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The bill at the Temple for the week of May 15th, will electrify the gloom and send a warm glow through the frigid. Elizabeth Brice and Charles King head the bill with a musical comedy, "Sari Allen and Ed. Howard present "A Real Pal." Impsig, The incomparable Carl Conjurer, who performed by royal command at Buckingham Palace and before many other of the royal families of Europe, will be well worth the trip to see. Then there are Hormee Wright and Rene Oetrich singers. Claire Vincent and Players in a dramatic sketch, Fritz and Mary Bruch, Cello and violin artists, Nicholas Nelson Troupe and the Temple Topical Review.

GAYETY.

Fred Irwin's Big Show will prove to the people who see it at the Gayety the week of May 15th that the management of this theatre certainly has a taste for good shows that is not to be equaled in Detroit. This show is on a par with those shown on Broadway and you certainly will not be disappointed if you see Fred Irwin's Show.

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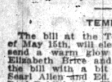

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Voice in the Wilderness.

A minister tells his people that if instead of spending all of Saturday night at the movies they would take their baths they would use Saturday night for the purpose for which the Lord ordained it. A voice in the wilderness.—Houston Post.

Didn't Contemplate Change.

Her Parent—"You must understand, sir, that I want my daughter to have as good a home after marriage as before." Her Suitor—"Well, you're not going to break up housekeeping, are you?"—Boston Transcript.

New Source of Wealth.

Experiments have shown that the Chinese wood oil tree, from the nut of which an oil used in varnishes is obtained, can be successfully grown in northern Florida.

The Difference.

"Light shower" is defined by the Kansas City Star as a thunderstorm just before the ball game. A "cloudburst" is a thunderstorm just before church time.

Can Afford to Laugh.

Some people think it is a great joke on a little man to have a big wife, but if the little man loves his big wife, and she adores him, the joke is on the other folks.

Use for Apple Wood.

Apple wood, used almost exclusively for saw handles, also furnishes material for the large wood type used in printing signs and posters.

Chirography.

School Teacher (to anxious parent) —"Your son is bright, intelligent and getting along in everything but handwriting." Parent—"That is all right; his writing doesn't matter, I am going to make a doctor of him."

Putting on Airs.

"I don't like that man Twobbs." "Why not?"

"Every time I get to arguing with him about the Mexican question, he disconcerts me by pronouncing Villa's name 'Vee-ya.'"

News of the Week Cut Down for Busy Readers

Washington

The senate at Washington passed the good roads bill, carrying $85,000,000 of which $75,000,000 will be available for federal aid to the states during the next five years and $10,000,000 for the construction of roads in the national forests.

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Minority members of the senate commerce committee at Washington denounced the $45,000,000 rivers and harbors appropriation bill as "utterly indefensible," when the country is to be so heavily taxed for the purpose of the preparedness program.

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Despite the fact that there was before them a letter from President Wilson practically demanding the confirmation of Louis D. Brandeis of Boston to be an associate justice of the Supreme court, the members of the senate judiciary committee at Washington failed to set a date for a vote on the question.

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President Wilson in a formal note dispatched from Washington to Berlin has accepted as meeting his demand the announced change in Germany's submarine policy. Coupled with this acceptance is a veiled threat that diplomatic relations will be severed unless the new orders issued by the German admiralty are scrupulously observed.

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The house of representatives at Washington went on record as opposed to increasing the regular army to 250,000. By a vote of 221 to 142 the house instructed its conferees on the army reorganization bill not to agree to the senate proposal for an army of a quarter of a million.

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President Wilson has decided to accept Germany's reply as a compliance with his demand that illegal methods of submarine warfare be abandoned. The danger of an imminent diplomatic break is authoritatively described at Washington as past.

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President Wilson received an important message at Washington from Pope Benedict bearing on the establishment of peace in Europe. The exact nature of the message was not disclosed, but it is understood the pope urged President Wilson to suggest negotiations at once.

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Herbert Putnam, librarian of the congressional library at Washington, dismissed from office Ernest Bruncken, assistant register of the copyright division, for remarks alleged to have been disrespectful to President Wilson's policy.

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All immediate danger of a break between the United States and Germany has disappeared as a result of the latter's compliance with President Wilson's demand in connection with submarine operations. The German government has immediately declared and effected an abandonment of the methods denounced by the president in his semiultimatum of April 18.

