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**MEMORIAL**—The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another.—General 11248

## Back to America

Back to the land that offered him his first opportunity to prosper in business and to amass wealth, back from the land where his fortune went by way of toll to the Near East tragedy, has come Pirococo, Green by birth and American by adoption, to make a new start on the road that he formerly traveled so successfully.

He first came to this country as a poor immigrant. He returns a practically penniless American refugee. The more than \$500,000 that he accumulated here was invested in Smyrna, and the burning of that city reduced him to poverty. Yet he smiles and comes again—to renew the fight against adversity and the struggle for wealth. He learned that America is a country of opportunity by experience, and therefore he knows that he has a fair chance of repeating his former success.

That opportunity knocks only once at a man's door was not written of the American variety. The name of repeaters in success in this country is legion. What Pirococo achieved formerly, he may achieve again. The number of those in America who have come back, whether from the depths of defeat or from wreckage in foreign lands, runs into figures that warrant the returned victim of the Near East in hopefully re-entering the game and playing to win.

## A Prominent Churchman's Opinion

Dean Inge of the famous St. Paul's church, in London, known as "the gloomy dean," generally speaks of us in friendly terms. However, his latest reference to us is not very flattering.

The reverend doctor describes us as "a self-complacent, righteous people," convinced that ours is the "only kultur worth having." It is a rather broad insinuation that we are self-satisfied and opinionated.

As nations grow, we are young. We have prospered greatly. We have high ideals. And sometimes it does appear as if our very virtues were leading somewhat to the fault of believing too much in our superiority. The dean's remarks deserve to be taken under consideration on the assumption that it is well to know ourselves perfectly.

## No Demand for Motor Cars in China

An investigator of an automobile manufacturer reports that there is no present market for machines in China. He finds that the farmer's income is trifling and the roads are wretched.

China needs farm implements and industrial machinery, so that it may improve its economic conditions. Modern business methods will create the demand for motor cars and good streets and roads. It was the automobile that stimulated highway and thoroughfare construction in this country, and it may, despite the unfavorable report, tend largely to modernize China and Oriental business.

The United States government is looking for a new design for a 10-cent piece. Why not be logical and make it look like a nickel?

It is unfortunate for Turkey that the United States does not have the same faith in the Turks as Turkey professes to have in these United States.

It's a sanguine man who can figure real profit in a stock dividend but most anyone would be glad of the chance to work on the problem for himself.

## Editorials From Over the Nation

### THE MESSAGE OF THE CONSTITUTION

James Madison: Why is the experiment of an extended republic to be rejected because it may contain what is new? Is it not the glory of the people of America that whilst they have paid a decent regard to the opinions of former times and other nations, they have not suffered a blind sensation for antiquity for custom or for names, to overrule the suggestions of their own good sense, the knowledge of their own situation and the losses of their own experience? To this manly spirit posterity will be indebted for the preservation, and the world for the example, of the numerous innovations displayed on the American theater in favor of private rights and public happiness. Had no important step been taken by the lead of the revolution for which a precedent could not be discovered, the government established in which it exact should almost probably be

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self—the people of the United States might, at this moment, have been numbered among the melancholy victims of misguided councils; must, at best, have been laboring under the weight of some of those forms which have crushed the liberties of the rest of mankind. Happily for America—happily, we trust, for the whole human race—they pursued a new and more noble course. They accomplished a revolution that has no parallel in the annals of human society. They reared the fabric of governments which have no model or design of the globe. They formed a facade of a great confederacy, which it is incumbent on their successors to improve and perpetuate.

## THE OFFICE CAT

**OBSERVATIONS.**  
We have observed:  
That making mistakes seems to be a necessary part of a man's education.  
That the harder you are to please the less your friends will try.  
That more people will accept a man's cigars than his advice.  
That a man cannot become popular unless he is willing to be bored occasionally.  
That the fact that life is a grind is what sharpens many a man's wit.  
That when a woman doesn't enjoy spending money she needs a tonic.  
That it takes a born diplomat to disguise the interest one feels in oneself.  
That every time a man does a charitable act some vinegar-scented misanthrope says that he has an axe to grind.

