CROESUS SEEN IN NEW ROLES

Godfather of the Modern Hotel and Patron Saint of Traveling Salesman.

GOLD COINS OIL WORLD TRADE

Recent Discovery of First Gold Coins Ever Minted Recalls Number of Heritages Civilization Owes to Buried Sardis.

Washington, D. C. — Introducing Croesus—godfather of the modern hotel and patron saint of the traveling salesman!

These are new roles assigned to the erstwhile richest man in the world in a bulletin from the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the National Geographic society.

"The discovery of thirty gold pieces from Croesus' mint, which were part of the first series of gold coins ever struck off, recalls one of a number of heritages which civilization owes to buried Sardis," says the bulletin.

Gold Oils World Trade.

"These new-found coins and a few other pieces already in museums signalize the Lydian inception of the gold basis for world trade—an instrumentality which lubricates international commerce to this day.

"The hotel, or the humble inn which was its forerunner, was not possible until some standardized and compact medium of exchange was available. Therefore it is not surprising that historians generally agree that the first inns, where board and lodging might be had for payment of regular fees, were established in Lydia.

"Before that time caravanseral were known. But they were evidences of eastern hospitality, set up at points where constant applications for entainment grew burdensome, and were maintained as a sort of co-operative guest room, or modern municipal lodging house.

"Now it followed further that when a man might be assured convenient abode when he traveled, and he could close a business deal with a pocketful of gold rather than a herd of cattle, that the trading radius of the ancient world suddenly expanded. Men began to travel for pleasure as well as for business, in fact the Greeks already had ventured forth 'for historie and for discovery.' Thus it woud seem that not only the trade representative but the tourist and the geographer owe Croesus considerable gratitude.

"The modern man can hardly apprehend, without an effort of his imagination, how great a boon it was to the ancients of the Sixth century B. C. merely to visit another city. Important events were taking place. It was the time of Buddha and Confucius, of Solon and Cyrus, as well as Croesus yet any high school boy of today can know more about what was going on in the world then than any one living at that time possibly could have known.

"The casual traveler was unknown. The 'stranger' was always feared and his life was in jeopardy. Traders with caravans, sailors with their cargoes, high officials with stately retinues, a few beggars and religious pilgrims—these were the only travelers of that time.

Digging for History.

"Despite these marked steps toward culture, Lydia has remained only a flash in the pan of history. Until explorers recently began digging in the dust of the land that now is a Greek mandate on the Aegean shores of Asia Minor nearly all we knew of Lydia was the rumbling, but colorful story of Herodotus. And some of what we did know, it now transpires, was wrong. The tale of how Solon, when asked by Croesus to name the happiest man in the world, did not reply that Croesus was the man, as the monarch expected, but mentioned instead some humble and dutiful citizens of Athens, may persist, for its moral but has been ruled out of history.

"Lydia's wealth is thought to have been due to various minerals and principally to her trade. Her capital, Sardis, was set on a hill whose ruins even now betoken an imposing dignity. The site is sixty miles northeast of Smyrna which, in the height of Sardis' power, was a Lydian city."

MAN FORCES WOMAN TO PRAY

Religious Fanatic Drags California Woman Into Church and Prays for Her as She Screams.

San Francisco.—Mrs. Mary J. Reposa, fifty-six, Oakland, suffered at the hands of John Dias, fifty-three, an alleged religious fanatic, according to the police. The woman is under treatment at the Oakland hospital and Dias is being held for examination as to his sanity.

Mrs. Reposa, with her two-year-old baby in her arms, was walking when Dias is said to have rushed at her, knocking other pedestrians aside and, clutching the woman by the throat, dragged her into a church. Dias knocked her down and she sustained a scalp wound.

He forced Mrs. Reposa into a seat in the church. Dias is reported to have prayed for her as she screamed.

WAR ON WOOD WASTE

Government in Movement to Reduce the Timber Loss.

Through Co-operation With Forest Products Laboratory Methods Are Being Devised to Curtail Enormous Waste of Wood.

Washington.—"Only 30 per cent of the wood in a forest now gets into the form of seasoned, unplaned lumber. Of this an additional 10 to 25 per cent is lost in the process of manufacture. In extreme cases as little as three per cent of the wood in the forest may reach the finished product."

This statement is made in a booklet just issued by the Department of Agriculture, entitled Forest Products Laboratory, describing the work and aims of the experimental laboratory maintained by the forest service, in co-operation with the University of Wisconsin, at Madison, Wis.

The booklet outlines how, through investigation and experiment, the laboratory is devising and broadcasting practical commercial methods by which this enormous waste of the country's timber supply can be reduced. By reducing this waste, it is pointed out, the life of our present forests will be prolonged and the problem of growing new forests made simpler, because by preventing the waste of timber less timber will have to be grown.

