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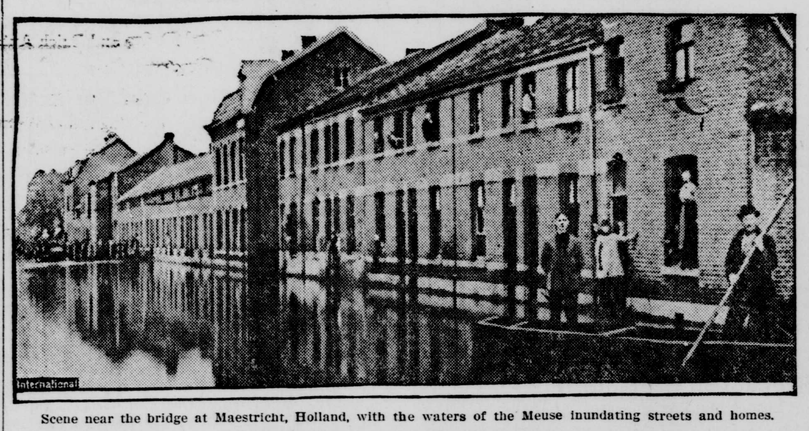

Scene near the bridge at Maestricht, Holland, with the waters of the Meuse inundating streets and homes.

Liquor Flows Across Border

Northern Section of Maine Being Flooded With Whisky From Canada.

LAWFUL SEIZURES ARE FEW

Comes Across Line in All Forms Into State Which Was Pioneer in "Dry" Laws—Many Ways of Fooling the Sleuths.

Bangor, Me.—The rate at which Canadian and Scotch whiskies are flowing over the northern border into Maine proves that enforcement of the federal prohibition law hasn't got into its stride as yet, for never in all the history of theoretical droughts have oases been greener, more numerous or closer together in this pioneer dry state than right now, when there is more law than ever before, twice as many "enforcers" and increased penalties.

Trainmen who come down say that whisky of all grades and oceans of pure grain alcohol are flowing over the border at a hundred places, and that at four principal points the alcoholic invasion amounts to a flood. These four points are Van Buren, opposite the New Brunswick town of St. Leonards, on the St. John river; Fort Kent, which has easy access to the Canadian village of Clare via a suspension footbridge; Fort Fairfield, which is but nine miles distant from the New Brunswick town of Andover, and Houlton, which is a near neighbor of the provincial town of Woodstock.

Only Occasional Seizures.

Occasionally the revenue officers seize a wagon or sled load of whisky coming over the international bridge from St. Leonards or over the ice at some more obscure locality, but nothing is said about the great number of "booze" chariots that get by the government's lookouts and which keep the speakeasies of Aroostook or the barrooms of Bangor supplied. Also, the St. John river being frozen good and solid for its entire length, men and teams can cross anywhere in the river's 100-mile stretch along the border, so that, as the revenue men themselves admit, a standing army with sentinels every fifty feet would be required to shut out the flood.

There is so much more money to be made in bringing in "booze," even a few bottles at a time, that hundreds of woodsmen have quit swamping roads and chopping trees for the rum-running business, and ninety-nine in 100 of them, knowing the country thoroughly, get by with their goods.

Canadian whiskies that can be bought at $3 a "short quart" on the New Brunswick side of the line sell in Aroostook county at $6 and in Bangor at $8, while genuine Scotch is $4 in New Brunswick, $8 in Aroostook and $12 to $15 in Bangor. Pure grain alcohol, to be had in New Brunswick at $4 a quart, is "split" with water on this side of the line, so that every quart yields about $16. With the addition of a little prune juice and burnt sugar, this alcohol is transformed into "American rye," supposed to have been brought in from Boston or New York "before the lid went on."

Whatever the outcome of the war on "booze," the enforcement of the law will be hardest in Maine, both on account of the state being cheek by jowl with Canada and on account of the seventy years' experience that the people here have had in devising ways and means of fooling the sleuths.

German Who Sunk Sussex Dead.

Berlin.—A first lieutenant in command of a German submarine torpedoed the English channel steamer Sussex on March 24, 1916, according to a local newspaper which comments on the extradition list received from the allies. It is declared this man has since died. Captain Steinbrinck is charged on the extradition list with being responsible for the attack upon the Sussex, which caused the death of 50 persons.

Plan Chain of Landing Fields

Army Air Service Officers Cover 300,000 Miles in Making Aerial Survey.

IS LIKE HARBOR TO LINER

Thirty-two Southern Cities Invited to Provide Stopping Places for Planes—Must Be Fit to Handle All Forms of Aircraft.

New York.—Plans for establishment of a chain of airplane landing fields have been worked out by officers of the army air service and the Manufacturers' Aircraft association, it was announced here.

Army flyers have covered more than 300,000 miles in an aerial survey of the country and made exhaustive reports on the facilities offered to cross-country flyers.

Representatives of 32 southern cities already have been invited to establish landing fields under army direction. Many others will receive like invitations during the next few months.

