RECOGNIZE NO COURTS BUT OWN

Sinn Fein Closes Courthouses to All Except Their Own Judiciary.

MAKE SERVICE COMPULSORY

Local Councils Appeal to All Irishmen of Military Age to Undergo Course of Training in Republican Army.

Dublin.—Intensity of public sentiment in Ireland against British rule is evidenced by the actions of the recently elected Sinn Fein local councils. Westmeath county council has decided that all courthouses in the county shall be closed and the government officials resident in them evicted.

The Irish volunteers have been ordered to see that no judges are allowed to enter the buildings for the purpose of holding any courts not recognized by the Dail Eireann, or republican parliament. Some councils have passed resolutions to raise contributions for the maintenance of the republican army.

Make Service Compulsory.

At Claremorris, County Mayo, the local council has adopted a resolution appealing to all Irishmen of military age to undergo a course of training in the republican army, and will not give any position in the service of the council to men who have not undergone such training. In other places the local councils have decided to cut off the water supply from the police and military barracks. At Enniscorthy, County Wexford, where this was done, the authorities promptly hit back and the council room was raided by police and soldiers.

Meetings have just been held throughout Ireland for the purpose of selecting the judges who are to preside over the Sinn Fein parish courts. Those courts have jurisdiction in all cases under $50 in value, and it is intended that their judges shall eventually be elected by the votes of the people in whose districts they operate.

Regularly Elected Later.

Pending the organization of electoral machinery for the purpose they have been selected by a conference composed of members of the Dail Eireann for the constituency, the members of the county council, one clergyman for each denomination from each parish, the members of the urban and rural councils, one representative of each Sinn Fein club, one member of each company of volunteers and one representative of each trades union body. The judges so selected are to act till December, when there will be a regular election by ballot of the voters.

At Limerick, the police invaded a Sinn Fein court and seized the papers, but scores of courts are held every day and interference is not attempted because their time and place of meeting are usually kept secret except to the parties concerned. In some places, however, the courts are held as openly as the king's courts.

SITE OF ANCIENT CITY FOUND

Workmen Unearth Ruins Believed to Be Those of Tiberias, Says Jerusalem Dispatch.

London.—The site of ancient Tiberias is believed to have been unearthed, says a Jerusalem dispatch to the London Times.

The alleged discovery of the ruins of the city, which played a notable part in Jewish and Christian history, was made by Jewish workmen who were building a government road near Tabariyeh, the modern town.

When the remnants of old walls and columns began coming to light the government immediately stopped the work. The director of the department of antiquities then visited the spot, accompanied by two members of the Jewish Exploration society. The society has been given permission to conduct further excavations.

MONKEY YEAR; BABIES SLAIN

Japanese Authorities Are Alarmed by Infanticides Caused by Old Superstition.

Tokyo.—So many cases of infanticide have been reported in Chica prefecture that the authorities have been greatly disturbed.

This year being the monkey year in the Japanese calendar, an old superstition makes the mothers believe that children born in that year will meet with misfortune. Special orders have been issued by the police that all prospective mothers should be registered and watched, and that the "monkey" superstition should be eradicated whenever possible.

Kills Rattlesnakes.

Warren, Pa.—While Ralph Knupp of this city was looking for huckleberries in the vicinity of Big Bend he came upon seven large rattlesnakes on a big stone. He killed four of them and saw the other three disappear down a near-by hole. Cutting a sapling with a hook on the end he fished them out of the hole and completed his job. One snake had 13 rattles, one ten, two nine, one eight and two six. It is the largest single killing that has been reported in this section this year.

Consistent.

Passenger (on express)—You are the most obliging porter I ever encountered.

Porter—Maybe I is. Dis ain't no 'commodation train.

Fudge.

"What do you think of that college fudge?" asked the soda attendant.

"I think it is well named," responded the old soak.

Triple Followed by Double and Single

Louisville, Ky.—"Bunk" Jones was pacing the floor as prospective fathers are wont.

"Triplets," was the announcement.

"Bunk" Jones continued to pace the floor, as prospective grandfathers are wont. An hour passed.

"Twins."

"Bunk" Jones did not alter his course. He still paced the floor. Another hour passed.

"A granddaughter."

And there are six howling good reasons why "Bunk" Jones, farmer near Murray, is "all smiles."

Before his wife, who is forty-two, gave birth to triplets, Mrs. Willie Jones, daughter-in-law, was sent for. An hour after arrival of the triplets Mrs. Jones presented "grandaddy" with twins.

Meantime Mrs. Asiah Parks, a daughter, had been called in to attend the two mothers. Within less than an hour, she too, had become a mother, a daughter completing the sextet born in the same house within three hours.

BARS GIRL UNABLE TO TALK

Child, Eight, Who Lacks Speech Refused Entrance at Ellis Island by Authorities.

