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A TEMPEST IN A TEAPOT

When the average American reads at his breakfast table that London newspapers are kicking up a frightful disturbance because of alleged unsanitary conditions at Ellis Island, which is the gate through which the majority of European immigrants enter America, he can safely take a hasty glance at the headlines and then pass on to news that is really important. British-American friendship isn't going to be wrecked on any such reef.

The truth of the matter is that for various reasons—chief of which is persistent unemployment at home—Englishmen are again emigrating to America in large numbers. For reasons that are perfectly apparent, we welcome these newcomers. Over here we are experiencing an acute labor shortage, and indications are that the shortage will continue for some time to come. The English are a kindred people, and experience has shown that they become excellent American citizens with no loss of time. Hence we are glad to see them come; they are a welcome change after what we have been getting from Southeastern Europe.

But, for reasons that are also perfectly apparent, their departure is not regarded with joy at home. If Oregonians should begin suddenly to emigrate to California in large numbers, we should become nervous and critical at once, and in the same way Londoners are becoming nervous and critical because of English emigration to America. So they are talking about the frightful conditions at Ellis Island by way of emphasizing the folly of leaving England.

The talk is 99 per cent moonshine. It is probably true that detained immigrants are not furnished quarters as immaculate as they would get at the higher-priced New York hotels, but the burden of reliable testimony is to the effect that conditions at the island are about as good as could be expected. The only thing worth paying attention to in the controversy is the plain fact that we should do far better to sift our immigrants on the other side of the water instead of on this side. That would save a lot of trouble and misunderstanding.

FAVORITE AUTHORS

It is always entertaining to find what other people like to read, if for no better reason than to check up on our own likes and dislikes. The summary of a recent questionnaire is especially interesting.

Lists of 10 favorite books were supplied by 130 Americans who included novelists, poets, critics, business men, actors, revivalists, university professors, prize fighters, dancers, movie stars, sculptors, travelers, editors, musicians, labor leaders and many other types. The lists naturally varied greatly, with nearly 2000 books mentioned. Here are the 10 authors getting the highest vote, in the order named:

Shakespeare, Dickens, Mark Twain, Kipling, Stevenson, Wells, Dumas, Lewis Carroll, Victor Hugo and Carlyle. The Bible came second in the choice of individual books, but that work is hard to place in a list of "authors."

It will be observed that of these 10 authors, seven are English, two French and one American. The list, suggestive from many angles, is especially so, as an explanation of the friendly feeling toward England existing in this country. It would be remarkable if any nation were not well disposed toward another nation furnishing not only its language but so large a proportion of its chosen literature.

HOME GROWN GIRLS

Secretary of Labor Davis has been visiting his old home town, a Welsh place called Merthyr-Tydfil. And he has made a discovery. The secretary has traveled far and seen much, but, "Never in my life," he says, "have I seen such handsome women and pretty girls."

Granted, he may be seeing things through a sentimental haze. But probably he is right. And isn't it usually that way? Don't most of the men who have gone out into the big world to make their fortunes find, on their rare occasions of home-coming, that the finest people and the best-looking girls are right there in the old home town, as they always were?

Such a discovery is one of the biggest satisfactions of every Old Home Week.

President Coolidge is to ride horseback instead of playing golf, but the burning question is to whether he will wear white riding pants remains as yet unanswered.

Mary Miles Minter has accumulated more publicity than she bargained for. Her father has spilled the news that she is 30, instead of a mere child of 21.

Shelby got the big fight and all the glory that went with it, but now it has no banks. Still, its citizens can reflect that glory always comes high.

Eugene has been building at a surprising rate, but houses are still about as scarce as ever. That's the best kind of proof of a growing population.

The Standard Oil company says the gasoline war can't last long. Just long enough, probably, to bankrupt the little fellows.

With another coal strike in the offing, the East is facing the prospect of a perfectly normal winter.

Earlier Days in Eugene

(From the Morning Register, August 16, 1904.)
James Keaton has started picking hops near Waltherville.

C. Smith reports that someone broke into his house on North High street and stole his watch and chain.

Orville Waller was a passenger to Albany yesterday.

Henry Fischer, Marcola lumberman, is on a business trip to San Francisco.

I. P. Inman and family came in from Lorane yesterday on a combined business and pleasure trip.

Miss Ora Wood, head saleslady at the Bon Marche, left the city yesterday for a three weeks' outing.

Miss Grace Tiffany, of Creswell, is visiting friends in Eugene.

Fires have become quite numerous near Creswell lately and have caused great anxiety among the farmers.

Threshing is about finished on Fern Ridge. The yield is about an average one.

Albany college is laying plans for a football team this year and has quite a number of stars to form a nucleus for a strong aggregation.

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party popular at the election next year.

