

Stripes Protect Crossing Guards



The Chicago & North Western railroad values the lives of its crossing guards, and so that they may not be overworked and run down by careless motorists it has equipped them with red and white striped belts, as seen in the illustration.

Surrenders Friend, Then Goes His Bail

Brockton, Mass.—John Duszklewicz was so anxious to go bail for his friend William Gidls that he helped police arrest the latter.

Duszklewicz appeared at headquarters and announced he wished to furnish bond for his friend's release. Police, who had sought Gidls in vain on an assault charge, informed Duszklewicz he could do so if he would bring the defendant in, Duszklewicz did.

Pastor Remembers His Pet Dog in His Will

Auburn, Maine.—The late Rev. Charles S. Cummings thought a lot of his dog, "Peter." A clause in his will read: "The little dog, Peter, has had a great and good influence over my life, coming as a messenger of God to show me a world I knew little about. I want him to be lovingly cared for as long as he lives; and if he outlives me I would like to have his little body buried at the foot of my grave and covered with a simple flat slab on which are the words: 'Little Peter, the house dog.'"

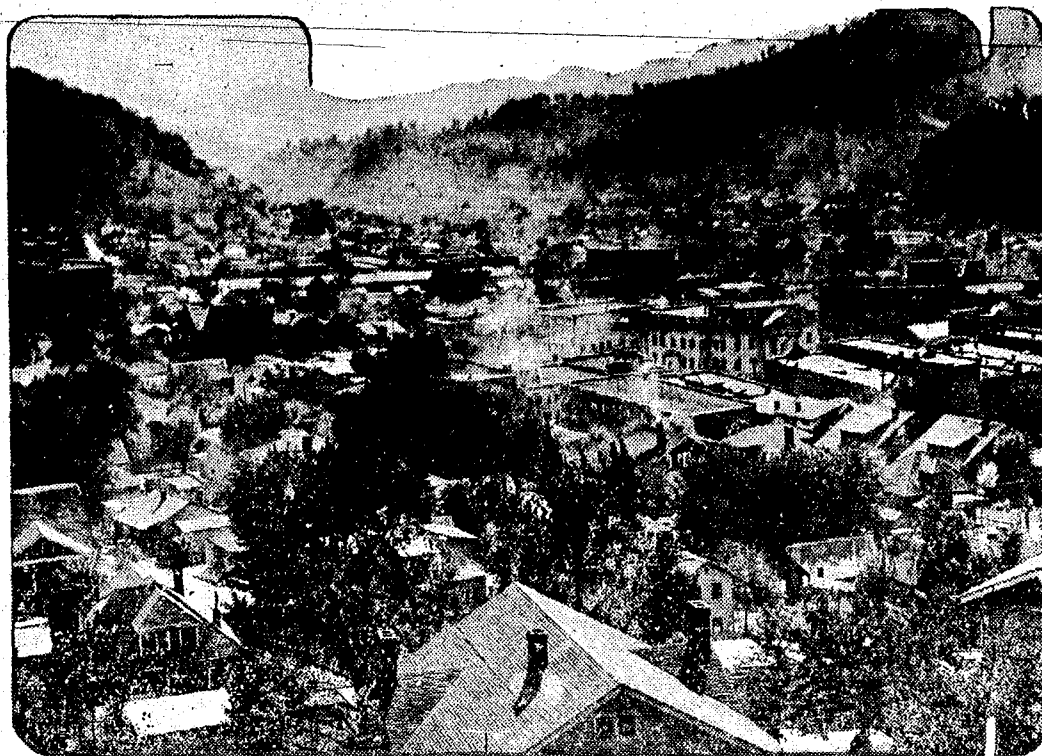
"NOBLEST MOTHER"



International

Mrs. Charles L. Ungruhe, Jr., of Cincinnati, Ohio, who was quite astonished recently when informed of the fact that she had been selected as Cincinnati's "noblest mother" by the committee in charge of this annual feature of the pure food and health exposition. Mrs. Ungruhe doesn't think much of the fact that she has raised two families. When her mother died in 1915 she left 12 children, all younger than Mrs. Ungruhe. Mrs. Ungruhe thereupon took charge of the little ones, rearing them with her own three.

