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Africa's Map Will Be Changed

(Toronto Mail.)

While it is upon the maps in Europe that the eyes of the world are fastened, the result of the struggle there is likely to have its influence upon two other continents. From Africa comes the word that the British Gold Coast forces have occupied German Togoland without resistance, and now Japan threatens to deprive the Kaiser of his possession in Kiau-Chau, the German naval base which he seized from China. These to incidents call attention to the fact that it is not only the map of Europe that may well be rolled up, but that possessions in Asia and in Africa are likely to change hands. Every power involved in the war, with the exception of Serbia and Austria, the two original principals, have overseas possessions, and, whichever combination should win, there can be no doubt that it would seize some of the extra European possessions of the other. Kiau-Chau is gone. Japan is now practically the trustee of it, and will, in her own time restore this strip to China. Togoland too, has fallen, and is forever alienated from Germany, unless the miracle should happen and Germany and Austria prove successful against the terrific odds that are now arrayed against them.

If we leave out of account Canada, Australasia and India, which are not likely to be affected by the struggle, the great overseas prizes for which the armies are now contending are in Africa. It is in Africa that the colonies of France, Germany and Britain are closest together. Belgium, too, has a veritable empire in the heart of the Dark Continent, and in the event of the allies being defeated the Belgian Congo would certainly be called upon to salute a new overlord. Looking at the map of Africa, it is to be observed that there are only two black portions upon the whole continent. These represent pure African ownership. All the rest has been divided among European countries. Abyssinia and Liberia alone recognize their original owners. Probably ninety five per cent of the whole continent is one of the stakes of which the rival combinations are now contending.

In its very heart the Belgian Congo, for long the personal property of the King of Belgium, but now a dependency of the nation. On the south is British South Africa, including the Transvaal and the Orange State, that came under British authority as a result of the last war in which the Mother Country engaged. Adjoining it on the northwest is a territory about the size of Rhodesia which belongs to Germany. North of this is a still larger tract, Angola, which is a possession of Portugal, and it must not be forgotten that in the present war Portugal stands by Great Britain. On the other side of the continent, fronting upon the Indian ocean,

but divided from Angola by Rhodesia is German East Africa, bounded on the south by Portuguese East Africa and on the north by British East Africa. North east again is Italy's Somaliland, which is flanked in its turn by British Somaliland and Abyssinia.

British East Africa again continues its boundaries north and northwest to the Egyptian Sudan, and west of this is the great French territory of the Sahara. On the Mediterranean coast are Italian, French, British and Spanish possessions, and, swinging around again to the west coast we find Spain, France and Britain in possession. Togoland, which has been occupied, lies facing the south upon the Atlantic and between the Gold Coast and Nigeria, both under British control. South again is Germany's Kamerun and another French possession, and finally Portugal's Angola.

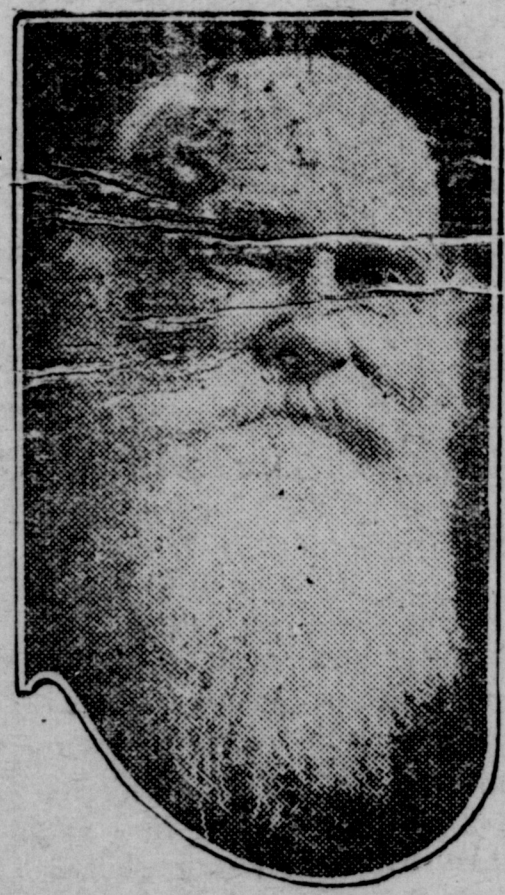
The possessions of the Kaiser in Africa are important, and if they could be linked together, which would certainly be the case in the event of a German triumph, he would have a territory the size of half a dozen Germanys in the very heart of the continent and extending from one coast to another. The weakness of German holdings in Africa is that they are separated. They do not resolve themselves into a farm that can be worked to advantage. Unfortunately, they prevent others from working their heritage. Germany interposes a bar to the "All Red" railroad from "Cap" to "Cairo," which was Cecil Rhodes' dream.

