Army Plants' Refuse Killing Wild Ducks

Cambridge, Md.—State Game Warden E. Lee LeCompte, of Cambridge, was notified recently by Howard Owens, of Betterton, Kent county, that hundreds of canvasback ducks and swans were floating ashore at that point, apparently having been killed by the pollution of the water by the government plants at Edgewood and Aberdeen.

The ducks, it is thought, mistake small particles discharged from the plants making acids, for gravel.

Mr. LeCompte will send several of the dead fowl to the biological survey at Washington for analysis.

What Human Heart Does Described by Scientist

Minneapolis, Minn.—"The successful experiment reported in the newspapers recently in which heartbeats broadcast from St. Louis were plainly heard at Fort Bayard, N. M., a distance of 1,200 miles, while of much interest," said one of the world's most famous anatomists of the famous Rochester, Minn., clinic, "is overshadowed by contemplation of the work done by this vital organ. Here are a few of its wonderful performances put in terms the layman will immediately grasp:

"The heart beats 72 times a minute, 4,320 times each hour, 103,680 every day, or 37,843,200 a year. At the age of fifty the heart has beat 1,892,160,000 times. The heart forces blood through about 2,000 miles of tubing at the rate of 10.8 gallons an hour, 259 gallons a day, 94,535 gallons a year, and in fifty years 4,725,750 gallons.

"In terms of power, the heart lifts what is equivalent to one ton in weight 80 feet in the air every day, five miles in a year, or 250 miles in 50 years."

Dynamite Smuggling Is Gaining in Philippines

Manila.—Smuggling of dynamite from British North Borneo into the Sulu archipelago is increasing, despite the efforts of the Philippines customs authorities. The dynamite is chiefly used by the Moros to kill fish in the waters of the Southern islands, although the practice has been prohibited by law for many years.

The Moros, who are familiar with all the small coves and harbors, are able to evade the customs authorities, who have only a limited patrol service in that region. In their fast vintas (native sailboats) the Moros are able to load their cargoes of dynamite, and frequently a shipment of opium, on the Borneo coast and under cover of darkness, slip across to one of the small islands in the Sulu group, only a few miles away.

Only in rare instances are these smugglers caught, customs officials say.

New Half-Dollar Design Was Not U. S. Creation

Washington.—Treasury officials have placed responsibility for selecting the design of the half dollar memorializing the tercentenary of New Netherlands and the arrival of the Huguenots in America, on the committee in charge of the tercentenary celebration and the Fine Arts commission.

Robert J. Grant, director of the mint, explained that the design was forwarded to him by the committee and was submitted by him to the commission, which returned it with one or two changes. It then was approved by them and Secretary Mellon.

Officials of the mint showed much interest in The World editorial recently quoting Doctor Zwerlein of Rochester as seeing "Protestant propaganda" in the fact the coin was stamped with the simulacra of William the Silent and Admiral Coligny.

Soldier Thought Dead, Returns to His Old Home

New Orleans.—Emanuel Barhart, one of the first 10,000 American soldiers to arrive in France, appeared recently at the home of his sister in Arabi, a suburb, and denied the authenticity of the War department's report of more than five years ago that he had been killed in action. Relatives had heard nothing from him since shortly after he went overseas.

Aliens Are Made Citizens at Rate of 15 Per Minute

New York.—Naturalization of aliens at the rate of 15 per minute continues in the county courthouse, where six justices are aiding County Clerk Donegan to give 5,000 candidates their final papers before the duties of naturalization are transferred to the federal bureau.

Paris Thief Loses Kit

Paris.—An attempt to steal the international standard meter was foiled by the janitor of the international weights and measures bureau. The burglar managed to escape over a fence, leaving an elaborate kit of tools behind.

Ships Bring Large Tusks

Tacoma.—Ships from the Orient are bringing many ivory tusks of mammoths, whose remains lie in the frozen tundras of Siberia. Yakutsk is now the principal center of the ivory industry. In this country the ivory is used for billiard balls, inlaid work and handles.

