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FRANCE'S RECONSTRUCTION.

Many citizens of the United States continue to grumble at Europe for being slow to get back on its feet. The latest report of the French commission on reconstruction in the war area indicates that Europe is not so slow, after all.

Seven million acres of agricultural land were made unutilized by the devastation of war. The land was scarred and torn by high explosive shells. It looked as if it could not be made fit for production of food for many years. Yet in a little over two years after the armistice France has restored 6,720,000 acres of that land, and will now it to seed this spring. About 4,000,000 acres were ready a year ago and bore large crops last summer which were almost enough to supply the national demand for cereals.

Of the 1800 miles of railroads which were destroyed, and in some sections completely obliterated, all but a few miles have been rebuilt and are in operation. The daily average of freight cars loaded on these roads rose from 26,933 in the spring of 1920 to 35,612 in the fall.

Half of the wrecked and destroyed coal mines are in operation and are producing nearly 50 per cent of their normal output. France's woolen mills formerly operated 1,000,000 spindles. Now 550,000 of them are again spinning. More than 400 out of 478 textile mills have resumed operation, while 98,884 persons are re-employed in them where 146,000 worked formerly.

The courage and resourcefulness shown in this rapid recovery and the successful reconstruction work accomplished so far do not lessen the severity and wickedness of the original devastation. The war years remain a total loss. Complete restoration is far from accomplished. Yet the fact remains that in both France and Belgium the people and the government have shown surprising energy, determination and pluck in turning their backs on the war and pressing ahead with reconstruction.

WHEREIN EUPHONY IS JUSTIFIED.

Scene: The house of representatives, Washington, discussing a bill for the sale of desert lands.

Mr. Mann, of Illinois: Really, what excited my curiosity was this: The existing law provides that no person shall be entitled to make entry of desert land "except" he be a resident citizen.

Now, the word "except" may not have been the better word to use. I do not know. But the distinguished committee on the public lands, or the distinguished senate, whoever it was, struck out "except" and inserted "unless." As these gentlemen are students of languages, I desire to know the distinction between "except" he be a resident citizen, and "unless he be a resident citizen." There must be some reason for the change of this language. Just how far-reaching that may be in its effect I do not know, and therefore I make the inquiry.

Mr. Sinnott: I would assume that it was the purpose of another body that we are not permitted to mention here.

Mr. Mann, of Illinois: Oh, yes; you can mention them.

Mr. Sinnott: Having used the word "except" in the third line previous, they used "unless" here for euphony.

Mr. Mann, of Illinois: "Euphony" is a good word, and I have nothing further to say.—The Nation's Business.

A movement is on foot in Boston to establish departments in some of the large stores which shall be entirely in charge of blind salespeople and managers, who have been carefully chosen and trained for this work. While the opening up of new avenues for the activities of the blind is the chief object of the undertaking, it has another hardly less important. This is the education of the public to a better appreciation of the abilities of the blind. "There are all classes of workers among these people as among all workers," says one director of the movement. "Among them are a large number mentally equipped to handle almost anything. We wish the employing public to get rid of the idea of associating an applicant with charitable organizations or caring chairs, and give him or her a trial on merit solely. This will be purely a business proposition, and we have great expectations of the results." Every day the blind reach out for wider opportunities and prove themselves equal to those which offer. Neither error nor prejudice should deter the public from such co-operation as will insure them a fair trial at any employment which they choose to undertake.

See European Collapse In Dismemberment of Germany

By WEBB MILLER

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

LONDON.—(By Mail).—All Europe is watching with intense interest the next step toward dismemberment of the German Empire, namely, an election that takes place in mid-March in Upper Silesia, to determine whether this immensely rich coal district remains German or becomes Polish.

Today a whirlwind campaign is taking place in Upper Silesia between German and Polish partisans. It is accompanied by murder, corruption funds used on a huge scale and banditry. Human life is bought and sold. The price for a grown man is 60,000 marks—\$72 in American money.

European opinion is sharply divided on the question. Among the allied nations there are grave differences of opinion on the justice and advisability of depriving Germany of the rich coal resources of Upper Silesia. Cur-tailment of German coal supplies, now secured from this region, would seriously cripple Germany's ability to pay indemnity.

Broadly speaking, there are three distinct viewpoints in Europe regarding Upper Silesia:

Poland, with French support, is doing everything in her power to capture the region. The Warsaw government for two years has conducted a world propaganda campaign endeavoring to show that while German money and industrial genius developed Upper Silesia, today controlling the economic wealth of the province, the population, on the other hand, is preponderantly Polish. Further, the Poles declare that without coal from Upper Silesia their country cannot prosper; cannot recover from the immense damages sustained during the great war.

