

WHOLE WORLD CRAVES MUSIC

Longing for Sweet Sounds Would Seem to Indicate That the Nations Are Recovering.

That nations are individuals in miniature has been proven so often that it has long ago become a truism; but perhaps it has never been indicated more effectively than in the present attitude of the nations of war-shattered Europe toward music. From England, France, Belgium and Italy, not less than from Germany, Austria and even Russia, comes the same story through the mouths of trustworthy observers returning to this country, as well as through other news channels. "Europe is mad for music," they all say. "No other words will describe the craving that has seized these countries for all its forms." There are tragedies which at their crudest take from the individual all solace, not to mention any delight, in the loveliest of arts. "I shall hate sweet music my whole life long," wrote Swinburne in the bitterness of disillusionment, and happy is that human being who has not at least once in his life touched the supreme height of agony when to hear music is an unbearable thing. But as with man so with countries in which disillusionment, far worse than bereavement, has yet followed close on its footsteps. One of the first signs of an ability to take up life once more in healthy human fashion, is a returning willingness, even a longing, for the joys of music. And when the flower of charity blooms once more in the soul laid waste by hatred, music is not far off, in races as in individuals.—Montreal Herald.

WON LOVE OF POPULACE

But First Bullfight Must Have Been Trying to Nerves of Young Queen of Spain.

When Queen Victoria of Spain was married to Alphonso one of the features of the wedding festivities was a bullfight. The bullfight to Spain is far more important than the baseball game of the United States is to its citizens, and the very life and soul of the people is woven into its traditions. The queen, a pretty, young, protected English girl whose viewpoint of life was the same as other young girls of the higher classes of England, was privately informed that not only must she attend the fight, but under no circumstances must she exhibit fear or disgust.

The fight was staged with the utmost magnificence and was opened by the entry of two fiery black bulls. The first bull killed a horse or two before it was put to death. The second bull was then driven about, tortured and abused, and finally lured directly in front of the royal box, where a poor old decrepit horse, blindfolded and drugged until it was hardly able to stand, was left. The bull, stabbed with a spear, charged the horse, driving its horns again and again into the wretched beast until it fell, a mass of horror, to the ground. The queen did not change color or flinch, although she must have been sick to the point of fainting. The populace greeted her calm with cheers.

Valuable Airplane Device.

Of all the inventions conceived during the last decade, in the hope of decreasing the landing speed of airplanes, none has promised more in preliminary tests than a device recently evolved by the United States bureau of standards, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. It is nothing more than a simple, variable-camber rib, which is used instead of the ordinary rib, in the construction of one plane of a biplane, or of the top and bottom planes of a triplane. One peculiarity of construction is that the nose of this flexible rig is fixed to the front spar, while the tailpiece is rigid and slides on the rear spar. Another peculiarity is that the rib structure between the spars is normally symmetrical, or uncambered, but is deformed by nonsymmetrical air pressure until it becomes a rib of most pronounced camber.

Rival of the Potato.

The first carload of American-grown dasheens, introduced into this country to supplement the potato, arrived on the New York market recently, and because of the limited quantities shipped and the demand they sold as high as 15 cents a pound. The dasheens were grown on the east coast of Florida.

The Trinidad dasheen, which is a particularly fine variety of the taro, is one of 40,000 foreign plants introduced into the United States by the Department of Agriculture. It was brought here in the belief that it would yield the South a tuber crop which could be used to supplement the potato. It contains 50 per cent more protein than the potato, according to the Department of Agriculture.

His Mission Wasted.

An Irishman made his way to a country jail and asked to be allowed to see the governor.

On being ushered into that functionary's presence he begged for the favor of an interview with a prisoner who was to suffer the extreme penalty of the law in the course of the morning.

"No, my man," said the governor, "you cannot see the prisoner. He's to be executed in half an hour, and visitors are not permitted to see a prisoner on the day of execution. But what might be your business with him?"

"Shure, sor," answered Pat, "it's his birthday, and I was after wishing him many happy returns."

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The deficit in earnings which we have experienced in Oregon has been largely augmented by necessary increases to our employees. It will be of interest to our Oregon patrons to know what our increased expense for salaries and wages in Oregon has been since 1916 as shown in one of the exhibits filed with the Public Service Commission in connection with our recent application for an increase in telephone rates.

Increase in wages of Plant employees, present over 1916	\$307,000
Increase in wages of Traffic (operating) employees, present over 1916	681,000
Increase in wages of Commercial employees, present over 1916	98,000
TOTAL ANNUAL INCREASE IN WAGES	\$1,086,000

Although these large increases in wages have been made they represent only approximately a 60 per cent increase over pre-war wages, as compared with increases of over 100 per cent in many trades and occupations requiring no greater skill or preparation on the part of the worker. We do not think our employees' wages should be reduced under present conditions or under conditions now possible to forecast.

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SPECIAL BLANKS FOR FARMERS TO MAKE OUT TAX Internal Revenue Bureau Makes It Easier to Fill Out Forms

Thousands of farmers whose net income for 1920 equaled or exceeded the exemptions of \$1,000 for single persons and \$2,000 for married persons will be required to file on or before March 15, 1921, income tax returns for the year 1920.

As an aid to farmers the Bureau of Internal Revenue has prepared a special form, 1040F, for recording sales of live stock, produce, and a

summary of income and expense. This form should be attached to the taxpayer's individual return on Form 1040 or 1040A. Full instructions for making out the forms are contained in each.

Under gross income a farmer is required to include all proceeds derived from the sale of farm products whether produced on a farm or purchased for resale. When he exchanges his produce for groceries, clothing, or other merchandise he must include in his income the value of the articles received and exchanged. Profit received from the sale of farm land or rent received for the use thereof must also be included.

THE New Year will have to conform to some very old rules which will continue because they are good rules. But that is no reason why the New Year should put up with old mistakes and abuses. At its very threshold we find every element of prosperity present---the need the men, the material---and yet because of money conditions there is a slow-up. Either there ought to be enough money to carry the essential activities of the country, or a curtailment of money's power to stop things. There is more wealth than money; and as long as real wealth is compelled to wait on the fictitious wealth which is measured in gold, troubles will continue. Here is a task for 1921.

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