...erils in the Home Told by Risk Company

Mark Twain once called attention to the peril which surrounds a bed since so many people die there. According to an insurance company, home is not an entirely safe place either. This concern learns from an examination of its records that out of every 58 accidental deaths nine take place in the home.

Thus nearly one-sixth of the fatal accidents occur in an environment in which one might reasonably expect to be protected from danger of injury. Age, however, has a bearing on the situation. Children are in greater peril than when they develop into youth, and the danger increases as one passes from middle age. Burns, falls and inhaling poisonous gases are the chief causes of fatal accidents in the home.

We are accustomed to consider the peril which attends traffic in the street and employment in many lines of industry. The fact that it is impressed on us may make us more cautious. Thus many accidents may be avoided which would otherwise happen were we regardless of the danger. Because we feel safe when within the walls we call home, may in some measure be responsible for the accidents which occur there. Our surroundings being so familiar the sense of lurking danger in an open fire, or a loose board on a step, does not suggest itself. After the damage is done we may perceive wherein we erred, but it is too late to remedy the harm done. We are never entirely free from peril whether at home or abroad, but we are likely to have a keener appreciation of it when away from home and the opposite may be one's undoing at home.—Pittsburgh Telegraph.

World's Smallest Book in Library of Congress

Some of the interesting curiosities at the Library of Congress in Washington are the smallest book in the world, the longest printed work in the world and the largest book in America. The smallest book is a copy of the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam. The longest work is the Tu Shu Chinese encyclopedia, while the largest book in America is James Audubon's "Birds of America."

The midget Rubaiyat is only three-eighths of an inch wide and one-eighth of an inch thick. Letters in the book, even on the title page, are so small that they can be read only with the aid of a powerful magnifying glass. Its 48 pages of Japan paper are daintily stitched and bound in green paper. The printing of the mammoth Tu Shu Chinese encyclopedia has been called the "greatest typographical feat in the world." Three years were required to print its 5,280 volumes with their 800,000 pages. The table of contents alone is forty volumes. A copy of this voluminous work printed at Shanghai was given to the United States by the emperor of China in 1908. Audubon's "Birds of America," the giant American book, is forty inches long, twenty-six and one-half inches wide and two and one-fourth inches thick. So large are its pages that on one of them a turkey is produced in lifesize. The set comprises four volumes. They are bound in red horsehide and were presented to the library by Audubon himself in 1827.—Detroit News.

A Javanese Invention

Japan and China embroider their colors on their materials. Sumatra dyes the threads and weaves them in, India stamps and the South Sea islands paint them on but Java paints the pattern on in wax, and dyes the colors in. Batik, the process used in Java, is a science, an art, an industry, a religion, a mystery, an inheritance and a treasure peculiar to this tropical island. Batik makers draw their designs in hot wax on white cotton cloth, and then color the uncovered portions of the pattern by dipping the waxed cloth again and again into vats of vegetable dye. That the Javanese have been able to make the plain cotton so rich and magnificent a fabric entitles Java to a high place in the world of art. As the batiker draws, the hot wax flows from the miniature spout of a very small copper cup, or tjanting, which is fastened securely in one end of a short bamboo handle. This instrument was invented by the Javanese.

Navajo Story of Creation

George Rogers, who has recently returned from the Navajo country in New Mexico has obtained some interesting information concerning these tribes. Most interesting is the Navajo tradition of the creation of the world which is practically identical with that described in the Bible.

First, there was a great god Ya. There was nothing but water and space. Then Ya put forth his hand and the land came up out of the water. Again Ya put forth his hand and the sun, stars and moon appeared. Then Ya created a man and a woman. These two were the first Navajos.

The legend goes on, says Mr. Rogers in the Mentor, paralleling Genesis even to the rainbow, which appeared in the sky as a sign between Ya and his people.

Everybody Happy

Maid—No, ma'am, Mrs. Hughes is out.

Visitor—How fortunate! When I saw her peeping through the curtains as I came up the path I was so afraid she would be in.—Cassell's Saturday Journal (London).

To Complete Secrecy Pledge Child Pupils British Communists

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

London, April 18.—Communist Sunday Schools, in which Christianity is derided, are on the increase, according to a Church of England minister, the Rev. D. Kennedy-Bell.

