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## Announcement

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Clayton C. Carpenter has become associated with us as Manager of our Life Insurance Department.

Mr. Carpenter is a native of this county and was educated at Lehigh College and the State University. Upon graduation at the State University, he entered the Officers' Training Camp at Oglethorpe, Ga., and received his commission as Second Lieut. of Field Artillery. He was sent across with the 316th Field Artillery and has only recently returned home.

We represent the Southern Life & Trust Company, of Greensboro, N. C., "The Pilot" of Home Companies—a company of which we are very proud, and one which issues all modern contracts of life insurance. We shall greatly appreciate any courtesies shown Mr. Carpenter by our friends.

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## GREAT EVENT FOR MOSLEMS

Gala Day When the "Procession of the Holy Carpet" Leaves Cairo for City of Mecca.

Always picturesque, Cairo is never more fascinating than during the "Procession of the Holy Carpet." In the bazars we watch the barefooted workmen embroidering, holding the cloth in their toes, which appear to be prehensile, or watch them go to the nearest mosque to bathe five times a day. As many times a day also from the minarets of mosques the muezzins are reminding the natives of the approaching festival, and that "God is great, there is no God but God, and Mohammed is his prophet. Come to Prayer."

Howling dervishes are dancing in the mosque near the Square of Suttan Hasan, while devout Moslems are engaged in eventide prayer on their housetops. Water carriers are on the way to the yellow Nile for water, or are bearing wine in their gontskins the same as in Biblical times, while aged men in the mosques are appareled exactly as in Abraham's day.

The streets are filled with soldiers, while thousands of dervishes attend the ceremonial held in the sacred prophetic enclosure in the great square near the citadel. The enclosure is a pyramidal wooden structure covered with embroidered stuffs emblazoned with gold embroidery and quotations from the Koran. Here the people receive the blessings of the prophet, together with special dispensations and sacred talismans.

The khedive and his dignitaries are all present to formally start the caravan and its military escort toward Mecca, in far-off Arabia. The people press forward to touch the sacred inclosure, kissing it with fervor. Women let down their shawls and face veils from the windows, as the procession at last starts. Following it are the pilgrims who will accompany the carpet to the sanctuary in the mosque at Mecca, and who will return later with the same caravan to Cairo, bearing the carpet of the previous year.

**Marriage in Bulgaria.**  
Since Bulgaria's unconditional surrender to the allies the men of her armies have been straggling homeward and many weddings are being celebrated in consequence.

Bulgarian methods of entertaining before the wedding do not differ materially from those of other nations except that the bride instead of having her trousseau carefully put away in the "hope chest," from which she only takes it for the privileged few, hangs it up on cords which are stretched across the main room of the house. Here it is viewed on the Friday before the wedding by all the matrons of the town, while the bride and the maidens dance before the door and remain there until the matrons have given their full criticism of each garment, and if they disapprove of them the girls must help the bride make them over until "suitable."

Instead of rice, corn as an emblem of plenty, is showered over the bride and groom, who are escorted to their home with many ceremonies and they are virtually imprisoned within its doors.

**New Uses of Raw Products.**  
The Weltmarkt directs attention to new uses of some raw products. In Holland a useful gum or paste is being made from garlic. The bulbs are pressed and the juice or fluid matter so obtained is thickened by inspissation. A good substitute for cork is obtained from certain fungi, which are dried and ground, mixed with cement and consolidated by pressure. In Norway a process has been patented to enable carbide to be used for driving motors. In Denmark a company has been floated to make briquettes from heather. These have a higher heat value than peat. Experiments are being made to use chalk marl, especially that which comes from the Limburg mines, as a manure.

