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AMONG THOSE PRESENT

The British provincial idea of the part America played in the winning of the war is strikingly shown in a recent editorial in the London Times on the celebration of battle anniversaries. "Why have we in England no celebration of the Marne," asks the editor, "no celebration of any among the wondrous feats of arms in which we and our French allies shattered and ground to powder the over-weening hosts of aggressive and vainglorious Germany?" Americans have little interest whether those events are celebrated in England or not, but they will more than lift a casual eyebrow when they read of how "we and our French allies" ground Germany to powder. There has been more than a suspicion in the United States that America's soldiers took a prominent part in the shattering and grinding process. Indeed, it has been accepted as a fact in this country that if the American army had not made its heroic drive through the Argonne Forest and severed the principal line of communications by which Germany was feeding its army in the west, the process of shattering and grinding might have been reversed. And most of the leaders of thought in Great Britain agree with this view. They are neither provincial nor bigoted.

The Germans did some shattering and grinding of their own in the spring and summer of 1918. It was in full swing when the American army was thrown into the breach in July of that year and turned the tide of defeat into victory. Early in that year the "overweening hosts of aggressive and vainglorious Germany" in three days drove the British army from Belgian territory that it had taken many weary months and many thousands of lives to win. A little later the French and British together were forced back towards Amiens over a tremendous stretch of terrain in a dashing drive by those same "overweening hosts." In June the Germans went through the French lines from the Aisne to the Marne and set the stage for a march on Paris down the Marne valley. That, in brief, was the way "we and our French allies" ground the Germans to powder in 1918!

When the march to Paris was scheduled to start the American army was on the ground and the Germans had not proceeded far when they were thrown back in confusion at Chateau Thierry and along the line south of Soissons where Marshal Foch had decided to strike his decisive blow. American divisions bore the brunt of that attack, although aided by British and French soldiers. It marked the turning point of the war. Shortly thereafter came the Battle of St. Mihiel when 600,000 men under General Pershing in two days swept the Germans from a salient that they had held in the face of the allies for four years.

Then began the greatest single operation of the war, the Meuse-Argonne offensive. Twenty-one American divisions, many of them for the first time under fire, met and conquered forty veteran German divisions through the most difficult country that any army ever fought over. The battle lasted six weeks, during which the Americans took 26,000 prisoners and captured almost 500 cannon. On the 6th of

November General Pershing found himself on the Meuse opposite Sedan. "We had cut the enemy's main line of communications," he reported, "and NOTHING BUT SURRENDER OR AN ARMISTICE COULD SAVE HIS ARMY FROM COMPLETE DISASTER." The Germans chose the latter alternative and an armistice was signed five days later, on the 11th.

"We and our French allies" appear to have had some assistance as they "shattered and ground to powder" the German hosts. If history does not deceive us, American soldiers not only saved the allies from what appeared to be certain defeat in 1918, but turned that defeat into victory. We expect no word of praise for what we did, but it would be some consolation if British editors would admit that we were "among those present."

It is understood that the trip of former Premier Clemenceau to this country will not be official. Therefore, the hat will not be passed.

Colonel House has just returned from an extended trip to Europe, but refuses to be quoted. The fact is, however, that the silence of Colonel House no longer intrigues.

Rudyard Kipling is reported to have said the United States got into the war too late, but the record shows that we raised an armed force of 4,800,000 men, sent 2,086,000 of them to France, lost 77,118 killed and 221,059 wounded and held 23 per cent of the western front by October 19, 1918. We raised internal loans from the people aggregating \$22,228,118,400 and reloaned \$9,641,822,500 to our allies, among which England was one.

TABLE MANNERS

Even a small difference in table manners may cause international complications. An American actor recently upset the dignity of a whole British table d'hote by holding his fork in his right hand according to good American usage. For to grasp the fork in the right hand is to a horrified Britisher a crime commensurate with supporting an Irish republic. "The fork," so says British etiquette, "should never leave the left hand."

Incidentally, the British drive their autos on the left side of the street. An auto on the right side might cause a frightful accident, but that to British eyes would not be so fatal as a fork in the right hand. Over there by being right you may get in wrong.

EVIDENCE OF THRIFT

Building and loan associations, like the star of empire, have apparently moved steadily westward. Although founded in Philadelphia more than ninety years ago, their greatest activities are now in Ohio, which leads in per capita savings in building and loan associations, with \$66.25 per

unit of population. New Jersey is second, with \$63.14, the District of Columbia third, with \$62.95; Nebraska fourth, with \$59.73, and Pennsylvania fifth, with \$45.96.

During the last year the building and loan associations of the country attained a membership growth of 847,000. This is a splendid tribute to the growth of thrift in this country.

No doubt Oregon will grow into first place in this respect in time.

