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board discloses how completely the
United States has taken the place of
Great Britain as the world's banker,
the leading investor in foreign enter-
prises. In addition to the \$11,000,000,
000 war loans by the United States to
the allies, private American capital
has advanced \$4,000,000,000 to foreign
borrowers since 1914. With trade
credits taken into account, it is esti-
mated that the world owes us between
\$15,000,000,000 and \$18,000,000,000.Time was when the United States
was a debtor nation, with England and
other foreign nations heavy investors
in our enterprises. Now we are a
creditor nation and garnering profits
abroad.More than \$2,000,000,000 of Ameri-
can capital is now invested in foreignenterprises paying dividends of hun-
dreds of millions of dollars, and the
volume of American investment abroad
is increasing daily.The balance of trade in favor of the
United States represents a continuous
credit piled up in foreign countries to
the order of American manufacturers,
farmers and exporters. That item
alone represents a loan that totals
many millions at any given time.The billions more or less permanent-
ly invested in foreign countries place
the United States in an advantageous
position to increase its export trade.
Foreign purchases flow to the country
which loans its dollars to build and
operate factories, railroads and in-
dustries generally.American dollars are now building
ment packing plants in South America,
cement factories in China, knitting
mills and machinery to operate in
Japan, municipal docks in France,
street car lines in Switzerland and
railroads throughout Europe.Millions are invested each month in
the United States in bonds and other
securities offered for sale by foreign
governments and foreign municipali-
ties. Listed in the New York exchanges
are the bonds of a dozen foreign cities
and governments.

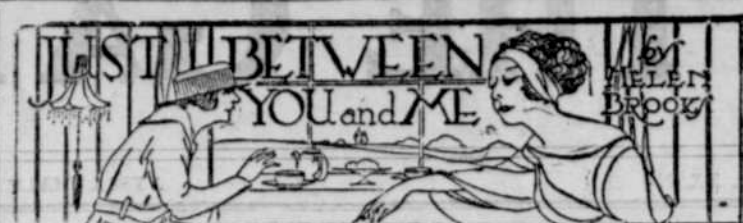
Belated Justice for "Boy Desperadoes"

THREE small boys, seven, eight and
eleven, now serving five-year prison
terms for alleged burglary of a post
office in West Virginia, soon will gain
their liberty and be returned to their
parents through the interest and inter-
vention of Mrs. Warren G. Harding.Investigation of their cases by the
Department of Justice, which followed
Mrs. Harding's intervention, disclosed
an unusual chain of circumstances
which led to the imprisonment of these
"youthful desperadoes." Officials said
they never should have been sentenced.
They already have served about six
months in the national reform school.The lads are Andy Bergola, seven;
Frank Boska, eight, and Teddy Bos-
ka, eleven. Their parents live at
Welfton, W. Va. They were tried in
the Federal court of northern West
Virginia before Judge Baker and were
sentenced along with seven other older
boys, ranging in years up to fifteen,
each to five years at penal servitude.The chief evidence against the
youngsters, it is shown now, was fur-
nished by bloodhounds. The dogs used
by the police of Weirton took up a
scent at the point of the alleged rob-
bery and tracked it through the woodsto a settlement of steel workers. There
police gathered up the ten boys and,
on what now is said to have been pure-
ly circumstantial evidence, all were
found guilty.The attorney general's investigation
showed the three youngsters, along
with the seven other alleged "des-
peradoes," as they were called by the
district attorney, were put through
the third degree and that police offi-
cers at Weirton wrung confessions of
guilt from the boys. They later denied
their guilt and so pleaded, but appar-
ently were victims of police prejudice.
In a locality where the steel workers
are under the lash of police authori-
ties.