Among the various methods studied at the laboratory for decreasing waste of forest products is the treatment of woods with preservatives resisting decay. Through such treatment an annual saving of one and one-half billion board feet is estimated to be possible in the case of railroad ties alone, and the preservation of other classes of timber would, in the aggregate, greatly relieve the drain on our forests.

The forest products laboratory is a government institution; its advice and suggestions are to be had for the asking. It presents, according to the booklet, an opportunity for many manufacturers, wood users, and timber growers to supplement the information obtained by experience and hard knocks with technical data obtained through scientific research.

MICROBE MINCING MACHINE

Dr. David Thompson, director of the Pickett-Thompson research laboratory at St. Paul's hospital, London, at the remarkable microbe mincing machine that has attracted much attention in medical circles. The machine is driven by electricity and is composed of two disks, one that is stationary and the other rotating. The microbes, suspended in an alkaline liquid, are forced against the cutting edges at a speed of 60 miles an hour, with the result that 28,000,000 cuts are made in a minute.

FINDS CURE FOR HOOKWORM

U. S. Physician Discovers Medical Value of Chemicals Used as Clothes Cleaner.

Washington.—After extended experiments, Dr. Maurice C. Hall of the Department of Agriculture announces he has discovered what he believes to be a positive cure for hookworm in a chemical known as carbon tetrachloride. The statement says his chemical, which is commonly used as a clothes cleaner, "will likely prove to be a cheap, agreeable and effective treatment for a parasite that is destroying health and reducing human efficiency in millions of people in many parts of the world, including many thousands in our Southern states."

Sun Hatched Chickens From Discarded Eggs

Several residents of Newville, Pa., were attracted to a dumping ground by the chirping of young chicks. Upon investigation it was found that some one, evidently a poultry breeder, had deposited a large number of eggs, supposed to be infertile, on the dump. The warm rays of the sun, coupled with the exposure to the fresh air, completed the hatch. About 75 chicks were gathered.

PARROT TELLS ON POACHERS

Bird's Squawking and Violent Language Leads to Discovery of Evidence of Crime.

POLLY'S MORALS IN SAD STATE

Waterfront Line of Cussing in the Woods Leads Policeman to Investigate—Poachers Snare Thousands of Blackbirds.

New York.—Patrolman Daniel Burke of the Bronx motorcycle squad, combing paths that traverse the Bronx park hills for bird limers, whose activities in the woods of that section were first reported more than a month ago, discovered evidence of their activities in a patch of timber. Burke found the limbs of a dozen or more trees smeared with the bird lime. The poachers are said to have snared thousands of blackbirds.

Burke's discovery was made in a curious way. A red headed Mexican parrot, owned by Mrs. Margaret Finsted, who lives at 446 Riverside avenue, escaped from its perch on the Finsted porch and disappeared in the forest. The parrot was sought until after dark by Theodore Finsted, son of its owner, and nearly all the members of his school class, without avail, though young Finsted reported he had heard the bird squawking.

Shrieks of Anguish.

Patrolman Burke, on a motorcycle cruising through dense timber in search for the band said to be snaring birds, was attracted by shrieks of apparent anguish about 100 feet from the path he was traversing. He shouted several times in hope that an answering voice would give him the location of the trouble, but received no response and was about to resume his way when there proceeded from the woods a volley of oaths, intermingled with screams such as might have been uttered by a woman in distress. The oaths, Burke said, were delivered in a hoarse voice—apparently that of a man enraged.

Plunging into the undergrowth with drawn revolver, Burke made his way in the direction of the sounds, calling at intervals, but again finding no response, until when in the densest part of the thicket he was startled by a series of raucous screams coming from directly overhead.

"Police! Police! There's hell to pay—hell to pay—hell, hell!" howled the voice from a heavily foliaged oak. "I know you, Mike Sweeney," pursued the invisible one, repeating the latter remark several times.

Parrot Glued Fast.

Patrolman Burke ordered the supposed man in the tree to "come down o' that" but was met, he says, with a volley of abuse. He recognized some of the oaths used as waterfront talk, he says. While this torrent of bad language was proceeding Burke caught sight of its author. Mrs. Finsted's parrot was flapping its wings as if cursed, in a vain effort to break away from a limed limb upon which its feet were firmly glued.

When the parrot was returned to Mrs. Finsted with a suggestion that an effort be made to improve its morals, she said the bird was formerly owned by a waterfront saloonkeeper at Mariner's Harbor, S. I., and was purchased by her son, then in the United States navy, when the prohibition law forced its former owner out of business.

