

SPRIT OF AMERICA— HELD PRIDE IN EGYPT

Real Democracy Wanted
Abroad to Solve Problems.

CASTE SYSTEM DEPLORED

U. S. Gift to Mankind of Helpful
National Type Fully Realized
in Old World.

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GIZA.—Despite warnings of the possible danger involved—for these are days of killing in Egypt—I find myself taking refuge from the tense and terrible times in Cairo by an occasional drive out to the pyramids for the sake of mental detachment, and the serene desert sunset, and the cooling air beneath a bleached avenue of trees, and the stimulus to more spacious thought which the pyramids impart.

Not of Egypt's economic and political problems am I thinking out here, but of America. This is a good angle from which to regard home and to remember the enviable once whose lot is cast in what seems to be the only undisturbed country on the map at present. "They little know of America who only America know," I have not talked with a fellow countryman this side of the English channel who is not a more ardent lover of our land than ever before, and a more resolute patriot.

U. S. Freedom Amazes.

No crack of rifles or rat-a-tat-tat of machine guns is heard in America's streets. Dens of crime are not around the corners. Armed patrols and motor cars are not masters of the highways. Mobs are not menacing public order, or martial law setting the normal processes of life. Private mail and public prints are not censored, and no essential facts are hid from the common gaze. Assembly is lawful for all who work in accord with the accepted standards of social safety. Travel is unhindered by officialdom. There are no bread lines and no class riots. Food is abundant and opinion is free. There is no caste war. Democracy is real in America.

Officials, from the president to the policeman, are amenable to public opinion. If the majority so desired, it could within reasonable time elect a king or a soviet. Illiteracy is at a minimum. The American people are free to carry the tidings of all the earth to the poorest and the richest alike, and with freedom of comment that amazes the old world. Since Cheops dreamed his dream of the pyramids, no man has been so free to himself as the American—only later to be himself thrown into the Nile as unworthy of it. One tradition says—there has been nothing just like the American form of life.

Independence American Boast.

One would search the states from Bangor to San Diego to find the type of man represented by these pestiferous Arab guides, at once so servile and so insolent. Our servants are our kinsmen and our nations. Canada and Australia come nearest to it, as has been learned in the commingling of war's assorted hosts. Scotland has more affinity for America, Australia and Canada than for her own fellow Britons. The way these four nationalities foregathered has been illustrated on a hundred battlefields and camps.

Nevertheless, each is itself and the American is of his own kind. There is a distinctive American type; one may identify an American by his clothes, his carriage, his walk, his face, his speed, his actions, his thoughts. Since the first pyramid was begun there have been many mixtures of human life, and nations have come and gone, as if nature had almost exhausted the resources of her laboratory. Yet after these 5000 years there has been no evolution of a new type of people unlike any other that has ever been anywhere.

America Type Distinct.

War has taught our veterans that there is an American type distinct from all others and having no reason to covet alien qualities. This has been to the world the great revelation of the war. For America it has been an experience in self-realization. In former days we had the blatant braggar, boasting his way through Europe on a Cook's ticket, and also the apologetic imitator of European ways, who desired to have it understood that he was of superior breed to his cruder fellow countrymen. Americans are content to be Americans without either arrogance or sycophancy.

In the present, the pyramids, it is as clear as Egyptian sunlight that America's supreme gift to mankind is this national type. Gave, strong, direct, transparent, helpful, open, honest, the average American is sui generis. He may be a bit unsophisticated, and susceptible to polish, but he is muddier gold and not gilded mud. His spirit is for what is real amounts to genius. Somehow his eyes see through shams and pretenses. Teachable, when taught he is not uncertain. Europe and America orient may gull him once or twice—usually do, in fact—but not the third time. His capacity for apprehending the essential has won the appellation "Yankee common sense."

Spirit Called Unique.

It would be treason to far more than our own history for America to become in any degree or kind an imitation of Europe or Asia's outward systems. If I were to stand on the top of this great pyramid and make an address to the schools of all America, it would not deal with the interesting theme of Egypt, old and new, but rather with the supreme importance of drilling into the innermost consciousness of every boy and girl, man and woman the story and spirit of our America—her history, her constitution, her personality, her traits, her uniqueness, her democracy, and all the strange providences that have made her today the most powerful influence in the whole world.

One does not need to consult the sands in which Arab fortune-tellers trace fate to perceive that America's destiny is to carry her far, far afield in world service. We who sail a troubled sea in a stout and safe craft cannot turn away from the hands of the crowning stretched out to us in supplication. Our nation faces new overseas responsibilities of a grave character. The more reason, therefore, that she should cultivate vigilantly at home and send watchfully abroad the true

American type of democratic character, with fear of none and good-will to all. For this—the very soul of America—is what the weak and wounded and weary world asks of us most of all.

At the Theaters.

Hippodrome.

VARIETY marks the new Hippodrome bill. There's music a-plenty, dancing, acrobatic art, bicycle novelties, a clever sketch and a splendid pianist.

