

YANK GIRL IN PARLIAMENT MEETS "WHIP"



Lady "Nancy" Astor, American woman—of the Langhorne of Virginia—and the first woman to sit in the British house of commons, got her first taste of politics when the party whip refused to let her leave the house during an important discussion. Her husband, Lord Astor, now in the "house of lords," son of Viscount William Astor—American who renounced his right for the British title—is making a fight to evade duties of the title and should be successful he will be a candidate against his wife for the seat in the house. She says she will not oppose him then.

LAUGHING IS GOOD EXERCISE FOR LIVER

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Laugh, shlimy your liver, and die happy. The old adage, "A laugh a day keeps the doctor away," has found many followers even among those who must depend upon the disabled livers of unsmiling persons for their bank deposits.

Prof. A. J. Carlson, of University of Chicago, declares that a hearty laugh is worth more than countless liver pills.

"The muscles of the diaphragm are exercised with a good, hearty laugh and that benefits the liver," says the professor. "However, the physical value of a laugh is not confined to the liver—the heart and circulatory and nervous systems are improved. Anger and hate cause depression and consequent evil influences on the stomach, liver and other organs."

VETERAN ENLISTS.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Jan. 9.—John Burklund, who has served in four wars, has enlisted again in the United States army. Burklund was in the Boer war, the Balkan war, the Spanish-American war and the Great War. He was only recently discharged from the American army.

He also served three years in the United States navy.

PREDICT INCREASE IN SHOE PRICES.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 9.—Today before the annual convention of the National Shoe Travelers' Association, J. B. Byrne of Rochester, N. Y., the president of the association, predicted a fifty per cent advance in the prices of shoes next summer.

TRAPPERS ARE BUSY

DILLON, Mont., Jan. 9.—The high price of coyote skins is stimulating hunting and trapping in this section. Muskrats, mink, marten, and fox also have been plentiful and all bring in big money.

The unusual snows have hampered the trappers, however, and they are coming in early to dispose of their furs and skins.

QUEER WEATHER

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 9.—This has been a "freak" winter in Montana. Late November and early December were almost the coldest in the history of the state. During the coal strike, when little fuel was to be had, the mercury hovered around 20 below, and often reached 30.

As soon as the miners resumed work, the temperature shot up and the latter part of December was balmy and grasshoppers were seen in the fields.

Apropos of the attempt to remove Garry Herrmann from the chairmanship of the National Commission, Mr. Herrmann declares that he has never been asked to resign by a majority of the major league club owners.

According to President Heydler, the National League magnates are in favor of a world's series of nine games. It remains for the American League moguls to sanction the proposal or kill it.

It is doubtful if the sprinters of this year's American Olympic team can duplicate the grand work of Ralph Craig, Don Lippincott and Alvah Meyer, the wonderful trio of the 1912 Olympic games.

An English publicist says that President Wilson in France was "attempting to master in a month what European diplomacy had studied through generations" and that he "had the same chance as a tallow rabbit in hell with an asbestos greyhound trailing his heels."

SAW COSSACK AT HIS BEST

Writer Waxen Enthusiastic Over Camp of Fiercely Men, "Soldiers to the Manner Born."

If you have read "Tarus Bulba," Gogol's story of the Cossack, then you will know what I mean when I say that last night I had a chance to see a real picture of the Cossack, writes William V. Duncan in the Yale Review. It was at sunset when over the tops of the white birches the heavens looked as if on fire, while to the right the clouds were like waves rolling over a sea of pink. I heard a shout, "The Cossacks are coming," and through the opening in the woods rode these lovers of war. The horse and the rider are one; both were tired, but there was something that told you that if the bugle had blown all the tiredness would have fallen away. They are soldiers to the manner born. War is life to them. If a thing is worth having it is worth fighting for. Even when they gathered in groups around the common pails and borrowed one another's spoons to eat the common meal their bearing was that of soldiers. Pigs can feed from a trough and you go away disgusted, but when you see these fellows back from a fight, diving into their mess, you stand to admire. Their leader was fully six feet seven inches tall, with a beard that said he was Russian of the Russians. All were well-formed, strong men, hardened to the out of doors. Their eschelon was not there, so they made themselves at home for the night on the ground. It was a sight to remember as our train pulled out of from the station, those Cossack groups around the fire, singing the songs of war in which their spirits revel.

OWE APPLE TREES TO FRANCE

Canadians Got Their First Shoots From a Nobleman Who Was Associated With Champlain.