Our idea of a pessimist is a fellow who gets a lot of pleasure out of telling bad news.

A La Grande man from whose car someone had stolen the coils, rushed into the Observer office and announced that "somebody stole the glands from my car."

### SCULPTED HIM RIGHT.

"Her stood close together on the edge of the precipice. The rest of the angry waters below them was softened to a love whisper—a high wisp above the rippling stream—standing—silhouetted against the moonlight of the sweet-scented night—soliloquies to the beauty around them—they were conscious of only one thing: the contact of the other's narrowness.

"She knew that she was going to be kissed, and trembled expectantly. She slipped her arms around the great bulk of his shoulders, lifted up her face, and closed her eyes. She knew that he was looking at her.

"Dear," he said.

"Dear," he continued. "You're now chimes."

"He kicked off her shoes and leaped into the abyss."

A Rhode Island woman charges her husband who is a preacher with having relations with 122 women. He must be a regular rooster.

The ill-treated students attending the University of Columbia have organized a club known as the "Golden Rule." No one is accepted whose hair is not naturally red.

Chicago is trying to have something "stirring new" in double-decked street cars. They have been running in New York only about 100 years.

It is always safer to throw stones at London than the words.

**A SEASON OF NOTABLES.**  
Anna Tash says his idea of a big week in La Grande is when Mary Pickford's first husband is exhibiting at 500 movies and Charlie Chaplin's first wife showing at another.

The whale gets into trouble only when he struts to blow.

The modern man thinks he is roughing it if he walks in the park wearing a soft shirt with the collar open.

The world may be going to the dogs in some old-fashioned way, but these mice seem to be in an hurry to get out of it.

Just because things were different when you were a boy it isn't any reason to suppose that you're better and your boy knows it.

"Arthur" man isn't like his old one woman," says a magazine writer. No, and on the average man's side.

**RELIGIOUS.**  
"Tomorrow is another day, one to beat your own back" may be true, but what believe is on the last day of the month?

Twenty-five miles from the New York bridge up the coast 1922 amounted to 16178 and the amount cut was 2,871,684 feet. Twenty-five per cent of the amount goes to the county for roads and schools.

## Income Tax Facts

By Clyde G. Huntley Collector.

All the ordinary and necessary expense paid or incurred in carrying on any trade, business, profession, or vocation are allowable deductions in preparing income tax returns, according to Clyde G. Huntley, Collector of Internal Revenue. Typical expenses of a mercantile establishment are amounts paid for advertising, hire of clerks, and other employees, rent, light, heat and water, telephone, insurance, delivery expenses, the cost of operating delivery wagons and motor trucks, and incidental repairs to such vehicles, but not the original cost of such vehicles. The expenses of a manufacturing business include labor, raw materials, supplies, repairs, light and heat, power, selling cost, administration and similar charges.

To compute the amount of depreciation which may be claimed in making out income tax returns, reports

Clyde G. Huntley, Collector of Internal Revenue, the taxpayer should determine the probable life of the property, then divide by the number of years it will be usable in the business in which employed. The result thus obtained will represent the amount which may be claimed as a deduction.

For example, a frame building, the probable lifetime of which is 25 years cost \$5,000. Divide \$5,000 by 25, and claim \$200 each year as a deduction. While each taxpayer may determine the probable lifetime of his property without regard to the following figures, it has been estimated that the average usable lifetime of a frame building is 25 years; a brick building 50 to 100 years. The estimated life of ordinary machinery, that of automobiles used for business or farm purposes and farm tractors, four to five years.

Between February 1 and March 15, which is the final day for filing federal income tax returns, a deputy from the office of Clyde G. Huntley, Collector of Internal Revenue, will visit the principal towns in nearly every county of the state for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in the preparation of their returns. These deputies understand the various provisions of the income tax law and their services will be available to interested taxpayers at the times and places to be announced by Collector Huntley later.

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