If every city of Oregon had at least one local association as good and well managed as Salem's local association, this state would surely now be in the lead in her per capita showing in this very important field of solid and substantial growth and well being. The great state and the great nation is the home owning state and nation.

Salem's local building and loan association is organized on the right lines for home building, and it is so well managed that it has never yet had a foreclosure.

SOME BOAST

It is asserted that the volume of construction and development work now under way in Los Angeles is greater than in New York and Chicago combined. This sounds like a large order, but we are used to doing big things and delivering the goods.—Los Angeles Times.

QUEEN'S GOOD EXAMPLE

Queen Alexandra of England, has recently set a notable example by her refusal to wear egretts, those beautiful ornaments which have been popular for many years with fashionable women. Not even the knowledge that the

FUTURE DATES

October 12, Thursday—Pre-county convention of Christian endeavor society, Presbyterian church.
October 13, Friday—Associated Charities to meet, Commercial club rooms.
October 17, Tuesday—Cyrus Van Gordon, Prima Donna Mezzo contralto, in concert at armory.
October 28 and 29, Saturday and Sunday—County Christian endeavor convention at Pratum.
November 7, Tuesday—General election.
November 30, Thursday—Thanksgiving day.

COREY WANTS ROADS BUILT

Complaint Prepared for Filing With I. C. C. to Benefit State

H. H. Corey, member of the public service commission, has prepared a complaint intended to go before the interstate commerce commission demanding railroad construction in eastern Oregon that will afford facilities for transportation of timber, livestock and other products of a large eastern Oregon area.

If the complaint is approved by his colleagues on the commission, Newton McCoy and T. M. Kerrigan, it will be filed with the interstate body at Washington.

Several Roads Named

Defendants named in the complaint are The Central Pacific Railway company, the Southern Pacific, the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co., Oregon Short Line, the Oregon Trunk, and the Oregon Coast Railway. The sheen of the feathers is so lovely because they are plucked from the living bird has been sufficient to keep many women from indulging their vanity. If a queen, however, disdain to be cruel, fashion, preforce, will have to follow suit.

WORMWOOD

According to building experts the Palace of Versailles is no longer a safe structure. Its supporting beams have been eaten away by wood-boring insects. To replace these with sound timbers would be a tremendous feat. If this cannot be accomplished, however, the building will collapse. So attractive on the exterior, so alluring to the eye and under the gilt and ginger-bread, beams, joists, timbers, riddled and rotten with the fungus of centuries!

BLOWING COLD

We are said to be spending \$1,000,000 a day for ice, but, thank heaven, not much of it is going into highballs. Plucking ice from the lakes and rivers used to be quite an industry—a seasonal but important one. We used to export \$1,000,000 worth of ice to foreign countries. Now four-fifths of the ice daily used in America is artificially manufactured. Instead of exporting ice we are sending to other nations every year nearly \$5,000,000 of ice-making or refrigerating machinery. Incidentally, we are making an iceless ice box. Artificial coolness is as simple as artificial heat.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Prunes still coming. But a few more days will see the last of the 1922 harvest of this fruit.

Tomorrow's Statesman will contain a lot of matter on the prune industry that will be authoritative, interesting and valuable. It is our greatest and fastest growing fruit industry.

In the death of C. P. Glover, Oregon loses one of her pioneer citizens of sterling worth, high character and fine and loyal and patriotic spirit. There will be a note of regret among all old residents at the passing of Payton Glover.

The question of making the office of city marshal of Salem appointive will again be on the ballot, in the November election.

Without any thought as to who may be elected mayor or who may be successful in the race for city marshal, the principle of the appointive system in the office of marshal is the correct one. The appointment must have the approval of the city council. It would make for better cooperation in the management of the city's affairs. Salem has a hard working and efficient city council, devoted to the best interests of the city in all its affairs, and there should be team work all through. The voters should see to it that there is such team work. They should vote for the amendment, and the vote should be unanimous.

At an exhibition in the Brooklyn Botanical gardens is being shown a new plant which the garden authorities believe may be the forerunner of a true yellow aster. Thus does nature, with guidance, overtake fiction. In the yellow '90's a small sensation was caused by an anonymous novel, "The Yellow Aster," the overstrung heroine of which told her lover that men "had the same strong yearning for me that a botanist has for a blue chrysanthemum, or a yellow aster."

Geo. W. Will closing out piano and phonograph stock. Phonographs half price, pianos \$75 up. \$5 down \$5 month. See ad page 3.

The Junior Statesman

SCHOOL STUDY SPORTS

HUMOR PLAY WORDS

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The Biggest Little Paper in the World

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FOREIGN DOLLS—Lolly-Pop Folks for You to Make



No. 6. Chita of Spain (This is one of ten quaint little people from foreign lands. You'll find them just the thing for party favors and table decorations, and while you're making them you'll learn a lot about how boys and girls of other countries dress.)

