

MARYSVILLE SHOPPING PAGE

Of Interest to Women

DANGEROUS SLIMMING

Girls endeavor to meet the edict of stylists. By means of the orange juice diet, exercise in the form of dancing until morning, and two meals instead of the normal three, they will lose the "thirty-three pounds, to fit the styles of the season"—that is, if they do not lose their physical balance first. Growing girls who need the proper rest and nourishment are the ones most susceptible to style suggestions. The result is seen in the reports of sanitariums which are filled with girls suffering from various degrees of physical breakdown, particularly tuberculosis. If there are laws to prevent the use of arsenic on hamburgers, there ought to be a law curbing the stylist.

Grass Stains

To remove grass stains wash the stained spot in alcohol and rinse in clear water while stain is fresh, if possible. Another way to remove grass stain is to rub molasses well into the spots, leave for a few minutes, then wash and launder as usual.

Butter Cakes

A delightful little sponge cake that does not require frosting. Beat $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter to a cream and add slowly one cup sugar, the well-beaten yolks of 3 eggs and beat for five minutes. Add 1 teaspoon water and beat for 3 minutes longer. Now add 1-3 cups sifted flour and 2 teaspoons baking powder and add to the matter alternately with the stiffly whipped egg whites. Beat until smooth and bake in a greased gem pan in a moderate oven.

Jewel Fudge

2 cups brown sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk, 1 tablespoon Jewel shortening, 1 tablespoon peanut butter, 1 teaspoon vanilla. Boil first four ingredients for five minutes, or until syrup forms a soft ball when tested in cold water. Take from the stove, add vanilla and beat until creamy, then pour on pan greased with Jewel shortening. Cut in squares.

Golden Salad

1 level tablespoon gelatine
1-4 cup cold water
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cooked pineapple, cut in small pieces.
1 medium sized carrot, grated on coarse grater.

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup mild vinegar
1 cup pineapple juice
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup orange juice.
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar
Few grains salt.
Grated rind of two oranges
Soak gelatine in cold water for five minutes. Dissolve in hot pineapple juice. Add sugar, salt, orange juice, and vinegar. When the jelly begins to stiffen, add other ingredients. Turn into wet mold and chill. If individual molds are used, place one teaspoon of clear jelly in bottom of mold. When the jelly is nearly firm, place on it one tablespoonful of thick mayonnaise. When this is firm, fill the mold with salad mixture. The above amount will serve six persons.

Green Pepper Salad

Stone and chop one cupful of dates and chop one cupful of walnuts or pecans. Mix the dates and nuts with one-half of cream cottage cheese, adding a little salad dressing if necessary. Wash three green peppers, remove a slice from the stem end, and all seeds and ribs. Then pack the cheese mixture down well into the green peppers, pressing solidly so that there will be no open spaces. Leave in a cold place until thoroughly chilled. With a very sharp knife cut these packed peppers crosswise and arrange the slices attractively on lettuce, watercress or endive. Serve very cold and garnish with pimento. The above amount should serve six persons.

Jellied Raw Vegetable Salad

1 package lemon jelly
1 pint boiling water
2 tablespoons vinegar
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tablespoon salt.
Dash of cayenne
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup raw carrots finely chopped
1 cup raw cabbage finely shredded
4 tablespoons green pepper finely chopped.

Dissolve jelly in boiling water. Add vinegar, salt, and cayenne. Chill until firm. Unmold on crisp lettuce. Mayonnaise. To serve six persons. The above recipes are taken from the bulletin "Salads That Are Different," issued by the Dominion Department of Agriculture which can be obtained from the Publicity and Extension Branch, Ottawa.

STUDY LEGALITY OF CLOSING SUEZ CANAL TO DUCE IN WAR

LONDON, England, Sept. 25.—The crisis at Geneva has sharpened so severely that British juridical experts are exploring the Suez Canal question with a view to whether the canal could be closed legally in the event of a war.

By the terms of the Constantinople convention of 1888, the Suez canal is declared "always free and open in times of war as in time of peace to every vessel of commerce or of war, without distinction of flag."

Yet, if the League of Nations should decide to enforce sanctions against Italy and Great Britain should join the collective effort, closure of the canal would be the first obvious step to prevent Italian troops and materials from reaching Ethiopia.

Violated Pact Before!

Though nominally an Egyptian corporation, with headquarters in Paris, the canal company is managed by the French. But 44 per cent. is owned by the British and the waterway is regarded by Britain as a sacred imperial link. The British have had no hesitation in twice violating the terms of the convention guaranteeing open passage through the canal to all ships.

In 1882 Britain landed troops in the canal area in order to crush an Egyptian revolt led by Arabi Pasha and the canal was closed for several days. During the great war Britain established a blockade over the canal area, fortified and defended it, and claimed the right to halt, search and confiscate any ships carrying contraband.

On the other hand the canal has been left open during wars which did directly conflict with British imperial interests. Russian warships used it in the war against Japan, American ships in the Spanish-American war, and most interesting of all, Italian ships in the Libyan war against Turkey in 1911-1912—although Egypt was then technically part of Turkey, one of the signatories to the convention guaranteeing the canal's neutrality.

In other words, pure expediency has so far governed the British attitude toward the canal company's theoretical rights.

Issue Now Complicated

The present issue is far more complicated. According to most interna-

tional lawyers, the league covenant supersedes the 1888 convention whenever inconsistencies exist between their terms. Article XX of the covenant binds the league members to abrogate all obligations or understandings between them which are inconsistent with the covenant.

