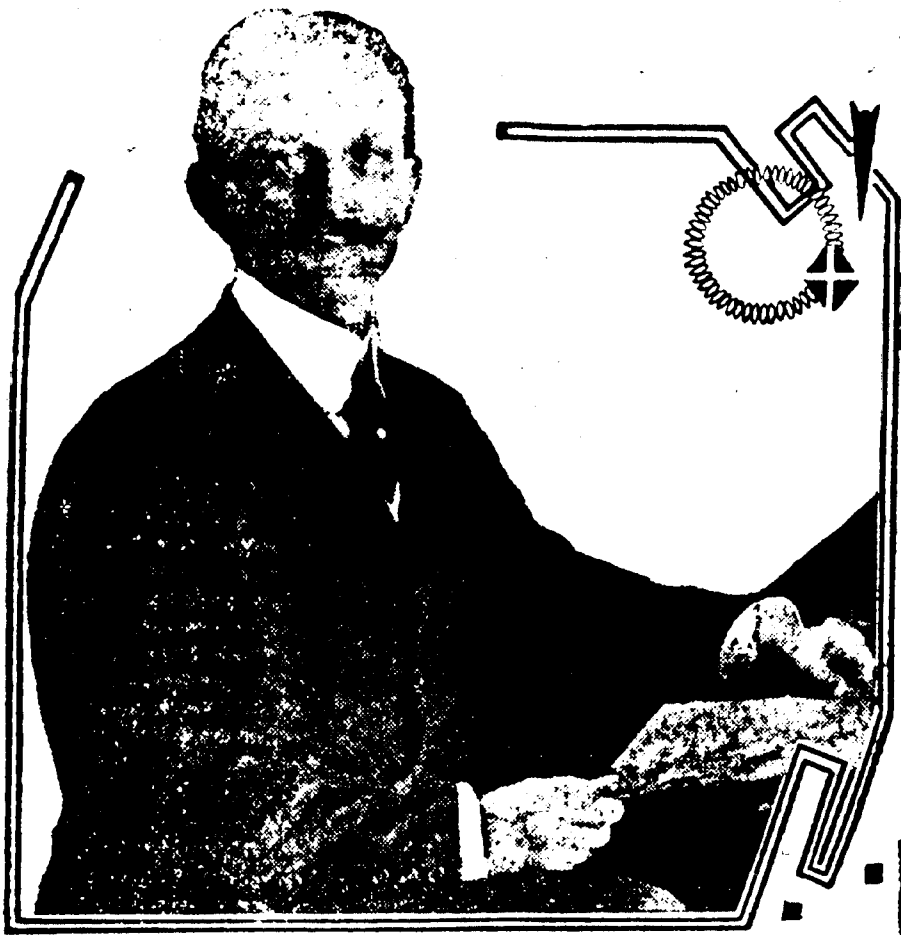


GERMAN POLICY TO THE UNITED STATES



Count Johann Henrich von Bernstorff in an address in Philadelphia, said the world policy of the German empire is purely commercial and without any territorial ambitions or deep-seated designs against other states.

COTTON HAS MENAGE

Mexican Tree Threatens One of Our Important Industries.

Product of Single Plant is Equal to Yield from Acre of American Field Species—Indians Made Use of It Many Years Ago.

El Paso, Tex.—Cotton that grows upon trees threatens to come into competition with the American cotton that grows on small plants. This cotton that grows on trees is a product of Mexico and it grows wild in the region of Sonora and Sinaloa, now being opened to commerce by the Harriman line in the sister republic.

The tree is known to the Mexicans as the edone and one tree, it is said, produces as much cotton as an acre of the average American field product. The staple of the Mexican cotton is not as long as the American plant product, but there is no necessity for ginning the Mexican cotton. Merely saying it as wheat was threshed a few years ago will rid it of the seeds.

Charles Cummins, a rancher, who has a big hacienda near La Pastorella, in Sonora, has been experimenting with the tree-grown cotton and he is preparing to build a small mill to weave cloth as an experiment.

The tree resembles the cottonwood, similar in the western United States along the borders of the streams, and is probably of the same variety. It is a prolific bearer and Cummins says the cotton is not difficult to gather, as the trees seldom exceed 20 feet in height.

The trees have pinnate leaves and, following the blossoms, which greatly resemble the blossom of the American cotton stalk, develop bolls much like the cotton boll. These bolls are filled with a fiber which closely resembles wool cotton fiber, except in the length.