Hans Hanke, who is a genius of the keyboard, has been retained for another engagement at this theater and is playing an entirely new programme. Mr. Hanke is a celebrated pianist and his playing is stamped with musicianly skill and authority. He brings a fine quality of stage presence to his offering and his selections are from the best in music and beautifully presented. His audiences recognize his mastery skill and pay him the tribute of close attention and enthusiastic applause.

The Sebastian Merrill group of cyclists amuse and amaze with their nonsensical cycling act called "Tactics," which might also be appropriately billed as "Tactics" for it is one revelation after another in clever cycling tactics. The act goes rapidly and holds tense interest at every turn.

Optimism is sounded in the keen little comedy sketch offered by Marietta Craig, an interesting comedienne, who appears as a saucy philosophical stenographer in the playlet. It is called "The Glad Hand," and demonstrates how one girl reformed a grouchy employer. Richard Warner, who wrote the sketch, and Billy Morgan, appear in Miss Craig's support. The sketch is cleverly enacted.

Tracy, Palmer and Tracy are two lively, lovely girls and one lone chap, who offer a capital act made up of stepping, singing and piano playing. Originality and novelty pervade all they offer, and they are unusually successful in pleasing the audience.

Estelle Ramsey, pianologist, captures the house when she gives an imitation, faithful in detail, of a piano player for a motion picture theater. She sets everybody laughing as she follows the imaginary reel. She also plays brilliantly other selections and sings for good measure.

The Zola duo, two men, one as a staid butler and one as an inebriated club man, delight with their acrobatic act and thrill the spectators when they balance and teeter daringly on a lot of tables placed one above the other.

The photoplay is a comedy drama, featuring picturesque Margarita Fischer in "Charge it to Me."

CLUB LEADERS IN SESSION

Instruction Is Given in Various Lines of Club Work.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, June 26.—(Special.)—County club leaders throughout the state are at the college for conference and club work. They are receiving instructions in canning, stock judging, gardening, cooking and sewing. In order to give information to the local club leaders necessary for demonstrations at the county and state fairs.

Addressing the conference are: Frank W. Sexton, Klamath county; R. E. Morris, Jackson county; Wilfred Brown, Douglas county; E. R. Peterson, Crook county; F. L. Senter, Lane county; John W. L. Smith, Marion county; P. M. Nash, Linn county; R. P. Snedeker, Clackamas county; Miss Ethel Calkins, Multnomah county; T. D. Kirkpatrick, Portland; Exile Morgan, Wasco county; A. C. Strange, Baker county; Josiah Willis, Polk county; N. C. Maris and W. C. Hoppes of the state department of education are also here for the conference.

ALBANY MAN IS RELEASED

Child Stealing Charge Is Dismissed by Parents.

ALBANY, Or., June 26.—(Special.)—William Boyznaska, who was arrested here Tuesday night charged with child stealing, has been released, as the case against him was dismissed on request of Henry Richards.

Boyznaska took Willa and Fannie Richards, aged 15 and 13, daughters of Henry Richards, for a ride in his car, and when he did not return, the parents reported the complaint was filed. He brought the girls home Tuesday evening and was arrested. It developed that the girls spent Sunday and Monday nights at the home of Boyznaska's parents in Salem.

An investigation showed that there was no criminal intent or action in the matter, but only poor judgment on the part of all in not advising the girls' parents when they left home.

TACOMA RADICALS AROUSED

Denial of Use of Parks for Mooney Meetings Brings Protest.

TACOMA, Wash., June 26.—(Special.)—The refusal of the Metropolitan park board to permit any further Mooney defense meetings in Wright park was reported to the central labor council and brought forth a protest. The council declared that any so-called sedition marks were quoted from the book, "The New Freedom," written by President Wilson, said on Monday night of the Mooney committee last night.

A letter will be sent to the park board asking explanations and insisting that the board has no right to keep organized labor and its 25,000 voters and taxpayers away from the park for meeting purposes and cannot take upon itself the censorship of free speech or the prevention of it.

COWS KILLED BY CHEMICAL

Animals Die After Railway Engine Ejects Solution on Grass.

SHEDD, Or., June 26.—(Special.)—When W. W. Shedd went out to milk his cows Sunday morning he found two of the animals dead. C. C. Dixon, a prominent Shedd dairyman, was called and the pasture searched. Two cows were found sick, one of which soon died. Later it was learned that a chemical solution to kill the grass. The solution was ejected from a passing engine. This leaves Mr. Shedd's family without milk even for table use.

CZECH FRONT FIGHT STOPS

Hungarians Ordered to Quit by French Commander.

PRAGUE, June 26.—(Havas.)—Fighting between the Czech-Slovaks and Hungarians on the front in Slovakia stopped Tuesday night as a result of the ultimatum sent Commissary Boehm, the Hungarian communist commander, by General Felle, the French commander of the Czech-Slovaks. The Hungarians, however, have not yet evacuated the Czech territory they occupied.

Outing Is Planned.

A three-day outing on Mt. Hood is being contemplated by the hiking committee of the Multnomah club as the main event of the year. The trip will commence on July 4, the hikers going to Camp Blossom that afternoon to prepare for the big climb the following morning. On Sunday night the return will be made to Portland by automobile.

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FROM NORTH TONIGHT.

