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A NEW IMMIGRANT JAM

The immigration problem is not yet solved, even temporarily. No sooner had the emergency restriction law gone into effect than confusion arose of a new sort, with the result that Ellis Island is clogged worse than ever before, with no prospect of relief for a long time to come.

In applying the Dillingham law, each nation was given a quota for the present month, with the additional provision that it must not exceed 20 per cent of its total allowance for the year in any succeeding month. The Italians reached their June quota of 2,500 on the second day of the new regime, with 12 steamships in New York harbor waiting to unload their passengers, among whom were at least 5,000 more Italians. Many thousands more of the same nationality were on the way over. Several other nationalities are in almost as bad a plight.

What is to be done with all those aliens who are temporarily ineligible? Apparently they must either wait on ship board for weeks or months, until their turn comes for admittance, or else they must be returned to their native lands, unless Congress enacts a new emergency law. Life in the steerage, on a ship lying at anchor in a hot harbor, soon becomes intolerable. Ellis Island has no accomodations for the waiting throng.

The steamship companies that have brought these aliens over, without regard to the law of the country, and are still bringing others, seem primarily responsible. Commissioner Wallis declares that they should be "fined heavily." He suggests a fine equal to the average fare paid by the immigrant, which is about $140 apiece. A penalty of that sort might teach the steamship men a well deserved lesson. The nation's immigrant troubles all along have been due largely to their solicitation of passenger traffic regardless of the country's welfare, and their dumping of alien material on our shores has been incomparably worse than any dumping of foreign commodities.

The foreign governments, however, have their share of responsibility, and so has the United States government. There has to be teamwork in a case of this kind. It rests with Congress to provide the means of co-operation and for the Executive Department to use them. The immigrants should be sifted at the other end of the route, and only the admissible number of each nationality allowed to come through.

FATAL PRAISE FOR SHORT SKIRTS

"The short-skirt and the charmingly practical costume which has built itself up around it is the healthiest, most beautiful and most artistic gown woman has ever worn."

With these words of high praise, Dr. Woods Hutchinson seems to annihilate the last vestige of criticism of present feminine dress on the score of immodesty or any other unbecoming quality.

Unquestionably the short skirt is more beautiful than the long one. It is recognized as being far more hygienic as a mere article of clothing, and also as exerting a wholesome influence by giving more freedom and encouraging greater physical activity. Many people may be inclined, offhand, to question the beauty of it. That may be due to its novelty. It takes time to get used to new standards, so that artistic judgments are unbiased. There is no question however, that many women do obtain remarkably beautiful results with the new mode. It may not be intrinsically the most beautiful mode on record, as Dr. Hutchinson maintains. Some critics may prefer the classic dress models of ancient Greece or Rome—but it certainly has artistic possibilities enough to commend it, when it is not carried to foolish extremes.

As for the morals of it, that question has been sufficiently discussed, with the general concluson that this style, like most sartoral styles, is neither moral nor immoral, and that the only important standards are comfort, good taste and common sense.

So the short skirt, after a hard struggle against condemnation and ridicule, is being accepted at last with fulsome praise. And there is the sad part of it. When man approves unreservedly, what is woman to do but change to something else?

Already there are hints of longer skirts and higher waists, and even of the "choker" collar of excruciating memory. The one sure thing about dress styles, it seems, is that they will always swing from one extreme to another. Two or three years hence we may have forgotten what ankles look like.

THE CIVILIAN TRAINING CAMPS

Secretary of War Weeks has issued a letter to the governors of all the states urging their co-operation in making the summer military training camps for citizens a success. He believes that these are a vital asset in the broad scheme of national defense, and that lasting benefits will accrue to the nation and to the individual from the training provided. He hopes to see over 10,000 men from all the states and all walks in life enrolled for the training.

The civilian training camps during the war more than proved their value in the benefits to the health of the men who took the training, in the way in which these men endured the tests of active service and in the manner in which they were bound together in a fine and enthusiastic Americanism. These things would be equally true of the civilian camp today.

