lure Bees From Hives, Eat 'Em

Washington.—A report from Ohio received by the biological survey of the United States Department of Agriculture says that skunks are giving a great deal of trouble to beekeepers in that region. The skunks visit the hives at night and scratch on the outside till the bees come out. As soon as they appear the skunks eat them. The biological survey recommends that under such conditions the hives be fenced in with chicken wire at least three feet high.

## VOLCANOES OUR BEST FRIENDS

Geologist Says Without Them We Would Have No Oceans or Carbon Dioxide.

### KATMAI ERUPTION DESCRIBED

Most Tremendous Volcanic Explosion of History Passed Unnoticed Because It Was So Far From Centers of Civilization.

Washington.—It might be a surprise to many to be told that the fire-spitting, lava-spouting, earth-rocking volcano is one of mankind's best friends rather than his arch enemy, but such is the surprising declaration which was explained to the conference on geography of the National Education association in Boston recently.

The most tremendous volcanic eruption of history, that of Mount Katmai in Alaska in 1912, was described in this connection by Dr. Robert F. Griggs, leader of several parties sent to the scene of the cataclysm by the National Geographic society, and who discovered the valley of Ten Thousand Smokes, Katmai's neighbor wonder of nature.

Mankind's debt to the volcano has been more fully recognized by results of recent researches, says a bulletin of the society describing the upheaval. Without volcanoes, it is now believed, there would be no oceans, and to volcanoes we are indebted for carbon dioxide, without which human life could not exist.

### Katmai Explosion Unnoticed.

The explosion of Katmai, the conference was told, was unnoticed because it was so far from the centers of civilization. Had the eruption occurred near New York city, the bulletin declares, the sulphurous fumes would have polluted the air everywhere east of the Rocky mountains; the noise would have reverberated like an artillery duel across the central states. The lower Hudson itself would have been turned into a gigantic tomb.

However, due to the lack of population in that far region, there was no loss of life, and the eruption provides scientists and geographers now one of their greatest opportunities to study the phenomenon of volcanic action.

Though generally unaware of the eruption until long after, every inhabitant of the country, and almost of the world, felt its effects, one of which was the cold damp summer of 1912. This was caused by the interception of sunlight by the long-hanging dust cloud in the upper air. Even in cloudless Sahara, it was declared, the sky was overcast.

**Repeat Ice Age.**  
A succession of such mighty explosions could plunge the earth into another ice age, it is believed.

An area around Katmai, larger than the state of Delaware, was covered that summer by more than a foot of volcanic ash which was enough to destroy all but the hardiest of vegetation. When the explosion occurred two cubic miles of material were blown off the top of the mountain, and the present whereabouts of the mountain top is still a mystery to scientists.

### GIVE BOUNTY FOR MALE BABES

Cetinje, Montenegro.—There has been an alarming decrease in the birth rate of Montenegro, due to the loss during the war of so many of the "Black Mountain's" fighting men. The government is offering premiums to mothers who bear male children. The females now greatly outnumber the males.

The incentives offered by the government to mothers of male children have resulted in pathetic appeals from the untutored peasant women to the American Red Cross nurses to give them "the medicine to make a boy."

In Montenegro boys are considered much more valuable than girls, and the constant prayer of the mountain dweller is that she may be blessed with a male child. This disparity in the sexes is largely the outgrowth of the days when Turkey held dominion over the Balkans and when the liberty-loving Montenegrins had an ever-present need of men to defend the homeland.

In Montenegro the women do all the work, the men considering manual labor undignified. They feel it is their chief duty to carry firearms and swords, talk politics and prepare for the next war.

### BRIDE AND EX-SUITOR DROWN

Double Tragedy Ends Gay Night Among Cabarets of Hoboken.

Union Hill, N. J.—Mrs. Margaret Gallagher, nineteen, bride of two months, ended a gay night of rounds of Hoboken and Union Hill (N. J.) cabarets in the company of Thomas Cassidy, a suitor before her marriage to Andrew Gallagher, by leaping into the North river from a ferry boat at 5 o'clock in the morning. Cassidy leaped to rescue her and both were drowned.

## WEST END NEWS

There will be a old time singing at Pleasant Grove church Sunday Oct. 8th, in the afternoon at two o'clock. Everybody is invited. Come and bring your Christian Harmony song books.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Grose, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Grose and Mrs. B. Z. McDonald motored to Rutherford College Sunday, where they spent a pleasant day with Mr. Chalmus Grose.

Miss Cora Lee Dalton spent Sunday with Miss Ada Long.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Weir, Sunday, a fine girl.

Mrs. B. Z. McDonald, Mrs. Edith Williamson, Misses Ada and Statha Long attended the Sunday School Conference at Spindale Thursday.

The program Sunday night at Pleasant Grove church was Bible reading which was very interesting.

Mr. Marton Williamson and family, of Spindale, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Hamrick.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Williamson of Whitmire, S. C., was the week end guests of Mr. Williamson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williamson.

### Celebrates Sixty-Third Birthday

Mrs. E. M. Lawing was pleasantly surprised Sunday when she came home from Sunday School to find a few of her friends and relatives had gathered to celebrate her 63 birthday. At twelve o'clock two tables were filled with a variety of good things to eat. Everyone enjoyed the dinner very much.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Renn Williamson, Mr. B. Z. McDonald and children, Mr. S. L. Lawing and family, Mr. C. A. Lawing and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Williamson, of Whitmire, S. C., Mrs. Nanie McClure and children and Mr. M. J. Harrill and family.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Mrs. Emily C. Logan, deceased, late of Rutherford County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased exhibit them to the undersigned at Charlotte, N. C., P. O. Box 1080 on or before the 23rd day of August 1923 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 17th day of August, 1922.

W. G. JACKSON,  
Administrator of estate of Mrs. Emily C. Logan.  
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