

### CLEAVES SAYS JAPANESE NAVY WILL EQUAL THAT OF AMERICA BY 1928

Baltimore, Md., Mar. 26.—The United States will be matched by that of Japan in 1928 according to Rear Admiral Albert Gleaves in an interview, who has just returned to America after a year and a half as commander of the Asiatic fleet.

Admiral Gleaves termed the naval holiday talk "absurd."

"With all her liabilities and the great disparity in wealth as compared with this country," the admiral said, "Japan is carrying out an '8-8' program, calling for eight battleships, eight battle-cruisers and all the submarines and other vessels which go with them by 1928. No one knows how many submarines she is building that fact is kept secret. Considering the differences in wealth, her '8-8' program is equivalent to one of '64-64' here.

"Our 'elaborate program' is not nearly so elaborate as it is supposed to be. Going at the present rate, our navy in 1928 will only be roughly equal to the Japanese."

### TWO TRUNK LINES IN S. C. MADE MONEY

Southern Earned More Than Four Millions of Dollars, While Seaboard Operated at a Deficit.

Columbia, March 26.—Two of the trunk lines operating in South Carolina earned money last year, the Atlantic Coast Line, over a quarter of a million, and the Southern, over four million dollars, while the Seaboard Air Line operated at a deficit, of nearly a half million, according to annual reports just filed by the trunk line railroads with the South Carolina railroad commission.

The annual reports show that the net earnings of the Coast Line for 1920 were \$368,635; the net earnings of the Southern were \$4,392,084; while the Seaboard operated at a deficit of \$438,607, its operating expenses in South Carolina exceeding its gross earnings securing in this state by that amount.

The Southern's net earnings in this state for 1920 were nearly four times what they were in 1919, the Coast Line's earnings were only about twenty per cent of what they were the year before. The Seaboard's losses for 1920, according to the report, were nearly four times greater than their earnings for 1919.

The three trunk lines operating in the state spent last year for operating expenses in South Carolina including maintenance of ways and structures maintenance of equipment, traffic and transportation expenses and taxes \$40,960,858. The Southern and the Coast Line spent approximately fifteen million each.

The three trunk lines hauled during 1920 a total tonnage of 16,680,472 tons within the state, both interstate and intra-state freight. The Coast Line's tonnage was 5,280,841; the Southern's was 7,529,890 and the Seaboard's was 3,879,741.

Trench-digging machines used during the war are now being employed to construct a pipe line from Havre to Paris.

### WOMAN SEES NEGRO ELECTROCUTED FOR HUSBAND'S MURDER

Columbia, March 26.—Mrs. Earl Wadford of Lone Star, in Calhoun county, was a witness to the electrocution of Fette Fogle, negro, who today paid the death penalty at the Penitentiary for the murder of Wadford on January 12. Before he was electrocuted Fogle made a statement to the effect that Harvey Whaley, now in the death cell and awaiting electrocution on April 8, as accessory to the crime is not guilty.

In the trial of the cases Whaley was accused by Fogle of having told Fogle to shoot. Before dying today Fogle denied that Whaley was guilty to this extent and it is probable that his statement will probably bring about some change in the orders for Whaley's electrocution.

At the time Earl Wadford was killed, Mrs. Wadford and her baby and Corbett Zeigler, a neighbor, who was at the Wadford home, were wounded. This is the first time women have ever witnessed an electrocution.

### WHITE HOUSE ZOOLOGY

President Taft had his famous cow Pauline, a highly bred Guernsey. By accepting the offer of a Libertyville, Ill., breeder, as he is inclined to do, President Harding may have a champion Jersey to make her way to milky fame at the White House. Between our latest Republican Presidents there has been Mr. Wilson with his little Democratic flock of sheep.

Some day it may occur to somebody to write a measurably full story of the White House pets, useful and otherwise. The man of these is legion, for nearly always there have been the children or the grandchildren of Presidents in the Executive Mansion, and little folk are the true and catholic lovers of animal playfellows. One remembers the pet badger given by a little girl of Sharon Springs, Kan., which became the delight of the young Roosevelts in the Rough Rider's administration.

Horses there were always at the White House in before-the-motor days and for a few years after. There was a coachman of color, one Albert Hawkins, who in 1890 was able to boast that he had driven spanking teams for six presidents, beginning with Grant. One of his charges was the gentle bay called John who used to eat sugar from the frail hand of Mrs. Harrison. And of course there have been ponies.

Records at hand show no humble, practical pig among traditional properties at the White House. On the other hand, there is no listing of the vain, imperial, peacock. These extremes may be reached yet in the process of making complete the zoology of executive Washington.—New York World.

A contrivance to deaden the noise of their aeroplanes has been adopted by the French army. This device is attached to the exhaust pipe and it not only muffles the roar but it also stifles the flames should any petrol explode through the pipe becoming overheated.

### ODD BELIEFS OF JAPANESE

Popular Superstitions Have Mostly Sprung From Moral Precepts and Are Quite Harmless.

There are many popular, as distinguished from religious, superstitions in Japan. These originally sprang from mostly moral precepts and are quite harmless. They prevail most widely among people in the rural and mountain districts than among city dwellers and among the older and ignorant classes than among the young and educated groups. Some of these superstitions are:

At a marriage ceremony a dress of purple color is taboo, lest the mutual love of the bride and groom be soon lost, as purple is a color most liable to fade.