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The senate commerce committee at Washington authorized Senator Clarke, chairman, to report favorably the rivers and harbors bill carrying approximately $43,000,000, an increase of about $3,000,000 over the house bill.

Mexican Revolt

In an official statement issued at Mexico City, Minister of Foreign Relations Aguilar charges that the bandits who raided Glen Springs and Boquillas, Tex., last Friday night were organized in the United States, and that the raid was "staged" by enemies of both countries.

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Consul Blocker at Eagle Pass, Tex., reported to the state department at Washington that the two Americans, Deemer and Coy, who were taken away from Glen Springs by Mexicans, have been found with their throats cut.

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The Columbus raid was repeated by raiding Mexicans under the leadership of Colonel Cervantes, a Villa subcommander. Three members of Troop A, Fourteenth cavalry, and one civilian boy are known to have been killed. Six cavalrymen were wounded. Boquillas, Tex., was also invaded and several stores were looted.

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American mining men arriving at El Paso, Tex., declared that five Americans were murdered by Mexican bandits while working their mining claims between Resalio and Mazatlan, Sinaloa. One of the slain men was named Volax, the Americans reported. The names of the other four were not known.

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Notification that the plan of cooperation between the Mexican border region mapped out at the El Paso conference is acceptable to the Washington government was received by General Scott by Secretary Baker.

Foreign

Denial is made at Copenhagen of reports that Denmark has again entered into negotiations with the United States regarding the latter's proposed purchase of islands in the West Indies.

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The British government gave orders for the release of 38 men taken from the American steamship China by a British cruiser while en route from Shanghai to San Francisco.

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Hostilities have commenced at Santo Domingo. Several persons were killed or wounded. A Dominican gunboat bombarded the fort. The situation is critical. Marines were landed from the American converted cruiser Prairie for protection of the American legation.

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James M. Sullivan, former United States minister to Santo Domingo, has been arrested in Dublin in connection with the Sinn Fein uprising. It was announced at the United States embassy at London.

News of the Week Cut Down for Busy Readers

European War News

Lloyd's Shipping Agency announced at London that the steamship Cymric of the White Star line is sinking. The steamer was torpedoed by a German submarine in the Atlantic. There were no passengers on board.

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French troops have recaptured a large part of the ground lost on both banks of the Meuse in a most violent German attack, according to a dispatch from Paris.

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Four more of the leaders in the Irish revolt have been sentenced to death by the Dublin court-martial and executed, according to an official statement issued at London. They were Cornelius Colbert, Edmund Kent, Michael Mallon and J. J. Heuston.

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Countess Georgina Markievicz, one of the prominent figures in the Irish revolt, was sentenced to death at Dublin after her trial by court-martial, but the sentence has been commuted to penal servitude for life.

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The sinking of an allied transport in the Mediterranean by a mine, with the loss of nearly all the 600 Russian troops who were on board is reported at Berlin in advices from Corfu, the Overseas News agency announces.

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Witnesses who testified at an inquiry held at Stockholm regarding the capture of the Danish schooner Olga by a German trawler, declared that the vessel was seized while in Swedish waters.

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Five Austrian aeroplanes bombarded Brindisi, killing four and wounding five patients in a hospital.

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Four more leaders of the Irish rebels have been shot at Dublin. They had been found guilty of treason by a general field court-martial. The victims were: Joseph Plunkett, Edmund Daly, Michael O'Hannahan and William Pearse.

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Two more Zeppelins were destroyed by allied gunfire. One was brought down by one of the British light cruiser squadrons off the Schleswig coast and the other was brought down after a raid on Salonika, according to a dispatch from London, only one of its crew of 30 escaping.

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It is officially announced at Athens that the allies have occupied Florina. Florina is a town about 10,000 population, fifteen miles south and a little east of Monastir, and about sixty miles west of Salonika.

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Three men of the crew of the Zeppelin L-20, wrecked on the Norwegian coast after a raid on Scotland, went to death to prevent Count Zeppelin's secrets from becoming known to foreign governments. Sixteen of the Zeppelin's crew were rescued and interned.

Domestic

The will of Charles W. Harkness, former Standard Oil attorney, filed at New York, divides his $100,000,000 estate between his widow and his brother, Edward S. Harkness.

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Fire in the hold of the Italian steamship San Giovanni destroyed 7,000 bags of refined sugar which had been loaded at New York for transportation to Palermo and Naples.

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Four persons were burned to death and five others seriously injured when the home of D. A. Inman, near Warroad, Minn., was destroyed by fire.

