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British Cousins

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN, British foreign secretary, used his recent health-seeking tour in America to give utterance once again to Britain's friendship for the United States. Just before he sailed from Canada he ascertained that his country had no rivalry with the United States and no desire to enter upon a naval competition with them.

It is a commonplace to say that there is no country in the world with whom we have so much in common as with Great Britain and so little rational reason to suppose we could ever have conflicting interests serious enough to bring us into war. Yet it is also common knowledge that with no other nation have we ever been so often on the verge of war.

Britain so sharply challenged our right to annex Texas that there was danger of war. She rightly contested with us for the ownership of the Oregon country and there were tense times which raised ominous war clouds. Rival logging interests all brought war over the unsettled boundary between Maine and Canada. Our too active Irish sympathies and aid to the Canadian rebels in 1837 likewise placed us in the position of courting war. The Civil war relations edged war until after the struggle turned definitely toward emancipation of the slaves and northern victory was assured. And so through the years.

The American public and press have always been amazingly quick to take offense at England and to demand a course of action which if followed must lead to war. The British public have always heartily reciprocated such feelings. This strange attitude can best be understood when we remind ourselves that we are cousins with so much of pride and stubborness in common that it is easy to have family fights. But fortunately the quarrels are like most family kind, not going so far but that some level headed member can bring the hot headed ones back to at least surly reason. Contrary to popular belief the ones who have so brought the two peoples to their better senses have been the diplomats and governmental officials who have thrown their influence for peace while the people have demanded their own way even at the price of war. A wiser teaching of history in our schools, and less indulgence of story books about Redcoated villains will make the younger generations more sanely responsive to the leadership which points to the ways of friendship with our British cousins.

Woman Without a Country

WHEN Edward Everett Hale wrote "The Man Without a Country" the idea of woman suffrage was young. The world now has on its hands a woman without a country—

In the case of Mme. Rosika Schwimmer, cultured Hungarian Jewess, active internationally, one of those who unsuccessfully tried to help Henry Ford get the boys out of the trenches by Christmas.

She has several times applied for American citizenship, and each time she has been refused because her ideas of duty to the government do not coincide with what Uncle Sam expects from his adopted children. She says she has no sense of nationalism, only a cosmic consciousness of belonging to the human family. She is to be credited with the courage of her convictions. Many would bury their cosmic consciousness long enough to obtain citizenship, but her courage will not obscure the fact that in the opinion of most thinking men and women her sense of obligation is all wrong.

If becoming a citizen is worth while it is because there is an obligation from the citizens to the government which distinguishes this country from every other one. Not because this country is better, but because there is value in the national feeling which the citizen of any country holds toward his government. Mme. Schwimmer would better remain a citizen of the world if she feels that way about nationalism, but a little reflection should convince her that her usefulness to the human family in which she claims membership is in direct proportion to her service on behalf of city, state and nation of which she is a denizen.

Loyalty to one's own government does not imply disloyalty to the human family at large; quite the contrary in fact. Only by being worth while to a community can one become worth while to the world. Most Americans will agree that the lady may well await without the portals until she gets a change of heart as to what her duties will be if she is admited.

Making Haste Slowly

IF the boys and girls attending the public school of the Salem district had to learn an alphabet of even 1000 characters instead of their own 26, they would have something about which to complain—

But in China they think they are lucky because a new system of writing has been put into effect known as the "1000 character system" to take the place of the old system involving the learning of 40,000 symbols.

When one has learned these 1000 characters he can read newspapers and is given the degree of "literate" citizen. They are trying to teach the new alphabet to 100,000,000 at first, which they think will make a fair start toward overcoming illiteracy as a whole.

This is making haste slowly. China is very old and very conservative. In Turkey, they have adopted our alphabet of 26 letters—

And China will get around to this in due course. The moving picture and the airplane and the typewriter and telephone and telegraph and the newspaper and all the rest will hurry along this process; the 100,000,000 "literate citizens" will help a lot.

English will some day be the universal language, and all alphabets will be like ours.

International trade is hastening this movement.

A Catholic Carrie Nation

THE Abbe Bethleem, a French Catholic priest, has adopted the militant methods of Mrs. Carrie Nation in dealing with the foul literature exposed for sale in the kiosks or news stands of Paris—

For these publications he has simply seized and torn to pieces before the astonished dealers.

Naturally this summary method has brought him into court where, after the imposition of a nominal fine, he has declared his intention to proceed on the same line until the authorities do their duty in suppressing this sort of printed matter.