France, in giving Poland support, is following her policy of striving for

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The Chamber of Commerce is now functioning in Roseburg. In fact, has been doing so for a long period of time. Last night's gathering was evidence that there is a decided interest in the activities of this organization. It's now up to the people to assist in carrying on the good work that has been outlined—don't make the board of directors the "goat." Without the loyal support of every live citizen in the old town their efforts will amount to naught. When once a definite program is outlined and put into shape to accomplish a certain purpose, it is up to the people of Roseburg to help carry it out. It's a mighty hard job for a half-dozen energetic citizens to carry a load that should be partly borne by the entire community.

Here's for a bigger, better and more prosperous Roseburg.

Hit her up for the old home town.

MICKIE SAYS

LISSEN HERE, OLE TOP! YOU MAY MANAGE TO WAGGLE ALONG O.K. WITHOUT BY READING 'T' PAPER. BUT HOW 'BOUT SOMEBODY, BUT HOW 'BOUT VER WIFE? SHE LIKES TO READ 'T' PAPER TOO!



the dismemberment of Germany, in order to weaken her gigantic enemy across the Rhine that ravaged northern France during the great war, and that imposed a crushing treaty on France in 1870, at the same time wresting Alsace-Lorraine from French control.

Germany's viewpoint is briefly explained. Every German views with alarm the French move for partition of the Fatherland, and, in the case of Upper Silesia, giving a rich province to Poland, a country of low cultural development. By a provision of the Versailles treaty, Germany is permitted to assist former Upper Silesians, now living in Germany, back to their native land for the forthcoming election. Some 200,000 of these "emigrants" will vote obviously against Poland.

Liberal opinion in England views with alarm the separation of Upper Silesia from Germany. They see in such a move an impoverishment of Germany that will absolutely forbid payment of war indemnity. Further, they see a dangerous continuation of the present collapse of Europe.

"Europe," the liberals declare, "is like an egg; it cannot be partly good and partly rotten." Today the industrial collapse of Europe has reached disastrously on England, being largely the cause of 1,500,000 unemployed in the British Isles and one of the worst trade depressions in all history.

"The world can recover only as a unit. France cannot prosper by the impoverishment of Germany," the British liberals declare. "Dismemberment of Germany; the separation of Upper Silesia and the looting off of Bavaria and the Ruhr district, all three of which France is working, would be the crowning disaster. It would mean the complete disintegration of Europe."

MUSICAL SMILES FROM HERE AND THERE

When there is music in the air, we all are blithe and gay; and when we read bright "Topics" jokes, it works the self same way. If it were not for music, to what strains would we dance? Likewise, 'tis musical accompaniment that to singers gives a chance. No matter what the instrument that person chanced to play; good music adds joy to living, as do "Topics of the Day" (films). Now, some music is a bit of a kind we all enjoy; and some tunes are most hurtful in the way that they annoy. But funny words make many a song to register a hit; so that is why, dear readers, "Topics" jokes we now submit.

Young woman: (entering music store).—"Have you 'Kissed me in the Moonlight'?"

Clerk:—"I don't think so, I am new here. Maybe it was the other man."—Fl. Williams Times-Journal (Canada).

"Why do you allow your daughter to bang the piano so hard?"

"I'm hoping she'll either sprain her wrist or bust the instrument."—Boston Transcript.

Tionette:—"I hear there was lots of music up at Nellie's house last night."

Tony:—"Yes! Charlie proposed and gave her a brass band."—Itutgers.

"I am moved by the sound of music," said young Phathead as the clock struck eleven.

"Let me play you something," said Miss Uplate with sudden eagerness.—Jack Canuk, Toronto, (Canada.)

Tim:—"A pretty girl is like a melody."

Jim:—"Yes, I saw one the other night that looked pretty sharp, and she knocked me flat, so I sent her a note."

Jim:—"What did she say?"

Jim:—"Oh, she told me not to play around."—California Pelican.

Teenie:—"Agnes always finds out something to harp on."

Bessie:—"Yes, I only hope she'll be as fortunate in the next world."—N. Y. U. Alumnus.

"Bobby, I see your music teacher coming. Have you washed your face and hands?"

"Yes'm."

"And your ears?"

"Well Ma, I washed the one that will be next to her." Boston Transcript.

Music advertisement in a Pittsburg store: "Kiss me again for 49 cents."—Trenton, N. J. Times.

SUITS \$25 AND UP. Right now is the time to order your new spring suit from J. Ward & Son. Beautiful line of all wool materials to select from. We clean and press both men and women's clothing. Phone 472.

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Phenomenal Values

Revealing the Infinite Beauty of the New Mode at Very Reasonable Prices

BURCHARD'S

WELL KNOWN IN HOME STATE

James T. Duane, Commander of Massachusetts Department, Known to Many of His Buddies.

James T. Duane, commander of the Massachusetts department of the American Legion, is perhaps better known to the Legionnaires in his state than any other Legion official. He is said to have met more than 50,000 former service men and women during the time he was head of the military division of the Massachusetts state treasury department, which had charge of the distribution of the state bonus.

