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WASHINGTON POLITICAL GOSSIP

Evidently there is not that harmonious feeling in the ranks of the democrats in congress over the plans of the president, that one is led to believe from the carefully prepared press reports emanating from the white house. When such open comments as the following are heard in public places at the capital, it would almost appear that a revolt was imminent:

"The trip of the president is over and I do not think he has won a single member of congress over to his plan of preparedness," said a democratic member talking to a group of his colleagues. "We have ninety democrats who are opposed to this military program of President Wilson, and so far as I know, there is not a faltering member in our ranks. When this matter comes up for consideration, I am confident every one of these men will stand firm, for we all believe we are battling for a principle. The speeches of the president which often bordered on the hysterical, have not stirred the American people so far as I have been able to learn. I think the American people have got the idea pretty well into their heads that this was a political junket on the part of the president, and they have refused to be 'fired up' by his beautiful rhetoric or his catchy expressions. This meeting we had in Washington during his absence, which was a protest against his plans and his methods, was mighty significant. The great theatre where it was held was picked to the doors and I think the enthusiasm and sentiment that was back of us on that that occasion radiates the views of the great army of democrats all over the country."

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Tomorrow, the 22nd of February, it is scarcely necessary to state, is the anniversary of the birthday of George Washington, and will be appropriately and otherwise celebrated throughout the nation. He was born at Bridges Creek, Westmoreland county, Virginia, on this date (new style) in 1732, and would be 184 years of age were he alive today. Through the death of his only brother without other heirs, he inherited all his estate which was large enough to make him one of the richest men in America, when to this was added the estate of his wife to whom he was married at the age of twenty-seven. As every school child knows, he was the commanding military figure of the Revolutionary War, and after its close was elected the first president of the United States, serving two terms and refusing the third. During his second term he faced some of the difficulties of the present day president in maintaining neutrality. France and England were then at war and the sympathy of a great portion of the country was with France, owing to the help given us during our struggle with Britain. The French minister, Genet, became so openly offensive, that notwithstanding the friendliness of the people, he demanded his recall. George Washington died on December 14th, 1799.

SUPREME COURT HOLDS MINE PROFITS TAXABLE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The supreme court held today that the profits taken from a mine were taxable, even though they reduced the actual physical value of the mines. This decision sustains the government's contention, further sustaining the validity of the income tax law.

VICTOR INNES AND WIFE LOSE CASE BEFORE SUPREME COURT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Victor Innes and wife, of Portland, Ore., lost in the supreme court their fight to postpone extradition to Atlanta for trial in connection with the disappearance of Beatrice Nelms, and appearance of Beatrice Nelms, and Eloise Nelms-Dennis. They were first arrested near Eugene and taken from there to Texas.

Utin Agin On Act BEAUTY CHATS

STRICKLAND W. GILLILAN
The Spur-Of-The-Moment Speech
He can just get up and rattle 'em off.
As easy as kiss-my-hand!
"No can talk as fluent as some folks do."
He surely can beat the band!"
I've heard this said of a lot of geeks
As I've wandered hither and yon,
It's always some chap who "im-promptu" speaks
And makes a hit with his con.

But I happen to know (no matter how)
That the guy with the ready gab
Would be as dumb as a tongue-tied cow
If he didn't boldly grab
Back into the files of his memory
For story and former speech
From which with a cluster of verbiage, he
Could conjure his little preach.

It seems like a shame to betray the craft
And tell how the thing is done,
But the speech-making game is an easy graft—
As witness the Peerless One!
Now here is the truth in a lump displayed—
"The neither less nor more,"
"Extemporaneous" speeches" are made
A long, long time before!

Finnish Philosophy
If half th' brains in th' country wurked at wan half their capacity, there wud be tin times as much thinkin' done as they is at present.

He Was Up-To-Date
"Son, haven't you brought in that coal for mother yet?"
"No, and I won't do it unless I'm conscripted."

From the effect of that operation on the Slandered Oil Company, we wish to goodness some one would dissolve us!

Musically speaking, one would like to know sometimes on what insurance companies base their trebling of rates.

The only way one can get "everybody crazy about him" is to go and board in an insane hospital.

At The Information Bureau
"What time does the next train go to Farmington?"
"Three o'clock."
"You don't waste much courtesy in the tone of your voice, do you, Bud?"

"No. When you look in the dictionary for the meaning of a word, do you expect the dictionary to smile and bow and say it's a nice day, after it has answered your question?"
"No, I do not. But one knows a dictionary isn't human, and one still has one's suspicions that maybe you are."

The Turtle Liar
The country liar, when through the air
The lies of others 'gin to hurtle,
Proceeds to spin one, then and there,
Aunt the age of some old turtle.