The British public would be surprised, he says, if statistics could be produced to show the magnitude of the movement; but as many of the Sunday schools are constantly changing their location, it is impossible to count them.

The children who are captured in the web of the communist Sunday School, are sworn to secrecy, declares Mr. Kennedy-Bell.

"A little girl of twelve, in the East End of London, was questioned by her parents the other day as to what she was being taught," he says. "She replied that she had been told never to sing 'God save the King', and to do 'three other things', but no amount of questioning would extract from her a reply as to what these things were.

"The mother was herself, up to that time, entirely ignorant as to the kind of school her daughter was attending. 'I thought she said, 'it was some kind of religious teaching something to do with Communion' from the name.

The catechism used in the Communist Sunday schools here is said to be the same as that used in similar schools in the United States. Many of the answers to questions are too blasphemous to reproduce in a Catholic newspaper. The general complexion of the book may be judged by the following specimen quoted by Mr. Kennedy-Bell:

Q. Is Christianity desirable?

A. Christianity is the greatest obstacle to the progress of mankind therefore it is the duty of every citizen to help to wipe out Christianity.

The Communist Sunday Schools are said to hold an almost unchallenged position in the Clydeside district of Scotland. But elsewhere they keep discreetly on the move after sowing the seed of communism.

Communist speakers are to be heard at hundreds of street corners in London and throughout the country, preaching their subversive doctrines under police protection, in the name of free speech.

French Indignant At Action of Turks In Closing Schools

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Paris, April 18.—A most painful impression has been created in France by the news that the Turks have closed the French and Italian schools of Constantinople, even though these schools would have accepted the removal of religious emblems.

Several papers are demanding the intervention of the Paris Government and the Libre Parole, in particular, asks, "Will France permit such an iniquity?"

The Semaine Religieuse of Paris has published a letter from a prominent Turk, whose name is withheld. The letter, which was addressed to Cardinal Dubois is, in part, as follows:

"As a Turk and as former student of St. Joseph's College at Kadi Keuy and of the Commercial Institute directed by the Brothers of the Christian Schools where I got my bachelor's degree of secondary education and the superior diploma of commerce, I wish to declare that during the ten years I spent in those institutions I was able to appreciate the great value of the education given by those unselfish and devoted men who always respected with the most perfect tolerance the beliefs of their students who belonged to other religions. No pressure was ever exerted to make us take part in religious ceremonies or in the teaching of catechism or the history of the Catholic Church."

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The 'Owling Howl

A new-rich cockney went to Devon to see a country house that he thought of buying and as the head gardener was showing him over the grounds a peculiar screech was heard from a neighboring thicket.

"What was that?" said the cockney, with a start.

"An owl sir," said the gardener.

"Yes, yes, my man, of course," said the cockney, "but what was 'owling?"—Pittsburgh Telegraph.

BISHOP HICKEY GOING TO ROME

Bishop Thomas F. Hickey will leave Rochester for Rome some time in June to make his report to Pope Pius XI on the diocese of Rochester.

CRANE COLLAPSES WHEN LIFTING GIRDER

One of the large cranes used in the construction of the Knights of Columbus building in Chestnut street collapsed Wednesday afternoon as it was to form the support of the auditorium. Other supports kept it from crashing through the building, and none of the workmen was injured.

Smoker for St. Mary's Alumni

The Alumni Association of St. Mary's Boys' Asylum held a smoker and entertainment at the asylum at 8 o'clock Monday evening. Entertainment was arranged by Elroy Miller and Raymond Riley. The association is raising a fund to purchase athletic equipment for boys at the asylum.

New Parochial School To Be Erected

Seneca Falls, April 29.—The Rev. B. L. Quirk, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, has made an announcement that preparations will be made shortly to provide St. Patrick's parish with a new modern and fully equipped parochial school.

Plans to get the new building under way as soon as possible will be made. A survey of the needs of the local parish students will be made to accomodate the increased number of the student body in the present school. Since the erection of the present school in West Bayard street nearly half a century ago, the student body has nearly doubled. The school was erected under the pastorate of Rev. Bernard McCool.

