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### THE AUSTRIAN RECEIVERSHIP

Bankrupt Austria is going into the hands of a receiver. It will be the first time that has happened to any great nation. The receiver will be the League of Nations, acting through its Finance Committee. If the plan of this committee is approved by the Austrian government and the League, as it is expected to be, Austria will be placed practically in charge of three trustees acting for the League. They are M. R. Gluckstadt, the foremost banker of Denmark; M. J. Avenol, a French financier, and Sir Drummond Fraser, an Englishman. These three men have been investigating conditions in Austria and forming their plan of procedure.

It is recognized that the plight of Austria, if left to herself, is hopeless, burdened as she is with great war debts and deprived of the most productive parts of her territory. To begin with, there will probably be a large foreign loan, guaranteed by all the public and private property in the country. The trustees will have authority to approve or disapprove of all national loans, foreign or domestic, and will have control of the Austrian assets furnished as security for loans, and will control the expenditure of loans and credits.

This will be a remarkable degree of authority for any nation to surrender. Austria is expected to do it, however, because there is no other way to save the country from utter ruin. The undertaking represents an appropriate function of the League of Nations, and if the League succeeds in the task it will win prestige accordingly.

Incidentally the situation is a striking commentary on the part played by Austria in the World War. The proud capital, head of a great, historic empire, which precipitated the war so blithely in 1914, has met with such prompt and full retribution as has seldom fallen to any nation in history.

Yes, things are falling. Cars going down. Deflation in tires.

### THE MAN WITH THE HOSE

When an expert comes out with a code of rules for watering the lawn, efficiency indeed has been raised to the nth power. And here is the code, as set forth by Dr. Albert Taylor, professor of landscape architecture at Ohio University, in his book, "The Complete Garden":

"A properly prepared lawn will not require much watering unless the season is unusually dry or near-by trees are robbing the grass roots.

"In any event, a few thorough soakings are much better than many light ones. The water should be applied in the morning, for the sun and whirling fogmists, for hours, will evaporate the effects they produce in the sunlight, they do not insure a thorough soaking.

"Do not hasten to sprinkle a lawn at the first approach of warm weather, as this will discourage the tendency of the grass roots to go deeper in search of ground water.

"If the lawn shows signs later in the season of being in distress, give it a thorough soaking.

"An effective watering should soak the ground to a depth of five or six inches.

"Let the La Grande father read and rejoice! No more need he stand, night after night, from early spring until late fall, wearily turning the hose spray from side to side of the lawn. From now on he will wait until summer is well advanced, then get out the jolly old hose, take the nozzle off entirely, lay the hose where the stream will do the most good and let her soak, "thoroughly" while he sits on the porch with his feet up and smokes. After an hour or so he will move the hose to another spot and repeat the process. Then for many

nights he will not even get the hose out, but will sit at his ease and grin at his toiling neighbors who have not learned his lore. And in the hot, brown days of August, his lawn will look the best, so great is efficiency.

### CHILDREN AND BOOZE

A Humane Society in one of the larger cities has just issued a report telling of the 4,550 children dealt with by it in the year 1920. These children were from 1,854 homes. It gives ten principal causes for bringing these children to the Society for care.

"Intemperance," which in the 'prohibition days' was the most common cause of complaint, has become, despite the much-talked-of 'raisin-jack' and 'home-brew', seldom given as the reason for asking our assistance. Some children whose homes had broken a number of years ago because of intemperance have been returned to their parents, who have re-established their homes and proven their fitness to have them. One family of five children who became wards of the society because of the intemperance of their parents, this year spent their first Christmas in five years in their own home.

The most desirable immigrants are the little ones that come direct from heaven, and the congressional maternity bill, designed to help their American mothers, is the way to start Americanizing them.

A financial sharp explains that a "billion," which means a "thousand millions" in this country, means a "million millions" in Germany. Now we begin to understand those German estimates of the allied reparation claims.

### POLITICAL HISTORY

May 18, 1863.—Siege of Vicksburg, Mississippi, began.

May 18, 1864.—A bogus proclamation was issued for more troops.

May 18, 1899.—The International Peace Conference met at The Hague.

Whig Party.

The Whig Party was organized in 1834 and obtained its followers from all other parties. The party terminated in 1852.

There have been but two occasions when there were no ex-presidents: during the term of Adams, when Washington died, and the second term of Grant, when Johnson died.

Democratic Party.  
The Democratic Party first came into prominence in 1828. Andrew Jackson was the first Democratic President.

Cleveland, after taking the oath as President (his first term), kissed the open Bible, his lips touching Psalm CXII, 5-10, inclusive.

### THE OFFICE CAT



#### Greater Love Hath No Man.

He gazed into her eyes of blue  
And swore by stars above her,  
That he forever would be true  
And never cease to love her.

The one great object of his life,  
He said, would be to please her,  
If she would only be his wife—  
He was a glib-tongued geezer.

She took him up and time sped by,  
Now three the family numbers,  
But when the baby starts to cry,  
He goes right on and slumbers.

#### The Modern Puzzle.

Chug-chug! Br-r! Br-r! Honk! Honk! Gilling-gilling! z z z z  
The pedestrian paused at the intersection of two streets. He looked about. A motor car was rushing at him from one direction, a motorcycle from another, a steam truck was coming from behind and a taxicab was speedily approaching.

Zip-zip! Zing-glug!  
He looked up and saw directly above him an airship in rapid descent.

There was but one chance for the poor man. He was standing upon a manhole cover. Quickly seizing it, he lifted the lid and jumped into the hole just in time to be run over by an underground train.—Los Angeles Times.

Some folks believe themselves accomplished musicians who have only learned to change needles on a phonograph.

