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UNCLE SAM IGNORED.

Having washed its hands of Europe and settled down to the contemplation of purely domestic affairs, the United States now sees the Allies making a new settlement with Germany which is not at all what the American people want, and which many regard as seriously prejudicing our vital interests. And the allied governments do it without so much as saying, "by your leave!"

The reparation sum fixed at Paris recently, whether just or not, would hardly have been the same, in amount or in terms of payment, if America had had a hand in the matter. The 12 per cent tax on German imports, generally regarded as much more objectionable, would certainly not have been, for it amounts to a tariff on everything Americans buy from Germany, for the benefit of the Allies.

Says a writer in the New York Herald: "Not only have the Allies decided what reparations are to be paid by Germany, and the form of the payment, without consulting the interests of the United States, but they have devised a scheme so as to preclude any treaty the United States may make with Germany from having a priority over an engagement with Great Britain, France, Belgium, Italy and Japan."

That is evident. And there is no use gnashing teeth over it. The Allies can hardly be blamed for going ahead without the United States and looking out for their own advantage after the United States itself chose to turn its back on them. Any business man, after his partner has left him, will do the best he can for himself.

Instead of criticising Great Britain and France for what they are doing now, it would be more logical and also more effective if America would get back into the European game and take at least enough share in finishing the war to safeguard the victory and protect its own interests. Perhaps some real plan will be arrived at, when Harding announces his new plans, after March 4.

CHEAPER MEDICINES.

A druggist states that prescriptions are being filled by most of the stores in his city at an average reduction of 50 per cent from war prices. He foresees further reductions in the near future.

This is not surprising. War prices on drugs were excessive, and not wholly without reason. Army needs made great demands upon all such supplies, and at the same time many kinds of material used in compounding prescriptions were practically unobtainable, especially those coming from other countries. The amelioration of these conditions leads naturally to reduced prices.

For those who truly need medicine, this will be a good thing, but it will be a great pity if the old-fashioned medicine-taker is tempted to resume his dosing habits just because medicines are cheaper. The high price of medicine had its good side in that it discouraged the taking of drugs in any but necessary amounts and forced people to relieve their ills by better habits of living and eating.

RESTRICTED JURIES.

A district judge in New Jersey ordered his bailiff to impose certain restrictions in the selection of women jurors. He has ruled that such juries shall contain:

"No busy wives of working men; no mothers of children; no admixture of men; no immature women who giggle, powder and rouge, but do not think."

"Excellent," comments an observing newspaper, "especially the last! But—carried out this would disrupt the jury system. Why pick on women? Would it not be wise also to refuse jury service to men who take chances on bootleg whisky, wear lavender or yellow spats, attend six-day bicycle races and jazz cabarets, allow barbers to perfume their hair, believe 'woman's place is in the home', are influenced by ankles rather than evidence, are susceptible to the charms of pretty murderesses, etc.?"

Why pick on women, indeed? It is humanity, not sex, that is at fault in the jury service.

BANKS AND WOMEN.

A Fifth Avenue bank in New York has just opened a department especially designed to meet the needs of business women. This is only one of thousands of similar provisions to meet the growing needs of American women in the financial world.

The establishment of such departments in big city banks is significant in itself of the long distance that woman has come to economic independence. But far more telling are the records of the small town and country banks with their ever increasing rolls

of women depositors and investors.

The women patrons of these institutions are not doing their earning outside of the home but in it. Yet they are coming to recognize themselves and to be recognized by the men of their families as producers entitled to their fair share of the domestic profits. They are interested not only in saving but in wise disposition of their savings. A mighty change from the days when every home woman asked some man for every cent she needed and no woman "knew anything about business!"

BARGAINS IN EMBASSIES.

The House of Representatives has voted to accept the offer of J. P. Morgan of his London house as a residence for the American Ambassador. At the same time it voted to appropriate \$150,000 for the purchase of an American embassy at Paris. As those provisions are amendments subject to another vote, the action may not be final. It would be encouraging to see some such legislation adopted definitely.