All signatories of the 1888 convention are, moreover, members of the league—Britain, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Spain, France, Italy, Holland, Russia and Turkey.

Should an effort be made to close the canal Italy would certainly invoke the 1888 convention and claim the right to use the canal even if the league authorities said that the terms of the covenant superseded the convention.

This would involve a close scrutiny of the relations between Great Britain and Egypt since the canal is in Egyptian territory but Egypt is not a member of the league.

Reserved Rights in Treaty

The British government imposed a treaty on Egypt in 1922 proclaiming Egypt "independent" but reserving certain rights to the absolute disposal of Britain. One of these is the security of British imperial communications in Egypt against all foreign interference or aggression, direct or indirect.

Egypt is strongly anti-British and inclined to be pro-Italian. The Italians might therefore try to capitalize the fact that Egypt has never legally accepted the 1922 treaty and encourage Egypt to oppose British efforts to maintain control over the canal area.

It is accepted here that the actual closure of the canal is not envisaged, no matter what happens. The British could just as effectually prevent transport through it by establishing a blockade at the three-mile limit outside the canal. But here the awkward terms of the 1888 convention again arise because paragraph III, article I, says:

"The canal shall never be subjected to the exercise of the right of blockade."

The British, of course, violated this clause in 1914, 1913, and in the event of a war involving sanctions, may be expected to violate it again.

WAS WOLFE SHOT BY A DESERTER?

Writing on the occasion of the recent anniversary of the Battle of the "Plains of Abraham," Fred Williams, historical writer in the Toronto Mail and Empire contributes the following interesting article respecting some features of that notable day. He says:

Once again, the anniversary of the battle on the Plains of Abraham, or of Quebec as it is officially designated, has come around, a day upon which every Canadian, no matter whence his ancestors came, must pay tribute to James Wolfe and his allied officers of navy and army, and especially to those brave British soldiers who won the victory on September 13, 1759.

In previous years on this date I have dealt with the details of the battle itself, of its results and with incidents connected with this great event. Today I want to call attention to two amazing stories concerning the death of James Wolfe, which are to be found in that most valuable booklet, "Wolfeana," written by Dr. J. Clarence Webster, of Shediac, N. B., than whom there is no more complete authority on James Wolfe in Canada, perhaps in the world.

The first of these amazing stories is thus told by Dr. Webster: "H.G.D. in Notes and Queries, Ser. 1, Vol. VII, p. 127, gives an account of a sergeant who was reproved by Wolfe at Quebec for striking a private under arms. He became enraged and deserted to the French, and in battle was in the French left wing opposite Wolfe. He said that he shot Wolfe. After the battle all deserters found with the French were moved by the latter to Crown Point. This was soon after taken by the British and the sergeant was hanged. He made a confession before his death. This incident is noted by Sir Wm. Musgrave in his Biographical Adversaries (Additional MSS. No. 5723, British Museum) who adds: "This account was from a gentleman who heard the confession."

With all due respect to Sir William I have very serious doubt as to the possibility of such a thing occurring for what military commander would place in his front rank a deserter from the enemy, or would be a party to planned murder such as this would have been? Certainly neither Montcalm nor deLevis would have consented to any such a course.

The other amazing story quoted by Dr. Webster is from a Canadian source, but is even more unbelievable than that cited above:

"Andrew S. Beyea, of Smithtown, N. B., writing to Dr. W. S. Ganong in October, 1922, says: 'I am going to write the story of an old tradition which my father and uncle often told me when they were living. Their grandfather served under General James Wolfe at the siege of Quebec. This is the story as received from him:

"On the night of the 12th September, 1759, General Wolfe determined to surprise the French by scaling the Heights of Abraham. Of course, it was necessary that the attack should be carried out with the utmost secrecy and so he gave a strict command to his soldiers that they march in silence, and not a word was spoken.

"Among the soldiers were two brothers who were in the same regiment that he, James Beyea, was, and on leaving the boat one of them tripped and fell, at the same time uttering a loud exclamation, much to the consternation of the whole army, who feared it was betrayed to the French. General Wolfe, who was standing near quickly drew his sword and cut off the head of the offender. Not a word was spoken and the soldiers climbed the Heights. When the French were giving way Wolfe was mortally wounded by a musket ball, which, he claimed, was not fired by a Frenchman, but by the brother of the man whom the general had slain at the landing."

"Such was the story told by my great-grandfather, James Beyea, who as an eye-witness of the act, and who did not blame General Wolfe for what he had done, or greatly condemn the man for killing his brother's slayer."

As against these fables, as Dr. Webster calls them—I prefer the word "inventions"—"Wolfeana" quotes the following extract from the letter of an officer to a friend after the capture of Quebec published in the Gentleman's Magazine, December, 1759, describing Wolfe's death:

"He first received a musket ball through his right wrist, which tore the sinews much, but he wrapped his

handkerchief round it and marched on. The next he received was in his belly, about an inch below his naval, and the third shot just above the right breast. He then went reeling aside but was soon supported by an officer of whom he enquired if the enemy were put to flight, and being assured they were, and that our troops were in pursuit, he smiled and said he died with pleasure on the spot he ever wished to die, and then closed his eyes."

Other stories by eye witnesses confirm this version; but there are as many variations of it as there are claimants to have seen the persons who aided Wolfe in his last moments and they are numerous; but there is no doubt whatever that the Facts give the lie to the Fables.

EAST AND WEST

James Lin was the son of a Chinese president. Viola Brown was an Ohio shop girl. The incident of a lost purse led to their meeting. They loved and were wed.

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