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HARDING AND THE PARTY

Although Candidate Harding announced in his campaign that he believed in "government by party," President Harding has shown himself even more free to consult men of the opposition party, which inferentially he would have excluded from a hand in such government, than Mr. Wilson was. He has not, as did his predecessor, asked especial support of his own party in carrying through his policies.

He acts as though he were president, not of the republican party, but of the American government.

That is the way Mr. Wilson acted, too, notwithstanding occasional utterances which reminded us that he was still a member of his party.

The petty political leaders of the republican party find it difficult or impossible to keep the president in leash.

He pleases them by his aloofness toward the league of nations, which includes nearly all the other governments of the world and which is summarily and effectually settling such threatening questions as that which caused a miniature war in Silesia, but he has offended some of them by acknowledging its existence and providing representatives of America at some of its discussions.

The managers of the party deemed it good partisan policy to wink at the nullification of the political rights of the negroes in the south, hoping thus to split the "solid south" and harvest some votes. Mr. Harding had the courage last week to go to the very center of the section and declare that, while social equality of the races is impossible, there must be political and economical equality. In this he calls for a different condition from that which exists, for the political rights of the negroes in a large part of the south exist nowhere except on paper, and he is grievously handicapped in his struggle for economic equality.

ACCURSED GOSSIP

Commenting on the suicide of an Indian girl at Klamath Falls who left a note saying: "No parents, no friends, everybody talk about me," the Portland Journal says:

Her words are the strongest rebuke to the human family we have ever read outside the lids of the Bible. "Everybody talk about me." Many pure souls with sympathetic hearts have sought the grave and freedom from scandal mongers by the suicide route, rather than fight the cruelties of humankind. This Indian girl wanted to be good, had no friends because of her race, and both parents were dead. She had, no doubt, been taught that the milk of human kindness was freely bestowed upon the children of God by those professing Christianity, and she had a right to expect it, but instead it was gall.

Many other pure girls have been dragged down to shame and death because of scandal mongers and the eagerness of professed Christians to listen and repeat. Let these words be forever embossed on your mind "Everybody talk about me"—somebody's daughter, somebody's sister, and change the scene to the way it should be, "Even as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren (and sisters), ye have also done unto me."

In Halsey, and in every other town, are victims of the idle gossip. And the better the irresponsible talkers think they are, the

higher they hold their heads in church and society, the more ready they appear to be to utter the words that will push some unfortunate down, down. Many an innocent, pure-minded girl has felt the sting of their careless talk as poignantly as did this Indian girl.

And if the victim has taken a misstep, how far is the average professed Christian from following the example of him who said: "Neither do I condemn thee."

Instead of being willing to forgive an offender "until seventy times seven," there is an unwillingness to forgive even once, and a proneness to magnify and multiply the first evil report until it is as far from the truth as pole from pole and the tattler as far from Christianity as Satan from heaven.

No other handicap on the church is as great as the unruly tongues of its members.

"The duke of York, with 20,000 men, marched up the hill—and then marched down again." The strike of all the railroad men in the United States against a cut in wages of 12 per cent has failed to materialize—called off by the chiefs. They dodged an awful smashup.

A couple of Italians have been convicted of murder in Massachusetts, but an appeal has been taken to the supreme court. They are revolutionary propagandists and their fellows in France, Italy and elsewhere are threatening vengeance against the United States representatives if they are executed. The fools do not know that the United States government has no more power to interfere with the administration of Massachusetts law than the ex-kaiser has.

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RESULT OF EIGHT-YEAR STUDY

Intermarriage of Old Stock With More Recent Elements in Population, Leaves Little Hope for Truly National Type.

New York.—To determine whether there is in this country an approach to an American type of man and woman, the Smithsonian Institution, with Dr. Ales Hrdlicka, curator of the division of physical anthropology in the U. S. national museum, in charge, has been carrying on an extensive investigation, which has covered eight

years, of the physical and physiological features of the oldest and most American element in the population of this country. Doctor Hrdlicka made the first announcement of this fundamental study in a paper given before the second international congress of eugenics at the American museum of natural history here.

"There is no American type of either man or woman as yet; but there is an approach to such a type in physiognomy, stature, build, pigmentation and in other directions," Doctor Hrdlicka said. "Heredity is still most in evidence, but is no longer absolute. The old Americans are to an important degree still the English, Scotch, or Dutch of their ancestry, but in part they are already something new, common, acquired in this land; they are American. Were it possible for this stock to breed exclusively among themselves for several more centuries they, according to all indications, would produce as distinct a national type as have the various older European nations. But intermarriage with more recent elements of the population is so common, that no hope can be entertained for any rapid progress in this direction.

