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SEEK SOLUTION ABROAD.

The S. S. Saxonia, bound for Naples carried a delegation of one hundred Americans when it sailed today. The Americans are going abroad to find the solution of the high cost of living riddle. The key to the riddle, according to this delegation—the American Convention on Agricultural Co-operation—is the establishment of a farmers' banking system which will break up the present flow of money to Wall Street and send it into the farms so that the consumers of the country will have more food and cheaper food.

A majority of the dollars deposited in American banks today, declare members of the commission, are bound to find their way to the speculative markets since every bank has no alternative under the present banking system than to deposit a large portion of its funds with other banks which in turn place the funds with the New York or Chicago banks and turn it over to speculators under the guise of call money. The aim of the American Commission on Agricultural Co-operation is to establish little cooperative banks in every American farming community which will receive the deposits of the community and loan them directly to the farmers for the development of their farms.

Besides the efforts to establish these farmers' banks, the Commission will undertake the study of the land banks of Europe, institutions which carry on the mortgage business of the European farmers, accepting all mortgages and issuing bonds based upon them which sell on the stock exchanges and command as wide a market as any railroad or municipal bond. France has a land bank with a capital of \$50,000,000 controlled by the French government which brings the farmers' loans at 4.3 per cent as compared with the 8.5 per cent paid on an average by the American farmers. The German land banks have secured some \$2,000,000,000 for the development of the German farms.

If such a system can be established

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in the United States and the billions of dollars which are poured into the speculative market by the banks can be diverted to the farmers, it is the belief of the co-operative Commission that this country will see such a development of its agricultural resources as will solve for one and all the problem of the high cost of living. Cheap money and easy terms, say the members of the Commission, would make it profitable for farmers to double the production of their farms and open up all of the vast areas of uncultivated land in the United States in the course of not very many years.

Once the co-operative banks are established among the farmers, it is said, other co-operative societies will be formed and the farmers will secure control of all the machinery for distributing and selling their produce. This would wipe out the middleman and leave the profits largely to the farmer himself. In Europe the farmers even form co-operative societies to buy all their materials, thereby benefitting by the wholesale prices and better goods.

A federal committee, bearing credentials from President Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan, heads the commission. The federal representatives are Senator Fletcher, of Florida; Senator Gore, of Oklahoma; Representative Moss, of Indiana; Col. Harvey Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association; John Lee Coulter, the government's expert on agricultural statistics, and Dr. Clarence J. Owens, of Maryland, managing director of the Southern Commercial Congress which organized the commission. About three-fourths of the state of the union are represented on the commission by delegates bearing commissions from their respective state ex-

cutives. The Co-operative Commission is a semi-official body having the approval of not only President Wilson and Secretary Bryan but also the approval of congress. Secretary of State Bryan has instructed all diplomatic officials of this country abroad to secure recognition from European governments, and in the first country visited—Italy—the commission will be formally received by the king and queen.

RAILROADS IN GERMANY.

No Danger of a Train Starting Until Everything is "Ready."

A returned traveler who spent much of his time in Germany drifted into the observation of railroading in the empire. He rode the most on local trains, though not having a set purpose, and proceeded only for short distances.

On one of these vagrant trips he had surrendered his ticket and had nothing on his mind but his destination when the conductor came and said: "Extra fare, please."

"Why?" demanded the experienced voyager.

"Because," answered the conductor, "we have cut out five stops and the train is now an express."

The recollection of the writer runs back to the time when as a small boy he first beheld the start of a German railroad train. The impression is self-evidently vivid to have lasted so long.

First there was a prodigious pow-wow between the head baggage man and the porters, who argued excitedly over the disposal of trunks. Everything awaited the conclusion of their jabbering and the loading of the car. Nobody else seemed animated or even concerned. The conductor looked on stolidly, and the engineer phlegmatically talked to a bystander on the platform.

The last trunk in the baggage smashers retired, still arguing. The conductor went to the end of the train, and the guards stationed themselves alongside at intervals. All eyes were on the engineer. He climbed into his cab, disposed himself on his seat in a leisurely way and protruded his head from the window.

"Fertig?" he inquired of the first guard, who turned to the second also to ask "fertig?" This was repeated along to the last car, where the signal system doubled on its trail. It having been ascertained that everything was "fertig," the information was relayed to the engineer, who nodded solemnly and turned to his seat. A bell tinkled, the crossing gates (numerously manned to prevent suicide) arose, and the train pulled out with the pomposity that characterizes everything official in Germany—the "verboten" land.

This extreme caution amuses the visitor, but it also makes him reflect. The government's paternalism may not be affectionate, but it is far-reaching. There are no handy ways to die when danger can be forestalled.—Chicago Post.

His Dose of Senna Tea. "When my landlady tells me that anything is good for me," said the boarder, "I always recall the halcyon days of my boyhood. There were occasions then when, after eating profusely of green apples or other unripe vegetables, my works became disorganized and caused me intense distress. At such times my mother stepped into the imminent deadly breach with a remedy that was good for me. "She had a partiality for senna tea, a beverage which tastes like the interi-

or of a Russian jail. I had to swallow this fluid until it was necessary to put hoops on me so I could hold it all, and for several days thereafter my mother continued to flood my insides with senna tea, always insisting that it was good for me. Now that I am an aged man I love peace better than anything else, but I'll climb the frame of any gentleman who mentions senna tea to me."—Walt Mason in Chicago News.

