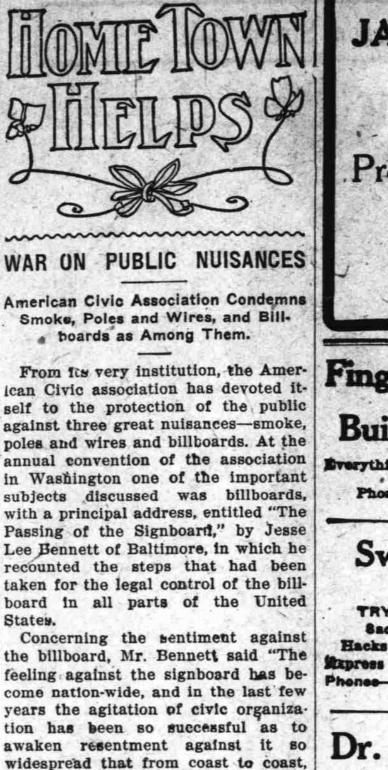


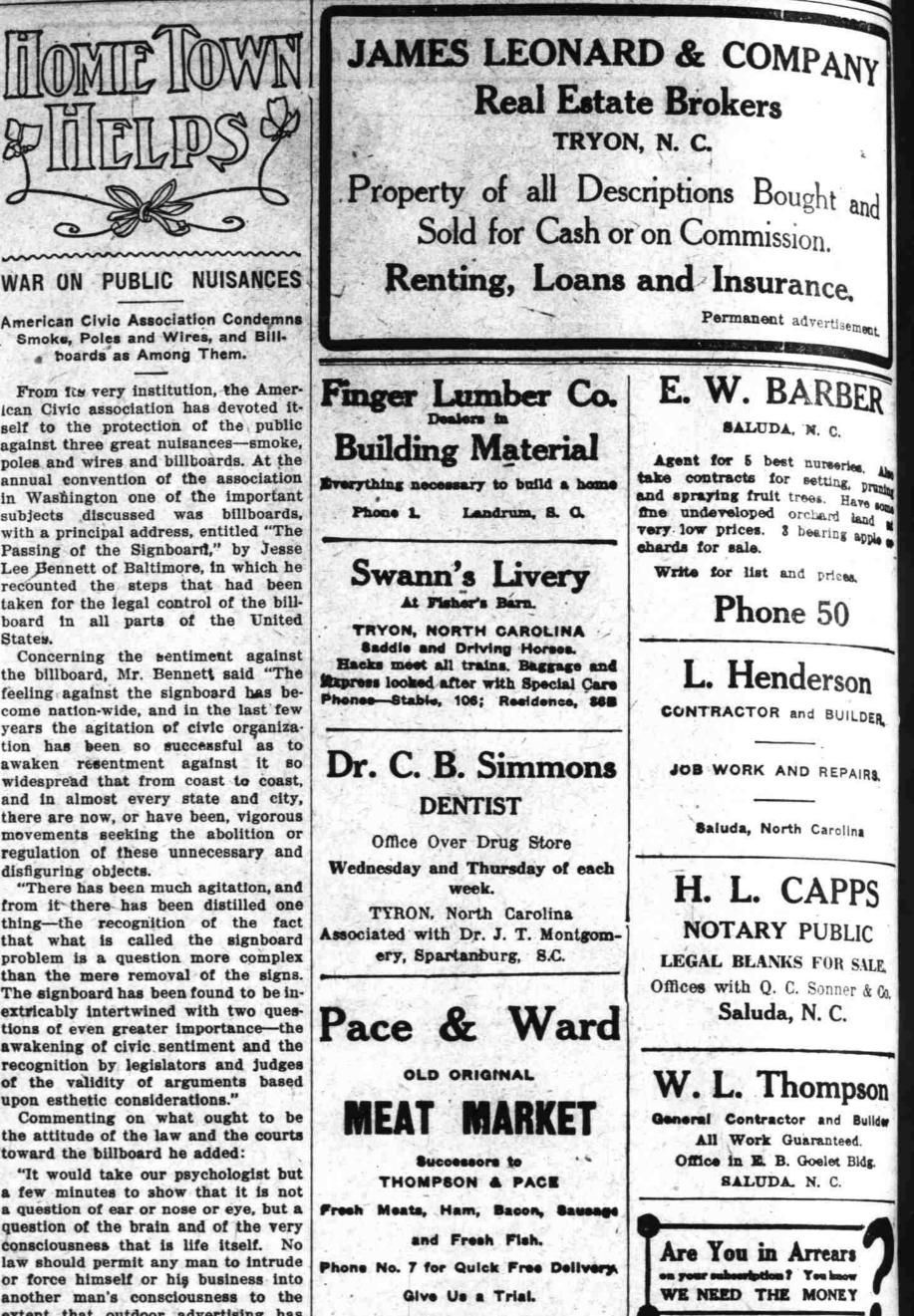
Bicycle detachment of the Italian army maneuvering near the northern border of the country.





