Inherits Millions From Woman He Befriended



Last January Capt. H. L. Zeltun, a fifty-year-old soldler of fortune by turn soldier, inventor, merchant and secretary-met Mrs. Julia Stone Woods Davies of Excelsior Springs, Mo., in Rome. She was ill and he befriended her, obtaining medical attention, etc. So she offered him a position as secretary at \$100 a week. Four months later she sailed for America for a short trip and he remained in London, becoming interpreter at the famous Bow Street police court.

At her recent death it was discovered that she had made two wills disposing of all her property in England and in all other countries-approximately \$14,500,000-leaving all to Zeltun except a few bequests to her favorite charities.

Arrangements for the wills were made by her immediately after the recent death of her father, Dr. Willlam Stone Davies of Excelsior

Zeitun, an undischarged bankrupt, said his first act upon receipt of the bequest would be to pay all his creditors with interest. He has led an adventurous life as a globe trotter and gone through several fortunes. Much of his life was spent in the Orient.

Mrs. Davies had been four times married and her widower, it is reported, plans to fight the will. He was expressly cut off in her testaments.

Villas Built Upon Site of Carthage

London.-After hundreds of years of desolation, the site of ancient Carthage is again inhabited.

While the department of antiquities of Tunisia in collaboration with a party of American excavators is seeking unknown treasures within the great sea wall of the Punic capital, villas are being built on the site of the city destroyed by the Romans in 146 B. C.

Carthage threatens to become a suburb of modern Tunis. Land is being let and buildings are going up. Ground is being dug to provide the foundations for new houses, but 'not necessarily deep enough to reveal whatever remains of the ancient city may lie lower down. The sea wall itself, with its pillars, many of them fallen, but unbroken, might contain lessons in the history of military architecture.

Within the city, in spite of limited means, the explorers have already unearthed 65 buildings, or scattered fragments of buildings, sufficiently preserved to be of interest.

Whatever the archeological value of the Punic remains of Carthageand there are persons who doubt whether much of value is left-the excavations now going on may furnish surprises. It must be remembered that successive cities have risen on the same site. Ruins of Roman buildings stand on Punic foundations, and the city flourished in the early centuries of the Christian era. Pere Delattre has uncovered much of what remains of the early pillars ornamented with animals which show an evolution similar to that which took place in Europe.

Sweden Plans Railroad to Cost \$12,600,000

Stockholm .- The first coast-to-coast railroad electrification in the world, extending from Stockholm, on the Baltle sea, to Gothenburg, on the North see is heralded in the official request has made to the Swedish government by the state rallway administration that it be empowered to begin immediately with the expenditure of the 23,-(wx) (xx) crowns which have already have appropriated toward this project.

This is an important step in the great movement which has already resulted in the electrification of hundreds of leading industrial establishments and at least 50 per cent of all the farming area in Sweden.

The trunk line from Stockholm to Gothenburg, which carries heavy traffic both of freight and passengers, is pearly 300 miles in tength. The work of electrification can be carried through within two years, says the railway administration, and if it is begun immediately the total cost will be about 47,000,000 crowns, or about

NIGHT IN THE PRISON CELL | BOOSTS THE "GOLDEN STATE"

Picturesque Description of Hours of Darkness Spent in Vain Regrets and Unavailing Sorrow,

The day is done. The sun has departed beyond the western wall, the huzzards have ceased their leisurely wheeling in the sky and all nature has gone to rest. We have floished our daily tasks, eaten our evening meal and have returned to our constructed cells. The bolts are shot home and we are safely housed and protected against the temptations of the great world.

The long evening drags wearily away, punctuated now by desultory reading and now by aimless smoking and listless converse. The warning bell has sounded, we have crawled each into las narrow bunk, the lights are out and night is here.

For some, sleep and oblivion, blessed release from the tron in the soul; for others, wakefulness and the weary retraveling of life's pathway; first, one lightheartedly turns homeward, but the vision is evocative of sad and weary faces of dear ones struggling against adverse fate.

