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TURBINE-DRIVEN LOCOMOTIVE TESTS
INNOVATION IN ENGINES
 Built in Sweden and Proves to Be Highly Successful in Hauling Heavy Loads at High Speed

A turbine-driven locomotive embodying such radical departures from accepted designs as to form a decided innovation in the field of locomotive engineering, has been developed in Sweden. When it is remembered that an ordinary locomotive turns only about 6 per cent of the heat of its coal into useful work, whereas in modern power plants from 10 to 20 per cent of the heat of the coal is utilized, it is evident that the locomotive offers great scope for improvement.

Seventy-Two Feet Long
 This new locomotive is 72 feet long over all, and weighs, in running order, 126 tons. The motive power is a steam turbine capable of developing 1,800 horsepower. This turbine drives the three pairs of coupled wheels by means of double-reduction gearing. The turbine is carried on the front end of what one is tempted to call the tender. In reality it is the engine part of the complete locomotive. It embodies the whole of the driving mechanism and auxiliary apparatus, as well as the condensing plant. The front part of the locomotive carries the boiler, with superheater, the turbine-driven induced draft for the air heater, and the coal bunker. The latter is in the form of a saddle tank, and has a capacity of seven tons of coal. The tractive effort of the locomotive is 12 tons, and the maximum speed 60 miles an hour.

Reaches High Speed
 An inspector recently traveled with this locomotive riding on the foot-plate for one journey and in the dynamometer car when returning. The train consisted of a number of heavy sleeping cars, aggregating 475 tons. Special permission had been obtained from the railway administration to exceed the normal high speed; the engine was opened out, and a speed of 59.5 miles was reached over one portion of the track.
 "At all speeds," he says, "the engine ran with great steadiness, and except for the indications of the speed recorded one would hardly have realized that 60 miles per hour was being touched. The main gearing worked practically inaudibly, or at any rate, it made much less noise than the small bevel-gear drive to the condenser fans."

CHANGES ARE NOTED IN ART GALLERIES
 First Floor of the Institute Is Altered and Many New Displays Seen

The past two weeks have witnessed many changes in the first floor galleries of the Art Institute. All of the articles formerly in the Antiquarian rooms have been installed in the beautiful, well lighted galleries, which have just been opened to the public for the first time. In the vacated galleries, including the corridor, which has been the home of the Higinbotham collection of Herculaneum and Pompeian bronzes for the past few years, there will be installed the Museum's collection of etchings, drawings, lithographs, prints and water colors. There will also be located here a new print library. The first showing of prints in the new location will be from the important Gurley collection, recently presented to the museum.
 Gallery number five, which is the large room at right of the main entrance to the museum, will be used for the installation of the Pompeian and Herculaneum bronzes and will henceforth be the home of the Greek and Roman antiquities. These consist of original marbles, architectural fragments, coins, terra cottas, Greek vases, Roman glassware and other objects of Greco-Roman art.

GENEROUS GIFT TO THE ART INSTITUTE
 Robert Allerton Provides Thirty Thousand Dollars; Mrs. Coburn Donates \$15,000

The generous gift of one hundred and thirty thousand dollars has been made to the Art Institute by Robert Allerton, one of its active Trustees. A further gift of fifteen thousand dollars has been made to the Art Institute by Mrs. Annie S. Coburn of Chicago, to be placed in a permanent fund and to be added to as she may later direct, the purpose being to establish a memorial fund in memory of Lewis Larned Coburn and Annie S. Coburn.
 Among other valued gifts to the Museum were the following, given by Miss Kate S. Buckingham—Three Gothic windows for the new Gothic room; Portrait of a man, by Nicholas Maes; Medallion with Coat of Arms of Pope Leo X; these gifts having a value of over \$16,000.

Mr. Martin A. Ryerson also presented the Museum with thirty-six valuable prints for the Print Collection. Among them are works by Whistler, Meryon, Miller, Jacques, Rembrandt, Prusse, Seymour Haden and others.

MORE HARD ROADS FAVORED BY SENATE
VOTES AN APPROPRIATION
 Upper Chamber of State Legislature Favors Expending \$30,000,000; House Yet to Act

The state senate on Tuesday of last week passed by unanimous vote a bill to reappropriate \$30,000,000 for state hard roads. The bill covers the funds remaining unappropriated in the \$60,000,000 state bond issue voted by the people in 1918.

Senator Meents, father of the bill, met political attacks with plain and simple statements of fact, and when the roll was called there was not a dissenting vote. The bill now goes to the house. Replying to a question asked during the discussion on the floor of the senate, Senator Meents said:

Plan Distribution.
 "It is the purpose of the administration to distribute this remaining \$30,000,000 of the original issue equitably, and just as far as the money will go toward construction of the 4,800 miles planned for Illinois. As any well informed person knows, the \$60,000,000 bond issue, confirmed by the law, out of automobile license fees, both principal and interest, and is a first lien upon that fund before any of it can be used for any other purpose. The bonds, when issued, will be distributed over a period of twenty years. The bonds issued up to this time total \$17,000,000. The first payment of principal is to be made in 1926. The average payment of both principal and interest for a period of twenty years will be about \$4,000,000 when all bonds are issued.

Total of Fees \$8,000,000
 "Last year the total amount of license fees paid into the state treasury was approximately eight million dollars. If the present increase of automobiles continues, that fund will easily, without any increase in license fees, run from ten to twelve millions of dollars annually within the next five years. You can readily see, after deducting \$3,500,000 for the payment of the bonds under the \$60,000,000 bond issue law, there will be ample funds left for maintenance of the highways, and also should the people see fit to approve another bond issue of one hundred millions of dollars, these funds would also be ample to pay both principal and interest of such an issue without a cent of direct taxation.

