

PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT

SWEET, OF THE NEW YORK ASSEMBLY



Thaddeus C. Sweet, speaker of the New York assembly and the man responsible for the suspension and "trial" of the five Socialist members, entered a long defense of his attitude at a New York city public banquet.

Mr. Sweet not only condemned the Socialists and defended the action of the assembly, but he referred to the action of Charles E. Hughes in the early stages of the case as "hasty and ill-advised."

"I have always held to the belief that the time to smash a riot is at its inception. Americans have always done themselves great harm through their leniency. It is a national failing.

"There has come a time when these splendid qualifications can no longer be permitted to form a part of a national program in dealing with our enemies.

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SURGEON GENERAL HUGH S. CUMMING



Dr. Hugh S. Cumming, (portrait herewith) succeeding Surgeon General Rupert Blue, becomes head of the bureau of public health service of the treasury department and not the surgeon general of war department, that position being filled by Maj. Gen. M. W. Ireland.

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The division of scientific research conducts the scientific investigations of the service. Intensive studies of diseases of man, including hookworm disease, malaria, pellagra, trachoma, typhoid fever, and tuberculosis, of school, mental, and industrial hygiene, of rural sanitation, of public health administration, of water supplies and sewage, and of coastal waters are carried on from special headquarters in the field in co-operation with state and local health authorities.

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JOHN BARTON PAYNE SUCCEEDS LANE



John Barton Payne of Chicago, is doubly in the limelight—or in two spotlights. He is to be President Wilson's new secretary of the interior, succeeding Franklin K. Lane.

Mr. Payne served as chairman of the shipping board since last August, previously being general counsel of the railroad administration.

Mr. Payne's appointment came as a surprise and attracted more than usual attention because of the manner in which he has been brought into the limelight in connection with the sale of former German passenger ships.

Mr. Payne said that he would, of course, accept the appointment if confirmed by the senate, but that he had requested the president to allow him to remain where he was until the German ships were sold.

HOWZE CONSIDERS MEXICO HOPELESS

Conditions in Mexico were described as intolerable by Gen. Robert Lee Howze, commander of the El Paso district, when he testified before the senate subcommittee investigating the Mexican situation.

"The intolerable conditions which have covered a period of nearly ten years have continually grown worse and I am convinced the apex of shamefulness and horror as viewed from the American conception of justice and decency which still exists.

"The Mexican government during this ten years of critical time has never, as far as I can determine, done one genuinely friendly thing toward our government.



"On the other hand, the Mexican government, or its people, has done no end of discourteous, contemptuous and offensive things of large importance toward our government and our people.

FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY AGENCIES ASSIST CATTLE GROWERS IN MARKETING



Selling Surplus Animals From a Herd of Purebreds Under Favorable Circumstances—Listing Purebred Stock With County Agents Puts the Owner in Touch With Many Buyers.

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More Associations Should Help. While in many counties co-operative breeders' associations are already actively sharing in compiling data regarding the location of purebred animals, much remains to be done.

Essentials Listed for Stock Raisers. Specialists of United States Department of Agriculture Give Some of Most Essential Items in Raising Cattle.

General improvement in the type and quality of beef animals the country over is one of the means urged by the United States department of agriculture for bringing down the high cost of meat to the consumer.

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Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture. Yes, raising of purebreds is all right for the fellow who has lots of them, but how are the chaps who have only a few animals to sell going to get rid of them?

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LIVE STOCK NOTES. The hog is the most important animal to raise for meat and money.

Belgium Sketches

In Government Service

By Katharine Eggleston Roberts

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The striped cat sat on a broken stone in an old Flanders battlefield. She fluffed her tail and glared across her whiskers at Bibi, the pup.

"Oh, stop it, Mina; you're always fussing." Siska, the goat, wrinkled her nose in disgust. "Why do you suppose the government gives all of us animals to these people who've come back to rebuild Dixmude and other places if we aren't good for something?"

"It's all very well for you to talk, Siska. There's no effort in merely giving milk; and as for Bibi, all he does is bark if he hears a stranger coming at night."