However, some sensational newspapers, such as the Kokumin, the Chugai Shogyo and the Mainichi are urging the government to take steps to counteract the American plan to strengthen Pacific naval bases, as well as the British project at Singapore. The Mainichi declares the government is planning a big air force in Formosa to meet Anglo-American plans. It is a fact, though, that this force has been contemplated for several years.

DISMANTLING PLANS MADE
United States Asks For Bids For Scrap Metal From Battleships

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—In the case of ships in the first class buildery were requested today by the department to submit estimates for purchase of the bulk on the stocks for the reduction to scrap metal and a separate estimate for breaking the ship up so that the navy might order the scrap to other bidders. The contractors were notified at the same time to submit a final estimate of all charges and claims against the government arising out of abrogation of their contracts.

Ships of the second class at the navy yard will be advertised for sale within a few days to the highest bidder who will be required to reduce them to "metal scrap size." Most of the old ships will be disposed of by sale on the same terms as were required in the recent cases of the Maine, Missouri, Ohio and Kentucky which were transferred to scrap dealers.

Four ships to be Targets
Four exceptions among the older ships have been made by the department. The Washington and South Carolina being marked for use in experiments in submarine and air attacks and the New Jersey and Virginia having been set aside for use by army air bombers on the practice maneuvers to be held next month. In case any of these four ships are not sunk during the experiments, they will be disposed of by sale for scrapping or demolition by the government.

Who Will Be Republican Nominee to Succeed Harding?



Below: Charles E. Hughes, Leonard Wood, Frank O. Lowden, Robert M. La Follette, Hiram Johnson, Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover.

By virtue of his office President Calvin Coolidge becomes a likely candidate for the Republican nomination in 1924, which politicians agree would have been given to President Harding if he had lived. It is likely that Senator Hiram Johnson, of California; Senator Robert M. La Follette, Governor Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois; Secretary of State Charles Evans Hughes, Governor General Leonard Wood, of the Philippines, and Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover will all be boomed by their followers for the honor of leading the party in the 1924 campaign.

LUMBER MEN GATHER AT LONGVIEW FOR MEETING

OVER 200 ATTENDING WEST COAST CONFERENCE

Timber Resources Declared West's Greatest Asset; Government Must Aid Reforestation

LONGVIEW, Wash., Aug. 17.—More than 200 lumbermen, representing virtually all Western states, many from the Mid-West and East, assembled here for the mid-season conference of the West Coast Lumbermen's association.
J. D. Tennant, vice-president of the Long-Bell Lumber company, gave the address of welcome, which was responded to by Major Everett G. Griggs, president of the St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber company.
The greater part of today's meeting was devoted to a discussion of important measures looking to national standardization of lumber. The convention approved the principle of a national standardization of grades and sizes of soft woods and approved the suggested standardization of equivalent names for equivalent grades for adoption by all lumber associations. A national standard grading rule book to be used in the West Coast lumber industry with other lumber manufacturing districts and a separate publication of West Coast rules eliminating all defects shown in the basic standard rule that do not apply to West Coast species, was also approved by resolution.

MAN SUICIDE IN CHURCH

CHOIR MEMBER KILLS SELF AFTER CALLING ON GIRL

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 17.—Standing behind the pulpit of the Messiah Lutheran church, J. Carlrick Frost, 21, an electrician and a member of the choir of the church, shot himself through the right temple and died almost instantly shortly after 9:30 o'clock tonight.
His health as a result of an attack of influenza last winter is believed to have been the cause of his act. He left a note saying, "God Almighty, forgive me for what I am doing. Goodbye, mother, dear, and God bless you."
As the sound of the shot rang through the church the youth's father who had become alarmed at his absence, broke through the door of the church with police officers he had summoned in a search for his son.
This evening Frost called upon Miss Effie Cline, a school teacher. After leaving her at her home he apparently drove his car to the church, went in and killed himself.

TEXAS OIL FIRES RAGE

THREE BLAZES STARTED BY LIGHTNING

HOUSTON, Texas, Aug. 17.—Destroying all efforts of fire fighters who have been battling the blazes for nearly 24 hours, flames were raging fiercely late Friday in two huge oil storage tanks of the Humble Oil and Refining company at Webster and a 6000 barrel gusher in the Hull field belonging to the Republic Production company.
The fire at dusk Friday was threatening the entire tank farm at Webster. The blaze at Hull, although shooting a giant column of flames many feet in the air is not endangering nearby wells, which were closed soon after the blaze started.
Adding to the danger of the monster pillars of fire which went skyward amid a dense black smoke was a rivulet of burning oil and molten metal which slowly coursed through the field where is stored more than 2,750,000 barrels of oil bearing a valuation of approximately \$4,000,000. Boiling fiercely the oil on top burning, the field was rolling over the sides of the flames, making its way through the field.
Lightning started the three fires, which according to officials of oil concerns bids fair to destroy many thousands of barrels of crude oil before being brought under control.

