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An Insignificant Quibble

Whether they call it "confiscating" or "requisitioning" if the French get the coal and other goods that their army has crossed the Rhine to secure they may feel content. The distinction between the two forms of acquisition is very slight in such circumstances as have been set up in the Ruhr industrial region.

Nearing Debt Agreement

The adjournment of the conference on the British debt and the return to London of Chancellor Baldwin is due not so much to any breakdown in the negotiations or lack of agreement between the British and American representatives in principle as to the need for parliamentary and congressional approval.

The Vanishing Horse

The president of the Chicago board of trade is interested in the disappearance of the horse, because of the shrinkage from 3,500,000 in the cities in 1910 to half that number in 1920, and the farmers turning to tractors, trucks and autos has, he says, cost the producers about \$30,000,000 a year in reduced prices for oats and probably a like amount for hay.

But while he does not expect to see the horse come back to the cities, except for short hauls, he thinks "the small size farmers who invested in big power tractors, are likely to return to the draught horse, whose prices are advancing. Let him cheer up; the comparative depression in the oats market is hardly to be considered in contrast with the farmers' gain from gasoline power. These disturbances following new inventions have had a way of righting themselves.

Panama is talking of granting suffrage to women undeterred by anything that has happened or not happened in the United States.

The only saving feature of goldfish is their utility, for there is certainly nothing attractive about them.

GENERAL DEGOUTTE IN ESSEN



The commander of the French army of occupation, General Degoutte, is shown here in the center of a group of his staff officers. This photograph was taken in Essen immediately after the French entered the city.

Editorials From Over the Nation

THE BENEFIT OF PRESENT-DAY STEAMSHIPS

Continued from page 1. It is almost impossible for the mind to form a clear and adequate conception of the size of modern steamships. We read that they are 500, 600 or 700 feet long; that their tonnage is so many thousands; and so on; but the figures are so large that we fail to grasp their significance.

Perhaps one might get a more impressive idea from the size of some of their small parts. The Aquitania, a new ship at Southampton, for its annual overhauling. As a part of the process, a new counterplate is to be put into her boiler. This new plate, made of cast steel, weighs just 100 tons. It is large enough to pass a hollow chamber into which workmen may enter in order to inspect the huge mechanism. The entire boiler has a weight of eighty tons.

But if these modern monsters of the deep are wholly beyond comparison with anything that ever sailed the blue waters of the sea, there is little chance that any one of them will ever influence history as some of the comparative diminutive boats of the past have done. The material that went into the building of the Mayflower, for example, might have well hidden in out-of-the-way corners of the Appalachians that it would have long searching to find it again, but another (the Aquitania) has other things on its mind. It is not only a ship, but a floating city. It carries three hundred passengers, and when it is in the grip of any powerful wave of dining, dancing, and other things, it is a floating city. It is not only a ship, but a floating city. It carries three hundred passengers, and when it is in the grip of any powerful wave of dining, dancing, and other things, it is a floating city.

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A generation ago the minds of playwrights were fixed upon great returns. They went to the theater to see a big star. But, these days, a quiet and stable revolution has been at work among authors. Under the stimulus of the League of Nations and other organizations, they have turned their minds to plays and the study of them. With a large proportion of present day theater lovers, the play, and not the star, is the chief attraction. The use of the opera glass, reflecting attention upon one player, to the exclusion of the rest of the side. To see and enjoy the play in the whole stage is a glance, to move the movements of the players and listen to the arguments. So they are unimpaired with paraphernalia and the old "opera glasses" no longer vogue through the theater.