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The Navy league of the United States filed suit in the district supreme court at Washington against Henry Ford for $100,000 damages. The league charges Ford with having published in advertisements in a local newspaper statements of "a libelous and defamatory character."

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President Wilson's conference with Fred B. Lynch of the Democratic national committee, it was learned at Washington, resulted in the president approving the selection of Martin H. Glynn to deliver the keynote address at the Democratic national convention at St. Louis.

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Two lieutenants of the Fifth field artillery were killed and two other officers were injured in an automobile wreck at Fort Sill, Okla. Lieut. Herald S. Naylor and Lieut. Edwin E. Pritchett were killed.

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Fire of undetermined origin started in two of the 12 buildings comprising the $350,000 plant of the Cadillac Chemical company at Cadillac, Mich. The two buildings were destroyed. The loss is estimated at $150,000.

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Robert Fay, a former lieutenant in the German army; Walter Scholz and Paul Daeche, charged with conspiracy to destroy munitions ships through bomb contrivances were found guilty by a jury at New York.

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Eight of the alleged German bomb plotters recently indicted on the charge of conspiring to destroy vessels carrying munitions for the entente allies pleaded not guilty in the federal district court at New York and were placed under heavy bonds.

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Election of officers ended the three-days' meeting here of the National Conservation Congress at Washington. George E. Cronyn, Nebraska state conservation commissioner, was named president.

Diese Abteilung ist für die Familienglieder, welche am liebsten Deutsch lesen.

Vom Schauplatze des europäischen Völkerkrieges.

Am Ostermontag begann ganz plötzlich der Angriff um die irische Freiheit. Ein Freischärler, die 10,000 Mann stark waren, besetzten in ganz kurzer Zeitalle höchst wichtigen Stellen und erklärten die irländischen Hauptstadt, Dublin, einschließlich Postgebäude, Schloß, Four Courts und St. Stephens Green. In den Straßen wurden Barrikaden gebaut, Schützengraben aufgeworfen, Drahtverhaue gelegt und der Kampf entbrannte. Irland wurde zur Republik erklärt und P. Pearce zum Präsidenten ernannt. Trotzdem der Aufstand sich schnell auch auf andere Provinzen ausdehnte, so die Freischärler mit Todesverachtung kämpften, mußte der Kampf doch bald eingestellt werden. Große britische Truppenmassen mit Feldartillerie und Maschinengewehren unterdrückten die Rebellion. Die Führer ergaben sich und wurden sofort nach England genommen, wo sie durch kurzen Prozeß vom Kriegsgericht verurteilt und wenige Stunden darauf erschossen wurden.

Die Bedeutung der irischen Erhebung hängt nicht von deren Ausgange ab. Mag sie auch blutig unterdrückt werden sein, die Tatsache bleibt bestehen, daß England, während es den Kampf um seinen Vorbestand als Weltmacht führt, im eigenen Hause keine Ruhe zu halten vermochte. So sehr nun ein glücklicher Ausgang seines Befreiungsversuches Irland zu wünschen wäre, so wenig kann man ihn ihm verkreiden. Es ist ja nicht der erste Versuch. 1591 Aufstand von Grangern unterdrückt, erst 1602 unterdrückt. Im Jahre 1641 Plate eine weitere Erhebung gegen die Engländer. Durch drei Jahre, 1649—1652, blutige Unterdrückung des Aufstandes, durch den Diktator Cromwell. Trotzdem wurde die Insel tatsächlich unterjocht. 1798 und 1800 Aufstand unter Jakob II. mit französischen Hilfstruppen und lange Jahre hindurch geheime Verschwörungen mit blutigen Gewaltsaten. 1796 abermals Aufstand unter Beihilfe von 25,000 Franzosen; 1798 neue Aufstände und Erhebung derselben in Blut. Auch Mitte des vorigen Jahrhunderts Gewalttätigkeit. Bevorstehend usw. Aber der Geist der Freiheit lebt weiter und eines Tages wird auch Irland vom Joche Englands befreit.

Letzte Woche berichteten wir, daß die Lage der Townshend Armee in stat el-Amara kritisch war. Tatsächlich hatte der General sich schon erschöpfen die dieser Armee unseren Lesern unterbreitet wurde. General Townshend hatte die Stadt 143 Tage lang gegen den Ansturm der Türken gehalten. Mangel an Lebensmitteln und die Hymnenlichkeit einer Hilfe von außen zwangen ihn dann zur Übergabe. 13,000 Mannschaften, darunter vier Generäle, 240 britische Offiziere und 270 indische Offiziere, fielen den Türken als Gefangene in die Hände.

