

Prominent People

William E. Hull, Good Roads Advocate

Congressman William E. Hull of the Peoria district has been selected by President Coolidge to represent the United States at the international good roads conference which opens next October in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He has wired his acceptance. It is expected that every nation on the globe will be represented and the leading engineers of every nation will be asked to appear upon the program.

South America is planning an extensive program in road construction. Last summer a delegation from the continent spent several months going over the roads of the United States and studying methods of construction. Considerable time was devoted to Illinois and the party was entertained by the state highway department and a number of cities located upon the principal bond issue hard roads. The October international conference is the sequel to this tour.

As far back as 1910, when most of the farmers and land owners and many city residents were lukewarm or openly hostile to hard roads, Hull risked his political existence by advocating the bond issue for concrete highways.



Underwood & Underwood

Augustus Lukeman Succeeds Borglum



Augustus Lukeman of New York has been employed as the sculptor of the Stone Mountain Confederate memorial by the executive committee. He succeeds Gutzon Borglum. Mr. Lukeman is a native of Richmond, Va. A statement issued by the committee said that Mr. Lukeman was highly recommended. It continued:

"Mr. Lukeman is a member of the National Sculpture society, and was formerly secretary and a member of the council of the society. Mr. Lukeman began his education for sculpture as a boy eleven years old, when he secured employment in the studio of Launt Thompson, a noted sculptor of New York. He learned casting in a bronze foundry as an apprentice and as a molder. He learned granite carving by mastering the trade and working at it. With his earnings he paid his way through the National Academy of Design of New York and a course in architecture at Columbia university.

"When the World's Fair at Chicago was under construction, Mr. Lukeman was studio foreman for Daniel Chester French, the renowned sculptor who had charge of the sculpture."

In Charge of Federal Women Prisoners

A departure in federal government methods in handling prisoners will take place with the completion of the federal industrial institution for women at Alderson, W. Va. Congress has appropriated \$900,000 for the prison and government architects are preparing plans for a cottage system under which prisoners will live in communities. Its capacity is 500.

A farm of 200 acres already has been obtained, and negotiations are under way for an additional 300 acres. Federal women prisoners are now being sent to state jails, and the states are protesting.

Dr. Mary B. Harris, who will head the new institution, is the daughter of Dr. John Howard Harris, president emeritus of Bowdoin university. She is a graduate of the University of Chicago. After several years spent in teaching and foreign travel, she became superintendent of women at the workhouse on Blackwell's Island, N. Y. She was made superintendent of the New Jersey State Reformatory for Women in February, 1918. During the war and until 1919 Doctor Harris served as assistant director in the section of reformatories and detention houses in the law enforcement division of the camp activities. She then assumed the superintendency of the State Home for Girls of New Jersey, until January, 1925, when she became field executive secretary of the International Association of Policewomen.



Silent Adieu to Noted Matador

Mexicans Pay Tribute to Greatest of Bullfighters on Retirement

Mexico City.—With 40,000 spectators paying a silent tribute of admiration while the memory-stirring notes of "La Golondrina" ("When the Swallows Return") sounded over the hushed arena, Rodolfo Gaona, matador par excellence, made his last bow in the bull ring recently. At the feet of the gaudily arrayed figure lay the final kill of 20 years, a huge animal with a mortal sword thrust through his shoulders. The death struggle had brought the bull's head to the feet of his conqueror. For a few seconds Gaona stood spellbound, then stooped and lightly caressed the once cruel horns. It was his farewell to a life of bewitching peril before he strode jauntily out of an existence which would win him fame the world over. Tears were shed freely by those assistants who had fought near him for two decades as the gate closed on the last march from the field.

It was a fitting climax to the end of one of the most remarkable public careers of any entertainer of modern times.

Probably no American film star or baseball player can lay claim to anything like the height of glory Gaona has reached in the eyes of the Mexican people. Gaona fought bulls perfectly and the Mexicans love bullfighting better than any other diversion. Gaona is a Mexican and in the estimation of many international critics the best in his profession, either in Spain or Mexico.

