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GOD CARES FOR HIS OWN.
And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.—Malachi 3: 17.

Freeing The Dardanelles.

The most hopeful news that has come from the Lausanne conference is the allied proposal, favorably received by the Turks, for the dismantling of fortifications at the Dardanelles and the freeing of the straits to the ships of peace and war of all nations. This is noteworthy progress toward world concord, for the program would go far toward removing a source of friction. The plan to administer the zone through an international commission is in line with the irresistible tendency toward a firmly knit world organization.

That the formal proposal for internationalization of the straits came immediately after the United States laid down demand at Lausanne for an open door challenges the American government to participate willingly in its proper share of the task. There was much reason in the Turkish assertion, at the opening of the present parley, that the United States could not claim privileges in and influence upon Turkish settlement unless it were willing to assume its portion of responsibility. That argument is given special point in the definite suggestion of Lord Curzon for accomplishing something positive, constructive and safe for peace, democracy, civilization and all the other aims of which so much was heard only a few years ago.

Achieving the Impossible.

Somebody has said that the American national motto should be: "It can't be done—let's do it." The reference is to the typical American attitude of courage and confidence exemplified by workers of the American Committee for Devastated France. In the portion of the country that was laid waste by the German invaders is what is known as the "Zone Rouge," the "red zone," where government officials have declared the land irremediable.

In this district the committee made special efforts. Refusing to be daunted by the pessimistic official prediction, the committee set tractors and other modern farm machinery to work. A syndicate was formed to loan money to the impoverished farmers and they are now beginning to pay back the money. A cooperative society was organized through which the farmers and their laborers were able to buy material at low prices. Fields that long lay waste have been reclaimed, homes have been rebuilt and a whole region that had been officially abandoned is being restored to prosperity and usefulness.

And all because of a handful of optimistic, determined Americans refused to admit the possibility of failure in the face of great initial discouragement.

Insured For Three Million.

J. C. Penny, of White Plains, New York, head of a chainstore organization operating in twenty-nine states, started in business as a clerk in a small store in a small Missouri town at twenty-five dollars a year, practically two dollars a month. The second year his pay was \$200.

His first wage and humble beginning are contrasted with his present large business, right now, in connection with the insuring of his life for \$3,000,000. His success portrays the old story of a man's rise from nothing and nobody to great wealth and power.

There are many inspiring lessons in Mr. Penny's achievement. But the matter of timely importance is the value that he places on life insurance. With him, as with many other business men, insurance is a guarantee against emergency, a reserve fund to protect capital and business.

Resuscitating An Old Treaty.

Most of us had forgotten the Isle of Pines belonged to the United States or Cuba, or whether it was an autonomy. Most of us did not have any interest in the matter, and evidently the residents of that little off the Cuban mainland didn't bother about their political status.

It is now brought to our attention that a treaty relinquishing to Cuba any right or title that the United States may have had to the Isle of Pines has been resting in the American Senate for eighteen years. Secretary Hughes has suggested that the treaty should be ratified.

No wonder that the Isle of Pines is virtually only a name. A citizenship that sleeps after for eighteen years with such a vital subject undetermined can hardly have much of a vigorous spirit.

They have found hell's half-acre. It is over in Wyoming. That's the place to put a retention camp for the army I. W. W.

The principal business of most persons seems to be to make things as easy as possible for themselves.

THE OFFICE CAT

YOU GOTTA KEEP RIGHT ON

One step won't take you very far.
You've got to keep on walking.
One word won't tell folks who you are.
You've got to keep on talking.
One inch won't make you very tall.
You've got to keep on growing.
One little ad won't do it all.
You've got to keep them going.

A person fishing for compliments should use some judgment in choosing their bait.

Every husband knows how his wife should dress, but the wise ones are careful about giving unsolicited advice.

Amos Tash says those who haven't time to vote at primaries and other elections always find time the year following to curse the man elected.

If you eat onions don't breathe it to a soul.
"Sub-chasers in booze traffic." Well, one needs a chaser with this modern hooch.

NOT THE CHEAP KIND
What are those lines of Kipling's? "A woman is only a woman?" Yes, but a cigar isn't always a good smoke."

An inventor has patented a chain to be looped around a cuff button to prevent its being lost. A chain to prevent a collar button from sliding under a chiffonette would be a welcome adjunct to a man's trunk-box.

COLOR NO OBJECT
Wanted—Girl for light housework, no objection to green or colored girl.—Classified ad in Hartford Times.

DON'T CRY, LITTLE GIRL
There, little girl, don't cry.
They have lengthened your skirts, I know;
But don't you fret,
You're a lady yet,
From the girls of long ago.

They have added an inch or two, But there, little girl, don't cry,
For a feisty breeze
Still shows your knees,
As the race of men go by.