If armies are to be reduced there is all the more need for a body of trained civilian reserves to answer the protective needs of their country at home or abroad if the call should come. And even if they should never be called into action, as is the hope of all humanity, still America will be just so much better fitted to make great progress in peace because of these men trained physically and mentally and united in a brotherhood of patriotic service.

WAR AND WEATHER

In the old days when the rainmakers promised to make green the arid western plains they went about it by shooting up the clouds and frightening the heavens with a big noise. True, rain did not always follow their efforts, but sometimes it did, and nobody was ever able to prove beforehand that it wouldn't. It seems that today violent storms, cloudbursts and floods are common al over the world, and ingenious idiots are wondering if maybe this isn't the ultimate result of the bombardments of the great war.

Surely if there is anything in the theory of making rain by means of explosions there were enough explosives fired off in the war to justify Noah in building another ark and the animals in buying water wings.

Of course the scientists have other theories, based on sun-spots and things, but the big-noise theorist is going to vote for disarmament as he hopes for a dry world. And there is this much, at least, to be said for his point of view—it will prevent a flood of tears and the drowning of many fair hopes, whatever it may do to the weather.

If Henry Ford wanted more revenge, as might be his time, and ... for the senate again next time, and spend twice as much as his re... [illegible] tolerable law.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN

THE HITCHING RAIL ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE MONUMENT COLLAPSED TODAY—CAUSED BY OLD AGE AND OVERWEIGHT.

THE OFFICE CAT

—By JUNIUS—

Our Great Pome Contest.

We feel that there are many among our customers who are afflicted with the divine afflatus who, for some reason or other, have never sought to express themselves.

With this in mind, we have went to great pains to figger out the following skeleton pome and thereby test the latent poetic powers of our millions of satisfied customers. Perhaps you may have in your cerebellum the making of another Illiad or something. Why not try? It can't do any hurt, can it? No.

Everybody is eligible to enter this symposium. Don't let your modestry stand in your way. Just take your pencil in hand and fill in the blank spaces. Then send the finished masterpiece to us and the first time we hear of a job being open for a poet we'll notify the winner. The committee of judges will be composed of the Observer adv., janitor, the stenographer and ye editor hereof.

All ready, GO!

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.... Rain
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*Six, syllables, to rhyme.

(Signed) ....
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What More Could He Ask?

Ozark (Ark.) Spectator.

Fred Essman has a new John Deere buggy and a dear little gal to put in it.

Cheerful people are said to live the longest. Maybe that explains why most postoffice and hotel clerks die young.

Thoughts While Snooping Around In La Grande.

Little scraggly old lady reading one of Elinor Glyn's books. Cross-eyed women entering a beauty parlor, probably owns the place. Nice looking pair of kicks in J. C. Jenny Store window for $6. Pinch me. Doc. I fear I'm dreaming! Wonder if George Garrett has forgotten that invitation out to din—sup—(boy send the society editor in)—dinner. Former fellow ... says he has made $30,000 in the last five years. Atta boy! Wish he'd lend me the recipe. He hum hoax.

The bureau of mines reports that the United States has 3,533,500,000,000 tons of minable coal, but that doesn't mean that you'll get it any cheaper this fall.

Odd and Uninteresting Facts.

Flees are apt to be restless and "nervy" when thunder is about.

The day of the planet Venus is estimated by some scientists to be equal to 225 of our days.

A woolly worm humps and straightens its back seven times in traveling seven eighths of an inch.

New York detective hint that the name of the thief who took Mrs. Caruso's jewels is known, but it seems they forgot to add that "if returned at once no questions will be asked."

This col. will swap one used pair of artics, in good running order for a palm leaf fan. Or what have you?

It was just as well for King Solomon that a patent wallpaper cleaner hadn't been invented in his day.

George H. Eddy says almost any dub golfer can make himself believe he's a star at this time of year.

