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DIPLOMATIC HOUSE

Myron T. Herrick, leaving to resume his former post in Paris, announced that his first task on arrival there would be to hunt for a place to live. His son, he said, had been looking for a house for him for some time, without success. The residence vacated by the retiring Ambassador Wallace was not obtainable.

Mr. Wallace likewise had wasted considerable time when he first arrived in Paris in the quest of a suitable building for an embassy. Mr. Herrick did the same thing when he first went over. Every ambassador has had the same experience. The situation is possibly a little more annoying than usual just now, because there are so many important matters for the American envoy to attend to when he reaches Paris. They must wait for the house-hunting, just the same. And when a "suitable" place has been found, it will probably prove to be as far as usual from serving the real needs of a combined residence and office of business for the representative of the United States of America in one of the two most important capitals in the world.

There is now a fairly adequate embassy in London, as the permanent home of ambassadors to Great Britain. It is the former London home of J. P. Morgan, offered to the United States as a gift, and accepted by Congress with apparent unwillingness, after long delay. If memory serves, Congress voted a small appropriation last session to provide a permanent embassy in Paris; but evidently nothing has yet been done about it.

The present shameful plight in which American diplomatic representatives find themselves in almost every foreign capital should be ended without delay. The cost, in any event, will be small. One battleship would more than pay for the whole business and the return in better service and increased dignity and influence abroad would more than compensate for the expense.

Backing Self-Determination

The government of the United States can claim credit for the first adequate enunciation of the policy of self-determination, and the American people, if they so desire, can congratulate themselves upon the fact and derive therefrom their measure of honest pride. But just now that is about all.

The business men of our war associates, rather than of this country, are the first to back, with their capital and effort, their faith in the new nations established through the exercise of this theoretical right. Their operations in Jugoslavia cannot but command attention at this time.

French and Belgian interests are building a great sugar factory at Budavista in Old Serbia and, by way of insurance for the success of their project, are planning a modern agricultural school. They know that the wide river valleys of Serbia will grow sugar beets of the best quality. Soil tests have shown that. Now they intend that the farmers of the district shall know how to grow such beets. These promoters really mean business.

The capital of Western Europe is also backing a 10 million crown insurance company in Zagreb (Agram), and a Jugoslavian navigation company has been capitalized at 400 million crowns. (It should be remembered, in this connection, that the South Slavs are no strangers to blue water, and that the pirates of that breed were for centuries more dangerous foes to Venice than Gona ever was). There is great activity in the development of salt and petroleum deposits within the limits of the new nation and in the improvement of transportation facilities.

The American theory of self-determination for lesser peoples is, beyond all question, an excellent one, but is it altogether complete?

Letting less fortunate peoples "work out their own salvation" certainly sounds very well indeed. Helping them to do so after the manner of France and Belgium and the United Kingdom, seems even more commendable at this time. Surely this coun-

try might well undertake a greater contribution to the world's material progress, and one more in keeping with the magnitude of its military, moral and political contribution in these last years.

The New Super-Gun

The Temple gun, if reports of its power are trustworthy, is surely the most remarkable propulsive weapon ever invented. It seems to shoot with far greater force than any other gun, and practically without recoil. It is claimed for it that a large model can send a five-ton projectile 300 miles.

This may prove to be true, incredible as it sounds, and yet the invention may not have the revolutionary effect on warfare that some commentators assume. The Germans' super-gun that was used to bombard Paris indicated both the merits and the defects of any such long-range weapon. The German gun was a psychological weapon rather than a physical one. Its effect was produced mainly on people's minds. It was intended to terrify rather than to destroy. The military destruction actually wrought in Paris as a result of weeks of bombardment, was almost negligible.

It has to be recognized that as a gun's range increases, its accuracy decreases. For every additional mile the sighting becomes more difficult, and any local vibration or air movement or imperfection in the mechanism produces a greater error of marksmanship. If the guns in the St. Gobain forest could not make a calculated hit on any building in Paris, at a distance of 70 miles, but were reduced to the necessity of merely firing at random and trusting to hit the big city somewhere or other, how can anyone expect to shoot straight for 300 miles? Talk of hitting a fort or a battleship at a distance of even 100 miles, with the best aid that can be given the marksman by airplane and wireless, is absurd.

Fortunately the new weapon is described also as having remarkable possibilities in the utilization of its power for construction mechanical work. This may well prove to be its chief value. And this, one may hope, will point the way to a great human triumph of the future, when every powerful weapon shall be used likewise, for the purposes of peace. Turning a super-cannon into a pile-driver or a drilling-machine or a rock-blaster or a lifter of big weights is the modern way of turning words into plowshares.

