

# FLAMING ONIONS

## NEW WAR HORROR

### Germans Shoot Burning, Revolving Masses at Aviators.

### SPECTACULAR ENGINE OF WAR

British Major, Who Won Three High Honors in Single Day, Describes Latest Device—Prussian Diabolical in Genity—Not Much Actual Execution Done With Device.

In the manufacture of Tontou frightfulness the world already is familiar with poison gas bombs, with "flamenderfer," with trench mortar "pigs," "Jack Johnsons" and "Big Berthas." But the latest and most spectacular engine of war which the aerial fighter has to face is the "Flaming Onions."

This extraordinary device of Prussian diabolical ingenuity was described recently by Maj. W. A. Bishop, of the British Royal Flying Corps, greatest of Canada's air fighters. Major Bishop, though only twenty-three years old and weighing little more than a hundred pounds, has the distinction of having received in a single day from his own country the Victoria Cross, the war cross and the distinguished service order, together with his promotion to his present military rank. He is credited with having brought down 47 enemy planes, nine of them within two hours and two observation balloons.

Tells of "Flaming Onions." In his modest, almost diffident manner, the young air fighter described the "flaming onions" something like this:

"The Huns have a new device now, with which they try to unnerve the British aviators. We call these 'flaming onions.' The 'onions' are shot up from some kind of a mortar, the intention being to direct them immediately into the path of advancing airplanes of aviators. I don't know just how they are made or how they are managed. But if a bunch of them is fired at you while you are flying over enemy lines the first thing you see is a big cluster of six or eight burning balls of fire coming at you from below. They rise very rapidly—almost as fast as a shrapnel.

"The bomb on exploding releases these clusters of fire balls, which instantly burst into flame. They all rotate rapidly, giving off flames, so that each of the balls seems to have a potential diameter of five or six feet of fire. They whirled rapidly about a common center with a lateral spinning motion, spreading out apparently by centrifugal force from some common hub or center, to which they are held in some way. The whole cluster has an apparent radius about as great as the spread of your plane from tip to tip.

Rather Disconcerting. "The Huns manage to shoot these 'flaming onions' to considerable altitudes, and the allied flyers when they see a bunch coming have to dodge them or duck them as best they can, by sliding slipping diving, swerving suddenly, or looping the loop."

Major Bishop said he did not think the Germans had succeeded in doing much actual execution with this pyrotechnic device, but he added "when you are well up and far within the Boche lines, and you see one of these roaring aerial conflagrations mounting toward you spouting fountains of fire in a big sort of spiral 50 or 60 feet across, it is somewhat disconcerting."

### NEW SPOTS ON SUN

Pittsburgh Astronomer Discovers More Freckles on Sun's Face.

Three groups of sunspots, covering about 2,000,000,000 square miles of the sun's surface, were discovered by Dr. John A. Brashear, well-known astronomer of Pittsburgh. One of the groups, Dr. Brashear said, was as large as that has been seen on the sun for years. It contained 25 distinct spots. One of the spots was very active.

Dr. Brashear said he was not certain whether the spots have crossed our meridian yet, and if they have not, he said, great electrical storms may be expected on the earth when they do pass. He said the spots would be watched carefully, and he advised amateur astronomers to observe them.

### DIES IN HIS 105TH YEAR

John Munsinger Did Athletic Feat on His Last Birthday.

John Munsinger is dead at Howard Kan., aged nearly one hundred and five years. Until a few months ago his health was almost perfect. His recipe for longevity was "eat what you want in moderation, have regular habits, and don't worry."

At his birthday anniversary celebration last December he performed the feat of jumping into the air and cracking his heels together three times before striking the ground.

Not one of his guests over fifty years of age could duplicate it. He is survived by a family of grown children, the oldest being around seventy years of age.

Making Sirup and Feed in Old Brewery. The Dixie Fruit Products company is making sirup and stock feed from watermelons, in the old Mobile (Ala.) brewery. The company plans the installation soon of machinery for making vinegar.

### ENGLISH BEAUTY IS BUSY AT WAR WORK

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### SPECULATIVE OIL FEVER SEIZES DENVER PUBLIC

Everyone, From the Office Boy to Most Substantial Citizen, is "Oil Mad."

