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## MANY SPORTSMEN DIED

The United States Lost Leaders to Many Branches

Johnnie Poe, the famous Princeton football player, met death, fighting with the Black Watch in France, September 26, 1915, and other prominent United States sportsmen whom death claimed during 1915 were: Lincoln Beachy, one of the most daring aviators, who perished after a fall into San Francisco Bay, March 14; Capt. George Knox, of the American aero squadron, who was killed in Oklahoma, August 12; "Tim" Hurst, the baseball empire; Charles Littlefield,ockey and horseman; Michael Murray, "father of soccer" football in America; Blind John Condon, a Chicago race track owner; Peter De Lacey, the "pool room king"; Floyd McFarland, the international cyclist, and Eugene Cook, a chess expert.

## How French Fatten Fowl

For fattening poultry in France the spinet is the favorite plan. It is merely rows of cages, with a separate compartment for each bird, generally 10 inches square, and opens at the top. No place is allowed for improvement. Some of the spinettes can accommodate fifty to one hundred birds. The bottom of the cage is in open work, and below a moveable board strewn with ash or sawdust to receive the droppings. In front a trough for food and an earthen vessel for water. The cellar or fattening house is kept warm, and the light gradually diminished till darkness is used on the fifth day. Only when the fowl is daylight re-admitted, and a even many prefer to employ a lamp.

## Shirt Has 23-inch Collar

What is thought to be the biggest shirt ever made was turned out by a factory at Parsons, Kan., for George W. Nickler, of Ames, Ia. The shirt was a 23-inch waist, 23-inch collar, 36-inch chest, and 23-inch arms. It is made of cheviot and cost Nickler \$11. Nickler weighs 495 pounds and is 5 feet 6 inches in height.

## Watch That Baldness

Each time a man lifts his hat his head experiences a sudden change of temperature, and it is this constant heating and cooling of his head which causes the hair to drop out in the long run. It is very seldom that soldiers go bald early, for they do not raise their hats, but salute. Another reason why men go bald is because they do often wear their hair clipped close to the head.

## Empress Discovers Silk

The credit of making the first silk is given to Si-Ling, wife of Hoang-Ti, emperor of China, 2600 B.C. Among the Greeks Aristotle—384-322 B.C.—is the first who mentions it. It was not until A.D. 430, however, that it began to be cultivated in Europe, the first of being then brought from India by some monks.

## FIRST WESTERN PAPER

Made Its Appearance on December 23, 1859

The Nor-West, the pioneer newspaper of Red River, founded by William Buckingham and William Caldwell, made its first appearance on December 23, 1859. It consisted of four pages of five columns. The lengthy prospectus published in the first number took for its text the country watered by the Red, Assiniboine and Saskatchewan Rivers. The declared aim of the Nor-West was to stimulate the industrial life of the Settlement and to assist in the work of Government organization. It is a curious commentary on the state of the country in the late 'fifties that most of the advertisements of the first number of the Nor-West came from St. Paul. The paper constitutes a gold mine of information for the closing decade of the history of the Council of Assiniboia, the first local administrative body of the west. It reports the proceedings of the courts gives agricultural and commercial intelligence, publishes the regulations of the Red River Post Office, gives it full Bishop Anderson's charge to the clergy of Rupert's Land, private editorials on the progress of the settlement, and protests against the Council of Assiniboia as a form of government.

## MILLIONS IN FISH

Will the Industry at the Coast be Only in Its Infancy

The fisheries of British Columbia are the most valuable in the Dominion. Of the \$35,000,000 worth of fish produced from all the Provinces in Canada last season this one contributed \$20 to the value of \$14,000,000. Salmon, halibut and herring are the three chief varieties of fish which inhabit the waters of British Columbia, and of these salmon are the most valuable. The Fraser River, especially that section of it flowing through the lower mainland, contributes most liberally to the fisheries of the Province. The salmon pack in all parts of British Columbia last year amounted to 990,376 cases, of which the lower mainland district, including the Province's largest canneries at New Westminster, contributed 173,921 cases, or almost twenty per cent. of the entire pack. The fishing business on the coast is only in its infancy. The rivers of the northern part of the interior are practically unknown, so far as their fertility is concerned, and the fishermen on the coast are only beginning to realize the immense wealth which lurks in the numerous bays and inlets of the Pacific coast.

## Utilizing Glass Dust

One of the characteristics of modern industry is the utilization of wastes that we formerly threw away. One of the newer and more surprising illustrations of this is the utilization of the glass dust which accumulates in the factories. This is now melted and molded into blocks, which form an extremely efficient and useful material for paving streets.

## Substitute For Towels

The infinite variety of electrical devices received a recent addition in a drying machine that is intended to do away with the towel. A current of hot perfect air is thrown from an adjustable funnel on either hands or face. The current is regulated by a dial. The salient advantage of this substitute for the towel is apparent.

## Bermuda's Coral Houses

Bermuda is the original home of the "White House." The simplest bungalow is built of the same material as the most pretentious villa in almost precisely the same way. White coral blocks cut from the backbone of the islands are used for all building purposes. Many of the well-to-do negroes live in lovely little white coral bungalows and cottages, which for vivid, radiant whiteness would surpass the executive mansion at Washington. Paint can not rival the glowing lustre of Bermuda's lime-washed coral buildings, shimmering as they do in the brilliant, sub-tropical sunshine like pillars of light.