One worries over the ailing little one, over the sorrow of the faithful old mother with her accumulation of years mourning for her absent boy, her waning strength inadequate for such burden-bearing; over the heroic, faithful devotion of the dear wife; over the chagrin and wounded feel ings of the children under the jibes of their school mates; over the vicarlous punishment of all one's dear ones. Then one's mind traverses and re-

hearses the pettiness of the day just closed, as they come trooping in review with vain regrets for unimproved opportunities for kindliness, with poignant regrets for the grasped opportunities of hasty and impatient speech, all these in photographic clearness present themselves to the mental

The jangling nerves are in open re bellion. Again to the treadmill amid the surging waves of thought and again we are wading through the deeps of the past. Slowly, how slowly, the hours drag by; the guard makes his quiet round with felt-clad feet, the hum of the human throng slowly falls away from the consciousness and exhausted nature brings to the tired brain sweet oblivion, and to the weary eyelids sleep.-Good Words.

An Automobile Joke.

If the victim of this joke reads this, and puts two and two together, there is going to be trouble. He has an office in a downtown building and parks his car in front. His neighbor in the building also has a car, but has to hunt for parking space and believes the other gentleman has a "pull" with the traffic officer who watches the parked cars. Finally he hit on a scheme to eliminate his rival from parking space. This was to hang a sign, "For Sale, \$25," on his rival's car along with the rival's name and address. Passersby boarded the car, an expensive one with tires worth considerably more than \$20 tried the upholstery, lifted the hood, etc. Finally an employee of the car's owner noticed the crowd and notified his employer that for some reason a large crowd of men and women were tearing his car to pieces. When the owner, breathless, reached his car, he was accosted by a hatless man who puffed out: "Hey, mister, I saw the sign first. Here's your \$25." There was a near-riot as the owner drove his car to a nearby garage.—Exchange,

Oll From Beechnuts.

Not long ago measures were taken by the minister of agriculture in Holland to increase the supply of edible oils in that country by making a full use of the domestic beechnut crop. It is estimated that between 2,000 and 2,500 metric tons of these nuts may be collected if every effort be made, and that from this amount of raw nuts 300,000 to 406,000 kilos of oil may be obtained. This would afford a valuable addition to the stocks of edible oils in the Netherlands.

Owners of private lands from which beechnuts are gathered receive compensation at the rate of 5 per cent of the sums paid to the gatherers, and they also enjoy the right to purchase cattle cake, prepared from the pulp of the nuts from their property at 50 florins per 100 kilos.-New York Her-

German Translations.

German translations of contemporary foreign writers are very full. Among the English writers who have been translated recently are D. H. Lawrence, Arnold Bennett and G. K. Chesterton; and among the Americans are Upton Sinclair, who is more widely esteemed as a novelist in Europe than in America; H. L. Mencken, who has never been anywise hostile to anything made in Germany, and John Dos Passos, whose novel, "The Three Soldiers," is appearing serially in a German socialist newspaper.-Living

Too Much Ice.

Rooming only a few doors from my married sister, I often run in at odd moments and habitually call "Ice" as I come in the door, for it very much pleases my nephew, who replies in kind. Last Sunday, after an early dinner, I ran up the back steps, found no one in the kitchen, stuck my head through the swinging door of the dining room, loudly calling "Ice." There sat the family, as well as two astonished couples whom I had never seen before. I let them explain without

Report of Director of Agriculture of California Cannot Be Otherwise Than Encouraging.

In his annual report, Director of Agriculture G. H. Hecke states that the value of the farm crops of the state In 1922 was \$397,820,000. The production of the year was the greatest in the history of the state, but, of course, values do not equal that of a somewhat smaller tonnage at peak war prices. The values given are farm values. With all the development of our fruit industries, the value of field crops has hitherto exceeded that of our orchards and vineyards, but, in 1922 our fruit crops brought \$194,-816,000, as against \$186,722,000 for field crops. This was due largely to increased fruit acreage coming into bearing, but fruit prices were relatively better than prices of field crops, A large crop of wine grapes at \$75 to \$100 a ton helped a lot. Concurrently with the report of the director covering last year's output, the crop-reporting service states that the outlook for the current year is excellent.

