

AMERICAN MULE DID HIS SHARE

Helped Make the World Safe for Democracy.

DID GOOD WORK OVER THERE

In All 124,137 Mules Were in Use by the United States Forces in France...

REPATRIATE 500,000 RUSSIAN PRISONERS

U. S. Medical Officers Supervise Work of Sending Men Home From German Camps.

The task of repatriating approximately 500,000 Russian prisoners in the twenty camps in Germany...

The Americans connected with relief work among Russian prisoners number more than 1,000.

Allied relief work at the various Russian camps was decided upon several months ago by the allies as a precaution against half a million Russians returning to the native land...

SEERESS A GOOD BLOWER

Gypsies Arrested Upon a Charge of Petit Larceny

George Vono, N. Adams and Annie Miller, members of a band of gypsies who were arrested recently at their camp, two miles east of Texarkana, Ark., on charges of petit larceny...

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BIG CUT IN COST OF SHIPBUILDING

Hurley Delighted at New Jersey Firm's Bid.

BANISHES GREATEST BOGY

Submarine Concern Offers to Build 12,000-Ton Freighters at \$149 a Deadweight Ton, Far Below the Estimates—Plans for New Type Vessel Were Designed to Afford Great Degree of Economy in Operation, Efficiency and Comfort for Crews.

Since the armistice afforded a breathing spell in the rush work on ship construction the greatest bogey regarding the continuation of America's shipbuilding program for the needs of peace has been that our shipyards could not compete with those of foreign nations...

The prewar figure hung in the minds of men. Even in 1916 American prices ranged between \$50 and \$99 a ton for 12-knot freighters.

Now comes the Submarine Boat Corporation of Newark, N. J., with a flat offer to build 12,000-ton steel cargo steamships at \$149 per deadweight ton.

Hurley Is Pleased

Chairman Hurley made this reply: "Your proposal to build eight 12,000-ton American type steel cargo steamships at the flat price of \$149 per deadweight ton has been received. This proposal is most interesting at this particular time when war costs have reached figures that are out of all proportion with our 1916 American prices of from \$64 to \$68 per deadweight ton on oil tankers...

"The receipt of such a bid from one of our best yards at this period in the development of our shipbuilding industry will be most gratifying to the country, as it is safe to assume that if we can build ships at those figures now, in a short time the prices will be further substantially reduced.

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ENGLAND HAS NEGRO QUESTION TO SOLVE

Anxious Now to Be Rid of West African Laborers Used During War.

England has a negro problem on her hands. During the war negro colonies were established in various English towns, all the men having been brought from West Africa.

Many of the negroes formed temporary alliances with white women. Although some of these alliances ended in marriage, there were clergymen who refused to assist in such unions.

The negroes are natural dandies, and one has been seen to wear a bracelet, a chain and heavy locket round his neck, and a large silk handkerchief hanging from the back of his coat.

Lately many of the negroes have been thrown out of work and have received the government unemployment donation. They are now said to be anxious to return to Africa.

FITTING WORKERS TO TASKS

Large Manufacturing Concern Tries Interesting Experiment.

The vice president of a large manufacturing establishment, employing 8,000 persons, has informed officials of the training service, department of labor, that his experience confirms the view promulgated by the service that 75 per cent of the workmen in the ordinary industrial plant are producing less than a normal amount of work...

"Left-Handed" Elephants. Not many people are aware that elephants are "right-handed" and "left-handed" in using their tusks, and that an examination of the tusks of any particular elephant will reveal the class to which the elephant belongs.

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WRITER COMMENTS ENTERTAININGLY ON WHAT HE CALLS "THIS ME OF MINE."

First, it's very individual. This Me of mine. It eats, it walks, it plays, it works, and it sleeps. Also, it plans and thinks and dreams and loves.

This Me of mine gets lonely, too, even in the midst of work. It looks around itself and marvels at time and space and things, and grows into a warm, ecstatic mood at the feel of life and all its tasks.

I like this Me of mine, because it is understandable. Good and bad, both. But honestly abrupt. For true things are passing by at every hour of every day.

I talk to this Me of mine. And it talks to me. And the world of action all around stirs the blood in this Me of mine. For it is wakeful and alert.

I run errands for this Me of mine. I risk, I work, I sorrow, I sympathize for this Me of mine.

This inside one, this outside one, this everything one—this Me of mine—it's all that I may keep and call my own. But I shall stick, with loyal pride, and gladly strive to make better, to wield stronger, the brain, the heart and the soul of this Me of mine.

So that to serve may prove the end of all that there is to this Me of mine.—From Good Housekeeping.

JUDGE WAS ON RIGHT TRACK

New Englander a Pioneer in Scheme of Conserving Water for Use in Summer Months.