This good priest has undertaken a large size task in cleaning up Paris, but there are many law abiding people in the United States as well as in France and all the other leading counties who will "glory in his spunk," and wish him well in his holy crusade.

He can point for his example to the harsh methods of his Master in driving the money changers out of the ancient temple at Jerusalem.

Smaller Currency

SMALLER but better currency is under preparation for release in next July, the United States treasury department having been at work for two years on the new bill size which is to replace millions of notes of larger size now in circulation.

There will be eleven denominations of the new money which will be six and five-sixteenths by two and eleven-sixteenth inches in size, in contrast to the present size of seven and one-half inches by three and one-fourth inches.

Convenience to the public and tremendous savings in the cost of producing paper money are reasons for the new size. Each of the eleven denominations will bear a portrait of a U. S. president, the dollar bill showing Washington, the two dollar bill Jefferson and the five-dollar bill Lincoln.

Professor Lipman of the University of California is reviving microbes which have lain dormant 100 million years. Some one suggests that to a layman that would seem foolish, as there is a plentiful supply of modern microbes for all practical purposes; that he should let a sleeping microbe be.

"Registering"

Who's Who and Timely Views

EARLY MARRIAGES AND FREE LOVE SCORED

By EUGENE BRIEUX
French Dramatist

[Eugene Brieux was born in Paris, France, in 1858. He began his career as a journalist, but at the age of 21 collaborated with Caston Salandri in the production of a one-act play. He did not begin writing seriously for the stage until 11 years later when he made his first success in "Menage d'Artistes." After this he became one of the most prolific of French playwrights. He was elected to the French Academy in 1909. His plays deal with social problems of the day, almost without exception.]

MARRIAGE is not for the very young.

Before the war the general reply to the question—is it wise to marry young?—would have been a very decided negative.

M. EUGENE BRIEUX

No, because it is folly to take on the burden of a family and household before establishing a good situation. Today, too many youths are marrying young. Many of them have not yet found their vocation, are still floundering from job to job.

The war taught them risks and uncertainty and the moment they fall in love, they go off to the registry ofice. Life is short, they say, so let's go and have the biggest time possible.

They run to the altar with the idea that marriage is only a little passage way from which one may easily pass by way of the divorce door.

No, young marriages are extremely dangerous, but nevertheless they are preferable to June bug unions.

And June bug unions mean "free love" in plain terms. It is the worst of all, in which the women are the worst sufferers. Cut of from all relationships, they are hed together by a thin little band of love which breaks in a short time.

Home life becomes a succession of bickerings and petty quarrels. A child would be a catastrophe for many reasons. There is absolutely no future for either party. Now and again one of these unions turns out to be a happy one, but that is one in a thousand.

Don't gamble with marriage before the age of 30. And keep away from "free love" at all ages.

Old Oregon's Yesterdays

Town Talks from The States-man Our Fathers Read

Nov. 21, 1903

Elmer Bashor, Ralph Dinger and Alonzo Perkins were stars for the school boys and Harry Willson and Penryn Kantner for the working boys in a basketball game between the two groups at the Y. M. C. A. The school boys won 10 to 8.

The Marion county commissioners court is in session and has under advisement the changing of boundary lines in several voting precincts.

Jacob Vogt, shoemaker, is now located on State street, opposite Roth and Graber's store.

A demonstration of the uses of gas stoves and ranges is being given in the Klinger building on State street.

Dinner Stories

A man had invited a business acquaintance to play a round of golf with him. The guest, who was a very pompous individual, was also a poor player, and hacked up the turf with each stroke.

After he had carried away an unusually generous portion with his iron, he turned to his host and said:

"You know, I don't care particularly for the game, but I like the glorious open country hereabouts."

"Quite," replied the other, as he surveyed the scarred ground, "but do you mind closing up the open country as we go along?"

The One-Minute Pulpit

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.—St. Mark, xvi, 15-16.

For the first time in their history wandering gypsy tribes which have lived for centuries by pillage and mendicancy have their own country and their own parliament. Us-Horod in the Carpathian highlands is the capital of the new gypsy state.

The Way of the World

By GROVE PATTERSON

TURN TO THE BEES

To find a real civilization George Bernard Shaw says we must turn to the bees and the ants. They live in a civilized country. Even in the ant and bee country it is doubtful, Shaw thinks, whether every insect really knows what it's all about. Probably most of them are just working under orders like human beings.

Human beings work under all sorts of orders. Most of the instructions come from our instincts. Few have a clear picture of the universe and its workings. Few have even an intelligent theory of the world and life and the plan of existence.

