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### LEARNING FROM EXPERIENCE

A Washington dispatch states that it was learned recently that sweeping amendments to the neutrality laws of the United States will be recommended by President Wilson in his message to congress. The dispatch says that the president and leading members of his cabinet responsible for the enforcement of the neutrality laws—the secretaries of the navy, treasury and commerce and the attorney general—have been amazed to find that under existing laws it is possible to plot against the good name of the United States; to conspire to destroy the country's free institutions, and not be liable to any federal law. And so far the attempts to punish persons responsible under state laws have proved a complete failure. As an instance it is cited that there is no law to punish persons who send coal and supplies to belligerent warships outside of the three-mile limit, other than the custom laws. This, too, despite the fact that both sides in the European war have time and again used the United States for supply stations. The general propaganda that has been carried on throughout the United States cannot be stopped because no law is being violated. It is said that the president will make specific references to a great number of cases in his message to congress, advocating the suggested reform legislation. It also is expected that the president will advocate a more stringent regulation of espionage. Present laws affecting the protection of the American defense system are admittedly antiquated and useless.

This country while at peace with the world is learning some lessons from the unpleasant experiences of the year since the outbreak of the war in Europe between the professing Christian nations into which the Mohammedan land of the unspeakable Turk was finally drawn. The country ought to be a unit in support of President Wilson in whatever recommendation he may make upon this matter in his message to congress when it opens in December.

The Balkan nations are evidently watching the progress of the war very closely; determined if possible to line up on the winning side. For instance, ten days ago when the allies were smashing the German line with prospects of breaking through, Greece and Rumania were apparently very anxious to join forces with them and Bulgaria seemed to hesitate in her allegiance to the central empires. Now with the great offensive in the West brought to a standstill with small actual results, all the Balkan nations are apparently switching back in favor of the Austro-German cause. It will be remembered, too, that at the outbreak of the war these same nations were apparently in accord with the triple entente, and sentiment has gradually changed to the other side during Germany's successful drive against the Russians and the poor success of the allied fleet and forces in their operations against the Turks at the Dardanelles. The Balkan rulers are undoubtedly playing a deep game of politics—and considering their experiences in the past, it is difficult to see how they may be justly blamed for a desire to ally themselves with the dominant powers of Europe.

The reason for the election of Mayor Thompson, of Chicago, by such a large majority, was not political at all, as widely heretofore by the republicans. It seems it was a case of all the drinking men standing together in return for a pledge from Thompson that he would allow the city to run wide open. These facts come to light now because the mayor has endorsed Sunday closing of saloons, and written ante-election pledge to the United Liquor Dealers' association, has been made public by way of retaliation. Any candidate who could unite the liquor dealers and liquor drinkers of Chicago in his interest could carry the city by a majority as large as Mayor Johnson received, and it would make no difference what party ticket he ran on.

Lord Kitchener states that with plenty of men and munitions he can win the war. No doubt of it—but will he get them?

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### THE LITTLE THINGS OF LIFE

It is always the merest trifles rather than the big things of life, which indicate the manners and tastes of the average person. A glaring social error, a particularly rude action or a tactless speech are not made with too great frequency, but other less obtrusive faults are often committed—sometimes solely thought ignorance or want of thought.

It is just as grave a mistake to be too polite as to be abominably rude. The painstakingly polite person is very trying to encounter, for extremes often meet, and he generally succeeds in being actually illbred. For instance, there is always the man who, in the mistaken idea that a woman should precede him, allows her to fight her way first into a crowded train, descend unaided and walk before him into a restaurant that is rather full. He fondly imagines that he is being exceedingly polite, and it is only when the errors of his ways have been pointed out to him by some kindly soul that he suddenly realizes how aggravating he must have proved to the woman he has had the pleasure of escorting.

Removing his right glove before shaking hands with a lady; raising his hat when he offers a damsel his seat in a car; carefully piloting his fair companion across a crowded street; walking on the outside of the pavement and refraining from sitting when talking to a lady who happens to be standing, are all instances of those little things which mark the good breeding and thoughtfulness of a man. Unfortunately, in some cases, these things do not come by instinct, but rather through the hard school of experience.

The Philadelphia North American quietly points to Russia when it hears someone say the United States is too big and too populous to be invaded.—Exchange. Which is evidence that the job of editing a paper like the North American is too big a job for the fellow who is trying to do it.

When young Rockefeller worked in the Colorado mines with pick and shovel, it is not in the least likely that he broke the union rules by working over-time.

