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UNEASY RESTS HIS HEAD.

The King of Roumania is worried. Through the London Times he makes an appeal to the allies not to permit his country to suffer the fate of Serbia and Belgium.

He said: "The Roumanians will not falter in their allegiance to the cause, nor can the enemy wean them from their faith in their allies. Yet the Roumanians pray that, in spite of their existing exigencies and their own huge problems, the allies will not allow the affair of Roumania, who has staked her all in this conflict, to pass into the back of their minds and to suffer to such an extent that she may meet the fate of either Belgium or Serbia."

The time for King Ferdinand to have worried was before he threw his country into war.

His country was at peace, on friendly terms with Germany, in a position to remain neutral.

Now his troops are falling back before the Austrian-German invasion and facing ruin.

The unfortunate thing about war is this. None of the kings goes to the front. None of the diplomats is in the trenches. None of the financiers who fatten on war profits is on the firing line. None of the makers of munitions or cannon is seen in uniform.

The War Syndicate stays at home, lives in the lap of luxury, grows richer every day and reads the war news complacently in the newspapers while the common people suffer.

The Inferno will no doubt have large and special accommodations for these cruel and heartless gentlemen.

MARY PICKFORD.

What is the secret of Mary Pickford's charm?

She is the Maude Adams of the moving pictures and one of the highest paid actresses in the world. Her salary is larger than that of the President of the United States.

The answer is that America pays tribute to womanliness. Mary Pickford arouses admiration for her sweetness as a woman. Her smile has none of the allurements of the adventures. Mary Pickford's face on the screen is the face of a good, pure noble woman. She appeals to the best instincts, to the good in men and women.

As an actress her art is natural, with perfect attention to detail. She plays her part naturally. Her grace is girlish. There is something winsome about her, and something of the same sadness in her look that reminds one of Maude Adams who has the

same sweet womanliness. Both have lived and probably suffered. And suffering has improved their art. And by the way, what a moving picture actress Maude Adams would make. How delightful would she be on the screen as Lady Babbie, what a charming picture as Chanticleer, how wonderful as L'aiglon.

Other moving picture actresses have charm of their own.

Mary Pickford is in a class by herself.

Her success is a tribute to the good taste and the moral soundness of the American people.

A RECKLESS CONGRESS.

A few years ago the country raised up in horror at a billion dollar congress.

The present congress actually appropriated \$1,626,000 and authorized expenditures which bring the total up close to \$2,000,000.

And congress meets again in December. Before it gets through it may be a three billion dollar congress. The people pay the bills.

A PRACTICAL PROJECT.

Portland business men are going to build a vessel to run between Bandon and Portland. Frank A. Spencer is taking the lead in the project. Other big firms are helping out. The project is a good one and is a practical method of trade extension.

ANSWERS MR. EASTMAN ZACH CHANDLER Defends Statements Made by Senator Piles.

La Grande, Ore., Oct. 16.—(To the Editor)—I have been waiting for some one more able than I to answer Mr. Eastman's attack upon Sen. Piles' speech.

But no one has attempted to oppose him so I will try. I am sorry to have to answer what he says of Lincoln—that should be blotted from the memory of every good united American citizen. Our Democratic friend did not say that it was his own political party who abused, vilified and attempted to overthrow Lincoln.

Now I could say more on this, but that question should be taken from our school histories even so it would be forgotten forever. Sen. Piles excited voters to take their pencils, not swords, to overthrow Wilson at the polls which they will do the 7th day of Nov. This is not the kind of anarchy Mr. Wilson has excited in Mexico where he has overthrown Huerta and Villa and it now appears he is plotting against Carranza. Sen. Piles did not mention the Adamson Bill because I think he was ashamed that a great congress should pass an eight-hour bill and not attach a penalty for breaking it and because it raises the wages 25 per cent of these trainmen who were already the highest paid laborers in the world and who constitute only 15 per cent of the railway employees and left the other 85 per cent to wipe the dirt from their engines and trains without increasing their wages. It is like Roosevelt says: "Wilson wanted it so as to get votes."

In regard to the Reserve Banking law I do not know a great deal because I have not been bothered with much money like the great munition factory owners and money lenders who are aided by the Morgan bill in sheep's clothes and as an observer I have noticed that several of our best La Grande merchants and most respected citizens were not saved from bankruptcy by this wonderful banking law. Mr. Eastman would like for us to forget the tariff because that is an issue the Democrats are ashamed to argue themselves. They said they would raise the necessary revenue by an income tax but they figured the revenue from Republican tariff incomes and collected it from Democrat free trade incomes and found a startling deficit and made us lick internal revenue war tax stamps to try to make it up but

even our great war prosperity won't even make revenue enough to pay for Democrat economical pork. The Democrat free trade, not tariff, commission would very soon have our little Japanese neighbors with their coolie labor make all of our manufactured goods while our factory laborers would take a long vacation at the soup houses, the same as our administration forced on California fruit and vegetable growers and workmen, if you please. He says the shingle trust pocketed the 20 cent raise on shingles under Republican tariff. They are not pocketing it now, with free shingles. But Wilson's Japanese friends to the north of us are, and taking bread from some of the mouths of our own laborers and their wives and little children of our sister state of Washington. Progressives all over the United States may be supporting Wilson but mighty few and far between. Ford probably is because he did not get the Republican nomination for President and Luther Burbank because he got a \$10,000 donation to create some more wonder berries and La Follette is not supporting Wilson for President. I regret very much to have to answer such an absurd and humiliating attack upon Sen. Piles and the Republican party because the Democrats, Republicans, Socialists and Prohibitionists make these United States the great nation it is and each have a right to their views without being classed as anarchists by the others.

