

# STORIES from Here and There

## Coed So Different From Other Girls



LINCOLN, NEB.—There is a coed at the University of Nebraska this year from Midnapore, sixty miles west of Calcutta, India, and her name is Khanto Bala Rai. Miss Rai is registered as a junior, following two years of study at Bethune college in Calcutta, and is enrolled in Christian and missionary arts.

Miss Rai is of the Bengali race. Her father is a Brahmin and was converted to Christianity shortly before Miss Rai was born. She appears on the campus and in the classroom in her native costume, which consists of a separate waist and a

"sari," which is made up of five yards of material so draped as to form the skirt of her costume, and caught at the shoulder.

"I love my native costume and I do not think I shall be persuaded to adopt the styles of the American girls," Miss Rai has frequently told inquirers. She speaks English fluently.

Apparently her observation of the matrimonial angles and ceremonies of the American has not changed her native viewpoints.

"I am well content with our own matrimonial system," Miss Rai says. "We have great faith in the wisdom of our elders and my sisters, as well as myself, are quite willing to abide by the choice of our parents."

Miss Rai has an ambition to return to Midnapore and teach in the girls' high school there, which is to be erected from donations made at jubilee meetings. It was at one of these meetings she met Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Elmore of Lincoln, who induced her to accept a home with these people during her schooling.

## New Marvels Found in Mammoth Cave

CLEVELAND, O.—Carl T. Robertson, naturalist, in the course of an exploration of Mammoth Cave, Ky., has made one of the most important discoveries in the history of this great natural wonder. His party entered into a new cavern. His story, in part, is as follows:

"Then we came to a region of helictites which I dare say, the most marvelous ever seen by human eye. Helictites four or five inches long are considered notable. Here was one four feet long, and it had a horizontal branch nineteen inches long. There were other helictites three feet long, with branches extending horizontally and at every conceivable angle.

"At another point there was a helictite cascade from roof to roof. There were also helictite stalagmites, a formation which I had not before noted. These helictites are among the rarest and most inexplicable of cave phenomena.

"Beyond this region we came to a region of rock flowers, the most enormous crystalline flowers ever found. There are roses, chrysanthemums,



daisies, lilies. They are of a whiteness that is whiter than snow.

"Instead of forming flowers, these black crystals are mostly of the so-called 'fibrous' kind, forming needles two or three inches long, and sometimes so fine that the pendant masses seem as soft as the fur of an animal.

"Next is the region of gigantic snowballs, easily a foot in diameter. There is nothing like it. It is unique."

After a mile and a half the avenue suddenly narrowed to a mere pass. It became difficult. Instead of a level sanded floor the explorers found themselves climbing and scrambling over rocks.

## To Add Six Miles to Manhattan Island



NEW YORK.—New Yorkers who often pretend to be indifferent to the city's wonders have had their imagination stirred by the daring plan, just announced, to extend Manhattan island six miles down the bay by building mammoth sea walls from both sides of the Battery and filling in the intervening space with earth.

A company has been incorporated to carry out the project, and T. Kennard Thompson, a prominent engineer of the city, has prepared the detailed plans. The Broadway association, composed of merchants along the famous thoroughfare, has indorsed the idea.

If the plan is ever carried out, its

proponents say that six square miles would be tacked on the most valuable piece of land on earth; that twelve miles of needed docks would be added to the port's facilities; that transit would be greatly improved and that the tax on all real estate might be reduced 1 per cent.

The plan has already been outlined to the war department, Mr. Thompson says, and no objections have been raised, since the proposed built-up extension would still leave on either side of the island the same clearance for navigation that now exists on the Hudson and East river sides. The work could be completed in five years, in Mr. Thompson's belief.

"It is a well-known fact," he said, "that the business center of Manhattan is rapidly moving away from the city hall, and if it is not prevented the lower end of the island will again become a residential district, with the result of tremendous decrease in values."

Judge Alton B. Parker says the project is legally feasible. He estimates the cost at \$600,000,000. He insists that it is a project for private capital and not for the state or the city.

## Parlous Times for Judges in Chicago

CHICAGO.—These be parlous times for judges in this neck of woods. Judge Charles M. Thomson of the Appellate court is on crutches. Judge G. Fred Rush of the Circuit court has a broken arm. Judge David F. Matchett of the Appellate court has a kneecap out of commission.

