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THE ERA OF GOOD FEELING AGAIN

As The Statesman has remarked before, the "era of good feeling" in this country is becoming international, and not the least of the evidences of this is the stand being taken by the eminent French historian, Prof. Alphonse Aulard, in urging the people of France to sympathize with and aid the cause of democracy in Germany.

An attitude that has not been in evidence in official France. Prof. Aulard contends that, once victorious in war, France "ought to have been the first to lead the way to democracy;" instead, it is "struggling reluctantly in the rear."

There is little room for liberal policies so long as Briand represents the center of gravity and is constantly under menace from a formidable alliance of reactionary and militaristic groups. While the political controversies of France are a matter of domestic concern, the choice between policies leading to peaceful reconstruction and those threatening a troubled future must necessarily concern all countries and especially those which found themselves drawn into the World War for the defense of France and of what France was believed to stand for.

While the bill appropriating \$20,000,000 to buy food in this country for the starving people of Russia was being discussed in the upper house of Congress, Senator Borah sprang a surprise by advocating the recognition of the soviet government of Russia. He declared that "the best friends this government has had in Europe in the last hundred years have been the Russian people," and that they "are the only great people of Europe who have not at some time or other disclosed a great enmity toward the people of the United States and toward our government."

The Literary Digest of today is devoted especially to the presentation of the facts concerning Japan and the Japanese people which are calculated to create a better feeling toward and a better understanding of Japan and the Japanese on the part of the American people.

The greatest of all the American advertising agencies, N. W. Ayer & Son, Philadelphia, has been sending letters to the American newspapers calling attention to this special edition on Japan of the Literary Digest, and urging upon the publishers of the United States a fuller discussion of things Japanese, in order to bring about the educative benefits of a more widely spread understanding of our Japanese problems.

We read in the current issue of the Saturday Evening Post the article of Marcossen telling the world of the activities of the big business concerns of Germany in developing Russian trade and commerce—and the conclusion is that while other countries are talking and writing and proposing, the gigantic interlocking trusts that are making over Germany are acting, and preparing to make over Russia, with some of the greatest development schemes the world has ever seen; to the benefit of Russia, and for the good of the whole world; and, more especially, for the good of Germany, which is staging the greatest come-back in shipping and manufacturing and commerce the world has ever witnessed.

The world needs an era of good feeling, and we need it in this country; and we will have to be up and doing, and watching and working, rather than watching and waiting, in

order that our people and our government may reap their share of the good things of the era of good feeling and reconstruction that is going on.

The world is going to be a poor place in the next ten years for a slothful or lazy man, or one who is not forward looking. And the same is true of nations.

Spread the spirit of optimism.

The discussion of the liquor business still goes on. An exchange is out for "Wholesome light wines and beer." "Light" wine, where do they get that stuff—Exchange.

G. K. Chesterton, the fat English author, says he will not return to the United States again until prohibition has gone out of fashion. Goodbye, Gilbert, you will be a long time gone. However, we shall manage in some way.—Exchange.

The national president of the ice cream makers' admits that, while other industries have been hard hit by the war, the ice cream business has been good and every body has made money. A frank confession is good for the soul.

The surest way for Salem to be sure of growth is to boost the agricultural and horticultural industries of the Salem district, which includes the whole central Willamette valley, and to keep on boosting them.

The Hoover organization in Russia is now feeding 1,000,000 children and the number is growing daily. So there is a new ikon in thousands of Russian homes. It is the American flag. Is it likely that the children who gaze on it can ever be induced to fight America?

And the high cost of football is something fierce. "Bo" McMillin is to get \$10,000 a year for three years to teach the students at Centenary college, at Shreveport, La., how to play the game. The professors at the college possibly get less than one-fourth that amount.

The announcement of the fact that the 1925 fair board is gone, and will go ahead with the great project, will help in the spirit of optimism that is being built up. All Oregon will know that there is going to be something doing, and so will all the world, which will lead to many more things doing.

