





## BEER RAIDERS AT DESDEMONA ARE FIRED ON

DESDEMONA, June 17.—Officers raided a choc beer joint here Thursday night and destroyed a large quantity of hops, malt, concentrated lye and more than 300 bottles of choc and two barrels of mash. The officers were fired upon from the dark and several shots were exchanged but no one hurt. Justice of the Peace Whitworth directed the raid.

## MARS CLOSER TO EARTH THAN IN THIRTEEN YEARS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 17.—This month is the best time to communicate with Mars, as the planet is nearer to earth than it has been since 1909, being 42,300,000 miles away, according to Rev. Father Martin S. Brennan, astronomer, who observed what he termed "opposition to Mars."

The "opposition to Mars," Father Brennan said, caused widespread attraction in this section of the country on recent nights, when many persons inquired about "a bright red star in the east."

Father Brennan explained that Mars was so near to earth that it outshone the planet Jupiter, thus causing Mars to be seen so vividly.

"All the scientific world is taking the greatest interest in this opposition to Mars," he continued. "It re-creates the idea of signaling to that planet."

"Now is the favorable time to get some message to the fabulous Martians. All kinds of instruments are being equipped in an effort to see the canals of Mars and the polar snows and caps. Some of those who are very enthusiastic are going down a shaft of a mine, using the shaft as a long telescope tube."

"But we are powerless with equipment we have now to bring Mars close enough for us to see much. Think of the moon, only 250,000 miles away, and Mars over 42,000,000. Even on the moon we could not see the biggest animals in the world, much as we might try."

"There is a limit to our vision, because of the waviness of the air, which is heated by convection. We do not see this with the naked eye, but with a thousand diameters magnifying power it looks like running water."

"Another hindrance is the expansion and contraction of the glass by heat or cold. If something could be invented instead of glass that would have the properties of glass and yet be able to withstand heat and cold, we might bring the heavens closer to us."

## OIL REFINERY WILL BE BUILT AT CROSS PLAINS

CROSS PLAINS, Texas, June 17.—Arrangements for the location of an extensive refining plant on the Haley farm, adjoining the townsite of Cross Plains to the east, were completed this week by J. D. Ford, representing refinery interests of Bristow, Okla. Two casinghead gasoline plants are to be located in the field, also, according to announcements, near the big production area.

FLAME THROWER KILLS THREE. ROME, June 17.—Three soldiers were killed, General Raoca, a colonel and five other soldiers were wounded during military maneuvers Friday when a flame thrower burst.

## TWO MORE IRISH FIGHTERS ARE BORN



Mr. and Mrs. Eamonn De Valera

Mrs. Eamonn de Valera has presented the fighting former president of the Irish republic with twin sons at their Dublin home.

## STERLING CITY COUPLE WEDDED OVER 73 YEARS

STERLING CITY, June 17.—Capt. J. M. Kellis and wife of this city have been married for seventy-three years, probably an unequalled record in Texas. Kellis is 96 years old and his wife 92. Their oldest son is 66 years old. Kellis is a native of South Carolina, but moved to Georgia and then to Alabama when a boy. In 1848 he came to Shelby county, Texas, where he married Miss Elizabeth Bace in 1849. They have had eleven children, seven sons and four daughters, of whom six are still living.

Kellis and wife have lived here for thirty years.

## DRY AGENT MUST PAY FOR SEIZED PUNCH

AUSTIN, June 17.—Judgment has been rendered by Federal Judge Duval West, ordering David H. Morris, federal prohibition director for Texas, to make payment of \$82 to Fritz Haberlin, a confectioner at Pflugerville, Travis county.

Haberlin sued for the return of a ten-gallon keg of punch which was taken from his store by direction of Director Morris on the alleged ground that there was more alcohol in the punch than the permitted one-half of 1 per cent.

Haberlin was successful in his contention that the alcoholic content of the punch did not exceed that allowed by law, and that the punch or its equivalent should be returned to him.