Visitor to Attend Midyear Ceremonial
of Al Kader Temple—Portland
and Will Celebrate.

Ellis Lewis Garrettson, deputy imperial potentate for North America, destined by custom to be the next imperial potentate of Shrinedom, will arrive in Portland from Tacoma tonight to attend the mid-year ceremonial of Al Kader temple. He is expected to arrive at 10:30 o'clock and will be escorted to the Portland hotel, where he will have his headquarters. Initiation of a small army of candidates and a big parade today are to be features of the ceremonial Saturday. Incidentally, there will be fitting celebration of the anniversary of the Shriners' founding in the principal cities of Oregon.

The "go get 'em" committee of Al Kader yesterday had more than 250 candidates to brand. It is believed that the number will approach 300 before the business session of the temple opens tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Many candidates are expected to arrive in Portland tonight, being escorted by afloats of the order who reign in the principal cities of Oregon.

Wives, mothers, daughters, sisters and widows of Shriners are going to get a glimpse of the inside of the temple between 10 and 10:30 tomorrow. At that time the stage at the Auditorium will be set for the divine scene in the initiation of candidates, and Noble Frank S. Grant will act as host at the big municipal show house. Mr. Grant has asked that all women wishing to witness the scene be in their seats at 10 o'clock. The number of candidates composing the midsummer class of the Shrine is so large that Mr. Grant finds he cannot get ready for conferring the first section in the afternoon of Saturday if the women are given more than 30 minutes' time.

Tomorrow evening a dinner is to be given at the Imperial hotel, at which women from cities outside of Portland are to be guests of Al Kader. It will be followed by a theater party. Noble Frank McCrillis being official host on both occasions.

OIL DERRICK IS ERECTED

Standard Oil Company to Begin Drilling Near Moclaps in July.

ABERDEEN, Wash., June 26.—(Special.)—Erection of the derrick at Standard Oil company's well No. 1, near Moclaps, has been completed. This derrick stands approximately 85 feet high. Drilling operations are expected to start sometime between July 5 and July 15. The last carload of machinery is expected here tomorrow.

Much work has been done since the Standard Oil company started operations. More than a mile of road has been built of three-inch plank. The bed for this road was cleared, grubbed and graded before planking. Bunk and mess houses have been erected. All are apparently of permanent construction.

PASCO BRIDGE IS ASSURED

Secretary Lane Approves Five-Mile Rapids Irrigation Project.

PASCO, Wash., July 26.—(Special.)—Wood has been received by the Chamber of Commerce from Representative J. W. Summers that the bill authorizing the construction of the bridge across Snake, river between Pasco and Burbank has passed both houses.

In answer to a telegram sent to Dr. Summers yesterday word was received of the approval of the Five-Mile rapid irrigation project by Secretary Lane, and an effort will be made to have the appropriation attached to the sundry civil service appropriation bill in order that it may be passed before July 1.

TRUNK HIGHWAY IS URGED

Idaho Would Build Road Down Clearwater to Lewiston.

LEWISTON, Idaho, June 26.—(Special.)—At the suggestion of the Idaho state highway department a committee of the Commercial Club, comprising E. A. White, Eugene Cox, C. C. Van Arsdale

YOU see a lot of young men nowadays who went into the army slender, stoop-shouldered, not strong, weighed about 140 and 150 pounds; and they came out straight, strong, broad-backed, weighing 170, and full of pep.

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STORM STARTS NEW FIRES

LIGHTNING CAUSES 5 BLAZES IN
MISSOULA DISTRICT.

Forest Officials Assert Menace Is
Greatest in Many Years, Due
to Weather Conditions.

MISSOULA, Mont., June 26.—An electric storm, passing over western Montana this afternoon, was responsible for reports of five new forest fires in the vicinity of Missoula within four hours. Each of these fires was caused by lightning, according to the reports to the headquarters of district No. 1 of the forest service.

One blaze started in Wood gulch, only a few miles from the city. Another was reported from Marshall creek, two were reported from Deer Lodge forest near Warm Springs, and one on Mount Gold, near the village of Bonner, seven miles east of Missoula.

District Forester R. H. Rutledge said in the course of a statement declaring that the menace of fire is extremely dangerous now, that more fires undoubtedly would be reported later as the result of the storm. There was no rain accompanying the electricity, according to the reports.

Up to the coming of the storm, the district forester said, the large crews, totaling more than 1000 men in the district, had battled the flames to a standstill. Small crews were sent out to all the lightning fires this evening. District Forester Rutledge states that the forest fire situation in Montana and Idaho is the gravest in many years. Unusually hot weather and drying winds have produced critical conditions for foresting disastrous consequences. Only prompt placing of big crews on reported fires has thus far kept flames in check.

CHEHALIS PLANT TO GROW

Palmer Lumber Company Declared
Largest in United States.

CHEHALIS, Wash., June 26.—(Special.)—When improvements now underway are completed the Palmer Lumber & Manufacturing company of Chehalis will have and operate at Chehalis the

largest ready-cut house manufacturing plant in the United States.

Continuous operation of the factory during the off season is contemplated, so that when business opens the firm will have an ample line of ready-cut goods on hand.

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