



**PISA: AN OLD CURIOSITY SHOP OF HISTORY**

A city of 10,000 skyscrapers before Peter Minuit bought Manhattan island for the present price of a supper at a Broadway cabaret.

A city that warred and traded with empires, yet plunged into a disastrous struggle with a rival city over the rights to a lapdog.

A city which was seized after a Florentine hobson "bottled up" its harbor entrance with sunken boats six centuries before the battle off Santiago bay.

Such is Pisa, whose leaning tower was endangered by recent earthquake tremors in Italy.

Pisa's record abounds in incidents as freakish as its famous tower; yet it possesses a history necessarily more significant than any British or American city.

Indicative of Pisa's importance in the thirteenth century was her sending an ambassador to Rome. During hangs the story of the lapdog. During the coronation ceremonies of Frederick II the Florentine emissary admired the lapdog of a certain cardinal, so that dignitary promised to give the tiny animal to its admirer. Next day the Pisan ambassador said a few kind words about the same dog, and the cardinal just as readily promised it to him. The Florentine sent for his gift, and got it; the Pisan sent, and received an apology. Florentines began joking the Pisans about this incident, and fights ensued on the Roman streets. When the Pisan home folks heard this it gave them an excellent chance to pick a quarrel that had long been simmering. A sort of medieval Boston tea party was staged by the Pisans, who seized all the enemy merchandise within their reach, and thus precipitated the first of a series of wars with Florence which culminated in the subjection of Pisa by her long-time rival.

The lapdog story seems trivial, yet characteristic of a certain childish quality noticeable among the juvenile civic nationalities that preceded national Italy. As further proof one might recall the occasion when the victorious army of Lucca hung upon a Pisan tower a mirror with the inscription "Oh women of Pisa, use these to look at yourselves." No other challenge was needed for the Pisans to march to the gate of Lucca, and there to plant poles, topped with mirrors, bearing retaliatory comment.

Were a super Rip Van Winkle of medieval Pisa to come with his latter-day compatriots to Ellis Island in 1920, not only the national bird of his adopted land, but the skyscraper line of New York might make him feel at home. Towers they were called, these Pisa skyscrapers, huddled together for all the world like groups of tall apartment houses. Two reasons are assigned for this method of building, common to Italian towns of the twelfth century. One was that the wall permitted only vertical expansion when population pressure increased. Another, believable in view of the constant factional fights and family feuds, attributed them to the necessity for protection. Bridges that could be thrown from tower to tower further suggested the skyscraper likeness. On these precursors of the modern fire escape, many a community battle has raged.

The Leaning Tower of Pisa served humanity well, aside from becoming the most effective bit of city advertising yet devised, for it permitted Galileo, a native of Pisa, to carry on his experiments with the laws governing the pendulum.

**THE FLAMINGO, A BIRD OF BEAUTY AND MYSTERY, IS SAVED FROM EXTINCTION**

Assurance that the flamingo, bird of beauty and mystery, will escape extinction is contained in a letter from H. E. W. Grant, colonial governor of the Bahamas, which says: "You will be glad to hear that an order in council has been passed giving complete protection to the flamingo. This glory of our marshes owes the expedition a debt of gratitude."

The action of the Bahamas council was taken following an expedition which trained the namings, the most beautiful of the world's larger birds, to its last stand, took motion pictures of the timorous creatures; and brought about a realization of how near they were to becoming extinct in the new world through annihilation by native sponge fishermen. These fishermen hunted them down for food purposes at the nesting and molting season.

The first American naturalist to locate and study the gorgeous flamingo was Dr. Frank M. Chapman in 1901, when he estimated that some 20,000 flamingoes were to be found on one of the little known islands of the Bahamas group. Since then it is believed that fully two-thirds of the colonies have perished.

The expedition that spent ten days in the abysmal salt swamps of Andros island, filming the flamingo and studying his habitat for scientific purposes, was sent out by the Miami Aquarium association.

A yacht was the mother ship of the expedition and an express cruiser was used as a scout boat. Canvas canoes were taken along to get into the shallow creeks, and nose into the lagoons for deep entrances to the murky swamps where the flamingo hides. A Bahama guide, Peter Bannister, who had aided Doctor Chapman's party 19 years ago, also went with the party.

After penetrating to the utmost navigable points with the canoes it was necessary to travel miles of the "swash" or tidal marshes, carrying the heavy cameras and motion picture machines, in search for the birds. Wading in water up to the waist, knee deep in the marl mud, was the daily program, while blinding swarms of mosquitoes compelled nightly retreats to the yacht, anchored several miles off shore.

But the hardships found a worthy reward when the party came upon colonies of several hundred birds, described by a member of the party as "a jangling mass of brilliant scarlet bodies, jet black beneath the huge wings, with their long, slender necks gracefully lowering and raising their Roman-nosed heads as they sought beneath the water the tiny spiral shell known to scientists as 'Cerithium,' upon which the flamingo lives exclusively in its native habitat."

**Hint Was Taken.**

"We had a number of guests to dinner one evening," writes Mrs. W. G., "and in serving the chicken my husband overlooked our little daughter Elsie. She sat there with a disappointed look on her face for a while, then a thought struck her. She crumpled a piece of bread on her empty plate and holding it up she beckoned to the dish of chicken saying coaxingly, 'Here chick, chick, chick! Here chick! Here chick!' There was a roar of laughter and Elsie was quickly served."—Boston Transcript.

**NEW SHOE REPAIR SHOP**

M. Cohen this week opened a branch of the Cut Price Shoe Repair Company of Chicago, at 809 Oak street, announcing a guarantee of expert workmanship and prompt service.