Begin Life as Bootblack

Gaona's career has been a remarkable one. He started life as an uneducated bootblack. He is more popular in Mexico today than any President and has a fortune estimated at \$2,000,000. On one occasion he was presented with a bishop's tiara after he had displayed extraordinary skill and courage and had killed his animal with a single thrust, a difficult feat.

On the recent day of his retirement seats which ordinarily sell for from \$2 to \$5 went for \$25 to \$100. The performance started at three in the afternoon. At noon practically every

seat in the arena was taken except those reserved. It began to rain, but through it all there was music and the spectators prayed that Pluvius might cut off the water in time to allow the performance to begin. Five minutes before the indicated hour, as if by magic, the dark clouds cleared and, as the clock at the top of the amphitheater chimed three o'clock, the sun broke through and perfect weather prevailed. A mighty roar rose from 40,000 throats.

"Caliph of the Arena"

Gaona, the "Caliph of the Arena," as he is termed, the unequalled, appeared and the fight was on. He played and fought his first enemy with all cunning and killed the beast with a single thrust. His second victim suffered a similar fate. His third animal was uncontrollable, known to bullfightdom as "tame." The beast did not lend himself to art and gracefulness on the part of the man. The multitude roared for an extra bull. Gaona, the spectacular, turned to the judge's stand and asked that the request be granted. It was.

The substitute bull turned out to be all that the rules of the game required and "obeyed" the red cape to perfection, making it possible for Gaona to display the best in him. Within inches of the sharp horns, he played with the brute, caressed his forehead, knelt and turned his back to the sharp horns, touched the dangerous points. Like a hypnotist he controlled the animal. He "threw" himself "into the kill," his sword struck home clean through the shoulder blades to the heart.

The animal gave up the struggle, the last note sounded from the band. Gaona bowed his head and moved to the exit from the arena. The multitude, sorrow choked, uttered no sound whatever. Generally when "kills" such as Gaona had just registered take place there is a roaring cry of approval such as only a Latin audience can emit.

DAISY CHAIN GIRL



Because of her attractiveness, Miss India Pickett of Waterloo, Iowa, has been chosen as one of the students to carry the annual Daisy Chain at Yassar college, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. There is a move now to abolish this beautiful college ceremony.

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Arab Fashion on Links

Paris.—Chiseled leather coats, edged and lined with wool, are to be the fashion for women's wear on the golf links and tennis courts this spring. The idea comes from the skillfully worked saddles of some Arab chiefs, and the delicate leather work is being done by Moorish artists.

Sun Not So Hot, 3,000 Above Zero

Scientists Revise Theories After Studying Recent Total Eclipse

Washington.—A summarization of scientific knowledge gathered from the sun's eclipse January 24 has led the bureau of standards to three main conclusions. These are:

That the sun's corona, which is the scientific term for the radiant mantle of material stretching to great distances from the main orb, is in part composed of solid or liquid material, and not entirely of gas.

That the existence of an element in the sun, provisionally dubbed "coronium," which has never been encountered on the earth's globe, is fairly well established.

That a new method of timing eclipses, based on the phenomena of light, can be worked out and applied on June 28, 1927, when the next great eclipse of the sun, visible in Europe, is due.

Dr. George K. Burgess, director of the bureau, and his staff of experts who made a variety of investigations during the few moments the sun was veiled, reached these conclusions at a meeting at which they brought their preliminary compilations together. They are continuing comparisons with the findings of other scientists.

Coronium Signs Detected. Dr. C. C. Kless, who took a spectra observation from the airship Los Angeles, detected again in his photographs the green and red lines which

are believed to denote the existence of "coronium."

