WASHINGTON GOSSIP

Postoffice Tower Loses Its Light Mystery

WASHINGTON—The light in the tower of the Postoffice Department building in Washington no longer holds out its beam. It is not to be supposed that President Wilson and his postmaster general, Mr. Burleson, prefer darkness to light, but why the "glim was doused" is just as much of a mystery to the people of this town as is the reason for its lighting when Mr. Taft was president and Mr. Hitchcock was postmaster general.

There is a huge open space above the clock in the Postoffice tower. It is a chamber with nothing for walls but four corner pillars which support the higher reaches of the pinnacle. One night during the Taft administration, and without any preliminary notice, a glaring, dazzling white light shot out over the avenue from the darkness of the tower room.

That light burned nightly all during the incumbency of Mr. Hitchcock and for some time after Mr. Burleson took command. Then it suddenly was extinguished, a bright landmark disappeared and people who have asked why have been met with a mysterious look just like that with which they were answered when they asked "why" during the days succeeding the first appearance of the glare.

It is true that Mr. Hitchcock once in answer to a query as to the style and wherefore of this dazzling illumination said: "Ask Mr. Weed." Mr. Weed was then the chief clerk of the post office department. He in turn was asked the wherefore of the light, and he said, "Ask Mr. Hitchcock."

The appearance of the light and its disappearance are dark mysteries. Some one said that the blaze was originally kindled to frighten from their peoples' experiments as to why the electric switch originally was turned on and afterward was turned off. The attitude of the officials is that of the Kilkenny cats when asked who won the battle of Saratoga replied, "I know but I won't tell."

Pennsylvania avenue is darker than it used to be.

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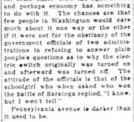
Revolver Duels in Club With Bullets Made of Wax



DUELING practise with regulation weapons and with wax bullets as well as a feature of the instruction at the Washington Revolver Club, which will open its new home in Connecticut avenue northwest in the near future. The duelists will face each other at the club's dozen 60 feet apart. They will be protected with wire masks and body guards. The hand gripping the revolver will be guarded by a metal shield, which is adjustable to any style of weapon.

M. Patterson, master armorer of the club has sent to Paris for the duelling outfit and experts say it have them ready before the opening of the season. The shells for the revolvers are loaded with sufficient powder to propel the wax projectile in a straight line for 60 feet with sufficient force to make it stick to the mask or clothing of the "victim" of the attack.

The wax bullet will shoot as true as a lead bullet, yet will not injure the participants, said M. Dartrieux. "The lead will be guarded by a strong saber mask. This practise will be excellent for army officers and others who wish to learn to shoot accurately. The novelty of having another person for a target and being a target at the same time ought to appeal to persons in Washington as it has appealed to revolver shots in Paris.

The sale duties is to fool long, giving plenty of space for the duels to last for 15 feet wide. At the rear is a dress eg room, 20 by 25 feet. The walls are lighted brilliantly and the revolving and woodwork in cream color is to be decorated in front of the club hall and several skylights afford plenty of light for fencers and revolver duelists. Wax bullets and wooden ceiling lights will make night contests possible.

The reorganization of the club has caused considerable interest in Washington society. The first "roving club of the season" will be formed when Baron Strong, Count Arthur Cassini, Horace Andrews and a number of others from diplomatic and society circles participate in the bouts with foil and saber.

Colonel M. Thompson is president of the new club. Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British ambassador, is vice-president, Henry Breckinridge, assistant secretary of war, is secretary-treasurer, and his brother, Le Roux B. Breckinridge, captain of the sulle d'armes.

Shrieks of Locomotive Whistle Startle the Capital

A PALL of terror hung over the city's supersensitive for more than a half hour after the other night, when the prolonged weird shriek of a siren whistle, such as ordinarily goes up as an announcement of distress and tragedy, echoed distinctive and frightening tones to every corner of the District.