A speculative movement of tremendous proportions is holding Denver in its grip following the rich strike of crude oil in the Wyoming fields.

Denver brokers declare that every one, from the domestic servant to the millionaire, and from the office boy to the community's most substantial citizen, is "oil mad" and small and large are the sums being made daily through the advance in price and value of numerous low-priced oil stocks.

Crowds flock to the two oil exchanges, recently established here, and dealing in certificates that range in sale price from three cents a share to ten dollars a share. Now of any oil broker's hand fallen by the wayside in connection with some chicken, let him say his hand from oil box.

"Deacon Smith, please pass de box an Ah'll watch de signs an' see dere anyone in de congregation dat needs me ter waste in prayer fer him."

On Finding Fault. It is much easier to pick fault with others than to correct yourself. It is better to be forbearing. No one likes others to be exacting of him, but so to others. Be ready to overlook small things to make allowances. If you can do this or that or live so or so, it is not to be expected that everyone can do or be the same. Though you may think your way the best, someone else may have just as good ideas or better. Who made you judge that you can make laws for all? Do you want to see the mark of another's ranking? If not, do not expect others to come up to your line. Live your own life the best you can and while you try to help, leave the lives of others to their Creator for judgment. A habit of detesting grows on one. It is better to watch out and stop yourself before you begin. If it is part of your business to direct others, do so in the right spirit, with a respect to their rights and your own self-respect. Nagging is belittling to yourself and does harm, not good. It improves or reforms no one. A habit of finding fault renders one disagreeable. Make criticisms and suggestions with great care. Seek what you can commend and emphasize that.—Milwaukee Journal.

### SLACKERS COME HIGH

Costs Uncle Sam Real Money to Round Them Up.

It is costing Uncle Sam real money to round up slackers who failed to register under the draft law, and Colorado can lay claim to a record in expenditure of time and money to convict one man.

To accept the plea of guilty of William Robinson, a miner, arrested at Grand Junction, Colo., as a slacker, United States District Judge Lewis, his clerk of courts, Charles W. Bishop, United States District Attorney Harry B. Tedrow and United States Marshal Samuel J. Burris had to spend two days traveling 700 miles from Denver to this city.

Robinson was the only case on the docket and required but 15 minutes for disposal.

Back Broken Once, Now in Army. George Whipple of Mount Pleasant, Pa., is with the National Army rigger at Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., although he suffered a broken back five years ago. Whipple was caught beneath a falling coal tippie and for many months lay in a plaster cast. Finally the vertebrae knitted together and the man passed the army physical examination.

### CEBERG AS A SEA WONDER

Among the More Interesting Things to Be Seen in "Steamer Lanes" of the Atlantic.

Among the wonders of the sea there are few more interesting things than iceberg for their size, shapes and the manner in which they array themselves.

Icebergs exhibit a tendency to form both clusters and long lines, and these groupings may arise from the effects both of ocean currents and of storms. Some very singular lines of bergs, extending for many hundreds of miles—shown on official charts issued by the government. Two of these cross each other, each keeping on its independent course after the crossing. In several instances parallel lines of bergs leave long spaces of clear water between them.

Curiously enough, while enormous fields of ice invade the so-called "steamer lanes" of the Atlantic at the opening of spring during certain years, in other years at that season there is comparatively little ice to be seen.

West of the coast of course from the edges of the Arctic regions, from the ice-bound coasts of Greenland and Labrador, where huge bergs, broken from the front of glaciers at the point where they reach the sea, start on their long journeys toward the south, driven by the great current that flows from Baffin's bay into the northern Atlantic ocean.

### NONE NEEDED HIS PRAYERS

After Tainted Money Warning Colored Pastor Expresses Satisfaction With Purity of the Flock.

The collections had fallen off badly in the colored church and the pastor made a short address before the box was passed.

"Ah don't want any man to give more dan his share, brethren," he said, "but we mus' all gith erredind to what we rightly hab. Ah say rightly hab, brethren, because we don't want no tainted money in de box. Squire Jones tote me dat he done miss some chickens dis week. Now if any ob our brethren hab fallen by de way side in connection with dose chicken, let him say his hand from dose box."