German East Africa and the Belgian Congo lie across the path. It is safe to say that after this war is over the "All Red" road can run through British territory and to do so will not have to make any worse twists than the C. P. R. makes from Halifax to Vancouver. The probability is that the overseas possessions of the defeated combination of powers will fall like the ripe fruit into the possession of the victor. Most of the natives of Africa will never know that a war has been fought. They will merely see a new agent collecting the rent. But should the war be carried into Africa, there can be no doubt as to the outcome. Both France and Britain have trained black troops eager enough to fight. Germany has a few natives who have been drilled, but if she is to win any African battles, white men will have to do the fighting and they cannot be spared from the battle line in Europe. In this war Germany is risking her "little place in the sun" on the desperate throw of a bankrupt gambler.

DEPARTED SPIRIT RE-ENTERED BODY

Old Man's Story of Wonderful Experience—Lived For Day Apart From Human Shell

John C. Wheeler is a fine old man living at Ivanrest, a village a few miles from Grand Rapids, Michigan. As he stands up in meeting, with



JOHN C. WHEELER

white hair and patriarchal beard, and tells of the most remarkable experience of his life, he makes an impressive figure.

"I believe I had the most wonderful experience of any human being in the world to-day," he told an interviewer. "I have lived apart from my body! I have been dead! And now I am alive—very much alive!"

Wheeler is certainly very much alive. Over 70 years of age, he stands with a spine as straight and unbendable as a hickory pole. His eye is clear and his face the picture of



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"I was swimming in a lake when suddenly I went down. It was several minutes before my companions missed me. When they secured my body a doctor pronounced me dead. I was taken to my boarding place and another doctor brought from a distance also pronounced me dead after an examination. Then they laid me out covering me with a sheet."

"The next day a girl who was passing through the room where I lay noticed a movement of the cloth over my face and gave the alarm. They came to me, chafed my hands and body and I was soon able to sit up. It was not the fact that I regained consciousness after so long a time that is remarkable, but it was the fact that, while I was apparently dead, I never was so much alive in my life. But I was apart distinctly from my body. I could tell the persons around me everything that had happened when I was helpless to return to life."

"During those hours I discovered many things. Much was revealed to me that would only sound preposterous to relate. But the one thing I do remember clearly was the sensation of dying. Being dead is delightful, of that I am sure. After I had been engulfed in the waters I seemed to float away from my body and I soared away above the waters of the lake. I looked down and could see my body. I watched the rescuers find it and place it on the bank. Then I floated back to it and became a part of it."

"In that fleeting moment between the conscious and the unconscious state, the thought of returning to life was repugnant; and I knew that I didn't want to live. But I was forced to and I returned."

"Up to the time of that experience I had been an agnostic, disbelieving in a hereafter or a spiritual state of existence, but my whole point of view of life was changed. I never since have had a shade of doubt in regard to a spiritual state of existence. A man is double and the body is the lesser part of him."

NEW METHOD OF HATCHING CHICKS

Electricity and Bees Used to Bring Forth Peepers

Rearing chicks by electricity seems a tall order, yet this is exactly what is being done at a chick farm at Muskogee, Oklahoma, where the welfare of the occupant from the egg is electrified and the growth of the young bird forced by the aid of electric light. A tungsten lamp of about sixty watts is placed in the runway, and is switched on and off alternately for eight hours each. When the light is on the chick fills its craw, and rests after the light is turned off. The capacity of the incubator is for eighteen to twenty trays, one under the other; thus upwards of 5,000 eggs fill a single chamber. The trays are so arranged that a blast of warm air circulates through the rows of eggs.

Some of the farms installed with the apparatus can hatch 10,000 chicks every day in the year, and in a single season as many as 20,000,000 lively chicks have been hatched and shipped abroad.

But not everyone who owns a beehive and knows something about poultry knows that chickens can be

hatched satisfactorily by bees. An enterprising American, however, has recently combined the two, and with most excellent results. He noticed that the temperature of the beehive was almost the same as that of his incubator, which calculation was confirmed by a thermometer, so he set about to utilize the superfluous warmth of the hive as an egg-hatching establishment, without interrupting the welfare of his bees. Twenty eggs were placed in the upper portion of the hive, ingeniously separating them from the working apartments of the bees by means of a cotton cloth. The eggs were further protected by little cushions made of similar material to that of quilts, and left for the requisite number of days required for hatching in the ordinary way. At the end of that time eighteen of the twenty eggs satisfactorily hatched, yielding chicks in every way as strong and healthy as those reared by other means, thus turning the waste space of the beehive to most profitable account.