The Mexicans have never attempted to weave the fiber, but for ages they have been using it for filling mattresses and pillows and they find that it is superior to cotton, as it does not gather into knots as cotton will do when used as filler for pillows and mattresses without elaborate preparation.

AGRICULTURE IN FAR ALASKA

All Hardy Vegetables Can Be Grown up to Arctic Circle—Transportation Facilities Poor.

Washington.—The area of Alaska is so great that the United States government maintains five agricultural experiment stations in the territory, so situated that crops may be tested under all the climatic conditions. Sitka, on the strip of coast projecting southeast, has a fairly mild climate, while the station at Rampart is close to the Arctic circle.

Abundant sunshine is essential for good crops in Alaska. In 1908 the rainfall during the growing season at Sitka was 16.22 inches, against 34.78 inches the year before, and 19.91 inches in 1906.

SEA FOWL SHOT FAR INLAND

Indiana Hunter Brings Down a Bird Hoosier Naturalists Cannot Find a Name For.

Anderson, Ind.—While hunting ducks along Fall creek, near Ingalls, Sam Gray of that town shot a sea fowl which local naturalists have not yet been able to name. The bird is white, with black spots on wings and breast, and when standing erect would measure about three feet tall.

TAXICAB CROWD OUT HANSON

Motor Vehicles Rapidly Coming into Popularity in London, According to Statistics.

London.—Taxicabs are crowding hansom cabs out of London. Police statistics for 1908 prove this. Last year 2,082 new taxicabs were licensed. In the same period 1,135 fewer licenses for hansom cabs were issued than in 1907.

Great Wireless Plant

Paris.—The installation of the great station for wireless telegraphy in the Champs de Mars is completed. Experiments with a view to communication with New York are near at hand. The Figaro says if the trials give good results it is quite possible that President Taft and President Palenes will be able to exchange New Year greetings in 1910 by radio-telegrams.

PROPER WAY TO DRINK MILK

Should Be Consumed Slowly—Best Method is to Take Teaspoonful at a Time.

There are two ways of drinking milk, the right and the wrong way, and a majority of people drink it the wrong way. This is the chief reason why milk disagrees with so many people.

There is a scientific reason for drinking milk slowly and in small quantities. Milk curdles as soon as it comes into contact with the juice of the stomach.

Milk, without question, is one of the most valuable of foods. It contains all the elements necessary for maintaining the physical health of those who know how to use it properly.

Horace Fletcher says that each mouthful of milk should be held in the mouth long enough to enjoy the chemical action of the saliva before swallowing.

TRULY A MAN OF SIMPLICITY

Inexpensive Costume and Household Furnishings of Burgher One Hundred Years Ago.

We are accustomed to think of masculine dress as to-day much simpler and much less costly than a hundred years ago. This may be true, but there were exceptions.

Samuel Sloper was not arrayed in king's garments. His inventory, made in 1803, contained no mention of sword, not even a gun, nor buckles, nor any silver ornaments of any kind.

His household goods were plain affairs, too, and seem to indicate that he had given up the business of public host before his demise, since he died possessed of but two bedsteads and four dining chairs.

A Spotted Climax

Actors and actresses sometimes meet with strange interruptions in their most thrilling scenes.

Richard Mansfield used to tell grimly of a performance of "A Parisian Romance," in San Francisco. He was at his best, he would say, that night. He carried the entire audience with him.

In this tense, breathless moment, a man in the gallery was heard to cry out in fierce indignation: "Holy Moses! Who was that spilt in me eye?"

Magnificent Copy of Bach's Piano.

The Museum of Munich has just had built a magnificent copy of the grand piano of J. S. Bach, of which the original figures in the collection of ancient instruments at Berlin.

Humored.

"No, no good woman, I didn't come fur nut'n' ter eat. I knowed me job better'n' dat."

"Well, what does she say?" "She says dat ev' yo' cookin' is so plum bad dat even de hoboes can't eat it."

"She's just right, they can't; move along!"

The Late Crop. Neak Stubbs—Cheese's are awful werry this year, ain't they? Big Miller—You be's readin' them funny papers, too?

WATCH FOR SCHOOL OF FISH

Norwegian Boys Detailed to Warn Farmers of the Approach of Their Finny Prey.

It is common enough to see a boy watching cattle to keep them from straying, and in days not so very long gone by it was no unusual thing for a boy to be set to keep the birds off the crops; but a watch-boy whose duty it is to keep a lookout for a school of fish and who sits in a sentry box set upon stilts is not an everyday sight.