New York.—During the eight years of her life Maria Marangou, a Greek, never learned to talk.

But at Ellis island, where she discerned from the grim countenances of the members of the board of inquiry that they were listing her as a defective, she uttered her first words. They were "mamma" and "papa."

The appeal, however, failed to deter the officials from deciding to deport her to relatives in Greece. Her mother and two older sisters were admitted. They were met by Michael Marangou, Maria's father, who has worked several years at the Gary (Ind.) steel plants.

The girls admitted were Themelina, eighteen, and Aphrodite, fourteen. Their father told the officials his son, Elias, now twenty-one, was ten years old before he spoke. He also is employed at Gary.

OXYGEN FOR GAS VICTIMS

Chamber Is Equipped in Hospital at London to Give Special Treatment.

London.—An oxygen chamber has been completed at Guy's hospital at a cost of $3,000.

It is an air-tight chamber of glass framed in teak, measuring 20 feet square and 7½ feet high.

It will be used principally for the cure of men gassed in the war. The treatment devised by Prof. Joseph Barcroft of Cambridge university and Dr. G. H. Hunt of Guy's hospital, is still in the experimental stage, but doctors are hopeful of good results.

Men who have been gassed and suffer from difficulty of breathing show great improvement after lying in the chamber for five days or more and breathing oxygen continuously.

The chamber will contain three beds, and each patient will breathe 8 cents' worth of oxygen a day.

The dispatches from Russia are again coming through with that widely recognized and never-failing test of tonsilitis, Vladivostok.

Japanese women are said to be giving up the kimono for Western fashions, thus proving that the white peril is deadlier than the yellow.

YANKS ROUT YELLOW ROGUES

American Gunboat Pursues Chinese Brigands in Upper Reaches of Yangtsze River.

Shanghai.—Brigands who have terrorized the upper reaches of the Yangtsze river in recent months found a sudden check put upon their activities when American and British gunboats were dispatched into the upper river from Shanghai, according to reports.

The gunboats were sent up to Chunking after outlaws took possession of the Robert Dollar II of the Robert Dollar company at Shanghai at Wanhsien in Szechuen province, and were frightened away only by the timely appearance of the American gunboat Palos, which came in response to distress signals.

Messages to Shanghai said the bandits vanished into the hills on the appearance of the gunboats.

PLAN AIR SERVICE IN EUROPE

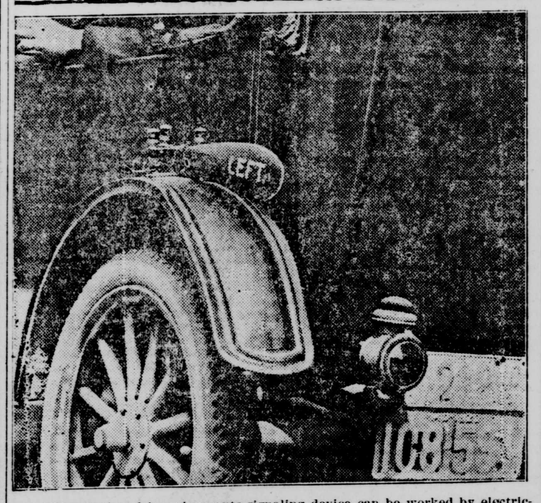
Planes Will Operate From Copenhagen, Hamburg, Amsterdam and London.

Washington.—Establishment of a regular air service between Copenhagen, Hamburg, Amsterdam and London practically has been agreed upon by Danish, German, British and Dutch aero companies, according to advices from Berlin today to the department of commerce. Four trips a week are planned. Bids for aerial postal service between Holland and England have been called for by the Dutch director of posts and telegraphs, a report from Amsterdam stated.

In the Mails for Years.

Philadelphia, Pa.—A postcard which has been traveling 13 years from Wildwood, N. J., arrived here the other day. It was mailed in August, 1907. The postcard was addressed to Thomas Smith, a policeman of the Fourth and York street station. It was received in first-class condition. Smith has been dead for five years.

NOVEL AUTO SIGNALING DEVICE



This novel and ingenious auto-signaling device can be worked by electricity or by pulleys with the foot. It indicates which way the machine will turn, whether to the left or right, and will stop traffic behind when necessary. It was invented by Edward Mazzullo of Washington, D. C.

AVOID SKIDDING BY USING CHAIN

Proper Handling of Clutch and Brakes Will Prevent Rear Wheels From Locking.

DON'T TURN STEERING WHEEL

More Than Extra Caution Should Be Exercised by Driver, Especially the Novice, to Avoid Accidents on Wet Days.

Choose a smooth bit of asphalt pavement when it is free from traffic and where it is nice and slippery from a spring shower. Speed up to the traffic limit, put on the brake and at the same time turn the steering wheel slightly to one side. See what happens. Then sit in the back seat and let some one else skid the car. You will be cured, at least until you forget the "gone" feeling.