Traded Jobs
It has recently been announced that the former head of the Russian Nihilistic organization is now one of the leading army aviators of the Russian army.
In other words, while he was once trying to send the Czar sky-high he now submits cheerfully to having the Czar return the compliment.

Figure It Per Capita
One woman, alone and unaided in her calculations, has found that the effect of the war will be:
(a) To make women proportionately plentier, therefore cheaper.
(b) To make so many lines of work depend on her services, that she will be more indispensable.
(c) To make more unmarried women, which is a disadvantage.
(d) That this will be a social advantage (doesn't explain how, probably because).
(e) To form a "new sex" of emancipated women who will be friendly to each other instead of stinging each other like a bee at every opportunity.

Now all these things have been found out by just one (count her) woman. Suppose two or three of them had been working at it!

Simon Caro celebrated his birthday yesterday with a dinner party at the Umquqa. No matter how many of those events are recorded, Simon doesn't seem to get any older.

The dance of the Leap Year Stepping club will be held on tomorrow night in the new Armory, and all members are advised that there will be a good time.

G. W. Burnett, the well known auto sales agent for the Ford and other autos, will celebrate his birthday tomorrow, and that is the reason, he says, that his initials are G. W.

Mrs. Philippa Tuttil, a late arrival at Melrose, was this morning found dead in her bed by her son, with whom she was living. The family only recently moved from Mapleton, Oregon. The funeral will be held at Melrose tomorrow at 11 o'clock, Rev. Eaton officiating. Interment will take place in the Melrose cemetery.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Thompson, of South Roseburg, on Monday, February 21, a 9½-lb. boy.

BEAUTY CHATS

EDNA KENT FORBES
The Smile Cure
Will you smile for me? No, I am not speaking to a child whom I wish to have perform for me, but to you, in the interests of your own good looks.



A smile is the cure for most daily ills

Smile! Go to a mirror, stand there looking at yourself critically. Then smile. You will lose several years in an instant. And the reason is simple and logical—a youthful face has full cheeks and a mouth with corners upturned. So has yours when you smile. When you allow a sour expression to replace the sweet

one, the mouth droops most lugubriously at the corners, the cheeks sag, wrinkles suggest themselves—and age is writing itself across your entire face.

The smile is the cure. It plumps the face, makes the mouth appealing—it is something no man can resist—something no woman can, for that matter.

You cannot frown and smile at one and the same time, it is a physical impossibility. Therefore, the smile is both wrinkle destroyer and wrinkle preventer. You cannot smile and hold unpleasant thoughts—and if your mind is filled with cheerful, happy ideas, you are a blessing to all who are with you.

The smile is the cure! Try it—see how much prettier you are and how much more you are liked. Besides this, the smile, carefully cultivated, will add to your general health.

If you were studying stenography, you would spend many days of hard work over it. If you wanted to make yourself proficient in anything at all, you would not grudge the time it took to prepare yourself for it. Why then should you begrudge the time it takes to cultivate beauty?

Questions and Answers
Will you please send me a remedy for scurvy on the hand and oblige.—A Subscriber.
Reply—There are several acids that come that eat on these annoying marks, but you had better get a doctor to prescribe something. An acid strong enough to take off a wart may hurt the skin if applied by an amateur.
I have an unusually oily skin, very muddy. Cold cream only makes it worse. Will you send me something to clear it up?—Little Marie.
Reply—If you will send a stamped, self-addressed envelope, I will mail the recipe of a cold cream that will clear your skin without adding to its oily look. Also, a recipe to make a lotion that will dispel the blackheads.

Health Talks

BY WILLIAM BRADY, M.D.

Non-Surgical Treatment Of Goitre

AT LEAST seventy-five per cent. of the cases of exophthalmic goitre are curable by non-surgical measures, declares an eminent Philadelphia diagnostician.
There is of late years a growing tendency to subject patients with exophthalmic goitre to operation. Surgeons claim that less than five per cent. of the cases operated on succumb—but a "successful" operation is of course not always a cure of the disease. An operation, too often, is considered a success if the patient leaves the hospital in due time, after what is called an "uneventful recovery."

Some cases of exophthalmic goitre recover spontaneously, without any treatment. Some cases recover after several years of intermittent treatment. Some cases recover only after weeks of confinement to bed. And some cases must be subjected to operation as a life-saving measure.
If we had exophthalmic goitre we should sidestep surgery until non-surgical treatment carried out through a period of at least six months proved futile.

Against operation are these contingencies:
1. The possibility of post-operative myxedema (due to the want of sufficient thyroid secretion).
2. The mortality rate, which is several times as great as that of appendicitis.