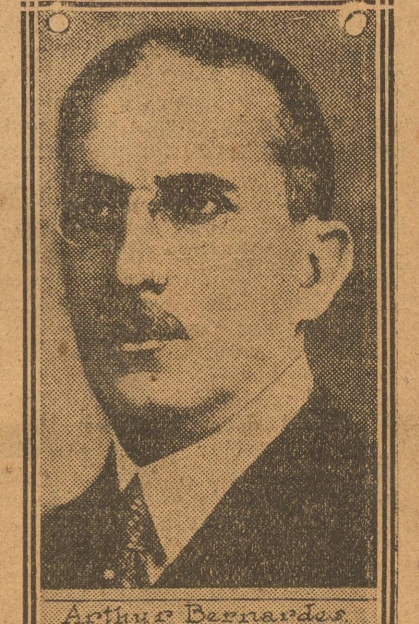
Statement was made by Haberlin that efforts to have the punch returned to him, although it was not intoxicating, had proved fruitless, and he was compelled to file suit against the prohibition director to recover his property.

THREE MEN ELECTROCUTED. COLUMBIA, S. C., June 17.—S. J. Kerby, J. C. Gappins and C. O. Fox were electrocuted at the penitentiary Friday for the murder of William Brazel, Columbia taxi driver, near Leesville, on the night of Aug. 7, last.

## MAN WITH BIGGEST HEAD DIES IN CALIFORNIA

REDDING, Cal., June 17.—Arthur H. Sprague, 74, known as the man with the largest head in California, is dead here. At the age of 60 his head began to grow. A few years ago a large hat manufacturing concern made a special 8 3/4 size block for him—the largest block the firm had ever made. For the past few years, however, Sprague has been unable to get a hat big enough for him. The growth of his head, physicians said, was probably due to an abnormal accretion of the bones.

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## SHERIFF GIVEN INJUNCTION IN OUSTER SUIT

By Associated Press.  
BEAUMONT, June 17.—Sheriff Tom Garner was granted an injunction Friday afternoon restraining the judge of the Sixtieth district court from suspending him from office and appointing a successor. The order was issued by the court of civil appeals of the Ninth district to which Garner appealed.

Unless some action in supreme court of Texas is obtained by the citizens' committee, Sheriff Garner may remain in office at least until after the primary in July and the end of his present term. He is a candidate for re-election.

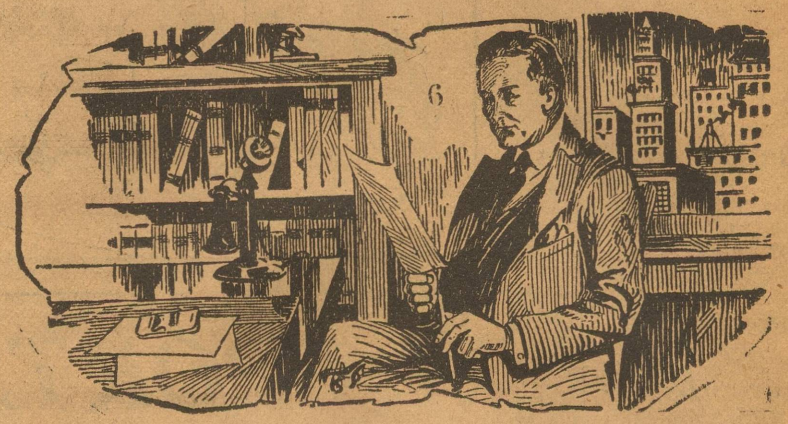
## PYRAMID WAS NOAH'S ARK, SAYS SCIENTIST

By Associated Press.  
LOS ANGELES, June 17.—Noah's ark, built to save human and animal life from the flood of ancient Biblical times, is still extant for all to see, 30,000 years after its construction. This is the belief of Dr. E. C. Getzinger, Egyptologist, now visiting here. His conclusion is based, he declares, on recent discoveries, following thirty-five years of research work, some of the results of which he describes in an address before the Friday Morning club of Los Angeles.

Dr. Getzinger is convinced that the

ark of Noah was not a ship; that it was the great pyramid of Cheops in Egypt. Recent discoveries prove that the pyramids were under the sea for thousands of years, Dr. Getzinger said. Near the top of each of the pyramids, at the same level in a high water line, where a deep niche has been cut into the rock by the lashing of a long-forgotten surf—the flood which inundated the ancient Biblical world, he declared. Dr. Getzinger said research showed the inner passages of the pyramids to be thickly crusted with salt, which, chemical analysis proved, was sea salt.

The South American jaguar is regarded as the most ferocious of the cat tribe in the western hemisphere.



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John Cienzo, under arrest in Philadelphia, was found to be suffering from two bullet wounds. He had a card of the Ward Baking Co. in his pocket, and the police suspected that he was one of the men shot by Walter S. Ward, the baker, in the mysterious fight he declares he had with a blackmailing gang. Cienzo refused to tell how he was wounded.

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