Vermutlich hatte Townshend noch einige Tage aushalten können, wenn es gelungen wäre, ihm Nahrungsmittel zuzuführen. Nachdem aber die Türken ein den Tigris herauffahrendes Schiff mit solchen versenkt hatten, war diese Hoffnung vorüber und die Uebergabe mußte erfolgen. Für die Briten besonders beschämend ist, daß das Entsatzheer seit Wochen nur einige 20 Meilen von Kut lag, aber durch die verzüglichen Stellungen der Türken nicht durchzubrechen vermochte. Als 1904 die Expedition Townshend vom Persischen Golf aus den Tigris hinauftrug, wurde ihre Zahl auf 50,000 Mann angegeben, aber sie ist wahrscheinlich kleiner gewesen, vielleicht nur 35,000; die Verluste durch Schlachten und das tückische Klima müssen enorm gewesen sein.

Im Dezember 1915 hatte Townshend beinahe Bagdad erreicht, als er 18 Meilen davon, bei Ctesiphon, eine schwere Niederlage erlitt, sich nach Kut zurückziehen mußte und dort eingeschlossen wurde.

Nur durch drahtlose Telegraphie war er noch mit der Außenwelt verbunden. Ständig fanden Gefechte zwischen den Briten und den Türken statt, aber letztere blieben die Sieger, auch als eine Entsatzarmee den Tigris hinaufkam. Die Gesamtverluste der Engländer in dem ganzen mesopotamischen Feldzuge müssen 25,000 überschritten haben. Wie auf Gallipoli, wurden diese Truppen einem Anfang an falsch berechneten Feldzuge geopfert, der, übereilt, kaum ein gutes Resultat hätte haben können. Denn daß nun der Feldzug endgültig für die Türken gewonnen ist, bedarf keiner weiteren Erläuterung.

Ein nicht zu unterschätzender Fortschritt liegt darin, daß keine Nationen mehr zu finden sind, die für England die Kastanien aus dem Feuer holen wollen.

Die belagerten Ver. Staaten.

Die Klagen werden häufiger und lauter, daß die amerikanische Industrie sich in einem höchst gefährdeten Zustande befindet, weil entweder die Rohstoffe unerschwinglich teuer werden oder völlig ausbleiben. Daß der Krieg das verschuldet, wäre eine ebenso oberflächliche, wie irreführende Erklärung. Wir können trotz des Krieges die Waren, deren wir bedürfen, erlangen, wenn die Industrie des Landes uns entschädigen. Ihre Kräfte blieben unter Land, als wenn sie mit diesem im Kriege stünden und kaufen alle Waren, die aus den verbündeten Ländern stammen und es sind das Waren, die wir selbst nicht herzustellen vermögen und ohne welche die Industrie nichts fabrizieren kann. Zumeist sind es Chemikalien. Diese spielen bekanntlich im modernen Fabrikbetrieb eine sehr wichtige Rolle. Tatsächlich gibt es sehr wenige Industrien, die nicht der in Deutschland hergestellten chemischen Präparate bedürfen und wenn diese ausbleiben, sind die übrigen Rohstoffe wertlos. Deswegen haben bereits eine Anzahl Fabriken ihren Bankerott angekündigt, weil sie durch das Ausbleiben der deutschen Chemikalien, deren Bezug nicht fortgesetzt konnten, und es liegt heute doch auf der Hand, daß diese Ursache eine Massen-Bankerott erzeugt, als wenn wir uns in einer großen Eisenbahnunfall befinden.

Diese Blockierung des amerikanischen Handels geht noch weiter und gestattet sich zu einer besonders sündlichen Handlung dadurch, daß uns auch nicht gestattet wird, Waren aus unserem eigenen Lande nach neutralen Ländern und nach den Ländern der deutschen Verbündeten zu schicken. Für das Erstere ist überhaupt eine Rechtfertigung nicht denkbar, da es gegen alles Völkerrecht verstößt, den Handel zwischen neutralen Ländern zu unterbinden und das Letztere ist ebenfalls nicht gerechtfertigt, so lange keine sichtbare Blockade besteht. Das Resultat ist Dennoch, daß wir von den Alliierten in einer Weise behandelt werden, als wenn sie Nicht-Feinde wären.

