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NEW YORK SLOW TO BRITONS

Otherwise, American Cities Which They Visited Impressed Business Men as "Less Leisurely."

Some of the many public men of England who have been engaged in war work in America, it must be confessed, were not so much impressed by the business methods they found in New York as in other parts of the country; as, for example, in Philadelphia, Chicago, Washington and the various busy cities of the middle West, Frank Dillnot writes in the Saturday Evening Post. There was a certain leisureliness in New York that was pigmy. The work was carried through, but nobody was in any hurry. A lively open-mindedness here, as elsewhere, was a motive force; but in everyday executive detail I have heard more than one English business man remark that there was a slowness alien to the rest of America, even as it was alien to London.

That hustling New York should give this impression is indeed strange; but the fact remains. It was part of the unexpectedness which is one of the uplifting things in America to the European. There has, however, not been one, whether he be banker, ship constructor, auctioneer or organizer, who has not spoken privately with enthusiasm of the cordiality in the American's heart and the virility in his mind.

RABBITS HURT WOOL SUPPLY

Pests Said to Cause Enormous Loss to Raisers of Sheep in New Zealand.

Rabbits keep down the wool supply in New Zealand, according to authentic information received at Philadelphia. At a discussion of what to do in order to eliminate or reduce the rabbit pest in New Zealand, a member of the New Zealand council of agriculture mentioned an area in the Auckland district of some 70,000 acres which carried, on a low estimate, 350,000 rabbits.

Inasmuch as ten rabbits will eat and destroy as much pasture as would feed one sheep, it was pointed out that these rabbits had destroyed the feed which might have kept 35,000 sheep, worth \$127,746 a year to the country. Rabbits are being slaughtered by the millions and their skins prepared for export, of which the United States has taken very large numbers during the last year. A large number of rabbits are also being placed in cold storage awaiting shipment to Europe.

CASUS BELLI.

"I fear these two citizens are having a warm argument about the war."

"You are mistaken. Each is trying to convince the other he has the better furnace."

"Is that anything to quarrel about?"

"It wouldn't be if they had the same make, but they haven't, and since each one regards himself as an authority on heat units, hostilities are liable to begin at any moment."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

ADVANTAGE OF WEALTH.

"When airplanes become the everyday mode of conveyance the gentleman with a jag is going to get into trouble."

"Not necessarily."

"No?"

"For a long time, at any rate, a person who can afford an aerial limousine will also be able to hire a dependable aviator to drive it."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

THE LESSONS OF WAR.

The Airman—So you're saving up to buy an airship? You're quite an ambitious little boy.

"Yes, sir; I want to fly over Jimmie Mack's back yard and drop bricks on him."

CASHED IN.

"What became of the village belle whose face was her fortune?"

"She cashed in."

"Yes?"

"Married a millionaire."

HARD TO DO.

"Now, Willie, draw me up a list of the kings of Europe in alphabetical order."

"But, pop, nearly all of them are ex-kings."

ALL SOUGHT HIDDEN ENEMY

Various Ways in Which "Chasers" Went After the Pirate Which Struck the Coward's Blow.

The organization of the numerous ocean and coastal convoys coincided with the appearance in French waters of a large number of motor-driven submarine chasers, built in the United States for the French navy, said a review of the war made by an expert for the Scientific American. These vessels embodied all the desired characteristics of high speed and seagoing qualities, and they proved ideal "vetettes de patrouilles" for the coastal work on which they are employed.

Mention should also be made of another type of antisubmarine craft, which in its design and construction is wholly Gallic. This is the "aviso," which has its counterpart in the British "sloop." In the "aviso," the French naval constructors have developed a motor-driven, ocean-going cruiser, which exceptionally well embodies all the characteristics considered essential to offensive anti-U-boat operations, namely, high speed, heavy armament, high free-board, excellent sea-keeping qualities, and a maximum steaming radius.

The machinery of the "avisos" may be said to be a product of the war, and it is mainly due to its excellence that these vessels have proved so satisfactory under all conditions of service.

EXPLOSIVE IMMUNE TO SHOCK

Invention Perfected in South Africa Would Sum to Be Invaluable in Mining Operations.

