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Hamburg Once World Port, Now Lies Deserted

Hamburg.—In one day last week 22 steamers passed Cuxhaven on the way to Hamburg or to enter the canal. This was the largest number of ships to come into the Elbe in 24 hours since the early days of the war, and the event was hailed with intense satisfaction here as a sign of better times. Five years ago it was a dull day when only a score of vessels arrived. The Hamburg-American line alone usually had from 25 to 30 big ships in port and the harbor was so crowded with shipping that the problem of docking often became acute. In those days few flags other than those of German companies were seen in the harbor. Today Hamburg is literally under a foreign color. Shipping companies of all the principal nations have set up offices here and the formerly powerful German lines, having lost their ships, are acting now only as agents. American, British, Japanese, French, Italian, Spanish, Dutch and Brazilian companies display their advertisements in the shipping papers. Advertisements of German concerns are so few that one must search for them. There is some life again in the harbor but the ships are nearly all foreign. One passes long rows of splendidly equipped docks and warehouses, one a hive of industry but now empty and still. And in the absence of the many ships that used to make Hamburg a thriving commercial center, trade has died away and the great market places on the waterfront are practically deserted. Before the war Hamburg had become one of Europe's chief coffee markets. Now only a few sacks of that staple find their way here. It is realized that Hamburg faces a long uphill struggle to regain its war prestige. A well-known banker told the correspondent he believed Hamburg had irrevocably lost its financial power and would never again enjoy the independent position it had in the past. At the moment, unemployment is a grave problem here. About 50,000 and 55,000 workers are unemployed and Hamburg is spending more than 1,000,000 marks a week in donations to them. Labor here is generally discontented and strikes are frequent.

Friends Service Send Food Abroad

Philadelphia, Pa.—The American Friends Service committee, Philadelphia, has arranged to make shipments of food for the child feeding work to last until the end of the year. Recently there have been shipped from New York 240 tons of cocoa, 317 1/2 tons of lard and 14,320 cases of condensed milk. In addition to this, there were shipped 31 barrels of cod liver oil for hospital use in combating rickets, the disease of children so common there because of under-nutrition. Dried peas and dried beans used in the food ration are already stored in warehouses in Hamburg to be used as needed; 800 tons of rice have been purchased and will be delivered at Hamburg soon. The remaining articles of the ration, flour and sugar, will be supplied in the future by the German government. The value of these goods is about \$1,500,000 and it is expected it will be sufficient to provide a supplementary meal for about 600,000 children per day until January. This number is slightly less than the Friends fed during the spring months of this year. The original plan was to close the child-feeding operations on August 21 but the food situation was found to be so acute and the harvest poor that another year's program was prepared.

Schools of Hawaii Are Over-crowded

Honolulu, T. H.—Twenty-five hundred school children in the territory of Hawaii will be without school accommodations this fall unless arrangements can be made with the Japanese language schools to house the overflow from the public institutions, according to the statement of Vaughan MacCaughy, superintendent of public instruction.

Abe Malin

It must be pretty tough to be too insignificant to get any one as 'too big' to travel with a kid show. Nobody'll think you're in your business if you run a stage show.

A Menace Recedes

President Wilson's recently announced policy towards Poland and Russia, though sharply criticised by political enemies, is clear, just and sensible and one that every American should endorse. Results already achieved, more than justify it. Again the president has demonstrated his capacity for leadership in international affairs, and shown that his clear world vision is in no way impaired.

The American attitude, in brief, is that Poland must be preserved as a "united, free and autonomous state." Recognition is refused of the Bolshevik government of Russia, and dismemberment of Russia because of that government, protested. "Friendly solicitude" and "profound sympathy" are expressed for Russia, and the hope set forth that the Russian people will in time overcome "the existing anarchy, suffering and destitution." Meanwhile "Russia's interests must be protected."

Recognition of the new republics carved out of Russia, as separate nations, most of them local protests against bolshevism, is therefore refused and the contention made that the boundaries of Armenia should not be finally fixed without Russia's participation. The president would regard with satisfaction a declaration by the allies that the territorial integrity of Russia be respected as a means of depriving the soviet leaders of their rallying cry to the patriotism of Russians.

The immediate result of the announcement of the American policy was to thwart the recognition of the soviet government by Great Britain, which Lloyd George, with his customary surrender to political expediency proposed. France immediately approved America's stand and recognized General Wrangel, the anti-bolshevik leader in Southern Russia, to aid a counter offensive to save Poland.