A wreck on the railroad," "A storm," "A fire," were the first to be cleared the more alarmed, and scarcely had their startled voices when the minds of the imaginative began searching and telling those near by to that, "Yes, two railroads full of people, smashed to kindling," or "Some terrible station." In another quarter it was a whole steamboat full of terrified people sticking to their deaths in the river—another Titanic tragedy right at the city's doors.

And still the whistle shrieked. It was a full five minutes and three words of coolness had been coming to the city for nearly a half hour.

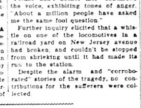
Oh! can't somebody save them?" almost cried a woman as she took a taxicab in front of the Willard for the "scene of the tragedy."

"No, it's not a wreck," decidedly answered an individual on the other end of the telephone after the terrorized to which the whistle was sending out distress signals had been located. "Please don't bother me," continued the voice, exhibiting tones of anger. "About a million people have asked me that same fool question."

Further inquiry elicited that a whistle on one of the locomotives in a railroad yard on New Jersey avenue had blown and would be stopped from shrieking until it had made its report to the station.

Despite the alarm and "corroborative" details of the tragedy, no contributions for the sufferers were collected.

Onion Lovers Shudder at Deadly Devastatrix



LOVERS of beefsteak and onions were startled the other day when the department of agriculture announced that the tylenchus devastatrix had invaded the state and the future of the onion industry was in jeopardy.

The invader with the imposing name is known also as the onion eelworm. Hitherto it has confined its operations to Europe, Africa and Australia, where it has wrought havoc, but now it has made its appearance in this country.

The government experts in warning the growers of onions did not minimize the gravity of the appearance here of the pest. They say that there is no chemical remedies that have been tried for its eradication and the eggs of the tylenchus devastatrix devastatrix will survive two years of complete dryness.

"The worms are seldom over one hundredth of an inch long," says the department experts, "and are very slender and transparent, so that their presence can be generally detected by the naked eye, and the grower, therefore, often remains in ignorance of his losses.

The pest attacks all floral and vegetable plants and is regarded as highly dangerous. In view of this the department urges that all infected plants be sent to it for microscopical examination.

Hadn't Profited by Text.

The Sunday afternoon peace of a certain family riddle was dispelled by sharp sounds of conflicting remonstrating from the den shared by the children. You shan't bang it there!" I will too." I'll take it out!" I won't let you!" You will not, you can't help it!" "I won't!" "You will!" Then a basic followed, then parental intervention. The bone of contention was found to be an illuminated card reading: "God is love."

WEEK'S NEWS

Summarized for Very Busy Readers

Washington

The treasury department at Washington made public its regulations for the collection of the income tax at the source, which begins on next Saturday. They relate to the deduction of the income tax at the source of interest matching bonds and on notes and other similar obligations of corporations, joint stock companies, or associations and insurance companies. The tax applies to every citizen, whether residing at home or abroad, and to every alien residing in the United States.

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The United States government is preparing to notify the nations of the world that any interference in Mexican affairs will be regarded as unfriendly to this government.

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Mexican Revolt

If the Huerta-Blanquet ticket in Mexico is shown to have polled a majority of the votes cast for delegates elected, as seems probable, congress will declare that Huerta votes void and General Blanquet will take the presidency and assume office as president pending the calling of further elections.

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Great Britain, Germany and France have agreed to adopt an new policy toward Mexico until the United States government shall have definite plan for the future treatment of Mexico.

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Domestic

Three battles the hottest tought since the strike of coal miners in southern Colorado began, marked the first day of martial law in this district. One mine guard was killed, two others were wounded, two soldiers were killed by sniper firing and a cowboy marshal wounded were the casualties.

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Governor Felker of New Hampshire, after hearing both sides, granted the petition of Harry W. Thaw for a full pardon and immediate release. The latter continuance in the extradition proceedings, setting the prisoner free on the final date on which his attorneys had filed a application for a writ of habeas on the conspiracy indictment returned against Thaw prior to the New York county grand jury.

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Five men were killed and two others were seriously injured when the walls of a building five flor for the city of Frederick Okla., caved in. All of the victims were the fathers of large families.

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Hearing the greetings of the new world to the old, Miss Grace Greenwood, the actress-poet started on their way from Hampton roads to the Mother country.