Field Service for Many Army Officers

NEARLY a dozen colonels, a score
of lieutenant colonels and more
than 60 majors are included in a list
of 164 army officers to be relieved from
duty in Washington before the end of
the present fiscal year and assigned to
field service issued by the War depart-
ment. The others are captains and lieutenants.The list also carries the names of
28 officers who will be detached from
their present duty in the War depart-
ment as soon after the end of the fiscal
year as is possible to permit them to
attend the service school classes
opening in August and September. The
total number of officers to be thus
transferred from War department serv-ice to the other activities of the army
is 192, with six additional staff offi-
cers to complete their four-year term
of service by early fall and return to
duty with troops.The reduction in officer personnel in
Washington was made possible as a
result of a study ordered by Secretary
Weeks to determine the extent to
which war activities had been closed
out sufficiently to permit additional
officers to be spared to stations "where
their services could be used to better
advantage."Every branch of the War department
was included in the reduction of of-
ficers personnel. From the general
staff, 21 officers were listed for im-
mediate transfer, 12 for transfer after
June 30 and 9 for release later in the
year on expiration of their four-year
term of duty.The office of the assistant secretary
of war will lose 13 officers immedi-
ately, due to closing out of war claims;
the air service, 9 officers; judge advo-
cate general's office, 18 officers; quar-
termaster general's office, 29 officers;
the chief of ordnance, 14 officers, and
the adjutant general, 17.

Sympathy Is All U. S. Can Give Armenia

SYMPATHY is all the United States
can give Armenia. The United
States sincerely hopes that the League
of Nations will be able to do some-
thing to relieve the political, economic
and financial condition of Armenia, un-
der the terms of the new agreement
which apparently has been reached
among the allied ministers to turn the
country over to the league for adminis-
tration.High administration officials admit-
ted that this country is watching de-
velopments in connection with the fate
of Armenia, with interest. It is known
that Secretary of State Hughes, him-
self, has always had a very sympa-
thetic attitude toward Armenia.The administration has not lost sight
of the fact that the allies offered the
United States a mandate over Armenia,
but the officials are bearing in mind
that any enterprise by this govern-
ment would undoubtedly call for the
use of a considerable body of troops in
the fight to evict the Bolsheviks who
are now in control.There is no lack of sympathy on the
part of this administration, it was as-
serted, but the fact remains that theAmerican people undoubtedly would
not stand for the necessary outlay of
men and money which would be in-
volved in any attempt to assist the
Armenians in their struggle for establi-
shment as a free and independent nation.The nation takes no cognizance of
the boundary lines drawn by an Ameri-
can commission at the instance of for-
mer President Woodrow Wilson. It was
stated at the State department.So far as this administration is con-
cerned there is no record of the so-
called Morgenthau commission, named
for former President Wilson for the
purpose of laying out the boundaries
of Armenia.This is your corner. Make use of it for your information on questions
that are puzzling you. It will be my pleasure and privilege to answer care-
fully and promptly all questions submitted to me. If a more detailed answer
than can be given in these columns is desired, send a stamped envelope and it
will be given prompt attention. All communications will always be held in
absolute confidence.All letters should be addressed very plainly in pen and ink to
Helen Brooks, Box 1545, Salt Lake City.

Miss Helen Brooks:

Please tell me what tribe of Indians
the Indian head on our Buffalo nickel
represents, if any.

F. J. Payson, Utah.

It was James Fraser who made the
design of the Buffalo nickel. The
head is a composite made from five
different models, and is the sculptor's
ideal of an American Indian. Before
the work on the relief was even begun
portrait busts were made from each
of the models, then portrait reliefs. This
means that ten distinct portraits were
completed before our new coin design
was started.

Dear Miss Brooks:

Will you please tell me when
Rudolph Valentino's next picture will
be released and also the name of it?
Thanking you very kindly for this in-
formation, I am,
HIS WORSHIPPER, Cusher, Ut."Beyond the Rocks" is Rudolph
Valentino's latest picture and will be
released the latter part of May or the
first of June.

