

Hilda, Abbess of Whitby.
 In 1915 the world held its breath, mute with horror. The Zeppelins had swooped down over Whitby, on the coast of Yorkshire. A cry of vengeance went up when it was learned that half of the ancient abbey of Whitby had been destroyed. Founded in the seventh century, it was Hilda's abbey. The majestic ruins through all the ages could be seen as you climbed the quaint little seaside town of Whitby, its red-tiled houses seeming to lead directly and only to that abbey on the heights. Hilda was a princess of the blood royal, but early dedicated herself to the religious life. King Oswy gave her a grant of land and she erected the celebrated convent, or abbey, of Whitby. Of her sanctity and of her learning the men in high places in church and state who sought her advice and prayers attest in full measure. Caedmon, the earliest English poet, tarried in the monastery for monks which she erected near her own convent to reform the religious life of friars. The famous council of Whitby was held in the monastery. Could not the Zeppelins have spared the sacred and almost perfect ruins of a holy spot like Whitby abbey?—Chicago Journal.

Increased Use of Coffee.
 Whether prohibition has or has not increased the use of coffee, it is at least a fact that the people of the United States are now consuming more coffee than has been their custom and are paying far greater sums for it than ever before. A statement by the National City bank of New York shows that the quantity of coffee brought into the United States in the calendar year 1919 will probably be greater than ever before, notwithstanding the fact that the cost is about three times as much a pound as formerly. The imports for the ten months ending with October approximate 1,140,000,000 pounds, against 940,000,000 pounds in the same months of last year, and 1,122,000,000 pounds in the corresponding months of 1917, the former high record years in importation.

Reorganizing Chilean Army.
 Announcement of plans for a further reorganization of the Chilean army has recently been made by the minister of war. The plans are to operate along three distinct lines. First, an organization of a number of civilian bodies is to be made for the purpose of stimulating interest in and development of military aeronautics. Second, an attempt is to be made to increase the standing army to 28,000. Third, a number of military railways are to be built which are to have strategic character. To aid in bringing about the latter a number of Japanese military railroad authorities have been retained.

Gasoline Locomotives Now.
 Gasoline locomotives that are safe to use in coal mines have been invented in England, their ignition taking place inside of tight boxes and their exhaust through water.

Many Still Read Dickens.
 Charles Dickens has been ruled out by a class of the younger literary critics as a decided back number, but the statement by his British publishers that during the past three years the sale of his books has been almost doubled seems to refute that idea. Some of Dickens' novels sell more than 50,000 every year, and he has been dead forty-eight years. His sales during the last ten years have been larger, it is asserted, than those of any three novelists put together.

Three-Handed Clock Dial.
 A patent has been granted for a device featured by a sort of three-handed clock dial to indicate the day of the week, day of the month and hour when a man absent from his office will return.

Needs Human Sympathy.
 The Eldorado Times moves that a few kind words be strewn in the path of the man whose wife is squaring up a lot of social obligations by giving a series of parties.—Kansas City Star.

Bouquets for Patti
 The bouquets thrown to Mme. Patti on the occasion of one of her farewell appearances in Paris filled eight carriages.

indications are that, while the teal has increased, the other species have probably decreased.
 The islands composing the reservation are Laysan Island, Ocean or Cure Island, Pearl and Hermes reef, Lisianski or Pell Island, Mary reef, Dowsett reef, Gardner Island, Two Brothers reef, French Frigate shoal, Necker Island, Frost shoal and Bird Island.

CHILDREN OFFERED AS BAIL
 Pueblo Strikers Seek Release of Wives After Mayor Is Beaten.

Pueblo, Colo.—Children as surety for bail is something new in Colorado. Five women were among those arrested here following a riot in which Mayor Mike Studzinski was knocked down and severely beaten by striking steel workers. Husbands of the women made frantic attempts to obtain their release on bonds, saying they needed the women to "keep the home fires burning," and one man, who could not raise the \$200 bond required, took his three little children to the police station and offered to leave them in custody as surety for his wife's appearance in court. The offer was refused. Later the women were released on a cash bond of \$1,000 given by the strike committee.
 The rioting followed the attempt to reopen the Minnequa steel mills, closed since July. Austrian women stoned the workers who tried to enter the plant.

NUTS BROUGHT FROM CHINA
 Shortage of Texas Supply Makes It Necessary to Import Large Quantities.

Marshall, Tex.—Peanuts are being imported from China by a Marshall oil mill owing to the inadequacy of the Texas crop to supply the demand for peanut oils. Several consignments already have been received from Shanghai, the nuts having been grown in Siam.
 The foreign peanut is no better than the native product, according to local oil men, but they come already shelled and therefore are more easily and less expensively handled. The Chinese nuts are about the size of the ordinary Spanish variety.

Invents Typewriter on Which to Write Music
 Wichita, Kan.—Will Kansas wonders never cease? A typewriter on which one can successfully write music is the invention of H. P. Flauth, a composer of this city.
 The machine is said to have 125 characters which can be written on, below or above the staff. The typewriter differs from the ordinary model only in that the printing surface of the roller is flat.
 Flauth is understood to have worked more than 18 years on the invention.