2. The fact that the majority of cases will recover without surgery, if treatment is persisted in for a reasonable length of time.
In favor of operation are these points:
1. The prompt relief of hyperthyroidism, or poisoning by the excessive thyroid secretion.
2. The conservation of the patient's energy—a very important consideration in severe cases.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Color Blindness
Is color blindness hereditary or can it be acquired through disease of the eyes?
Answer—It is hereditary. About one in every twenty-five males and one in every two hundred females are color blind. Color blind males do not transmit the defect to male children, but to female children's sons.

Antiseptic Tooth Pastes
Is it necessary that a tooth-paste be antiseptic?
Answer—No. In fact the best dentists assert that antiseptics tend to injure the normal mucous membrane, and should not be habitually used. If antiseptics are needed for any particular purpose, let the dentist or physician prescribe a suitable one.

Eye Strain and Headache
In reply to our recent request for detailed experience from wearers of glasses the vote stands about even. Some correspondents declare themselves discouraged, while others have found complete relief from headaches through well-fitted glasses. The gentles have a big lead over the opticians, but the vote is not complete as yet, so hope we must give due credit to the well-known fact that a cured patient is ungrateful, and hence unlikely to bother about writing of his experience.

Will Miss E. G. please send stamped, addressed envelope for private reply?

CAPT. BUCHANAN AGREES WITH NEWS EDITORIAL

Editor News:
I wish to thank you for your editorial on the state militia in your issue of the 19th. You express the right views and display the true American spirit. A few of us have seen the need of national preparedness for many years. We have not only advocated it, but have also spent our valuable time to set the right example. A majority of the men in the National Guard are there from purely patriotic motives.

It should never have been possible to use the National Guard for strike or riot duty. Those things should be handled entirely by the civil authorities. And now since it has been assured that the coast artillery companies can not be used for that purpose, it ought to remove the objections, and a great deal of the prejudice that has existed against the guard.

Even though the fourth company has never received the support it should have received from the community, it has remained and is now in fine condition. As you say, we are anxious to make as good a showing as possible at the federal inspection on March 9, and would se-

cept about ten recruits. But they must be honest, reliable, patriotic American men, over 18 years of age. The wussy kind, those who want to shirk their responsibilities or shift them upon the shoulders of others, booze-fighters or rough-necked need not apply.

J. A. BUCHANAN.
Miss Rose Cracroft has accepted a position at the Royal Bakery and will begin her duties Monday morning.

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Bed Time Tales

Dickey's Joke
Dickey looked sleepy—there could be no doubt of that. And he certainly did not approve of folks coming into his room when he was ready to go to sleep.

He peeked out from behind the bars of his heavy little brass cage and blinked sleepily at the intruder, as much as to say, "Can't you let a cunary sleep when it's asleep? I've been singing my little song; I think you can't hear still and let me go to sleep now."

But nobody paid the slightest attention to his protest.
The children started playing a game in the corner, one of the girls played on the piano which the father tucked at one.

"No noise," sighed Dickey, but he peeped his face out from his cage and looked on at the children who were so busy that they didn't seem to notice him.

But Dickey was not alone! And though he blinked his eyes and tried his best to keep them open, he couldn't resist himself; he wanted to be asleep.

"By golly, that's funny! So every cunary has to be sleepy!" "That's right," said the mother, who was sitting on the edge of the bed, "but I don't think you can hear it yet. You'll hear it when you wake up, I might as well say so."

And then he thought of something. Why not sing a little song that they would have to take him away?
Just the thing!

So he set to work to wake himself up. He took two or three breaths of air; he hopped around in his cage so that he could get his feet under him and then he began to sing.

He stood quietly on his middle perch and just let that song come out of his throat! The children over in their corner stopped playing—because they couldn't hear what each other said anyway. The girl at the

piano brought her place to an end in a hurry and the grown folks stopped talking and put their hands to their ears.
"Take him away!" cried father, "I can't hear myself think!"

He stopped around in his cage to stir up his enthusiasm and then he began to sing
"Do put the bird in another room!" maintained mother.
So somebody picked up Dickey's cage and took him out to another room where there was a comfortable darkness.
"That worked," sighed Dickey, as his cage was set down on a table. "I'm glad I thought of something to do. But aren't folks queer? When I want to sleep, they want to stay up and talk; and when I sing, they send me out where I can sleep! Never mind, though, I've found what will fool them. So the next time I want to sleep, I'll just play a slanging joke on them!" And Dickey pulled his left foot up among his soft feathers and went to sleep.
To-morrow—Hilfer Flying Squirrel Learns Something

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