GET GEMS BY PHONE RUSE

London Thieves Get Most of Lady Yoxall's Jewelry by Calling Maid Away by Decoy Message.

London.—Lady Yoxall, the wife of Sir James Yoxall, has been robbed of most of her personal jewelry by a clever ruse.

Lady Yoxall went to Richmond police court to give evidence in another case, leaving one of the two maids in the house with strict instructions not to leave it.

Soon after she had left the telephone rang and a man's voice asked if Sir James Yoxall had gone to town and if the other maid was in. On learning that the maid was alone the voice said she was wanted at the court to give evidence. The maid said that her orders were not to leave, and the voice replied: "Hold the line." There was a short pause and then the voice said sharply: "You must leave everything and come at once." The maid thereupon went straight to the court, only to learn that the message was a decoy, and upon Lady Yoxall hurrying home she found the whole house had been ransacked.

"It must have been some one who knew my movements," she said. "So far I have not ascertained how much was taken. Two men were seen loitering about the road, and one of them forced the front door while the other evidently kept watch."

Deer Join Farm Cattle.

Marion Center, Pa.—The deer in this part of the state have little or no fear of human beings and frequently large herds approach quite closely to campers. Some days ago, while Horace Menner, of near this place, was milking, a buck and a doe came up and joined the herd of cattle. While the milker moved among the cows the deer remained and did not leave until a dog appeared on the scene.

IS TREASURE HOUSE

Abyssinia Is Wonderfully Rich in Natural Resources.

Persian Consul General to the United States Tells of Visit to Country—Present Rulers Willing to Receive Foreigners.

New York.—Gen. H. H. Topakyan, Persian consul general to the United States, who has recently visited the rulers of the Near East, as well as Europe, gives the following account of his experiences in Abyssinia:

"During the lifetime of King Menelik Abyssinia was a closed country to the outside world. Now everything is different. Raz Tafary reigns in his stead.

"I have recently been the guest for two months of this crown prince and his mother, the queen of Abyssinia and daughter of King Menelik.

"This royal descendant of the queen of Sheba is advanced in years, and affairs of state devolve upon Crown Prince Raz Tafary, a very broadminded, smart young man of thirty-six, who is likely any day to succeed his mother on the throne. The crown prince is highly educated and speaks many foreign languages fluently.

"While King Menelik was afraid of white people and never gave concessions to anyone, Raz Tafary is willing to have foreigners come into Abyssinia and develop the mines, minerals, railroads, manufactures and agriculture of his domain. In the world today I have not seen any such opportunity for profitable investment as Abyssinia affords. The country is a perfect treasure house of gold, silver, copper, coal and precious stones and immense quantities of bicarbonates. Its wealth in petroleum cannot be estimated, and it is also a great farming and cattle country. On the luxuriant meadows of Abyssinia I saw cows which sold for $10 that would bring at least $150 in the United States.

"On my arrival at Addis-Ababa and the palace of this ancient empire of Abyssinia I was presented to the queen, who was gowned in green and yellow silk—royal colors of the country—and who sat on her throne of state. On her head blazed a crown of diamonds that cost $3,000,000. On each side of her stood 300 or 400 slave girls, robed in white, each one carrying a beautiful fan with which she fanned the queen. Long earrings hung beside every comely brown face and anklets of pure silver adorned their feet. They were a wealthy, wonderful type of girl, many of them like statues in their symmetry, and the sight of several hundred bright-hued fans waving in unison from the white clad ranks formed a scene of unusual beauty.

"Of all the scenes which made my two months' sojourn in Abyssinia a period of daily interest and wonder, the one which impressed me most was the ceremony of homage which was paid by the governors and troops of Abyssinia to their monarchs. Twenty thousand troops assembled near the palace and sang songs in honor of the queen and prince. Then followed an al fresco feast in the palace grounds. It was the weekly tribute of respect which Abyssinia kings exacted and from which no governor was willing to be missed."

JANE IS IN FOR 67TH TIME

New York Woman Served 3,935 Days in Jail Since Her First Sentence in 1904.

New York — "Good afternoon, judge."

"Again, Jane?"

"Yes, judge."

"Thirty days, Jane."

"Thanky, judge, thanky."

Then Jane Savage grinned. She was being led away to jail in Newark for the sixty-seventh time. She was arrested this time for disorderly conduct and intoxication and was sentenced by Judge Murray.

Jane's record goes back to 1904, when she was first arrested for intoxication. She has served 3,935 days—almost eleven years—in jail.

Mother Was Mixed.