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Seven firemen were killed, four injured, nine missing and a dozen are missing, and a dozen are missing and a dozen are missing in the fourstory building at Goodyear Rubber company at Milwaukee.

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The general convention of 1913 of the Methodist Episcopal church in New York passed into history in the Manhattan on two important resolutions.

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Determination to get a divorce from her husband, Mrs. Ethel Kellogg, a society girl of Chicago, was spoiled by Miss Schumann-Heink's refusal to testify. The prima donna now singing in Spokane, Wash. Her husband, Lieutenant Kellogg of the Fortress Seward said, but he demands too much.

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My friends" said William Butler Yeats, the poet, "I am not going to tell the woman who has given me the greatest happiness that I have had in her or my wife." He embraced Mrs. Bullen, his fiancee, and finished his speech as a candidate for the legislature on the Progressive party ticket.

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Five persons were burned to death and three others were injured in the fire at a New York which destroyed a six-story loft building in the city. Three of the dead are women. Twenty persons were injured.

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The navigation law of the "white plague, signed by Governor Hughes, of Missouri, but alleged by China Lee a Chinese laundryman of the United States congress, was held by the Supreme court of the United States at Washington to be valid

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A spectacular fire, which lighted up the ocean for miles and could be seen at distant points, broke out in the Hotel Alamac on the Atlantic City boardwalk and destroyed the bathing houses of the Hotel Alamac and Long Island beach. The loss is estimated at $100,000.

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One man was killed and fifty injured in a collision on the Lehigh Valley at Exhibition park at Tulsa, Okla., when two trains held by-passers and scheduled to begin between the City of Tulsa and Sand Springs, Okla.

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The cutting of Walter H. Rowley of Penn Yan N. Y. had a sad ending when his wife was shooting ducks on Lake Keuka near Kinsey N. Y. was accidentally discharged, killing his only daughter Ruth.

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Congress hall in Philadelphia, which was the national capitol from 1790 to 1800, was transformed by fire that burned entirely as possible to its original condition. Among the speakers was President Wilson.

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The strike of mail truck chauffeurs at New York collapsed when the strikers found the mails were being moved on schedule under police guard, and they made overtures for peace. The officials of the postal transfer service notified them that no striker would be given work.

Foreign

Eight persons were drowned off Norway when the steamer Hero collided with a Russian trawler. The victims were members of the trawler's crew.

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The White Star liner Teutonic, which arrived at Liverpool from Montreal, had a narrow escape from steering the same fate as the Titanic when it ran close to an iceberg east of Belle Isle, off Newfoundland coast.

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The Dutch tank steamer Charles I reports in London having examined October 17 the wreck of the Titanic which she found completely burned out. Several bodies were aboard. The Volturno's stepmother were opened and she was left alone.

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A new island has popped up in the Atlantic, not far from the track of ocean vessels, off the Nova Scotian coast, according to report from Captain Anderson of the Gloucester fishing schooner Lizzie Griffin.

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The senate at Munich voted to support a measure providing for Otto of Bavaria as the enthronement of the regent, Prince Ludwig. The ministerial council afterward met and decided to present such a measure to the diet. A majority of both houses is assured.

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The French government has made a study of the effects of the war on the finances of France on French commerce. A commission appointed to make the study has drawn up a report showing a clear definition of the American system, to consist as to French finance of a willingness to cooperate with the French in their support. President Wilson in such action as he may deem most desirable.

PANAMA CANAL IS SAFE

Washington—Secret tests recently made by the army engineers of the Atlantic battleship fleet, under command of Rear Admiral Fletcher, it was declared disclosed the fact that the Panama canal is safe from attack by sea or land from the fire of an enemy's fleet, as far as the defenses of the canal are concerned, according to reports. This information was given out by a high navy department. In addition, it was discovered that the Panama canal and all of the locks almost immune from damage by bombardment from sea.

SEVEN-YEAR TERM.

