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Chaotic Currency Situation Due to Many Media of Exchange

BELGRADE.—Via Paris Sept 20—Not the least of the ills that beset Jugo-Slavia is the scrambled condition of its paper currency. The paper money of half a dozen countries is in circulation in various parts of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes. In Belgrade itself the "krone of Austrian ancestry is still the unit in which all commodities are priced. The situation is further complicated by the fact that the ratio of exchange between the different moneys varies from day to day. Indirectly, the chaotic currency situation has aggravated the problem of provisioning the country by impeding the movement of surplus foodstuffs from one section to another. Farmers who possess a surplus which they would willingly sell under stable money conditions, decline to barter their produce for paper whose value is one thing today and another thing tomorrow.

severe breach of discipline. An air cadet in England recently swooped down toward a country road while practicing diving and struck a carriage in which two convalescent officers were driving. Both officers were killed. When the cadet was put on trial the defense set up the plea that there had been no such culpable negligence as would justify a verdict of manslaughter, although the pilot had committed a breach of discipline in flying low over the road. The cadet was acquitted.

The Greatest Mother Turns to Tasks of Peace.



THE THREE CROSSES

The iron cross is black as death and hard as human hate; The wooden cross is white and still and whispers us, "Too Late," But the Red Cross sings of life and love and hearts regenerate.

The iron cross is a boastful cross and marks the war-mad slave; The wooden cross is a dumb, dead cross and marks a shallow grave But the Red Cross reaches out its arms to solace and to save.

The iron cross is a Kaiser's cross and narrow is its clan; The wooden cross is a soldier's cross and mourns its partisan, But the Red Cross is the Cross of One who served his fellowman. —Edmond Vance Cooke.

Invest a dollar in Red Cross and cut happiness coupons the rest of the year

From a One-Armed Man.

The triumph over the disability of a lost limb is not only exemplified in the case of the one-legged cricketer. "There is no need to be downhearted about a lost leg or arm," writes a correspondent. "I have lost my left arm and can do practically everything that a man with two arms can. I can tie my tie as neatly and quickly as I ever did, lace my boots, ride a horse and bicycle, drive a horse and trap, drive a motor, play billiards (using a block of weighted wood with three grooves in it as a rest), golf, hockey, tennis and swim quite easily." —London Chronicle.

Practical Sympathy.

James Shaffer of Uniontown, Pa., struck a foreigner who made disloyal remarks and was fined \$10, but the money was paid by ten members of the local Christian church, who on their way home happened to stop in the burgess' office. Each of the men plunked \$1 down on the desk of the official and the case was ended.

WEDDED IN SMOCK

Reason for Scanty Garb of Some Old-Time Brides.

In England It Was Held That Act Relieved Husbands of Debts Contracted by His Bride Before Their Marriage.

"A Bangor lawyer attending court in the ancient town of Wiscasset, Lincoln county, recently went rummaging in the Colonial court records of the place, and in the course of his reading came across the official registration of a 'smock marriage,'" writes L. T. Smyth from Bangor, Me., to the Boston Transcript. "Not knowing what a smock marriage was, the lawyer looked further, and got considerable light upon a custom that prevailed in England a century or more ago and also to some extent in the American colonies. 'Smock marriages' were weddings where the bride appeared dressed in a white sheet or chemise. The reason for such a garb was the belief that if a man married a woman who was in debt he could be held liable for her indebtedness if he received with her any of her property; and also, that if a woman married a man who was in debt, his creditors could not take her property to satisfy their claims if he had received nothing from her at marriage. In England, says an antiquarian, there was at least one case where a bride was clothed in puris naturalibus while the ceremony was being performed in the great church at Birmingham. The minister at first refused to perform the ceremony, but, finding nothing in the rubric that would excuse him, he finally married the pair. 'To carry out the law fully as the people understood it, the ceremony should always have been performed as it was in the church at Birmingham. In the case noted; but, modestly forbidding, various expedients were used to accomplish the end without the unpleasant features. Sometimes the bride stood in a closet and put her hand through a hole in the door; sometimes she stood behind a cloth screen and put her hand out at one side; again, she would about her a white sheet furnished by the bridegroom, and sometimes she stood in her chemise or smock. Eventually, in Essex county, at least, all immodesty was avoided by the groom furnishing all the clothes worn by the bride, retaining the title to the same in himself. This he did in the presence of witnesses, that he might be able to prove the fact in case he was sued for any debts she might have contracted. A marriage of this kind occurred at Bradford in 1773, and the following is true copy of the record of the same: 'Bradford, Dec. ye 24, 1773—This may certify whomsoever it may concern that James Bailey of Bradford, who was married to the widow Mary Bacon November 22 last past by me ye subscriber then declared that he took said person without anything of estate and that Lydia the wife of Liazar Burbank and Mary the wife of Thomas Stickney and Margaret the wife of Caleb Burbank all of Bradford were witnesses that the clothes she then had on were his providing and bestowed upon her. 'WILLIAM BLACH, 'Minister of ye Gospel.' 'It is noted by the same writer that in all cases of smock marriages that have come to his notice the brides have been widows. 'It is thought that during the reign of George III there were many smock marriages in Maine, then a part of the province of Massachusetts Bay, chiefly in the counties of Lincoln and York, or in the territory which is now so known. There is nothing to show that the practice outlived the Revolution. In Maine, up to 1832, a husband was liable for debts of his wife contracted before marriage, and no such subterfuge as the smock marriage could relieve him."