The Poles were heartened to sterner resistance and victory by the attitude of America and France, and the bolsheviks discouraged. The vigorous counter-offensive before Warsaw ended in the complete collapse of the ambitious bolshevik invasion by the rout of the Red armies.

In possession of Poland, Lenine could have dictated terms to Europe. With his armies defeated and in flight, his own regime is threatened. The end of bolshevism is in sight and the delivery of Europe from anarchy and pillage is due to the gallant Pole-ably assisted by France.

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Endorsement of the United States' effort to maintain the integrity of Poland by the American Federation of Labor, comes as a shock to local bolsheviks who were jubilant over the action of European labor radicals in withholding assistance.

Leon Bronstein, alias Trotsky, emulated the kaiser by going to the front to claim credit for the capture of Warsaw—and like the kaiser, he beat a hasty retreat.

Those Tennessee Anti-Suffragists are poor losers. They make as bitter a fight against the inevitable as the distillers made on prohibition.

How the bolshevik expect to dictate peace terms to Poland, after overwhelming defeat of the soviet armies, is one of the mysteries of Russia.

Rippling Rhymes

Overworked Words
"Meticulous!" That weary word pops up before me everywhere; the blamed thing may have been a bird before they wore it all threadbare. Galsworthy sprung it years ago, and it was worthy of his gall, and it's been chivied to and fro till it requires the bier and pall. It flavors everything I read, it's plastered up with printer's ink, it's down at heel and gone to seed, and it would drive strong men to drink. And "Grueling" should take its place upon the list of deadly crimes; whenever there's an auto race we see it used a thousand times. When fatheads battle in the ring, what time they should be plowing corn, the scrap's described as "grueling," regardless of the purists' scorn. And how I hate the "gripping" tales that figure in cheap magazines, turned out in large and endless bales by sweating hacks for pork and beans. "Compelling" is another word that nearly breaks my grand old heart, used in connections most absurd—"compelling" songs, "compelling" art. I meet the chestnuts every-hour, and into tears I often burst; and of all words that make life sour, "meticulous" I hate the worst.

Love and Married Life
By the Noted Author IDAH MCGLONE GIBSON

John's Character
John went on reading his paper after I had made my involuntary exclamation, and then, when he had finished, started silently to the office of the hotel.
Just before he went out the door he turned and said: "I will tell the manager that we will give up the rooms this evening."
"You needn't do that, John. I will not be able to get away from here until the end of the week at least. The servants that Alice has engaged for me will not come until next Monday. And, besides, the house has been vacant so long that everything is dust covered and topsy-turvy."
"What do you mean by Alice engaging servants. I thought that Hannah might come on and do the work for us, and with Miss Parker for the baby and Charles for your chauffeur, I think you would have enough. Many women get along with less."
Never Did Housework
"My dear John, Hannah never did any housework in her life. She was personal maid to my mother, as Harriet is personal maid to yours. Besides, she is too old to work for anyone now; and I am sure that Charles will give her a home in the old house now that it belongs to him."
"But I thought Charles was going to make out the deeds in your name."
"John Gordon, have you the slightest idea that I would accept that home from my cousin?"
"I can't understand why not. He has no one beside himself, and you told us he would probably leave all his money to Mary, anyway."
"This quirk in John's character. I have never been able to understand. He would be perfectly willing to have me put myself under obligations to Charles for the sake of having the home returned to me—a house which he did not care to have and for which Charles paid him \$30,000. If he could get it for nothing he would probably sell it again and consider he had turned a splendid business deal by so doing."
Never Shall Accept
"Well, I want to tell you once and for all, John, I shall never accept the home from Charles. Sometimes I almost believe that you never think of our baby, except as the heiress of Cousin Charles. What would you do if she should marry and have children of his own?"
"Then Mary's nose would be out of joint," said John, vulgarly. "But I don't think Charles will ever marry. He was cut out for a bachelor. I don't think any woman could live with him."
"I thought of all Charles' kindness, his sweetness, his pose and his unselfishness, and wondered why John Gordon thought that no woman could live with Charles happily. What is this masculine trait which always makes a man think that any woman would be happy with him under any circumstances. John has never given Charles his proper value, and he was much surprised when he found that Charles was a good business man, simply because he was not of the aggressive sort. I was so indignant at his saying that no woman could live with Charles and be happy that I said: 'I think I could live with him and be very happy, John.'"
"Why didn't you marry him when you had the chance?"
"Probably for the same reason that you didn't marry Elizabeth Malinoff when you had a chance."

