

TRACTORS BEING USED IN GREENLAND'S SNOW

Use of the New Vehicle Recalls Uncommon "Common" Carriers of World

Tractors are crawling over snow-covered fields of northern Greenland carrying the supplies of the Lange Koch expedition. This novel use of a new-born vehicle recalls that some of the oldest transportation methods still are employed in regions whose climate is older and higher than that of the Greenland Eskimo.

The ox-cart still serves the southern "darky" in North Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama, as well as in other portions of the south, as his coach and four for the Sunday-go-to-meeting. During the week the stolid beast plows tobacco and cotton fields. In India bullocks hitched to a wagon with an ornate beehive shaped or elongated covering, not unlike the picturesque colorful schooner convey the Burmese man and his family along the road to Mandalay. Nor does this animal cease being a means of transportation upon his death. The natives blow up his skin and use it as a float or raft on which they cross the rivers.

In Arctic regions and in Alaska particularly the dog has rendered manifold inestimable assistance. Today he is the means by which letters, parcels, and provisions reach the snow-bound inhabitants of the interior. The reindeer also plays an important part in the transportation system of Alaska.

The dog is the Belgian peasant's close friend, drawing the truck and milk wagons in many of the mountainous regions of the quaint wagons of the schooner type now in use is drawn by camels through the streets of certain towns in India. This country affords a variety of pack animals and conveyances among which rank the most diverse of novelty seekers might find something to interest him—the humped ox, the horse, the donkey, the camel, the elephant, and the buffalo being carrying a long pole across his shoulder to which his burden is slung.

The back of man bears the burden in China. And so the chain of burden bearers goes around the world, with the elephant of Siam that carries the teak, the carabao that thrashes the rice of the Philippines, the man who propels the palanquin, the jinrikisha, and, lately, the "jinrikomobile" of Japan, the trotting ox of Ceylon, the splendid horses of Arabia, the saddle ox of Central Africa, and the camel of the Sahara and Central Asia, the ubiquitous automobile, and the homely but utilitarian little burro of Mexico, Central and South America. Thousands of these last named little animals daily tread the trail leading from the lowlands to the city of La Paz, delivering in the capital of Bolivia, practically everything the city gets from the outside world. Patiently, too, the burro has trailed its way through history, from a periot in the Holy Land older than that in which Joseph and Mary fled from Herod's slaughter to the west and south America, Spain and across to America with the Spanish explorers and colonizers.

The section of France known as Landes discloses one method of transporting heavy loads of material, consisting of many square miles of flat sandy marshes that is probably employed by few except the American boy in play. The shepherds in this area tend their flocks on high stilts.

There is one city at least in which the horse has no prestige—Venice. It has often been called the "horseless city." If traffic policemen are necessary on her liquid highways, they occupy their minds with the problem of keeping the freer boats from submerging the amorous and oblivious gondolier.

The Mother Goose rhyme about the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker who went to sea in a tub may have had its inspiration in one of the curious wickerwork boats, covered with skins, which are in daily use on the Tigris and Euphrates rivers for hauling both freight and passengers.

**WILMINGTON, Ala., Feb. 21.**—A leading Birmingham plumbing and heating contracting firm announced today that journeymen plumbers and steam fitters in its employ had voluntarily reduced their wages from \$12 to \$8 a day, beginning Monday.

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.**—Appointment of Bert New, attorney of Indianapolis, as executive secretary of the Democratic national committee, was announced today by Chairman White. The appointment was made under reservation adopted here at the meeting last Thursday of the national committee's conference. Mr. New, who will have direct charge of the party's national headquarters here, will assume his duties March 4.

**BRISTON, Va.-Tenn., Feb. 21.**—Ensnared in a loss of approximately \$235,000, the Empire Chair factory and several other plants here destroyed by fire early this morning at Johnson City, Tenn. The loss to the chair factory is placed at more than \$75,000. Other plants which suffered were the Peard Walnut and Veneer company and the Johnson City Lumber company. The origin of the fire is undetermined.