Representative Longworth of Ohio, in urging the measures referred to, called the attention of the House to the fact that owing to the prevailing rates of exchange it would be possible for this government to purchase property in Paris now for \$150,000 which would cost about \$500,000 under ordinary conditions.

Since exchange in most foreign capitals is favorable to the United States at present, this is an unusually good time for Uncle Sam to go shopping for embassies.

The time may come when a man's fame will consist in being pointed out as the last survivor of the bartenders who quit business in—When did you say?

It is openly hinted that labor and capital will soon be pulling together, but nothing is said as to whether they will both be pulling in the same direction.

Most any man can save money if he wants to, provided he does not travel the pace of a millionaire on the wage of a laborer.

Every day brings forth new problems for us to face, but night usually comes before we can get around to it.

There is one man who approves of the snow, and yet more snow. The dry farmer may yet have an inning.

In Wexley, they put the college girl in a "coryza-closet" when they have colds. There ought to be one of these closets in every street car, to protect other passengers from the germ bacteria.

THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

SHORT POEM

(Written by Us Ourselves.)
I
Love
My
Dough.

Everybody knows that a doctor must have patients to succeed. But all a chiropractor needs is a backbone.

AN ENCORE MONOLOGUE.

A beautiful little poem entitled, "If father's foot should go asleep, I wonder would it snore."

"John
Yeams,
Jane
Turns,
Eyes
Meet;
Love
Sweet;
Jane
Stops,
John
Pops,
Both
Wed,
'Nuf
Said!
John
Mad,
Jane
Sad;
Both
Fight,
Sad
Sight!
Whole
Week
Won't
Speak.
Re-
Course,
Di-
Vorce."

One La Grande woman says that about the only thing the modern girl knows about the needle is that you can use it only once on a victrola.

According to Bill Siegrist, all that glitters is not gold.

SAY THIS QUICKLY.

Betty Botter, Bought some butter;
"But", she said, "This butter's bitter;
If I put it in my batter,
It will make my batter bitter.
But a bit of better butter
Will but make my batter better."
So she bought a bit of better
Butter than the bitter butter.
And it made her batter better better.
So 'twas better Betty Botter
Bought a bit of better butter.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Union County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Sarah Williams, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Union County, administrator of the estate of Sarah R. Williams, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me properly verified, as by law required, at La Grande, Ore., within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 25th day of January, 1921.

SHERWOOD WILLIAMS,
Administrator.
Dly. Jan. 26, Feb. 2-9-16-23.

CYCLAMEN PLANT SALE.
Don't forget the sale Thursday of these beautiful plants. See our window. Cherry Florists. 2-8-21

NATIONAL W. O. T. U. MEETS IN SEATTLE

Ten Regional Conferences are being held by the National W. O. T. U., the seventh of which meets in Seattle, Wash., Feb. 15-17. Mrs. Margaret C. Mann, treasurer of the National W. O. T. U., will preside over this conference assisted by Miss M. E. Brown, of Seattle, president of the organization in West Washington.

Other conferences will be held in New York, in Chattanooga, in Pittsburgh, in Chicago, in Los Angeles, in Boise, in Los Angeles, in Denver and in Kansas City, Mo., the series ending March 4 in Kansas City.

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Review
for March

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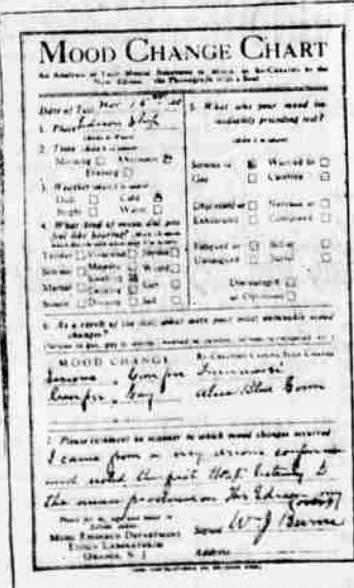
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