New York.—Ernest A. Mottet, bogus lawyer and confidence man, who victimized Edward Schmidt, slayer of Anna Aumuller, was sentenced to seven years in prison and six months in the federal prison at Atlanta, Georgia, by Judge Hazel after a complete audit to be used in counterfeiting $20 bills.

TRAFFIC IS SUSPENDED.

Lebanon, O.—All traffic was suspended on the Cincinnati, Lebanon & Northern railroad, running between Lebanon and Cincinnati, when all trains were ordered off by government inspectors.

CINCINNATI MARKETS

Wheat—No. 2 red 93½@94½c; No. 3 red 91½@92c; No. 4 red 89@91c.

Corn—No. 2 white 67@67½c; stand-ard 67½@68c; No. 3 white 66½@67c; No. 4 white 66@66½c; No. 2 mixed 66@66½c; No. 3 mixed 65½@66c; No. 4 mixed 64@65c.

Oats—No. 2 white 47@47½c; standard 47½@48c; No. 3 white 46½@47c; No. 4 white 46@46½c; No. 2 mixed 46@46½c; No. 3 mixed 45½@46c; No. 4 mixed 45@45½c.

Hay—No. 1 timothy $19; standard timothy $18; No. 2 timothy $17; No. 3 timothy $15; No. 1 clover mixed $17; No. 1 clover mixed $16; No. 1 clover $16; No. 2 clover $15.

Pigs—Prime Beefs $10@11½c; beefs $9@10c; cows $7@8½c; heifers $8@9½c; canners $6@7c; bulls $7@8½c; calves $10@11c; fed calves $9@10c; stockers and feeders $7@8c; milkers and springers, large $60@90; common $40@50.

Sheep—Extra $4.25@4.40; good to choice $4@4.25; common to fair $2@3.75.

Lambs—Extra $6.75; good to choice $6.50@6.75; common to fair $5@6.25.

FIFTY-FOUR PERSONS PERISH.

San Salvador—Fifty-four deaths from drowning were reported from districts of the republic of Salvador, according to a cable message received at Guatemala City. The inclement and unprecedented severity lasting through the month of October, is regarded as believed will greatly augment the list of dead. The villages of Yerba Buena, San Vicente, is reported to have been destroyed by the floods, and 30 houses. Four persons were drowned in this city. The rainfall here was at one time 30 inches.

The leaf eating insects are busy in the orchard now. Give them Paris green.

Summer or winter a good dairy thermometer pays its way wherever dairy cows are kept.

During the hot weather it is well to work two young horses against one hardened, tough horse.

It is well now to look carefully to the wood sawa, as the fall litters should come in September.

Cotton acreage in the United States this year is 16,452,000 acres against 34,164,000 acres for last year.

Chickens and an orchard are to be good company.

Weeds cut down in their youth do not go to seed.

Good time to cut clover green for the pigs next year.

Fallen fruit should be removed from under the trees often.

Milk is plentiful now and the hens should have their share.

Spraying the cows will discourage the flies, and keep up the milk supply.

One or two plantings of sweet corn will carry you along until a very late summer.

HUERTA MUST GO

DICTATOR'S OVERTHROW TO BE NEW POLICY BASIS IN MEXICO SITUATION.

Wives of Maderos in Yankee Consulate—Diaz Feared as Leader of Invasion.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Vera Cruz.—Mrs Dionisio Madero and Mrs. Evaristo Madero, in fear that they were about to be arrested, went to the American consulate and remained there seven hours. Their fears were brought here with their husbands, who were arrested by the federal authorities at Monterey. The two men are now held in San Juan de Ulloa prison. The two women have been trying to procure aid for their husbands, so that they removed to the capital might be prevented. Rumors are persistent that a counter revolution, headed by Felix Diaz, is a thing to be feared by the Mexican authorities. The government fears that Diaz will land and reach the Oaxaca Zapotec Indians, who already are up in arms.

Washington—Confidence that Great Britain, France and Germany will give support to any policy President Wilson may adopt toward Mexico is now felt in high administration circles. The fact that these powers acceded to the request of the department of state, that they take no further steps of pending a clear definition of the American policy, is regarded as fresh assurance of a willingness to cooperate with the United States in support of President Wilson in such action as he may deem most desirable.