SUNBURN

A Philadelphia woman went to Atlantic City for an outing. She only had two days, and decided to make the most of it. She liked bathing, and wanted a coat of tan. So she dressed in her bathing suit, and then spent the whole of the first day enjoying a nice sunbath on the sand. Now she is in the hospital, badly blistered and suffering from second-degree burns over a considerable part of her anatomy. She may die of the burns. The treatment given her is the same as the treatment for any serious burn caused by fire.

That serves to emphasize a fact too often overlooked by indoor people when they get outdoors. The sun in fire, and can burn like any other fire. Its rays on a bright, hot day cannot be endured for any length of time unless the skin is protected. Exposure itself tends to create protection, in the form of "tan", which is a development of pigment in the skin acting as a closed shutter to the sun's rays. But the exposure must be gradual. Otherwise the actinic rays of sunlight penetrate the skin and enter deeply into the flesh, with disastrous effect.

Sunburn is seldom taken seriously enough. Novices should realize that it is especially to be feared on the water and in the mountains. It is possible, by taking proper precautions, to acquire an impressive and protective coat of tan in a couple of weeks without being burnt at all, if the white-skinned vacationer goes slow, starting with very short periods of exposure and increasing them from day to day.

NEW PENNIES

In 1920 the United States mint turned out 405,665,000 bright new copper pennies, \$2,200,000,000 worth and 92,821,000 dimes. It was not because the volume of business done in America required \$17,368,750 additional small currency to handle it. It is probably that some normal increase was required and some coins undoubtedly retired from active life, having outlived their usefulness to battered old age. But the copper alloy of the penny is a tough substance. Nothing like 400,000,000 of them wear out in a year. A nickel must pass through thousands of hands or telephone slots before it is worn too smooth for use. A dime is a mighty useful coin even after it has become a "thin dime."

The greater part of the coins it was necessary to replace were LOST. They were lost in most cases through the carelessness or lack of thrift of their owners. Americans are far too prone to let the pennies, nickels and dimes go. Invested in Thrift Stamps, the lost coins each year would mean a gain to the wealth of the nation which would be appreciable benefit. Invest your small coins before you lose them.

President Occupies New Chair



Newspaper editors gave this chair to President Harding as a token of esteem. It is made from a rib of the old Revolutionary warship Revenge. The only ornamentation is an American eagle and two rings symbolizing the twin functions of newspapers, collection and distribution of news.

THE OFFICE CAT



—BY JUNIOR—

Four wise men from this city, Went to Catherine Creek to fish, If the "bait" had been stronger, The string of fish would have been longer. As it was— They fished all day and half the night, And they never had a fry, For not a fish did they catch, not they. Not a fish from a soul could they buy.

"Oh, fish have changed since the olden days" Not the fish, dear boys, say we, But a two per cent. jug can't work the charm Like a 75 per cent. you see.

Poem. When little Mabel said her prayer, Behold her mother overheard, And was in deed astounded, For The daughter's plea was absurd!

"If I should die, oh, please, good Lord, To Heaven let me straightway go; But if I live, then let me be A vampire in a picture show!"

Congress is said to be considering the manufacture of half-penny pieces. Gawd, maybe we can give a little dough, yet.

"I Do." Practice is said to make perfect, but sometimes it does not. The wedding ceremony had been rehearsed several times, but the groom got the "I do" in the wrong place. The minister asked if any one knew of any lawful reason why the marriage should not take place and the groom said, "I do."

The Easy Way. If you want to see how the earth looks from an airplane go up on the roof and look down with the big end of a spyglass at your eye.

Didn't Marry One. "It is said by animal trainers that the giraffe has never been known to utter a sound of any kind," he said. "Well, what of it?" "Oh, nothing, only I did not marry a giraffe."

The Elves of the Ark. We mortals have to sweat and shoo. The flies from dawn 'till dark.

Quase Noah didn't wait for two That roosted in the ark.

Somebody Else Will Hafta Figure This Out. (From an Exchange.)

Miss Edna Cox became the bride of Alfred Hunt, whose sister, Miss Lillie Hunt married Walter Cox, brother of the girl who married Lillie Hunt's brother. All live in "Butter, Mont.", where everybody now is trying to untangle the relationship.

When you're right you can afford to keep your temper; when you're wrong you can't afford to lose it.

If waists keep getting lower and skirts shorter, where will the dear ladies conceal their powder puffs?

