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GERMAN AEROPLANE ATTACKED BRITISH SHIP AT SEA. French Lieutenant Describes Exciting Experience in the Mediterranean—He Tells of a Striking Example of the Unique Character of Fighting Under Modern Conditions. A VIVID picture of a bombing attack upon a ship at sea has been given by Lieut. Francois-Bernou, who was aboard the seaplane carrier Ben-Ma-Chree in the Salonica campaign.

SCUM OF THE EARTH.

The Peerless "Bad Men" Work on Ocean-going Ships. "Scum and dregs of the earth; the toughest birds alive." That's the description of the men on the horse boats that ply between American ports and Europe. Time was when the western "bad man" and the hard-boiled "guy" of the New York tenderloin were supposed to be the final extremities in utter and complete wickedness.

The Rhine That Mighty River

THE Rhine has always played a prominent part in the political history of the Western European nations. There seems to be no doubt that in prehistoric times the whole valley of the great river was peopled with various Celtic tribes, for they have left many traces of themselves, amongst others the names of various great cities, such as Mainz and Worms.

PLAY IN SHELL HOLES.

Birds and Field Mice Survive War Horrors. The London Times quotes the following extract from a letter written by an officer in France: "I am writing this in a dugout where I have been for a few days. I believe there are birds' nests on the top of this humble dwelling; anyhow, I often hear the birds twittering away, and every morning a lark gets up just outside and sings away merrily.

Painleve Is Now Known As Strong Man of France After Remarkable Career

THERE is just one thing that is absolutely clear in the present French political crisis. The man of the hour is Paul Painleve, and the emergence of Painleve is a guarantee that France is to go on with the war. No man in French public life is more firmly decided on the question of continuing the war than Painleve.



PAUL PAINLEVE

WHY PATRIOT RESIGNED.

Former Premier Lvov of Russia Issues Unique Statement. The Russian Information Bureau has just received a statement made by the former Prime Minister, Prince G. E. Lvov, after his resignation. The statement sheds an interesting light on A. T. Kerensky's personality, and on the general situation in Russia.

Gypsies Haled to War.

Some time ago, under the pressure of economic conditions and the call for men, the fiat went forth that nomad gypsy life was to be suppressed in Hungary, and now a matter-of-fact official scheme has been worked out for the complete suppression of an existence around which has been weaved so much of the glamor of romance.

A Mexican Election.

People who read about Mexico know by name that bright star of Mexican politics, General Candido Aguilar. I was in Puerto Mexico on election day when Aguilar was running for governor of Vera Cruz against General Gavira.

Thrive on Stone Diet.

The most curious of all diets is that of stones. In an old volume of the Gentleman's Magazine I read the story of the discovery of the stone eater "in a northern inhabited island" by the crew of a Dutch ship.

Rich Deposits of Copper.

Men drilling an artesian well in Argentina found rich deposits of copper at a depth of 100 feet.

Most Valuable Map Known.

Among the wonderful treasures gathered together at the Paris Exposition was a map rivaling in its intrinsic value the contents of many notable jewel cases. This map of France is not printed or drawn like ordinary maps, but made up of costly metals and studded with precious stones.

German Choirs.

Ever since the days of Handel oratorio has enjoyed extensive cultivation in Germany. Every city of importance has its oratorio society, and many of these choirs have become justly celebrated.

Calico Livery.

Probably the simplest court livery in the world is that worn in the royal palace of Korea. The emperor's servants are all dressed in garments and headgear of red calico.

14,000 Miles to Enlist.

When Germany first went crazy and thought she could "clean up" Great Britain and several other nations, says a writer in the Wide World, I was in the Hawaiian Islands. I soon decided to take a hand in the big "scrap," but not being flush of money I had to travel the "hobo" and "working tourist" route, and this is how I reached London:

(1) From Honolulu to Portland, Oregon, as a stowaway on a lumber barque; (2) as a "hobo," "beating" passenger and freight trains, from Portland to Galveston, Texas; (3) from Galveston to Havre, France, as seaman on a cotton ship; (4) on a military pass from Havre to London.

Women take the place of newboys in Spain.

Women take the place of newboys in Spain. In the Republic of Honduras the silver currency was for years minted from Socorro bullion. This nearly always contains a certain proportion of gold, which used not to be separated before it went to the mint; so that Honduras silver coins prior to 1911 generally contain a certain proportion of gold.

Iron Money in Germany.

Iron money has been put into circulation recently in Germany. In Mexico cardboard money is in use, owing to the disappearance of metal currency due to the unsettled state of the country.

Eating Seal Flesh.

While on the subject of food it is interesting that women lecturers have recently been engaged by the Norwegian Government to instruct housewives in the art of preparing seal flesh for the table. This, however, is by no means a new departure. At one time seal was regularly eaten by the Cornish folk, and even to-day the older inhabitants will tell you that it is by no means unpalatable.

Odd Social Customs.

In China every member of a family is responsible for order in that family, and every inhabitant of a city is jointly responsible with every other citizen for its tranquility. If a younger son in a family should commit a crime the older son is likely to be taken into custody for the offence.