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"Our Country! In her intercourse with foreign nations, may she always be right, but our country, right or wrong"—Stephen Decatur.

RICH ASIA MINOR PROVINCE

Smyrna, Blessed With a Fertile Soil and Temperate Climate, is Pleasant Dwelling Place.

The modern province of Smyrna is the most favored of all the provinces of Asia Minor. It contains three of the most considerable rivers of the country, including the Meander, whose serpentine course has given the English language an expressive verb. Fertile soil and temperate climate have added to the region's attractions, while the possession of a port and city—the city of Smyrna—unequaled by any other in Asia Minor has contributed another immeasurably important asset. Though imperfectly tilled during its control by Turkey, the province of Smyrna has nevertheless been noted for its fine fruits. For a long time it has furnished the best figs and raisins which reach the markets of Europe.

Poets and travelers have sung and told of the beauties of the city of Smyrna throughout the ages. The nucleus nestles in the lowlands about its harbor, and behind, the city rises tier above tier against the neighboring highlands. Unlike many cities that have survived for long ages, Smyrna has retained the same name from the dawn of history. This city should be dear to the heart of the modern feminist, for it took its name from an Amazon who is reputed to have played an important part in its early life.—National Geographic Society Bulletin.

FORTUNE AWAITS LUCKY ONES

Prospecting for Radium in Madagascar is Latest Lure Held Out to the Enterprising.

The exciting days of prospecting in the remote regions of Madagascar are now being lived by those who are looking for the element which is the source of the new X-ray.

Completed an exhaustive study of the radium-bearing deposits there.

M. LaCroix says that millions probably are there awaiting to reward the patient searchers who are able to start out with the proverbial shoe string as far as finances are concerned, but it is recommended that intending prospectors take along a few camera dry plates, developing outfits and, if possible, a gold leaf electroscope, although the latter is not absolutely essential.

The principal radioactive mineral in Madagascar is known as betaphite and is brownish-black in color with irregular radium content. But even if only one milligram is obtained from each ton of mineral examined, it will mean 200 francs to the prospector, while certain deposits are so rich as to assay as high as 15,000 francs a ton.

Patching the Czar's Trousers.

In his recently published memoirs Count Witte, a member of the old Russian regime, relates that Alexander III's prudence in government expenditure was matched by his personal thrift. "Alexander III was extremely economical with his wearing apparel. I had a curious proof of this when I accompanied the emperor on one of his railway trips. Since I found it impossible on account of my responsibility to sleep of nights, I would often catch glimpses of His Majesty's valet mending the emperor's trousers. On one occasion I asked him why he did this. He answered that he had been ordered to do so by the emperor. 'What I would rather have done,' he said, 'would have been to have mended the emperor's trousers myself. It is the same with his boots.'

Huge Stone to Honor Roosevelt's Honor.

READY FOR WORK NOW



The last game fish in the lake has struck at a tempting bait. The fisherman, a southern sun's rays have been shining on the water for the two speculatives who had the Republican party in their pockets for the past fourteen days now they are being pulled into the net. The fisherman is the Vice President and the bait is the catch. The fisherman is the Vice President and the bait is the catch. The fisherman is the Vice President and the bait is the catch.

LIGHTNING MADE A SNAPSHOT

Picture of Railroad Yard Taken in Window—Explanation Given by Photographer.

The recent stories of the lightning which appeared in a window pane in a Columbus residence, which glass experts pronounced being more than a defect in the glass, which had been there from the time it was made but only now.

NOW AN EIGHT WHEELED FIELD RUNABOUT



This is one of the new members of the well-known family. It is the field runabout, a strong limbed vehicle which divides the work of the Secretary of War. It is a truck which is used in all kinds of work.

Legion Has 10,000 Posts

The American Legion entered 1921 with 10,000 posts according to the estimates of the organization.

New Street-Car Idea

The objections to the so-called "safety cars," which were introduced during the last few years, have been met in Seattle by the invention of what is called a one-man-two-man street car. The design of this car permits of its being operated in the slack hours by one man, while in the busy hours, with a little rearrangement of the interior, it is changed to make provision for the addition of a conductor.

