

CHIEF OF TRIBE SACRIFICES SON

South African Youth Burned to Death to Appease Wrath of Great Spirit.

Cincinnati.—Sir Clarkson Tredgold, the senior judge of southern Rhodesia, and a jury were engaged for two days investigating the circumstances in which Mandusa, the second surviving son of Chief Chigango, of a section of the Mtwara tribe, was offered up as a sacrifice to appease the wrath of the Mwari (the Great Spirit).

Crops Burned by Sun. In January last the Mtwara tribe, in common with others, saw their crops being destroyed by a scorching sun and starvation starting them in the face. Suspicion fell on Mandusa—that he had angered the Great Spirit—and his father ordered that he should be put to death with all the customary ceremony. It came out in evidence that Chigango could not trust his own people to execute this decree, and obtained an escort of about seventy from Chiswiti, so that the victim should not allow his courage to fail and seek safety in flight. Mandusa was conveyed in the night to Chiswiti's "sitting place." Instructions came from Chigango that his son should be sacrificed. An eyewitness of the scene described how Mandusa's hands were bound with a limbo, specially kept for such occasions, and was then carried by the "police boys" to a place where a wood fire had been prepared. The man was laid on the pyre and further timber placed over him. It did not transpire that he offered any resistance. By daybreak nothing remained but a pile of ashes and human bones, from which the flesh had been burned.

Chief's Son Notifies Police. In the meantime Chigango's second son, who heard what had happened to his brother, and evidently feared that he might be marked out for the same fate, went to the police post at Mount Darwin and reported the occurrence. A police trooper and four native police boys visited the scene, made certain inquiries, and marched 80 natives, who seemed to have been concerned in the case, to Mount Darwin, where the investigations were continued and the preliminary examination held. In a statement made on that occasion by one of those afterward placed on trial, the following passage occurred: "I admit we were caught, and are now to die for the fault of our chief and headman. Chigango came to Chiswiti and told him he wanted him to take and burn his son, Mandusa. Chiswiti refused to do so, saying that we were under the white people's rule now, Chigango said: 'I burnt Mgarakoto and Manyondi, and the white people have not heard, and they will not hear of this.'" The statement as to two previous sacrifices having taken place in recent years at the same site is believed to be true.

Rained "Diamonds" in This Man's Back Yard

London.—Does it ever rain diamonds? O. P. Fitzgerald, expert metallurgist, is seriously asking this question. During a recent thunderstorm there fell in his garden several meteorites weighing about six pounds each, and so hard that fragments of them will cut glass. Fitzgerald said the meteorites exactly resemble the diamond-bearing quartz found in South Africa, and he has sent his finds to a laboratory for examination.

Wisconsin Town Has Modern Pied Piper

The "Pied Piper of Hamelin," who led rats into the river by music, has a rival in the person of Bert Moberg, dam tender, of Appleton, Wis. Bert, for many moons while working on the dam, was pestered by two friendly rats. They would crawl about his legs. The "Pied Piper" of Appleton now throws lye on the boards about the dam. The lye clings to the wet feet of the rats and burns them. The rats then commit suicide by licking their feet.

Europe has been in hot water so long it is hard boiled.

In this age, a wise chicken doesn't cross the street.

A beauty clay doctor is in trouble, and his name is mud.

In all probability the new ice age has been postponed.

A grade crossing just will not stand for being double crossed.

A good time to rehearse safety lessons is over the week end.

No nation can pay the fiddler's bill by doing the fiddling itself.

Greatness is three parts of ability and seven parts of responsibility.

The world will bear its finest music when it detects Mars' death rattle.

Save your husbands. They may prove useful even if not ornamental.

No other roof can leak so much as a summer cottage roof when it leaks.

In her new gown the modern girl has nothing up her sleeve to deceive you.

Perhaps it would be a good idea to teach less evolution and practice more of it.

One trouble about a balloon is that it pays no attention to traffic regulations.

Oculists say that lying causes a temporary myopia. That is not all it causes.

Despite the shooting, husbands go on taking out life insurance in their wives' favor.

