

418-YEAR-OLD  
JOB FINISHEDCanal Started by Louis XIII  
Is Completed.NEA Service  
MARSEILLES, France, Nov. 6.—The last rocks that kept the water from the Mediterranean Sea out of the Rhone-to-Marseilles Canal, have been removed, completing a project that dates back 418 years.

It was when Richelieu was minister to Louis XIII that plans were first put forward for the digging of this canal.

There was too much religious strife in the country at that time, however, to permit France's rulers to give attention to the project.

Richelieu and Louis XIII died and other rulers came and went before the proposition again was brought up. This time, in 1820, actual plans were drafted. But they were搁置 until 1903 when the construction was authorized. Actual work was started in 1911.

The canal is eighty-one miles long, and cost 216,000,000 francs.

## PREHISTORIC SURGERY

LONDON.—The skull of a Neanderthal man of 40,000 years ago shows that the delicate operation of trepanning was performed in those days. The skull shows that holes were cut in the forehead long before the owner died.

## 86 YEARS IN HOUSE

By NEA Service  
MUNCIE, Ind., Nov. 6.—Wallace Hibbits, wealthy retired flour mill owner, died at the age of 86 the other day, having lived all his life in the same house in which he was born.

The city built up close all around the old home, but Hibbits refused to sell the property at any price.

## 42 PIGS IN SIX MONTHS

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 6.—J. J. Sheehan, a Kansas farmer, owns a sow worth her weight in gold, he says. Last spring the sow farrowed twenty-four pigs. Then the latter part of August she added eighteen more, making 42 pigs in less than six months.

## PLATINUM AUTO.

BOSTON.—A solid platinum, diamond-studded automobile which was made in France is now on display in a Boston jewelry shop.

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WEATHER DATATrunks Tell Many Tales to  
Botanists.By NEA Service  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—Botanists now believe they can tell what kind of weather the ancients were having at any season of the year 1,000 years ago.

And this bit of information is not

obtained from any records of men either, as folk back in those days did not have a weather man.

Botanists get their information from trees.

When a tree is cut down its age can be found by counting the number of rings between the heart and the bark.

Each ring represents one year of growth, and botanists say they can tell by looking at a tree trunk, growing in the days of Caesar, whether the season was late in a certain year, or whether the season was dry, or wet, simply by studying the thickness and consistency of the wood fiber of the circle of that corresponding year.

MCQUIGG IS DIRECTOR  
By NEA Service  
CHICAGO, Nov. 6.—The appointment of John R. McQuigg, national commander of the American Legion,

to the directorate of the Gorgas Memorial Institute was announced to-day by Dr. Franklin Martin, chairman of the board of the institute.

"Commander McQuigg's decision

to serve with leading physicians and surgeons who are devoting their efforts to a more healthy nation is especially gratifying," said Dr. Martin. He is the direct representative of more than 7,000,000 men who were called to the colors during the World War and physically examined under the supervision of the late Surgeon-General Gorgas.

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