It was from France that apple trees were first brought to Canada. A French nobleman named De Monts was associated with Samuel de Champlain in France's earliest colonizing projects in part of North America. Their first colony was planted on the rocky island of St. Croix, now Doucett's or Neutral Island, at the mouth of the River St. Croix, which forms part of the present boundary between New Brunswick and the state of Maine. After spending there the winter of 1604-05, the colonists removed to Port Royal, now Annapolis, Nova Scotia. The colonists were getting a foothold when their charter was revoked by the king of France in 1607, and the enterprise came to an end. However, in the following year Champlain founded Quebec, and shortly afterwards De Monts sent out to Champlain some young apple trees. They were planted and grew well. Such was the beginning of apple-growing in Canada. Twenty years later apple trees were introduced into that part of ancient Acadia that now forms the province of Nova Scotia.

Famous Women.

The comedy that was felicitously presented a season ago written around the life of George Sand was scarcely fair to her, though highly entertaining. George Sand, the genius, had her foibles, but she had a great brain. In her veins was the blood of kings and heroes, so, naturally, she was highly romantic and gathered into her category of passions the names of famous men of her time—the blasing epoch of genius, when Hugo, Balzac, De Musset, Dumas were at their zenith. Chopin, Heine and De Musset were George Sand's adorer. Her real name was Amantine Lucile Aurore, Baroness Dudevant. As the author of "Consuelo," "Lidia," "Valentine," she has a sure niche in the hall of fame. Her morals could bear reproach; she seemed to expect and excite love without loving. That she turned her varied annatory experiences into "copy" may or may not be true. That she was an inspiration to gifted men is an established fact. The perfect Nocturnes of Chopin arose. In large measure, from his sorrows and joys with George Sand. She made \$40,000 by her writings.

Gastronomic Animals.

One occasionally hears the question: "Is it Welsh rarebit or Welsh rabbit?" It is Welsh rabbit, "Rarebit" is only an altered form of the "rabbit," an afterthought intended to simulate an absurd derivation from "rare" and "bit," as the Century dictionary characterizes it. "Welsh rabbit" (itself is "genuine slang" and belongs to the class of names of jocular origin. There are many others; an Essex lion is a calf; a Fieldlane duck is a baked sheep's head; Glasgow magistrates or Norfolk capons are red herrings; Irish apricots or Munster plums are potatoes; and Gravesend sweetmeats are shrimps, to name over a few examples taken from English usage. At the moment the only American samples that can be offered are the Albany beef (sturgeon) and Cape Cod turkey (codfish).

Pity for the Poor Poet.

Many poets have complained to us because newspapers do not pay for poetry. Really, we do not think that poets should ask pay any more than someone should ask pay for sunshine, rain, the dew of the morning, starlight or the moon.

For, all that those things are to the body, poetry is to the soul. Poetry, like virtue, should be its own reward. Moreover, there is an old maxim which says "Poets are born, not paid."—Los Angeles Times.

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RARE GEMS.

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"I ain't got no book learning and I hope I ain't writing for inflammation. Just a'He to let you know that I am a widow and four children. She is staying at a dissipated house."

"Previous to his departure we were married to a Justice of Peace. He was inducted into the surface."

"I have a four months old baby and she is my only support. I was discharged from the Army for a Goller which I was sent home for."

"A lone woman and paralytic dependent."

"I did not know my husband had a middle name and if he did I don't think it was "none."

"As I need his assistance to keep me enclosed (in clothes?) Owing to my condition which I haven't walked in three months for a broken leg which is No. 75."

"Kind Sir or She: I enclose loving yours."

"I am left with a child seven months old and she is a baby and can't work. I received \$61, and am certainly provoked tonight."

"Q. Your relationship to him? Answer: Just a mere aunt and a few cousins."

"And he was my best supporter. I received my insurance Polish and have since moved my Post Office."

"I am his wife and only air. You asked for my allotment number. I have four boys and two girls. Please correct my name as I could not and would not go under a consumed name."

"Abstract of a letter from a boy to his mother: I am writing in the Y. M. C. A. with a piano playing in my uniform."

"Mrs. Wilson I need help bad, see if the President can't help me. Please return my marriage certificate, baby haant eaten in three days. I need him to see after me. Both sides of our parents are old and poor. Please send me a wife's form."

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FORCEFUL PREACHER.

Dr. S. A. Danford, who is here preaching every afternoon and evening at the Methodist church is Superintendent of the Klamath District of the Methodist church and has been pastor of some of the leading churches in the country. He is a great Bible expositor and handles the scriptures in a masterly manner. He is accompanied by a great song leader, Mr. Arthur Johnston. 8-9

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