Dear Miss Brooks:

I am going to write and ask you to
help me and I do hope my letter won't
be the waste basket. Miss Brooks,
what can a girl do to have friends like
the other girls and be popular? All
the other girls that I know here have
boy friends and are always going out
with them for auto rides and to shows
and parties, etc., but it seems I never
am asked to go anywhere, and the
other girls make fun of me. They say
it is because I am too cold and call
me a prude, and that if I would warm
up a little I could have friends, too;
but Miss Brooks, my mother always
told me it was not right for a girl to
let the boys kiss and hug her because
if she did she would always be sorry
when the right man came along. My
mother died a year ago, and it is so
hard to have no one to go to. Father
doesn't seem to understand and I have
no sisters. Do please tell me what to
do.
ALONE, Idaho Falls.My dear little girl, I surely would
like to be of help to you because I
know just how hard it is for you to
see your girl friends enjoying them-
selves while you must sit alone for the
reason that you want to live up to the
dear mother's teachings and not allow
the boys to take liberties. There is
only one thing you can do, and that is
to continue to be the dear sweet girl
I am sure you are, and though you may
miss out in these temporary pleasures,
one of these days a boy will come along
who will appreciate your unspoiled
sweetness because his mother will have
taught him as yours has taught you that
it is worth while not to play at the game
of love. You will be like a peach fresh
picked from the tree, while these other
girls will have all the bloom rubbed off.
Be jolly and gay with others, and I am
sure you will find before long that
these are boys who appreciate the girls
who do not care for hugging parties.
Write me again when you feel like it.

My Dear Miss Brooks:

We have a new arrival in our fam-
ily—the first, and we are so proud.
He is the dearest little boy you ever
saw, and has dark hair and eyes like
his daddy. We just can't think of a
name good enough for him. Won't
you please tell us a few that you like?
A name is something that has to be
carried all through life and we want
to get something that he will like, too.
Thank you so much for your trouble.
PERPLEXED, Pacatello.How happy you must be with the
new little life to take care of. I don't
wonder you want a nice name, and I'm
going to tell you the ones that are
really my favorites, but of course
tastes are so different that one cannot
tell what will suit some one else. I
like them short, don't you? Frank,
Carl, Kent, Shirley, Kenneth, Alan,
Owen. Do you like any of these?
And I think the custom of naming a
child after the mother's maiden name,
if it is appropriate, is a very nice one.
I hope this may be of help to you, and
I kiss the darling baby for me.

Dear Miss Helen Brooks:

While in Salt Lake recently I at-
tended the Shriner's Circus, and saw
an act in their show where they used
what they called a "boomerang." I
had never seen one before and it was
very interesting. Can you tell me why
it always came back to the stage?
Just an INQUIRER From Toole.A great deal of study has been de-
voted to finding why the boomerang
must be its exact shape. What are theconsequences if its shape is a little
different, what is the speed at which
it begins to curve, etc., etc., and a
great many of them are still undecided.
Briefly the boomerang is so shaped that
the air resists one part of it more than
another, so that it has to travel in a
curved path after its speed has slowed
down below a certain rate. As it
travels in a curve it more or less comes
back to the place from which it start-
ed. It is interesting to know that it
has been brought to perfection among
the natives of Australia, who are al-
most the lowest race of mankind.

Dear Miss Brooks:

Can you tell me why Boston is
called the Hub of the universe? Thank
you.

LOTTIE, Parowan, Utah.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, himself
a Bostonian, said in satire that the
Bostonians thought the dome of the
state house was the centre of the earth,
and that Boston therefore must be the
Hub. It might be added that Bostoni-
ans have a well grounded reason for
being proud of their city. Boston has
always been a leader in great move-
ments. When only a small town Har-
vard, the oldest college in the United
States was founded there. The best
in music, art and literature are also
found in this city. Hope to hear
from you again.

Dear Miss Brooks:

Can't you suggest a name that would
be appropriate for a jolly club of
girls which we are organizing? We
are all young girls, none over eighteen,
and are simply out for a good time—
we will tell jokes, play games, make
candy, and enjoy ourselves. We
thought of "The Aint We Got Fun
Club," but it is most too long and
clunky. Please tell us something ap-
propriate.

THE BUNCH, Payson.