How Pipe Reveals Character.

A new method of telling a man's character is now advanced by William E. Critchlow, ninety, of Macon, Mo. He said: "You can tell more about a man by the way he lights his pipe than you can by the shape of his head. There's the fellow who strikes a match on the south end of his trousers, holds his hands over the bowl until he gets it going, throws down the match any old place, and tilts his pipe up toward the North Star. That man may burn down his home and barn, but he'll never lick his wife or children, because his heart's right. 'Crooks and bad men don't often smoke pipes. They wouldn't be crooks if they did, because there's something about an old hickory pipe that inspires a man to play fair with his neighbors."

In Memory of James Watt.

The centenary of James Watt, the inventor of the modern condensing steam engine, who died on August 19, 1819, was celebrated in Scotland by the raising of a fund of \$250,000 to further endow the engineering department of Glasgow university, to provide additional facilities for the training of engineers.

Doctor Was a Comfort.

Patient (after operation)—Doctor, they say you are getting better and better on these appendix operations every day.

Doctor—That's a fact. The man I operated on yesterday lived twelve hours, and I'm in hopes you'll live twice as long, if you don't worry—Life.

KOREAN CABINET IS SCATTERED TO MANY LANDS

TOKIO, Sept. 12, (By The A. P.)—To show how scattered are the members of the Provisional Government of Korea, a despatch to the Nippon Demop Agency from Seoul says that Dr. Syngman Rhee, the premier of the provisional government of Korea, is making his headquarters in the United States; the Foreign minister is in Paris; the minister of war is at Nicholas, Siberia and the other ministers and vice-ministers are living in Shanghai. "The so-called parliament of this government," the despatch adds, "is made up of three deputies from each of the thirteen provinces in Korea. The provisional government's advisors include two American missionaries, one French lawyer and an Indian scholar. Communication between the various branches of this provisional government is being kept up. Money remittances are being made through a medium at Antung."

DEATH RECALLS FAMOUS DUEL

Grandson of "Dan" O'Connell Used to Tell of "Liberator's" Meeting With D'Esterre.

Mr. Daniel O'Connell, grandson of the "Liberator," died a few days ago at his residence, Darrynane abbey, Waterville, Ireland, in his eighty-fourth year. He was a magistrate and deputy lieutenant for County Kerry, and served the office of high sheriff in 1890. A Dublin gentleman has an interesting picture of the late Mr. O'Connell holding the pistol which his grandfather used in a famous duel. The following description of the encounter is taken from his own description: "In a speech at a Catholic meeting on January 24, 1815, the 'Liberator' referred to the Orange corporation of Dublin as a 'beggarly corporation.' D'Esterre, a member of the corporation and a well-known shot with pistols, demanded an explanation, which was refused. 'After consulting his friends, D'Esterre paraded the streets for two days with the avowed intention of horse-whipping O'Connell. The two, however, did not meet, and finally D'Esterre sent Sir Edward Stanley with a message demanding an explanation. O'Connell referred Sir Edward to Major MacNamara, a Protestant gentleman of County Clare, who refused to give any explanation, whereupon Sir Edward Stanley delivered a challenge, which was accepted, and half-past three that afternoon, at Bishop's court, County Kildare, four or five miles from Naas, on the road to Dublin, was fixed for the meeting. 'They met accordingly and fired together, by signal. D'Esterre's bullet went wide. O'Connell aimed low, intending to hit D'Esterre in the leg, but actually did so in the groin. The bullet went through, penetrating the bladder, and came out at the back, inflicting a mortal wound. D'Esterre lived for two days only. 'The pistols used by the 'Liberator' were given him by an English officer, quartered in Dublin, to whom he had done a kindness, and who, when giving them, said, as a proof of their goodness, that they had already killed ten men. They are a pair of 'Rigby's Particulars,' and Mr. O'Connell often shot at a mark with them, and found them to be very good and accurate. 'D'Esterre's daughter married Lieutenant Roberts of the British royal navy, who commanded the Sirtus, the first vessel to go from Cork to America (Boston) under her own steam, and subsequently the President, which was lost with all on board, on the way from New York to Liverpool."

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Returns From Scio— Mrs. O. E. Holdridge returned from Scio last night where she has been for several days called there by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. F. A. Beard who is very low.



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