The open season for skidding is spring, summer, fall and winter. It comes with late frost and cold rains, with the thunder shower and the street sprinkler, with the equinoctial and earliest snowflakes and with loose snow, packed snow and ice. But you may escape it or at least its dangerous phases and learn to neutralize the effect.

Chief Cause of Skidding.

The chief cause of skidding is running on a wet pavement at dry pavement speed. Then you want to stop quickly and apply the brake, but the car does not stop. The rear end slews around and hits the curb or another vehicle, or the car goes straight on and drifts into a trolley, automobile or pedestrian. You should treat a car on a wet pavement the same as you treat yourself on ice, as though always expecting your feet to go out from under you.

Front wheel skids come chiefly from rounding a corner or curve at so high a speed that the front wheels lose their traction. To overcome it apply the brake gently, which will drag the rear wheels and give the front wheels a chance to take hold.

Another cause of skidding, which comes chiefly in the country, is due to a crowned road, or one which is freshly oiled. The novice will find a crowned road—that is, one which is higher in the center than at the sides—is often dangerous when wet. A road which is much traveled accumulates quite a bit of oil, and water added makes it a mighty slippery proposition. One is likely to take a sudden slide into the ditch.

Chains Surest Safeguard.

Anti-skid chains are necessary when traveling on roads such as I have described. Their use is not imperative on the front wheels ordinarily, although many careful drivers apply them there. Chains are the surest safeguard against skidding.

When a skid occurs, turn the front wheels in the direction of the skid, release the clutch and apply the brake gently when the wheels seem to take hold, not before. Do not apply the brake too harshly or you will increase the skid action.

Skidding often may be prevented by throttling down the engine and applying the brake while the clutch is still engaged. This will prevent the rear wheels from locking. It is a peculiarity of traction that revolving wheels are less likely to skid than where they are locked and sliding over the pavement. But when you try this method be very sure that when the brake is applied you do not twist the steering wheel.

The novice would do well to test this method on a wet pavement where there is no traffic. Make the skid as directed earlier in this article, but at a very moderate pace, and then try to correct it by this method.

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Two parts of iron or steel that have become rusted firmly together may be separated by soaking them for several hours in a mixture of one-third lubricating oil and two-thirds kerosene.

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This is the time of year when owners of new cars need to be reminded that more harm may result to the vehicle in the first 500 miles of running than in all the rest of its life.

Repair Valve Stem.

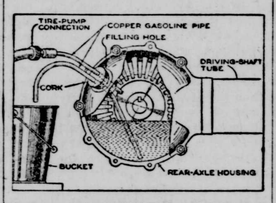
To repair a broken valve stem the fittings should be removed and the stem slipped back in the tube. Now make a small hole in the tube a short distance from the valve stem, bring the valve out again through this hole, and in so doing the fabric in the original valve hole will not be injured. The small cut formerly occupied by the valve stem can be vulcanized easily.

If the valve is battered so that no fittings can be removed the valve can be sawed off across to the cut with a hack saw and the nut can then be easily taken off.

REMOVE GREASE FROM AXLES

Garage Mechanic Has Devised and Constructed Arrangement for Flushing Out.

The necessity of removing and replenishing the grease in the rear axles of cars, where no drain is provided, caused a garage mechanic to devise and construct the following simple ar-



A Cork, Fitted With Two Tubes and a Tire Valve, Provides a Ready Means of Draining the Rear-Axle Housing.

rangement which facilitates removal and permits flushing out of the housing thoroughly with kerosene.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Oil-Bearing Shale Beds in West.

Experts assert that should our oil wells run dry in the future there is plenty of petroleum to be had from the oil-bearing shale beds in the Rocky mountains. A recent survey of the state of Colorado alone revealed a shale-bed production of 26,000,000,000 barrels.

AUTOMOBILE HINTS

Wheel alignment can be disturbed by striking a curb too sharply.

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Dim your lights when approaching another motorcar on the road.

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Use common sense at all times and you'll save trouble for yourself and the other fellow.

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Engaging the clutch too harshly can permanently harm a part of the power transmitting system.

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Never back or swing from the curb into the street without looking back to see if the way is clear.

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In passing a slower moving vehicle pass it on your left, but in passing a street car always keep to the right.

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Learn to shift gears without clashing. Practice will show the exact engine speed needed to make a noiseless shift.

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Do not cut the corners in turning but keep well to your side of the street, and look both ways before you make the turn.

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Attention to lubrication regularly will avoid rapid wear of a part. Once a part is badly worn a lot of lubricant helps little.

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Stop when the street car ahead of you stops and stand still till all passengers getting off are out of the street. In most cities this is required by ordinance.

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Often it is difficult to start a nut on a thread of the bolt. A few draws of a small three-cornered file on the first thread will almost always cure the trouble.

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