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Should a Man Support a Husky Wife Who Can Earn Own Living?

Is It Just That a Husband Be Compelled to Pay Wife's Debts When She Can't Be Compelled to Pay His?—Greater New York's Feminists and Antis are Asking These and Many Kindred Questions Now

By CLARA SAVAGE, (Special Correspondent of The Star. Copyright, 1921)

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Is it just that a man should be required by law to support a perfectly husky, able-bodied wife who can earn her own living? Is it just that a husband should be compelled to pay his wife's debts when there is no law to compel her to pay his?

These are questions agitating feminist and anti-feminist circles in Greater New York today. Mrs. Norah Blatch Barney, lawyer and daughter of the suffrage leader, Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch, started the discussion when she referred to them in a speech before the convention of the woman's party this week.

There is a wide difference of opinion among women on this subject as I learned today. For example, I asked Fannie Hurst whether she thought a man should support his wife.

"No," she said, most decidedly, and added that she felt neither should be responsible for the other's debts.

Miss Hurst, although married, keeps her maiden name and maintains a separate apartment across the hall from her husband. She has very definite ideas in regard to woman's economic independence.

I found myself wondering, as she talked, which would be considered more striking, Miss Hurst's ideas or her costume. She wore a blue velvet dress with orange over blue satin pajamas, a string of crystal beads about her neck, amber rings in her jet-black hair and a pair of silver slippers—a rather striking figure against the background of an apartment rich in color where gay little canaries fly about quite freely and a great purple, blue and green parrot sits by her desk and cranes his neck at her manuscript as she writes.

"Why should any able-bodied woman be supported?" asked Miss Hurst. "Why should any adult person be dependent on another financially?"

It was suggested that home care—cooking, sewing, washing, cleaning, marketing, taking care of children might interfere with a woman's earning capacity outside the home. Miss Hurst brushed them aside.

"Women have been too long dependent on men too long willing to be," she said. "I believe it is better for children if they are taken care of the greater part of the time by experts in child training rather than by their mothers. I believe that a good many women would be more successful as mothers, as wives and companions of their husbands if they followed a profession that brought in an income and did not let themselves become drudges in a home."

In brief, Miss Hurst's recipe for a

happy married life is: "Each one earn a living and then pool it."

Miss Sue White, chairman of the national research department of the woman's party declares that one way to get true equality for women before the law is to encourage women to become lawyers and judges. I therefore, went to the only woman ever appointed judge in New York state, Mrs. Jean H. Norris, who presides over the woman's court and the court of domestic relations. I asked her whether she agreed with the delegates to the woman's party convention who believe that a man should not be compelled to support his wife or be responsible for her debts.

"I believe 99 women out of a 100 should be supported by their husbands," said Judge Norris. "I resent having any one term this a 'privilege.' Even the word 'support' gives a wrong impression. These women earn every cent they get. Heaven knows most of them spend it on the home and the children and not on themselves. This isn't a privilege for the woman, anymore than it is for the man, or rather, it is a privilege in which they share equally. As to debts—I don't believe in debts. That is a matter to be settled out of court. There are cases of injustice under the law. A case came before me in which a man had deeded over to his wife property that brought in an income of \$6,000 a year. He is now old and feeble and draws a pension of \$50 a month. His wife will not give him a penny of the \$6,000 and the law can not make her. On the other hand, in some states, a husband is allowed to take every penny a wife earns and spend it as he likes, because by law, he has a right to her services. Such injustices should be remedied, but I am not in favor, at present, of any legislation which would make it a misdemeanor for a man to support his wife."

**IRISH BATTLE CASUALTIES**  
CORK, Feb. 21.—(By Associated Press.)—Thirteen civilians were killed and eight captured, of whom three were wounded, in an engagement this afternoon in the district between Lisgold and Midleton, Cork county, according to general headquarters report. This is believed to be the largest number of casualties among the members of the Irish republican army in any single encounter.

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