The announcement that John D. Rockefeller finally subscribed to the foreign war loan is coincident with the news that the price of gasoline is going up.



### Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason

### THE BURGLAR

The burglar goes swiping, while honest men sleep, their noses a-piping forth snores loud and deep. The burglar goes stealing, on pussy-foot boot, with deft fingers feeling around for the loot. He may get a spoon or a silver teapot, but later or sooner the burglar is shot. Some night when he's rakin' around by your bed, the sleeper will waken and fill him with lead. A cell in a prison, and work without pay—such fortune is his'n, or will be some day. No comforts can reach him while serving his time; you'd think it would teach him the folly of crime. You'd think he'd endeavor when once he is free, to cut out forever the loot-hunting spree. But when the grim cooler has opened its door, one hope is his ruler—to burgle some more! He goes forth a-stealing, he wallows in sin, and peels like a peeling, and gather him in. Why is he so mulish, so stubborn, insane? The fellow so foolish requires a new brain. For honesty's easy, and profits us well, but crime's always cheezy, and ends in a cell. Oh, bairns, hear me gurgle this warning to you: Don't learn how to burgle, whatever you do!



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### Loganberry Juice Sent To Stanford

Besides absorbing a lot of book learning, the students of Stanford University now have the opportunity of learning the joys of drinking loganberry juice, which of course will add greatly to the joy of living. Ernest Wilson, a cousin of Otto Wilson of this city, recently became interested in loganberry juice, and as he has one of the finest confectionery stores in the state, located at Palo Alto, California, the University town, the students are being initiated into the mysteries of loganberry juice. The juice is made from berries bought of the Salem Fruit Union, and just to properly introduce it to the university students, Mr. Wilson put on a special loganberry week, when the students were served with loganberry juice, various drinks and even loganberry candy. In advertising his new drink, he states that "loganberry juice is a new product, which is bottled in the Willamette valley, Oregon, where the finest flavored loganberries are grown." If the loganberries had more boosters like Wilson, of Palo Alto, the use of the loganberry and its products would soon become national.

### Portland Picture Shows Raise Admission Price

Portland, Ore., Oct. 6.—Beginning Sunday "canned drama" will come higher in Portland. Picture shows now charging 10 cents will increase to 15 cents for night performances. The admission to the matinees will remain the same. The five cent houses will increase to 10 cents.

### Falls City News

(Capital Journal Special Service)  
Falls City, Ore., Oct. 6.—Bessie Crowley, age 13, of Black Rock, niece of A. G. Fisher, died of tuberculosis Sunday. The body was shipped to Independence for burial Tuesday. Robert Chilcote, of Dallas, was in the city Monday.  
G. W. Hudson and daughter, Vernie, returned Monday from a trip to Dallas.  
Mrs. F. A. Wolfe brought to the Falls City News office Saturday a large bunch of dahlias that she had grown at her place 1-2 miles south of town. Mrs. Wolfe is noted for being the most successful florist in Falls City and the church festivals and weddings are nearly always adorned with the variety of flowers that are grown on her place.  
Mrs. Sarah Ury of Defiance, Ohio, is here visiting relatives this week. Mrs. Ury is on her way to the San Francisco Exposition and likes this part of Oregon better than any other part of the state.  
The rain in the mountains has soaked up the dam so that the electric light plant is giving a little better satisfaction. The water has been so low in the pond that the plant has been unable to give very satisfactory service.  
The child of Mrs. C. W. Davis is very ill with cholera infantum.



### A Galley o' Fun!

A QUIET LITTLE AFFAIR.

"Yes," said Mrs. A. Algernon De Vere to Mrs. P. B. Augustus Lenox-Smythe at the afternoon tea, "our little Helene is to be married early in June. The invitations will go out in a day or two. It will be a very quiet little affair. Helene's tastes are so simple and Percy hates anything like display. We shall not have more than six hundred at the church nor more than five hundred at the house, and everything will be as simple as possible. There will not be more than six bridesmaids, and our daughter, Mayrie will, of course, be the maid of honor. The two little daughters of a niece of mine will be the flower girls, and we are to have the double ring ceremony, and we mean to have a vested choir supply the music. Of course we shall have roses for the church decorations as the month will be June. I have just ordered a hundred dozen, and we will need about fifty dozen for the house besides several dozen potted plants. We don't want anything overdone or anything even suggestive of ostentation, and with the exception of the ceremony at the church it will be a quiet little home wedding—simple and without any ostentation."

