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A PAGE OUT OF THE PAST.

The League of Nations is an ancient and honorable thought. If Henry of Navarre had lived half a dozen years longer he would have had one in working order.

When he shuffled off, in 1610, he had the framework for one. It was based on the idea of a federation with delegates to a central court of arbitration which should have supreme disposal over national disputes.

He expected to line up fifteen states—Catholic, Calvinistic and Lutheran—and have them dwell in general accord while preserving their national entity at home.

Inasmuch as he had negotiated and completed three different treaties and brought all of Europe to peace and comparative prosperity there was some assurance that his worthy ambition—his "grand design," as his historian recorded it—might be realized. But the knife of the assassin entered his breast and Europe never found the peace it might have hoped for.

Some of the distilleries of the United States are being turned into sugar factories, and others are being devoted more largely to the manufacture of alcohol for scientific and mechanical purposes. Perhaps there may be more alcohol to burn in this country, since all the saloons are to be banished. A few years ago, Congress enacted legislation calculated to encourage the manufacture on the farms of alcohol for use in engines. The majority of the stationary engines of Germany were, before the war, run with alcohol. There are many sections of the United States that could use cheap alcohol for power purposes.

There are 8000 acres devoted to walnut orchards in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Marion county has 1000 acres, and Polk county perhaps 500. Some of the leading men in that line are advocating the planting of walnut trees along the paved highways, and on the school grounds of the state, and one authority says every city home should have one or more walnut trees. In France, says this authority, a nut tree is set out in every available space. Walnut growing has proved a paying industry in this section, and there is scarcely any limit to its expansion.

The Bolsheviks believe in free love, in the killing of all who are opposed to their beliefs, and in the seizing of all property. These are just a few of the high lights of the creed of this Russian hell breed that is in full synecopation in that country.

Build the roads.

The red flag is too good for the Russian Bolsheviks. Their banner should be black.

The Hun ships will be used to bring our American soldier boys home. Hurry them along.

At the concert of the powers of course Ignace Jan Paderewski will be on the programme.

"Go to work," the labor leader chiefs advise the Butte miners who are striking. Good advice, and it should be observed all over the United States.

The labor leaders are working at Paris for international labor legislation. They may do some good. But nothing will take the place in the United States of adequate protective tariff rates. We have in this country the highest living standard in the world, and it must be maintained; even forced up higher.

TROUBLES OF CALIFORNIA

Suit has been filed by the municipality of Sacramento to determine officially whether that city or San Francisco is the capital of California. A majority of the forty fat commissions maintain their head offices in San Francisco, whereas there is a clause in the California constitution directing that all state departments shall be located at the state capital.

This suit strikes at sinecures held by at least fifty San Francisco politicians. Few of the commissions are actually presided over by the high-salaried commissioners. Most of these are engaged either in the practice of law or in some mercantile pursuit in San Francisco. Their state jobs, although paying from \$5000 to \$8000 a year, are only side lines. They go right ahead with their regular business and clerks paid by the state run the commissions.

This arrangement is especially convenient to attorneys. They maintain their private offices in San Francisco and do not permit their commission activities to interfere with their practice. But if they were compelled to remove to Sacramento, then their private practice would be seriously impaired. The office of the state insurance commission, to

illustrate, was removed two years ago to San Francisco to suit the personal convenience of Al McCabe, who is in business in San Francisco. If the office were taken to Sacramento he couldn't draw pay for two jobs. Sacramento would appear to be in the right as far as the letter of the constitution goes, and it is of course a question of business with the capital city. The state pays something like \$50,000 a year in rentals for offices in San Francisco, and there are at least 250 clerks and deputies who would have to reside in Sacramento if the main offices of the commissions were located there.

The above paragraphs are from the Los Angeles Times.

Evidently, a great abuse has grown up in that state, through a system of government by commissions.

There has been some complaint in Salem concerning the renting of offices in Portland by the state of Oregon. But the practice in this state is on a very limited scale, compared with California.

And the writer believes it has not yet been carried beyond the actual necessities of the requirements of good service; though it is not hard to imagine that it might easily be.

EVERY CHANCE

It is proposed that President Wilson be given an appropriation of at least a billion dollars to make effective the guarantee of the government that the price of wheat will be maintained during 1919. As for the ultimate consumer, what chance has he to expect a reduction in the price of bread?—Exchange.

Every chance. The laws of supply and demand will take care of this, as soon as all the restrictions and embargoes are off—and that will be soon.

KEY TO THE RAILROAD PROBLEM

Mr. McAdoo knows that nearly all the railroads of the country would be thrown into bankruptcy if returned summarily to their private owners.

