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HONG KONG KOLUM

I'm a lucky guy. I found a tray of diamonds the other day—in a pack of cards. Cachoo!

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Jack Pleasant has made a hit as comedian in a new play, "Billy Crusoe," at the Theater Royal, Manchester, England. (A pleasant sort of hick, likely.)

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Sir: My assistant penned this today, intending to send it to the Mail Tribune: "Wanted—Girl to sew buttons on glove department of — — —."—Art.

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Here's another knockout play Art: Wanted—A dog by a little boy with pointed ears."

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Fixin' 'Em to the Cows

Prof. Mehner, in the Hamburger Nachrichten, declares newspapers can now be made into excellent fodder by a simple chemical process. But the way the censors have cut the papers down the cows are liable to have a lean season.

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We are informed by the local newspapers that Lake Grey is busy husking corn at Lossine, Ill.

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Today's Challenger

George Bernard Shaw tells of a doctor friend who was strolling through a cemetery one day with the local minister. Near by, Sandy, an old grave digger, paused to tip his hat. As the two men moved, Sandy straddled from the pit and followed them. After a while the doctor, who was walking ahead, turned.

"Why do you follow us, Sandy?" he asked.

"Ah guess Ah knew we were to be 'buried together,' said Sandy.

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Where the Cold Goes Into Action

When tailors take the measure of some men they make them pay in advance.

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There is a persistent rumor that Henry Ford has become sick and discouraged.—Nebraska City (Neb.) News. (No, his agents are still coaxing it always.)

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Keep Them Guessing

(From the Kewaunee, Wis., News.) Miss Irene Thomas and Mr. Miles Thompson entertained Mr. Field and at Tuesday, last week.

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Sir: I went to pay my taxes yesterday. My car goes from the farm herself up to the counter. "Young man!" an official at the desk; "what do you mean by writing on this bill, 'pay with thanks?' I give you good cash money and you have it!"—Lesson.

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Send to a Underwood, Mo., South Dakota.

If wife can't cook, don't dress up. Just tell her she looks fat for a jet.

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Not Anything

Young Man (dining with "her")—Waiter, may we have a spoon?

Waiter—Sure, go ahead! if you don't mind the people around.—Boston Transcript.

Digestory Hard Knocks

Do you have pains in the region of the heart? Does your heart thump? Is terrific pounding alarms you? What is wrong? Do you believe these symptoms occasion much pain. Nearly all of these pains are caused by some derangement of the stomach. Meritol Tonic Digestive is especially recommended for indigestion and dyspepsia, and for restoring the stomach to its normal functions and—no more "heart disease." Price $1. Exclusive agents, Haskins' Drug Store.—Adv. tf

With Medford trade is Medford made.

WHY THIS FRENZIED HASTE?

IN an article in the Saturday Evening Post, H. G. Wells, the British author, asserts that the prophet emerging with greatest honor from the war is Bloch, a Russian, who a score of years ago predicted that a struggle between fairly equal antagonists must end in a deadlock because of the continually increasing efficiency of intrenched infantry, giving the defensive an advantage over the most brilliant strategy and over vastly superior numbers that would discourage all aggression. He concluded that war was played out and would soon be a thing of the past.

Mr. Wells points out how, with the battle of the Marne, the Victorian era of fighting vanished, supplanted by Bloch's fortified trenches, ushering in twentieth century warfare. Only when Russian munitions failed in the east, compelling retreat, has there been a lapse into the old style of fighting. Even on the Gallipoli peninsula Bloch's system triumphed. It was the failure of the entente allies to grasp the principles of Bloch as Germany grasped them, which made possible the seizure of Belgium and the march toward Paris.

The war's deadlock will be ended, predicts Mr. Wells, by general exhaustion of both sides. As he puts it:

> It will dawn upon Europe that she has already dissipated the resources that have enabled her to levy the tribute paid for her investments in every quarter of the earth, and that neither the Germans nor their antagonists will be able for many years to go on with those projects for world exploitation which lay at the root of the great war. Very jaded and anaemic nations will sit about the table on which the new map of Europe will be drawn. Each of the diplomatists will come to that business with a certain preoccupation. Each will be thinking of his country as one thinks of a patient of doubtful patience and temper who is coming to out of the drugged stupor of a crucial, ill-conceived and unnecessary operation. Each will be thinking of Labor, wounded and perplexed, returning to the disorganized factories from which Capital has fled.

It is evident that warfare has been revolutionized by trench fighting and that all the advantage lies with the defense. This is one of the many lessons being taught by the war. Why is it not sound business and common sense for the United States to await the war's conclusion and benefit by the results before embarging upon a frenzied program of preparedness, that may become obsolete before realized?

We are hysterically told that we need the biggest navy—we already have the second largest—and an army of a million to resist invasion at the War's conclusion, despite our isolation, by "jaded and anaemic nations" worn out and bankrupted by the insane folly of preparedness in Europe.

There will be plenty of time to prepare for mythical enemies after the lessons of war being taught at others' expense have been learned.