## Russians Use Wooden Spoons

The peasant class in Russia, which makes 17 per cent. of the total population, still uses the wooden spoon. The people of this class can not afford plated ware. The middle classes use steel and plated ware, and the wealthy classes usually have sterling. Most of the steel and plated ware is manufactured in Warsaw. Probably 90 per cent. of the people of Russia use the very cheapest grades of table ware and only 10 per cent. of silver ware.

## The Legend of the Horseshoe

Why is the horseshoe considered a sign of good luck? The origin of the superstition can be traced back to the thirteenth century. The monk Gerwardus of Tilbury informs us that at that time there was a kind of demon in England which appeared as a horse. Whenever this apparition was seen it was a sign that a conflagration would soon break out. Hence, as giving a kindly warning, this mysterious horse was regarded as a friendly spirit, and the peasant in general was believed to be a beneficent power.

## World's Highest Tide

Navigators state that the highest tide in the world is in the Bay of Fundy, between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The tide there sometimes rises to the height of seventy-one feet, and the increase is occasionally as much as a foot every five minutes.

## Islands Warmer

Islands are less cold in winter than continents, and the sea is warmer than frozen land, and mitigates the coldness of the land air.

## Cause of Frost Tracery

Frost tracery on bedroom windows is caused by the warm breath of the sleeper being condensed and frozen in the ice cold window.

The high quality of Purity Flour comes from First—The selected wheat we use.

Second—This wheat, milled to a rigid standard under the closest supervision of miller and chemist.

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Bake Bread and Better Bread



Ten minutes later, as doggie had not shown up, the owner telephoned again. The reply was that they had tried to send Jet home but he would not go.

"Bring him to the telephone," he requested. He was placed on the line. "Come, Jet, come, Jet," called the master, and he jumped.

## Is Metz In Danger From the French?

London, May 4.—Reuter's London correspondent telegraphs that information which he regards as trustworthy has been received there to the effect that Metz is being evacuated by the civil population.

Verdun, the capital of Lorraine, and only about 20,000, is rated as one of the strongest fortresses of the world. It is about 15 miles north of the fighting line, and 40 miles east of Verdun.

Paris, May 4.—The advance of the French in the district of Dead Man Hill, on the Verdun front, was continued during the night. The War Office announced this afternoon. The gains made yesterday were increased and consolidated.

As a consequence of French artillery preparations at Dead Man Hill yesterday, the Austro-German lines were shattered, and the sole survivors of the men in the trench.

Marseilles, May 4.—Another contingent of Russian soldiers arrived here this morning, and was received with notable military and popular reception. The troops proceeded to barracks at Mirabeau.

## Total Enlistment

To date 1916 338

Ottawa, May 8.—The enlistment for the two weeks, ending May 1, 1916, produced the following numbers: 786; Toronto, 1,936; Kingston, 833; Quebec, 161; Winnipeg, 1,018; Alberta, 1,018; Alberta, 1,018; Alberta, 1,018.

## Jailed For Life

Wilmington, Del., April 4.—Ernest Schiller alias Clarence Hudson, who formerly took possession of the British steamer "Matoppo," off Sandy Hook, on March 29, terrorized the crew, and compelled the captain to change the ship's course, was sentenced in the United States District Court here today to life imprisonment. He will be taken to the federal penitentiary at Atlanta in a few days.

Schiller this morning was charged with piracy. He had seized the vessel, carrying the vessel, car, and other property, and was taken to the federal penitentiary at Atlanta in a few days.

## Production and Thrift

## CANADA'S CALL FOR SERVICE AT HOME

## Produce More and Save More

The Empire needs food. If you are not in the fighting line you may be in the producing line. Labour is limited—all the more reason to do more than ever before. Grow food for the men who are fighting for you. The Allies need all the food that you can produce. Every little helps. You are responsible for your own work. If you cannot produce as much as you would like, produce all you can. Work with the right spirit. Put fighting energy into your effort and produce now when it counts. The more you produce the more you can save. Producing and saving are war-service.

## Make Your Labour Efficient

In war-time do not waste time and energy on unimportant and unprofitable work. Economize labour. Put off unproductive work till after the war, and, if possible, help in producing something needed now. Let us not waste labour. Canada needs it all. If possible help to feed the Allies. Make your backyard a productive garden. Cultivate it with a will. Make your labour count for as much as possible.

## Do Not Waste Materials

There should be no waste in war-time. Canada could pay the annual interest on her war expenditure out of what we waste on our farms, in our factories, in our homes. Every pound of food saved from waste is as good as a pound of increased production. The way for a nation to save is for every individual to save. France is strong to-day because of thrift in time of peace. The men and women of Great Britain are not only "doing" but are learning to "do without."

## Spend Your Money Wisely

Practise economy in the home by eliminating luxuries. Wasting our dollars here weakens our strength at the front. Your savings will help Canada to finance the war. Save your money for the next Dominion War issue. There can be no better investment.

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