

## THE SILK WORM SAID TO HAVE MADE A TURN FOR THE BETTER

Special to Daily Mail. Copyright 1920 by Cross Atlantic News Service. London, Nov. 5 (By Mail)—America has sent over a wonderful story and London is distinctly sceptical. At last after twenty long centuries, the silk-worm is reported to have turned. The turn is for the better according to a report received from New Orleans. It is stated that there has been produced a super-silkworm which not only exceeds in output any other of its tribe, but spins silk threads of any desired color. The color is reported to be absolutely fast, and the discovery, the report adds, "threatens to destroy the dye industry, as applied to the manufacture of woven silk."

Careful inquiries in circles most likely to be well informed disclosed the fact that since its earliest known

existence—somewhere about 2000 B. C. in Japan—the silkworm has never sprung a revolution on the textile world. No living productive creature has changed its habits or the character of its output so little as the silkworm, and that is one reason why responsible people in London are unable to accept the story.

The Silk Association of Great Britain and Ireland has not only heard nothing of the discovery but in all its communications with the American Silk Company—the biggest association concerned with the industry—there has never been a hint of such a revolution.

"The idea is so far fetched that I doubt whether my association would approve of my writing to America on the matter," said Mr. A. B. Ball, the

secretary. "If it is true, it is the most wonderful thing that has occurred in the silk trade." But Mr. Ball has not the slightest belief in the story.

Induced to discuss the remote possibility of the story being true, Mr. Ball stated that its development would practically wipe out Japan as the home of the silk industry. Silk to Japan is what cotton is to England.

One of the claims put forward on behalf of the super-silkworm suggests that it has been busy studying the new efficiency methods, and has found out how to increase output without added effort. It is reported to weave into its cocoon 1800 yards of silk, where the foreign weaves only from 400 to 100 yards.

This theory of super-production is not acceptable to Mr. Ball. It is possible, he states, for a worm, by careful and diligent training, to weave a little more, but these creatures are so sensitive and methodical that even a slight increase in output is sufficient to excite comment.

## AMERICANS WAR VETERANS WERE INCENSED

Pittsburg, Nov. 11.—Protesting against the presence of Mayor E. V. Babcock in the reviewing stand, because the city recently issued a permit for what they termed a "pro-German tag day," scores of overseas veterans who took part in the armistice day parade here refused to march past the stand. After vainly trying to make a speech, which was drowned by the cries of spectators and marchers, Mayor Babcock left the stand and the parade proceeded.

When the permit was granted for the tag day, which was to raise money for children in the Central Empires, it was greeted by a storm of protest from soldier organizations, and while Mayor Babcock refused to withdraw the permit, the society back of the movement finally decided to cancel all its arrangements and collect no money. Meantime pressure on the Mayor was without result, and last night he issued a statement in which he said that "whether right or wrong the permit had been issued," and that he was the "Mayor of all the people of the city of Pittsburg."

This did not meet the demands of the soldiers, and today when a line of automobiles carrying a thousand or more men who had been wounded reached the reviewing stand, on which stood Mayor Babcock, the parade stopped. Men climbed out of the machines and the assembled crowd cheered them. They made a detour of a block or two around the stand, and then took up the line of march as though nothing had happened.

The word was taken back along the long line of marchers and post after post of the American Legion followed the example of the wounded as they reached the stand.

Judge Paulson E. Foster, who served overseas as a private, and Capt. Robert S. Cain, County Commissioner who were on the stand with the Mayor pointed out the situation to him and he tried to address the crowd, to explain his position. But the crowd would have none of it. They cheered the veterans, and after more than half an hour of confusion the Mayor walked down from the stand.

Immediately the line of march was resumed, and the parade continued without further interruption to Schenley Park, where a programme of sports was carried out.

## CAMPAIGNING AGAINST THE MODERN DANCE

Montreal Nov. 15—Rev. John Straton, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, New York, addressed a huge audience at the St. James Methodist church here tonight in continuation of his campaign against the modern dance which he began some time ago in New York. His visit here is the result of the threat of the Montreal dancing masters to sue him for \$10,000 unless he retracted the denunciation he then made, especially in regard to the two dances named after John and Charles Wesley.

Dr. Straton made a speech here of a character to furnish plenty of material to local dancing masters if they seek to put their threats into action, for he spoke with a clearness that could not have gone further.

He gave it as his view that dancing was wrong and should not be compromised with by the church.

As to the threat of a suit of action for \$10,000, he thought it humorous that any one should suppose that any clergyman should be possessed of that amount.

Dr. Straton suggested there were better ways of earning a living "in the tremendous times in which we live" than for grown men to "invest their strength and talents to teach people to 'bunny hug' and 'turkey trot' and canter like a cat."

If there were any Montreal dancing masters present in the congregation, there was no challenge to Dr. Straton during his address.

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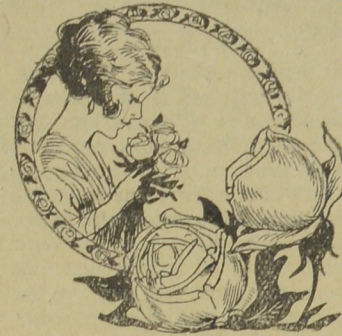
"He said he didn't know anything about Mr. Gibosh and he knew too much about Mr. Fligh."

### EASY MONEY.

To show the vague idea some children have of the important things in life the story is told that a little girl was once asked.

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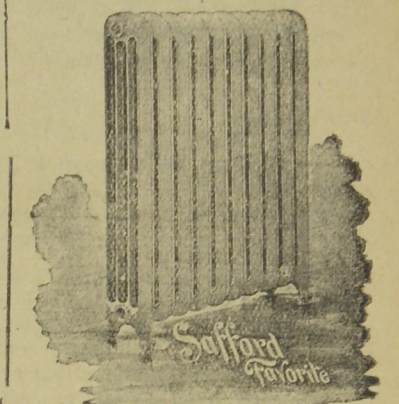
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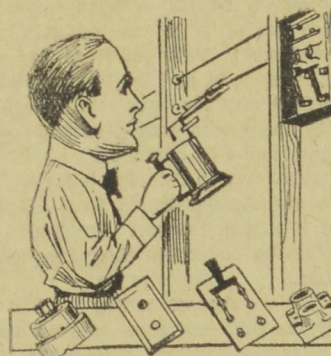
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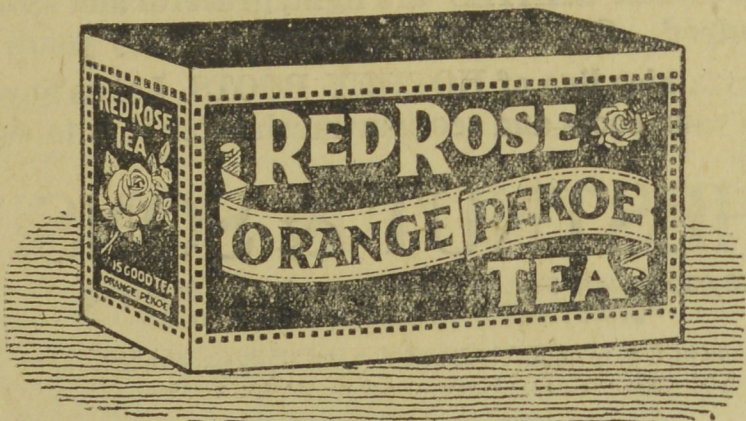
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