The conclusions as to the solid and liquid matter in the corona rest largely upon the experiments of Dr. H. T. Stetson and W. Coblentz, aimed at establishing the exact temperature of the sun. Doctor Coblentz, using better instruments than his predecessors, found the corona temperature to be 3,000 degrees above absolute zero, in spite of the fact that previous observations have indicated the temperature to be about 6,000 degrees. The difference in the two temperatures gives ground for the inference that the corona is made up in part of dense matter, because if it were all incandescent gas, the temperature would be higher.

In measuring the time of the eclipse, or rather the time of duration of obscuration, I. G. Priest, another bureau expert, sought to give astronomers better data for calculating the movement of the moon.

Several Seconds Out

There is a gap in proven data which makes the time of the coming of eclipses uncertain by several seconds, and although this circumstance is philosophically accepted by ordinary humanity, it is annoying to scientists. The bureau also was concerned in a general attempt to establish the influence exerted upon wireless transmission by the sun's obscuration, but its decisions on that point await the assembling of a very large number of observations.

BRIDE FOR WALES?



Princess Martha, niece of the king of Sweden, according to reports current in London, is to become the bride of the prince of Wales, the engagement to be announced when the prince returns from his trip to South America.

Julius Kruttschnitt Will Retire at 71



Julius Kruttschnitt, closely associated with E. H. Harriman in an epochal railroad development and since 1913 chairman of the executive committee of the Southern Pacific railway, will soon quit the ranks of active railroad men under the pension plan of that road. After forty-eight years of service he will retire on the eve of his seventy-first birthday, which falls on July 30. Mr. Kruttschnitt once belonged to that host of American boys who have found a locomotive whistle the sweetest of music. He was born in New Orleans before the Civil war and learned the scale of railroad whistles on a plantation near the Mississippi levees. He began work as a rodman on the old New Orleans & Great Western railroad, which ran from New Orleans to Morgan City, La., 80 miles away. Now the Southern Pacific has a capitalization of nearly \$800,000,000.

His retirement necessitates a complete reorganization in the executive management of the system.

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN IS NOW ON TO PREVENT DROWNINGS

Safety Council Plans Comprehensive Effort to Reduce the Annual Toll of Lives.

Chicago.—"Help to prevent drownings." That is the slogan which will be broadcast throughout the country this summer by the National Safety Council in a comprehensive effort to reduce the toll of lives in accidental drownings.

Approximately 6,500 persons were drowned in continental United States last year, the council estimates. Modern educational methods and publicity on the subject have reduced the annual toll from 8,600, the number drowned in 1911. A large part of the credit for this reduction is due the American Red Cross, which has promoted life-saving activities of various sorts in communities large and small. This summer the National Safety

Council will add the organized effort of 60 large cities having a total population in excess of 30,000,000 which have affiliated community safety councils.

The safety councils of these cities will extend the campaign into the public and parochial schools, into the homes and into the industries. Swimming posters will be displayed the country over in an effort to interest people in learning how to swim. The prone-pressure method of resuscitation, recognized as the most efficient system of restoring breathing in the apparently drowned will be taught along with ways and means of rescuing helpless persons from lakes and rivers.

Thirty of the country's largest radio stations will broadcast talks on the prevention of drownings.

"There is no doubt but that the ability to swim is of first importance if

the drownings in this country are to be reduced," says V. F. Cameron, managing director of the council. "Every one, young and old, should get out this summer and learn how. Especially should children be taught because swimming becomes harder to learn as the person grows older. Besides, swimming is wonderful exercise and develops the muscles and tissues of the body into a suppleness not accomplished by most other forms of recreation."