His little sentry box is made of wood and perched upon posts. Here he sits, gazing out across the arm of the sea, using his keen eyes for the benefit of the farmers who are depending on him to give the alarm when a school of fish shall appear.

Sentinel boxes similar to those employed in Norway were in use among the fishermen on the shores of the Mediterranean, and it is supposed that the vikings brought back with them from some of their practical raids the idea that has been put in practice ever since.

PIGEON'S DEVOTION TO MATE

Remarkable Attention That Has Attracted Notice of Bird Lovers in Virginia.

A story of the devotion of a carrier pigeon for his mate is told by a party of amateur fishermen from the valley of Virginia. It is told in the village of Overall, at the farm of Capt. Manley Triplett, whose place borders the Shenandoah river.

Several weeks ago a female carrier pigeon bearing the number S. A. 19403, with a broken wing, fluttered as best she could, with the assistance of her mate, on whose leg was attached the inscription D 5821, into the open window of Capt. Triplett's barn.

A "Lettie" Difference.

"Yes, sir, gentlemen; that's a lettie difference between farmin' out west an' back here in old Vermont," said Uncle Si Eggmann to the cronies around the stove at the cross-roads store, on his return from a visit to his brother in Dakota.

It Worked Thus.

Mr. Bones of East Cleveland explained it to us this way: "I thought my wife might be afraid of traps and porch-climbers and such, so I bought her a watch-dog. He was a fierce-looking bull, and I thought he'd about fill the bill.

Anecdotes Told of Wit.

When A. T. Stewart conceived the idea of setting up a coat of arms he went to W. R. Travers, the New York wit for advice. Mr. Travers suggested an employer rampant, chasing a lazy salesman with a yard-stick and Mr. Stewart did not speak to him again for a month.

It Did Sound Funny.

"That was an awful joke your wife sprung." "Didn't hear it." "Well, shortly after you were married she told my wife that she'd taken a flat, but might leave it at any time."

TREE TELLS OF A THRILLER.

Good "Business" But Not Really Adapted to the Requirements of Modern Stage.

Beechholm Tree is always interesting and entertaining, epigrammatic in conversation and delightfully outspoken.

When Miss Constance Collier was playing Roma in "The Eternal City," Hall Caine was anxious to get a powerful effect in a certain scene she was taking with the late Robert Taber, and the former was himself in a vein of reminiscence.

"I once saw," said Mr. Caine, "a very striking bit of business. The man picked up the woman and threw her over his shoulder."

Miss Collier looked at him in consternation, for she would be rather a heavy person to throw about. However, they did their best, but their futile efforts were interrupted by Mr. Tree.

"That reminds me," said the actor-manager, "I saw a play in Italy once in which the hero caught hold of the heroine by the legs and banged her head on the floor."

"Splendid! A magnificent idea!" interrupted the enthusiastic author. "What was the play?" "Punch and Judy," replied Mr. Tree.

DIDN'T MEAN TO BE UNKIND

Comment on Lecturer's Personal Appearance, However, Was Somewhat Humiliating.

Strickland W. Gillilan, lecturer, newspaper humorist and author of that famous section hand classic, "Off Again, On Again, Gone Again, Finnigan," is not quite the perfect type of masculine beauty, and he tells a story on himself that illustrates the extent in which he is held by those who witness him for the first time.

On one occasion in a rural town where he was billed to lecture at night he was ambling along the main thoroughfare during the afternoon looking at things and seeking local color. A group of natives stood on the corner, viewing him curiously as he passed.

"Hub," commented one in a critical tone. "I don't know what kind of a show he's got, but his street parade is rotten."

Types of Aeroplanes.

Each type of flyer at the great tournament at Rheims had a distinctive style of its own. With little practices one got to know each of them at a distance. One saw the great Antoinette engine poking its nose through the blue, and there was no mistaking its poise and certitude, however great the distance.

Crèche for Rich Children.

A London journalist has suggested that a crèche should be established for the children of fashionable mothers. Women who must needs play bridge from two p. m. until two a. m. would feel happier, he thinks, if they knew their little people were being carefully tended in a well conducted crèche, instead of being left alone in the upper regions while the nurse dispports herself in the servants' hall or goes out to an evening's entertainment.

Women as Bankrupts.

According to the latest reports concerning bankruptcies, 444 women failed in business this year, an against 439 for the previous year. There also has been an increase in the number of married women bankrupts and a decrease in the widows and spinster bankrupts.

The trade in which the greatest number of women failed was dress-making and millinery. Women grocers came next, while fancy goods and men's furnishing shops account for the third largest number of failures.