"What's in a Name?"

By MILDRED MARSHALL

Facts about your name: Its history, meaning; whence it was derived; significance; your lucky day, lucky jewel.

LULU

RECENT discussion of Loretta suggests Lulu as an interesting parallel study. Lulu is also the result of modern spelling. Its correct form is Loulou, a version which originated, and is still a favorite in France.

Its popularity is attributed to the Provencal Lora de Sades, beloved of Petrarch, whose story is considered one of the world's greatest romances. She is the lady whose praises are sung by the great Italian poet in his "Rime" or sonnets. She is identified with Lora de Noves, an Avignonese lady who died of the plague in 1348, and who was already married to Hughes de Sades in 1327 when Petrarch is said to have first seen her.

The romantic nature of the French caused the name of the lovely heroine to find extraordinary vogue in that country. However, Lora or Laura is scarcely euphonious to French ears, and she became Laura, and finally Loulou.

Jet is Lulu's talismanic stone. It is the symbol of sorrow, but according to an old superstition, it will protect its wearer from sorrow, since it has an almost unique power among gems of becoming a part of the very body and soul if guarded with jealous care. Friday is Lulu's lucky day and 4 her lucky number.

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DEATHS OF THE WEEK

Frances M. Dailey

Miss Frances M. Dailey died after a long illness Thursday morning, May 1, 1924, at the Homeopathic Hospital. She leaves surviving two sisters, Mrs E. Lockwood and Miss Mary E. Dailey; three brothers Walter J. and Henry P. Dailey and William E. Lawn all of this city. The body was taken to the residence of her sister, Miss M. E. Dailey at 19 Lockwood street. The funeral will take place Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock from the house and at 9 o'clock from Corpus Christi Church. Interment in the family lot in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Atkinson—Clara C. Brown Atkinson, of No. 131 Champlain street, died April 30. Immaculate Conception Church May 3.

Boland—Patrick Boland, aged 78 years, of 267 Parkway. Lady Chapel, Cathedral, May 3.

Heintz—Charles P. Heintz, of 50 Madison street, died April 29. SS. Peter and Paul's Church May 2.

Sheeler—Mrs. Louis Sheeler died on May 1. St. Michael's Church May 5.

Bieck—Joseph M. Bieck, aged 60 years, of No. 63 Ketchum street. St. Michael's Church May 5.

DeBuck—Augusta DeBuck, aged 31 years, of Hudson avenue, Irondequoit, died May 1. Our Lady of Victory Church May 3.

Klein—Mrs. Catherine Klein, aged 90 years, of No. 644 Garson avenue, died May 1. Corpus Christi Church May 5.

Statt—Miss Mary A. Statt, aged 80 years, died April 29, at her home, Statt rd., Gates, N. Y. St. Joseph's Church, May 2.

Heintz—Charles P. Heintz, of No. 50 Madison st., died April 29. SS. Peter and Paul's Church, May 2.

Testa—Brigidia, aged 52 years, of No. 178 Jay street, died April 29. St. Anthony's Church May 2.

Millions Bequeathed to Rulers by Their Subjects

Not many men have chosen to leave their fortunes to members of the royal family in the manner of the late Lord Farquhar. Under the terms of his will Prince George receives £2,000 and Princess Maud and Lord Carnegie £50,000, while other royal beneficiaries are the king and queen, Queen Alexandria, the princess royal and Prince Arthur of Connaught.

The largest gift ever willed by a subject to a British sovereign was that of £500,000 which fell to Queen Victoria on the death of one John Camden Neild, who died in 1852.

The son of a London goldsmith, Neild succeeded to £250,000 on his father's death, but, being of a miserly disposition, he lived in poverty. After his death he was found to have left the whole of his property, with the exception of a few legacies, to "Her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, begging her majesty's most gracious acceptance of the same for her sole use and benefit."