The man who isn't good for anything else can always tell how it should be done.

It may be that the league saved Austria, but the allies began the cure some years ago.

The average fisherman wonders why it was felt necessary to pass a law limiting the catch.

The trouble with eating corn on the cob is that one loses so much time reaching for more butter.

Balloon racing is something like trying to find a place to park. One never knows where he will finish.

Wolves are multiplying in Russia, so it isn't true that Bolshevism discourages expansion of every kind.

Except for the automobile, some good citizens never would have discovered that nature is wonderful.

Traffic noises get on one's nerves, but it isn't the electric horn that affrights so much as the greenhorn.

In obtaining new material for our national melting pot, we should first select only material that will fuse.

A method for photographing the brain has been perfected. Here and there, just possibly, it will enlarge.

Balloon racers have their own idea of fun. They never know where they are going when they are on their way.

Still, if it ever becomes common to jail men for having an opinion, a lot of prominent politicians will be safe.

Advice to "buy your coal now" may seem funny today, but it will not seem so funny next winter, if you neglect it.

Now and then a wife is found who says, after her husband is wounded, that she was shooting at somebody else.

Breslau, in Silesia, possesses a chimney 50 feet high made entirely of compressed paper. It is stated to be fireproof.

A sucker is one who thinks the "good things" are peddled about over the country to give the small investor a chance.

The champion gloom of all time is the dealer who advertises, "The new car of today is the used car of tomorrow."

Some bright little boy in the class when asked "What is the capital of Russia?" is pretty likely to answer "Insufficient."

Ice is thick off the coast of Labrador. Doubtless the summer resorters there can boast that they sleep under blankets.

You call the finny creature that lurks in the frigid fifty-foot depths a fish, but in such weather as this you do not call him a poor fish.

One reason for opposing the threatened return of the hoopskirt is the intensifying effect it will have on the prevailing traffic jam.

A Philadelphia pugilist knocked down a bandit who tried to hold him up. This affair, too, has the earmarks of having been over a purse.

According to the story of a husband in divorce court, his wife took in so many roomers he had to sleep on an

RETURNS AFTER 27 YEARS TO FIND HIS WIFE REWEED

Modern Enoch Arden Reveals Identity to Son.

Hickory, N. C.—Another adventure stranger than that which befell him a few days ago when a three-week-old girl baby was left on his front porch, came into the life of William O. Hoyle, local automobile mechanic, when his father, Lee Hoyle, after wandering around for 27 years, drove up in an automobile and declared his identity to the son.

Some 15 years ago Mrs. Lee Hoyle married again and is now living with her second husband, Rufus McMillan, three miles from Lenoir, in Caldwell county. This couple have five children, the oldest being less than fifteen and the youngest about six.

When Lee Hoyle disappeared 27 years ago his wife was told by Linberry Hoyle, his uncle, that Lee had been killed by a runaway team at a lumber mill. The wife and mother accepted the story as true. Later she married and reared five other children besides the little boy and girl by her first marriage.

Lee Hoyle has gone to Danville to visit his daughter. He said he would return to Hickory and from here would go to Greenville, S. C., to engage in the cotton business. He has been in Birmingham for the last six years. Had Lee Hoyle, like Enoch Arden, found the facts in the situation in his home, and silently departed, his story might never have been written. But he said he felt the urge to return home to see his friends and loved ones. He said he had written twice but had received no answer.



Dora Doby, a dancer of New York City, has brought suit against Harold Grier, said to be an officer of the Dominion Glass company at Montreal, Canada, for \$100,000, alleging breach of promise.

Sound Cash Displacing Script in Soviet Russia

Moscow.—Russia is gradually working into a new monetary system, based upon actual values in gold or negotiable securities, which promises soon to eliminate the billions of paper rubles now flooding the country.

At the present time, a dual monetary system prevails, the one based on the new standard, the other on paper emission.

The new money is paper currency issued by the state bank in units equal in value to ten gold rubles of the pre-war issue, and supposedly redeemable in gold upon presentation.

Silver coins in ruble and fractional denominations have been minted, but not yet issued.