Scene of Threatened Revolt of Coal Miners



Here is a view of Harlan, Ky., metropolis of Harlan county and center of the threatened revolt of coal miners. The workers, according to the operators, are led by Communists and members of the I. W. W. Their wages have been reduced and their families intimidated by mine guards sworn in as deputy sheriffs, and the unrest has grown to such proportions that the county officials fear a real "revolution" in the winter.

This Looks Like Real War in Manchuria



Military barracks at Hongkutan, Manchuria, burning fiercely following a severe encounter between the Chinese and the invading Japanese troops.

Course of Empire Moving Westward

Center of Population Shifts in Ten Years.

Washington.—Westward continues the course of empire, and a trifle southward, too. Latest figures from the bureau of the census place the center of population of the United States in Stockton township, Greene county, Indiana, not far from the town of Linton. In the ten years that have intervened since the last census the population bulk of the country has shifted 2.3 miles westward and 7.6 miles southward.

"An interesting story is revealed in the slowly moving dots that mark centers of population since 1790," says a bulletin from the National Geographic society. "While the average movement has been only three miles a year the trend has been always westward, mostly along the line of the thirty-ninth parallel of latitude, with occasional jogs to the north and south.

"Like the gauges on a steam engine that reveal steam pressure, water, air-brake pressure, speed, etc., the census dots, by erratic little movements each ten years, indicate just what has been taking place in the great engine that is the United States. Cattle, wheat, oil, real estate booms, resorts, motion pictures, minerals, cotton, fruit and national defense, all have 'jiggled' the census gauge.

Advance Slows Down.

"With a preponderance of people in the great cities of the northeastern part of the country a major migration is needed to move the gauge even the slightest bit. Yet, in 40 years the advances have totaled some 580 miles. While it has slowed considerably in the last forty years, there is nothing to indicate that the center of population has reached a 'dead center.'

"Trace the movements of the ten-year dots that mark the successive taking of the census, and for each important event in our national life a corresponding jog in the center of population will be noticeable. The first census in 1790 placed the center of population near the city of Baltimore. In the next ten years the center of population shifted almost 40 miles west, and a trifle south, due to the Louisiana Purchase.

"The growing south continued to exert a steady pull on the population center during the next thirty years, although the greatest movement was toward the West. Increasing population in Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana and Georgia, and the annexation of Florida, pulled the gauge down by 1830 to a point about 16 miles east of Moorfield, in what is now the state of West Virginia, then Virginia.

"Growth of the prairie states, and of Michigan and Wisconsin, turned the tide northward again between 1830 and 1840, and also sent it on a long jump west to the vicinity of Clarksburg, W. Va. The annexation of Texas is clearly discernible in its southward movement during the next decade.

Hurdles Into Indiana.

"The progressive period preceding the Civil war, the 'glided age' of farming in the Middle West, jumped the center of population from West Virginia well into Ohio, reaching a point southeast of Chillicothe. If one did not know that the Southern states were devastated by the Civil war there is a hint of it in the northward movement of the center during the next decade. It is said, too, that the count of some Southern states was not so reliable for some decades after the negroes had been enfranchised.

"The next twenty years saw the

population dot again on the move, with a dip into Kentucky and a long hurdle over into Indiana, where it remained for the next forty years—up to the present. Although it has moved very slowly in the last few years, the trend will remain westward if the Pacific coast states continue their population advances. California alone increased about 2,250,000 in the last decade.

"The center of population, however, has a considerable distance to travel if it ever intends to coincide with the geographical center of the United States. This point has been determined to be in Smith county, Kansas—latitude 39 degrees, 50 minutes; and longitude 98 degrees, 35 minutes.

Young English Baronet Is Living on Dole

Dramatic Story of Hard Fight Against Adversity.

Wellington, Shropshire, England.—A dramatic story of a young baronet who is fighting hard against adversity lies behind the news reported recently that Sir Charles Buckworth-Herne-Soame of Sheen cottage, Coalbrookdale, near here after succeeding to the title a short time ago had to sign on at the employment exchange, and is now in receipt of unemployment pay.

Sir Charles, who is thirty-six, inherited the title from his father, Sir Charles Buckworth-Herne-Soame. Owing to a series of family misfortunes the present baronet has had to work as a laborer in various capacities.

Recently his job as general laborer for the office of works at the restoration of Buildwas abbey, Shropshire, came to an end, and with no immediate prospects of further work he had to sign on for the dole.

