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THE MAN NOT THE TOWN.

The idea that nearly all the "big" men come from the small towns has been industriously disseminated for many years, but a census of a representative group of 100 well-known men in the New York financial district, reported in the National Bank of Commerce monthly, does not bear it out. It was true that 60 per cent came from outside New York, but, taken by towns, it was found that just as many came from cities with a million or more population as came from towns with less than 5,000 people. Fifty-one came from towns under 100,000 population, another remarkable breaking even. If this analysis proves anything, it shows that the man has much more to do with "getting there" than the town he came from, which, of course, everyone who gave any thought to the matter expected, says Pittsburgh Dispatch. The "big men from the small town" was simply one of those superficial notions that get by because nobody stops to analyze them. It was flattering to the bulk of the population who live outside New York that the metropolis had no monopoly of opportunity. But who supposed it had?

Imports of wool during the five-year prewar period, 1910-1914, averaged 207,583,742 pounds annually, or something less than half the present imports, according to the bureau of markets of the United States department of agriculture. As the population of the United States has been increasing so have the imports of wool. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918, this country imported 379,129,934 pounds. During 1919, the total importation amounted to 424,414,644 pounds, or more than double the prewar average. From January to August, inclusive, of the last year (eight months) more wool was imported than during the prewar years mentioned, and if the present average monthly imports of 36,238,982 pounds is maintained throughout the remaining months of that year, the United States will import more than 430,000,000 pounds during the calendar year of 1919.

There seems to be a mania sweeping the country today for disposing of Liberty bonds. Workmen in the striking industries are rapidly disposing of their bonds in order to maintain themselves during the period of the strike. Bankers report that many merchants are selling their bonds. One bank tells of handling over \$300,000 worth of bonds from two or three stores. It is to be hoped that this mania will not spread into the rural districts, says Indiana Farmer's Guide. Liberty bonds are a good and a safe investment and just as long as we have an Uncle Sam, they will remain so.

The United States has been asked to take the Turkish mandate and now the British government wants us to save Austria. There is no doubt as to the liberality of the allies in allotting to our share all the hard work that can be put upon us, says Baltimore American. Of course, we will do all that humanity dictates, but we cannot notice that any of the fruits of victory are being zealously thrust upon us.

The Europeans are very frank in expressing their confidence that the United States will become the world's banker and assist every one of them in getting again on their badly battered financial feet. Thanks awfully for the flattery, but we have some corns and bunions on our own feet.

We are producing \$10,000,000 worth of buttons a year, says some statistical enthusiast who makes no mention of 16,000,000 epithets which assail those buttons when they get a divorce from the wrong garment in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Another thing, in a free country like this, a man can get two chances at publicity: One when he throws his hat into the presidential ring and another when he withdraws in favor of somebody who has a chance.

We can't see why that London female cook wants to run for parliament, when such high wages can be commanded by domestic servants, nowadays. She must be a supreme patriotess.

If it were the thing for the prince to write books, the prince of Wales could contribute an "Impressions of America" series that would be well worth reading.

MAN'S JOY AND THE BEAST'S.

It produces a wholesome reaction on the mind to think of joy as one of the normal spiritual elements of human existence, despite all the physical pains and the heartaches strewn along the way. The souls of men are swung often into a grapple with worry, sorrow and conscience, but that very fact tends to sharpen the edge of their delights, says Minneapolis Tribune. It makes strong characters where otherwise there would be flabby ones, and strong characters are the ones that best absorb and assimilate the worth while pleasures. For a master to envy the care-freeness and the bounding vivacity of his dog is a common experience. The master will do well to contemplate, however, that while he is so endowed that he can find joy for himself in his dog's manifestations of delight, the dog cannot draw on his master's pleasurable emotions in the same way or in the same degree. No part of a dog's joy, we take it, is predicated on the fact that some other dog or dogs appear to be joyful. He is dependent upon himself for his own reactions. In other words, a dog's enjoyment is not reflected in whole or in part, whereas that of human beings very often is reflected.

