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EM-TEES

THE HOTEL LOBBY.

What has become of the old fashioned dime museum, George? Y' got me, Sol. Well, Roland, it's gone. The twin jitney museum is now ancient. Since the masses got acquainted with hotel lobbies the lid was nailed down hard on the freak emporiums and smothered with moth balls.

Go into a hotel lobby any time of the day or on the way home in the morning, hide behind a palm (we don't mean the bell hop—he's here that ain't 'til he's gone). Get your orbs focused and watch the tricking freaks or lobby leopards in their native haunts.

For instance, see that very important looking Luke strutting around wearing his soft hat a la devil may care father in rich sort of a way? Lookit him putting on airs. Now he goes up to the desk; asks if there is a telegram or some mail. Out loud now, so every one can hear you: "I'm expecting a telegram from N' York. I'll be in the dining room."

Then he goes up to the porter and asks, not very loud, but just so he can be heard two blocks away: "I say, porter. When is the next train for New Orleans?"

Oh, he's the best in the first race. There's many such as him, Ralph. Putting on phony dog. Wants everyone to think he's so bored with hotel life. Fifteen times out of 10 he's a salesman for men's partners or carries a sample case of sewing machine oil.

Look! Look! This one coming with a cane, apata, holding his hat in his hand and lard in his hair that he spent 25 minutes in front of a mirror slicking up. He's here because he hasn't got an electric sign on his back letting everybody know he's an actor.

C'mon Jake, let's hoof it away. Let's go over to Fogarty's gymnasium and watch Terrible Hennessy work out.

AUTO TAX DOUBLED; COUNTY LOSES FUND

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 14.—Lives on automobiles and automobile trucks are to be doubled under provisions of a bill passed by the house, and the proceeds will be applied to the state highway fund for distributing in counties outside of Multnomah.

This bill is a part of the legislative road program prepared by the joint house and senate committee on roads and highways, and is a companion to the general road code put through the house last week.

It is expected to raise approximately \$380,000 in cash next year and to increase from year to year as the number of automobiles in the state increases.

The money is to go into the general highway fund and to be expended under direction of the state highway commission.

The present law requires the money to be sent back to the respective counties in the ratio in which it was paid.

The Multnomah delegation in the house and senate have consented to an amendment that will permit all the money to be used outside Multnomah county. They believe that this will aid most substantially in developing the general road improvement throughout the state.

Mrs. C. J. Sevion underwent an operation for appendicitis Tuesday. Dr. Porter, the attending surgeon, reports his patient doing finely.

MAIL ORDER AND CHAIN STORE MENACE

DURING the past year 17,372 business concerns with a capital of less than \$5000 failed. According to Bradstreet's commercial agency, a very large proportion of these failures were due to the immense expansion of mail-order business and chain-store systems.

The truth is that independent retail dealers are being rapidly crushed between the upper millstone of the mail-order houses and the lower millstone of the chain-store systems. The old-style grocer will soon be as rare a specimen as the ichthyosaurus or the pterodactyl if the chain-stores and mail-order houses continue to expand at the phenomenal rate of the last six months.

Within the last few days the merger of more than 1300 grocery stores in Philadelphia and the immediate vicinity has been announced. These stores command a total business of more than \$50,000,000 a year, which represents more than one-third of the total grocery trade of the territory covered. In addition to this new merger, there are at least a dozen other chain-store systems in Philadelphia alone. It would be conservative to estimate that at least half the retail grocery business of Philadelphia in future will be done by chain-stores.

Similar mergers are being made throughout the country and there is now hardly a city of more than 20,000 people that is without one or more chain systems. The chain-store idea is hardly fifteen years old, as far as the retail grocery field is concerned, and yet it seems probable that one-fourth of the grocery business of the larger cities is today being done on that system.

Everybody remembers the little shops that used to sell "notions." Nobody ever knew what notions were, and they will have little chance to find out, for the little notions shops have been almost wiped off the map by the five-and-ten-cent stores.

As an index to the expansion of the mail-order business, the recent report of Sears-Roebuck shows that their sales increased \$31,000,000 during the last year. Other houses show an almost equally rapid expansion, and the rich profits that have been reaped are bringing new companies into the field every day. Sears-Roebuck earned 26 1/2 per cent on its common stock last year.

Chicago mail-order houses are today selling groceries, shoes, dry goods and hardware in Washington, Philadelphia and New York. Mail-order catalogues, which used to be seen only in the backwoods, are now cropping up in city houses all over the country.

