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(By Frank L. Stanton.)

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You see that chimney blazin'—Them holly berries red?
Hear the dancin' that's a-shakin' of the shingles on the shed?

Hands aroun' fer Happiness!
Let the weather roll!
Who cares for the storm-clouds,
If the sun is in his soul?

Ain't been any changes in valley, hill, an' plain;
The same ole sun's a-shinin'—same whistlin' wind an' rain!
Hear them wagons rattle on the frosty road to town?
"Jingle, jangle, jingle"—an' the dollars dancin' down!

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FIFTEEN MILLIONS WOULD COME

ONE of the pronounced features of the world readjustment period is the terrific immigration wave that has set in towards the United States. Figures on the number of people desiring to move to this country are simply staggering. Fifteen million, men, women and children of all classes and races in Europe are anxious for a home in the United States, according to figures presented to our immigration bureau by representatives of 17 trans-Atlantic steamship lines. Five million Germans and Austrians are listed as desiring to come as soon as peace is made between this country and Germany. There are also many applicants from Holland and the Scandinavian countries. But Poland leads all other nations in the number of prospective candidates for a place in the American melting pot. In one day the Polish foreign office is said to have had 311,000 applications for passports.

Generally speaking the would-be new comers are of a desirable type. Immigrants from Europe may be assimilated and in this respect their coming raises no such problem as is involved in the question of oriental immigration. But naturally such a rush to this country will result in disaster if it is not properly handled. These people desire to migrate to America at a time when unemployment looms as a problem of the near future. If there is to be a shortage of work for the people now here what will the newcomers do? May they not find their dream shattered when they arrive? Of course it may be argued that unemployment threatened by the period of depression following price reductions is no criterion to go by. It will not be long until industry is moving again at full speed. But even at that the spectacle of a constant stream of immigrants is not to be underestimated. For the sake of our own workers and for the sake of the immigrants themselves there must be adequate safeguards or we will pay the price.

Canada is endeavoring to meet the situation by a change in the amount of money an immigrant must have. For a single man, who comes as a worker, skilled or unskilled, the minimum limit has been raised from \$50 to \$250. It is further provided that where an immigrant is accompanied by his family he must have at least \$250 for each child over five years and under 18 and \$125 for each child over 18 years of age.

There are those who will regard such financial requirements as harsh upon poor people. Yet the soundness of insisting that immigrants have money on which to subsist until they can find a place in the new land cannot be questioned. It may be further said that the financial requirement alone is not sufficient. There is much merit in a literacy test and in tests that relate to character. America cannot afford a flood of anarchists or others who are not mentally in tune with American principles. A penniless immigrant of good character would be more of an asset than a criminal or an agitator with \$250 in his pocket.

That there should be a rush of Europeans to this country following the war is natural. Europe is so oppressed with war debts that it is logical people wish to escape such burdens when they can do so. To such people the United States is the land of hope. Our people have not been bled white by the war and our country is large enough to sustain a much heavier population than we have. This is particularly true of the west. We may look for steamship lines that will bring European immigrants directly to our western ports via the Panama canal. Such a thing would be an innovation, indeed, for the northwest but we may reasonably expect just that experience if the present tendency of Europeans toward America is continued.

The proper curbing of immigration is to be one of the big tasks before the new administration. It will be a complicated task and one that should be studied carefully and then acted upon in a vigorous, comprehensive manner.

THE FUNNYBONE

Native Went Fluey.
A member of the British colony in a certain foreign town quarreled with a native, and a duel with revolvers was arranged. The Englishman was a good shot and the native, knowing this, made it a condition that the duel should take place in a room in total darkness.
The time arrived.
"I don't want to hurt the blighter," thought the Englishman, "but I'll give him the fight of his life."
He groped his way round the room to the fireplace and fired all the chambers of his revolver up the chimney.
"The native was killed,"—Los Angeles Times.

A Bad Timekeeper.
The fussy old fellow was making a journey on a branch line, at the best not particular as to punctuality. The train had slowed down again after stopping several times. The old porterman's patience became exhausted, and taking out his watch, he said to a fellow passenger: "How much is this train overdue?"
"Well, sir," was the reply, "a watch is no good; you want a calendar."—London Telegraph.