Chas. Runyon says his boyhood ambition was to ride in the glass cupola of a caboose.

#### In Which Mr. Cummin Clears Up A Deep Mystery.

(From the New York Tribune.)  
To the Editor of the Tribune.

Sir:—For the information of "Syracuse Girl," who inquires in this morning's Tribune why New York girls don't keep the seams of their stockings straight, here's the answer. So far as New York girls are concerned, the corset, with its appended garters, has gone where the woodbine twineth, along with the bustle, starched petticoats and fleece-lined underwear. Lacking these former corset-attached garter supports, the girls have discovered that a stocking will stay up if properly rolled down from the top. It isn't easy to explain the process without a diagram, but the secret of rolling it is in first giving it a proper twist around. This brings the back seam of the stocking around to the front.

#### L. SEYMOUR CUMMIN.

Playing in a band gets one up early Sunday mornings for practice.

What has become of the old-fashioned backstroker who used to chew a little tobacco for toothache?

A local householder says it takes a forehanded man to buy his coal now.

Boss, to stenographer.—"How do you spell 'income'?" You've got here 'i-n-c-o-m-e'."

Stenographer.—"Good heavens! How did I come to leave out that 'e'?"

The Judge in a Muskogee (Okla.) court asked a defendant where he obtained his liquor. Defendant refused to tell, whereupon the court assessed a fine of \$15.

A Chicago man, who recently was declared a bankrupt, blames prohibition for his failure. He formerly operated a home for inebriates.

## MANY PETITIONS ARE SENT IN

(Observer Salem Bureau.)

SALEM, Ore., May 18.—Preliminary to petitioning the federal power commission for permission to add another project on the Klamath river to its giant system, the California-Oregon Power company has filed an application with the state engineer.

It calls for the appropriation of 2100 second feet of the stream, which is estimated would develop 70,000 horsepower.

The company already has five projects, and it desires to add another in order to meet the steadily increasing demand in Oregon and California for hydro-electric power.

#### Four in Oregon.

One of the five projects is located in California, and the remaining four are in Oregon, one on the Klamath river, one at Capco and two on the Rogue river. It also has a preliminary dam on upper Klamath lake.

According to the state engineer, the cost of developing the new project will be several million dollars. The company, he said, immediately will file its petition with the federal power commission, and when the commission is ready to consider the

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## MEN!

We're Winding Up  
a Great Sale of  
**CLOTHING**

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

# 20% OFF

A sale of clothing that started with our Thursday and Friday special of last week and has continued through this week, will end with our two bargain day sales Thursday and Friday.

AND INCIDENTALLY

We shall for these two days of final windup, a reduction in our entire stock of Men's Furnishings, Hats, Shoes, Shirts, Underwear, etc., of

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Secure your needs tomorrow or Friday—regular prices prevail on all but these two days.

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## ENTIRE STOCK OF LADIES' Coats, Suits, Dresses 1-3 OFF

Final cleanup of all that remains of our spring stocks. Every garment was new this season. Every one is an exceptional value at this discount—bringing to about cost—in some instances less than cost, but they must go. Your inspection invited.

Application, representatives of the state engineering department will confer with it.

**Applications Filed.**  
Other applications filed during the week with the state engineering department for the appropriation of water for irrigation and power were:

By the City of Ontario, for permit to appropriate water from a waste ditch of the Warm Springs Irrigation district for the irrigation of 110 acres of land within the city.

By Thomas G. Keane, of Portland, covering appropriation of water from Sandy river for domestic purposes. Under this application it is proposed to erect tanks for the storage of water for the benefit of campers and travelers along the Columbia highway.

By M. G. McKern, of Pendleton, covering appropriation of water from small creek from Badger springs for irrigation of a ten-acre tract in Umatilla county.

By Mary Wolfe, of Walowa, covering appropriation of water from unnamed springs and waste water for irrigation of sixty-five acres in Walowa county.

By Carl Taylor and Lynn Taylor, of Hood River, covering appropriation of water from an unnamed spring for irrigation of eight acres in Hood River county.

By J. F. Houston, of Roberts, Ore., covering appropriation of water from Pringle Flat creek and the storage of 480 acre feet of such water to be used in irrigation of lands in Crook county.

By S. P. Gilmore, of Junction City, covering appropriation of eleven second feet from Bear Creek for the development of power in Lane county.

**MILLION DOLLARS CUT FROM NAVY APPROPRIATION**  
WASHINGTON, May 18.—A million dollars was cut from the naval appropriation bill in the senate

on the first roll call, testing the strength between the advocates and the opponents of increases in the navy appropriations.

The house has passed the senate bill authorizing presidential control over the cable landings.

**MRS HEDDERLY FAVORED**  
PORTLAND, May 18.—A verdict for \$1500 was given Mrs. Lena Hedderly against three federal prohibition agents in connection with the shooting of her husband last September. The government is to appeal.

## MR FARMER.

Sunflower for Silage is being used more extensively each year in this inter mountain section. It has passed the experimental stage, and progressive stockmen recognize the saving it means to their winter feed bill.

Sunflower has been grown successfully at an elevation of 6000 feet where the average rainfall is 16 inches. In the section referred to, in 1920, the wheat crop was a failure, while about 5 tons per acre was the yield of sunflowers. The ability of the crop to withstand frosts makes it adaptable to high, cool regions giving it a decided advantage in this respect over corn. We are now offering Mammoth Russian Sunflower seed at 9c per pound in 100 pound bags, 1c additional for smaller quantities.

A carload of stock salt at less than wholesale cost.

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50 pound sacks, each 65c

\$5.50 Brick, Carryized Stock Tonic \$1.97

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