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On File

200 years

Curious

Professor Wolfe, of Peterburgh, has invented a universal language, destitute of words, that immediately expresses the ideas, and fills the imagination with images and perceptions.

It does not take up a fifth of the space of any known language and can easily be taught in any country where there are Jews, Turks, or Christians, or where the Bible or the Koran is read.

It is not unpleasant to the ear; has no irregularities, no declensions, and only one extremely simple conjugation. Proper names of persons and places may be accurately expressed by it, without the help of words or letters, and it may be commonly read from left to right, or right to left at pleasure.

The German journal that mentions this interesting discovery has raised the curiosity of all the philologists in Europe. (Kentish Gazette, January 4, 1791)

100 years

Music

An audience number-

ing about 600 attended the entertainment given at the Music Hall on Saturday evening and the promoters of the happy idea — launched through the medium of the Canterbury Chamber of Trade — of giving free Christmas entertainment to the working people of the city are to be congratulated.

(Kentish Gazette, January 3, 1891)

75 years

Esteem

Interesting Presentation at Bridge: There was a pleasant gathering at the school on the 24th when Miss Wye was presented with a purse of gold, subscribed for by the managers, scholars (past and present), parents and friends, as a token of esteem and appreciation of her 44 years work as headmistress of the infants' school.

The presentation was made by the Vicar (Rev H. Knight), who spoke most highly of Miss Wye's work, as testified by the uniformly excellent reports of inspectors eulogising her skill as a teacher and her tact in the management of the little ones to whom she had been a second mother.

(Kentish Gazette, January 1, 1916)

50 years

Riddled

A passenger train in the South East was machine-gunned on Tuesday afternoon by a German raider which attacked from a height of 200-300 feet.

Carriages were riddled with bullets but fortunately there were only a few passengers and all escaped but one man who was wounded in the face. At the next stop he was taken by ambulance to hospital.

(Kentish Gazette, January 4, 1941)

25 years

Moat point

A last-ditch battle to save the moat beside the City Wall at the Dane John is being fought by the Canterbury Society.

The Minister of Housing and Local Government (Mr Richard Crossman) is being asked to refuse to allow the moat to be used for the second stage of Canterbury's proposed Ring Road when he looks at the recent review of the City's Development Plan.

(Kentish Gazette, January 7, 1966)