American, English, French, Dutch and other currency is now in free and general circulation in Moscow, but gradually find their way back into the state bank which, whenever possible to persuade clients to accept, pays out the new gold notes in order to accustom the people to their use. They are well made notes on excellent paper, slightly larger than American currency.

Find Prow of Stone Boat Used by Aborigines

Santa Barbara, Cal.—Investigators of the Smithsonian institution, Washington, led by J. P. Harrington, have unearthed in an ancient grave on Burton's mound in this city the prow of what was once a soapstone canoe. The find is said to be unique in the history of American archeological research and indicates, in the opinion of the scientists, that stone boats were used by the ancient aborigines of this district.

Aviator's Dog Guards Plane

Mahonoy City, Pa.—A government aviator, flying over the Quakake valley, had to descend when his gasoline supply gave out. He had his Airedale dog with him. Placing the dog on guard, he went in search of gasoline. The Airedale kept crowding motorists on the highway away from the plane.

Man Killed in Fight Over Toy Horn

Memphis.—In a quarrel for possession of a toy horn, A. M. Mitchell, forty-two years old, was shot to death. Three other men, two of whom were wounded, have been arrested and

Peking may once again be the capital of China.

Not only statistics, but all facts lie when misapplied.

A chronic grouch never goes where he is told to go until he dies.

Poor boys often become great, and great boys often become poor.

A wise woman lets her husband make her do what she wants to do.

Oftentimes the grouch that makes men uncharitable begins at home.

Lots of men seem to consider that a loan is nothing between friends.

Speaking of screen stars—what's the matter with the burglarious mosquito?

The summer styles prove that the fashion makers are bulls on bareness.

Nobody need worry if child labor can be prevented as easily as the adult's.

Too much of Europe's pressing forward to prosperity has been printing-pressing.

Somehow the Turk always assumes that the crescent has a scimitar's cutting edge.

Now it is the radio thief and he is stealing everything but the station number.

The paragrapher who says Eve was a flapper is badly mistaken. Eve tempted a man.

With all these radio entertainments, we shall be having cases of love at first hearing.

Three things that will always be disputed are an umpire, a husband and the Alaskan boundary.

The judge who could call a baby carriage a common carrier has an uncommon sense of values.

One view of the doctor nations is that the hands across the sea are not handing anything across.

An optimist is one who believes everything will turn out all right in the end, even pessimists.

Bagpipes were used in Rome as early as the year 69 A. D. And yet some people talk of evolution.

While the Bolsheviks have not overrun the world, they have unquestionably overstayed their welcome.

This would be a stable old world if a man's faith could be made as nearly immovable as his prejudice.

Talking to Mars is nothing compared to the feat of arranging office vacations so that everybody is satisfied.

A star has been discovered traveling 9,000,000 miles a second. Must be a movie one passing through matrimony.

Also, there is what is known as the "banana fly." You are admonished to swat that, too, rather than step on it.

When a man starts out to be a Napoleon he never cares to read the book as far as Waterloo and St. Helena.

Bettors on the races will ride in automobiles and the hand-bookies will walk when the age is horseless in that sense.

Overworked muscles cause wrinkles, says a physician. That's why some people have all their wrinkles around the mouth.

All that is needed is a ride over some railroads to convince one that things aren't going as smoothly as they might.

Now it is said Noah's ark was a pyramid and next thing somebody will try to convince us that Jonah's whale was a U-boat.

Another disadvantage in wireless telephoning is that when you curse the operator everybody under high heaven hears it.

The X-ray is credited with changing the sex of unborn banana flies and, for real benefit, why not try it on "hoss" flies in embryo?

"Baby needs \$7,500 yearly," says a headline. Well, that's right but what we need and what we get is something else again.

A champion boxer who says he wouldn't pull on one glove for \$50,000 considerably didn't let any college professors hear him.

There was once a man who made a list of the twelve greatest women and forgot to mention his wife. He is still realizing his mistake.

The chorus girl who is suing for a divorce just possibly has hit upon that as one way out of the chorus to a more prominent part.

