



THE THREE CAMELS.

"Hello," said Camel One, "here we are in the big city. It is quite a contrast from our desert home."

"It is indeed," said Camel Two. "But I am glad the weather is a little milder. The other night when we were walking down to our stable home it was snowy and rainy and very chilly."

"It seems strange," said Camel Three, "that they cannot get enough people to act. It seems strange that they need us too."

"That shows how important camels are. And they've always said we weren't very bright. If we weren't very bright we could never have gone on the stage."

"We didn't go on the stage with our brains," said Camel One. "We walked there with our long legs."

Now the three camels belonged to a theater which was giving a play about the desert. Every day the camels were walked up to the theater and every evening after the theater was out they were walked down to their stable.

"Ah," said Camel Three, "we must have some brains or we couldn't have gone on the stage. I don't mean that we couldn't have walked on it but we couldn't have really acted on it."

"We have some brains," said Camel One, "but not many. They are what you call fat and far between."

"Brains aren't few and far between. What brains a creature has are near together in the head," said Camel Three.

"Oh, very well," said Camel One.

"I think," said Camel Three, "it takes a great actor to be able to walk across the stage properly. Poor actors and actresses look like sticks."

"I have never seen one look like a stick," said Camel One. "All the



Look Like Sticks.

actors and actresses I've seen have had arms and legs and faces and hair too. Sticks don't have all that."

"You're absurd," said Camel Three. "I mean that actors and actresses who are poor at their work are just about as awkward as sticks. Of course they aren't really sticks."

"Then I wish," said Camel One, "you wouldn't talk in that way. I got quite excited thinking about actors and actresses who looked like sticks, quite excited. And I don't wish to get excited."

"You don't have to," said Camel Three.

"But if you say things like that I must," said Camel One.

"You don't have to at all," said Camel Three. "Just say to yourself, 'Now look here, Camel, no matter what Camel Three says, you mustn't get excited.'"

"I'll try that," said Camel One. And he began saying over and over to himself, 'Now look here, Camel, no matter what Camel Three says, you mustn't get excited.'

"Ah," said Camel Three, "they couldn't have had this play without us. We have gone into circus life. It's true, but now we have also gone on the stage. We've been a part of a play and a most important part."

"A most important part," said Camel Two, "sometimes like the scenery. Most important."

"We aren't scenery," said Camel Three. "We're camels."

"Well, I know that," said Camel Two. "No one knows better than I do that I am a camel. But still I heard some one say we were a part of the scenery. So we must be. We are part of the scenery as well as being camels. We're more than we thought we were."

"For some one said, 'Those camels are such a beautiful part of the scenery.' Now what do you make of that?"

"I make of that," said Camel Three, "that we made the scene much more real. Just as if they were giving a play with a scene in a children's nursery. It would be suitable, wouldn't it, to have a few children around now, wouldn't it? In the same way it is suitable to have us in this play."

"What does suitable mean?" the other camels asked.

"The thing!" said Camel Three.

"Fine," the other camels agreed, as they trudged into their stable for a good night's rest.

True.

Teacher—Now, children, what is it we want most in the world to make us perfectly happy?

Bright Youngster—The things we don't get.—Stray Stories.

Farmers' co-operative organizations in California last year did a total business of \$275,000,000.

DUELLING STILL POPULAR IN HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY.

HEIDELBERG, Germany, March 24.—Sword duelling in the University of Heidelberg is as popular and as common today as it was more than 500 years ago, when this oldest of German schools was founded. Virtually every student who has passed the first year wears a sword scar on the left side of his chin or the left cheek, or a bandaged head which advertises that the scar is in the making.

Duels do not always arise from anger or quarrels, but out of the necessity of providing the student with the diploma of sword prowess, or to give him sword practice which affords the students great delight. They are sometimes arranged, like a boxing bout, by fractions of cents which have developed certain differences of opinion. Five round duels are popular.

"Surgons stand by to see up the wounds after each round, which usually last a minute," said a Heidelberg man, who wore a deep scar on his chin. "If another student is badly damaged, the fight will go the full number of rounds decided upon, after which the stitches the surgeons have taken will be counted and the man with the fewest stitches will be declared the winner."

"Should, at any one time during the encounter, a combatant dodge, a sword stroke his opponent is immediately declared a winner. That is the unalterable thing in the students duelling code to dodge a stroke."

Except infrequent combats between older students, when heavy swords are used, duelling in Heidelberg is not dangerous. The heads and necks of the fighters, and the abdomen, are protected by leather guards.

Some of the favorite duelling places are ancient castles and tower rooms, the floors of which are always covered with sand, the walls lined with large mirrors and lined with engravings, oil pictures, and trophies of the fight. These places are sacred to students and it would be a serious offense against a custom of half a thousand years for a stranger to wander in and sit down in some stained chair.

The university is still a law unto itself, and the civil authorities of the town of Heidelberg never, under any pretext, interfere in student affairs. Punishment is administered to a few delinquent students by university authorities. The university "hall" is not in the top story of the building. It is a custom for the student confined on one of these cells to have his name and the date of his imprisonment written on the walls.