Leaders are ordinary persons with extraordinary determination.
We have noticed, often that after all the girls are married, cowboys can be found in the front porch swing, and the front door sticks.

In the Day's News.

Stanley Baldwin, who heads the British debt funding mission which starts for the United States today, holds the important post of Chancellor of the Exchequer in the present British government. Though one of the younger group of English statesmen, he has had a remarkably successful career since he first entered public life scarcely more than a dozen years ago. In 1906 he made his debut in politics as a candidate for parliament, but was defeated. Two years later he was elected for the Bowdley division of Worcester-shire and has held the seat ever since. From 1917 to 1921 he served as financial secretary of the treasury. He then became president of the board of trade, and joined the inner circle of the cabinet. With the recent change of government he was elected to succeed Sir Robert Horne as chancellor of the exchequer. Mr. Baldwin was educated at Harrow and Trinity colleges, Cambridge. He has shown in the several important offices he has held, that he can handle men with tact happily blended of shrewd humor and sound common sense.

Today's Anniversaries.

1811—Governor Smith of Virginia and nearly 100 other persons perished in a theater fire in Richmond.
1822—Donatien Boucicault, famous actor and playwright, born in Dublin.
1890—Died in New York city, September 18, 1890.
1890—The Powers acknowledged the independence of Belgium.
1897—Morgan G. Bulkeley, governor of Connecticut, U. S. senator, and first president of the National baseball league, born at East Haddam, Conn. Died at Hartford, November 8, 1922.
1899—Major Anderson abandoned Fort Moultrie, in Charleston harbor, and occupied Fort Sumter.
1873—General strike of engineers and firemen on the Panhandle railroad.
1886—Lieut. Clarence C. Thomas, first American naval officer to lose his life in service against the enemy in the World war, born at Grass Valley, Calif., killed when steamship Vulcan was torpedoed, April 28, 1917.
1888—Sultan of Zanzibar surrendered all control over British East Africa company's territory for annual subsidy.

Today's Birthdays.

Brig. Gen. William Ennis, U. S. A., retired, a noted veteran of two wars, born at Newport, R. I., 81 years ago today.
John H. Paelscher, Milwaukee financier, president of the American Bankers Association, born in Milwaukee, 85 years ago today.
William D. Stephens, the retiring governor of California, born at Eaton, O., 66 years ago today.
Frederic E. Frothing, prominent financier, born at Bedford, O., 38 years ago today.
Carl L. Mapes, representative in congress of the Fifth Michigan district, born in Eaton county, Mich., 48 years ago today.

One Year Ago Today.

King Victor Emmanuel made Gen. Diaz the "Duke of Victory." Chile and Peru agreed to conference on Tacna-Arica dispute.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Festival of St. Stephen.
Observance of Boxing Day in England.

Centenary of the birth of Dion Boucicault, famous actor and playwright.

Lorain County, Ohio, reaches the century mark today, having been formed December 26.

The National Commercial Teachers' Federation will meet in Chicago today for its annual convention.

Portland is to be the meeting place of the annual convention of the Oregon State Teachers' Association.

The British debt funding mission, headed by Stanley Baldwin, chancellor of the exchequer, starts for the United States today.

Bohlehem today will become the mecca for the school teachers of Pennsylvania, on the occasion of the opening of the annual meeting of the State Educational Association.

A regional conference on the coordination of business and education will meet in Chicago today with representative Middle Western business men and teachers of business subjects in attendance.

Leaders in the academic fields of astronomy, chemistry, mathematics and numerous other lines, to the number of more than 3000, will gather in Boston today to attend the seventy-fifth annual convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

THEY NEED A NEWSPAPER

The professor of political science at Syracuse university gave his students a test on current events the other day with results that may be considered either humorous or pathetic according to the point of view. Questions were asked concerning 20 prominent men and a dozen time topics, eliciting such gems of information as that Gifford Pinchot is a French interpreter, now visiting the United States, a moratorium is a death notice in Germany, Gandhi is the Italian ambassador to the United States and Freudism revolutionary party. The late Rep. James R. Mann was described as a champion billiard player, coming from eighth or eighth grade pupils such answers might be amusing. As measuring the stock of commonplace knowledge possessed by advanced students in a great university, young men who are specializing on the abstract subject of political science, the replies are almost tragic. It is a wonder that the professor had the courage to give them to the world.

This showing, will, of course, give great aid and comfort to that enemy of higher education, Thomas A. Edison. He will accept it as bearing out his contention that college students are weak in every-day knowledge. That would indeed seem to be indicated by this test, but it does not confirm his other contention that college training unfits young men for practical life.