Children enlisted in home gardening under school supervision in the United States school garden army have produced in the little more than a year the work has been in operation foodstuffs valued at \$48,000,000, the bureau of education of the department of the interior announces. Reports to the department indicated that every part of the country had taken active part in the vast harvest. New York city reported a total of \$717,517.20 from the home gardens of 60,654 children, while the little amateur farmers of Chicago realized an average return of \$5. Hundreds of prizes have been won at state fairs throughout the country by the children.

Undoubtedly there have been genuine outrages perpetrated by Mexicans upon American citizens, and equally beyond doubt there have been "stage managed" outrages inspired by ulterior motives. It is the sad and thankless task of the American state department to sift all outrages and determine to which class each belongs.

The most picturesque figure in Great Britain just now is Lady Astor, the first woman member of parliament. Expectation, however, is somewhat dimmed by her announcement that she will not indulge in spectacular oratory in the house of commons and that she will not appear at the sessions in evening dress.

According to the Mexican note they have three grades of imprisonment: Preventive, formal and ordinary, and only the last really counts. If you are in jail under the first two you should not mind it, as you are really not completely in until you are an ordinary prisoner who has been convicted of something.

The doctors who say old men can be made young are in a way to collect any fee they may suggest to credulous patients. Their charges, whatever they may be, will be extremely moderate compared to those exacted from Faust by Mephisto.

It is estimated that \$331,612,542,500 represents the war loss for all the world. That sounds big in dollars, and is considerable, but not so much in butter, eggs, bacon, union suits and pants, after all.

Just wait till the price of sugar gets to where the fellows who have the sugar think it ought to be, and you'll probably have no difficulty in getting as much as you can pay for, wherever it is sold.

A new labor party is suggested. Every controversy brings forward the possibility of introducing another campaign element, but the battles are always fought out by the same old elephant and donkey.

Berlin is facing a hard winter, according to the headlines in the paper, but Berlin hasn't anything on the average American citizen whose coal pile is showing signs of premature shrinkage.

If things keep on as they are going, life will soon become such a serious matter that the average person will not dare do anything except joke about it.

British clergymen are forming a trade union, but they are going to run into some serious opposition if they consider charging for overtime on sermons.

The prices are going to come down, gracefully and accommodatingly, if the profiteers are willing, but they are going to come down.

What matters, if you don't eat it, what bacon costs?

Marie Morrissey.

Miss Marie Morrissey, whose concert on Monday March 8, promises to be one of the most delightful of the season, insists that her voice was not always received with the same favor as it is today.

It seems that Miss Morrissey has always been determined to sing. And when she was a little girl, she used to lift up her voice and carol loudly for the edification of herself and all the neighbors.

One day the policeman on the beat passed Miss Morrissey's house, and hearing strange sounds issuing forth, he finally concluded to investigate.

He was a good policeman, was Pat, and he took an interest in all the affairs of the street. So he presented himself to Miss Morrissey's mother.

"Madame," he said "is that your child?" Miss Morrissey ceased her singing long enough to hear her mother admit the relationship.

"Well, Madam," said Pat. "What in the world is the matter with her to make her cry all the time." Pd Adv.

Elderly lady would like nursing or light house work by the day. Enquire at 8626 Woodstock avenue S. E. Sixth avenue station. It paid.

LENTS SCHOOL NOTES

Friday the 6th the base ball enthusiasts of the Lents school met in room 17 and elected leaders as follows: captain, Moke; manager, More. The nine will soon begin practicing for the scheduled games in the city league.

The rabbit club of the Lents school is composed of Nickolas Deis, Millard Easley, Emerson Fromm, Gerald Hoard, Clarence E. Hunter, Clarence Johnson, William Schmidt, Matilda Schneider, John Smith, Marjorie Waldor and Laurel Wilson.

The initial performance of the moving picture machine recently installed in the Kellogg school was to have been held Friday evening, the 6th, but on account of a light epidemic of smallpox the affair was indefinitely postponed.

Several industrial clubs have been organized in the Lents school. Among them are those of rabbit raising and sewing. The sewing club meets every Friday at 9 a. m. in the assembly room under the direction of a leader appointed by T. D. Kirkpatrick, chief of industrial club organizations in the schools under the auspices of Oregon Agricultural College.

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