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AMERICA'S SPIRIT.

In a La Grande theater the other evening a picture of the American flag was shown.

As if shot from a gun, a man—one man in that whole audience—came to attention. He was a military man.

On first thought this incident would seem to indicate a lack of patriotism on the part of Americans. It would seem to indicate that the hired soldier was the only real citizen.

But second thought assures that this is not so. America makes no fetish of nationality, yet America is patriotic—'76, '61 and '98 prove it.

The American citizen doesn't pay as much attention to symbols and officials as the citizens of older and more autocratic governments but American citizens are not wanting in love of country.

When men are needed, American men will be ready. When President Wilson, or any other President calls, from the melting pot of American freedom will spring a race of warriors.

Americans are people of peace, yet people who know how to fight and die.

CONGRESSMAN SINNOTT MAKES PROGRESS.

Congressman N. J. Sinnott of Oregon, has been successful in the first step towards passage of each of his twin bills for permitting entry on reclamation and power site withdrawals subject to the right of the government to retake the lands or such parts thereof as it may later be necessary to use for the purposes for which originally withdrawn. The committee on Public Lands of the House of Representatives authorized Mr. Sinnott to report for it favorably on both these bills, and they are now on the House Calendar awaiting their turn to be considered on the floor of the House.

entry on water power sites the congressman called attention to the desirability of giving relief to hundreds of settlers throughout the country who had entered upon lands in good faith when the records of the local land office did not at the time of entry show the withdrawals. He states that many of these settlers have spent time, money and labor on such entries, and done so before being informed that they had been withdrawn from entry. Further, that his bill would enable the Secretary of the Interior in his discretion to allow such entries to be perfected, reserving the right to the United States to retake the land whenever necessary for power site purposes.

In commenting on Section Ten of the Ferris Water Power bill which covers substantially the same ground as the Sinnott bill Secretary Lane said:

"Section 10 of the bill is also important, in that it will permit in many instances a dual use of the land, or a part thereof, providing that the Secretary of the Interior may in his discretion, allow entries or claims under appropriate land laws for areas reserved for water power sites where the water power development will not be injured."

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Save The Babies

These are authentic quotations from the pamphlet on babies prepared by Dr. L. Emmett Holt of Columbia University and Dr. Henry L. K. Shaw of Union University.

A nervous, overworked, underfed woman cannot expect to have a strong child. Expectant mothers: Get plenty of sleep, with the windows open. Don't climb stairs. Don't run a sewing machine too much. Exercise in the open air is better than any medicine. Avoid violent exercise. Bathe daily. Drink lots of water. Watch your digestion. Wear loose clothing, hung from the shoulders ONLY. Eat simple wholesome food, not highly seasoned, nor rich, nor fried. Tea and crackers will not make milk and strength.

Beginning October, 1917, Leland Stanford University will be open the year round.

From France comes a two pronged hatpin, the prongs being so shaped as to act as springs to hold it in place.

There are many cases where the dam, reservoir, or conduit will occupy only a part of a legal subdivision, and this will permit the agricultural use of the balance. There are other cases where there is now timber upon the surface, which may be disposed of under appropriate laws, cut, and removed before the land is required or utilized for power purposes.

The report on H. R. 17085, permitting homestead and desert land entries on land withdrawn for reclamation purposes endorses such bill for similar reasons.

Realizing that the passage of these twin bills will be of great benefit to many parts of his district, while in no way retreating the ultimate development of any of its resources Congressman Sinnott will use every effort to get action on them as soon as possible. Owing to the congested condition of the House calendar and the short time remaining before adjournment it is doubtful, however, if they can be reached during the present session of Congress.

ARGENTINE PRESIDENT FORESTALLS REVOLUTION

Buenos Aires, Jan. 16. (United Press by Mail).—As an expert on revolutions—for he himself spent a large part of his life as a conspirator and revolutionist—President Irigoyen has been quietly taking precautions to prevent any governmental overturning during his own six-year term. And he did it so cleverly that only now is the public beginning to realize it.

There have been predictions that his radical program would lead to a revolutionary outbreak. Revolutionary methods have been openly advocated in connection with some of the recent strikes in Argentina.