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A NEW GLASS WORLD

Few things more interesting in the industrial realm than the change in glass. In a few years we have seen cut glass go almost out of use and all sorts of interesting varieties come into use. Now E. C. Baly, professor of chemistry in Liverpool, England, announces an unbreakable glass. It is not merely non-shatterable, it is non-breakable. It can be molded to any form and turned like a piece of wood.

It is still much too early to lock up the patent office.

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UNSEEN STEPS

A young man in a neighboring city a few days ago was a guard in the criminal courts building. Today he is a lawyer and an assistant state's attorney. Looks like quick overnight work. Looks like a pull. But we don't see the steps by which men rise. They are often hidden steps. They are toilfully climbed through the years. This young man had been studying law by nights and working at a common job by day. He sensed the capacity of his own mind. He put it to work. He used what he had. He made himself productive—mostly by not being lazy.

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DE-BUNKING

A modern movement which ought to have our close attention is the de-bunking movement. There is so much of interesting, snappy, startling attractive statement that passes for truth. We hear things, say things, believe things that simply aren't so. One reason we believe them is that we like to think they are true. Another reason we believe some things is that we fear they are true, and haven't interest enough to look up the facts.

All kinds of false ideas, for example, are spread about the effect of eating meat or not eating meat; eating white bread or not eating white bread; all sorts of theories about tobacco and exercise. There are strange and interesting theories to cover all our waking activity. Let's be broad-minded enough to listen to everything. Let's be discriminating enough not to believe everything.

Let's de-bunk ourselves.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. Hendricks

Once more—

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Get the bean contracts for the canneries that want them; and all they want.

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This will mean at least 25 more families on the Santiam irrigated land tracts. It is to the interest of every one in the Salem district to help in getting more irrigated land used. This is the biggest thing there is for the Willamette valley—

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Because irrigation will be the mother of diversified agriculture, leading to beet sugar factories and all the rest. Leading towards the time when this will be the richest valley for its size in the world.

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Speaking of color schemes, the new senate will be composed of 46 black, one red and eight pink republicans. There will be one farmer-labor member and 39 democrats of a more or less neutral tint to harmonize the color scheme In the case of Mr. Hoover, however, he is fortunately color blind. He has a happy faculty for and a habit of getting along with people, even politicians, by letting them all think they are running the whole show—

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But urging them to run it the right way, which is his way. That's what he did in feeding starving Europe. That's what he did in the department of commerce, and in handling Mississippi flood relief. That is the Hoover way.

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Mr. Hoover is like the general manager of a railroad system that painted all its cars and most of its buildings red. He was giving directions to the man who had charge of the painting. He said: "Paint them any color you like—just so it is red."

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Up at Corvallis, where they think of such things more than they do in other towns, the Gazette-Times says: "Another good co-educational institution is a small son."

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In Aurora, Turkey, the sexes can argue on equal terms. There are two men to one woman.

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Chicago is to stop all forms of gambling—except, of course, that of walking down the street.

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We see by the papers that a barber who slapped his wife is survived by her and two children.

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Modernized version of "they lived happily ever after:" They liked the same radio programs.

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It takes about three generations of prosperity to make one think itself God's Chosen Family.

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It isn't location that makes a hick, but the conviction that his location is the center of civilization.

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James M. Cox says that Senator Borah is a political adventurer. He is probably right but the Idaho senator makes a success of being an adventurer by keeping himself on the government pay roll and in the spotlight, which is more than his accuser can do. People have to be reminded that Mr. Cox was the gentleman who ran for president on the democratic ticket eight years ago, quite unsuccessfully.

COOKING SCHOOL'S GOOD CONTINUOUS

"Women of Salem with whom I have come in contact have been uniformly pleased with the New Statesman's cooking school," said Mrs. W. C. Parsons, home economist of the P. E. P. company Monday in commenting on the results she has observed from the school.

"Almost every woman I have talked to said she has received much practical help from Miss Williams' work," said Mrs. Parsons, who added that any of the products used in the school have become outstanding favorites groceries.

One grocery reported to Mse Pasons that several of the lines featured at the school had been entirely sold out on several occasions since October.

Mrs. Parsons expressed the opinion that the cooking school was the best she had ever participated in and gave credit both to the Woman's club for its help in promoting the affair and to the New Oregon Statesman for its share in the activities.

Gets Honorable Mention—Word has been received at the office of George W. Hug, city school superintendent, that Miss Ella Deyoe, last year a teacher at the Grant school but this year in the Englewood school, wrote the best lesson in the state 1927-28 National Safety cmpign. Florence Helen DuRette of Gervais won third place in the students' division of the contest.