Chita, peeping coyly from behind her gay fan, is practicing a joyous little dance, as she listens to the tinkle of guitars in the narrow street below, over which the balconies of the quaint of house almost touch each other. Chita is very proud of her holiday costume, for her lace mantilla belonged to her grandmother and is so fine and graceful that it is the envy of all the girls she knows.

Buy an oblong lolly-pop (a round one could be used) and paint the features on with black ink and water color; then paste on her hair of black crushed crepe paper. Her arms and legs are made of fine wire wrapped with narrow strips of paper, the same with flesh color and the feet with black.

To make the dress cut four strips of canary yellow crepe paper and flute them at the edge. Place the first one so that it will come just a trifle above her slippers and make each succeeding ruffle a little shorter. The top flounce is made of American beauty crepe vaper. The bodice is a straight piece of black paper shown in Figure 5 and is wrapped around the end of the piece of candy, making a small waistline.

To make the Spanish shawl fold a very thin paper napkin or paper handkerchief into the triangular shape shown in Fig. 3. Cut irregular shapes, shown by the black spots, and when you unfold it you will have a beautiful, lacy shawl.

Make the fan of stiff paper and fold like the one in diagram 2. Sparkling glitter pasted on would give a Spanish effect. The buckles, made the same way, are pasted on the make-believe slippers. To make the Spanish heel, roll up a small strip of crepe paper and paste in place.

(Next week, a Chinese boy.)

THE SHORT STORY, JR.

THE BRIGAND WALKS THE PLANK

The "Brigands" were having an initiation in the Henderson barn. This barn was the very nicest place in the neighborhood for an initiation, but Mr. Henderson had on one occasion warned "that they were to stay off his property. However, when time came around to hold their initiation, they decided that they would forget about the warning, because he 'probly wasn't feeling good that day, or something, and didn't mean it, anyway.'"

Fred Corbin was being made a member of the band. For months Fred had dreamed of being taken in, and now that it was actually going to happen, he felt ready for anything. They collected in mysterious silence. Fred was blindfolded and placed in one corner of the barn, while they prepared for the initiation in another.

First, he was made to "walk the plank." A board was placed on the ground and elevated with a box at one end. It wasn't very high, but they all lay down on the floor under the board and talked in such a way that their voices seemed to be coming from away down low, so Fred fully expected to jump off into space. He made his way carefully along the plank, balancing himself with difficulty, as his hands were tied behind him.

Finally he reached the end, prepared for a long jump, and found himself but a few inches above the ground. Of course he lost his balance and went tumbling. "Beat it, fellers," cried a shrill voice. "There's somebody coming!" With remarkable suddenness the "Brigands" left the barn, forgetting Fred in their haste.

Fred was angry at being left in the lurch. He humped around trying to find the door, unable to get the bandages off. Then some one grabbed him and struck him a sharp blow. He crumpled up. Next thing he knew, some one was rubbing his head, saying:



"You plucky kid." Fred was bewildered.

By nightfall the story was all over town: How the Hendersons had been away from home and Fred had seen a couple of men entering. He felt pretty certain they were not the Hendersons coming back and had gone over to make sure, when he had been pounced upon from behind and blindfolded and tied up. The thieves had got away with one of Mr. Henderson's best horses.

There's no gainsaying that the horse was gone, and so the story stands, because—well, the "Brigands" have private reasons for not challenging it.

PICTURE PUZZLE

Rearrange the following jumbled words and then make them into a word-square

E E L L
L K A O
O E P P
A L E A

Answer to yesterday's Pumpkin, gold-crazed, and.

and the Deschutes Railroad company. Extensions asked are from Kirk, Or., to Odell, Klamath county, a distance of 40 miles; from Oak Ridge to Odell, a distance of 30 miles; from Crane to Odell, a distance of 165 miles; from Bend to Odell, a distance of 50 miles; from Lakeview to Klamath Falls, or north to connect with the Crane-Odell extension; and from Crane to Bend.

Much Work Done

The complaint points out that many of the surveys already have been made and work actually started in past years. It is shown that at the present time there is no railroad extending from western Oregon eastward south of Portland. The large mileage and circuitous routes from the important eastern Oregon points to Portland are shown in the complaint, and the assertion is made that at the present time there is no adequate railroad service for transportation to Portland, the state's main seaport.

We have long ago made up our mind that many human beings have lived to a hale old age simply by eating food that agreed with them and not too much of it. That is about all the consideration the average healthy individual needs to give to the choice of a diet.—Exchange.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WANTED—3 OR 4 MEN OR large boys to pick walnuts. J. R. Champman, Route 2, Phone 17F2.

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