He lives with his wife, a pretty, dark-haired woman, in a six-room cot-

tage, and in the little parlor of his home he told his story.

"It pains me," he said, "that my title should be dragged into an affair of this kind. After all, I am a victim of circumstances.

"I am not ashamed of hard work," he declared, "but what does upset me is the fact that my title should be made the butt of public gossip. It grieves me to hear people suggest that my wife and I are 'down and out,' and that Lady Soame has to do the washing.

"It is not so. We are simply in straightened circumstances for a little while. Already I have hopes of work at my old job in about a fortnight's time, and I shall be content to return. I hate being on unemployment pay. My wife and I have gone through hard times before together and we have pulled through. We shall pull through again."

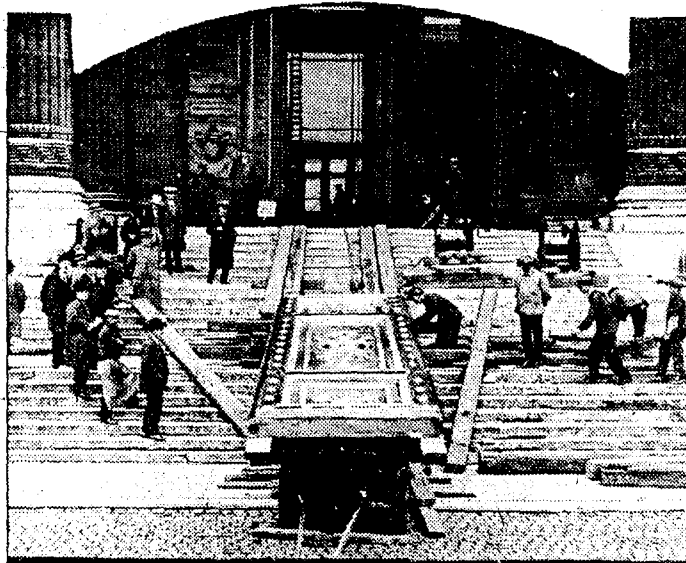
If volunteers had to pay the bill war never would be declared.

Young Mascot of the Pensacola



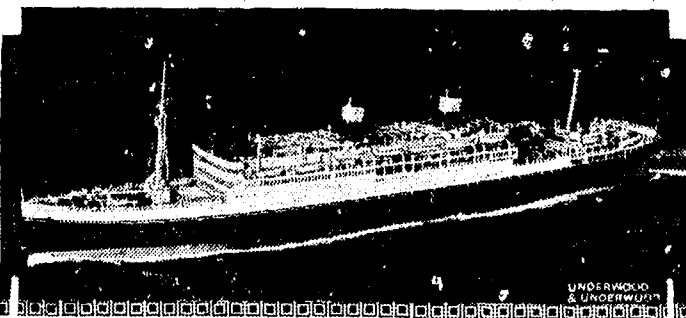
Seaman Yehe Danische sitting astride one of the 8-inch guns of the U. S. S. Pensacola with the ships' mascot, Elmer the goat, seven months old and getting its first taste of the sea.

Spoils of War Return to Brussels



The bronze doors of the Palais de Justice in Brussels, carried off by the Germans during the occupation of that city, are here shown being returned to place after resting for 16 years in the possession of the German authorities.

Largest Electric Vessel in World



The magnificent new round-the-world Dollar liner President Coolidge making 21 knots passing Cape Henry, Va. This vessel is propelled by electricity and is equipped from engine room to pilot house electrically. She is the largest electric ship in the world and the largest commercial ship of any kind ever built in America.

TOLD IN A FEW LINES

With the increase in good roads and the higher speeds allowed, wind resistance is assuming greater importance in passenger car design.

Since the oil industry has spent millions of dollars to remove paraffin wax

from lubricants, it has now been found that a synthetic lubricating oil can be made from this wax.

a \$250,000 fire at Worcester, Mass. The coins, dropped into a fire box, apparently started a fire that swept the uncompleted Worcester Junior high school building.

CAPT. DAL MARVIL



Dal Marvil, captain of the Northwestern university football team, plays at tackle and weighs 248 pounds.

HEAD OF CRUSADERS



A new and especially posed portrait study of Fred G. Clark, Cleveland (Ohio) millionaire and commander in chief of the Crusaders, the militant anti-prohibition organization.