Household Hints

BY MRS. MARY MORTON

MENU HINT

BREAKFAST
Orange Juice
(Set in ice box evening before)
Rolled Oats (cooked over night)
French Toast Jam or Syrup
Coffee

LUNCH
Toasted Cheese Sandwiches with Stewed Tomatoes
Lettuce and Cucumber Salad with Pepper Dressing
Rice with Caramel Sauce (rice cooked in double boiler during morning)
Wafers Tea

DINNER
Escalloped Potatoes with Canadian Bacon
Tossed Carrots
Cottage Cheese with Chives
Cole Slaw
Whole Wheat Bread Butter
Apple Crumble with Cream
Coffee

This day's menu was planned for a family of three adults with the housekeeper a business woman who must make every moment and movement count.

Today's Recipes

Lettuce and Cucumber Salad with Pepper Dressing—Cut up a small head of lettuce and mix with a sliced cucumber and onion, if desired. Chop a sweet pepper very fine and put into a screw-top jar. To the chopped pepper add three tablespoons olive oil, two tablespoons vinegar, half teaspoon salt, half teaspoon sugar, quarter teaspoon paprika. Put the top on and shake vigorously. Pour this over the lettuce and cucumber mixture and serve at once. Cabbage may be used in place of cucumber.

Apple Crumble — Peel and quarter six tart apples and place in a buttered casserole. Mix thoroughly three-quarters cup sugar, quarter cup flour, four tablespoons butter, one teaspoon cinnamon. Sprinkle this mixture over the apples. Add half cup water and bake till apples are tender. Serve with cream and sugar.

The Grab Bag

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Who am I? What did Marshal Foch call me? Where is home?

Who is national superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League?

What is the nickname of North Carolina?

What are Mexicans sometimes called along the border?

"For he that is not against us is on our part." Where is this passage found in the Bible?

JIMMY JAMS

Today in the Past

On this day, in 1620, the Pilgrims adopted the famous May flower Compact

Today's Horoscope

Persons born on this day are independent thinkers. They are prompt and reliable and no one can worm secrets from them.

A Daily Thought

"The prosperous cannot easily form a right idea of misery"—Quintilian.

Answers to Foregoing Questions

1. Sergt. Alvin York; "greatest hero of the world war;" Tennessee.
2. F. Scott McBride.
3. Palmetto
4. "Greasers."
5. St. Mark ix, 40.

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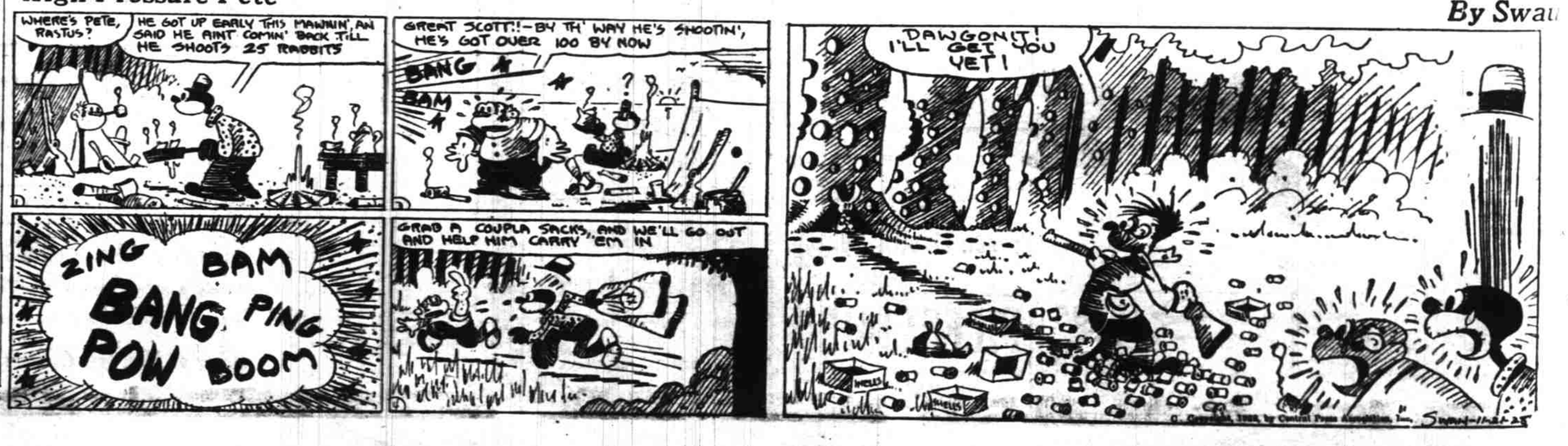
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