These must be laid out according to specifications given by the army, and in return the government gives steel hangars to the municipalities. Operation of the "air harbor" is assumed by the municipality.

Since the armistice the number of army fields has been reduced from 50 to 16, and the naval air stations from 17 to 9.

"The landing field," says the aircraft association, "is to the airplane what the harbor is to the ocean liner and the railroad terminal is to the train. It is not merely a flat piece of land on which a flyer can bring his craft to earth. Such a piece of ground bears the same relation to a real landing field as an unimproved water inlet to a harbor like New York or Liverpool.

"A landing field should have, first of all, dimensions which fit it to handle all forms of aircraft. It should be drained to permit its use even in the wettest weather. It should have shelter and supplies for flyers and their craft and should be accessible to the trade center it is meant to serve.

"This feature is of supreme importance because commercial aerial navigation will develop only in proportion to its commercial value. The field should be identified with markings visible from great heights and with radio apparatus so flyers may be aided in finding their way in spite of the fog or failure to identify the country over which they are passing.

"Fields at frequent intervals means that cross-country flyers can come to the earth for rest, replenishment of supplies and adjustments to their machines without inconvenience or unnecessary delay. In the event of a mishap in the air, such as a stalled motor, the near-by landing field permits the pilot to glide to it without damage to the machine or to himself.

Swinging Pillar Found

Hunters Uncover Phenomenon in Green Mountain, Near Canon City, Col.

Canon City, Colo.—Gently swaying to and fro, a huge granite monolith forming a unique natural monument has been discovered on Green mountain, several miles north of this city. It is believed to be the only "swinging monument" in the world.

The shaft is more than 100 feet high, and in the course of many years has become free from all surrounding earth formation, except at the base, which is about 12 feet wide. In the center, the granite column tapers off to a width at the summit practically the same as at the base.

Lee Hughitt, water commissioner of Canon City, and A. V. Hodgin, Fremont county commissioner, came across the phenomenon recently while on a hunting trip.

They report that the entire shaft moves, probably from two to three feet at the apex, and the swinging is constant under the pressure of light winds. The base of the shaft, they said, rests in a small hollow about three feet in depth and the contiguous granite formation has been entirely disconnected.

EGYPT "ROLLING IN WEALTH"

Illiterate Mud Hut Dwellers Make Many Thousands in Cotton Deals.

London.—Egypt is "bursting with wealth" accumulated from cotton, says a correspondent of the Daily Express in Cairo.

"Illiterate natives living in mud huts have made 20,000 pounds sterling out of cotton deals," he continues. "Some have made 100,000 pounds. They are buying land at inflated prices, and paying off mortgages which are regarded as family heirlooms. One British official says that the country has made at least 100,000,000 pounds.

"Naturally there is an influx of new millionaires in Cairo, with a huge demand for automobiles, jewelry, new houses and all kinds of luxuries, but in the provinces many of the newly rich have not changed their standard of living at all."

REGENERATE NORTH FRANCE

Large Sums Have Been Advanced to Restore Industries and Agriculture.

Lille.—Perceptible progress toward the regeneration of northern France is shown in reports just made public here. From Feb. 1 to Dec. 1, 1919, 1,250,000,000 francs were advanced to manufacturers, and nearly 2,000,000,000 francs were paid as compensation for war damages. Seed costing 18,500,000 francs and fertilizers worth 22,000,000 francs were bought for farmers, who in addition received 18,000 head of horses.

Jump Rails, Ride Ties and Jump Back Again!

Sharon, Pa.—Jumping the track on the Hilliards branch of the Bessemer railroad, a locomotive, pulling a freight train, traveled along the hard packed snow for a distance of 400 feet and then mounted to the rails again.

An Erie freight locomotive east-bound on the Bessemer road jumped the track in the Shenango (Pa.) yards and after proceeding 200 feet, again regained the rails.

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Test for Leather.

Strong vinegar will not affect belts of good quality except to darken the leather slightly, but if they are of poor quality their fibers will swell and become gelatinous.

BREATHE ROCK DUST

Millions of Particles Taken Into Lungs With Air.

Hygiene Experts Devising Means of Removing Dust and Fumes From Air in Factories.

Niagara Falls, N. Y.—Over 200,000,000 tiny particles of dust, as sharp as ground glass, are breathed into the lungs and air passages with every cubic foot of air in some of the factories in the United States, according to a survey made by the public health service here.

Such dusts breathed into the lungs are never expelled. Photomicrographs show the tiny particles to be exceedingly sharp and jagged and chemical tests prove them to be practically insoluble. Work under such conditions invites respiratory diseases and makes a real health hazard. Similar investigations in chemical factories showed that laborers were frequently exposed to poisonous fumes and gases.

The investigation was made at Niagara Falls because plants were engaged in the manufacture of abrasives, chemicals, gases, electrodes, carbons, metals and alloys. In all of the factories the laborers were found to be exposed to dangers which would eventually incapacitate them for further work. Fortunately over 60 per cent of the labor in these plants seeks new employment monthly and the result of exposure to such dangers is not evident as it would be if the workers remained at the same work for longer periods.