He wants this club held over congress by the millions of stockholders.

But the bluff will not work. If the nation's business is restored to normal and domestic transportation assured by abundance of production at home the railroads of the

country will speedily recover under private ownership, and reasonable public regulation.

But again, protection and established prosperity in the United States, is the key to the problem.—American Economist.

And protection is the key to established prosperity in the United States.

The re-enactment of the McKinley tariff law, with whatever amendments the administrators of the law of that time could furnish, to make it plainer and more workable (and the full assurance that it would remain on the statute books for a long period), would restore established prosperity in the United States.

NOT NEEDED

Germany expects to resume relations with America by sending 100,000 tons of potash here in exchange for foodstuffs. Possibly Germany is not aware of the fact that during the war America herself became one of the foremost producers of potash and doesn't have to take it from Prussian hands now unless there is good reason for the doing.

SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH

Now the railway unions want the government to put up eighteen billion dollars to buy the railroads and then give them to the unions to operate. Operation would consist in boosting the freight rates every month or two in order to pay increased salaries. Why not have the government buy everything for everybody and make it unanimous? What is the use of an administration unless it can be copiously milked.—Exchange.

THE SHELL GAME

Arizona has put over fifteen hundred acres of her sandy soil into peanuts. Will somebody explain to Will Hays that Arizona does not propose to let his elephant suffer for food.

LEST WE FORGET!

The tumult and the shouting dies—The captains and the kings depart—Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice, An humble and a contrite heart. Lord God of hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget—lest we forget!

Cocoon Oil Makes A Splendid Shampoo

If you want to keep your hair in good condition, be careful what you wash it with.

Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali. This dries the scalp, makes the hair brittle, and is very harmful. Just plain mulisified cocoon oil (which is pure and entirely greaseless), is much better than the most expensive soap or anything else you can use for shampooing, as this can't possibly injure the hair.

Simply moisten your hair with water and rub it in. One or two teaspoonfuls will make an abundance of rich, creamy lather, and cleanse the hair and scalp thoroughly. The lather rinses out easily and removes every particle of dust, dirt, dandruff and excessive oil. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and it leaves it fine and silky, bright, fluffy and easy to manage.

You can get mulisified cocoon oil at most any drug store. It is very cheap, and a few ounces is enough to last everyone in the family for months.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

St. Valentine's Day tomorrow.

The automobile show is great.

Germany is now a republic; but it has a long, weary road to travel before it can get rid of the bad rep that was brought upon the very name of the country by the outrages of the war. Time is a great healer; but in this case the offending was so great and on so gigantic a scale that a new generation will have to grow up in the world before anything like complete reinstatement in the family of nations can be expected.

In the garage south of the Statesman building, in the Ryan building, a concrete floor is being laid. It will contain 16,000 squares of concrete—the largest in the city.

If all the Bolsheviks could be deported from all the countries and taken to some island, what country would want to be the mandatory for the island? Such a company would be the proper kind for the erstwhile Kaiser Bill, however. He is responsible for the hideous frankenstein of Bolshevism. He furnished the raw materials for the hell's broth out of which the monster grew.

Republicans have been waiting eight years for a return of a party majority in the house, but the Alsatians have been hoping for forty-seven years for the return of the French. Therefore they ought to make the welkin ring six times as loud.

preparing to turn over their plants to manufacturing enterprises. Why wouldn't they be just the place from which to issue Arthur Brisbane's newspapers?—Exchange.

What we need in this country as much as anything else is a censor to edit the inscriptions on tombstones. A visit to a cemetery brings out the query, wonder where all of the hard-boiled folks are buried?—Exchange.

IN A SOCIAL WAY

By DORRIS LEAH SIKES

FOLLOWING her talk at the public library tomorrow afternoon, Miss M. Brenda Francklyn will be a guest of honor at a tea for which Miss Cornelia Marvin will be hostess. It is hoped that the women who are here for legislature will avail themselves of this privilege to meet Miss Francklyn. Assisting Miss Marvin will be Mrs. Louis Lachmund, Mrs. Isaac Lee Patterson, Mrs. Seymour Jones, and Mrs. Ben Sheldon.

Members of Mrs. Ralph White's senior dancing class enjoyed an informal evening at Cotillion hall Tuesday evening. For Saturday afternoon Mrs. White will give a masquerade for the children also at Cotillion hall.

Miss Genevieve Barbour, an especially talented solo dancer, who is a pupil of Mrs. White, will appear in two numbers at the automobile show Friday night. Her two numbers will be the "Spanish" dance and "Joys of Spring."

