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BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

The French senate ratified the Lorcarno agreement for European peace and arbitration by a vote of 272 to 6.
The Mosul agreement between Turkey and Great Britain has been signed. Turkey and Britain thus have effected a solution of the territorial and oil dispute of long standing.

The Presbyterian general assembly adjourned in Baltimore to meet next year in San Francisco. Seattle had been a contender for the honor of entertaining the 1927 assembly, but withdrew.

Confirmation of the reappointment of T. V. O'Connor as a member of the shipping board may be contested in the senate by a group headed by Senator Wesley L. Jones of the state of Washington.

Albert Stump of Indianapolis, Ind., was nominated by the democratic state convention to oppose Senator James E. Watson, republican, for the six-year term in the United States senate in the November general election.

A surplus of almost \$300,000,000 for this fiscal year which ends June 30, or about \$100,000,000 more than estimated by President Coolidge, is in sight on the basis of the condition of the treasury at the end of May.

Wives Can't Slay and Get Compensation No Compensation for Husband Slayers

Washington, D. C. — Wives cannot kill their husbands and collect soldiers' adjusted compensation, Comptroller General McCarl ruled. The decision was given in the case of Mrs. Florence E. Williams of Vernon, Penn., who, McCarl said, was given a suspended sentence for killing her husband, William C. Williams, war veteran. To pay the compensation to a beneficiary under such circumstances would be contrary to the law and the public interest, McCarl said.

Postal Revenues Register Big Gain.

Washington, D. C. — Reflecting the general prosperity of the country, postal receipts at 50 selected cities during May increased 3.98 per cent over those in May a year ago, the receipts totaling \$28,546,638 and \$27,454,861 respectively, the postoffice department announced.

Helen Willis Is Operated Upon.

Paris. — Miss Helen Willis of California, American tennis champion, was operated on at a hospital here for appendicitis after she had become ill and had been forced to cancel her appearance in tennis matches. Physicians said they believed she was suffering from appendicitis and an immediate operation was necessary. It was announced later that the operation had been successful.

FROM PALETTE TO MORTAR BOARD



Young women artists turn from their jars of color and paint brushes to assist plasterers in setting ornaments in place atop huge pylons which adorn the main entrances to the Palace of Agriculture and Food Products, of the vast exhibition buildings which form a part of the great Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition being staged in Philadelphia from June 1 to December 1 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Climbing ladders and walking along rickety scaffolds is nothing new to these young ladies, but each time they do it they get a thrill.

Late Market Report

Portland
Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, hard white, hard federation, \$1.39; soft white, \$1.40; western white, hard winter, and northern spring, \$1.32; western red, \$1.30.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$18.50@19 ton; valley timothy, \$19@19.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$21.50@22.
Butterfat—41c shippers' track.
Eggs—Ranch, 24@27c.
Cheese—Prices f. o. b. Tillamook; Triplets, 27 1/2c; loaf, 28 1/2c per lb.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$8.25@8.85.
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$13.50@15.75.
Sheep—Lambs, medium to choice, \$11@12.50.

Seattle.
Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.41; hard winter, \$1.35; northern spring, \$1.36; Big Bend bluestem, \$1.38; western red, \$1.35.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$26 timothy, \$23; timothy P. S., \$20; do, mixed, \$26.
Butter—Creamery, 38 1/2@40c.
Eggs—Ranch, 26@31c.
Hogs—Prime, \$15.75@16.20.
Cattle—Prime steers, \$8.00@8.25.
Cheese—Oregon triplets, 24c; Washington triplets, 21@22c.

Spokane.
Hogs—Good, \$14.50@15.35.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$7.00@8.00.

141 KILLED DURING DRY ENFORCEMENT

Washington, D. C.—Gun battles between federal dry agents and bootleggers, moonshiners and rum runners have resulted in 141 casualties since prohibition became effective, the official figures show.

Because of the growing fatality list, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Andrews has ordered his enforcement men to use their revolvers and rifles only in emergency, and not to shoot except in self-defense.

Forty-nine prohibition officers have been killed in line of duty, while 92 persons evading or resisting arrest have been killed. Two dry officers have been shot in a raid near Fresno, Cal., and V. E. Grant was killed chasing a liquor vendor near Hendersonville, N. C., recently.

Kentucky, West Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, North and South Carolina, where moonshiners operate in rural districts, is the most dangerous territory of the country for government officers. More dry agents have been killed in these states than in any other section.

Most of the slain officers lost their lives raiding stills and bootlegger caches. Several were murdered to prevent their giving evidence at trials. Many of those killed by government officers, prohibition officials said, were resisting arrest.

Fiction and Frying Pans

If the stories of Brillat-Savarin, which it is proposed to publish in commemoration of his centenary, reveal their author to the world as a successful writer of fiction as well as a gastronomer, he may perhaps be regarded as repaying the interest which some famous novelists have taken in matters of the table. Balzac took a keen interest in cookery, as befitted a man of gigantic appetite. So also did George Sand, whose cookery must have been pretty good, since it was reputed to be as exciting as her romances. Joseph Conrad, as he admitted in connection with a cookbook written by Mrs. Conrad, gave a high place in his esteem to the culinary arts, while George Meredith left a book of cookery recipes in his own handwriting which figured in a bookseller's catalogue some years ago and may possibly yet appear in print.—Manchester Guardian.

