

RIO GRANDE RIVER IS SHIFTING BOUNDARY

One Might Retire in U. S. and Awake in Mexico.

Washington.—"News that a band of mounted cattle thieves rode across the Rio Grande river from Mexico into Texas recently, probably presents a picture of this southern boundary river of the United States far different from that conjured up by a look at the map," says a bulletin from the National Geographic society.

"On the map the Rio Grande has the appearance, in its lower reaches, at least, of being as wide as the St. Lawrence or the Detroit rivers, along both of which large ships ply. In flood times the Rio Grande is a wide, full river; but during portions of the year, owing to little rainfall on its tributaries, seepage into the sandy soil, and appropriation for irrigation purposes, its waters dwindle away until only a narrow stream remains, dodging in and out among wide expanses of sand. Quicksands make crossing dangerous in places, but at other points it is a simple matter to ride or wade from bank to bank.

"Because the river can be so easily crossed in times of low water, United States and Mexican officials have had stubborn problems along certain sections of the Rio Grande in the enforcement of immigration, tariff, prohibition, narcotic, and other regulations. The problems are heightened by the fact that the American side of the river is not uniformly developed and that most of the Mexican side is unutilized. At some points on the American side the huge irrigated gardens and fields and citrus groves of the lower Rio Grande valley reach to the river, representing land in the highest degree of cultivation. But at other points the river bank and a zone ten miles or more in width is covered with a growth of mesquite and other bushes, and is vir-

tually uninhabited. Chinese and other aliens secretly entering the country, and smugglers in both directions hide in these wilderness spots, and when overtaken often 'shoot it out' with members of the border patrol.

"The Rio Grande in flood times has been equally a problem to the United States and Mexico. When the river rises unduly it eats away the fine sandy alluvial soil as though it were brown sugar, frequently forcing new channels across the narrow necks where the stream loops. When this happens the bits of land cut off ('bancos,' they are called), are thrust into an alien jurisdiction. Many a river-bank resident has gone to sleep in the United States and waked up next morning in Mexico.

"All along the lower Rio Grande at one time were numerous bits of United States territory on the Mexican side of the river, and fragments of Mexico in the United States. The situation became so complicated that the two governments finally agreed that since in the long run the shifts of territory from side to side were about equal, new channels would be taken as marking the boundary, where the bancos were small. It was provided, however, that if fragments of territory exceeding 618 acres or having 200 or more inhabitants shall ever be cut off by the river, they shall still belong to the country from which they were torn, the old channel remaining as the boundary."

Ohioans to Build House of Welded Steel Sheets

Cleveland.—The world's first frameless steel house is to be erected soon in Solon, a Cleveland suburb, as an experiment which might revolutionize residential architecture.

The first unit of "mass production" by the housing by this method is projected, it was learned, by the American Rolling Mill company of Middletown, Ohio, and a Cleveland group. The house will consist of steel sheets, welded together and insulated. It will cost less than a wooden house, will have eight rooms, two baths and a two-car garage. The exterior will be of asbestos sheet and the interior of insulation board. Nearly fourteen tons of steel will go into the structure.

Prince Cets Belongings, but Alfonso's Are Held

Paris.—The Spanish Republican government has shipped several cases of clothing, household silver and other private possessions to the prince of Asturias, but it has not returned any of their personal property to former King Alfonso or Queen Victoria.

As a result of intervention by an emissary of Alfonso the government agreed to ship to the prince the silverware which was a gift from his English grandmother, Princess Beatrice. She gave him several pieces of silver each year on his birthday.

The government decided that since the silver represented a gift from a member of the family living outside Spain it could be surrendered. But the request of Alfonso for the release of his own table service was denied.

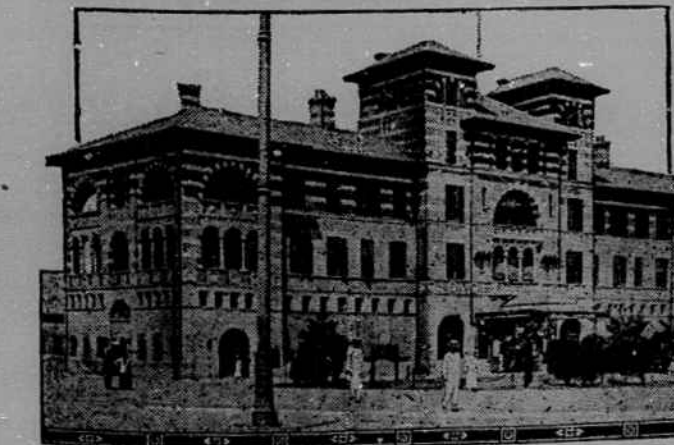
Fire in Home Kept Burning 50 Years

Statesville, N. C.—The story of how Ephriam Scroggs, pioneer settler, started a fire in his home on his wedding night which he and his wife kept burning continuously for 50 years has been told here by his niece, Mrs. Ellen Lippard.