MEXICAN INTERVENTION

WHEN Mexican intervention was first talked of under the Taft administration, the military board reported to the president that an initial appropriation of $500,000,000 and an army of 350,000 men would be required as the first step for armed invasion. Should the war extend over any period of time, the expenditures would soon exceed a billion dollars.

Following the seizure of the principal cities would come an extended guerilla warfare, with practically the entire population in arms. The military task would degenerate into a huge police problem, similar to that now faced by Carranza. All railroad lines and all towns would have to be garrisoned. A reign of oppression and bloodshed would result in the further exploitation of the nation by American millionaires.

Armed intervention in Mexico would mean the adoption of the European gospel of force and the abandonment of the American ideal that just government must rest upon the consent of the governed—the inalienable right of man; the substitution of old world empire for new world republic.

The Mexicans, handicapped by ignorance, doctrinism, cruelty and tyranny, have, nevertheless, succeeded through the revolution in manifesting their power and should be aided in every way possible to work out their own salvation by their big sister republic to the north. South American republics worked their way laboriously through similar epochs of violence to stability of government, and Mexico should be given every opportunity to follow in their footsteps.

Hotheads who would declare war because a gang of bandits murdered Americans should remember that because the nation has the power to crush a weaker one, it does not justify the abandonment of the ideals of liberty to accomplish it—nor has a just cause of war been established. When the de facto government massacres Americans because they are Americans, it will be time to talk of armed intervention.

Tales of the Town

And met Judge Kelly,
On the street.
And he bowed me off.
When I tried to dodge,
And he took my hand,
And patted me on the back.
And said;
"Where have you been,
I haven't seen you."
And I didn't want to tell him,
He had looked over my head.
When we passed.
Because he was said,
About the alley,
Leading to our garage.
And he is a big man.
And I am afraid of him,
When he is mad.
So I lied and said,
I had to get back.
And told him I was sorry,
But I didn't have the quarter.
I owed him,
But would pay him,
When I got it.
But he said,
"Don't worry
"About such a little thing
"Any time will do."
And he slapped my back.
And left me.
And I wondered why.
He was so friendly.
But when I got home.
I knew,
For the alley was fixed.
And I went to thank.
Mayor Emerick,
Or Mr. Arnspiger.
Or someone.
For fixing it,
For Kelly and I,
Now speak.
When we pass.

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BRITISH EVACUATE PHALERON, GREECE

BERLIN, Jan. 18, via London.—The Cologne Gazette received information today to the effect that the French and British troops which landed at Phaleron near Athens, have returned to their ships.

HERE'S MODEL FARM; IT'S LARGEST SNAKE FARM IN THE WORLD

Dr. Vital Brasil of Sao Paulo, Brazil, who is shown in the lower picture, runs the largest snake farm in the world and is the world's greatest authority on snakebites and their cure.

Dr. Brasil has made a long study of the poison of snakes and has been placed in charge of the "farm" shown above by the Brazilian government. All sorts of snakes are bred at the "farm."

Their venom is extracted and is injected in small doses into the veins of mules. When the blood of the animal is charged with the poison the mule is killed and from the blood a serum is made.

In this way Dr. Brasil has evolved a cure for almost every one of the many varieties of poisonous snakes known to South American countries.

RATE EXPERTS ORGANIZE TRAFFIC LEAGUE FOR COAST

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—Announcement was made here today of the organization of the Pacific Coast Traffic league, comprising the leading traffic experts of chambers of commerce, manufacturers and merchant associations and other trade organizations of the Pacific coast, which, according to its organizers, is expected to exert a great and beneficial influence in freight traffic matters as well as make its weight felt with the interstate commerce commission. Seth Mann of this city was yesterday elected president of the league.

Among the objects which the league hopes to accomplish are these:

To induce congress to increase the interstate commerce commission from seven to nine members.

To bring about regular hearings on the Pacific coast by a board of three of the proposed nine members of the inter-state commerce commission superseding the commission's present custom of merely sending a representative known officially as an "examiner."

To establish the shippers' right to appeal from negative orders of the interstate commerce commission.

To force the railroad's transcontinental freight bureau to hold on the Pacific coast all its meetings pertaining to Pacific coast rates, instead of holding them in Chicago.

To insist upon publication of the trans-continental freight bureau's docket in advance of its meetings.

To secure lower telegraphic rates on cereal and livestock quotations.

In addition to President Seth Mann, the officers elected for the league were: W. A. Hears, Seattle, vice-president; John S. Willis, San Francisco, secretary; and E. P. Gregson, Los Angeles; J. N. Teal and J. H. Lotshaw, Portland, Or., and Geo. J. Bradley, Sacramento, Cal., directors.