### Typhoon Hurt Coconut Trees.

The Christmas typhoon, which swept over the southern Philippine Islands did considerable damage to the coconut plantations. Trees, especially those along the seashore and places most open to the wind, were either blown down or weakened to such a degree that unless the affected groves are cleaned up and taken care of, the trees still standing are doomed, but for another reason, says the bureau of agriculture. The fallen trunks will become breeding places of all manner of beetles, borers and other coconut destroying pests and diseases. The weakened trees, unable to fight these odds, will sooner or later succumb and thus the farmers will suffer more losses.

### Got Him at Last.

He was a large, dapple-gray, sensible-looking horse. It was his task to pull a baker's wagon from house to house in a district on the North side as the driver dodged in and out of the houses with his basket of bread and cakes.

"Fritz," called out the driver as he ran down the porch steps, intending that as a notice to his faithful friend to move on down the street. The horse did not move.

"Charlie," spoke up the driver again, and the old dapple-gray stepped off promptly.—Indianapolis News.

### Uncle Eben.

"Owin' to de way smarter men dan I is has got mixed up in arguments," said Uncle Eben, "whenever anybody 'splains de leauge o' nations to me, I jes' says 'yessir' an' goes on 'bout my business."

## ANOTHER SPHERE FOR WOMEN

Possibility That the Fair Sex Will Carry Off Honors in Field of Naval Architecture.

"The women who have stormed the fortress of naval architecture have won a place in what is perhaps the most interesting professions in the world," says Manchester Guardian. "Mr. Chesterton has commented on the odd fact that, while men have been building houses from the beginning of time, they have not achieved anything like a perfect house, but the position as regards ships is still more curious. Your house may not be a perfect house, but, with proper precautions, you can be sure of getting what you planned and of getting a house that will stand. Even now it is far otherwise with ships. Take the case of racing yachts. Two yachts may be built on similar plans by the same firm; one will be a triumphant success, the other a rank failure; no one seems to know why. The liners are built nowadays in pairs or triplets; yet any seafaring man will maintain that they are entirely distinct in every essential particular, and even in the matter of speed there will at least certainly be a difference. Stranger than all this is the case of warships, which seem to delight in puzzling their architects. In the case of one class of so-called cruisers in our own navy a radical change had to be made after trial trips, and it is pretty well known that some designs have been far from coming up to what was expected of them; yet at this date it would have been supposed that experts could not be deceived. However, it may perhaps be said that women will find a natural affinity for these little peculiarities."

## REGULAR CYCLES OF THOUGHT

Might Be Described as Periodical Waves Passing Through and Agitating the Human Mind.

Just as we find a mathematical rule of many of the bodily movements, just so thought may be supposed to have its regular cycles. Such or such a thought comes round periodically. In its turn, accidental suggestions, however so far removed from the regular cycle, that we may find them practically beyond our power of recognition. Take all this for what it is worth, but at any rate you will agree that there are certain particular thoughts that do not come up once a day, nor once a week, but that a year would hardly go round without your finding them pass through your mind. There is one which comes up at intervals in this way. Some one speaks of it, and there is an instant and eager sympathy of assent in the listener or listeners. Yes, indeed; they have often been struck by it.

All at once a conviction flashes through us that we have been in the same precise circumstances as at the present instant, once or many times before.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

### Origin of Japanese Language.

"The closest relation of the Japanese tongue is with ancient Hebrew, although in some cases, words show a great resemblance to Arabic, which conveys the more archaic features of the parent speech."

This conclusion has been reached by Dr. Robert Arundstead Stewart of Johns Hopkins university after an investigation of the origin of the Japanese language, according to the Japan society, for which he has prepared a statement. Continuing, he says:

"In the course of the investigations there were established the mutations that go far to proving the original unity for the Aryan and of the Semitic speech and that explain the points of correspondence noted between Japanese and Indo-European. Hence, it develops that primarily through the Semitic, and secondarily through the Indo-European, Japanese is related to our English tongue—a fact that should conduce to quickened interest of the two peoples in one another and lead to a better understanding."