### PARTING.

"We must part!" faltered Gabrielle. "No! No! No!" cried Hermann, looking at his watch. "I have but ten minutes!"

She regarded him wonderingly. Mere child that she was, she had to learn that fond hearts may not part and do it right in less than two hours, at the least.



### ALL ENTITLED TO THEIR OPINIONS.

Friend—Of course, some folks object to dogs and parrots. Aunt Sally—Yes; and some object to folks who object to dogs and parrots.

### CHINESE PECULIARITIES.

"Mr. John Smith, of our town," scribbled the reporter—"By the way, Mr. Smith, how long did you say you were in China?" "Spent a week in Hong Kong," said the man who was being interviewed. "Who has spent a portion of his life in China, ascribes the present troubles to the ignorance and superstitions of the Chinese. You say they're awfully superstitious?" "Yes," said Mr. Smith. "And then their anti-foreign ideas! They think our customs absurd." "Just so," said the reporter. And he put down on his pad, reading as he went along: "Believe it is lucky to walk under a ladder or to see the new moon over one's left shoulder; never eat unless they are thirteen at table—" "I didn't say anything about—" "That's all right. Consider a rabbit's foot a hoodoo; wouldn't begin any important work except on Friday—" "I didn't say—" "Oh! don't worry, Mr. Smith! The public doesn't bother about trifles. Good-by. I must rush to get this in!"

### FAITHFULLY REPRODUCED.

Hercules was keeping the big stick busy during his famous encounter with the Hydra. But, as you know, every time he struck off one head, two succeeded it. Finally the humor of the situation struck the strong man. "I'm sure giving a correct imitation of what Charlie Murphy is doing to New York state!" he chuckled.

### NOT THE ONLY ONE.

"I don't know good music from bad, myself." "Well, sah, dere's a lot of folks like you, only dey doan know it!"

### WHERE IGNORANCE IS BLISS.

He—I want to know, once for all, who is master of this house? She—You'll be happier if you don't find out!

### A MANIFEST IMPOSSIBILITY.

Warwick—Why is it that there are no real sky-scrapers in London? Rickwire—There is no sky.

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### INTERESTING BOOKS RECEIVED AT LIBRARY

"Rocky Mountain Flowers," "The Mountain That Was God," and Others

Several new books have been received at the Salem public library during the past week of more than ordinary interest. Those interested in flowers will welcome the opportunity to read "Rocky Mountain Flowers," by Clements. This book is illustrated in color, and is especially interesting to flower lovers in this city from the fact many flowers well known in this part of the state are fully illustrated and described.

"The Mountain That Was God," a translation of the Indian name, Takahoma, is another book that should interest western readers, as it is a complete description of Mount Rainier, profusely illustrated. In colors. Throughout, the book is one of rare beauty and cannot help but receive favorable attention. It is published by John T. Williams, of Tacoma, who has made a specialty of publishing books relating to the west.

Now that women are taking such an active part in the civic work of our cities, "American Women in Civic Work," will interest those who would really like to know what has been accomplished by women prominent in the world's affairs. Among others of national reputation whose work has been noted in the book are Jane Addams, of Chicago; Anna Howard Shaw, known to the world over, Ella Flagg Young, at present superintendent of the Chicago public schools.

Another new book received at the library this week is "Alaska," written by Ella Higginson. There is a general feeling coming over people living this far west, that Alaska is the new unsettled western country, and for this reason, any information out of the usual will be welcome.

"Where Rolls the Oregon" is not so much a history of the state, as just the impression of the author who passed the summer of 1912 in studying the wild life of the state. As the author states, it is just a group of impressions of the vast out doors of Oregon.

For women who are interested in different kinds of fancy needle work, one of the new books at the library will be welcome, and that is the book entitled, "The Cult of the Needle." Besides giving instructions for Bulgarian, Catalan and Hungarian embroidery, the book also contains special articles on hemstitching, netting, wool work, reticella lace and all forms of needle craft. To aid in the descriptions of the various designs, the book is fully illustrated, showing in detail the different patterns of laces and embroidery.

### OCTOBER MORN

Somehow it seems to be the birthday of those twin sisters—work and worry.

Playtime is over and the things to be done loom very large. The school bell will remind grown-ups as well as "kiddies" that the long grind is near.

In a business way the signs are encouraging—the times look like more work and less worry.

And the new impulse for energy naturally suggests the meeting ground for helper and helped—the advertising columns of the Daily Capital Journal.

It is the place where those already after business are making themselves known and where those with wants to be filled are finding answers to their questions.