FANTASTIC TALE COFFINED

One by one the war fables are being laid out. The tale of the ghostly archers who were said to have appeared to the British during the retreat from Mons was some time ago shown to have been but the fabric of a dream; the French have somewhat sadly admitted that Joan of Arc did not appear on the battlefield of the Somme, and now the Kitchener lie has been coiffined by the Brit-

Future Dates January 19-21—Elys, Mardi Gras.

sh war office. The famous field marshal was not betrayed by a British officer who consorted with a German woman spy. Kitchener, it will be remembered, went to his death when the warship Hampshire, on which he had embarked for Russia, was sunk off the coast of Scotland. A fantastic yarn was spread abroad that a female spy named Elsie Bockler supplied information to Berlin which enabled the Germans to send a submarine to blow up the ship. There was such a woman but it is revealed that she was in a British jail at the time the Hampshire sailed; that she had been imprisoned before the arrangements for the trip were made, and that she never could have had knowledge that it was contemplated or how and when Kitchener would start for Russia. After she was deported she saw a chance to capitalize her work for Germany, where, by telling her falsehood, she was hailed as a heroine, whereas the British war office statement proves she was merely a monumental liar. When one reflects on the numerous stories which passed current for truth during the war and which since have been exploded, doubt enters the mind regarding many historical episodes. We know now that it wasn't Pershing who said, "Lafayette, we are here," and there comes a suspicion whether the Roman dictator ever uttered the words, "Et tu, Brute?" then fall Caesar," particularly as at the time Pompey's statue was supposed to have run blood and you can't get blood out of a stone. Shakespeare can be forgiven for drawing on his imagination but the German woman will always remain that poor thing—a spy. Still her story will probably enjoy prominence in German histories along with the "Victory at Jutland."

BEARED HEADS AND AGE

Another doctor arises to remark that there is no reason why people should not live to the age of 120 to 140 years. If they will dwell much in the open and go bare-headed and bare-footed, it is easily possible to hang on to this world for a couple of centuries. But who wants to run around the world in his bare feet for 100 years? What would he become of the Steson family if everybody had gone bare-headed for the last thousand years? What fun is there in plodding up and down the universe for a century or so and then croaking from a stone-bruise? Imagine what the daily pace on the principal streets of the average American city would look like if everybody had his or her dome and tootsies beared!

ALL IN THE FAMILY

The mayor of Indianapolis has appointed his wife as head of the park commission. He says that from the way the lady bosses him he knows she will clean up the city parks and keep them dressed for company. The city government in Indianapolis is therefore something of a family affair.

HEALTH HAS ITS HANDICAPS

A man who works with his brain after passing a sleepless night, or when in the clutches of some discomforting indisposition often does not see how he is possibly going to get through with his day's stint. He goes at it, however, and is almost always surprised to find that he works more rapidly and successfully than when fine and fit. We suppose this is because, feeling the necessity, he concentrates more determinedly on what is before him. The fact that he is rather tired and ill and therefore has little temptation or ambition to go afield in the flesh or the spirit, may also have something to do with it. Whatever the explanation, it is the truth.

Perfect health is a glorious thing to have, yet its relationship to success in life is much exaggerated.

ated. A very large percentage of the world's best work has been done by men who did not feel well most of the time they were doing it. Abounding health, like unlimited riches, involves its temptations and its handicaps. One feels too much like cutting short the hours of labor and going out and having fun. Thus the theory of compensation works out. The spirit, not the body, is what really counts—the will, not the stomach.—Ohio State Journal.

LOOKING FORWARD

Herbert Hoover says that America has some wonderful things to look forward to. Of course it has. Among them is the possibility of seeing Herbert Hoover in the White House.—Los Angeles Times.

KEEPING THE PEACE

This is the year that Mexico gets recognized. America has been taking her time in according official recognition, but it is about due now. Mexico can come pretty near giving all nations the safety signal.

REMEMBER THE COOK

A Philadelphia millionaire left his cook \$60,000 and a limousine because she could make pie better than his mother could. The subtle art of reaching a man's heart through his stomach is much overlooked in these days, but it will be found profitable in the long run.

BACK TO THE CONSTITUTION

(Los Angeles Times.) "We, the people of the United States," are confronted at the opening of this year of grace 1922 by an insidious and widespread propaganda against the enforcement of an article of that constitution which our fathers revered and in whose support we have ever been prodigal of our treasure or our blood. For the first time in 122 years a disposition has been evinced in many quarters to treat one of its provisions lightly, to regard it as nonexistent. Many who pride themselves on their Americanism, who would offer, and have offered, their breasts as a bulwark in the defense of our common country, when menaced from without, are setting an example to others of contempt for the law. We refer to the frequent and flagrant violation of the 18th amendment, which is as much a part of the constitution as the sections guaranteeing the right of free speech and protection of life and property, as the articles which abolish slavery and confer the right of suffrage. Are they indeed Americans, who set themselves up to judge the constitution, to say "this section we will observe because it meets the approval and this one we will violate because it is not in accord with our personal inclinations?" While not intended as such, this 18th amendment has served the purpose of a test of true and unselfish Americanism. The issue is not one of "wet" and "dry;" it is not a question whether we approve or disapprove the Volstead act; it is an issue that strikes directly at the fundamentals of American citizenship. Shall the individual set himself above the law and the constitution. Shall he demand the privilege of selecting which laws he shall obey and which he shall violate? Shall he place individual liberty above organized government? Those who are familiar with history, who have read and reflected, who have pondered over