SLEEPY-TIME TALES
THE TALE OF FREDDIE FIREFLY
BY ARTHUR SCOTT BAILEY

FREDDIE'S ESCAPE
There was really nothing Freddie Firefly could do except struggle to his feet and try to think at the same time. Flashing his light upon Jennie Junebug he saw that she was looking at him fondly. And that made him detest her more than ever.
"You seem to be enjoying yourself," he said spitefully.
"Yes, indeed!" the fat lady exclaimed.



"I haven't had such sport for a whole week. One of your cousins flew with me one night. And we had a fine time. No doubt we'd be enjoying each other's company yet, if I hadn't hit a bit of bad luck."
"What was that?" Freddie Firefly asked her quickly. He thought that if he could only keep his dreadful companion talking, perhaps she would forget about flying—and knocking him down. "What was your bad luck?" he repeated impatiently.
Jennie Junebug paused and wiped her eyes.

"Fine girl," said John with a grin, and his good nature restored, he hurried down to the door. Tomorrow—Planning the Home.

Exports To Ecuador Double This Year

San Francisco.—Exports of California foodstuffs, such as flour, canned goods and preserves, to the republic of Ecuador, will be nearly double in amount this year over 1914, according to Dr. Manuel C. de Vaca, consul general of Ecuador in San Francisco.
For 1913 the total exports from San Francisco to Guayaquil were about \$700,000 while for the first eight months of 1914 the average has been about \$120,000 a month. Imports from Ecuador to California also are showing a healthy increase, according to Dr. de Vaca, nearly \$40,000 worth of chocolate a month being received here.

Mint Turns Out 501,000,000 Coins

Philadelphia, Pa.—The Philadelphia mint turned out 501,000,000 coins in the last fiscal year.
Raymond T. Baker, director of the United States mint, gave out the figures after inspecting the institution. New die-cutting machines, electric furnaces and carrying devices have been installed within the last year and efficiency methods have been adopted which greatly increase the output of the mint.
The increase last year was about 25 per cent over 1913. In 1914 a little over a million coins were produced.
The Davis slough logging camp of the North Bend Mill & Lumber company in Coos county has suspended for an indefinite period. It employed over 100 men.
Indications are that the Hood River pear and apple harvest will begin about the usual time this year. Picking of pears will begin the latter week in August.

Taxi-Cab Robber Under Arrest

Portland, Or., Aug. 20.—A youth with a penchant for robbing taxi drivers, who gave his name as Frank Payne, alias Frank De Peyter, was arrested late last night after he had robbed a for-hire automobile driver whom he had first hired to take him into the suburbs. Payne, according to the police, admitted having held up taxi drivers the night before, and the drivers who had previously complained of being held up, have identified Payne. He told the police he was only 17 years old.

Jap Shipping In South Sea Lessens

Tokio.—The influence of Japanese merchantmen in the South Seas has declined owing to the resumption of operations by foreign shipping companies which were compelled to suspend their services to that part of the world during the war.
In pre-war days Dutch and British ships dominated the shipping trade in the direction of the Dutch East Indies, Singapore, Bangkok and Hongkong, but during the war they were largely superseded by Japanese companies.
The position of Japanese ships has now become less favorable owing to the fact that merchants are shipping direct from the Dutch East Indies, instead of from Singapore, to Europe. Japanese ships have gradually withdrawn from the South Sea trade and the only Japanese concern now maintaining a regular service in that part of the world is subsidised by the government.

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snatching the fan out of her hands in his haste. "Walt right here!" he cautioned her. And then he leaped into the air and started away.
Bang. He hadn't flown longer than forty-six seconds when Jennie Junebug floored him again.
"I simply couldn't resist hitting you once more!" she said sweetly. "And now, hurry! Or I shall never be able to let you leave me."
Freddie Firefly needed no more urging. Though he was sore in every limb (and he had a great many!) he made his escape quickly.

All the rest of the night he worked hard, trying to find a white clover leaf that exactly matched the one that Jennie Junebug had carried for a fan. But every single clover leaf was different from Jennie's in one way or another. Freddie Firefly had hoped that it would be so. For if he had found one precisely like Jennie Junebug's, he would have had to take it to her, as he had promised.
How long the fat lady waited for him in the meadow, Freddie Firefly never knew. And to tell the truth, he didn't care. He was too happy because he had escaped the fate of his cousin, to bother his head over Jennie Junebug.

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