Out of Reason.
During the Civil War the Northern and Southern tickets were within nailing distance.
Yelled a Northerner: "Hey, Reb, what outfit are you in?"
"The Fourteenth Virginia," replied the Southerner. "What outfit yo' all in?" asked the Virginian.
"The 11th Rhode Island," replied the man from the North.
To which the Confederate answered, "Yank, you lie and you know it. There ain't no 11th men in Rhode Island."—Our Navy.

Tables Turned.
Mr. Knohomo: Well, I surely can't buy the trains these days.
Mrs. Knohomo: And only a few weeks ago you chased several from the front yard.
Mr. Knohomo: I know, but just think, they can live in box cars and we can't even get a home to live in.—Kansas City Star.

MASSACHUSETTS GOLF BODY GOES TO U. S. G.

BOSTON, Dec. 2.—(A. P.)—The Massachusetts Golf Association yesterday aligned itself with the United States Golf Association in the controversy which threatens to develop a conflict over the government of golf in this country. The executive committee of the state association drew up formal resolutions regretting the appearance of disunion, expressing strong opposition to the suggestion of supplanting the U. S. G. A. with another body and adding a hope that means might be found of harmonizing diverse interests.

JAPAN MAY PROTEST VANDERLIP CONCESSION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(U. P.)—Japan will try to block concessions of territory in Kamchatka, Northern Siberia, said to have been granted by the Russian soviet government to Washington Vanderlip, it is reported in official Japanese quarters today. Vanderlip represents a group of Pacific Coast capitalists. Japan contends she has a treaty with the old Russian government allowing her to exploit valuable fisheries on the North Siberian and Kamchatka coasts. The Vanderlip concessions would bar Japan from these fisheries.

WIFE OF LONDON DANCER IS LOST IN N. Y. FLAMES

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—(A. P.)—Identification of the last of the five victims who perished early yesterday amid flames that swept a five-story apartment house in West 52 street as Betty Jones, wife of Bobby Jones, a London dancer, was made last night. The other victims were:
Dr. F. M. Potter, veterinary of the New York Hippodrome, trainer of animals and an owner of race horses.
Mrs. Eva Luscombe, English premier danseuse and actress, the wife of Victor Luscombe, an employe of Lloyd's, London.
Mrs. Harold E. Reid, vocational student of Goddard, Ont.
Mrs. Jessie Jones, of California, sister of Mrs. Reid. The police started an investigation after receiving reports that stairways were missing between

THE RATE DECISION

BY THE decision of the interstate commerce commission Portland is given a small differential over Seattle and Astoria as to shipments from the territory south of the Snake river. The effect of this ruling upon the farmer is not yet clear and perhaps will not be known until it is shown whether the Portland grain interests propose to give the farmer the benefit of the differential or will merely meet competition in buying. As to the movement of grain, Portland's advantage in rates may be offset by the fact there is a 100 mile river haul to Portland whereas Astoria is close to the sea and Seattle also has wonderful harbor facilities.

The fact that a premium was offered for the small local bond issue, authorized at the recent election, bears evidence of improvement in the money situation. These bonds draw six per cent and it was not long since when no such bonds could have been sold except at a discount.

The apparent strong export demand for American wheat after our usual surplus has already been sold seems to change the face of the market. We may yet see prices go up to a point where our farmers who have not sold may not be so downcast as during recent weeks.

Leon Cohen was a very active business man and community worker for many years and his friends all want him to have a good time during his well earned rest.

There will be little sorrow if Senator Lodge is not in the new cabinet; there are bigger men than he for secretary of state.

The "Courtship of Miles Standish" season is at hand.

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NEW PRESIDENT EXPECTED.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Dec. 2.—(A. P.)—Dr. A. H. Upham, president-elect of the University of Idaho, is expected to arrive here today to take up his duties, according to announcement by E. A. Bryan, state commissioner of education.

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