MODERN JERUSALEM WEALTHY JEW'S DREAM

Nathan Straus Hopes to Bring Health and Sanitary Conditions to People of the Holy Land

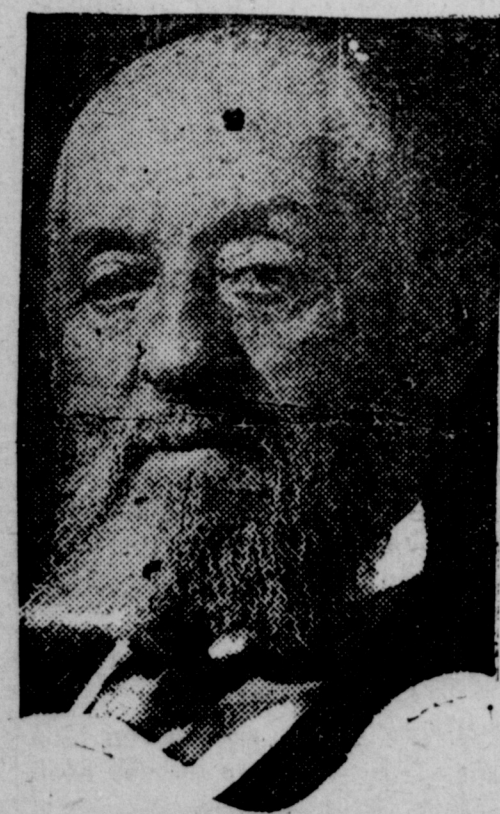
To recreate the Holy Land is the immense project to be undertaken by Nathan Straus, one of the greatest of New York merchant princes. Straus, with his two sons, Nathan, Jr., and H. Grant Straus, retired from the firm of R. H. Macy & Co., in New York, to devote all their energies to bringing Palestine into the full realm of twentieth century progress. Nathan, Jr., will go to the ancient home of the Jewish people to take up there one part of his father's new-planned philanthropy—to try by installing modern sanitation systems there largely to prevent sickness among the people. Father and son are both ardent Zionists.

A great suite of offices has been equipped in New York for the carrying on of the commercial end of this great project and hundreds of letters and applications for aid are received weekly. The senior Straus will divide his time between the New York office and the Holy Land.

In his plans for rehabilitating Palestine Straus includes the establishment of complete sewage systems, a totally new water supply, the most modern health and sanitation bureaus, milk stations and soup kitchens as well as clinics for the treatment of various scourges.

The urgent need of such work is shown by an article in a leading medical journal, which says: "Jerusalem is a city in which one out of every five of its 70,000 inhabitants carries the parasite of malaria in his blood and three-fifths of the population give evidence of enlargement of the spleen. These facts, so striking because of the enormous amount of preventable disease and so pathetic because they mean so large a loss of human usefulness, are not hearsay figures. They are facts."

"In the light of present-day knowledge the pictures of the primitive sanitary arrangements that still obtain in ancient Jerusalem would fur-



NATHAN STRAUS

nish an interesting object lesson. As might be expected, malaria-bearing mosquitoes reign supreme. Their chief breeding places are the cisterns which provide the water supply from the rain on the housetops."

Straus' philanthropies in Palestine have not in the past been restricted



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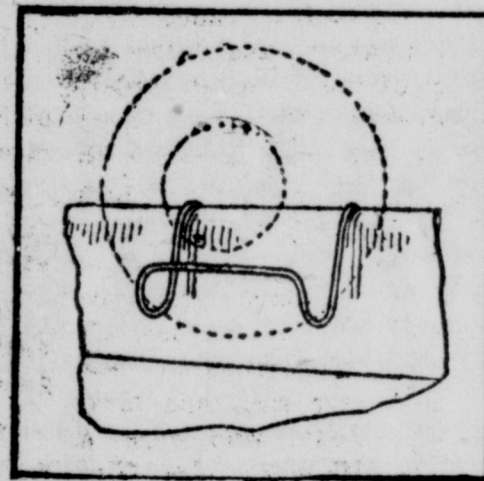
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of his own religious faith, and have not been conducted in any sense of the word as religious or racial undertakings. His concern has been, and will continue to be, he says, with humanity and the alleviation of its sufferings through proper preventive and curative health measures. In Palestine, the Jewish, Christian and Mohammedan population alike has shared and will continue to share in the benefits of his works.

The Kitchen Wash Basin



If there is a wash basin in your kitchen the chances are you are compelled to look for it every time you want to use it. That is the way it usually is. Why not fix things so that the basin is kept in the same place—and that place right alongside the sink? Get a length of heavy wire—ordinary bare wire will do—and bend it in the shape shown in the drawing. The basin rests in that hook all the time.

DUEL WITHOUT DANGER

Missile Flung Back If Marksman Makes Bulls-eye

That a duelling toy should originate in France is not strange, for France has ever been the home of the duel



(even in its bloodless form of the present time.)

The player uses a small spring pistol which fires a soft-headed dart, and has, attached to its muzzle, a wire basket for catching the returning ball.

The target is a regulation target, behind which is a spring arm, released when the player hits center, throwing the ball held in a cup at the player who endeavors to catch it in the basket attached to the muzzle of the pistol.

GILLETTE'S LYE EATS DIRT