Geldbarer Bankten Verlust.

Je schlechter es den Alliierten ergeht, desto stärker wird der Zudrang der reichen Amerikaner, die ihr Geld den Alliierten leihen helfen, und das sie bei einem entscheidenden Siege Deutschlands und Oesterreich-Ungarns zu verlieren fürchten, auf die Kommissionen und reiende Kriegsgewinnlerdiebe. Desto stärker auch die Angst aller begeisterten Britenfreunde und desto dringender ihr Wunsch, an Seite der Alliierten in den Krieg einzutreten. Die Finanzkreise wollen das von ihnen Dargeliehene durch Amerikas Frauenkraft gesichert sehen, und hoffen mit den übrigen Britenfreunden, durch den Eintritt der Vereinigten Staaten in den Kampf, den Krieg so zu verlängern, daß trotz aller Waffenerfolge Deutschlands schließlich nachgeben müßt.

Die meistsprachige Kompagnie.

Die meistsprachige Kompagnie von allen Heeren der Welt, und dabei wohl einzigartig in dieser Sonderbarkeit besteht sich in der Schweizer Armee. Es sind die 1. Kompagnie des Gebirgsgrenzer Füsilierbataillons. In dieser Kompagnie werden nicht weniger als sechs Sprachen von der Mannschaft gesprochen, nämlich Italienisch, Französisch, Deutsch, Romanisch und verschiedene Mundarten dieser Sprachen. Die Hauptsprache, in der die Kommandos erteilt werden, ist Deutsch, und wenn alle auch diese Kommandos verstehen, so nimmt doch außer diesen Kommandoworten viele kein Wort Deutsch.

Amerika's Kupferproduktion.

Washington. Infolge der durch den europäischen Krieg verursachten ungeheuren Nachfrage ist die Kupferproduktion in den Ver. Staaten auf mehr als zweitausend Millionen Pfund gestiegen. Nach einer Zusammenstellung des geologischen Bureaus der Regierung, welche soeben bekannt gegeben wurde, beträgt die gesamte Kupfergewinnung für 1915 2,028,000,000 Pfund. Die Produktion der Schmelzwerke erreichte eine Höhe von 1,888,000,000 Pfund im Werte von $242,900,000 zum Durchschnittspreise von 17.5 Cents das Pfund.

Trotz der Not, die infolge der nun mehr schon fünf Jahre dauernden Revolution in Mexiko herrschen muß, haben die dort wohnenden Deutschen 28,000 Mark für die Unterstützung der Witwen und Waisen deutscher Krieger nach Deutschland senden können. Das verdient sicherlich hohe Anerkennung.

Paris vertraut auf die französischen Kanonen. Auch Antwerpen hatte sich auf seine Kanonen verlassen!!

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St. Louis—Dr. Albert Herzog, of Plainfield, N. J., is held for investigation by federal authorities, the result of Benjamin Schwartz and L. E. Winkler, electricians, informing the police that Herzog had offered them employment in an aerial bomb factory on the Pacific coast with wages at $6 a day. They declared Herzog assured them they later would be made lieutenants in the army of the country for which the bombs were being made.

Mexico City—The fifty-fourth anniversary of the battle of Puebla, commemorating the victory of the Mexicans over the French, in 1862, was celebrated Friday as a national holiday. Gen. Carranza and the members of his cabinet attended ceremonies in the San Fernando cemetery over the tomb of Benito Juarez.

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Amsterdam—"The Dutch Navy league learns, it is announced in Vienna, that the Austrian army alone fired 15,000,000,000 infantry cartridges and 12,000,000 shells in the first 17 months of the war. This number of cartridges is 500 times as many as those used by the Germans in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71, while the number of shells is 14 times as great.

New York—Enrico Caruso left New York on board the steamship Espagna, of the French line, to return to his native Italy, there to offer his services as a soldier in the Italian army now fighting the Central powers. Mr. Caruso was in excellent spirits and said that whether he returned here the coming of autumn or not depended on the state of the war.

Used a Trailer.

We see many farmers' machines with home-made boxes for hauling cream, eggs, etc. The other day we saw a farmer driving through town with a "trailer" hitched onto his car. It was a flat-bottomed truck, with low metal wheels, and it seemed to follow the car without any trouble.

Tire Business Big.

It is estimated that American automobile tire manufacturers are producing approximately 15,000,000 automobiles and truck tires annually.