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My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty.

American Eagle in the Balkans

It is now accepted as a foregone conclusion that if the League of Nations pact goes through, the United States will be asked to act as a "mandatory" for Armenia. And opinion seems to be swinging around to the view that if the formal request is made, we cannot avoid the duty.

There will be a good deal of rather thankless work for the big powers to do in the way of helping weak or backward peoples to get onto their feet politically. Great Britain, France and Italy will have their hands full. They can hardly be blamed for wanting to unload some of the responsibility on America, particularly as the ideas and inspiration on which this benevolent protectorate plan is based are so distinctly American.

In some respects, too, Armenia would be a congenial protegee. Armenians have always sympathized keenly with the persecuted Jews, and have done more for them, through private philanthropy, than any other people. The environment of Armenia is not one that appeals to Americans. It suggests all sorts of oriental difficulties and entanglements. But the Armenians themselves would much prefer to have Uncle Sam adopt them and he can do it if he has to.

The task may indeed prove easier than most persons suppose. The Turks are thoroughly humbled and subdued, and will hardly make much trouble. It is thought that one regiment of American soldiers would be all the troops we should have to send over. Mirza Navaab, chairman of the Armenian National Council of America, says that there are more than 50,000 Armenian soldiers in the Caucasus and Siberia who would be placed unreservedly at the command of the American mandatory, but "the caution that the American eagle is sending over Mount Ararat will do more than my army to keep on its feet and disperse trouble-makers." At best, such an enterprise would be entered upon with many misgivings. It would mark a great turning point in American history. By the same token, it would be a mighty interesting adventure.

The Trouble With the Movies

A French playwright, Francis Croisset, has been studying the American motion picture industry for several months and has arrived at the same conclusion concerning it that American critics here have reached through and painful experience. The industry in this country has developed a narrow medium of expression with however, no art to express.

In other words, money has been spent on a big waste to develop motion pictures while no real genius has been devoted to the creation of artistic masterpieces.

A public enemy warning of the usual kind of "movie stuff" has no one but itself to blame. So long as it persists in worshipping a good-looking or acrobatically inclined star and in laughing itself off at the theater here slumped around, it need not expect producers to go out of their way to cultivate a taste for any higher art. There are many friends of the motion picture in this country, however who appreciate its possibilities and hope to see it take a turn for the better in the near future.

Simply there ought to be a way out for the industry, which has gone over the top in its present way of operation.

Lent Good for Every-body

Lent of course is a religious institution primarily, but some of the principles involved in its religious observance are, as a matter of fact, based on the fundamental laws of health.

It makes no difference what the religious belief is. Most people eat more heartily and eat richer, heavier foods in winter than in summer. Since this is true, the thing which Lent requires of some as a religious observance is really the common-sense requirement for everybody. This is the practical elimination of meats from the diet, and the substitution of green foods instead. Modern dietitians would call it a "low protein diet," and it is the best one for anybody in the period of inactivity which is known as spring fever. This very inactivity is nothing but the protest of tired livers and overworked digestions.

Lent is supposed also to be a period of rest and quiet after the late hours of winter, a time to get not only the body, but the heart and soul, rested, and who would not be the better for that? One's belief may not take one to church to pray, but if it takes one to the woods to walk or to rest quietly at home the effect is much the same.

After all, if one takes the trouble to study the matter a bit, there are lots of ideas scorned in these material days as old-foggy religious notions which have as their foundation the very principles advocated by the most modern disciples of hygiene.

Of course no one wishes to speak ill of the dead. But isn't it a funny thing that a congress which maintained that the machinery of the world should be restored to working order before the League of Nations was discussed, discussed the league itself at such length that it had no time to set the machinery of its own country in running order?

FUDGE PARTIES

How the Ingenuity of One Red Cross Lady Saved the Day.

No more chocolate in the cupboard! The Red Cross heaved a sigh of despair as she gave out the last cake of chocolate of her supply and looked through the window of her standing there dejectedly in the gathering twilight.

Word has just gone through the hospital that it might be seven or eight weeks instead of a few days before the boys would get home and they were looking and feeling more forlorn than if they had been told they were all looked for the trenches for the following day. An inspiration came under the spur of necessity.

"I've got a surprise for all of you," announced the Red Cross lady, leaning from her office window. "At 7 o'clock I'm going to make the rounds of the wards. All of you be sure to be in your right places and you'll be surprised!"

An interested nurse ran down the line and the convalescent patients of Base 55 broke into little groups and they drifted off. The Red Cross lady hurried away on a mysterious errand which she completed by 6:30 and by 7 she was ready to start for the wards with several baskets loaded for the men.

"Well, what's the surprise?" was the question asked at her as she entered the first ward. Triumphant she lifted the cover of one of the baskets.

"Here's that for a substitute 'fudge chocolate' she demanded.