the causes contributory to the rise and fall of nations are fully aware that peoples were strong and powerful so long as they manifested a respect for and adhered to the written law, and that destruction followed fast after those who, through lack of patriotism or corruption of manners, broke away from legal restraint. The American republic will escape the fate of those that have gone before only on condition that the people of the country avoid the mistakes and pitfalls that led the others to destruction. Making a mockery of the 18th amendment is making a mockery of the constitution of which it is a part. The Times has always opposed the passage of sumptuary laws and expressed its opinion editorially against national prohibition when the subject was before congress and the different state legislatures. But the Times is not of those who seek to make a virtue of violating the amendment because they opposed its adoption. Their attitude is no more defensible than that of the southern states who refused to be "reconstructed" for twenty years after the Civil war closed. The Times agrees with General Grant that there is one legitimate way to secure the repeal of an objectionable law, and that is by its strict enforcement. If the question of national prohibition were now before the public, the Times would express its opinion freely and without reserve concerning the wisdom or unwisdom of the act; but the issue transcends that or any other single question that confronts the American people; it is the question whether by preachment and example we shall weaken in others their inherited devotion for the constitution and respect for the written laws of the nation. At the threshold of the New Year the Times urges upon each and all its readers to join in a resolution that they will not willingly and willfully violate any article of the federal constitution during the next twelve months; that they will make a new resolve to respect the laws of the land, regardless of their personal inclinations or beliefs, to the end that they will neither violate the 18th amendment themselves nor encourage others to do so.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Near-spring weather. The Daily Elreann has its Daily thrill. The 1925 fair management pro-

Clarence True Wilson Will Speak at Amity

AMITY, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special to the Statesman)—Dr. Clarence True Wilson of Washington, D. C., general secretary of the National Board of Temperance and Public Morals will speak here at the Methodist church on Sunday evening, January 8. An interesting meeting is anticipated as he will give practically the same address he delivered last August while in London at the world conference of temperance workers. The Amity Parent-Teachers will hold their regular meeting on Monday evening and a large attendance is expected. They will have several reels of motion pictures on the evening's program. Mrs. Minnie Alderman spent the most of this week in Portland visiting with friends. Mrs. J. H. Willett was a visitor this week in Portland with relatives. Joe Ruble, Jr., Arthur Allison and Bert Tovey who were here visiting during the holidays have returned to Corvallis to resume their school work at the college. J. W. Walling, mail carrier for route 2, was a week-end visitor in Portland, with his daughter Mrs. Lloyd Cole, who is in the St. Vincent's hospital there recovering from the injuries sustained in the railroad wreck at Celilo. The local Palace theater is under new management now. A. A. Lowry has leased the building. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tallman spent New Year's in Corvallis at the home of Mrs. Tallman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Tovey. Miss Mary McGowan returned this week from about a month's visit in Portland with relatives.

POLEY'S HAS NEVER FAILED

January is a bad month for influenza, la grippe and bronchial troubles. It is unwise to neglect the slightest cough or cold. Poley's Honey and Tar gives prompt relief, gets right at the trouble, covers raw inflamed surfaces with a healing coating, clears the air passages, eases stuffy breathing and permits sound, refreshing, health-building sleep. Mrs. F. A. Gibson, 1547 College Ave., Racine, Wis., writes: "Poley's has never failed in giving immediate relief and I am never without it." Sold everywhere.—Adv.