RUSS REDS SELL CZAR'S GEMS
 Lenine Government Trading in Holland Through Germany to Avoid Blockade.

Amsterdam, Holland.—The Lenine government in Russia, balked by the world financial blockade from sending money abroad for propaganda purposes, now is conducting an extensive traffic in confiscated jewels through Germany to Holland markets, according to the Handelsblad, which comments on a charge that the communist member Lisser of the Amsterdam council offered the Russian emperor's diamonds for sale.

Seed Sprouts in Boy's Ear.
 Klondike, Tex.—Ever hear of a hickberry seed sprouting in a boy's ear and trying to grow a real tree? Well, such things happen. Two years ago the nine-year-old son of J. R. Moore, a farmer near here, while eating hickberries in a tree on the Moore farm got one of the big berries in his ear. In a short time the seed sprouted and the lad began to have trouble with his ear. A specialist called found that the sprout and the seed, while decayed, had raised the hearing in that ear. The rotted part of the seed and the sprout were removed.

BIRD BREEDING PLACE MENAGED

Most Remarkable Refuge in the World in Danger From Hunters.

MANY RARE SPECIES THERE

Bird Reservation Is Under Control of the Department of Agriculture—Protecting the Birds There Is Precarious Business.

Washington.—Sticking out in the Pacific ocean 900 miles beyond Honolulu is a group of little islands, the largest not more than two square miles in area, and several of them barely rising above the waves at high tide. Yet on those islands are many hundreds of thousands of birds and among them are at least six species not found anywhere else in the world. In 1911, one of those species was represented by six birds—all that were left as the sole means of perpetuating the species, and they concentrated on a single little island, where one man might kill them all in one minute's shooting.

That species—the Laysan teal—has fortunately increased until there are, by estimate, thirty-five individuals. For the United States department of agriculture, for a few years, has controlled the islands as a bird reservation—the Hawaiian Islands reservation, it is called. But protecting the birds there is a precarious business. The possibility has existed always that one or more of the rare species might be wiped out in a day.

Albatross Destroyers Arrested.
 By way of illustration, this: One day in 1909 the crew of the cutter Thetis found an old shed absolutely piled full of albatross wings. A search revealed the fact that 23 plume hunters had landed on Laysan Island and had killed at least 300,000 birds. The men were captured, taken to Honolulu, and formally arrested. Since that time there is not known to have been any repetition of such depredations, but it is always imminent.

Just now many fishermen—largely nationals of countries other than the United States—are extending their operations from Honolulu out to the region of the bird reservation. Landings on the islands are constantly imminent, and such landings would be a menace to one of the most remarkable bird-breeding places in the world. The bureau of biological survey, having direct charge of the reservation, is calling attention to the fact that disturbing the birds on Laysan or any of the smaller islands is forbidden, and announcing that the reservation will be protected, by whatever means are necessary, for the benefit of all the peoples of the world.

Laysan, the largest of the group, is one of the most westerly of the Hawaiian Islands. It has an area of about two square miles, and within it, conforming generally to the coast line, is a large lagoon. This island is one of the most populous bird-breeding places on the globe, literally hundreds of thousands of birds resorting there to lay their eggs every year.

Specialists of the biological survey call attention to the fact that the ostensible occupation of fishermen does not mean that men may not be very destructive to birds. The great auk, they recall, was exterminated by fishermen. The rarest of all the species that exist only in the Laysan group is a duck-like bird, excellent for food, and therefore most likely to be shot by fishermen.

Rare Birds on Island.
 The species that nest there and nowhere else are the Laysan teal, the little Laysan rail, the Laysan honey-eater, the Laysan finch, the miller bird (a small warbler), the Hawaiian tern, and the Laysan albatross. Other species that nest principally on Laysan and adjacent islands and would be in danger of extermination if molested there, are the red-tailed tropic bird, the black-footed albatross, the gray-backed tern, and the sooty tern.

The number of individuals of the exclusive species in 1911 were estimated to be: Six of the Laysan teal, perhaps 100 of the miller bird, 300 of the honey-eater, 2,000 of the rail, 2,700 of the finch, and 180,000 of the albatross.

Cheap and Pretty Home.
 One of the most interesting exhibits at the British Dairy association show was a four-room cottage, complete, with large entrance hall, carriage path to the nearest freight station, priced at \$875. The house is made of asbestos—a compound of asbestos and cement—and the manufacturers describe it as "weather-proof, ratproof and damp-proof." A charming little weekend cottage of two rooms is offered at \$375.

Primrose Legend.
 The primrose is an oracle in love affairs. Let youth or maid pull the flower, and, after cutting off the tops of the stamens, lay it in a secret place. Let youth dream through the night of his sweetheart. Upon looking at it the next day, if he find the stamens shot out to their former height, success will attend; if not, disappointment.

Keep Rats Out of House.
 All rat holes should be stopped up with metal or plaster mixed with broken glass. The house should be built so that rats cannot gain an entrance, and no rubbish should be left about.

Human Discontent.
 How does it happen, Maecenas, that no one is content with that lot in life which he has chosen, or which chance has thrown in his way, but praises those who follow a different course?—Horace.

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