Another man who remembered the sovereign in his will was Sir Ernest Cassel, who, on his death in 1921, left property to the value of £6,000,000. His London residence, Brook house, Park lane, may one day become a home of the royal family, for Sir Ernest directed that in the event of the death without issue of his daughter the house and its contents should be offered as a gift to the then reigning sovereign.—London Tit Bits.

Ties Given "Turkish Bath"

Railway construction engineers have found that railway ties, even when air dried for a considerable time, still contain 15 per cent or more moisture, and therefore are susceptible to decay since bacterial growth requires moisture. In recent experiments an effort has been made to drive out moisture by using the same process that nature does, and dissolve, neutralize and wash out the sap and other liquids which obstruct and close the pores. Warm air saturated with moisture is circulated among the ties. This opens and cleans the pores of the wood just as a Turkish bath does the pores of a man. The saps and resins filling the vesicles themselves, expand with the heat and force their way out, to be diluted and carried away by the warm vapor. After some hours of this treatment, the amount of moisture in the lumber is reduced by very slow degrees, until, at the end, it is practically dry, and the wood is removed from the kiln with not more than 5 per cent of moisture left in it. Lumber so treated, engineers assert, is immune to decay as long as it is kept dry. So the ties, after their Turkish bath, are given a waterproof coating by dipping into a hot bath of heavy asphalt.

Deaths of the Week

Funeral services were held from the respective churches on dates given. May their souls rest in peace.

Arnold—Elizabeth M., aged 52 years died at St. Mary's Hospital, April 24. Holy Cross Church, April 28.

Brooks—Helen N., aged 28 years, died at her home in Geneseo, N. Y. St. Mary's Church, Geneseo, N. Y., Interment in St. Mary's cemetery.

Lynch—Katherine, of No. 267 Oxford st., died April 25. Blessed Sacrament Church, April 28.

Held—Frank X., aged 74 years, died April 23. St. Michael's Church, April 28.

Taney—Luey Andreas, of No. 240 Lyell ave., died April 24. Holy Rosary Church, April 28.

Pickens—Elizabeth, died April 25 at her home, Island Cottage, Greece, N. Y. Mount Read Church April 28.

Meng—Matilda Kraft, died April 25. Blessed Sacrament Church, April 28.

Brayer—Magdalen, died April 25 at the home of her sister No. 55 York St. Immaculate Conception Church, April 29.

Bastendorff—Katherine, died April 27, at St. Mary's Hospital, Holy Redeemer Church, April 30.

Koch—Clara Geiger, aged 28 years, died April 25, at Denver Colo. Funeral May 1, from Holy Redeemer Church.

Mooney—Margaret, aged 2 years, of No. 195 Adams st., died April 27, at St. Mary's Hospital. Funeral April 30.

Persons—Edith M., aged 17 years of No. 36 Maplewood Terrace, died April 26. Funeral from Sacred Heart Church, April 29.

Steffenhagen—John Valentine, died April 27, at the family home 168 Tu place, Fairport, N. Y. Funeral April 29. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Eagelson—Margaret, died April 28. Funeral from Corpus Christi Church, April 30.

Downes—Leo J., of No. 46 Barkley st., died April 27. Immaculate Conception Church, May 1. Burial at Spencerport, N. Y.

Bischoping—Mary A., aged 67 years, at the family home, in Webster, N. Y. Interment in Webster Catholic cemetery.

Boas—Mary Dries, of No. 308 Ave. B, died April 29. Funeral from St. Michael's Church, May 1.

Brothers—Thomas, aged 88 years, of No. 47 East avenue, Fairport, N. Y., died April 29. Funeral from the Church of the Assumption May 2.

Leberwart—Adam, aged 62 years, of No. 51 Chester st., died April 29, Holy Family Church, May 2.

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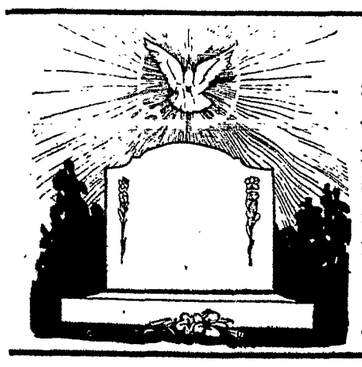

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