MARTIAL LAW EXTENDED

SOUTHERN TULSA COUNTY IS NOW GUARDED

(By The Associated Press)
TULSA, Okla., Aug. 17.—Martini law, which has been in effect in the city of Tulsa since last Tuesday, was extended early tonight to the southern portion of Tulsa county, including the towns of Red Fork and Broken Arrow, scene of recent floggings.
The ten men taken into custody by national guardsmen who made a hurried trip to Jenks, will be held for military investigation. Adjutant General Markham said: "Other than to assert that they would be questioned regarding mob whippings the adjutant general would make no comment."
No charges have been filed against the men. Their names were not made public.

Ex-Governor Beekman Is to Marry



Mrs. Marston Burke and Ex-Gov. R. I. Beekman.

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Mrs. Marston Burke, daughter of the late Edwin Marston, president of the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. of New York city, is to be married in September to former Governor R. Livingston Beekman, of Rhode Island, whom her with her at Newport, R. I. Mrs. Burke was divorced from Oscar Burke, of New York, two years ago. Governor Beekman's first wife died several years ago.

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A girl we know says that when she was in England she saw what every point of interest except the place where they drop their "h's."

There is a divinity which shapes our ends. Yes, most men's wives.

Professor C. C. Davis will play a concert solo, "The Holy City," at 7:30 o'clock tonight at the Trinity Methodist church, after which the choir will sing, "Have Mercy, O God," according to Frank E. Hyerson, pastor—Topeka Capital.

Hint: to the Love Lord—if you want to get by with a girl, just go up to her on the street and cheerily say, "Well, how's my girl this morning?" If she answers, "Just fine," you must then say, "Oh, have you seen her this morning?" This will bring results.

He was my friend—and now he's gone away. Devoutly I pray for his return. I feel would follow but I must needs stay. Meantime his fate doth cause much grave concern.

He was my friend, he took my hand and said, "That he'd be back in just a little while." Then out he walked with firm and steady tread. I watched him go and tried to force a smile.

Now his return I'm fondly waiting for. I'll count each minute till he doth arrive. Don't get the notion that he's gone afar—I see him 'cross the street to change a five.

AMUSEMENTS

AT THE THEATRES TODAY

Helio—Zane Grey's dashing picture of the West, "When Romance Rides," adapted from his novel, "Wildfire," first picture of President Harding's funeral, taken at Washington and Marion, "The Highfliers," a Hellie selected comedy; Bray romance, novelty.

Rex—Last day, Rex Hart's immortal classic of the gold rush days, "Salomy Jane," featuring Jacqueline Logan, Maurice Fichtelberg and George Fawcett; Rex comedy, "The Busher," based on the "You Know Me, Al," yarns by Bing Lardner; Rosner, organist, in melodious settings.

Castle—Last showings, Rex Ingram's production of "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," by Blasco Ibanez, and featuring Rodolph Valentino, Alice Terry, Wallace Berry and the cast of 12,500; Castle cartoon comic, "The Dumps," Gaiety special musical score.

Comline—Johnny Walker in "Captain 'Fly-By-Night,'" by the author of "The Ark of Zorro," "Daughters of the Whisk," with Marjorie Cooper, Stewart Holmes and Star-Cast, "Strongheart," wonder dog, in "Brawn of the North," Norma Talmadge in "The Eternal Flame," Jackie Coogan in "Circus Days," Theodore Kosloff and Star-Cast in "Children of Jazz," "Counterfeit Love," Harold Lloyd in "Safety Last," Shirley Mason in "Lovebound," John Gilbert in "Madness of Youth," Norma Talmadge in "She Loves, and Lies," "Merry Go Round."

Fire Raging in Arizona Mine
BISSON, Ariz., Aug. 17.—Fire is raging on the 1500-foot level of the Junction shaft of the Calumet and Arizona Mining company with every indication that it may get beyond control unless high pressure water is applied within a short time. A crew of several hundred men are laying pipes to the blaze and if it is extinguished before the sulphide ore becomes ignited only a small loss will incur.

Ex-Police Chief Dies
PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 17.—John Clark, ex-chief of police of Portland and St. Paul, Minn., died at his home following a stroke of apoplexy. He was about to retire when stricken. He is survived by his widow and two daughters. Mr. Clark was known all over the United States as a police officer, having been chief of police and detective at various times in St. Paul.

Rioting Continues in Mexico
(By The Associated Press)
MAYENC, Mexico, Aug. 17.—Rioting, accompanied by looting, continued throughout the Grand Duchy of Heense and clashes are reported between communists and police at Langen, Hesseheim and Grossgerau, three towns on the right bank of the Rhine, in Northeastern Hesse. At Langen, the revolutionary committee of unemployed, in reprisal for the arrest of six workmen, kidnaped 12 members of the bourgeoisie and are holding them as hostages. One member of the security police was killed, a number were wounded and many disarmed in clashes with the unemployed. Several of the latter were wounded.

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