Personal Reasons.

"I don't believe I shall run for office again," said the veteran politician. "Why not?" asked the friend. "My children are having too many schoolyard fights over the pictures and articles that get into print."

WORTHY OF NEW CITIZENSHIP

Triumph of Italian Veteran in Agricultural Colony in North Carolina.

Berto is a veteran of the new Italian agricultural colony in St. Helena, N. C. His faith in his ability to win a way in the new world is told in the Survey by Prince Ferrero, who states that the new colonists are not only good farmers but also good citizens.

Berto's age made the immigration inspectors look askance at him; they doubted that a man on the verge of senescence could provide for himself in search of elements for a better life. They asked him to show how much money he had. Berto triumphantly drew from his pocket and waved in the air a dollar bill, all his earthly riches—I am not sure it was not borrowed—and when an inspector dryly said: "Is that all?" Berto gasped in surprise, and retorted with the greatest ardor: "But this is five francs!"

For a moment the old man's fate seemed sealed; the inspectors were not deep psychologists; they did not know their man, nor realize his meaning. However, somebody was found who agreed to stand surety that he would not become a public charge, and Berto walked through the gates of the United States at the large office, wondering why his show of wealth had made so little impression. Now Berto, well on in the sixties, lean, wiry, tanned like an explorer, is the best worker in the colony, and his farm among the most prosperous; with his many acres and his four robust sons at work upon them, rain or shine, whenever the land requires their care.

GENIUS MUST TRAVEL ALONE

Possession of Divine Gift Interferes with the Ties of Family Affection.

Down to Galena, or up to the throne, he travels the fastest who travels alone! Is the philosophy of Kipling, Jasche Bron, son of a Russian Jew, a great violinist, though a mere boy, is being made to feel the application of that philosophy. His gray-bearded father is no tender of concerts in this country, which was signed in London, provides that the father shall keep away from the boy till the series of concerts is ended.

Unable to speak English, lonely and disconsolate, the old man seems to have brooded over being left to himself. With the strong family affection so marked in his race he could not struggle. He took a second cabin passage on the same ship with Jasche. He hid when the youngster was looking his way. It was enough to be on the same vessel. On the landing pier his caution gave way. He rushed up to the genius and embraced him. The manager, who was there, protested. His father's presence at a concert would make Jasche nervous. The boy knew it. Finally the father agreed to vanish, and not to break his contract by seeking to hear his son play.

It is a hard thing to be barred by the demands of genius from the ties of family affection. But genius must travel alone, and Jasche Bron must not be hampered by his gray-bearded father.

Grady's Yellow Dog.

Grady, charged with intoxication, may be expected one of these days to write a eulogy on the dog that will rob the late Senator Vest of some of his fame along that line. Grady was conspicuous in the police court because a homely yellow dog, standing on his rear pedal extremities, insisted on shaking hands with him. The dog had stuck to Grady through thick and thin, having camped outside the hull pen all night so that he could greet his master in the morning. The animal faithfully followed the prisoners' line into court and spent the greater part of the session playing with Grady. When the prisoners were led downstairs again the dog was in the wake of the plain drunk line, and he faithfully followed the "boorah wagon" to the county jail, where he went on guard again. Grady wouldn't have been any greater in the eyes of that dog had he been the king of England or the czar of Russia or even a cousin of Hans Wagner.—Stout City Journal.

White Strawberries.

White strawberries that bear all the year round, instead of only at certain seasons, have been produced, says the Confectioner and Baker, by Hugo H. Lillenthal, a Berkeley horticulturist. He is a German, who has produced various creations of an unusual kind in the way of fruit and flowers. The white strawberry, his most recent creation, is the result of a long series of experiments with crossing varieties under different conditions. Lillenthal claims to have produced two distinct varieties of berries, which will bear through the fall year, making a Christmas berry easily obtainable. One of these is white, the other red, and both are said to be of excellent flavor.

Japanese Ju-Jitsu Used in Army.

The Japanese art of Ju-Jitsu is to be adopted by officers of the Mexican army if Ernie Li has his way. He has already introduced it into the First regiment of light artillery and every day Count Koma, Nobu or Bokura, the well-known Japanese teacher of the oriental wrestling art, visits the barracks to give instructions. Col. Ernie Li is an enthusiast on the subject of Ju-Jitsu, and many other officers are following his example.

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS

Membre du Journal d'Etat des Etats-Unis de Louisiane... Prix de l'abonnement... 25 centimes par an... 10 centimes par trimestre... 5 centimes par semaine...