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MONEY FOR AVIATION.

One of the inexplicable acts of the house of representatives was the killing of the \$1,250,000 item for air mail service in the postoffice appropriation bill. The senate committee on postoffices and post roads, recognizing the falsity of such economy, has voted \$2,750,000 to maintain and extend this service.

The senators recognize that the air mail represents something far more important than mere expedition of mail matter on important routes. For that purpose alone it is valuable enough to warrant considerable expenditure. Letters, no doubt, will be carried more and more by airplane. But the chief present value of this service lies in its development of aviation for military purposes.

It is an open question whether battleships are not obsolete. The submarine already exposes them to the peril from below; the airplane, in the opinion of many experts, will expose them hereafter to more peril from above. Great Britain is seriously considering the abandonment of the dreadnaught type and the substitution of great fleets of aircraft and under-sea craft for defense and offense. There is no question that in both sea and land operations aircraft will be used on a vast scale in any future war. An American expert declared recently that a city like New York could be depopulated by gas bombs dropped by a fleet of airplanes, and that in any similar area a supply of gas could be "laid down" every eight days, sufficient to prevent all ordinary human activity.

The air-pioneering of the Postoffice Department supplements the aviation work of the War and Navy Departments. Too little is being done along that line by all of them. Much work is to be encouraged and supported, if the United States is to have any adequate system of defense and if it is to derive any permanent benefit from hundreds of millions spent on aviation during the war.

LET GERMANS SEE WAR ZONE.

Civilians from all the allied countries have been visiting the war zone ever since the signing of the armistice. They have come away with a deeper sense of the folly and waste of all war, and of the terrible destruction it has recently been proposed by certain French officials that representative Germans be invited to visit the devastated regions of France and Belgium.

One wonders why this was not thought of long ago. It was obvious during the war and still seems true, that the majority of German citizens, while they have learned some of the bitterness of defeat, have never known the truth about the war's beginnings nor about its prosecution by their armies. Deceived by their own leaders, they cling to the belief that the war was forced upon them, that they fought nobly in self-defense and that ruthless foes are now trying to crush what little life they have left.

If a lot of German mayors, members of the reichstag, clergymen, editors, teachers and especially women, could tour the war zone, viewing destroyed villages, ruined cathedrals, wrecked mines and the stumps that once were orchards, it is just possible that a great light might pierce the gloom of their ignorance.

It is too late to show them the worst. Much of the hideous defacement of the German invasion has been removed; the human anguish fortunately cannot be reproduced. But enough is left to show those German visitors that their enemies suffered far more than their own people have suffered yet. If they were able to see the truth and honest enough to tell it to their fellow citizens when they went back home, their experience might prove to be the beginning of mutual sympathy and understanding which would do much toward insuring the end of international distrust and, perhaps, of war itself.

PLAY AND CIVIC PROGRESS

The value of play as a wholesome and constructive element in community life, urban or rural, is gaining increasing recognition. In 1920 a number of the larger cities showed their belief in play by making large playground appropriations. Memphis, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Akron and Hartford doubled their appropriations for this purpose. Dayton's fund is three times as large as it was a year or two ago. Detroit has added \$1,000,000 in bond for parks and playgrounds. Portland, Ore., plans to spend \$500,000 on the purchase of new playground sites. Others of the larger cities are taking steps to insure safe and healthful places for their children to play.

In the rural communities the move-

ment seems to make progress more slowly. There are, however, reports and handbooks published by such organizations as Community Service and the rural committee of the Michigan state council of physical education, which show that there is a genuine interest in the subject and a demand for organized play in the smaller communities. In the country, as well as in the city, the right sort of play for old and young is found to lead inevitably to an improvement in public spirit, in civic progress and in social conditions generally. It is but a short step from good times together, to working together for better schools, a community hall, clean streets, and so on through the list of local civic reforms.

The other beneficial results—prevention of crime, brighter outlook on life, good health and the development of fair play ideals—are all of sufficient importance to justify the initial expense for grounds, equipment, directors and anything else that is required.

An evangelist at Roseburg has gone the average evangelist one better. He put on a street parade. After all, it was entirely appropriate. Considering the way the average evangelist conducts his business there is no reason why he shouldn't start up with a street parade before opening up the Big Circus in the Main Tent. Corvallis Gazette Times.

We are moved to wonder if there was a deliberate suggestiveness about that headline, "Marshfield Primed for Coming Merchants." Astoria Evening Budget.

Mayor Baker has refused to let Link Stephens lecture in Portland on the grounds that he is a radical agitator. If Link fails to get the public auditorium, no doubt he can hook up with Reed College. Corvallis Gazette Times.

Very likely the reason the Chinese bride sends the groom his wedding clothes is to make sure that he'll be properly attired for the ceremony.

Just when business has fallen off so that there isn't much of importance in the mail anyway, the mail service shows marked improvement.

Hog Island is to be auctioned off. Why not call it Treasure Island, and sell it to another bunch of pirates? There's enough treasure buried there.

Grover Cleveland Bergdall still equates justice. Still, there's some satisfaction in knowing that the draft-excluder is in Germany where he belongs.

The State Department promotes a bill the Senate before giving final shape to that new Japanese treaty. State first.

THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

LOVE BY PROXY.

To this office, once there came, Just a book without a name. And it told of love so sweet, Love so tender and discreet. Were we lonely? Did we yearn, Of this love to quickly learn? Did we wish to be a bride? They a soul-mate would provide. At a price so modest, too. Who without a man would do? "One for fifty cents," they said, "And for \$1.00," so it read. Three men were given, lucky us, If we could land just one love case. Oh, you, who sent this little book, If in our heart you could just look, All praise, you'd find, to you is given, To start us on the road to Heaven. For years we've wanted to be wed, But all the fellows cut us dead. And now with this help, praises be, We'll be a female with a he.

SERVED HIM RIGHT.

I asked a guy to have a nip:
He did.
He said he wanted just a sip:
He did.
But when that little sip was o'er,
And I saw that there was no more,
Did that guy go out my cellar door?
He did.

THE COLD WIND MADE THEM BLUE.

The Young Ladies' Auxiliary marched in the parade and there was thirty of them. Their uniforms consisted of a narrow blue sash—Newton (Ga.) News.

THE BABY

Who rules the house and all within?
Who often needs a safety-pin?
Who makes you glad he's not a twin?
The baby!

Who is precious 'till dear?
Whose little ways are often queer?
Who moves old bachelors to sneer?
The baby!

Who wakes at night and 'ants a jink?
Whose rosy-posy toes are pink?
Who from the bottle doesn't shrink?
The baby!

Who wakes at 4 a. m. to yowl?
Who when you lift him starts to howl?
Who looks as wise as any owl?
The baby!

Who can upset your every plan?
Who plainly shows he knows he can?
Who some day'll be a horrid man?
The baby!

GIDEON EDITOR HAS A FJORD.
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A POSTAL CLERK'S WORRIES.

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