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Blondes Are Disappearing.

"Another prevalent notion that finds no support in the results of these investigations, is that of any physical difference between the old Americans of the northeast, the Yankees, and those of the South; there is no difference of any importance. The people of the South are not darker, the Yankees are not taller. The only regional differences in the old American stock are such as are due to different ancestry (English, Scotch, Huguenot, etc.) But the whole strain shows a plain tendency towards darkening of hair and diminution of blondness."

"The main characteristics of the old Americans are, first of all, a tall stature. They are, if we disregard a few small groups, the tallest of whites, averaging 5 feet 8 inches in the men, and 5 feet 4 inches in the women. This superiority is in part a distinctly American acquisition.

"They are mostly relatively 'spare' in early adult life, with rather a tendency to overweight later on. In this connection there appears one serious feature—many of the younger women are behind their due standard. Their chest, their muscles, are relatively not as well developed as are those of the men. The men, in the average, are in every way a fine lot. The non-working women, many of them, are physically somewhat neglected, which calls for an improvement. Naturally this does not apply to the farm girl or the athletic girl.

"But the American woman shows a superior head. The size of her head is somewhat above what it usually is in relation to the average head of the male, and it is also perceptibly above that indicated by her stature. As the size of head means a corresponding size of brain, we have here a highly favorable condition.

Face Shows Progress.

"A much greater progress in Americanization is shown by the face. This has lost the prominence of the cheek bones and that of the angles of the lower jaw; and in the well-nourished approaches a characteristic straight-sided, rather high oval.

"The nose is variable, with tendency to convex (aquiline) in males, and concave-convex in females. The hands, feet, mouth, ears, are not large, but also not small.

"Only healthy men and women between twenty-four and sixty-five years of life and at least three generations American born on each parental side, were included in the study, and the majority of the subjects were examined under standardized conditions and with best instruments as well as care at the U. S. national museum," Doctor Hrdlicka explained. "They included unselected individuals from all walks of life and all occupations. The length of the study was caused by the unexpected rarity of those who could fill the requirements. The studies extended to a total of 700 persons, but to obtain so many it was found necessary to make trips to parts of New England as well as southward. A particularly interesting group was obtained among the mountaineers of Tennessee and neighboring regions."

EASTERN DIPLOMACY A JOKE

Envoy Is Well Paid for Job That Doesn't Exist, According to Prince Furstenberg.

Constantinople.—One of the stories which men tell one another here to illustrate the confused diplomatic situation in central Europe is attributed to Prince Furstenberg. He was appointed as a diplomatic representative of the old Austrian government to the Ukraine, which then was ruled by Hetman Skorpadsky.

Describing his diplomatic status to friends in Kiev, the prince said: "I am the representative of a government that has ceased to exist and am accredited to one that never existed. The most extraordinary part of it is that I am paid for performing the duties of this position that I do not hold."

Left Husband 150 Times in 14 Years' Wedded Life

Heleen Caldwell of Detroit, Mich., left her husband, John, 150 times during their married life from 1907 to 1921, John told Judge Harry J. Dingeman. He asserted his wife was fond of dancing; that, on coming home from work at midnight, he would find her little boy sitting on the front steps waiting for him and that his wife would come in later, saying she had been to a dance. He was given a decree.

Italy Electrifies Railroads.

Rome.—The Italian state railways are bit by bit being electrified. Every now and then the government undertakes to add 300 or 400 miles of electrification to the system. By the end of 1922, there will be more than 2,000 miles of electrified state railways in Italy. This is expected to reduce the coal consumption of the railroads by about one-third.

The new grade over the low pass between Junction City and Lake creek is too soft for use this winter. The state highway commission announces that it will be paved next summer, but that promise is taken with a grain of salt, like other promises of the commission. If a crushed rock base is laid there next year that will be a start.

The earliest peas marketed in several Willamette valley towns are grown from fall-sown seed. Seeding should be done now, for the peas should be well up before the continuous cold rains occur. Alaska is a good variety for fall sowing, according to O. A. C. The ground should be fertilized with manure and drained naturally to shed excessive moisture.

George B. Dorris' 18-year old Barcelona filbert trees near Eugene produced nuts at the rate of 3600 pounds an acre this year. His 14-year-old trees gave 8500 pounds and 8-year-old trees 800 pounds per acre. He says there are trees in England 150 years old that are growing good crops.

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