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THE MARINER'S COMPASS

The 1932 Declination Chart of Canada just published by the Topographical Survey of the Department of the Interior, showing the variation of the compass in all parts of Canada calls to mind this wonderful instrument which for many centuries has guided man in his travels about the earth. The invention of the magnetic compass is lost in the dawn of history. It is first found mentioned in a quaint Chinese legend which relates that the Emperor Hoang-ti in 2634 B. C. led forth his army and attacked the rebel Khian on the plains of Tchou-lou. But Khian, getting the worst of the conflict, called the wizards, magicians and sorcerers to his aid, who raised a great fog—fore-runner of the modern smoke screen—to hide Khian and his rebel army. Then the Emperor, not to be outdone, in his turn used the great magic of the compass which led his army through the great fog so that he overcame Khian.

Be that as it may, the compass was undoubtedly known in China at a very early age. The Chinese, however, were guided by the south end of the needle which they painted red, whereas we are guided by the north end, their name for the compass being "ting-nan-ching", or "needle pointing south." This was probably because in China the south was considered the honourable quarter, since the Emperors held audiences facing south and important buildings were erected to face south.

It had long been thought that the compass had been brought from China to Europe in the twelfth century, most probably by the Arabians, as it was known that the Arabian and Chinese traders met in the Persian Gulf. But the earliest definite record of the compass in Europe—that by Alexander Neckam, monk of St. Albans, England—shows that the compass was in common use in Northern Europe in 1187 A. D., when still unknown in the Mediterranean. All present evidence therefore suggests that the compass was not brought from China to Europe; but that the European compass was invented in Northern Europe in the twelfth century.

While the compass may have been known in Northern Europe in the thirteenth century it was not until after the middle of the sixteenth century that it was adopted to any extent by Great Britain. Spain was then the world's great sea power, and her ships cruised westward to the West Indies, Mexico and South America, returning home laden with rich treasures. It was during the reign of Queen Elizabeth that King Phillip of Spain fitted out a great Armada for the invasion of England, but almost his entire fleet was destroyed by British ships in the English Channel. The victory proclaimed England mistress of the seas. A race of hardy seamen had been developed and under the leadership of such men as Sir Francis Drake, and John Hawkins' cruises were made to unknown lands, and the treasure galleys of Spain were raided and captured. Sir Francis Drake, the first Englishman to make a voyage around the world, travelling by way of the Magellan Straits, he landed on the coast of California, continued westward and returned by the Cape of Good Hope. Under the Tudors England became great and powerful and no doubt the mariner's compass was a potent factor in bringing this about.

Count Byron de Progre, who has been "unearthing" ancient cities since he was nineteen years' old, recently returned to New York from Egypt. He claims to have discovered 800 emeralds in the summer palaces of Cleopatra, near Alexandria. Some of the emeralds, he said, were only a half a carat while other were fifteen carats. Cleopatra, queen of Egypt and

known as "the serpent of the Nile", established quite a reputation as a vampire. She vamped Julius Caesar, and Mark Antony in turn. The latter, who was a great soldier and politician, is said to have given up the world for Cleopatra. Their love affair had an unhappy ending as the queen permitted an asp to bite her, while Mark went out by another route.

THROUGH ONE MERE

Hockey or no hockey is the question that is agitating the Fans at present.

Today is the shortest day of the year by the calendar, but with most of us the 24th is the day.

French scientists say the hatless "mad" promotes mental disorders. Promotes 'em? We thought it was one of 'em.

Oh, if women could only learn to change gears as smoothly and nonchalantly as they change husbands.

Chinese Generals Su and Ma have given up and gone out of the fighting. The rest of the girls stay on the job.

Dove of peace of this age is going to compel peace, not solicit it. It's the airplane.

Charm is like ignorance. The more perfect it is, the less you realize that you have it.

Children love lollipops, and the lollipop habit can be extended far into middle life if encouraged.

A correspondent asks when to use "farther" and "further" When a countryman tells you the distance is "about a mile."

If you aren't too obscure to be noticed or too important to care what people say, you must be middle-class.

At last the common man has achieved equality with the great. They don't know what to do about the depression either.

"Greta Garbo has arrived secretly in France," says a dispatch. If all the French know it, it must be so. Sixty million Frenchmen can't be wrong.

A generation is growing up that never saw a man arrested for leaving his horse unblanketed while he stepped into a saloon on a wintry morning to warm himself with a shot of Red Eye.

POLITICAL PRISONERS TO BE SET FREE

(Special to the DAILY MAIL by the British United Press)

Berlin, Dec. 21—Thousands of political prisoners jubilantly packed their small belongings today in preparation for release under the terms of the government's Christmas amnesty.