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movements seeking the abolition or regulation of these unnecessary and disfiguring objects. "There has been much agitation, and from it there has been distilled one thing-the recognition of the fact that what is called the signboard problem is a question more complex than the mere removal of the signs. The signboard has been found to be inextricably intertwined with two questions of even greater importance-the awakening of civic sentiment and the





More than half of the city of Colon, Panama, was destroyed by the recent great conflagration. The photograph gives a view of the ruins from Bolivar street, looking toward Cristobal. The ruins of the market are seen in the background.



This photograph of a German destroyer passing through the docks of Antwerp was taken secretly by a resident of that city, despite the German threat of fine and imprisonment for anyone taking photographs. It would seem to indicate that Holland's neutrality has been violated.



recognition by legislators and judges of the validity of arguments based upon esthetic considerations."

Commenting on what ought to be the attitude of the law and the courts toward the billboard he added:

"It would take our psychologist but a few minutes to show that it is not a question of ear or nose or eye, but a question of the brain and of the very consciousness that is life itself. No law should permit any man to intrude or force himself or his business into another man's consciousness to the extent that outdoor advertising has come to permit, an intrusion immediately increased by the fact that it is impossible to avoid seeing signboards."

NEW WAY TO WATER TREES

German City Official Seems to Have Hit Upon Method That Should Be Effective.

A very ingenious and practical device for assuring the trees on city sidewalks a sufficient supply of water, no matter how dry the season and how hard baked the earth, has been put in operation in Strassburg by Mr. Sauer, the city tree inspector. It consists of a tube of fron or lead bent into the form of a ring large enough to encircle the stem of the tree.

The earth is removed so that this ring may be placed just above the roots, and is then filled in again, leaving the end of a pipe connecting with the ring projecting above the surface of the ground. The top of the ring is pierced with a large number of small holes, and a tin cover or shield prevents these from becoming stopped up with earth.

By means of a funnel in the protruding end of the pipe any desired amount of water may be supplied to the roots without waste or loss of time. -A further advantage, according to Prometheus, is the ventilation thus secured of the earth in the vicinity of the roots.

Flower City of Germany. The marked industrial developments in Erfurt are of comparatively recent date, and in spite of the increasing importance of its manufacturing establishments the city is still best known for the immense horticultural establishments found there. Erfurt is appropriately called the "Blumenstadt" or Flower City of Germany. Almost 3 per cent of the population is engaged in commercial horticulture. While vegetables and flowers for sale

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This is the residence at Forest Hills, Long Island, which Gen. Victoriano Huerta has leased and in which he has installed his wife and their household of 30 children, grandchildren, tutors and servants.

Safety Matches Running Short, to the Sydney (Australia) Herald, reproduced in a commercial report, strict economy in the use of safety matches is being advocated by merchants who know how limited the stocks in Australia are at present, and how difficult it is to procure further supplies while the war lasts. Already prices have risen 133 per cent in the wholesale market, and only a most careful use of these matches most careful use of these matches kindly old lady. "No'm" oonded can prevent an actual shortage. The No. 777,444; "they're I will ma wit' chief reason for this 'state of affairs | me."

is said to be the regulation in force According to a Melbourne dispatch in England that compels, the factory which supplies nearly all the Australian matches to show no lights at night, it being situated close to the Thames estuary. Consequently, the output is reduced to one-third of the normal quantity.

Select Circle.

"Don't any of your friends come to see you on visiting days?" asked the

Why Men Eat More Than Women. That men eat five or six per cent more than women-not because they are gluttons, but because they actually require that much more nourishment -appears as a result of an investigation made in the nutrition laboratory of the Carnegie institute at Washington by Francis G. Benedict and L. E.

Camille Saint-Saens, the famous French composer and the first dele-

gate of the Franco-American commis-

sion for the Development of Political,

Economic, Literary and Artistic Rela-

tions, photographed as he landed in

New York. The composer, who is

eighty years old, looks forward with

uncommon pleasure to revisiting the

United States. He will be entertained

extensively by the French societies

in the many cities he expects to visit

during the three months of his stay

here,

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CAMILLE SAINT-SAENS

Eames, says the Literary Digest. The reason for the discrepancy seems to be that women have a smaller proportion of active tissues than men of the same weight and more inactive material, such as fat. The investigation disclosed that the average woman generates only 1,355 heat units in the 24 hours, as against 1,638 produced by the man, or about two per cent more for the latter per pound of body weight. When groups were com-

pared, after careful selection of individuals of nearly the same height and weight, the men were found to produce about 12 per cent more heat than women.

are grown on a large scale, of much vaster proportions is the business in flower and vegetable seed. The larger Erfurt seed firms ship to almost all parts of the world, the United States importing larger quantities of Erfurt horticultural products than from any other city in Europe.

Baltimore Sets Good Example. About a year ago certain owners of real estate in Baltimore decided to create small parks in the rear of their houses by tearing down division fences, and laying out the lots on each side of the midway alley on a definitely arranged and uniform scheme of landscape gardening. In many blocks the fences were replaced by a continuous flower garden. Hundreds of house owners have co-operated in this interesting effort to beautify what were formerly bare and forbidding wastes, and the city forester has given them every assistance. Many other cities -----might well emulate this example. ---

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