The manufacture of a new explosive, known as Sengite, to meet the growing shortage of nitroglycerin explosives, now used by the mining industry in South Africa, has been recently commenced.

This new explosive, which has a gun cotton base, is the result of experiments conducted by Kynoch, Ltd., at their Umkhogswini (Natal) factory. This explosive is said to be so insensitive to shock as to be quite safe if hammered with a steel tool. Accidental explosions in mining, caused by drilling into unfired holes, would not occur when this explosive was used.

The name Sengite originated with the manufacturers. The first four letters were derived by using the initial letters in the following words: "Substitute explosive, no glycerin." The last three letters are taken from the word "dynamite."

BLOWN THROUGH VENTILATOR.

The story of how a fireman was blown through a ventilator and landed on the deck unhurt was brought to New York by a member of the crew of the United States transport Mount Vernon, which was damaged by an enemy torpedo off the French coast. "It was early in the morning when we were attacked," said the seaman. "The torpedo struck with terrific force and 37 men were killed outright. I shall never forget the fireman who came out through the curved ventilator. He came through an opening which was so small I could not have believed a man could go through it if I hadn't seen him with my own eyes."

AN AFFLUENT CITIZEN.

"My boy, I'm afraid you'll never make an automobile salesman," said the manager.

"Why, sir?"

"You showed that fellow in overalls a \$7,000 limousine. Men in overalls don't buy that kind of car."

"This one did. He's a ship riveter."

LEFT OUT OF THE RECKONING.

"Did you have plenty to eat in your house?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Meekton; there was plenty, though not the kind I should have selected. Henrietta's supplies ran mostly to bird seed, fish food and dog biscuits."

INFERENCE.

"Why do they say, 'Nobody loves a fat man?'"

"There's bound to be a suspicion that anybody overweight just now is getting more than his share of the food."

NECESSARY FALL.

There is one class of men who, no matter how hard they try, are bound in the end to go down hill.

"Who are they?"

"Mountain climbers."

DEMOCRACY NOW IN SADDLE

Autocrats Have Diminished Rapidly as the Result of Events of the Last Fifty Years.

During the last 50 years, particularly since the dawn of the twentieth century, autocracy has been hard hit, and the rule of "the people, by and for the people," as Abraham Lincoln said nearly sixty years ago, has spread and is spreading throughout the earth.

When, in 1870, after the battle of Sedan, Napoleon III capitulated to the German emperor, neither of them foresaw that the French republic would be the result. Neither foresaw that that republic would fight another battle of Sedan in 1918 and that a German republic would follow. A historian says that "Sedan gave the final blow to the French empire." So will some future historian write that "Sedan also gave the final blow to the German empire."

The triumphal march of democracy in this last half century began, says the Brooklyn Eagle, in September, 1870, with the fall of "Bonaparte the Little" or Napoleon III. Since that day five other empires have given way to republics, or are fast on the road to become republics; Dom Pedro of Brazil, the emperor of China, the czar of all the Russias, the German kaiser and the Austrian kaiser. And added to this list should be the king of Portugal, though he was a parliamentary ruler.

FOR CORRECT METER READING

Device That Instantaneously Photographs the Exact Figures and Has Other Advantages.

An electrically operated film camera, described in the Electrical Experimenter, is especially intended for use by gas and electric meter readers. For the purpose of instantaneously photographing the exact reading of the meter it aims to provide a special interlocking arrangement between the film-exposing means or shutter and the meter.

Illumination lamps are placed in the front of the camera. During the operation of the device, certain checks are placed upon the user, so that he will be prevented from wasting film, also from making more than one exposure upon a single picture area of the film, and from operating the shutter in the belief that he is making a photographic record when, in fact, the proper film surface is not in position to receive exposure.

SURE OF IT.

A rookie at Camp Zachary Taylor, Ky., had been transferred to one of the headquarters companies to fill the vacancy left by an orderly who had been sent to the hospital. He was sitting at the desk when the captain entered.

"Good morning, general," he greeted the captain, executing a semaphore salute.

"I am not a general," the captain replied as he took his seat.

"Good morning, colonel," was the next salutation.

"I am not a colonel, I'm a captain," explained the officer frigidly.

"I knew it, I knew it," chortled the rookie. "I was sure by your looks that you were one of the face cards in the deck!"



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