The amnesty law, permitted to go unvetted by the Federal council was promulgated today, creating an air of intense and joyful excitement throughout German prisons.

RENO WINTER DRINK MAKES ITS APPEARANCE

Reno, Nev., Dec. 21—"The Christmas season is here," said Reno with a shout the other day after viewing Tom and Jerry bowls on all the local bars.

Tob and Jerry, a concoction of egg batter, sugar, hot water and whiskey, with a dash of rum, is a popular winter drink in Reno.

On each of the bars is a huge bowl of the batter. The drinks are mixed as ordered, hot water being available from electric heaters on the back bar.

Rome, Italy, Dec. 21—Toot! Toot! It's the honeymoon special coming down the track. The state railways have cut 80 per cent off the cost of round trip tickets to Rome—for newlyweds. The idea is to get more young folks interested in marriage.

STOCK MARKET FAIRLY ACTIVE THIS MORNING

New York, Dec. 21—The stock market was irregular this morning with some activity on the part of short sales up to noon totalled 340,000 shares. Call Money was steady at one per cent. Industrial averages at noon were 58.96 against 58.06 at the opening. Quotations were as follows:

Air Reduction	57 3/4
Allied Chemical	8
Auburn Auto	51
American Power	53 3/8
Amer Tel & Tel.	104
American Tobacco B.	58
Bethlehem Steel	14 1/2
C. P. R.	13 3/8
Chrysler	16 3/8
Columbia Gas	16
Cons. Gas	58 1/2
Dupont	37
Electric Power	9 1/2
Eastman Kodak	55 3/4
General Electric	15 1/4
General Motors	14 3/8
Nickel	6 1/2
Kennecott Copper	8
Monty Ward	13 1/2
National Biscuit	38 3/4
N. Y. Central	19 3/4
Pennsylvania	14 3/8
Pub. Service of N. J.	51
Radio	5 1/2
Sears Roebuck	19
Standard Gas	13 1/2
Stand Oil of N. J.	30
Union Pacific	26 3/8
Westinghouse	27 3/8
Woolworth	36

SWEDEN MAY USE CROWN LANDS IN LUMBER WAR

Stockholm, Dec. 21—An extraordinary plan whereby Sweden's crown timber lands would be placed at the disposal of sawmills for a gigantic price war with Russia in the world lumber market was divulged by Sweden's Social Democratic premier, Per Albin Hansson, at a closed meeting of young Socialists Thursday night, it became known Saturday.

While Russia's name was not mentioned it was intimated that Sweden would be ready to meet Soviet competition at any price if this material subsidy were granted by the government. In this manner it is hoped that the Swedish sawmills, which are about 75 per cent. closed, due to the depression, might be able to operate at capacity again.

THE MID-WEEK MARKET

Large Number of Chicken, Turkeys, Geese, And Meats for Sale — Demand Good.

There was a large market this morning with many chickens, geese, and turkey offered for sale. Meats, particularly, pork were also plentiful. Vegetables were more in supply than usual. The whole market took on a Christmas aspect as quite a number of people were buying. Prices were reasonable and varied considerably. The Saturday market will probably be the big market but the market today was unusually large for the mid-week.

The Price List:—
Butter 22 to 25 cts. lb.
Eggs 35 to 40 cts. doz.
Chicken 20 to 25 cts lb.
Turkey 30 to 35 cts. lb.
Geese 30 to 35 cts. lb.
Pork 7 and 9 cts. lb.
Lamb 10 & 14 cts. lb.
Beef 6 & 8 cts. lb.
Potatoes \$1.50 bbl.
Parsnips 20 cts. pk.
Carrots 20 cts. pk.
Squash 2 cts. lb.
Headcheese 2 cts. lb.
Sausage 20 cts. lb.
Cabbage 5 cts. head.
Turnips \$1. per bbl.
Honey (jar) 25 cts.
Honey (tins) 40 & 75 cts.
Live Chickens 75 cts. each.
Apples \$1.00 to \$3.50 bbl.
Mink fur 2 for \$12.
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His Lordship Bishop Richardson is in Ottawa to consecrate a new chancel in Christ Church Cathedral.

Miss Jean Thompson has returned from Netherwood school at Rothesay for the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. J. Mc. P. O'Brien and little daughter of Nelson are visiting her parents Chief Justice J. H. and Mrs. Barry.

J. D. Kingsley of Marysville who is taking an advance course at McGill University at Montreal has returned for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. Bud Winslow who is attending Royal Military College at Kingston, Ont., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Winslow of Victoria B. C., is spending the Christmas vacation with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Thompson.

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