Her press agent is just the man the movie actress has been wanting to see. She wants to find out whether she still is living with her husband.

Bovietism is gradually emerging from a confusion which arises from a political system which encourages

BOY OF 13 IS PATIENT IN HOSPITALS TEN YEARS

Poorly Set Leg Results in No End of Trouble.

Bethlehem, Pa.—After spending ten of his thirteen years in and out of hospitals, Stanley Spanutius of this city is on the road to recovery at the Sacred Heart hospital. The boy was injured on the eve of his third birthday while playing around his father's office in the Du Pont powder works at Hastings-on-the-Hudson.

The boy's father, the late Prof. F. W. Spanutius, at one time a member of the faculty at Lehigh university, was employed as chief chemist at the plant and it was his custom to take the boy down to his office. One morning while playing Stanley fell down a flight of stairs, breaking his leg in four places. A physician in Hastings, however, set the broken member so poorly that blood poisoning set in and a portion of the leg had to be amputated.

The operation was performed at St. John's hospital, New York city, where he was confined for several months and finally discharged. Since that time he has been a patient at ten or more institutions, so numerous, in fact, that when asked their names and the period he had spent at each he replied: "I can't remember all of them."

During the time that he has been on the lists of hospitals he has undergone 18 different operations. He is at present awaiting the fourteenth.

Find Bones 10,000 Years Old in Ancient Tombs

London.—The joys and disappointments of excavation are exemplified in the British School of Archeology's work this year in Egypt by some products which are now on exhibition at the University college, London.

Describing the operations, H. Bach, one of the party of four excavators, said:

"Of more than 8,000 tombs opened by us, 2,000 contained nothing of importance, 500 contained a few beads and a vase or so, and most of the rest provided very little of importance.

"Then we came across one or two tombs which provided us with stacks of first-class material. There was such a profusion of objects that we wanted forty instead of four Europeans in charge. We came across an enormous pile of fossilized bones, containing the earliest human remains found in Egypt.

"Among the bones we found part of a pigmy's skull. The bones may be anywhere from 10,000 to 20,000 years old."

Send Flowers to Fit Your Friend's Illness

London.—If you say it with flowers to a friend in the hospital don't say the same thing every time, is the substance of the advice given by Charles H. Dyke of the Royal Historical society to his friends. Different ailments require different posies, is his suggestion. "Try to discover what your friend is suffering from," he says. "For inflammatory cases never take red blooms. Take blue flowers. If the patient is sick at a time when an ordinary flower cannot be obtained a square of blue silk would relieve burning head pains like a tonic. For neurosthenic and nerve complaints use red flowers."

Swordfish Assists Man to Capture Big Shark

Paris.—The surprising tale of a battle alongside of a fisherman's boat between a shark and a swordfish was told to Toulon correspondents. Noticing a commotion in his nets, indicating that a shark was feasting on a sardine haul, a fisherman tossed over a large baited hook and in a few minutes the line began to run out. After a long struggle he drew a four-foot shark to the surface. At this moment a swordfish appeared and slashed into the shark's flanks, cutting deep gashes in four places, and enabling the fisherman to lift in his catch without difficulty.

Six Silver Foxes Bring \$6,000.

Vancouver, Wash.—Three pairs of silver foxes, raised on a local farm, brought \$6,000 from local purchasers. The foxes were raised by Dr. R. J. Mercer of this city, who has a ranch near the city limits in the Heights district. The three pairs of young foxes were bought by W. J. Knapp, Braley & Kusick and Joseph Carter, all business men here. Dr. Mercer is breeding the foxes on a commercial scale and has had good success so far. The three pairs he sold were of extra good breed, he said.

Trial Marriage Cost \$21 in Days of Old

Back in 500 B. C. if a man didn't know which he preferred, single blessedness or marriage, it cost him only \$21 to find out. This is the rate according to an ancient marriage contract found by Professor W. F. Petrie, of London, England. The contract, signed by an Egyptian, gave a woman \$4, approximately, and in return she was to be the man's wife. If he wished to divorce her, the contract specified, he would pay about \$17 for his liberty.