The president's theory is that he can hold his own while the army is with him. On a peace basis it is only about 17,000 strong but even this is not bad, in a country of 7,000,000 to 8,000,000 population.

Long ago, when he was an anti-government conspirator, Irigoyen won to his views the rank and file and lower grades of commissioned officers. Government after government, however, took pains to see that Irigoyenists were not promoted. So when he assumed office as president, Irigoyen found the army top-heavy with men in the chief commands who were his political opponents.

Nobody noticed it at first, but he had hardly taken the oath of office before he began detaching these officers from positions where they really controlled any men and landing them in clerical positions in the capital or assigning them simply to "await orders." In their absence their underlings were lifted into the higher ranks, either by means of out-and-out promotions or as "acting" commanders.

STREET PEDDLERS MUST TAKE THEIR BATHS

La Plata, Argentina Feb. 7.—(United Press)—Periodical baths for street peddlers have been decreed by the La Plata city government. For violation of the rule the penalty is the revocation of the offender's license. To insure that the baths are thorough, it is provided that they shall be taken in a municipal establishment under the direction of a sanitary inspector.

Two bridges in a city in India are supported upon large metal tanks, which float upon the water and accommodate themselves to its rise and fall.

KING GEORGE GIVES ADDRESS

emly nosing around through the communicating trenches and dugouts beneath the legislative chambers. Not until these "Beefeaters," as the Yeomen of the Guard are popularly termed, had formally reported to the sergeants-at-arm of the lords and commons that diligent search had failed to disclose the presence of any lurking assassins, gunpowder, German spies, high-explosive bombs, suffragettes or poison-gas tanks, and this information had been ceremoniously conveyed to Buckingham Palace, did the king and queen prepare for their journey to the house of parliament. Some precedents have been merely

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the steps of the thrones and kneeling presented to his majesty the parchment roll whereon a speech carefully prepared for him by Lloyd George and his fellow cabinet members, but by pleasing fiction known as the king's speech, was inscribed. King George read the address in clear, firm tones.

At the conclusion of the speech the king and queen left the chamber and returned by the same route to the palace.

Meantime the commons were assembling in their own hall. Some of the members had appeared as early as eight to register their claims for favorable seats for the session, by placing their hats thereon. Here another damaged precedent. In the old days before the war it would have been almost sacrilege to appear at any session, especially the opening day of parliament, in any other headgear than a top hat. Today there was a considerable sprinkling of derbies, soft slouch hats and khaki caps—for a liberal percentage of the commons are now in the king's army.

More Taxes Faced.

It is not expected that much legislation of importance will be forthcoming until Easter time, when the government will present the new budget of taxation wherein it is likely that some entirely new devices for raising funds for the conduct of the war will appear. Just before the close of the last session a new vote of credit for four hundred million pounds (\$2,000,000,000) was passed, so there will probably not be another until later in the spring.

One of the biggest pieces of legislation to be tackled this session will be the general election bill, upon which a special speaker's committee is now sitting. Under an ancient statute no parliament can live longer than seven years, so unless this is modified, a general election must be held next fall. There is considerable agitation in this connection with reference to soldiers voting in the election. The military authorities object largely on account of the bother it will entail, and partially because it will necessarily distract the troops from what is considered more important business.

It is possible, as a solution, that another venerable precedent may be shattered, by allowing the present parliament to continue for the period of the war.

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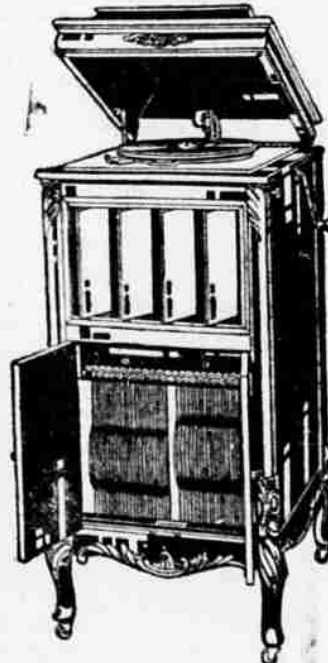
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