In the 50 years, she said, the couple spent one night and one day away from home, but each time the fire was so well banked it did not go out.

Old Whipping-Post Tree
Alfred, Maine.—An oak tree which served as a whipping post in the days of colonial blue laws is still standing here.

Center of Hot Fighting in Shanghai



This is the north railway station in Shanghai which was the center of the fiercest fighting between the Japanese and Chinese when the former attacked Chapel, the native quarter.

SETS ANOTHER RECORD



Eleanor Holm, United States swimming star, who added another triumph to her long list when she broke the world's mark for the 150-yard back stroke at a championship meet of the Women's Swimming association of New York. Miss Holm's new record is 1:53 2-5.

Nonflammable Gas Is Perfected in Jersey

Bayway, N. J.—A gasoline which will not catch fire has been perfected by the Standard Oil company of New Jersey.

A. F. Masury, chairman of the ordinance finance committee of the Society of Automotive Engineers, stated: "This gasoline has the same characteristics as the gasoline that is now sold on the street. However, when a match is thrown into it, it will not burn. It has practically the same flash point as Diesel or furnace oils."

TROTZKY STRIKES AT STALIN GOVERNMENT

Deposed Leader Has Visions of Coming Back.

London.—Russia is in the throes of a serious rebellion against Stalin, the Moscow dictator.

The movement, judging from the very guarded references in the official newspapers, is directed by Trotzky, the deposed commissar for war, from his exile in Turkey.

The rank and file of the rebels, described as Trotzkyites, or Left Wingers, have invaded every strategic point in the Soviet economic machinery and, in spite of frequent arrests, have maintained their influence.

Soviet spokesmen, according to verbatim reports which have just reached the Daily Mail, openly admit that the rebels have been harassing Stalin's government for more than a year, and that their action has led to serious consequences in vital sections of the five-year plan for Russia's industrialization.

Trotzky still hopes to return to Moscow, and for this purpose keeps in touch with his Russian and foreign groups of followers. These groups, as well as Trotzky himself, are financed

from a secret fund, which continues to grow. It is estimated that the Trotzkyites in Russia are spending \$15,000 a month on bribes and "other forms of corruption."

A private complaint of Trotzky's activities was made recently by Russia to the Turkish government, which replied that it was unable to take any action.

How greatly Stalin is perturbed by the growth of the revolt is shown by venomous attacks he has recently launched against Preobrazhensky, one of the Soviet's financial negotiators in London, whose crime, like that of Trotzky in 1925, is a book reviewing the world position. Every Soviet misfortune has been attributed to his interpretation of events.

Close observers of affairs in Russia believe that the days of the Stalin regime are numbered, and that his opponents will make a decisive bid for power when they are fully equipped and ready.

Radio, Movies Creating New Standard of Speech

Detroit.—America has a new standard of speech, developed by the radio and talkie, according to Dr. Ray K. Immel, of the University of California.

Addressing the recent convention of the National Association of Teachers of Speech, Doctor Immel said the two agencies have brought about a greater uniformity in the nation's speech. He regretted that uniformity will eliminate quaint localisms.

"Laziness is one of the greatest handicaps to correct speech," Doctor Immel asserted. "Most of us are lip lazy. It's much easier sometimes to fall into the colloquial expression. Correct expression of a thought often requires effort."

The diction expert said he believed speech-consciousness is growing among the younger generation.

Inns Claim Age Record

Briston, Eng.—Two inns here claim to be the oldest hostleries in England. The license of one of them, the Runner inn, was in existence in 1241. A plan of the city between 1250 and 1350, however, mentions the Full Moon hotel as "apparently a verie ancient hostlerie."

Railroads in Nation
How many railroads are there in the United States? There are 1,637, including 174 class 1 having an operating revenue above \$1,000,000; 282 class 2, having operating revenues from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000, and 348 class 3, having operating revenues below \$100,000.—New York World-Telegram.

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Which Is It, Umps?
She was addressing a group of eager wide-eyed children at the regular library story hour. "Today, boys and girls, I am going to tell you a real scary story about a vampire. You know what a vampire is, don't you?"

"Oh, sure," answered one sophisticated youngster scornfully. "You mean the one who decides in a baseball game."

"Ho, ho," laughed another in derision. "Listen to him. He's talking about an empire."

Falsehood is so easy, truth so difficult.—George Eliot.

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