MILITARY ALLOTMENT TO EXPIRE JULY 31 (The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Military allotments and advances under the war risk insurance act will expire automatically on July 31, Comptroller Marquis of the treasury holds in a ruling made public today.

The ruling was based on the legislation adopted by the last congress regarding most of the special war risk acts. War risk insurance between officials were made void to give automatic figures and report the number of soldier, sailor and marine allotments which would be affected, but they said thousands of men still in the service both at home and in the American army on the Rhine were waiting for the allotment to their relatives and that the government of Lewis was supplying an empty pound.

WILL MAKE CLASSIFICATION OF RAILROAD EMPLOYEES (Chicago, March 25.) Scientific classification of railroad employees will be taken up for the first time by two congressional committees of the United States House and of the Interstate Commerce Commission at a conference on Washington on March 29, it was announced today by G. W. W. Houder, a member of the board.

A statistical study of such classifications has long been completed and approved by the Labor Board. This study will form the basis of a uniform classification now in existence between railroad companies, but because of varying interests of rail were placed in the same class and that same occupations were designated by different names on different roads.

TWO SOUTHERN TRAINS TO BE TAKEN OFF (SPENNER, March 25.) Freight Service, March 27, trains No. 205 between Washington and Atlanta, and 105 northbound, will be discontinued except for an official bulletin issued today by the Southern Railway. It is held that No. 205, passing Spencer at 7:30 p. m., will become the north-bound train. It is believed that the two trains to be taken off can be served by the night mail easily than any others that might have been selected. No. 205, it is held, will handle both passengers and mail.

GERMAN SPOKESMAN AT THE REPARATION CONFERENCE. (Dr. Walter von Simons, German Foreign Minister (seated) and Herr Stahner, German Ambassador to London, photographed in London. Dr. Simons headed the German delegation and it was his refusal to accept the Allied terms that led to the Allied occupation of several German cities.

"It will not do for the enemies of laza file national labor unionism in America to delay the bargain too long."—Samuel Gompers.

PRISON POPULATION OF U. S. HAS DECREASED 12 PER CENT.

CHICAGO, Mar. 25.—Prison population of the middle and southwestern United States has decreased 12.4 per cent in the past six years, according to reports collected by The Associated Press from state penitentiaries in 16 states.

The decrease amounted to 5,729 prisoners. The total penitentiary population of the 16 states in 1914 was 52,347. In 1920, 46,618. Data of the summary figures are for the most part those of 1920.

Falling off in the prison population of the section is particularly noticeable in the western States of Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and South Dakota, which in 1914 had 10,100 prisoners, but in 1920 had the record 6,000.

The statistics were compiled by the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Prisons, under the direction of Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

States whose penitentiaries reported less than in 1914 were Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Oklahoma. Kansas and Oklahoma showed the largest decreases. The decrease in Kansas was 1,100 prisoners, and in Oklahoma 1,000.

The largest decrease in the number of prisoners was in Oklahoma, which in 1914 had 3,700 prisoners, but in 1920 had 2,700.

In the same year, Kansas had 2,400 prisoners, down from 3,400 in 1914.

CATAWAWA MAN HIT ON HEAD, SERIOUSLY HURT (Hemer Dispatches in Haverhill Gazette.)

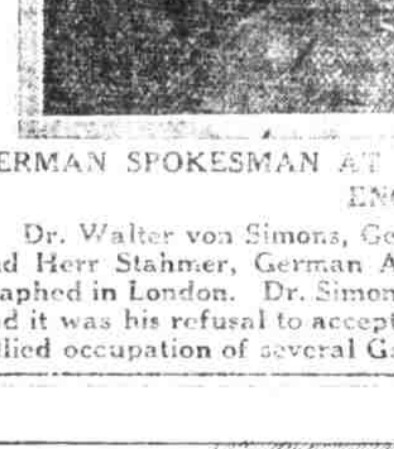
Homer and Earl Brooks, 17 and 18 years of age, were in the town of Catawawa, N. C., when a man was hit on the head and injured.

STATESVILLE, March 25.—The police arrested a man who was in the town of Statesville, N. C., when a man was hit on the head and injured.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The police arrested a man who was in the town of Washington, D. C., when a man was hit on the head and injured.

WYOMING, March 25.—It was announced today that the famous Wyoming rodeo will be held in Wyoming, N. C., on March 30 and 31.

The men were shot at about 1000 workers were employed at that time in the plant, which is now being run by the Southern Railway.



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EXTENSION SERVICE TAKES PLACE OF EXPERIMENT STATION

UPLAND, ILL., Mar. 25.—Since the rapid development of the Agricultural Extension Service, the public has lost interest in the Experiment Station, according to Professor Eugene Davenport, of the University of Illinois. Practically no money has been appropriated in the United States as a whole for agricultural investigation since 1911. Dean Day reports that the result is that eighty per cent of the station workers have resigned and about one fifth of the most experienced have left the Experiment Station entirely for work at the extension.

When the Experiment Stations were established, farmers were feeling what they felt in having even if it was a trouble to pay a tax, while the Extension Service was a source of relief to the farmer. Many of the stations were closed because the farmer was not getting any benefit from the station.

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