Baltimore, Md.—Running, with tears streaming down her face, the mother of twins reached the police station here only to find she did not know which one of the pair was lost. Edwin and Milton Goslorowski are twin sons of Mrs. Philip Goslorowski. Edwin got lost.

Mrs. Goslorowski hurried back home to ask the other which he was. He said he was Milton, so an alarm was spread for Edwin. Two hours later he was found.

Fireman Is Killed When Locomotive Rears in Air

York, Pa.—The fireman of a Pennsylvania express train was killed and the engineer severely injured when the locomotive reared up in the air while running at high speed, tearing away a vehicle bridge overhead, and then plunged down a steep embankment at Brillhearts. The tender and first mail car followed the locomotive in its wild plunge. Passengers in the following coaches were badly shaken up.

VITAMINE SECRET SOUGHT IN CORN

Experiments With Growing Grain Indicate Chlorophyll Is Necessary to Production.

COD LIVER IS RICHEST SOURCE

Experts Recommend Cod Liver Oil as Part of Daily Diet of Infants, Because of Its Power to Prevent and Cure Rickets.

New York.—The analysis of corn in the seed and at various stages of growth, in the course of experiments by Dr. Benjamin Harrow and others at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, has indicated that the vitamines are either produced by the sun as chlorophyll or that the production of vitamines depends on chlorophyll.

"The seed corn does not gain in its vitamine content when it sprouts," he said. "The vitamines seem to be the same in number. But as it shoots up and begins to turn green, the vitamines increase rapidly."

So far it is believed that vitamines of all types are produced originally by plants alone, and are not to be found in soil or non-organic compounds or in living things except as the result of vegetable food which contains them. This is hard to reconcile with the fact that the greatest known concentration of vitamines is in the liver of the cod which lives on an exclusive fish diet. Clams and other sea animals on which the cod lives, however, probably obtain from sea vegetation the vitamines which they pass on to the cod. Much of this vegetation, however, receives little or no sunlight on account of its depth, so that the different types of vitamines may be originated in different methods.

While cod-liver oil is the richest of all things in Vitamine A and is recommended by Doctor Harrow and his associates as a part of the daily diet of infants, because of its power to prevent and cure rickets, Doctor Harrow, Dr. Alfred F. Hess and other workers on this subject are doubtful whether it is the vitamine which cures the rickets.

Cause of Rickets Obscure.

"The doubt is due to the fact that rickets occurs among infants on a wide variation of diets, including many diets well supplied with Vitamine A," he said. "It has also been shown that the disease is caused by some disturbance in the proportion of calcium and phosphorous in the food of the infants. These are the two principal bone-makers and there is a shortage of phosphorus in the case of a child with rickets. The sunlight seems to produce this phosphorus. Cod-liver oil invariably restores the balance and cures the disease. But it is very likely that there is some other factor in the cod-liver oil rather than Vitamine A, which does this. In our laboratory and in many others researches are being made to identify this agent in cod-liver oil. There are various substances in the oil which are little understood at present. It may prove to be Vitamine A or a new vitamine, but it may be something of another nature.

"On the other hand, it is known that cod-liver oil is a perfect specific against rickets, which is unfortunately a very prevalent disease. Orange juice is given to infants as part of their daily diet for the prevention of scurvy, and cod-liver oil should be given to every infant in the same way. It is unpleasant to adults, but infants become exceedingly fond of it."

Dr. Casimir Funk, who discovered the vitamines, denied that there was any advantage in a large consumption of vitamines, and said that the public was not benefited by the propaganda to sell certain foods on the grounds that they were rich in these factors.

"Man cannot live without a minimum supply, but the average American gets plenty of all types in the average diet," he said.

$100,000 Would Eliminate It.

On the value of cod-liver oil against rickets, Doctor Hess wrote:

"There are approximately 125,000 children in New York city between the ages of three and fifteen months, the period of greatest susceptibility to rickets. If we estimate generously that the families of one-third to one-quarter of these children are unable to purchase cod-liver oil, and if we agree that the development of rickets may be prevented by giving a teaspoonful three times a day, then at the present cost rickets could be practically abolished in this city by the expenditure of about $100,000 a year. This is but one of many instances in which the community does not get the full benefit of our medical knowledge."

Trolley Car Cuts Snake.

Tamaqua, Pa.—While a bunch of bananas was being unloaded from a truck in front of Schmauch & Peipher's grocery store on West Broad street, here, a snake uncurled itself from the stalk, crawled down over the driver's back and started to cross the thoroughfare, only to be caught under the wheels of a trolley car and cut in half. The snake was of the Southern diamond species, almost five feet in length. It is supposed to have been dormant, owing to the cool weather, and was aroused by the heat of the sun.

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