"Deacon Smith, please pass de box an Ah'll watch de signs an' see dere anyone in de congregation dat needs me ter waste in prayer fer him."

The effect of this brief discourse was instantaneous and remarkable. Throughout the congregation loud whispers of "Len me a quatab," "Let me hit half a dollar," "Oh me a nickel 'til mawntin'" were heard. Apparently everyone put something in the box.

The Rev. Sam Small survived the collection with a satisfied smile as he remarked: "Ah done tote Squire Jones dat none ob my lambs was guilty of eech diabolical eccentricity."

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### Preserving Flowers in Wax.

It is not generally known that preserving flowers in wax is one of the easiest of tasks. Ordinary candles may be used. To prepare the wax, it is only necessary to cut the candles into chunks, being careful to remove the wicks. The wax is then melted in a saucepan over a flame, after which it is ready to receive the flowers. Each flower should be dry on the surface when treated; there should be no rain or dewdrops on the petals. Take the blossoms separately and dip them for a moment or so into the liquid wax, constantly moving them about. Immerse the blossoms completely and also an inch or so of the stem. Then take them out and hold until dry. Do not lay them on a table or flat surface until they are dry as this will crush them.

### No Time Lost.

Marion—Is it true Albert has filed you? The wretch! Still, try to act like a sensible girl and look out for another fellow.

Dorothy—"Your advice comes too late, dear.

Marion—Heavens, Dorothy! You have not taken poison?"

Dorothy—Well, no;—no; the fact is I—I became engaged again yesterday.

### How a Scientist Was Saved from Death

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In the olden time, when there was no traveling facilities west of Cheyenne except mule, horse or stage coach, Prof. Norman Asche, whose soft voice and fair complexion denoted that his vocation must be refined—probably an intellectual one—was riding a mule near the eastern foothills of the Rocky mountains.

The professor had heard that the bones of some extinct animal had been discovered in that region, and he had been sent out by the university in which he held the chair of historic zoology to investigate the discovery.

There were sounds of horses' hoofs coming rapidly from behind, and a man in "plains" uniform, viz., sombrero, woollen shirt and buckskin breeches, came alongside the professor. On catching him, the son of the wealthy West surveyed him intently for a few minutes, then said:

"Stranger, will you do me a favor?"

"Certainly," replied Asche mildly. "Here are some trinkets," said the man, "that belong to my sister. I've got to go to Colorado Springs. I see you're headed for Golden City. Would you mind taking 'em to her?"

"I would be very happy to do so."

"She's Mrs. Cundiff. Tell her her brother Bill sent 'em."

He handed the professor two gold watches, several finger-rings and other jewelry and without another word turned his horse's head toward Colorado Springs and galloped away.

The next person Professor Asche fell in with was a girl riding a horse straddle. She, too, was typical of the plains. She struck the road Asche traveled from a side road at the same moment he passed the latter.

"Morning, stranger," she said.

"Good morning," replied the professor, with a pleasant smile.

Denizens of that region at that period on meeting usually began conversation by giving each other an account of what was their business.

"I'm lookin' for some stray mules," said the girl. "What are you after?"

"The bones of a mastodon that have been unearthed hereabout."

"What's that?"

"An animal that lived many thousands of years ago; before this region was sea bottom."

"Lunsy" muttered the girl to herself.

"Are you going to Golden?" asked the professor.

"After I find my mules. I may go there."

"Would you mind delivering these things to a woman who lives there?" The professor held out the jewelry which he had been intrusted.

"Not much," said the girl, suddenly changing her manner and putting a revolver she carried in a more reachable position. "Who are you, anyway? You can't be a road agent and sure things was tuk from somebody."

Professor Asche told her how he had acquired the jewelry, and while he was doing so sounds of a number of horses' hoofs were heard coming from a distance. A dozen mounted men came up and asked if the professor or the girl had seen anything of suspicious characters. The Denver coach had been robbed a few hours before.

The girl saw at once that the coach robber, expecting capture, had shifted his plunder to the mule, as she supposed him to be, but realizing that the said lunatic story would not be accepted, she said nothing. The professor had put the jewelry back in his pocket, but unknowingly left a gold chain dangling without. One of the men espied it, and in a few minutes all the plunder was taken possession of by the vigilance committee.

