

This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

SOLDIERS FOLLOW LOANS? LAUGH MONTH. JUST SPOILED. SHE FLATTENED HIM.

Senator Shipstead, of Minnesota, hasn't been in Washington long enough to know what respectable legislators owe to high finance, and will investigate American bankers, loans to South American countries, including Nicaragua. Investigating such loans might explain landing of United States troops here and there. Troops sometimes go where loans go.

Senator Shipstead says Americans made a seven million dollar loan to Nicaragua in 1912, during a conservative regime. That would be seven million good reasons for American intervention to keep Nicaragua Liberals from kicking out a Government that they don't want, as this country did in 1776.

All of these private loans to South American republics, like loans that some of our bankers are making in Europe, are dangerous, especially when, as is usual, they are thoroughly USURIOUS loans.

Dr. Charlotte De Gallere Davenport, charming lady who lectures on health, looks about forty, and is actually 102 years old.

The lady has Russian and French blood, both good for long life. And, most important, she weighs 120 pounds. Your body is an irrigation farm. Your heart the pump. Your blood the water. A light body calls for light pumping, making the heart's work easy. Cut down your weight, wisely, and add to your life. Every added pound means more work for the heart.

The month of January, 1927, in which good resolutions are now oozing away, is to be "national laugh month." Moving picture potentates and others have decided

and arranged it. Americans are to laugh, and thus keep up their "morale."

It would be better to locate laugh month in December. For looking back over eleven months of much promise, much resolving and little performance, laughing would be easy.

There is such a thing as over-doing laughing, for laughing is like smoking. When you do either, you don't think. And what the American people need is more THINKING.

J. N. Moore, University of Illinois sophomore, wrote, before killing himself, "it raises the devil with me to think of having to slave around and work like the devil and just grow old. I can't see the idea of wading through school, then dash bravely out and get a big old job at a hundred a month."

In six words of his letter the young man explains what is really the matter with him, "I am just spoiled, I suppose." If all the spoiled children in this foolish country committed suicide, there would not be enough graveyards.

Mrs. Katherine Trilling, on trial for murder in Denver, married Herman Trilling, in New York, when tuberculosis had reduced him to ninety pounds weight. She worked in tailor shops to pay his expenses at a sanitarium for consumptives, then sold her furniture and everything she had, raised a thousand dollars and took him to Colorado to save his life.

"She says she shot him by accident. The prosecuting attorney says she shot him purposely in the back because she was jealous. What do you suppose the jury will say?"

Mr. Bruce, Australian Premier, says we are too modest in this country—that's quite a surprise—and we ought to tell the world what wonderful things we have done and are doing. "I do not suppose there is a country on the civilized globe more misunderstood and unjustly vilified than the United States," says he.

The Australian Premier knows that men do not like their creditors, especially when they don't intend to pay. And the United States does not need good will propaganda among other nations as much as it needs the right kind of fighting air fleet and other equipment for defense, and retribution.

Theatre Where Death Played Tragic Role



Scene shows firemen searching the balcony of the Laurier Theatre, Montreal, Canada, where 76 children lost their lives. Panic gripped the tiny hearts at the cry of FIRE, and death took heavy toll.

Things You Should Know



"LUMPS."

Any enlargement felt beneath the skin of any part of the body is generally described by its possessor as a "lump." Sometimes they occur as a result of bruising, or other forceful contact. In others, they appear without apparent cause; particularly is this true of lumps in the female breast.

Visiting one of the large clinics in Baltimore in 1916, I witnessed the removal of one of these, by a very skillful surgeon; he explained while operating: "This is not a malignant growth," he said; "it is smooth, almost round, not very hard; not painful; freely movable; about the size of a small English walnut—harmless; pity to operate, but she was morbid—would have it out; no, we shall not take the entire breast—it's not necessary; just the thing itself—pity to do that."

Upon my return home, I was consulted by a lady with the same sort of "lump" in her breast. I advised leaving it alone, in the meantime keeping her under observation; it is giving her no trouble

today, ten years later.

Not all lumps of the breast are cancerous. But if you discover a lump in your breast, please go at once to a skilled physician or surgeon—one who knows. Don't put the examination off for a single day. Don't trust the advice of neighbors, or of the various cultists that infest our land. Some of these lumps are malignant; a skilled scientist may be able to detect the difference—the ignoramus cannot. And, remember this: no "serum" or "protein" has yet been discovered that will cure cancer, no matter what the claim.

To Broadcast



Walter Damrosch, for 42 years conductor of the famous New York Symphony Orchestra, is to retire in April. He intends to devote his time to broadcasting which is wonderful news for the millions of music loving radio-fans.

Farm Crop Acreage, Yield, Price Estimated by Extension Service

Composite yield of farm crops for the season just ended was 4.6 above the preceding 10-year average, while the general level of farm prices fell 3 per cent from the figure of November 15, according to the latest report of agricultural statistics by the Oregon state college extension service, based on the review of the United States Crop Reporting board. Composite yields were 104.6, and year-end price level 127 of pre-war prices.

Composite production of the 17 principal crops in proportion to 10-year average value per unit was estimated at 37 per cent greater than last year, and 7.9 per cent greater than the average production for the 10-year period, 1916-25. Per capita production was 2.2 per cent greater than last year, though 7 per cent less than for the 10-year period.

The December price figured is 16 per cent below that of December 15 a year ago. The purchasing power as estimated by the federal department was placed at 80 for November as against 81 for October, the base being the preceding five-year period. The purchasing power has declined steadily since last May when it stood at 88.

Corn and hogs registered price decline to mid-December, when the federal report was issued. Oats was higher than at any time since July, 1925, hay prices rose since late summer, and butter and eggs showed seasonal advances.

The world wheat crop was put at about 2 per cent more than for last year. The Australian crop is nearly 43 million bushels more than last year, the Argentina crop 24 million more. Russian shipments are slightly heavier this year, but the European crop outside Russia is nearly 11 per cent below last year's. Since the European rye is 15 per cent below and the potato crop 20 per cent under average, European demand for food products is expected to exceed that of last year.

Fall sowing conditions in Europe were favorable. Winter grain conditions in Germany December 1 were well above normal, winter wheat and barley being the same as last year, and rye not quite so good. Reports from other north European states were favorable with a few exceptions. Fall seeding was delayed in France, where fear is held that fall acreage would be under that of last year. Favorable outlook was also reported from north Africa.

The Oregon wheat crop is estimated at about the same acreage as last year. The condition is reported by the Portland branch of the federal office of statistics as considerably higher than the past 10-year average. The Washington seeding is put at 1,235,000 acres with condition 96 per cent normal. This is an increase of 15 per cent over the 10-year average.

The United States winter wheat area is put at 5 per cent above that of last year—almost 2 million acres more than the 39,799,000 acres, revised 1925 estimate. The condition December 1 was 81.8 per cent, .8 per cent under the condition of a year earlier. The 10-year average is 84.4 per cent.

Oregon rye for grain is not largely grown, the acreage averaging some 10,000 acres, about this year's sowing. The average for the country is estimated at 3,579,000 acres, 1.9 per cent above the revised estimates for 1925. The condition December 1 was placed by the federal department at 86.3 as against a 10-year average of 88.

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