Director Hecke states that California is now experiencing the most rapid agricultural development in our history. Not only is cultivated acreage increasing, but better and more intensive farming is getting better yields. Also more people are arriving to help till the soil. During the last two or three years we have frequently had occasion to say that California was the most prosperous spot in the world. That situation still continues .- San Francisco Chronicle.

SOUNDED FAMILIAR TO HER

Letter of Old Sweetheart Had Recol lections That Created Embarrassing Situation.

It was while attending college that met a young man who was a veritable Hercules. Then, too, he was westerner and affected a broad sombrero in which he was especially noticeable. Indeed, many fair young coeds wore their handsomest smiles when he passed, which I had occasion to notice on my frequent walks with him. Naturally I felt singularly blessed in receiving his undivided attention and was soon hopelessly in love. I had reason to feel my affections were returned.

One week-end I went to visit a for mer classmate , who was teaching in a nearby town. While there I received a letter from my admirer. It was a thriller and I wanted 'to share it with my friend, so I read parts of it. Suddenly I noticed she was laughing. I asked what she thought so

"I thought you were reading one of my old sweetheart's letters, for it sounds just like 'Dan.' "

"Dan who?" I asked. "Why, Dan West. There aren't two

of him. Men are deceivers ever.-Detroit Free Press.

New Source of Electricity.

Electricity from brown coal is the bold undertaking now being put through by the government of Vic toria. The scheme provides for the erection of a generating station on the coalfield with an initial capacity of 50,000 kilowatts, but capable of doubling. The estimated cost is about \$12,000,000 for the initial development, and over \$25,000,000 for the final project. The first section will include four 12,500-kilowatt turbo-alternators running at 3,000 revolutions per minute, with an 800-kilowatt set for starting up the bigger ones. The boilers and the steel for the buildings are actually under construction, and preliminary steps are being taken for the erection of the high-tension transmission line of 112 miles to a point near Melbourne. This line is to operate at 132,-000, volts, and will consist of aluminum-steel re-enforced cable strung on galvanized towers 1,000 feet apart .-Scientific American.

Old English Custom Revived.

An ancient custom of "rocking" the baby, in his church that had been allowed to lapse for a century, was revived by the vicar of Blidworth, England, at the Sunday evening service following Candlemas. The latest born baby boy of the parish was taken to the church by its parents and placed in an old wooden cradle, decorated with Candlemas flowers and with two candles on either side, that was dedicated by the vicar (a bachelor) who "rocked" the cradle several times, inside the altar rails. The "rocking" is not a legend, but an important village ceremony that recalls Christ's presentation to the temple, and calls Christian parents to offer their infants to Christ. The ceremony died out because Candlemas was a bad time to expose a baby, for February breezes touch infant cheeks very roughly.

Judge and interpreter.

in a recent trial in London Mr. Justice Darling examined a witness in Italian, and translated the answers to the jury. He is also well known as a lawyer, poet, painter and huntsman. Yet, in a debate at Inner Temple hall on whether education was a handicap in life, he said: "I never went to school; I never went to a university; I am not an educated person." It will be fifty years next year since he was dalled to the bar, and he has been a judge for twenty-six years. On another occasion he told an audience that he began as a solicitor, but found the life too strenuous, and became a basrister because it was the most idle life he could find,-London Mail.

WEALTH BEYOND HUMAN IDEA

If the Valuables Found in "King Tut's" Tomb Had Been Invested When He Died.

It has been estimated by Lord Carnarvon, who has been superintending the excavations at the tomb of King Tut-Ankh-Amen near Luxor, Egypt, that the total value of all objects found in the tomb is about \$15,000,000. Somebody with a mathematical mind popped up and asked:

"How much would that have amounted to if, instead of having been buried with the king thirty-five centuries ago, it had been put out in safe 6 per cent ground rents and compounded interest up to the present day?"