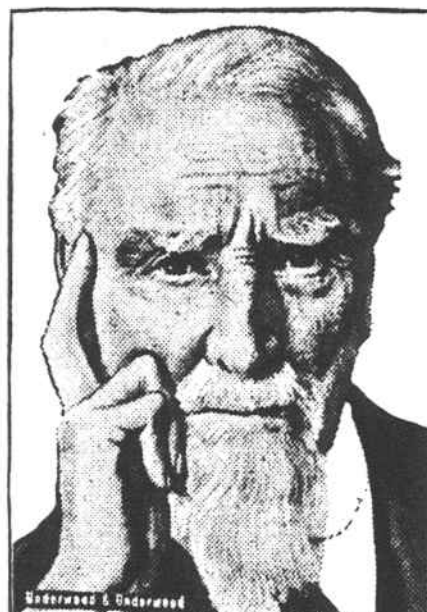
Ban Billboards

Harrisburg, Pa.—Senator Clarence Buckman appreciates beauty in all forms, but he fears that billboards which display in garish colors and alluring pose, hosiery and underwear models distract the attention of motorists. Accordingly he has presented a bill in the senate prohibiting the erection of billboards on state highways.

An inventor in Australia has perfected an electrical device for measuring the depth of water in wells.

Dollar Purchase of Five U. S. Ships

Here is an up-to-date portrait of R. Stanley Dollar, head of the Dollar Steamship line, whose purchase of the five President type ships from the United States shipping board has created so much excitement. These five ships have been operated in the California-Orient service by the Pacific Mail Steamship company, which obtained a temporary injunction against the transfer in the District of Columbia Supreme court. In the shipping board the vote for the transfer was 4 to 3.



Under the contract, as made public, the terms of payment provide that the certified check for \$140,625 which accompanied the Dollar line bid for the ships shall be retained by the board as the first installment on the purchase price of \$5,625,000. The final payment must be made not later than May 1, 1937. All deferred payments bear interest at 4 1/2 per cent.

Immediately after the next arrival of the vessels at San Francisco, the board is to drydock the ships and repair them.

Coaxed King to Adopt St. Patrick's Fete Day

Honolulu.—Believing March 17 was the best day in the year for birthday celebrations, no matter in whose honor, a young Irishman, nearly 100 years ago, drifted to the Hawaiian islands and upset the records of local history.

The Irishman became the boon companion of the king of Hawaii, Kamehameha III, and learned to his distress that the king was in the habit of celebrating his birthday on the day he was born, August 11. He explained to the king why this should not be, and advanced colorful arguments for a change to March 17. The friendly king consented, and kept up the practice as long as he lived.

Preparing a set of tableaux for presentation next June, to honor King Kamehameha, Hawaiians found conflicting records; some set forth he was born August 11 and others March 17. Archives finally fixed the date as in August, and then some old timers came forward with the story of the roving admiral of St. Patrick.

LEARNS THE BUSINESS



Fowler McCormick, son of Harold McCormick and Mrs. Rockefeller Mc-

Cormick, and heir to the control of the reaper industry founded by his grandfather, is working as a common laborer in the Milwaukee plant of the International Harvester company, having started at the bottom to learn all the details of the business.

Greatest Lighthouse in World Is Started

Paris.—What is stated to be the most powerful lighthouse in the world was inaugurated on the summit of Mont Afrique in Burgundy for the purpose of facilitating night trips on the Paris-Marseilles air line.

The lighthouse has eight lights, with a total of 1,000,000,000 candlepower. If atmospheric conditions are favorable its powerful rays will be seen from Lille, Brussels, Frankfurt and Milan.

Despite the heavy expense incurred for building the lighthouse, which cost the government over \$100,000, it is expected that four more will be put up during the year in order to enable the air lines to run day and night services throughout the country.

DOINGS IN THE TAR HEEL STATE

NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Goldsboro.—F. V. Newman, an employe at the Virginia Box and Lumber company, had a narrow escape from serious injury at the plant when he was caught in a revolving shaft and whirled around until almost dead.

Winston-Salem.—Mrs. Wilmoth York, widow of the late Dr. Lewis York, of Booneville, died at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. C. T. Essie, in this city.

Durham.—Glee singers from Guilford college won the second annual inter-collegiate glee club contest held at Duke University. The Quaker harmonists won both the cup for the best quartet and the one given for the best specialty.