Present-day interest in the development of water power has recalled a modest, old-fashioned episode in the history of New England when, some time in the forties, Judge Nathan Crosby drove round Lake Winnepesaukee in his carriage and made rough calculations of the effect upon local agricultural land if the lake levels were raised a few feet.

And in the meantime the baby was a sophisticated person, painted blue, and Nancy, with a complexion like rosin and cream, charmed her prospective parents and everyone who was happy.—Los Angeles Times.

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THE OPEN WINDOW

Mr. Walter Winans, writing in the Saturday Review on the open window says: The Russian peasant, in wintertime, seal up the windows hermetically during the whole winter (double windows), and they have warm water to wash in, and do not break the ice to wash as people fond of open windows have to do.

FAMILY LIFE

Not for nothing have we been grouped in families, neighborhoods, nations; and he who will not recognize the divinely appointed nearness to himself of some or other, who thinks himself to be a cosmopolitan without being a patriot, a philanthropist without wearing a distinguishing love for them that are peculiarly his own, who would thus have a circumference without having a center, solves his own heart, and affirming all men to be equally dear to him is indeed affirming them to be equally indifferent.

WRITER DESCRIBES METHOD BY WHICH EAST INDIAN PLAY AN IGNORANCE OF THEIR FELLOWS

A method by which snake charmers dupe ignorant people in India is thus described: One of them puts a harmless snake in a stupor and carries it into a house, and his companion then tells the women of the house that he has noticed a poisonous snake there. The people are alarmed and offer a reward to the snake charmer to remove the snake. He declares it to be a deadly poisonous one and asks a good sum of money for the exploit, which he says, may cost him his life. The reward is fixed and the money paid. The snake charmer, wearing only a loin cloth, commences to play on his bagpipe. The snake, previously rendered harmless, crawls into the middle of the room, and the snake charmer in catching it says that he has been bitten and falls senseless. His companion comes forward and puts a snake stone on the incision previously made for the purpose of the man's finger. The snake charmer, at once recovers and gets up. His assistance is much astonished and gives a big present to the cured snake charmer, who departs with the snake and the profit he has made.

NURSE HAD INGENIOUS IDEA

Surely If Use of Makeup Was Ever Justified, It Could Be Defended In This Case.

A laugh is going the rounds over the stunt pulled by one of the attendants at the orphanage who had used enthusiastic in the work of feeding parents for her little charges.

On this particular occasion she had interested a young couple in a three-month-old baby and they had promised to call the following day with a view to taking the infant if she was the dainty dipped cherub the attendant said she was.

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GREATEST BLISS IS COMPANIAL WORK

There is no greater happiness in life than doing the work you love. It matters not what the work is—to some women it is embroidery, or writing a book, or baby tending, or studying chemistry, or cooking, or keeping a house polished. It does not always happen that we have great ability in the thing we enjoy doing—although the chances are that this is so. For solving stimulates you to continued effort in a piece of work more than the consciousness that you do it well.

And so if you are unhappy—genuine unhappy—in the work you're doing try to find out what it is that you prefer to do. If there is nothing else in your mind, then perhaps your discontent is only temporary. But if you sincerely wish to do some other definite piece of work, you have a legitimate grievance and you owe it to yourself to pave the way for a new shot at a new occupation.

MEMBERS OF THE CABINET ARE IN LINE TO THE SUCCESSION

Members of the cabinet are in line to the succession, if they can comply with the Constitutional requirements, which provide that: "No person except a natural born citizen, or a citizen of the United States at the time of the adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the office of president." What is called the presidential act, passed in 1898, provides for the succession to the presidency by cabinet officers in the following order: Secretary of state, secretary of the treasury, secretary of war, secretary of the navy, secretary of the interior, secretary of agriculture, secretary of commerce, secretary of labor. A person not born in this country may be a member of the president's cabinet, but he is not eligible to the presidency, being barred by the Constitutional provision quoted above.

CANDLE AUCTION

The candle has been used for many purposes. In the seventeenth century a candle auction was the regular method of selling wares at the mart of the East India company—a custom which is still in vogue in various parts of the country, notably at Tatworth, near Chard, in Somerset, where the letting of land is annually conducted by this novel method. The thirty or forty people having rights in the land assemble and bid, and it is "knocked down" to the last bidder—the inch of candle flickers out. In three successive years the candle burned for 35½, 27 and 33½ minutes.—London Times.

NOT DESIRABLE

"I had to ask Flubdu not to eat here any more." "What's wrong?" "Every time I get a pretty waitress he'd try to convince her that she was cut out for a movie actress. So I had him to take his hand business to some other place."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

DOG BIRDS

Dog-birds are small, brownish dentens of the New South Wales southeastern tablelands, between Lake George and the Snowy mountains. They derive their name from the number of their language. They may easily be mistaken for a family of young terriers having an early lesson in barking. A ragged stick nest, with lateral entrance, not readily distinguishable from any old hole of a bird, is constructed by the bird.