ZACH CHANDLER.

Battle of the Marne.

Paris, Oct. 5.—(By Mail).—Taxi cab drivers of Paris will hereafter observe all future anniversaries of the Battle of Marne by flying the tri-color of France from their mastheads—or rather, from the top of their machines.

The custom, inaugurated this year for the first time, in honor of the thousand odd drivers who, under the re-enforcements to General Maunoury that made the victory of the Marne a certainty, proved so popular that its permanent observance was at once decided upon.

This was rendered all the more advisable by the fact that of the thousand odd drivers who participated in the memorable feat, only a few still remain in active service in Paris. Hundreds were later mobilized, others died still others departed, till the number became so reduced that the definite observance was decided upon the present memory of the accomplishment dying out.

The original thousand drivers were cited to the order of the day before the French armies for the deed, and this fact their successors for all time to come will endeavor to keep before the public on all future anniversaries of the battle of the Marne.

John Breten, one of the few of the original thousand, who still drives a taxi at Paris, has just given to the United Press the following interview of the memorable day, from the taxi-cab driver's point of view.

"It was a little before noon," says John, "that the police began stopping us, ordering us to dump out passengers forthwith, with the formality of collecting either the fare or the tip due us, and to report immediately to our depots. There we were to receive full supplies of petrol and instructions."

"When the policeman stopped me, I had not eaten since my morning roll and coffee, but what did the policeman care about that, or about the fact that I was not to have a bit of anything to eat for another thirty-six hours with the exception of a biscuit I wheedled out of a poor old woman at Lagny. And all the meantime my blessed wife at home thinking sure I was dead, and the situation not being improved upon my return by my inability to tell her where I'd been for we all had to take an oath not to tell a soul what we had done or seen."

"They gave me ten soldiers for my first fare, three on the seat beside me and seven inside. And what a sad load. During the whole trip, through the dark, with a whole stream of taxicabs ahead of me and another one behind, not a one of these soldiers ever offered me a word of a smile, or cracked a joke amongst themselves. But they were real men all right, all right—grave, resolved, knowing fully what was going to be asked of them, but ready to risk and give all."

FAMILY "GHOST" TO LIGHT

Specter, A Woman, Brought Into Chicago Court

Chicago, October 18.—The "family ghost" of the Prentiss L. Coonley chateau in the colony of multi-millionaires at Lake Forest, shorn of its mystic habiliments, stood in the presence of the County Judge at Waukegan, county seat of Lake County.

The "ghost" sped through the halls of the Coonley mansion by night, gave utterance to strange, creepy sounds which shivering members of the family translated through their imaginations in to unearthly noises, and retired by day to remote shadows in the gables of the lofty roof.

The trouble was that the "ghost" is alleged to have threatened the life of Mr. Coonley. So the skeptical servants of the law tracked the mysterious shade to its haunts—and captured a woman.

"Two years ago," said Mr. Coonley, "I discovered, greatly to my surprise that Mary Hickley had been living for some time in my home and kept her clothes in a closet in the basement. The servants had not informed me of her presence and had permitted her to stay because they felt sorry for her. I told her to leave and so far as I know she has never been in the house since."

"I have been told repeatedly that she said she would get me if she spent the rest of her life in prison—in fact, that she would be content to spend the rest of her life in prison so long as she got me."

"Mrs. Edward L. Hasler, my sister-

Women's and Misses' New AUTUMN SUITS JUST RECEIVED \$20, \$25, \$30, \$32.50, \$35, \$42.50

A large assortment to select from embracing the new season's smartest styles, most fashionable fabrics and colors. Just received from New York by express. Positively the best styles and the best values ever offered at these popular prices.

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Exclusive La Grande Agent for Nemo Corsets \$3.75 to \$5—Henderson Cotsets \$7 to \$4 N.W. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE

complaint alleging reasons why he should be removed from office. According to City Clerk Nickeus, the names of approximately 5250 qualified voters will have to be obtained on the recall petitions. This is 25 per cent of the number of ballots cast for Drake. Drake is accused of failing to do his duty and of keeping too large a force of employees.

Y. M. C. A. HIGH SCHOOL Lyceum Course Reserve Your Seats at the Y. M. C. A. Four Exceptional Numbers The Melting Pot, Wed., Oct. 18, admission \$1.00 Dr. James S. Kirtley, Fri., Nov. 17, admission .50c The Maurer Sisters Orchestra, admission .75c W. W. Cotton, date later, admission .50c SEASON TICKET \$1.50 Including Reserved Seats for the Entire Course First Number Tonight "THE MELTING POT" Wonderful Dramatic production of the Greatest American play by the original all-star cast, that played full seasons in New York, Chicago and other large cities. This is the biggest number on the Lyceum platform. 8 P. M. Wednesday, October 18 High School Auditorium This number alone is worth the price of the Entire Course

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