Up to date it is possible the chain-stores and mail-order houses have given the consumers appreciably lower prices, particularly on staples; but isn't it about time some consideration was being given as to what the results will be if the entire retail business of the country comes under the control of these far-reaching combinations of capital?

"CUPID'S APPLE ORCHARD"

"FOUND—Cupid's apple orchard; Medford, Oregon, is place where Chicago's mis-mated folk find happiness again," are the headlines in the Chicago Journal over an extended write-up of our "colony of new romances." Continuing, the Journal says:

"Medford, Oregon, stands an excellent chance of being hailed as the twentieth century edition of the Garden of Eden.

"Medford is situated in the heart of the great apple-growing country of the northwest, marriage statistics of the Chicago colony resident there tend to show that apples of love and of wisdom are raised in that section as well as the commoner fruits of commerce. In Medford, lovely Medford, philogyny as well as pomology, appears to flourish."

Reno has long reigned as the place where mismatched secured separation. Medford, however, aspires to fame as the place of new romances. A wonderful climate, beautiful scenery, ideal occupation, combine to make it the permanent abode of Cupid.

Come hither, all ye unhappy, not only from Chicago, but from all parts of the world, and find new happiness and content among the perfumed blooms of our famous orchards and wander hand in hand through love's paradise, the new Garden of Eden! Dream again love's sweet young dream under smiling skies, amid verdure-clad hills, beside silvery streams!

FISH LOBBYISTS BACK FROM SALEM

Chris Gottlieb and W. F. Isaacs returned Wednesday from Salem, where they lobbied on successfully in behalf of the Rogue River fish bill, closing the Rogue to gillnets and seines. In response to requests from Medford, they spent Tuesday at the capital in behalf of an amendment to the irrigation bill and secured the senate committee's promise to cut the property voting requirement for irrigation districts down to one acre, from the two-acre limit, inserted by Representative Gore. This will eliminate the town lot owners from participation in district affairs, but enable most of the little ranchers to have a vote.

Both Messrs. Gottlieb and Isaacs think the South Hill extending the fishing season in Josephine county to 105 days instead of 69, doomed to defeat in the house.

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HOPE TO AVOID BREAK

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sea-fighting whether there are Americans on board torpedoed vessels. No concessions could be made to the United States, which would render negative the nature of the new submarine warfare even for the sake of the highly valued friendship of the United States.

"It therefore remains with America to find means which will permit the maintenance of normal relations, according to the American conception, between America and the dual monarchy, even with the continuance of intensified submarine warfare.

The negotiations between the Austro-Hungarian foreign office and the American ambassador have up to now led to no result but a negative or positive settlement may be reached in a few days."

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BERNSTORFF SETS SAIL FOR HOME ON FREDERICK VIII

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made it clear that the next time he went to congress it would not be to ask for war, but in connection with protection to American shipping. What does that mean? To me personally that could mean but one thing, namely, the conveying of ships.

And Count Von Bernstorff does not believe that ships conveyed would be subject to attack, although he feels a great element of danger is attached to such a procedure. Turning to American neutrality, he said:

"You have shipped your goods to the allies because they had command of the seas. If the conditions had been reversed and the German navy, instead of the British, had that command, you would have shipped your goods to us. Naturally, any person's sympathies are where he does business. You can't blame him for that."

Works Both Ways. "Let us consider humanity and international law. There has been a cry against Germany on the ground that we have violated the rights of the former and the principles of the latter. But it is a poor rule that does not work both ways.

"Is it not a violation of the rights of humanity for the British to try to starve out the non-combatant population? Our women and our German babies! There is nothing humane in that. Are not the principles of international law being violated every hour by the British. Even your government, in a most excellent note, has declared the British blockade of Germany to be illegal and indefensible.

Prospects Favor War. "I said it was possible for war to be averted, didn't I, of course you must understand that is conditional upon Germany being able to bring the entente to its knees before anything happens to involve the United States. The submarine campaign is bound to increase in intensity as the weather gets warmer."

The former ambassador was asked whether he thought the warning contained in the German note announcing the new submarine policy was directly responsible for the severance of diplomatic relations, would serve to keep Americans out of the danger zones. He replied hopefully:

"If it only does! Then everything will be all right. If no Americans are killed, there will be no war. I hope that war can be averted."

HOBOKEN, N. J., Feb. 14.—The special train carrying Count Von Bernstorff, formerly German ambassador to the United States, and his suite from Washington, arrived at the railroad terminal here at 6:26 a. m.