Bread That Intoxicates.

Throughout the eastern part of Siberia it is no extraordinary sight to see peasants in the hilarious stages of intoxication brought on by eating bread. In the region between the sea and the river called Missouri the humidity of the climate as well as the soil is remarkable. In many parts the humidity is so intense that there grows upon ears of corn a species of fungus. As a result of this the bread made from the corn gives all the results of an overdose of alcohol. Whole districts are sometimes inebriated by this strange kind of "alcoholic" bread.—Leslie's Weekly.

If Lion Pulls and Horse Pulls.

If a lion and a strong horse were to pull in opposite directions the horse would pull the lion backward with comparative ease. But if the lion were hitched behind the horse and facing in the same direction and were allowed to exert his strength in backing he could easily pull the horse down upon his haunches or drag him across the ring, so much greater is his strength when exerted backward from the hind legs than in forward pulling.

An Unusual Look.

"Do you think this new photograph of mother looks like her, father?" asked the daughter. "No; I don't," replied the father. "What do you suppose is the matter with it?" "Why, I suppose the man told your mother to look pleasant and she was trying to do it."—Youkers Statesman.

How Could She Tell?

"Norah," said the mistress, "are these French sardines that you have given me?" "Shure. Oh don't know, ma'am," said the new waitress. "They were pasht spokin' when we opened the box."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Damp Sheets.

She—I hear you camped out when it was raining heavily and that you were without bedding. He—Oh, no; we were enveloped in a wet blanket, and there were sheets of rain!

Be sure you can obey good laws before you alter bad ones.—Ruskin.

In Russia.

"What is the matter?" demanded the grand duke. "Excellency, your cook demands a vacation."

"Give her a knouting," was the autocratic command.—Kansas City Journal.

The Solo.

He (during a number)—I don't care much for this solo. She—Solo! Can't you see that there are two ladies singing? He Yes, but one hasn't any voice.—Boston Transcript.

Playing Safe.

"I want you to understand my word is as good as my bond." "That's why I'm playing safe and insubsting on the cash."—Detroit Free Press.

Advertisement for Oxy-Acetylene Welding Plant. Text: 'Oxy-Acetylene Welding Plant, For Welding Broken Castings of Every Description. Cast Iron, Steel and Aluminum Welding, Crank Cases, Cylinders, or any part of machinery repaired. No order too large or too small for our attention. This special work is handled by expert workmen. Best equipped custom shops between Portland and Salt Lake. J. A. Gyllenberg, Machinists and Founders BAKER, OREGON TELEPHONE 403'

Advertisement for Perry Sluice Again Working. Text: 'PERRY SLUICE AGAIN WORKING. MANY LOGS HAVE GONE THROUGH BOOM. News Items From Perry and Saw Mill Notes. Perry, Ore., April 26.—(Special)—The company has again started to sluice logs. The water is still high, but the dam and logs are perfectly safe and will remain so unless the water rises several feet higher than it has been. The company has lost in the neighborhood of from 30 to 40 thousand feet of logs which slipped under the boom before they were well jammed. Miss Alma Nelson and Magdalene Hansen, representatives of the Perry union Sunday school, left for Baker Monday morning to attend the Oregon state Sunday school convention.

Democratic Primary On. Durham, N. C., April 26.—The Democratic primary for nomination of municipal officers opened here today with a large early vote.

Century Run Today. New York, April 26.—All was in readiness today for the sixteenth annual spring century run of the New York division of the Century Road Club Association tomorrow. The run will be divided into two sections. The pleasure division leaves Columbus Circle, Prospect Park, and the City Hall, Jersey City at 7 a. m. and maintain a uniform pace of 12 miles an hour. The Olympic division will leave Columbus Circle at 8:30 a. m.

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Forcharists in Session. Valetta, Island of Malta, April 26.—Today marked the closing sessions of the 24th international eucharistic congress of the Catholic church, which has been in session here the entire week. Tomorrow, however, a number of important religious ceremonies will take place. In the morning Cardinal Ferrata, the papal legate to the congress, will himself celebrate pontifical high mass at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, and will impart the papal benediction on all present.

At 3:30 in the afternoon the solemn eucharistic procession will take place, participated in by all of the cardinals, archbishops, prelates and pilgrims generally, with Cardinal Ferrata himself carrying the Blessed Sacrament under a magnificent canopy, supported by high church dignitaries. A night there will be a general illumination of the entire island prepared by the British Government.

Matt Coalwell and family who have been long residents of Perry, have left the town and are now located in La Grande.

Gordie Coalwell and family have also moved away to greener fields.

Mrs. W. Y. Stoddard has been ill for the past few days. Mrs. Chas. Hansen returned Saturday night from Hood River where she has been visiting friends and relatives for the past month.

No matter how long you suffered, or what other remedies have failed to cure you, Foley Kidney Pills will surely help you. They are genuinely tonic, strengthening and curative, build up the kidneys and restore their regular action. John Velbert, Foster, Calif., says: "I suffered many years with kidney trouble and could never