I think for a jolly club of girls
which you describe, the name "Mine-
haha," meaning, as you no doubt know,
"Laughing Waters," would be very
pretty and appropriate. What do you
think?

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"LAND OF THE DE"

SYNOPSIS.—Wealthy Al-
lan placed in the Chicago
world, Benjamin Corvet
thing of a reclusive and a
to his associates. After
interview with his partner
Spearman, Corvet seeks
Sherill, daughter of a
business partner, Lawrence
rill, and secures from her
not to marry Spearman
return. He then disapp-
rill joins Corvet has writ-
certain Allan Conrad, in E-
ids, Kansas, and exhibits
agitation over the mat-
arrives in Chicago. From
ment of Sherill it ap-
able Conrad is Corvet's ill-
son. Corvet has seen
and its contents to Allan,
possession. That night,
covers a man ransacking
apartments over the mat-
Allan a ghost and raves of
waka. After a struggle th-
capes. Next day Allan lea-
Sherill that Corvet has d-
entire property to him. It
to Spearman, Allan is asto-
the discovery that he is
whom he had fought in
the night before. Spear-
at and defies him. Spear-
sons Constance's mind
Allan. Somebody tries to
in the night. Corvet's ind-
ant, Wassaquim, tells Als
leaves his employer in d-
also tells him the legend o-
Alan drum, which accord-
superstition beats once f-
life lost on the Great Lake-
ty years before, the great
Miwaka. He then goes d-
twenty-five on board, but f-
had sounded for only two
leaving the inference that
son had been saved. Als
has long been blackmailing
appears, talks mysteri-
dies.

CHAPTER X—Conti

But Luke had said not
Spearman. It had been C-
Corvet alone, of whom
spoken; it was Corvet who
accused; it was Corvet who
him money. Was it conce-
that there had been two suc-
Corvet's life? That one
events concerned the M-
Spearman and some one-
"with a bullet hole above
who had "got" Corvet; an-
other event had concerned
something else? It was no
ble, Allan was sure; it w-
thing. If Corvet had to d-
Miwaka, then Luke had had
it too. And Spearman? Bu-
man had been involved in
thing, had not Luke known
why had not Luke mentio-
man? Or had Spearman not
ly involved? Had it been
only evidence of knowledge
Corvet had done that Spe-
tried to discover and destr-
Allan went to the door a-
It, as he heard Spearman
steps again. Spearman w-
until the door had been re-
hind him."Well, Conrad, what was t-
bringing Miss Sherill into
I didn't bring her in; I
best I could to keep her ou-
"Out of what—exactly?""You know better than I
know exactly what it is.
that man, Spearman; you k-
he came here for. I don't me-
I mean you know why he
for money, and why he got i-
as well as I could, to make
me; but he wouldn't do it.
disgrace of some sort here, o-
disgrace that involves my f-
I think, you too. If you're
with my father, you'll help n-
you are guilty, then, at least
fusal to help will let me kno-"I don't know what you'
about. I told you this man
been known as a wheelman on
don't know more about him t-
I don't even know that cert-
course, I knew Ben Corvet w-
blackmail; I've known for y-
he was giving up money to
I don't know who he paid it
what."The strain of the last few
telling upon Allan; his skin f-
and cold by turns. He pace
down while he controlled him-"That's not enough, Spear-
said finally. "I—I've felt y-
how, underneath all these th-
first time I saw you, you w-
house doing something you
to have been doing; you f-
then; you would have killed
than not get away. Two w-
some one attacked me on th-
for robbery, they said; but I
wasn't robbery.""You're not so crazy as to
to involve me in that—"There came a sound to th-
the hall, a sound unmistak-
ing some presence. Spear-
suddenly up; Allan, going to
and looking into the hall, sa-
quim. The Indian evidently
turned to the house some tim-
he had been bringing to Allan
accounts which he had sent
seemed to have been standi-
hall for some time, listening
came in now, looking inquir-
one to the other of them."Not friends?" he inquired
and Henry?"