Socrates in Art

The British museum has recently come into possession of a statuette, eleven inches high and in very good condition, that is considered by archeologists to be almost certainly a portrait of Socrates as he walked and talked in the streets of Athens. It portrays the familiar coarse face, the rough beard and the snub nose, but the result is not grotesque and there can be no doubt as to the intelligence of the sculptured figure. The statuette is supposed to date from a period about a century later than Socrates. If so, it is the earliest portrait of him, for all the other busts in existence belong to the Roman period.—London Post.

The Weakness of Cornelia

A Short Story by H. Irving King

MRS. CORNELIA WALTON was a business woman. There was not a better financial juggler in the country. High finance had made massed attacks upon her and had been repulsed with laughter. One of her favorite methods of increasing her store was to get hold of some piece of property, or block of stock, which some business man was going to want very much and then when the time of his want came, hold him up.

There was that little single-track railroad she had out West. She had bought it for a song; it had not paid for years, and there was no prospect that it ever would pay. She had held it four years now at a dead loss. Some of the Wall street crowd laughed when the widow purchased the Glendale and Hyker's Falls railroad; but the wise ones shook their heads and wondered "what old Cornelia was up to now." That road was a specimen; of late she had had several nibbles for it.

Mrs. Walton had only one weakness—that weakness was her daughter, Rosalie. She humored Rosalie in every way and would have spoiled her, had it been possible to spoil such a nice girl. So when Rosalie wanted to join the Moncrieff girls, her former schoolmates, in a trip to Europe on which they were being taken by their mother, Cornelia said: "Certainly, my dear. Mrs. Moncrieff is a safe chaperon. Go and enjoy yourself." So Rosalie went—and that is how she happened to meet Montgomery Springer. "Monty" Springer was a former Harvard athlete; he was not only good looking but a good fellow in every way—even if his father was old Simeon Springer who had amassed several millions by executing deals which, while within the law, were so close to the line that it took a surveyor to run the boundary. Rosalie and Monty met at Naples and by the time they had reached Interlaken in Switzerland they discovered that they were in love.

When Rosalie returned home from her trip abroad one of the first things she did was to tell her little story of love and Monty Springer. Mrs. Walton listened in silence. If there was one person in the world whom she hated more than another it was Simeon Springer. Many a joust with sharpened spears had they ridden in the unfair fields of finance and each had felt the sting of the opponent's steel.

"Why, mother," cried Rosalie, seeing that Cornelia still remained silent when the tale of the little romance was concluded; "don't you approve? What do you object to in Monty?"
"Oh, the boy is all right," replied Cornelia. "I know all about him. Well, my dear, if you want to marry him you shall. I have never denied you anything you wanted yet." She smiled grimly; she was thinking of the row Simeon Springer would kick up when he found that his son wanted to marry her daughter.

And Simeon did kick up a row—an awful row. He called Cornelia all sorts of hard names and declared that no penny of his money should ever be spent to hang gewaws on the daughter of "that old she-pirate, Walton." If Monty persisted in marrying Rosalie he, Simeon, would leave his wealth to an orphan asylum. Monty had inherited his share of his father's obstinacy; the discussion became exceedingly acrimonious; at its close Monty left the house. He went right off to Rosalie, of course, and told her all about it. But what did he care? They would get married anyway. He had enough money of his own to buy a suburban cottage; he would get a job and be the architect of his own fortunes. Cornelia, who had been listening, I regret to say, walked in on the lovers. "Don't you worry, children," said she. "Come around tomorrow night, Monty. It will be all right by that time. Your father is—er—temperamental. He'll get over it or I miss my guess."

Simeon Springer scowled fearsomely when a clerk told him that Mrs. Walton was outside wanting to see him. "Show her in," he growled savagely. "I suppose, madam," said he, "that you have come to see me about my son and your daughter."

"I have come," said Cornelia, calmly taking a seat to which she had not been invited, "to talk with you about the Glendale and Hyker's Falls railroad. You want it as a link in that little P. T. & R. system you are building up. The X. N. & G. people want it as a link in their system. They have offered me three hundred thousand dollars for it. I will let you have it for two hundred and fifty thousand, but I want something to boot."

Simeon's features relaxed. The possession of that road meant success for his system—its acquisition by the X. N. & G. spelled failure. "It is a bargain, madam," said he, and then, anxiously, "what was it you said you wanted to boot?"

"Your son for my daughter."

"Madam," he cried, "you are trying to hold me up!"

"No, I am not," said Cornelia; "I am giving you the best of a business deal, and this is the first time you ever got the best of a deal with me, Simeon Springer—and you know it." Simeon thought rapidly. Rosalie was a nice girl, she would be rich and he had got the best of a deal with Cornelia Walton—that was a great, great thing; he could afford to be generous. "Well, take 'him," he said.

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