**Use Soap.**

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**ENJOYING A VACATION**

M. J. Timberlake, veteran of the Civil War, who has been devoting recent weeks to soliciting subscriptions to the Winnetka Talk, has laid aside the subscription blank for a time to engage in a spell of vacationing. He will visit relatives in Jackson, Mich., for several weeks. Mr. Timberlake is a resident of Winnetka, having recently moved to the village from Oak Park.

**WORTH SMILING ABOUT**

Thomas J. Lynch, Village Forester of Winnetka, Kenilworth and Gross Point, is passing around broad smiles and clear Havanas these days, impressing his friends with the important fact of the arrival in the Lynch household, on June 9, of an eight-pound future tree surgeon. The Lynch home is in Glencoe.

**AFTER BIG FISH**

James R. Crocker, former Glencoe justice of the peace, leaves on the five weeks' visit in and near Duluth, Minn. Judge Crocker expects to catch some real live muskellunge and has prepared some particularly inviting bait for the occasion.

**OPENS CONSTRUCTION OFFICE**

W. S. Rugero, formerly in business in Chicago with the E. R. Electrical Construction Company, has opened general electrical construction offices at 840 Center street.

**Social Happenings**

Mrs. Maurice H. Lieber and son, Perry, of 468 Ridge avenue, are leaving on Saturday morning, July 30, for a five weeks' stay in California, stopping first in Los Angeles with friends, and later going on to Tulare, where they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Biery for three weeks or so. Friends of Mrs. Biery, who was formerly Miss Ruth Lieber, will be interested in learning that Mrs. Stanford is taking a course at Leland Stanford university this summer, and that she will be principal in one of the grade schools in Tulare this coming year. Mr. Biery has recently been made assistant superintendent of the Nestle's Food company in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rockwell of 657 Lincoln avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Earle of 922 North avenue, left yesterday morning on a motor trip to Charlevoix, Mich., where they will spend the coming fortnight. They will be joined by Mr. and Mrs. Eliot Stearns of Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Elting and family, 830 Mt. Pleasant Court, are spending the summer in the Huron Mountains.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward O. Carlson of 263 Woodlawn avenue, Hubbard Woods, announce the marriage of their daughter, Frances Nathalie, to Mr. William Henry Merrill, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Merrill of 985 Sheridan road, Hubbard Woods, on Thursday, July 7, in the chapel of Christ church. Rev. E. Ashley Gerhard performer the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Jones and family of 655 Elm street, are leaving today for Cape Cod, where they will spend the remainder of the summer with Mrs. Jones' mother, Mrs. William Keneffick in Osterville.

Mrs. Edwin Price and family of 699 Walden road, are summering at Spring Lake, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. George Parker of 418 Cedar street, and Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Rogers of 467 Linden street, left on Friday last on an automobile trip to the northern woods in Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Clark, 596 Oak street, are at Tenderfoot, Wis., on a two weeks' outing.

Mrs. C. D. Boyles, 625 Oak street, left last Monday for a month's outing at Glacier Park.

Miss Bernice Hubsch, 1072 Spruce street, left Thursday for a fortnight's visit with friends in the east.

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Hale of 900 Willow street left Tuesday for California, where they will spend two months. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Rehm and their family of Chicago, will occupy Mr. and Mrs. Hale's residence during the latter's absence.

Mrs. John R. Leonard and family of 861 Bryant avenue, left recently for a summer in the Adirondacks.

Miss Lucille Fey of Chattanooga, Tenn. is the guest of Albert A. McKeighan and family, 1606 Forest avenue.

Rev. and Mrs. Francis C. Stifter have moved from 923 Greenleaf avenue, to 1048 Forest avenue.

Miss Ida Nourse of 1137 Greenwood avenue, left Thursday of last week for a month's visit with friends in Watch Hill, Rhode Island.

The Misses Dorothy and Priscilla Lloyd, 1035 Lake avenue, had as their guests over the Fourth, the Misses Dorothy and Margaret Allen of Oak Park.

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The Winnetka Woman's Club is closed for repairs and reunion.

Mrs. L. R. Fink of Kenosha, Wis., was the guest for a few days this week of her sister, Mrs. M. H. Lieber, 468 Ridge avenue.

Mrs. L. Harrison Mettler of Sheridan road, has as her guest her mother, Mrs. Warren of Monmouth, Illinois.

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**REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF Winnetka Trust and Savings Bank**

located at Winnetka, State of Illinois, at the close of business on the 30th day of June, 1921, as made to the Auditor of Public Accounts of the State of Illinois, pursuant to law.

**RESOURCES**

- Loans and Discounts ... \$276,980.15
- Overdrafts ... 219.62
- U. S. Government Investments ... 32,215.00
- Other Bonds and Stocks ... 248,759.87
- Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures ... 7,192.53
- Other Real Estate ... 2,045.00
- Due from Banks, Cash, Exchanges, Checks and Collections ... 116,190.59

Total Resources ... \$683,602.76

**LIABILITIES**

- Capital Stock ... \$ 35,000.00
- Surplus ... 3,850.00
- Undivided Profits (Net) ... 6,620.19
- Deposits ... 632,122.36
- Dividends Unpaid ... 6,010.21

Total Liabilities ... \$683,602.76

I, M. K. Meyer, President of the Winnetka Trust and Savings Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
M. K. MEYER, President  
STATE OF ILLINOIS, ) ss.  
COUNTY OF COOK )  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of July, 1921.  
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Fancy Legs of Lamb, lb. ... 35c

Very Best Porterhouse Steak, lb. ... 45  
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Very Best Round Steak, lb. ... 30c  
Strictly Fresh Calves Sweetbreads, lb. ... 50c  
Pork Sausage, lb. ... 22c  
Best Bacon, sliced, lb. ... 45c  
Lamb Patties, lb. ... 30c  
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Fancy Legs Milk Fed Veal, lb. ... 24½c  
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