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THE LORD OUR GOD—"The Lord our God" is preserved in all the way. "Therefore will we also serve the Lord; for He is our God."—Job 24:17,18.

This society of pipe smokers is a good idea. It is probably being encouraged by a large group of wives with sensitive nostrils.

### A RECORD AUTOMOBILE YEAR.

Automobile production is by no means an infallible index to trade conditions, for the makers are human and optimistic to boot. But the efforts of the producing companies are stimulated or diminished by anticipations based on thorough-going study of basic trends, and they may, therefore, be regarded as reflecting about the best opinion available.

In the first six months of 1926 the American motor industry set a new high record for output with 2,176,281 passenger cars and 272,903 trucks, and although June and July have shown the expected recession from peak production the shrinkage is less conspicuous than that of a year ago.

In recent years production from January to July has approximated 53 per cent of the 12 months' total and that from July to December 47 per cent. If 1926 proves a normal year, this country will produce more than 4,600,000 cars and trucks before December 31, and present business conditions and crop prospects hold no threat of impending depression.

The industry as a whole was never in better shape financially. A record season seems assured. Its influence upon other industries which supply raw materials and parts, fuel and tires, will go far to assure many months of that reasonable prosperity which is the best kind of all.

### NO CANCELLATION.

Secretary Mellon's letter in defense of the government's position in regard to debt cancellation will go far to clarify the situation both in this country and abroad. He argues against cancellation on broad grounds, and although the same statement might, perhaps, have served a more useful purpose had it been issued months or even years ago, it is still timely.

The secretary points out that the European countries which have obligated themselves to make payments on these loans have been asked for much less interest than the United States is paying on the same money to its own citizens; that the voluminous Wilson correspondence which preceded the advance of money makes plain that these loans were not regarded as gifts or designed as such; that much of the money was paid over after the signing of the armistice and was borrowed to meet domestic rather than military needs. He is quoted partially in the New York Times as follows:

It is clear that when the advances were made to our allies they knew and we knew they were loans, not gifts. . . . It must be remembered that England borrowed a large portion of its debt to us for purely commercial as distinguished from war purposes to meet its commercial obligations maturing in America, to furnish India with silver, to buy food to be resold to its civilian population, and to maintain exchange. Our loans to England were not so much to provide war supplies as to furnish sterling for home and foreign needs and to save England from borrowing from its own people. . . .

We must collect through taxation from our people if our debtors do not pay to us what they can. . . . Neither generally from the people, the press, nor at all from the chosen representatives of the people in congress has come this demand (for cancellation). . . . But I feel that a recognition of their external obligations by the European nations and an undertaking bravely to meet them within their capacity as each country has done is a moral force of great service to permanent prosperity in the world. . . . Dark as the financial sky now appears, I believe Europe is today closer to a permanent sound solution of its economic troubles than at any time since the war. . . . I do not despair of Europe.

There must, of course, always be those who for sentimental or other reasons will hold that cancellation would have been not only graceful but also the proper policy, but the time for considering such action is passed. Further agitation to this end can only serve to postpone some kind of settlement and in view of the political crisis in France, and conditions in half a dozen other countries, a settlement of terms of repayment is really more important than the terms themselves. We have already been generous—far more generous than we could expect European countries to be under similar circumstances—and a recognition of their remaining obligation to us is long past due.



## OFFICE CAT

By Junius

When a La Grande man was asked why he didn't drown his sorrow, he said: "Because she's too good a swimmer."

My friend Dora is off again. She thinks that the henstock is an attachment for a sewing machine.

The heirs of Procrastination. "Mr. Meant-to" has a comrade. And his name is "Didn't-do." Have you ever chanced to meet them?

Did they ever call on you? These two fellows live together in the house of "Never-Win." And I'm told that it is haunted by the ghosts of "Might" and "Have-been."

Shipper (winner of 1926) - New York, abey! Where's the population? "I'm the caretaker. Everyone else has gone to Florida."

Many a man loses his balance when his wife goes shopping.

She (head on his shoulder): Your shoulder is so soft. He: So is your head.

In the hothouse the pawk-broker's favorite flower?

We can remember when a bathing suit revealed more than an ordinary street costume.

### FRIENDS FIND "CAL" THE SAME

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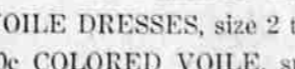
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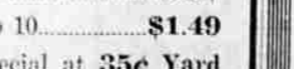
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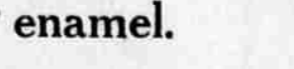
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