"I've failed," announced one boy in a woe-torn tone. "Honest-to-God fudge? Can you beat that?"

The word "allowed" it couldn't and the Red Cross lady made a triumphant progress through the hospital. To each ward she had to explain how she had won the good graces of the K. P.'s (otherwise known as kitchen police), of the hospital, and been permitted to make the use of one of the huge "fudge" which contain several gallons. She had filled it up with powdered chocolate and milk and sugar in the right proportions and then stirred

IT'S WORTH WHILE—THAT'S WHY



vigorously with the help of the willing K. P.'s until the fudge was ready. Fudge parties are now a regular custom at Base 55, located at Toul in Northwestern France, and are scheduled to continue until all the men have been evacuated.

FREE BANKS IS WAY BACK TO NORMAL

By Carl Plehs, Professor of Finance, University of California

Of course the war upset business. It increased some lines such as war munitions but decreased common, everyday peace lines. The only possible way back to normal is to build up common business.

To get back to normal means that we have to get capital back into those lines of business which have fallen behind. If an individual has met a great loss the only way he can make himself whole again is by saving, by strict economy. A country is only a lot of individuals. We have, collectively, to meet the cost of the war, an economic loss, although a moral gain. We can meet it only by saving.

The government is coming to us next month with the Victory Liberty Loan—the last of the Liberty Loans. There are sound financial and economic reasons why the Victory Loan should be brought again to the people. The government could make us save by heavy taxes right now, but it prefers the less harsh and wiser course of borrowing our savings now, and taxing on the installment plan, a little each year.

Leave Banks Free.

Now if the people take the loan, as they must, the banks will be left free to lend to the farmer, the manufacturer, the grocer, the butcher, and the baker so they can get busy again. Their production and business will grow and, by the formula, prices will come to normal. Then we shall all know "where we are at" and get straightened out again.

If we "leave it to the banks," they will have "no funds" left for business, big or little. We, ourselves, will not be saving and the day of our redemption will only be postponed. There will result inevitable inflation and the consequent rise of high and abnormally increasing prices.

The Victory Loan is part of the war job just as much as any other Liberty Loan. We can not afford to "let George do it," because if we do we shall be turning our hands from the plow before the end of the furrow is reached, and leaving a big crop of weeds to spring up.

Observer advertising will bring results.

FROM PLOUGHBOY TO PARLIAMENT

Remarkable Rise of Joseph Arch Who Recently Died at the Age of Ninety-two.

LONDON, March 12.—From ploughboy to member of Parliament was the remarkable rise of Joseph Arch, who recently died at the age of 92. He as a unique figure in English parliamentary life, being in 1885 the sole workingman member of the House of Commons. At that time there was no kind of labor party in existence here.

Mr. Arch achieved fame as the champion of the English farm laborer when the tiller of the soil reared his family on a wage of \$2 a week subsisted chiefly on barley bread and hardly new the taste of tea or sugar. In 1872 he enrolled 200 farm workers in an organization that came to be known as the National Agricultural Laborers' Union, whose leader, the Bishop of London, wanted to duck in a horsepond. "Adult baptism," Mr. Arch rejoined to the bishop's statement, "is not the rule of the Church of England." Mr. Arch is credited with having done more than any other man to improve the condition of England's peasantry.

He was popular in Parliament. One of the constituents was the Prince of Wales, afterward King Edward. He referred to Mr. Arch as "my member." Mr. Arch also was a Primitive Methodist preacher. He was fond of his pipe and an occasional glass of ale.

Our office will be maintained where it was prior to the stores closing. All accounts are due now and we would like to have all who are owing call and settle before March 15th. Golden Rule Co.—Adv.

CAN OF SYRUP EXPLODES

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 12.—Mrs. Eugene Hatfield placed a can of syrup on a stove to heat it. The can exploded. Mrs. Hatfield was seriously burned and cut about head and shoulders, nearly losing the sight of one eye.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE LA GRANDE NATIONAL BANK

at La Grande, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business on March 4, 1919.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Loans and discounts, U.S. Bonds, Liberty Loan Bonds, etc. Liabilities include Capital stock, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, etc. Total assets and liabilities are listed as \$1,783,054.03.

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Forgot What He Needed. From the Republican, Mt. Gillad, O.: The editor had an interesting experience some time ago, when a young gentleman came to this office and asked for a copy of the Morrow County Republican. He scrutinized it carefully when a copy was handed him, and then said: "Now I know! 'What is it you are looking for?' we inquired. 'My wife sent me after a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I forgot the name. I went to several stores and the clerks named over everything in the line on the shelf except 'Chamberlain's.' I'll try again, and I'll never go home without Chamberlain's Remedy.' The Republican would suggest to the proprietors of stores, that they post their clerks, and never let them substitute. Customers lose faith in stores where substitutes is permitted to say nothing of the injustice to makers of good goods, and the disappointment of customers.—Adv.



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