### Romance of Business.

Platinum worth \$2,415,000 and weighing 23,000 ounces was recently brought into this country. It traveled from Russia as the personal baggage of a Massachusetts business man, who had undertaken on his own responsibility to secure it for the government. To this task he gave over a year of his time without remuneration, advanced his own funds, overcame an uncounted number of dangers, obstacles and hardships, and sacrificed his health. A tragic ending to the story of commercial romance is supplied by his death, four hours after his return, from exhaustion.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

### Now They Help Missionary.

The death of a cat caused a man and his wife, members of the Trinity M. E. church in Washington, to decide that it would be possible for them to support a native missionary in China as their contribution to the centenary movement in which the Methodist Episcopal churches are to spend \$105,000,000 for war reconstruction and home and foreign missions during the next five years. It was costing them \$3 a month to feed the cat, and until kitty passed on they didn't see how they could afford to give \$50 a year to support a native missionary in China.

### Not Worried.

The dentist—I'm afraid I shall have to kill the nerve.  
The Book Agent—Go ahead, I guess I've got plenty left.—Judge.

## KIDNAPPED CITIZEN HAS BEEN RELEASED BY MEXICANS

(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Lawrence L. Shipley, the American citizen who on July 9 was kidnapped by Mexican bandits near Jasmillahas has been released, the State Department was advised today by the American ambassador at Mexico City. The dispatch gives no other details.

## ANOTHER BOMB FOUND IN LOS ANGELES.

(By International News Service.)  
LOS ANGELES, Aug. 4.—Another bomb similar to the one used for the destruction of the home of Oscar Lawler, former United States attorney was discovered today in a residence less than a block away from the home of Lawler. A squad of detectives left the central station to take charge of the bomb which failed to explode because of defective mechanism.

## CLEVELAND CULLINGS.

The Star.  
Rev. W. Grady Harry, of New Orleans, will preach in the Presbyterian church next Sunday. Mr. Harry is another Cleveland county boy who has made good. He is now pastor of the Carrollton Avenue Presbyterian church, New Orleans, La. He will visit his parents at home for a while and spend the rest of his vacation in the mountains.

That seems to be a good year for snakes. Andrew Costner, who lives two miles above Casar killed 81 garter snakes all in one nest. They were counted by five or six people who vouch for the correctness of the story.

Mr. S. A. Weathers brought some eggs to market Wednesday and in counting them out found one on the end of which was formed a perfect letter "T". The formation was from the shell and in script letter.

## SHOP MEN WALKING OUT OVER THE COUNTRY.

(By International News Service.)  
CHICAGO, Aug. 4.—A union official declared today that the strike of railroad shopmen which began last Friday was spreading rapidly through the United States. Union leaders assert that 150,000 men throughout the nation are now on strike and that others will walk out during the day.

## WOMEN WILL ELECT NEXT PRESIDENT OF COUNTRY.

(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—"The women of the country will elect the next President," Mr. Wilson was told this afternoon by Mrs. George Bass, chairman of the woman's committee of the Democratic National Committee at a conference at the White House. Mrs. Bass told the President that no man who opposed the League of Nations could expect to receive the presidential vote of the women.

## TO REDUCE HIGH COST OF LIVING SAYS GRONNA.

(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—"We hope to devise means to reduce the high cost of living and help the American people to get food at lower prices," Senator Gronna, chairman of the Senate agricultural committee stated in the Senate this afternoon, announcing that the committee would hold a meeting tomorrow to consider existing economic conditions in this country.

## NO REPORT FROM EARTHQUAKES BY NAVY DEPARTMENT.

(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—The Navy Department today received no report from Admiral Rodman relative to the experiences of the Pacific fleet in the earthquake or the tidal waves.

## DIRECTOR HINES CALLS FOR CONFERENCE OF HEADS.

(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—The heads of four railroad brotherhoods were called into conference today by Railway Director Hines in an effort to clarify the whole situation growing out of the demand of the men for higher wages and their unwillingness to wait for the creation of a commission to pass upon the wage question.

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