Knocking is rapidly coming to be recognized as a disreputable occupation instead of a bad habit.

The following printer's error is cited by the Boston Transcript: "The doctor felt the patient's pulse and declared there was no hope."

No matter how often records are broken, they'll never build a motorcycle fast enough to catch up with tomorrow.

The missing link between the sublime and the ridiculous is found in the fellow who tries to get thrills by building a home-made racing body for his flivver.

'Round The County

Little Bit of Everything Gleaned By the Observer About People and Things.

Nearly a dozen commercial apple orchards are embraced in the fruit-producing districts of the county, but are so isolated that few, except a few, know of their existence. One must get off the main arteries of travel, pull the dial of the traveling public, and penetrate these isolated spots with a specific purpose—or one seldom discovers them.

Anyone wanting a profitable and pleasant auto ride can do so to his own advantage by taking the following route.

After coming over the bluff between Rinehart Crossing and Elgin, either drive straight across a narrow but open patch of rocky land instead of turning east into Elgin, or go to Elgin in the usual way and wheel back west again. If selecting the former way it is necessary to ford a little stream to make junction with the road from Elgin which heads toward the foothills. Once over the creek, going is good. Nestling high up on the foothills that overlook Indian Valley, Elgin itself and the Cricket Flat, one finds several orchards which might be termed strategically located, for they have the required slope and the right lie as to sun and shade. The first orchard encountered is the Ulla-

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Black and Brown
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Near the entrance you will find these. They are slightly imperfect hose, or seconds of a regular 60c grade. Selling now in sizes 8 1-2, 9 and 9 1-2 at this special price, while they last at 23c pair.

Odd pieces of table linens; all are in sizes suitable for use as table cloths or lunch cloths, or any purpose. The lengths range from 2 yds. to 3 yds. and the widths vary.

Exceptional opportunity is offered among these remnants to secure every day table linens of fine quality at a great reduction in price.

These are near the main entrance to-day. See them.

A Sale of LINEN REMNANTS

SHERRY'S

---TODAY---

Charles Ray

IN

"The VILLAGE SLEUTH"

It's a Paramount
There was dirty work afoot! Gosh! even folks that wasn't detectives knew that. For why them tracks to the lonely lake? And a rich man vanished? And funny goin's-on in that smart doctor's home for Nervous Women? And a fortune in jewels stolen? And the mystery house in the woods? And all them jealous, accusin' eyes of a sweet and beautiful actress lady who never, never, done wrong? ...But Nicholas Carter Walls had a clue, and—sh-h-h-h! Come see Sherlock Holmes's ghost turn green with envy!
Five rousing reels of laughs and excitement!
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ASPHALT IS DUTY FREE.
WASHINGTON, July 19.—The house today transferred asphalt from duty to free list classification in the Fordney tariff bill, disposing of the part of the five-contested schedules in which separate votes were permitted. The duty on electric acid was increased from 10 to 12 cents per pound. Representative Longworth saying the California lemon growers needed this protection.

EDITORS MEET AT BEND.
Program Arranged That Will Be Instructive to Oregon Editors.
CORVALLIS, July 17.—The Oregon State Editorial Association will hold its annual session at Bend July 22 and 23. The general outline of the program has been announced by C. E. Ingalls, editor of the Corvallis Gazette-Times, state president. The program has been arranged to cover the most interesting and vital matters before the newspaper men of the state at the present time, according to President Ingalls. The program has been framed with the advice of the executive committee composed of E. E. Brodie, of the Oregon City Enterprise, president of the National Editorial Association; Bruce Dennis, of the La Grande Observer, and S. C. Morton, of the St. Helens Mist. Subjects listed for discussion include: "The Labor Situation in the Print Shop," "The Editorial as a Circulation Builder," "Featuring Country Correspondence," "The Oregon Press," "Does the Job Department Pay in Connection with the Small Daily?" "Round Table—the Dead-Line, Carrier Boys, the Web Press, Collection of Subscriptions, the Classified Ad. Overtime," "Special Editions," "The Contest Scheme." Reception and entertainment of the visitors at Bend will be in the hands of a special committee of the Bend Commercial Club. The committee is headed by A. Whinnant, editor of the Bend Press.

HARVEST FETE PLANNED BY MERCHANTS
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which we should come to know our neighbors both in town and out. I do not think that the crowd on such an occasion would be short of 3000 people. I for one am anxious to see it instituted.
Others interviewed on the subject immediately seconded the motion.
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