British Soldiers and New Roads

Some seven and a half million dollars' worth of new road construction has been taken in hand by various British cities to provide work for the unemployed. According to a report of the British Information Service of the Bankers' Trust company, the ministry of transportation contributes one-half of the cost—probably out of funds accumulated for that purpose for many years by the development commission—and lends to the municipalities the other half for five years, repayable in annual instalments. Ex-service men are given preference in the work.

BANNER "BLUE LAW" CENTURY.

Seventeenth Century Rules Made for the Government of Manners and Morals.

The Seventeenth century, according to historians, was the banner for blue laws. Legislators vied with one another to win either the plaudits of the people or to provoke the wrath of the mobs by thinking up new measures for the statute books. One blue law in particular which coincides somewhat with some of the legislation rumored to be contemplated in this country is interesting. This was in the form of an ordinance in a Swiss city, and it virtually put such stage folk as jugglers, masqueraders and "such like" out of business. They were prohibited from playing their profession for the reason that "they do things which are not in accordance with the laws of God and man."

SECOND BIRTH FOR JAPANESE

Burial of Nails, Teeth and Hair, and Change of Name Made Official Another Person.

The following item from the Japan Advertiser reveals one of the interesting peculiarities of national ideas and customs which continue to lead variety and interest to world civilization. "Burying themselves to escape death, and then being born again by the simple process of changing their names. Baron and Baroness Ban held full funeral services for themselves at the Gyokurinsai temple in Nagoya recently, erecting a fully engraved tombstone over their nails, teeth and hair. The baron now calls himself Mr. Kogogureno Oton. "When Baron Ban was first born he was far from healthy, and 40 years was predicted as the extreme limit of his life. However, he recently celebrated his sixty-sixth birthday, which brought to his mind that his father had died at that age, and that he could probably best avoid his fate at an early death by bowing to that date and officially 'burying' as much of himself as is possible without interfering with any of the vital processes."

Gave to "Unworthy Poor."

A Missouri man has left a will establishing a fund for the aid of the poor of his town, Eldorado Springs, Mo. every Christmas. It is especially suggested that the gifts be distributed to unfortunate persons, "whether they are worthy or unworthy according to the standards of society." Those in a position to give money to fellow beings in misfortune so long have insisted that the poor to be aided must be "worthy" that it is a great relief to find one man who does not attach the obnoxious string to his act of generosity. The never-do-well with an empty stomach probably feels just as hungry as the pious person whose fortunes have fallen.—Detroit Free Press.



GENUINE "BULL" DURHAM tobacco makes 50 good cigarettes for 10c

The case of a letter addressed to Henry K. Smith, Esq., by a letter carrier had been expecting this particular letter and several times during the course of his day's work he glanced vainly in the "S" box of the mail stand. About four days after the letter had been delivered to the youthful mail clerk it came to the hands of Smith through a fellow employee named Erickson, who found it in the "E" cubby hole. The letter had been addressed to "Henry K. Smith, Esq." and the clerk had filed it under "E."

SOME CHAPPAQUA

- Afterglow Farm, George J. ...
Ansandale Farm, Moses Taylor
Apple Hill, Mrs. Morgan ...
Beech Hill, Seidon Bacon
Bonnie Brae, William J. Matney
Boulders, (The), Jacob Ehrlich
Brae-Burnie, Dr. Archibald McNair
Cedar Knoll, Pines Bridge
Chiselhurst, Victor Gutzberg
Elm Corners, Mrs. D. L. Baranoff
Evergreen Farm, H. K. Fly
Glenside, Howard R. W. ...
Greenacres, Harvey B. Green
Grayrock, John G. ...
Hemlock Grange, Ludwig Ulman
Honey Bee Farm, Mrs. A. Peterkin
Kent Hill, Peter Kent
Korshak, Clyde H. ...
Lincoln Point, Mrs. W. H. Macy
Little Brook Farm, ...
Maple Dale, George ...
Maple Terrace, ...
Mountain View, ...
New Castle House, ...
Orchard Hill, ...
Rockdale Farm, Mrs. H. W. ...
Rockledge, Edward H. ...
Rose-Acre, Walter Barlee
Royridge, F. E. Melvers
Soyon Springs Farm, ...
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