The committee did not doubt that the professor, if not the perpetrator of the robbery, was at least trying to get away with the plunder, and were for hanging him at once. Fortunately, there was not a tree in sight. Some were for shooting him, and some were for decapitating him. While they were discussing the matter, the girl was planning for his defense. Presently she said:

"Gents, before you separate this yere little fellow's spirit from his body, you allow me to ask him some questions."

"Fire away!" said the head man of the vigilance committee.

"Mister, didn't you say that what we're standin' was once the bottom of the sea?"

"Yes, I did," said the professor.

"What are you doin' in these parts?"

"I came out from the East to examine the bones of a mastodon."

"An animal larger than an elephant that lived many thousand years ago?"

"And didn't you say that Tash mountain was made by the washing of water around it?"

"I did."

The committee listened to the examination of the prisoner with astonishment. At this point the girl turned from him to them and said:

"Gents, isn't it likely that a crack-brained little chap like this could be easily imposed on by a road agent with all his senses in his head?"

"Dead right you are!" said the foreman. "Let him go."

Before nightfall the man who intrusted the professor with the plunder was captured and the lunatic identified him as such.

A soldier, insured or not, is the life insurance of his country.

### WISE OR OTHERWISE

As soon as a man's mind ceases to broaden it begins to contract.

It is the woman with the latest gown who is generally latest at church.

It takes a smart man to conceal from others the things he doesn't know.

Many an ambitious public movement should be classified as lost motion.

A good man never goes wrong—sometimes the bad in him predominates.

Sins are like chemicals; the more you analyze them the worse they smell.

Many a girl marries the wrong man because the right one failed to ask her.

Appear in public as often as you can, for soon you will play "Vanished" on the stage of oblivion.

### MUCH IN LITTLE

Turn flattery wrong side out and you have slander.

Stones marking the Mason and Dixon line bear the Penn and Baltimore family coats of arms.

German inventors have brought out an automobile which travels on three sets of movable runners instead of wheels.

Current is transmitted through ball bearings in a new swivel joint for telephone and electric light wires, designed to prevent them from twisting.

Two Crimean veterans, probably the last in Ireland, have died recently. One was John Hayes, aged ninety-two, who was wounded at the siege of Sebastopol, and the other Denis Heiligan, aged ninety-four, who had 88 years' service.

The agricultural department at Washington has published complete reports on the caloric value of every known article of food. For instance, a pound of pure lard would supply all the calories that a 200-pound individual would need in 24 hours.

The law prohibiting the importation into France of foreign postage stamps has now been extended to apply to the stamps of France itself. The reason for this is that some 3,000,000 unused French stamps have been stolen by the Germans from post offices in the invaded part of France, and it is desired to destroy their value to their present holders.

Discussing the democratizing influence of the war in the Tokyo Magazine, Koson Asada, a well-known publicist, says that Japan cannot expect to keep clear of the tremendous changes that are affecting the world. He adds: "The development of political parties and of the press have been most noticeable since the Russo-Japanese war, and this increased influence has gradually put the influence of clanism in the shade."

### GLOBE SIGHTS

Most patient men are patient simply because they are spineless.

The longer a marriage is put off the less probability it will come off.

One does not have to look long anywhere for an excuse to find fault.

So many people are only able to recognize opportunity from a rear view.

A mass meeting probably accomplishes less in proportion to its size than anything else.

Ab Adkins admits he is getting older as some of the stories he heard as a boy are now going around disguised as new ones.

Suffering in silence is the most un-suffering performance.

A man who is always talking about his rights expects a good deal more.

Most men are not tempted, they go looking for that which gets them in trouble.

Considering what some women drew, it is difficult to explain their eagerness to have their daughters get married.—Aitchison Globe.

### HOME-MADE PHILOSOPHY

The greater the man the stronger his sympathies for humanity.

No one knows the value of a pretty face better than they who are deformed.

With the rich man politics is for profit, with the poor man it is generally prejudice.

Slowly, slowly the day is dawning when men will break away from their mental masters and boldly admit that to work for humanity is the one thing useful.