Here is the answer: \$14,288,000,000,-000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, .000,000,000,000,000,000

That is, it is the answer given by Dr. John Rogers Musselman, assistant professor of mathematics at Johns Hopkins university.

It's all very simple, according to the mathematicians. You manage it by logarithms.

How do you say it in words? There "ain't no such sum." There are millions, billions, trillions, quadrillions, quintillions and so on. But the human imagination hasn't gone so far in figuring dollars up to the sums quoted above. It would exceed the wealth of the world.

GRANDDAD OF ALL ROACHES

Insect Believed to Have Entered Safe Seventy-Five Years Ago Still is in Existence.

Atchison probably has the oldest cockroach in the world, says the Globe of that city. In the office of Jim Byram and John Robbins is an iron safe that was opened the other day for the first time in 20 years. On that safe is a lock that had not been taken apart since 1849, the year the safe was manufactured. And yet when Robbins and Byram took that lock apart the other day they found in it a huge cockroach which seemed to be dead, but revived within a few minutes and is now as pert as a flapper. There was no way for the cockroach to get into that lock after the lock was put together in You may doubt that a cockroad can live 74 years, but your doubt is not answering the question. How dld that cockroach get into that lock after the lock was put together in 1849? Prof. Charles Kennedy says it doesn't seem possible that a roach could live to be seventy-four years old, and yet he is not taking a positive stand in the matter, and says his great-grandfather had a cockroach that was sixty-two years old when a bigfooted woman stepped on it.

New Guinea Rich Country.

Fortunes in cocoa could be made in New Guinea, says Brigadier General Wisdom, who states that the soil and climate of the country are well suited for growing profitable vegetation. Rice is imported into New Guinea, though rice could be grown there in abundance. Another opportunity lay in the distillation of commercial alcohol. The nepa plant, containing 25 per cent alcohol, grew all over New Guinea.

General Wisdom said the country teemed with opportunities for men of enterprise and with a small amount of capital. Labor was cheap, natives being paid about \$1.25 per week, and the center of the island could be cleared of the dense mangrove swamps. There were two navigable rivers, one 400 and the other 200 miles long, and if men with tropical experience could be got, the country would develop into one of the brightest British possessions.

British Bollers.

In some parts of England there are steam boilers still working that were installed from fifty to one hundred years ago. They provide active witness to the excellence of British engineering. A short time ago a leading British botter expert had the curiosity to subject two old fron boilers, probably about sixty years old, to careful tests. He found that the old iron stood up astonishingly well under heavy hydraulic pressure, and he noted particularly that the slight cracks which had been formed round the rivet holes in the original punching had not extended during the working life of the bollers. Thus he proved that the old kind of iron used in these British bollers was hardly surpassed by the material employed by the finest of upto-date plants.

Nation's Forest Problem.

Every year makes the forest problem of the United States more clear, says Col. William B. Greeley, chief of the forest service, United States Department of Agriculture. The problem has two main features. The first feature is the rising cost of timber products, which is due primarily to heavier transportation charges from more and more distant sources of supply. The second feature is the unproductive conditions of immense areas of land which are not adapted to agricul-

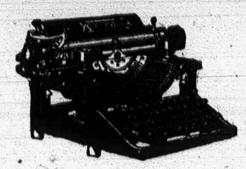
Affects All Countries.

The international chamber of commerce is a federation of financial, industrial and commercial forces of the world modeled upon the chamber of commerce of the United States for uniting business in the work of removmg artificial and unnecessary obstacles to trade between nations and overcoming foreign trade resistance. It has more than 1,000 members in 25 countries, among which the United

J. D. Drewry, 40, a widower, is in Archy Cooper, a London accountant, jail at Chatham, Va., charged with giving up a job paying him \$150,000 the murder of Nellie Dalton, 13, to a year, has signed a contract to work whom he had been paying attention. for an English firm of soap makers Prewry attempted suicide and may at a salary of \$250,000 a year for fifteen years.

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