RANSOM SAVES SIX AMERICANS

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 18.—Dr. E. R. Pelsier of the National Mining & Smelter company at Magistral, Durango, one of the refugees who arrived early today, told of having been stood up with six other Americans, waiting to be shot by the followers of General Bracamonte, who shot up the camp and took everything in sight about a week ago. The cutting of the wires to Parral at the time prevented an appeal for help. The Americans were saved on payment of 1000 pesos.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

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NICHOLAS FIGURES ALLIES CAUSE LOST DECLARES BERLIN

BERLIN, Jan. 18, by wireless.—"Berlin newspapers," says the Overseas News agency, "in expressing satisfaction over the surrender of Montenegro, point to the political abilities of King Nicholas and recall the fact that the emperor of Russia called him his 'unique friend.'

"It is argued by the press in its comment that if King Nicholas was disinclined to follow the example of King Peter of Serbia, who at his home in an Italian palace, they say, awaits final victory of his allies after having been deserted by them, the reason is that he considers the entente cause lost.

"The newspapers declare it is now perfectly clear that extreme measures taken by the entente powers against Greece were in order to weaken the impression which the Montenegrin catastrophe would have.

"In commenting on the military consequences of Montenegro's submission the newspapers point out that the roads to Scutari are now open and that by determined strokes, Austria-Hungary has shattered the whole political structure reared in Italy in pursuance of her efforts to drive Austria-Hungary from the Adriatic."

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The Paris correspondent of the Times learns that the Serbian government will establish itself in France, probably at Aix En Provence, a city in the department of Bouches Du Rhone, a short distance north of Marseilles.

A Fine Aid For Mother-to-be

We are all greatly indebted to those who tell their experiences. And among the many things which we read about and are of immediate importance to the expectant mother, is a splendid external remedy called "Mother's Friend." This is applied over the muscles of the stomach. It is deeply penetrating in its influence. Mothers everywhere tell of its soothing effect, how it allays pains incident to stretching of cords, ligaments and muscles. They tell of restful comfort, of calm, peaceful nights, of absence of those distresses peculiar to the period of expectancy, relief from morning sickness, no more of that apprehension with which so many young women's minds become burdened. It is a splendid help. Get a bottle of "Mother's Friend" from your nearest druggist. Ask your husband to get it for you. Then write to Bradfield Regulator Co., 308 Lamar Bldg., Atlanta, Ga., for a very handsome and instructive book. It is filled with suggestive ideas of great help to all women interested in the subject of maternity. And best of all are some letters from mothers that will real inspirations. Write to-day.

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SHIPPING BILL TERMS APPROVED BY PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Tentative agreement on the terms of the administration shipping bill which will be pressed in congress this session, was reached today at a conference between President Wilson and Chairman Alexander of the house marine committee. Mr. Alexander said he would introduce the bill early next week and before doing so will make it public.

It is known to include provision for a shipping board to regulate rates in much the same way as the interstate commerce commission regulates railroads and also provides for acquisition of ships which can be used as naval auxiliaries.

"The bill will be much better and stronger than the one which failed in the last congress," said Representative Alexander, after his conference with the president.

Don't Merely "Stop" a Cough

Stop the Thing that Causes It and the Cough will Stop Itself

A cough is really one of our best friends. It warns us that there is inflammation or obstruction in a dangerous place. Therefore, when you get a bad cough don't proceed to dose yourself with a lot of drugs that merely "stop" the cough temporarily by deadening the throat nerves. Treat the cause—heal the inflamed membranes. Here is a home-made remedy that gets right at the cause and will make an obstinate cough vanish more quickly than you ever thought possible.

Put 2½ ounces of Pinex (50 cents worth) in a pint bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. This gives you a full pint of the most pleasant and effective cough remedy you ever used, at a cost of only 54 cents. No bother to prepare. Full directions with Pinex.

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Oil Treatment for Stomach Troubles

A simple prescription made up of a combination of pure vegetable oils is proceuing wonderful results for sufferers from stomach, liver and intestinal troubles. The remedy, which is said to have originated in France, where it has been used for years by the peasantry, was introduced into this country by George H. Mayr, a leading Chicago druggist, who cured himself of severe stomach, liver and intestinal troubles by its use. Those who have used it say the first dose is sufficient to convince any one of its remarkable merit, and that within twenty-four hours the sufferer feels like a new person. This medicine, which has become known as Mayr's Wonderful Remedy, is sold by leading druggists everywhere with the positive understanding that your money will be refunded without question or quibble if ONE bottle fails to give you absolute satisfaction.—Adv.

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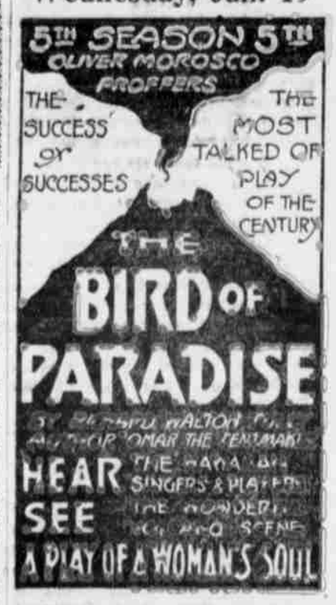

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