A half hour's or hour's reading of a good newspaper daily would fully supply the deficiencies so plainly shown. This reading should be supplemented by a big talk by the instructor explaining the significance of the chief happenings in the news of the day. After a couple of weeks of such a course let the professor institute another test and he will be surprised at the different results. provided he has done his work well. Most universities and colleges now have courses in "journalism," instruction in making of newspapers. They might well have courses in journalism as another sense, the intelligent reading of newspapers. Only thus can they keep their instruction in such subjects as political science, history and economics fresh, vivid and up-to-date.

MR. HARDING GOES SHOPPING

It was the custom of the Caliph Haroun-Raschid, according to legend, to go among his subjects in disguise and Napoleon frequently fraternized with groups of troops without being recognized. The story is told of a young man named McArthur who was industriously "digging up" a shellmound sector of Flanders Field when he was recognized by a "back" private, his only companion, as a major general, commander of the division. The other day Warren G. Harding went shopping unaccompanied and was recognized by no more than a dozen people. One young woman thought he was the president but was reassured.

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when her companion said the figure going by just looked like the president.

One of the greatest disappointments in life is to find that a hero is made of common clay, and yet some one makes that discovery every day. Distinguished personages seldom possess a dominating personality or radiate an indefinable something that places them above the crowd, as is popularly supposed. They do not live withdrawn, with halos over, or horns on their heads. An obvious outward sign of inward power is a rarity.

In romances the heroine recognizes a king in an assembly because only the king wears a head-dress, or in some other manner of dress indicates superiority. James, Scotland's king, differed very little from the frequenters of his court. Great men, usually observed when surrounded by symbols of authority and as recipients of homage from the masses, attain a stature in popular imagination which they do not possess in fact.

Persons who achieve prominence, however, have qualities which are not reflected in their appearance. Many of the greatest men are normal physically and mentally, and are distinguished only because they have unlimited capacity for hard work and the power to concentrate and direct their energies towards the accomplishment of specified tasks.

A MODEL OF THRIFT

Francis Hackett describes the people of Denmark as folk who have deliberately bearded the lion of poverty. The result of this wholesale thrift is, he says, that the critical Dane makes a grimace. "We are better off than you," he says. "We have no trappings, no passions, no sublimity." This, while all Europe south of Denmark writhes under the hand of want and famine. If this typical Dane's text as Mr. Hackett quotes it, is true, Europe should produce an unprecedented amount of unusual literature before many years.

It is a question, however, whether the world as a whole might not emulate Denmark's forehanded ways with profit. There is no virtue in waste as such. Indeed, not all of America's millions are amply fed; and yet her harvest is bountiful.

The farmers of Denmark have cooperated wholeheartedly with scientific experts, and have themselves, in the interests of conversation, taken legislation into their own hands. Is it necessary to wait until famine and war face a country before this cooperation in pushing through a thrift program comes to pass? In

a more leisurely fashion than Denmark's, the farmers of America have been interested in efficient production. There is no reason why development in this direction should not progress considerably faster.

Random Remarks

Things seldom get so bad that they couldn't be worse.

The state of South Australia is four times as big as France.

In the last 26 years only six ounces of radium have been produced.

Japanese in the United States now outnumber the Chinese nearly two to one.

All dogs in Morgantown, W. Va., have been vaccinated, as a precaution against rabies.

Epicures in small-eating prefer them boiled whole, and served piping hot with plain melted butter.

The Paris municipal tax on servants has raised about three-quarters of a million dollars in six months.

The coming year will mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of the organization of the University of Wisconsin.

Germans have to work fourteen days each year to pay their taxes; in France the taxes call for twenty-eight days' work.

Tibet, heretofore regarded as one of the most isolated countries in the world, has now been connected by telegraph with India.

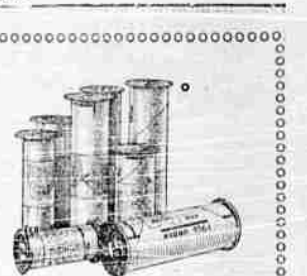
The foundation stone for the first Moslem mosque to be built in France has just been laid in Paris with elaborate and impressive ceremony.

Babies weighing 20 pounds at birth are by no means uncommon, and instances are recorded from time to time of this weight being exceeded, sometimes very considerably.

Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt Recommends Chamberlain's Tablets.

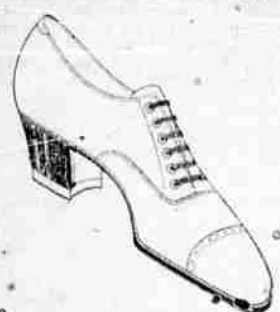
"I have frequently used Chamberlain's Tablets, during the past three years, and have found them splendid for headache and bilious attacks. I am only too pleased, at any time, to speak a word in praise of them," writes Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt, Rockport, N. Y.—Adv.

Funny about women. They always want a lot of clothes, yet wear so few.



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