### HE WAS NOT TO BE OUTDONE

Roosevelt Would Not Allow Magazine Writer-Sportsman to Tell the Biggest Yarn.

Colonel Roosevelt gave a luncheon in his New York office one day to a company of young magazine writers. These young writers had had many adventures, and they told the colonel many interesting stories. One, however, a sportsman, drew the long bow. After the sportsman had drawn the long bow almost to the breaking point in a yarn about a hippopotamus, Colonel Roosevelt fixed his glittering eyes on the sportsman and began:

"Let me tell you an experience of my own, my boy, an experience almost as incredible as yours. In '98 I was shooting grizzly bear in the Rockies. I tracked a grizzly to a high peak one day. I advanced toward it along the edge of a precipice 800 feet high. Getting a good shot at last, I let drive, but missed. The bear came for me then like lightning. I took aim again, but as I was about to fire my foot slipped, I fell, and my gun dropped and rolled over the precipice. There I lay, unarmed and helpless, and the maddened grizzly was six feet away.

Here the colonel paused and took a sip from the tall glass of milk—milk is his favorite beverage—before him.

The mendacious young man frowned impatiently.

"Well?" he said. "Well? Go on. What happened?"

The colonel, looking him calmly in the eye, replied:

"The grizzly devoured me."

### NOT PROMULGATED BY MOSES

Hindu Ten Commandments Are Hung on Wall of Theological College at Madras.

There are ten commandments hung on the walls of the Hindu Theological College in Madras, and while they were not promulgated by Moses, they might be displayed in every Christian college with advantage, says an exchange. They are:

- (1) Pray to God as soon as you rise from your bed—5, 5:10 a. m.
- (2) Wash your body and keep your surroundings clean—5:10, 5:30 a. m.
- (3) Prostrate yourself before your parents or guardians, and take good exercise—5:30, 6:30 a. m.
- (4) Prepare well your lessons—6:30, 9 a. m.
- (5) Attend school regularly and punctually, and do the school work properly.
- (6) Obey and respect your teachers, and the teachers of the other classes and other respectable persons.
- (7) Read till 8 p. m. at home.
- (8) Pray to God and go to bed—9 p. m. to 5 a. m.
- (9) Keep good company and avoid bad company.
- (10) Practice righteousness at all times.

### Two Types of Elephants.

There are two distinct types of elephants—the African and Indian. The former have developed the largest animals and are quite different from the Indian type, having only four visible toes on the rear feet, as against five in the Indian. The ears are very much larger and the spinal ridge of the African shows a marked hump or rise, beginning at the hips, whereas the Indian elephant's back slopes gently downward from this point. The African defies the fiercest sun, while the Indian loaves away from it to the heaviest, coolest shade.

The age of the elephants is widely disputed, the best calculations of hunters and scientists being admittedly only a little more than hazards.

Sir Samuel Baker, an authority, states the average life of an elephant in captivity for 130 years. Naturalists believe, however, an elephant's life in the wild state to be twice as long, according to a recently published book called "The Elephant."

### Only Rubber-Producing Plant.

Successful attempts have been made to bring under profitable cultivation the desert rubber plant, guayule. The wild shrubs have long been collected in great quantities in Mexico, and the rubber, which grades much lower than para, is extracted by such simple processes as to make its production very profitable. The task of the developing methods of cultivation, says a Carnegie Institute report, has now been successfully accomplished by Dr. W. B. MacCallum, who, in making a genetic analysis of the plant, has found that it includes several elementary species, which do not readily interbreed. Studies of the plant have been made at the desert laboratory, Tucson, while in the same neighborhood a company has purchased 7,000 acres of land on which to establish guayule culture. This is the only rubber-producing plant growing within the borders of the United States.

### Some Information.

"Sedentary work," said the lecturer on physical torture, "tends to lessen the endurance."

"In other words," butted in the smart aleck, "the more one sits the less one can stand."

"Exactly," retorted the lecturer, "and if one lies a great deal one's standing is lost completely."—Judge.

### People Will Think.

"What did they do with that accused criminal?"

"Pending a hearing, they have suspended him without prejudice."

"Looks to me like another sample of something that can't be done."

"But?"

"Suspending a man without prejudice."

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