"Under the road law the auto license fees cannot be used for any other purpose than road construction, road maintenance, and the payment of state bonds.

RAILWAY THROUGH THE KHYBER PASS
 NOW BEING CONSTRUCTED

Famous Mountain Highway Will Be Traversed by Rail from India to Afghan Border Town

Engineers are now busy constructing a railway through the Khyber Pass, the great highway that pierces two mighty ranges of mountains which separate Afghanistan from India. Strictly speaking, they are not carrying the rails through the whole of the pass, which is some 33 miles in length, but only as far as Lundi Kotal, where British influence ceases.

Scene of Many Battles
 No highway the world over has been the scene of such daring, chivalry, tragedy, and treachery, and is so important strategically as the Khyber. Yet for upward of 2,000 years it has remained unchanged.

Although Afghanistan has been closed to the foreigner, caravans laden with all kinds of merchandise have and still are continually passing through the Khyber Pass. Those coming from India travel under a British guard as far as Lundi Kotal, where the caravan is taken over by an Afghan escort.
Starts From Peshwar
 The railroad starts from Peshwar, a frontier town some 10 1/2 miles from the entrance to the pass. It has already reached Jampad the first stopping place within the pass. From this point an ingenious cableway has been built to assist in the laying out of the track. The track is a broad-gauge one and is being built by Afriidi laborers. They are finding the work trying, as there is constant sniping by unfriendly tribesmen. The railroad follows the line of the cableway, but some eight to ten tunnels will be necessary, and these are now well in hand. When the railroad is finished merchandise will be carried right into the heart of the Khyber and dumped down on the very border line of Afghanistan.

Some men don't care whether they have the constitution or not, but they are deeply concerned about the tinkering with the baseball rules. Formerly about this time some people used to develop a lazy streak but now they merely get spring fever. The high cost of getting any repairs done to a house does not help any to reduce rents.

VALUE OF COLOR IN HUMAN LIFE
EFFECT IS PSYCHOLOGICAL
 Has Both Abstract and Concrete Effect on Sensibilities; Value in Increased Optimism

A man's days are bright or dark as his own mind compels. If he will resolutely find the sun, he finds it. If he insists on seeing the rain-clouds, black as the nether pit and full of gloom, there they are.

The cheerfulness of life is not in drab, depressing surroundings—it is in ourselves. The joy of living is for us to choose. We may have brave adventures in a walk of a half mile, if we have the sympathy and the imagination to bring to the scene.

Happiest First
 Whatever the occupation whereby men and women earn their daily bread, their first business is to bring as much happiness to living as they are able, and to strew it about them as they go. We need more optimists and enthusiasts, and we can dispense with pessimists and croakers. We need more of those who are not afraid to be themselves—not afraid to have an individuality, and to express it, in ways that bless and do not wound.

Color is brought into life not so much by any panorama the eye can see—not so much by the accidents and incidents of a vivid career—as by our friendships. Every acquaintance we make brings a fresh range of thought, feeling and experience into contact with our own. We give thanks for the enrichment of our minds with ideas that we had not entertained. There are, to be sure, the people of the other sort, whose mind give us no stimulus, no food. But there are few in the world so utterly dull and torpid that we cannot learn from them.

Not Question of Money
 It is not necessary to spend money and go to a far country in quest of color. A prisoner in a cell can see the blue of the sky through the bars. He paints on the wall—if he is allowed—a scene of meadows, water-brooks and mountains, because his spirit cries out for the color of the out-of-doors he knew. Nature is good to the eye, as to the other senses of a man. She gave us flowers, not for their scent alone, but for our pleasure in their variegated hues. In the wide lands of the north that we name the Barrens, her great paint-brush is at its busiest. Summer comes with a rush of pink roses, purple fire-weed and other floral gorgeousness; and what is left of the brilliant color seems caught up into the sky and shown in the sunset and the aurora.

Riot of Color
 In the tropic fastnesses, where no man may ever come, there is the lavish riot of the orchids in the trees. The wide world over, in the undescended, unvisited places, color is at work like tides of the sea, though no man is aware. Even so, in the secret quiet places and known, there may be color, or the sound of music, for the peace and comfort of the soul.

BIRD BRINGS OTHERS TO WOMAN FOR AID
 California Dentist's Unique Feathered Friend

Several seasons ago an exhausted bird dropped on the window sill of a dentist's office, several stories up, in a large building in San Diego, Cal. The dentist, a woman, happened to be standing near the window, and opening it, she picked up the bird and found that it had had one of its legs so badly injured that the foot hung by a piece of tendon. The dentist cut the tendon, releasing the foot, and the little bird, after partaking of food and water, flew away.

About a month later this bird with one leg brought another bird with drooping wings to the kind woman's window sill. She discovered that the new patient had a deformed bill, which prevented it from picking up its food. A successful operation was performed upon the bill and the bird ate a hearty meal and departed singing joyfully. Since that day the one-legged bird has brought several other afflicted birds to the window sill of its friend in need. The woman dentist never enters her office now that she does not look out of her windows to see if a new bird patient has arrived. Even in sunny California the birds that love the company of mankind are not always well provided with food and water by nature as they would like, and, besides treating ailing birds, this kind woman has long made it her daily practice to place food and water on one of the broad window sills. Each day she has dozens of grateful visitors who call regularly to partake of this free lunch and refreshing drink. Some of them have come to know her so well that they fly through the opened windows and sing a song of gratitude while perched upon the electric light fixtures or curtain rods.

This years gowns it is said will have "oriental splendor" but that they will cost any less.
 Some one asks what becomes of all the millions of automobiles that are being made? If you look along the ditches Sunday afternoon, during the driving season, you will find a considerable number of 'em.

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