Judge Thomson sustained his injuries in Lake Michigan. His wife and son had gone for a swim while the lake was rough. High waves were rolling the boy near some dangerous piles, when Mrs. Thomson swam to his rescue. Judge Thomson, who was sitting on the beach, feared for the safety of both, and rushed in after them. His right foot caught in a hole in the bottom of the lake and an untimely high wave wrenched his body, with the result that he sustained two broken bones in the sole of the foot.

Judge Rush was on his way home. Attempting to board an Illinois suburban train on the Randolph street platform, he was caught in a jam, with the result that he sustained a broken bone in the right arm.

Judge Matchett is among the most powerful looking citizens hereabouts. He enjoys a wrestling match, not as an onlooker, but as a participant, and was engaging in such a 'bout with his son when his injury took place. Judge Matchett, when he starts anything, mixes matters pretty generally. And a wrestling match is no exception with him.

So the superstitious politicians among the lawyers of the Chicago bar are wondering whether they really want to be candidates for places on the bench at the judicial election next June.



## These Yanks Do Not Want to Be Brought Home



Two American soldiers on leave from the army of occupation, enjoying the annual vineyard harvest time festival in Italy. Pretty vineyard girls are shown presenting grapes, to their American guests.

## Diver Battles Huge Devilfish

Desperate Fight for Life That Was Waged at Bottom of Cape Town Harbor.

### MONSTER HACKED TO PIECES

Comrades Use Hatchets to Free Helpless Man—Creature Measures Eleven and Half Feet From Tip to Tip of Tentacles.

Cape Town, S. A.—The Union Castle liner Dunvegan Castle collided some time ago with the harbor here, dislodging many of the enormous blocks of concrete forming the pier, which fell into the bottom of the sea, at this point between thirty and forty feet deep.

The officials of the harbor board set to work to repair the damaged pier and recover the dislodged blocks, by no means an easy task.

One of the most experienced men engaged on the diving operations was H. Palmer, who had had fifteen years' experience of underwater work in various parts of the world.

One day Palmer went down in the ordinary course of his work and was engaged in putting a chain around a seven ton block of concrete when he noticed a curious-looking object protruding from a cavity below the block.

The water was comparatively clear. Bending down, Palmer examined the object which had attracted his attention. He was beginning to wonder what it could be when, without the slightest warning, it began to move toward him. A huge tentacle shot out from below the stone, moved swiftly sideways, and in an instant had seized his leg in a vicelike grip!

Feeling Grab Him. Horrified, the diver staggered backward, but as he did so another great feeler appeared from under the masonry and alighted upon his arm, holding it helpless.

Wildly the man struggled to free himself from those awful arms, but in vain. Where the innumerable tiny suckers touched the naked flesh of his hand they stung and seared like an electric wire and he felt himself being drawn slowly but surely toward the dark hole under the stone.

For a moment the unutterable horror of his position held him spellbound; even his brain seemed numbed.

Then, slowly with a gliding motion that was horrible to behold, the creature beneath the stone began to

emerge. As it came out Palmer beheld with a shudder the cold, staring eyes the parrot-like beak of an enormous octopus or devilfish!

Desperately the tortured man strove to wrench himself free, but the more he struggled the tighter grew the grip of the sinuous coils.

Instinctively Palmer had kept one arm free from the encircling tentacles. He noticed mechanically that the octopus had let go its hold of the masonry and had wrapped itself entirely around him.

Drawn to the Surface. Making a desperate effort to throw off the stupor of nausea and fear which benumbed his faculties, the diver reached up his free arm and pulled his signal cord with all his strength, whereupon the men above started to haul him up. The octopus, still clinging relentlessly to its prey, was drawn to the surface.

The horror of the men above when they beheld the diver emerge from the water in the loathsome embrace of the great devilfish can be better imagined than described. While some

dragged the now all but unconscious Palmer up the ladder, others ran for hatchets and knives and a fierce attack was made upon the creature. In spite of every onslaught, however, the quivering tentacles still clung obstinately to the diver, and it was not until the creature had been almost hacked to pieces that the men were able to free their comrade and administer restoratives.