Miss Ina Howell of Sumpter, is a guest at the home of Miss Edna Garfield.

A popular visitor in Salem is Mrs. Cyril Nadon and little son, Eugene Cyril, who are here from California visiting with Mrs. Nadon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Eckerlin.

In memory of Mrs. E. Galloway the Salem Rebekah lodge, No. 1, at a recent meeting adopted resolutions of sympathy over her death and sorrow in the loss of such a faithful member. The resolutions follow:

"Whereas, Almighty God has taken from us our beloved sister, Emma V. Galloway, P. P. R. A., we realize and mourn that our order has lost an efficient, untiring and unselfish worker,

Whereas, the passing of our sister to a broader and higher plane of life is a loss which is felt by each and everyone who had the privilege of coming in contact with her life as she daily exemplified the Christian principles of charity and love.

Therefore, be it resolved—That we extend our sincere sympathy to Brother Galloway and family, the beloved husband and children of our deceased sister and

Be it resolved—That the charter of Salem Rebekah lodge be draped in mourning for 30 days, and further

Be it resolved—That copies of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family and to the Friendship Rebekah lodge at McMinnville, of which Sister Galloway was a member.

Be it also resolved—That these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of Salem Rebekah lodge, and copies of the same be sent to Pacific Odd Fellow, the National Rebekah and Salem's daily papers for publication."

The Tuesday musical club met last evening at the studio of Miss Elma Weller on North Liberty street. The new president Miss Lena Belle Tartar, presided. Miss Chandler read a paper on the life and works of George W. Chadwick, the eminent American composer, and Mrs. Walter Denton gave a sketch of the life of Moszkowski. F. E. Saunders rendered two numbers by Moszkowski, the "Serenata" and "Thema" op. 10, No. 2. Miss Wheeler and Miss Isola Smith played a duet, No. 5 of the Spanish dances by Moszkowski.

Mrs. Lela Davis, an officer at the girls' training school, was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Miles last evening. Mrs. Davis has just arrived in Salem from New York city.

A jolly group of Willamette students surprised Miss Fay Perringer Tuesday evening with a party in honor of her birthday. Rook was a pleasant pastime for the evening's entertainment. Those who enjoyed the affair were Miss Fay Perringer, Marjorie Minton, Ina Moore, Muriel Steeves, Charlotte Croisan, Russell Rarey, Raymond Rarey, Paul Fiegel, Paul Day, Ralph Thomas and Ivan Osmer.

Yankee Guests Popular in Great Britain Homes

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The English and Scotch girls started it—or per-

haps the boys did. It has always been considered a safe bet that a girl who looks O. K. behind the counter in a Y. M. C. A. hut, and still better at a dance, can't be such a failure at a theatre. Having taken her to a theatre, of course, a fellow has to take her home and about that time what should be more natural than a hint if he dared to—that he might find her at home sometimes—she didn't always work in a "Y" hut. So naturally he called.

It is said that this is the way it began. Whether it is or not, for weeks, gobs and doughboys by the hundreds have been guests of honor in London or Suffolk homes, or playing the young laird in the households up in the highland country. Now

10,000 homes in the United Kingdom are calling for Yankee guests—200 in London alone. Hundreds of British homes, each trying to do honor to a Yank! Shades of Patrick Henry and Paul Jones!

Ha! Ha! news, withal, for the girls back in the states, but the truth is, has been alleged, the English and Scotch girls started it. They came by the scores to volunteer for work in the American Y. M. C. A. and now the Y. M. C. A. is the victim of its own system, for its week-ends, weekly and breakfast-dinner-luncheon guest service is one of the most important of all its departments.

Hundreds of boys are going back home to boast that they had dinner at London restaurants whose menus

—and prices—are world famous. The lord mayor has given a dinner for sailors in the historic banquet hall of the mansion house. There has been a big tea party at the Savoy, and another at Frascati's.

But, attractive as these public gatherings are, they are not the feature of Britain's hospitality. London is leading, and all England and Scotland are following suit. Unbelievable as it sounds, "An English home for every Yank" is the big job that the American "Y" has undertaken, and that it is putting over with nothing but success.

Read the Classified Ads.

Announcement!

We wish to announce to all who are contemplating buying an automobile that we have secured the agency for the OAKLAND "SENSIBLE" SIX CARS for Polk and Marion Counties, and will be open in our new place of business located in the Turner Bldg., corner Commercial and Ferry Streets, Salem, Oregon, about March 1st, doing a garage repair and auto sales business. We will have a complete corps of garage and sales force and it will be our aim to please. We invite you to call and see us if interested in anything in the auto line.

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