New Water Applications Are Received and Filed

Seven new applications for authority to appropriate water from streams of Oregon are on file at the office of Percy A. Cupper, state engineer. They are: By Frank Saubert of Acme, Lane county, covering the appropriation of water from an unnamed spring for domestic supply, at a cost of approximately \$200. By Roy Robertson and the Sand Lake Creamery company, of Tillamook, covering the appropriation of water from an unnamed spring, tributary to Sand Lake, for domestic supply and for use in a cheese factory, in Tillamook county. By G. C. McAllister of Central Point, covering the appropriation of water from McAllister spring for domestic supply and for irrigation of 10 acres in Jackson county, at a cost of about \$500. By S. H. Rockhill of Riddle, covering the appropriation of water from Cow creek, in Douglas county, for irrigating 30 acres of orchard. The cost of this development is estimated at \$1000. By S. L. Steaman of Dufur, covering the appropriation of water from an unnamed stream and from Sufford creek, tributary to Fifteen Mile creek, for the irrigation of an eight acre tract in Wasco county. By the Hinsdale Estate company of Gardiner, covering the appropriation of water from an unnamed creek, and from Dean creek, tributary to Umpqua river, for domestic supplies for the applicant's dairy ranch, in Douglas county. The construction cost is estimated at about \$1000. By Melvin H. Kundert of Volgate, covering the construction of the Dry Creek reservoir for the storage of 240 acre feet of water from flood water, snows and rain, and the appropriation of the stored water, together with water from Dry creek, for irrigation of 100 acres in Harney county. The estimated cost of construction of the reservoir and distribution system amounts to approximately \$1000.

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The Junior Statesman

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ONE REEL YARNS

A SHAWL OVER HER HEAD "Just to think, just to think," sang Shirley, "that I'm actually going to Mrs. Fielder's beautiful home. Wasn't it lovely of her to invite me? What shall I wear?" "It doesn't matter," said her mother. "Mrs. Fielder knows that we are not well off, and she will not be expecting you to be dressed like a millionaire's daughter." "Sweet and simple!" said Shirley scornfully. "At least I shall try to act as though I were one of her wealthy friends."

ICE SKATING

"I'VE GOT IT!" Written Especially for this newspaper by Art Staff Holder of the American Professional Ice-Skating Championship. One of the best games I have ever played on ice is called "I've Got It!" "I've Got It!" is just the reverse of common "Tag." As in "Tag," one person is "it," but instead of that person chasing all the others, the others chase him. When some one tags the one who is "it," that person yells "I've Got It!" and immediately he sets out as fast as he can. The other skaters, including the one who was "it," pursue. A player remains "it" until some one tags him. Then he joins the chase, and the tagger is pursued. It's great sport. And now, to end this last article, permit me to give you one word of caution: Do not encourage any inexperienced skater to "show off." It is dangerous. He might become injured or he might injure some one else. I always say that "smart" skating by inexperienced skaters has caused more accidents on ice than anything else.

LORNA DOONE

"I want to get my cousin a book for her birthday," said Virginia. "I don't want one of those books written just for girls. She's tired of those things. They're all the same. I want a really good book she'll want to keep for always, and still I want it to be sort of exciting." "I think I know what you want," said the bookstore clerk. "Here's Lorna Doone, a favorite story, printed in a young people's edition, with lovely illustrations. It is what is known as a 'classic,' but don't let that scare you. The scene of the book is Exmoor, a beautiful but very wild, rough part of England. In this region is a chasm with a secret entrance, in which is the stronghold of a band of robbers known as 'The Bloody Doones of Bagworthy.' The father of the hero, John Ridd, was killed by these cruel brigands. The book begins when John is a boy away at school. He is called home, and on the way he almost runs into the robber band. Here is how they looked to him when he was hiding behind a rock: 'Heavy men and large of stature, reckless how they bob their suns or how they sate their horses, with leathern jerkins, and long boots, and iron plates on breast and head, plunder heaped behind their saddles, and flags slung in front of them; more than thirty went along, like clouds up, on red sunset. Some had carcasses of sheep swinging with their skins on, others had deer, and one had a child flung across his saddle-bow. Whether the child were dead or alive was beyond my vision, only it hung head downwards there, and must take the chance of it. They had got the child, a very young one, for the sake of the dress, no doubt, which they couldn't stop to pull from it; for the dress shone bright, where the fire struck it, as if with gold

and jewels." The clerk stopped reading. "Wouldn't your cousin like to read about John Ridd and about the stolen child?" she smiled. "I'm sure she will," said Virginia, as she reached for her purse. "but I'm afraid, if her brothers get hold of it, she won't get a chance to read it herself."

Dingbats

At the party last night Ethel Clarke was playing a Piece I didn't recognize, so I says to her brother, "What is that charming thing she's playing?" Says he, "A piano. You dub!"

TODAY'S PUZZLE

Form a word chain from words meaning filth, a test, a small body of water, to take nourishment, a pair of horses, and angry. Answer to yesterday's: Kate, Rita, Beth, Anne. Diagonals from upper left to lower right, spell "kite."

"Pardon me if I bore you," said the mosquito.



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