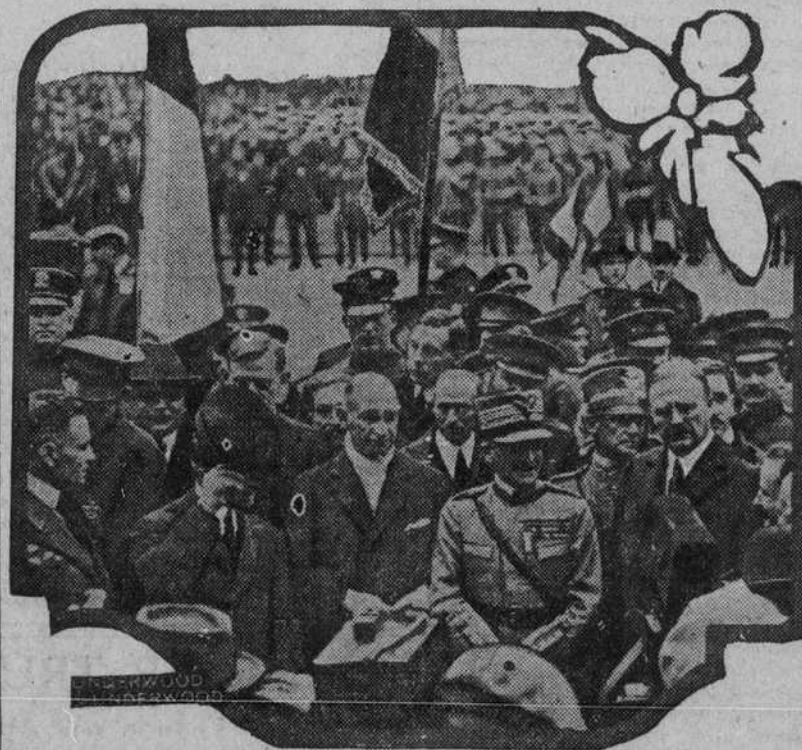
When the dead octopus was laid out on the pier it was seen to be of great size. It measured eleven and a half feet across from tentacle tip to tentacle tip.

### Threw Boy in Pig Sty; Hog Devoured Him

A terrible crime has been reported from Charleroi, Belgium, where a farmer after capturing a nine-year-old boy who was stealing apples locked him in a pig sty with a sow and went away without heeding the youngster's cries of alarm.

On returning to the pig sty, several hours later, he found the sow tearing the last morsels of flesh from the boy's bones. The police succeeded in arresting the farmer just as the neighbors were preparing to lynch him.

## General Diaz Welcomed to New York



Gen. Armando Diaz, military adviser to the Italian delegation to the conference on limitation of armaments, was given a hearty welcome in New York on his arrival the other day. With him in this photograph is Mayor Hylan.

## RUSSIANS NOW LOOKING TO U. S.

Men Formerly of This Country See Hope in American Aid.

English, or Rather American, Predominating Foreign Language in Bolshevik Foreign Office and in Other Departments.

Moscow, Russia.—English, or rather American, has become the predominant foreign language in the bolshevik foreign office and in all government departments and in Moscow generally.

Fourteen thousand Russians or naturalized Americans of Russian origin, came to Russia when the revolution opened the doors for them. They streamed across Siberia for months and found their way to their old homes in the land of revolution.

The number of English-speaking persons has been swelled by deportations from America and by emigrants from

Great Britain and its colonies who were interested in the experiments which the soviet government was working out.

Through their training abroad, most of these English-speaking persons were better equipped for government work than native Russians and have made their way into important places with the government in both Asiatic and European Russia.

Three years ago most of the Russians returned from America were extremely bitter in their denunciation of the United States. But they have modified. Their experience in helping to run a government has taught them it is not as easy as it looks.

They have changed, as the entire Red government has changed, and it is not unusual to hear them speak with affection of America. They look forward to America for help. Most of them insist that America is the only country which is broad enough in

gauge to develop a country the size of Russia.

Almost without exception, the Russians who have been in America believe the American child-feeding is an initial step toward recognition. They have ceased denouncing America as an "exploited" land. The floods of abuse are now poured out on France, Poland and Rumania. After the United States, Great Britain seems to be most in favor, with Germany a close third.

Language schools in Moscow have great demand for English lessons, and second-hand book stalls in the markets find a ready sale for English volumes.

### Life Policy Blown Long Way.

Staunton, Va.—A life insurance policy held by J. Marvin Ballew whose home was wrecked by a cyclone recently, was found by Miss Virgie Drumsellers at Madrid, 18 miles northeast of Mint Spring, where the house wreck occurred. The policy, which had been blown across the county by strong wind, was badly torn and spotted.