As a result of the survey industrial hygiene engineers devised means of removing the dust from the air and minimizing hazards from fumes and poisonous gases. In spite of the fact that the installation of such devices was expensive, factory managements immediately put them into use.

FIND HOLINESS IN FOREST

Buddhist Seekers After High Knowledge Let Themselves Be Absorbed in World of Nature.

The gods were believed to love the high forests on the mountain slopes, and there doubtless they were worshiped, even as today; every traveler must be struck by the secluded beauty of the ancient groves wherein, in the far East, the most famous temples are reared. We may gather from a story in the Upanishads how Satyakama, the cowherd, learned from his solitary communing with the wilds some lessons of the unity of man with nature. His Garu, struck by the luminous gaze of the lad, questioned him. "You shine like one who knows God; who, then, has taught you?" and was answered with a radiant smile: "Not man."

Even in these early days the seeker after knowledge withdrew into the forest or sought refuge in the mountain fastnesses, and in Brahmanic times we are told that contemplation was practiced "in a place apart, pure, delightful by its sounds, its waters and its bowers, full of shelters and caves." By this means man might himself be absorbed in the world of nature, and so in the divine.

Sakyamuni, the Buddha, trained in the Brahmanic school, adopted this discipline of meditation in the presence of nature into the practice of the religion he founded. All the important recorded events of his life are associated with the works of nature. He received the truth eternal under the Bodhi tree and under it he entered Nirvana; his favorite retreats were the Deer forest, the Bamboo grove, the Vulture peak, and he and his immediate followers accepted nothing from convert rajahs of greater value than a grove or a garden plot wherein to set up their rustic shelters of leaves. To them "the body itself was but a hut in the wilderness, a flimsy shelter made by tying together the grasses that grew around. When they fell apart, they were again resolved into the original waste." Their aim was to become at heart a wild creature "filled with the forest sense of things," as one of them sang, and united with nature. This union, the Buddha taught, both by precept and practice, was to be obtained by meditation in solitude.—Hamilton Bell in Asia Magazine.

Origin of Nautical Terms.

What is the origin of the nautical term "dead reckoning?" Perhaps the general impression is that the prefix "dead" is so common in technical terms related to the ship and its rigging that it is merely the mariner's way of expressing himself. There are "dead-eyes," "dead-lights," "dead-wood," "dead-door," "dead-flat," and a host of others, and all savor more of the ozone than of etymological necessity. But there is a peculiar interest in the origin of "dead reckoning," which has always been regarded as one of the most puzzling terms to trace. The old-fashioned method of keeping the ship's log, before the admiralty supplied specially printed books, was to use small, loose sheets of paper, ruled into several columns. The latitude column being too narrow to admit the words "deduced latitude" in full at the head, the words were abbreviated to "Ded. Lat." "Ded," easily became corrupted into "dead," and hence the singular phrase for describing the mariner's "deduced" position on the high seas.—Christian Science Monitor.

Facial Massage Not New?

Was facial massage a new thing in the Paris of 1889? We doubt it, Philip Hale writes in the Boston Herald. Helen of Troy is said to have compiled a book of recipes for beautifying the face. Ten to one she, Cleopatra, Roman dames, orientals, knew all the tricks of massage. Today there is in New York a doctor who charges large sums for correcting noses, smoothing wrinkles, removing blemishes. He has a skillful hand for cutting, stitching, performing delicate operations. More than one woman of fashion, whose face has begun to crumble; more than one actress calls him blessed. The late Mrs. Deacon and Maxine Elliott were among his patients.

Wedgwood Ben, M. P.

When you see Wedgwood Ben, British "M. P.," you are not surprised that he should suggest the nickname of "Buttons." Though about forty years old, he looks just the height, size and age of the boy Buttons of the English household. He is scarcely five feet high. His body is slender as a boy's. His cheek is peach blossom and the expression of the face, with rather comic eyes, is exactly the look of the typical street gamin of London, with its shrewdness, its imperturbable good humor, and its readiness to take on any little job. Wedgwood Ben might act the part of Peter Pan on the stage, or perhaps the apter analogy is to Charlie Chaplin of the films.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Civil War Bred Colonels.

The distinguished mark that came out of the civil war was the military title aggrandized. Men who entered the army as privates came out as captains and those who went in as officers came out as colonels or generals. A great many of these titles were self conferred, if we are to believe the confidential tales of the comrades of the recipients of these titles, but also a great many of them were conferred as brevets in a regular way and remained as the official title of the soldier concerned, even though he may never have exercised the actual authority his rank implied.

Patriotic Imagination.

Every one who knows anything at all about real English country people knows how vivid and unexpected their talk often is. Imagination kindles in them quite startling similes; as in that Dorsetshire man who, to a British officer's remark that the guns in Flanders could be heard very plainly from the cliffs that day, replied: "They bain't the guns; they be the tapping of Drake's drum."

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