Wadesboro.—Chickens raised in this county and shipped off brought more than five thousand dollars in the county last month. The raising of poultry for the market is becoming a most profitable industry in Anson county.

Rocky Mount.—General Albert Cox, of Raleigh, was the principal speaker at a Memorial day program which was carried out at the First Methodist church under the auspices of the Bethel Heroes chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Wadesboro.—Much cotton has had to be planted over in this county on account of the unusually cold weather which followed a hail storm in this section. In some sections cotton has already been weeded once, but much of it is not yet up.

Wilmington.—The giant dirigible Los Angeles, homeward bound to Lakehurst, N. J., passed over the city headed due East. Later she swung north and headed toward Norfolk.

Salisbury.—R. Lee Wright, local attorney, was sworn in as emergency judge, the oath being administered by Judge T. J. Shaw, who is presiding over the present term of Rowan superior court. Judge Wright's commission from Governor McLean came several days ago. His first court will be at Albemarle.

Wilmington.—John R. Hanby and F. J. Sullivan, charged by the United States Treasury Department with having defrauded the government through alleged incorrect income tax returns, are to be tried before Federal Judge I. M. Meekins during the criminal session of Federal Court, which is to be convened here.

Oxford.—Furman Bailey accused slayer of Lawrence Davis, of Southern Granville, was given a preliminary hearing here. Bailey was found in Texas where he fled following the murder. Court ruled that there was probable cause of guilt and the prisoner was placed in jail without bail. Several eye witnesses to the murder were present at the hearing.

Mount Airy.—The county commissioners decided to enter suit against former county treasurer W. R. Marion for the sum of \$12,400 an alleged shortage which auditors claim is due the county by Mr. Marion. The commissioners have had Mr. Marion's accounts audited by two auditors working independently of each other and each report is said to indicate a shortage of more than \$12,000.

Laurinburg.—Hugh A. McIntyre, aged 69, was buried at the McIntyre graveyard three miles south of town. He was of the old original Scotch of this section. And was considered one of the best farmers of this section, although not a large planter, but very intensive in cultivation, farming on the pay as you go plan.

Wilmington.—N. Porter, of Seagate, near Wilmington, was seriously injured when he fell from a 30-foot pole at Wanonish while working on power transmission lines being installed by the Tidewater Power company. He was hurried to Wilmington hospital where it is expected he will recover if internal injuries do not develop.

Raleigh.—R. P. Kendall a white man arrested as a hobo was Saturday given a term of 16 months on the roads by Judge Frank A. Daniels, in Wake County Superior court for carrying a concealed weapon. The long road sentence was imposed for an offense which usually draws a fine because of the fact that Kendall was found with a quantity of jewelry which was shown to have been stolen in Lynchburg, Va.

Tarboro.—It was learned here that George Pittman, a farmer living about four miles from Halifax, killed a bald eagle that was attempting to kill some pigs. The eagle had already killed several pigs before he fell before the farmer's gun. It was seven and a half feet from tip to tip, being one of the largest eagles ever seen in this section. The bird was sent to Washington city to be mounted.

High Point.—Officer R. L. Myers, of the local police department, had judgment suspended upon payment of the costs in Davidson superior court at Lexington after he had entered a plea of guilty of assault with a deadly weapon upon Reid Moore, Thomasville white man.

High Point.—Reed, Dougherty and Hoyt, of New York, bond attorneys for the city of High Point, have been requested to give an opinion on the charter provision which caused a question to arise as to the legal right of Mayor-elect H. A. Moffitt and Councilman-elect R. E. Snow to serve.

Hickory.—Contracts have been conditionally let for the building of the new eight story hotel here, the condition being that an additional \$60,000 already subscribed. Two thirds of that amount have already been underwritten, it was said by officials of the company.

Hickory.—Joe Bass, a traveling salesman with headquarters in Morganton, was fired at several times, two bullets barely missing his head and crashing through the windshield of his touring car, as he drove from Lenoir to Morganton, according to a story he told Morganton officials.

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