POLITICAL HISTORY

U. S. POLITICAL HISTORY.

June 11, 1832—Augustus H. Garland, born. Attorney-General under President Cleveland.

June 11, 1864—Battle at Trevillian Station, Va.

Twenty-First President.

Chester A. Arthur, republican. Inaugurated September 20, 1881. Age 50. Term of office, three years, five months. Residence, New York City. Born October 5, 1830, Fairfield, Vt. Died November 18, 1886. Age 56. Buried, Albany, N. Y. Graduate, Union college. Parentage, Scotch-Irish.

Where Duelists Are Barred.

A curious old form of oath, which bars those who have fought duels from holding office in the county or state, is still administered in Texas. The man elected has to swear he has never had any part in a duel.

DEAD MEN TELL NO TALES

Who Is It?

This photo was taken aboard the presidential yacht Mayflower as President Harding stood silhouetted against the sun. It was snapped while he was returning to Washington from New York.

REPORTS GAIN OF 33 POUNDS

Mrs. Chance Says That Was The Least of the Benefits She Received From Tanlac.

"When I began taking Tanlac I weighed only a hundred and five pounds, but I now weigh a hundred and thirty-eight, a gain of thirty-three pounds," said Mrs. C. P. Chance, 566 Sevier strett, Portland, Ore.

"But I consider my big gain in weight the smallest of the benefits I have received from Tanlac," she continued, "for it relieved me of a case of stomach trouble that had completely wrecked my health.

"After meals awful pains would strike me in the pit of my stomach and almost drive me wild. Even the sight of food would often nauseate me and gas would bloat me up terribly. My nerves were so badly upset that I would shake all over. My sleep was unsound and I always got up in the mornings feeling sick and all tired out. I ached all over and had an awful pain under my shoulders.

"I got two bottles of Tanlac and before the first bottle was gone my appetite was better and I didn't feel sick when I got up in the mornings. Soon I began to gain weight and to feel stronger. I have taken several bottles of Tanlac now and don't believe I ever enjoyed such splendid health as I do now. I sleep like a child at night and feel well and strong all the time and I really weigh more than I ever did in my life before."—(Advertisement.)

OBITUARY.

GERTRUDE MARIE CARPENTER.

Born August 4, 1919, passed from this world June 9, 1921.

Little Marie was one of the sweetest sunbeams ever sent to this earth. She had so great an amount of love and smiles and happiness for her parents and those she knew, her time with them was short and her parents had as great a love for her, were so often seen to hug her tight and say, she is so dear. They say she is the sweetest memory they have.

She had a smile for one and all alike. All who see her would say, what a little darling.

—A FRIEND.

EVERYDAY ETIQUETTE

Wedding Announcements.

Wedding announcement cards, as a rule, are issued immediately after a wedding takes place. They are in no way, invitations, but are intended to convey to the friends of the contracting parties the information of their marriage. Announcement cards are employed when, for good reasons, a marriage has taken place in the quietest manner, in the presence of a few invited friends. As a rule, the parents of the bride announce the marriage.

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the marriage of their daughter
Wanda Elizabeth
to
Mr. Charles Victor Hudson
on Wednesday, the twenty second of
June nineteen hundred and twenty one at Dearborn Trinity
Church, Chicago.

(Tomorrow: "Wedding Anniversary Invitations.")

Why Suffer From Rheumatism?

Do you know that nine out of every ten cases of rheumatism of the muscles or chronic rheumatism, neither of which require any internal treatment? The pain may be relieved by applying Chamberlain's Liniment which makes sleep and rest possible, and that certainly means a great deal to anyone afflicted with rheumatism.—(Advertisement.)

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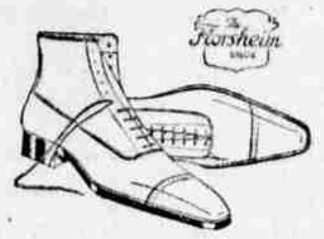

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