If while a person is very ill a cup of medicine be upset by accident, it is a sure sign of his recovery; he needs medicine no longer.

Fire is the spirit of the god Kojin. It is supposed to have a purifying effect and must be respected. To step on fire, to throw refuse in it, will cause the wrath of the god and hence a calamity. The bore is not unknown in Japan, and the Japanese are pestered with visitors who sit their welcome out and drive their hosts into a frenzy of eagerness to get rid of them. The Japanese recipe of getting rid of them is as follows: Go to the kitchen, turn the broom upside down, put a towel over it and fan it lustily. The tedious visitors will soon depart.

Japanese babies and children are not allowed to look into mirrors, for if they do, when they grow up and marry they will have twins.

When measles, chickenpox or whooping cough prevails in a neighborhood and parents do not wish to have their children become infected they put a notice on the front door stating that their children are absent.

### HILL RICH IN HIGH-GRADE ORE

Mound in Mexico That Is Said by Experts to Be Worth in Neighborhood of \$5,000,000,000.

Primitive peoples have an uncanny instinct for naming things accurately. Centuries after the natives had named a hill outside the city of Durango, Mexico, "The Devil's Finger Tip," scientists came along and solemnly announced that it was formed of hematite, and had apparently been jabbed up through the earth's surface from molten masses far below.

This iron hill rises for 700 feet sheer above the surrounding plain, and is said to contain 600,000,000 tons of high-grade ore rated at 70 per cent in iron content. In a report made just before the World war a British expert said that the iron in the hill is worth \$5,000,000,000 or would be if so located as to assure protection in the operation of the property.

Puff in another way, Mercado mountain, for the hill is so named after the Spanish explorer who was the first white man to see it, contains iron which, if marketed today, would bring more money than the entire sum represented by all of the gold and silver taken out of Mexico between 1603 and 1803, when the exploitation of Mexican mines was at its peak.

### True Trachoma Easily Transmitted.

At a recent meeting of the American Medical Association Dr. John McMullin, surgeon, U. S. Public Health service, started a lively debate in the section on preventive medicine by reading a paper in which he asserted that much of the so-called trachoma which afflicted the eyes of American children is not trachoma and not contagious.

The original cause of this inflammation of the eyelids is unknown, but it is known with certainty that it is transmitted with ease from one eye to another. There is another type, called folliculitis, which is not contagious and can easily be cured, while the true trachoma necessitates a slight surgical operation and careful treatment; and, even with this, it is by no means certain that it is ever permanently cured.

### Paderewski's Descent in Life.

Jo Davidson, the sculptor, who recently returned to the United States after many months in Europe, where many great men posed for him, relates the following passage between Clemenceau and Paderewski, which, Davidson says, occurred in his presence: "Clemenceau is a gruff old sort of fellow," Davidson relates. "He was receiving Ignace Paderewski.

"Are you Paderewski, the great pianist?" he asked.

"Yes," replied the artist, bowing. "And you have just been elected premier of Poland?"

"Again Paderewski bowed and answered in the affirmative.

"Clemenceau looked at him a moment and then shook his head sadly, saying: 'My God, what a come down!'"

### Preserving the Salmon.

Completion of an improved \$40,000 salmon hatchery at Madison, Conn., for restocking eastern streams with the valuable food fish that disappeared from that region practically a century ago, is awakening renewed interest in the cause of that early depletion, according to Popular Mechanics Magazine. The too common construction of dams without proper fish ladders, blocking the seasonal ascent of the salmon from the sea, explains the impending loss of this great natural resource, a condition often technically difficult of correction because many of the streams are not listed as navigable waters.

### TRAVELS 50 YEARS ON PULLMAN CARS

Chicago, March 29.—Soon James B. Newsome will receive his tenth silver sleeve stripe which will indicate fifty years of continuous active service as a Pullman porter. He is the oldest porter in active service with the Pullman company.

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Newsome has ridden approximately 10,000,000 miles. His run now is on the Chicago and Alton's fast mail train from Chicago to St. Louis. It has been his experience that:

Women tip more liberally than men.

The richest men are the worst tippers.

The unaccustomed traveler pays what his neighbor tips.

The best tippers are the salesmen, whose tips go on an expense account.

### More on Tippers.

"I had rather have, so far as tipping goes, four women on my car than a train load of bank presidents' says Newsome.

The richest men sometime do seem the stingiest men. I have carried millionaires and multi-millionaires and most of them tip a quarter or less. One multi-millionaire not long ago tipped me just 18 cents, a dime, a nickel and three pennies.

Just to illustrate, one time I carried twenty-six bank presidents on a run. I collected from those men exactly \$5.50.

"A few days later I carried a carload of American Legion boys who were getting only \$30 a month and they made up a pot of \$27.50 for the porter."

### Distinguished Riders.

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Greenville, March 26.—The South Carolina Firemen's Association will convene in Greenville July 14 and 15 the dates having been selected here at a conference between Chief Louis Behrens of Charleston, president and Mayor Harvley and Col. Holmes of Springs, chairman of the convention committee of the Young Men's Business League.

The principal entertainment feature will be a luncheon on July 14, and baseball games on both convention days between Greenville and Charlotte. Because nearly all the fire departments are motorized, it was decided to abandon the annual tournament. The convention will bring between 150 and 200 visitors to Greenville.

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