MADE FRIENDS FOR COLONIES

Benjamin Franklin's Successful Diplomacy in France Meant Much to Young Country.

The first diplomat to represent the United States at a foreign court was Benjamin Franklin, who acted in Paris as official "agent" of the infant republic in France. The crossing of the Atlantic in the sloop Reprisal had occupied over a month, and Doctor Franklin had had many thrilling escapes from pursuing British vessels. Franklin was given a cordial reception in France, although his refusal to wear a sword or wig when presented at court shocked the fashionables. The greatest writers and philosophers of that golden age in France delighted to honor Doctor Franklin, and even the venerable Voltaire paid tribute to the genius of the American. Franklin remained in France nine years. At first he was merely the agent of "the American rebels," and had no official diplomatic standing, but even in this capacity he had sufficient influence to bring about the treaty of alliance between France and the Colonies, which had so profound a moral effect on the Revolutionary struggle. He raised a large amount of money in France, and after the signing of the treaty became the first American minister to that country.

Splendid Fossil Collection.

Smithsonian institution has been enriched by a ton and a half of specimens taken during the last summer from the Burgess Pass fossil quarry in British Columbia, which was discovered less than ten years ago. The work was done mainly by Secretary Walcott of the institution, and his wife. In two months a section of the quarry 80 feet square was taken out, practically exhausting the site which has yielded some of the finest specimens of middle Cambrian fossils yet discovered and the finest invertebrate fossils yet found in any formation. Large blocks of hard shale were first blasted loose, than carefully split with chisel and hammer to expose any fossil remains between the laminae. The shale has preserved for some twenty million years animals that were as soft and incoherent as jellyfish, worms, crabs, etc, notwithstanding all the vicissitudes these rocks have since undergone from the time they were simply hardened mud. They have been subjected to much pressure and profound chemical change, but the fossils remain perfect.

Law Officer's Perquisite.

Kissing the policeman instead of the Bible, Mrs. Amelia Thompson, who was called as a witness for the defense in an assault case, at London, Eng., by her evidence got the accused acquitted. In the witness-box she took the Bible in her right hand. "Kiss it," said Sergt. Mason. "Must I?" inquired the lady. "By all means," responded the sergeant. "Well then, here goes; if it must be done, it must be, but it's a curious thing this law, as much kissing and hugging as if she was christening a baby," and she put her arms around the sergeant's neck, and gave him such a violent kiss that it resounded throughout the court. The magistrate called her a "stupid little thing" for misunderstanding what she was to do.

Uniform Type for the Blind.

American libraries for the blind are rejoicing over the fact that they will no longer be obliged to have books in five different kinds of raised letters in order to accommodate readers taught in different parts of the country and at different periods. After many years of discussion a uniform type, to be known as "revised Braille," has been agreed upon, and hereafter all books embossed in this country are to be in the new type. "The Deserter," by Richard Harding Davis, was the first book to be published in revised Braille. —Scientific American.

Brute!

Mrs. Heckel (with newspaper)—What's an autonomous state, Elmer?

Mr. Heckel (courageously)—The state of single blessedness.

TURKEY'S WAR DEBT SMALL

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 10.—(Correspondence of Associated Press.) The war debt of the Ottoman Empire is said by experts to have increased less than that of any other nation. Her bonded indebtedness was increased by only one new loan of about $80,000,000, and, adding to this other increases in obligations such as home military requisitions and advances from Austria and Germany, her war expenses ran to only $600,000,000. Consequently, allowing for various offsets, her postwar indebtedness amounts to about $1,000,300,000.

This would make it appear that Turkey "ran the war on a shoe string", financially, as compared to Great Britain with her $40,000,000,000 war debt, or France with $30,000,000,000, and the United States with $25,000,000,000 and Italy with possibly $15,000,000,000. It will be recalled that on paper the Ottaman Empire mobilized nearly 4,000,000 men, yet she escaped with something like the war expenses of a country like little Rumania or Bulgaria.

The record of the Turkish war indebtedness is unique. The Empire met war costs by requisitions and by printing in Germany 155,000,000 Turkish paper pounds, or normally about $680,000,000 but this, according to the experts, cannot be considered a government liability.

It is not a financial burden as it bears no interest, and also the proper administration body of the Peace Conference can at will have it cancelled.

Turkey's paper money, it is claimed, has not depreciated as much as that of her Allies. Counterfeiters do not seem to have operated here extensively due, to the lack of Bolshevism and good printing presses. In Mesopotamia Turkish paper money is refused since the British occupation, which the Turks do not consider fair since the paper money was issued for the whole of the Ottoman Empire which made war as a whole.

The amount of Turkey's war reparation is yet to be determined.

LOW SCORES IN BOWLING MATCH

Jester's team won two games in three from Carter's last night in the Elks' series. Tonight there is no contest on account of the regular meeting of the ledge. Friday night Lavenik's meet Swanson's. Last night's scores:

Jester's—	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Ambrose	136	148	188	472
Ackley	174	146	202	522
Sheets	139	117	99	355
Riggs	163	110	148	421
Jester	162	177	190	529
	774	708	827	

Carter's—	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Carter	140	168	146	454
J. Moore	171	127	167	465
Van Riper	97	.....	.....	.....
Barry	.....	163	133	.....
Hayden	202	130	180	512
W. O. Smith	140	173	160	473
	750	761	786	

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