

More than half of the elty of Colon, Panama, was destroyed by the recent great conflagration. The photograph
ives 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 secrety by a resident of that ctty despite the German
threat of fine and imprisomment for anyone taking photograph. It would
seem to indicate that Holland's neutrality has been violated.


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 housebold of 30 childrenenged and in whindehildren, tutors and servants.

Safety Matches Running Short.
According to a Melbourne dispateb to the Sydney (Australia) Herald, reproduced in a commercial report,
strict economy in the use of safety matches la belng advocated of safety mer
chants who koow how limited the chants who know how limited the
stocks in Australia are at present, and
how stocks in Australia are at present, and
how diffcut it is ts procure further
supplies while the war lasts. supplies white the procure further
lasts. Al
ready prices have risen 123 per ready prices have risen 133 per cent
In the wholesale market, and only a
most most careful use of these tantcces
can prevent an actual shortage. The
chief reason for thas storet

chlet reason for this state of affairs $|$|  | No. |
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| me." |  |

WAR ON PUBLIC NUISANCES American Civic Association Condemns Smoke, Poles and Wires, and
boards as Among Them.
From fis very institution, the Amer
cen Civic association has devoted it self to the protection of the public self to the protection of hee pubic
against three great nuisances-smoke,
poles and wires and billbards. At the poles and wires and billboards. At the
annual convention of the association in Wasininvton one of the important
subjects discussed was billboards, subjects discussed was billboards,
with a principal address, ontitled "The
Passing of the Signboart," by Jesse
. Passing of the signboarn, by Jesse
Lee झennett of Baltimore, , m which he
recounted the steps that had been taken for the legal control of the ben
thi-
board in all parts of the United oard in all parts of the United
Statey.
Concerning the sentiment against Concerning the sentiment against
the billboard, Mr. Bennett said "The the billboard, Mr. Bennett said "The
feeling aganinst the signboard has become nation-wide, and in the last few
years the agitation of civte organiza.
tion has been so tion has been so successful as to
awaken resentment aganinst it so widespread that from coast to coast,
and in almost every state and city, there are now, or have been, vigorous
movements seeking the abolition movements seeking the abolition or
regulation of these unnecessary and disfiguring objects.
"There has been much agitation, and
trom it there has been distilled one 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 | than the mere removal of the signs. |
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| The signboard has been found to be in- | extricably intertwined with two ques-

tions of even greater importance-the tions of even greater importance-the
awakening of civic. sentiment and the awakening of civic. sentiment and the
recognition by legislators and judges recognition by legislators and judges
of the validity of arguments based
upo esthetic considerations." upon esthetic considerations."
Commenting on what ought to 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 question of ear or nose or eye, but a
question of the brain and of the very question of the brain and of the very
consciousness that is life itself. No consciousness that is life itself. No
law should perrit any man to ntrude
or force himself or hig business into or force himself or his business into
another mands consciousness to the
extent extent that outdoor advertising has
come to permit, an intrusion immediatemy increased by the fact that it is
ampossible to avoid seeting sign$\substack{\text { Impossible } \\ \text { boards." }}$
NEW WAY TO WATER TREES German City otficial seems to Have
Hit Upon Method That Should He Effective.
A very ingenious and practical de vice for assuring the trees on city
sidewalks a suffictent 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 sists of a tabe of fron or liead 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 flled in again, leavroots, and is then filled in again, leav-
ing 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 is pierced with a large number of
small holes, and a tun cover or shield
prevents these from becoming stopped up with earth. By means of a funnel in the pro-
truding 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
tion time. A further advantage, according
to Prometheus, is the ventilation thus secured of the earth in the vicinity
of the roos. of the roots.
Flower City of Germany. The marked industrial developments date, and in spite of the increasing importance of its manufacturing es
tablishments tabishments the city is still best
known for the immense honticultural establishments found there. Erfurt is
appropriately called the
tBlument stadt" or Flower City of Germany, Al-
most 3 per cent of the most 3 per cent of the population is
engaged in compercial horticulture, While vegetables and flowers for sale are grown on a large scale, of much
vaster proportions is the business in 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 parts of the world, the United States
importing larger quantities of Erfurt importing larger quantities of Erfurt
hortinultural products than from, any
other city in Europe.
Baltimore Sets Good Examp 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 lats tences, and laying out the lots on each
side oo the midway alley on a definite-
数 Iy arranged and uniform acheme of landscape gardening. In many blocks
the fences were replaced by a continuthe tences were replaced by a continu-
ous fiower garden. Hundreds of house owners have co-operated in this inter.
esting effort to beautify what were for. esting effort to beautify what were for.
merly bare and forbidding wastes, me clty forester has given them ev-
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