OLD NEGRO MELODIES NOT HEARD AS OF YORE

Amherst Star. Some of the old Southern customs are passing, and they are being missed. In the past, when we were in the South, we used to hear the beautiful little ditties and ballads of other days and are reminded of them only when at some special occasion we find they are missing. The Tallapoosa Home notes that, these passed customs and legends. The Home says: "We missed the monotone, but time-keeping music of the banjo, which could be heard a mile away in the distance. Times of long ago, as the dancers at night frolic, critics occasionally pointed the finger with their feet to the 'time-keeper' of the band, all night long, till sleep brought delight in the morning. The sweetest music to Southern ears in the old days was the singing of the negroes in their plantation quarters carried in the evening air as the dardies gathered outside their humble homes and sang an only negro can sing. Such melodies are not heard except in the South. These old Southern melodies still may be heard in some parts of the South, but the custom is not general as in the old days, and doubtless to the cutting up of the large plantations and scattering of the negroes to other countries and often to other states. The music of the plantation 'quarters' always needs the banjo to make it complete, and a banjo in the hands of a negro, who knows it, is a wonderfully tuned instrument.

THE OFFICE CAT

Janis, who bought an expensive automobile last week, had a hugging to a couple of his friends about the wonderful purr in the motor. He lifted up the hood and found the Office Cat underneath it.

Borrowing money from friends makes them less interested.

Speaking of rare coins—they're the only kind we have after Christmas.

HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED. By Anna Tash. I can remember when a pig had quite a lot of kick to it when you could take an old, thin dime and go have a fancy time. I can remember when two bits would shock a bell hop into fits, and when you could produce a half and even make a barber laugh.

I can remember when a plunk would purchase for you quite a hunk of porthouse or let you go and have a seat at some good show. I can remember when two bucks would buy for you a brace of ducks, and when, if you could show a "V," you were in good luck.

And I can't remember when I proudly flashed a new-laid ten, and in a modest twenty five for one whole month I'd stay alive. And when a bird had fifty beans he had a fortune in his jeans. A hundred berries was a price beyond the dream of avarice.

I've seen the signs of commerce flee. I've seen these moneys come and go. They used to be a husky bunch and even a nickel tucked a punch. Yes, I remember when a fit had quite a lot of kick to it. There's first one answer to be told—I must be getting pretty old.

Judge: "What do you want your name changed, Madam?" Applicant: "Please, your Honor, it's Lydia Tinsford."

Party from Chicago has started out to find the Garden of Eden. They are prepared for an extensive trip, as it is probably a long way from here.

The Episcopal bishops say the behavior of the pope is a far from that



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Advertisement for N.W. West & Co. Footwear for Spring. Features images of various styles of shoes and text describing the quality and variety of the footwear. Includes the slogan 'CANTILEVER' SHOE and 'Exclusive Agent for the Famous'.

desire to be natural. Ain't nature grand. They claim the bobbed hair craze is creating a demand for switches. Hair or hickory? When a woman hater marries it's apt to make him the same—only more so.

Little Bo-Peep, she lost her sheep, How careless not to mind 'em For Bo-Peep had no Observer ad. That would help her to find them.

But just think how long Methuselah might have lived, if there had been somebody to remove his tonsils and his appendix.

PERFECT EXAMPLES. Teacher: "We borrowed our numerals from the Arabs, our calendar from the Romans, and our banking system from the Italians. Can anyone think of any other examples?" Willie: "Our lawn mower from the Smiths and our vacuum cleaner from the Thompsons."

Advertisement for Wrigley's chewing gum. Features the Wrigley's logo and text: 'After Every Meal Wrigley's Chew your food well, then use WRIGLEY'S to aid digestion. It also keeps the teeth clean, breath sweet, appetite keen.'

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BEND WANTS BETTER ROADS. BEND, Or., Jan. 29.—Improvement of roads, particularly completion of The Dalles-California highway and extension of irrigated lands in central Oregon, will be the principal objects toward which the Bend Commercial club will work during the coming year, it was indicated at today's forum meeting, when the programme of work for 1923 was outlined and adopted.

The lumber mill at Wheeler has a capacity of 100,000 feet a day and employs 150 men in the plant. Both the lumber mill and the shingle mill have adopted the eight-hour day. Another order for a carload of tow was turned down last week by the Willamette Valley Flax and Hemp association of Salem. The order was from a Los Angeles house.

Philadelphia North American: The announced that Doctor Blue has been called in to aid the league of nations. Surely it cannot be a case of mouth-sillibubus curantur?

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