When Mr. Duane sailed for France with the Twenty-sixth division, he was a private; when he returned to America after participation in almost every major offensive of the war, he was the captain in command of the company with which he went overseas as a private. He had also served as a battalion commander for a time during the Argonne-Meuse drive.

Mr. Duane has been a retail salesman in Massachusetts and New York, a member of the theatrical profession and assistant manager for an electric and gas company. During his career as a state official, he was in charge of the disbursement of \$20,000,000 in gratuities to veterans of the war. As a member of the state welfare and post activities and state executive committees of the Massachusetts department of the Legion, Mr. Duane was instrumental in blocking the proposed transfer of ex-service mental patients to the old State Insane asylum at Worcester, Mass., and in the establishment of a permanent staff of teachers in the various Public Health Service hospitals.

RULES IN SOUTH CAROLINA

G. Howard Mahon, Jr., Elevated to Department Commander of Legion in Home State.

Although G. Howard Mahon, Jr., of Greenville, S. C., commander of the South Carolina department of the American Legion, was severely wounded in action, spent long months in French and American hospitals and was discharged with disability, he has taken a prominent part in the organization of the Legion and in civic affairs of his state.

Mr. Mahon is now president of the Young Men's Business league of Greenville. Following his discharge from the hospital, which did not occur until April 3, 1920, he was elected commander of his home-town post and later department commander of the Legion.

Having attended the "Citadel" military school, Mr. Mahon developed an interest in military affairs at an early age. He was in command of the First battalion, 15th infantry from the time it was organized until he was wounded when the Thirtieth division routed the Boches at Bellecourt.

"Land of the Mind."

A French author once coined the phrase: "The land of the mind."

It is a realm that many of us have forgotten. There the imagery is real; there death is unknown, and the only riches are men's thoughts.

With every age it grows in splendor. Dickens, Milton, Shakespeare, Hugo—these and countless others have left their all for those who travel there.

The demands of existence have blinded some of us to the joys that lie in such travels. As children we roamed the fields of imagination, but now we believe only in the material.

Yet we call ourselves wise. The dreary nights of winter are ahead. Why not cheat them of their dreariness, and on the wings of literature journey to the Land of the Mind?—Portland Oregonian.

Our want-ads get results.

CATFISH CLIMB SMOOTH WALL

Certain Species Equipped With a Peculiar Suction Apparatus That Makes Feat Really Easy.

An interesting account of the climbing catfish of Colombia (Araus maromatus) was published a few years ago by R. D. O. Johnson. These fish can climb, by means of suction apparatus, not only up the steeply inclined bed of mountain torrent, but even up a smooth, vertical surface. Mr. Johnson saw some of them climb a vertical distance of 18 feet in half an hour, up a wall of rock over which trickled a thin film of water.

In connection with a recent publication of this article, G. K. Noble states that other species of fish are known to climb in the same manner. Several of these occur in the Himalaya. Nematichthys rupicola, and perhaps other species of mountain cyprinids, adhere to the rocks by means of their smooth ventral skin and enlarged lips. The silurid genera Pseudocheneis and Glyptosternum cling by means of a well-developed abdominal sucker.

The mountain torrents of the Himalaya form the nursery for many species of frogs. Their tadpoles, like the fish, have become adapted to their location; some cling by means of their lips and ventral insculature, while others possess a well-developed ventral sucker.—Scientific American.

How It Looks to One Pair of Eyes.

It is delightful to think how new everything is, spite of description. Never believe . . . that there is an old world. There is no such place, on my honor! You will find England, France, Italy, and the East, after all you have read and heard, as altogether new as if they were created by your eye, and were never sung, painted, nor bewitched—you will indeed. Why—to be sure—what were the world else? . . . Pen and ink cannot take the gloss off your eyes, nor can any man look through them as you do. I do not believe the simplest matter—sunshine or verdure—has exactly the same look to any two people in the world. How much less a human face—a landscape—a broad kingdom! Travelers are very pleasant people. They tell you what picture was produced in their brain by the things they saw. . . . How it looks to one pair of eyes; would be a good reminder pencilled on the margin of many a volume.—N. Parker Willis in Rural Letters.

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Tanlac is sold in Bellingham by F. Chapman, in Everett by Hatfield, in Broderick by Nichols, and by leading druggists everywhere.

Lodge Obtains

New Quarters

The Knights of Pythias of Douglas Abstract Building, 1 O. O. F. hall, plans to fit up the new quarters for the lodge. The first new hall will be held in the new quarters. The lodge has appointed a committee to co-operate with a similar committee from the Umpqua Post of the Legion to work for a joint session with the lodge in the near future.

Harry Neborgall of Abington, tending to business matters today.

C. M. Mynatt, was returning to his home at Abington today.

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