Three advanced registry cows in the herd of J. A. Stanley, Shelbyville, Ky. The wheat separator shown in the picture is owned by Mr. Stanley and is run by a gasoline engine. Notice the well made straw stacks.

RATIONAL SYSTEM OF STOCK FARMING FOR SOUTHERN STATES

Cultivated Fields Should Go Into Corn, Tobacco Or Cotton Not Oitener Than Once in Seven Years—More Stock Should Be Raised

(W. H. Nicholls, Dept. of Animal Husbandry, Kentucky State University.)

On our less two hundred-acre farms in the state of Kentucky, thirty to fifty acres of corn is about all that is grown to advantage. Until recently we could grow as much corn, to the acre or cotton not oftener than once in five to seven years. It is frequently necessary to plant corn on land that is not adapted to it, in order to get enough to feed to horses and mules. Then the mower being run over the fields in the fall to cut grass for hay, it is impossible to get a stand of grass.

On many farms, when a market is wanted for corn, it is shipped in the form of meat, from a medium-sized herd of 15 to 20 cows, to which other stocks are concerned. This information was given out by a high navy department. In addition, it was discovered that the Panama canal and all of the locks almost immune from damage by bombardment from sea.

The New Foundland schooner Annie Roberts was sunk in collision with the steamer Silvia Maria, entering the Mersey harbor at Liverpool, N. S., and four of the schooner's crew of five were drowned.

Personal

Charles W. Gates, the New York multi-millionaire, dropped dead in the Hartland subway station, a few miles from there. Death was caused by heart disease. Gates was alone, unaccompanied, but just returned from a trip abroad.

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Dr. Ernest Henrich friend of Hans Schmidt, confessed slayer of Anna Aumuller, was held as a witness in the federal court at New York by counterfeiting, was found guilty.

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Sir Ernest H. Shackleton of that land, another Scottish explorer went on another antarctic expedition in 1914.

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Lieut. Charles A. Newton, injured in the fatal fire at Milwaukee Sunday night, is dead, raising the number of dead to 10. Two firemen reported missing are expected to recover.

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Dr. Benjamin A. Arnold was acquitted of the charge of sending improper letters through the mails to Alta Ho-ver, Kansas, by the federal court at Topeka, Kan., jury, he had instructed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty.

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Rear Admiral Washington Maynard, retired, died at the Naval hospital at Newton, Mass. Since his retirement in 1909 he had been manager of the Fall River line. He was born in Tennessee sixty years ago. Three sons survive him.

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Capt Harry McKiderry of the Thirteenth company, Philippine scouts, was killed in action at Bicarga, as a fight between the scouts and the Moro outlaws, under Datto Ali.

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Mrs. Vlandeska, wife of Long Beach, Cal., a wealthy widow and relative of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the United States army, was honored her renunciation of all worldly pleasures and entered the order last intention of entering the Salvation Army.

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Mrs. Charles F. Barbanks, wife of former Vice-President Fairbanks, died at Indianapolis, Indiana, from a complication of diseases.

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Howard R. Harmon, the aged gate tender who was charged with shooting Harry Thaw to escape from the Matteawan asylum for the criminal insane, was discharged by Justice Morschauser at the Dutchess county court house.

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Mrs. Josephine Hembie, prioritial witness for the state in the trial of Daniel Donahoe and Isaac Stiefel for conspiracy to defraud Clarence S. Funk, collapsed after leaving the witness stand in Judge Fane's court in Chicago.

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The seven years' courtship of Katherine Elkins, daughter of the late Senator Stephen B. Elkins, by William P. Duval, Jr., ended in marriage, celebrated in their sudden wedding at Elkins, W. Va.

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Burton W. Gibson, lawyer, was released from jail at Goshhen, N. Y., after 18 months imprisonment for contempt of court in refusing to testify against Jim charging him with the murder of "Countess Nadia." Gibson was immediately re-arrested on the charge of perjury.

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