In addition to the Count and Countess Von Bernstorff the Frederick VIII carried high officials of the German embassy and a number of consular officers from different parts of the country, who have availed themselves of this opportunity to get safely home. Among the latter is Dr. Karl L. Dulsberg of the San Francisco consulate.

650 Cabinet Passengers. The Frederick VIII will carry 600 passengers in her first, and 250 in her second class cabins, the largest number she ever booked. Among them is the Baroness Zwiadinek, wife of Baron Erich Zwiadinek, who was designated charge d'affaires of the

Austrian embassy after the dismissal of Ambassador Dumoa.

Another passenger is Wolf Von Igel, who was arrested in connection with alleged plots to blow up the Welland canal and was permitted to leave the country, although under \$20,000 bail on pending indictments. After the count and his party had boarded the ship, Collector Malone and his guards lined up behind a wooden fence at the street end of the pier and prevented persons other than passengers from passing.

AMERICAN SCHOONER SUNK

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schooner Lyman M. Law was sunk on February 12 off the coast of Sardinia by a hostile submarine, says a Stefani dispatch from Cagliari, Sardinia, today. The vessel was loaded with agricultural machinery, the dispatch adds.

The crew of twelve, of which eight were Americans, says the message, have been landed at Cagliari.

Carried Box Shocks.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The Lyman M. Law carried a crew of nine men in addition to her captain, all Americans, and was loaded with lumber material used in Italy for manufacture of lemon crates, according to the schooner's agents here, the Maritime Transportation company.

The Lyman M. Law, Captain Chat-

field, was last reported on her departure from Stockton, Me., for Palermo, Sicily. She was owned by the Benedict-Manson Marine company of New Haven, Conn. Her gross tonnage was 1300. She was built in 1899 at West Haven, Conn.

No Contraband Aboard. BANGOR, Me., Feb. 14.—The schooner Lyman M. Law, reported sunk on Monday by a submarine, sailed from Penobscot Bay on January 6 with 6000 boxes of lemon box shooks, taken on at Stockton, a week earlier. There was no contraband aboard, according to the T. J. Stewart Co. of this city, the shippers of the cargo. The schooner was to go direct to Palermo without touching at any other port. The cargo was valued at \$31,200 and was insured.

May Be Overt Act.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—On the basis of news dispatches, the government began seeking official information of the destruction of the American schooner Lyman M. Law by a submarine, to determine at once how the case affects the delicate situation between Germany and the United States.

The dispatch was taken to indicate that the Law was sunk in the Mediterranean, where Austria also is conducting submarine operations.

The main points to be determined are whether the ship was attacked without warning, whether she carried contraband and whether any American lives were lost.

The United States considers the sinking of a ship carrying contraband as a doubtful right, but as in the cases of the sailing ship William P. Frye and the steamer Housatonic, has not considered it a violation of international law to be compared with destruction of life.

Whether the destruction of the Law will turn out to be the "overt act" of the submarine campaign will have to depend on the exact facts.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor: My attention was called for the first time, this morning, to an article in the Tribune, headed, "Attention Property Owners." This article was inserted without my knowledge, and immediately upon my attention being called to it, I ordered the parties who were responsible for it to immediately cause it to be discontinued as far as I was concerned. I wish it distinctly understood that I personally am not asking for contributions, nor will I in person receive any from individual property owners.

I have been employed by a committee of property owners and my arrangements were made with them for my compensation, and for expense money to carry on the suit that has been brought to test the validity of the Hanson plan. R. R. McCABE.

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Medford, Oregon, Jan. 18, 1917 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This is to certify that I, the undersigned, had very severe stomach trouble and had been bothered for several years and last August was not expected to live, and hearing of Gim Chung (whose Herb Store is at 241 South Front street in Medford) I decided to get herbs for my stomach trouble, and I started to feeling better as soon as I used them, and today am a well man and can heartily recommend anyone afflicted as I was to see Gim Chung and try his Herbs. (Signed) W. R. JOHNSON, Witnesses:

M. A. Anderson, Medford. S. B. Holmes, Eagle Point. Frank Lewis, Eagle Point. Wm. Lewis, Eagle Point. W. L. Childreth, Eagle Point. C. E. Moore, Eagle Point. J. V. McIntyre, Eagle Point. Geo. B. Von der Hellen, Eagle Point. Thos. E. Nichols, Eagle Point. John S. Orth, Medford.

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