Bibi got up and turned around a few times and dropped down on another spot. He was tired of being responsible for everyone's safety, but he didn't feel like arguing about it.

"When I was drafted," continued Mina after a pause, "my mother said: 'Mina, it's a fine thing to serve your country, but I hate to see you going to live in those awful places.' Even then she thought I'd get a little milk once in a while. But no! No! Mina



Goats—Reconstruction Animals Ready for Great Task.

grew oratorical. "Siska gives all her milk to the people. There's none for a poor, hard-working cat. Hard-working—that's it! I'm overworked. Do they expect me to catch all the rats and mice in Belgium? These shell holes are full of them. Talk about their underground tunnels. I don't know which has made the most of them, the rats or the Germans.

"Well, at least you can eat them. You don't have to live on what little food people can give you, as we do," Bibi finally spoke. "You're not always hungry."

"Eat them!" Mina snarled. "They are all I get to eat. I'm sick and tired of mice—and such poor quality, too. Ugh! You've no idea."

"Yes, yes, I know. It's the same with what little grass I find. It's rank and weedy. The best kind grows on the edge of the shell pits, but even a



Where He Used to Live.

goat has trouble to keep from slipping over the brink into the water. The ground is so loose around here. I wish they would raise some vegetables, but with all this iron cluttering the earth, I guess it's impossible. How I would love a good cabbage! As for work—you talk about working! Don't you know I'm supposed to help clean up the place, as well as give milk? Back home I used to be awfully fond of shirts and shoes, but I simply can't make myself swallow those I find out here."

"Now don't go getting morbid. You always get morbid. As if things aren't bad enough without talking about them all the time. Have you seen the new

pies that came yesterday?" Bibi began a new conversation. "No; how many?" "Five."

"I wish they'd send more goats," moaned Siska miserably. "I'm lonely. There's no society at all. It's hard on a well-born goat."

"Well, I like that!" Mina's stripes stood out. "I'll tell you, I'm not used to associating with goats. I hope the next obus you nibble is loaded. Certainly—"

"Now, Mina, you know I didn't mean that. I'm really fond of you and Bibi; but a goat's different, that's all. There are certain things peculiar to a goat—" "Thank heaven, yes," interrupted Mina.

"Oh, let Siska finish what she's saying." "Well, as I was saying, I have ideas and desires with which you have no sympathy, because those things hold no interest for you. Now another goat would understand my attitude toward those red flags that mark the ammunition piles. There's an irresistible fascination in them—"

"I heard the captain of the camp over there say that the next time you ate one, and left the explosives unmarked, he was going to feed you a grenade," Bibi warned.

"That's just it—no one understands a goat. I'm homesick," Siska bowed her head.

"Poor old Siska; so am I," Bibi confessed, the tears running down his long brown nose.

"Oh, well, I guess that's why I'm grouchy. I simply can't forget my home, and be content." Mina blinked.

"I heard Jan Struyf say that's why he came back here. It's where he used to live. His home was down there where the old tank stands."

"Uh-huh, I know. He's clearing up the place to build again. Imagine being homesick for this scrambled land!" Siska wagged her beard from side to side.

"Still they're all alike," Bibi went on. "They work from dawn till night, and we reconstruction animals were sent here to help. I suppose we

shouldn't fuss. Wasn't it some old Greek who said, 'The world is only my idea.' If that's the case—"

"He's getting philosophical; I'm going to leave," Mina stretched her long, slim body.

"Oh, look!" The joy of living returned to Siska's eyes. She flirited her short tail and ran. "It's a nice new red flag!"

"Do you know," observed Mina to the pup, "sometimes I think that Siska must be Russian."

GRAVE HUNTERS STILL BUSY

Gangs of Searchers Wander About in Quest of Overlooked Bodies of Fallen Heroes.

Ypres is today as she was in 1918. To the east, south and north stretches an ugly, shell-chopped lifeless terrain, where gangs of "body snatchers" (the Tommys' name for grave hunters) are still wandering.

Or, they find a forgotten grave, probably marked by a little rain-blackened wooden cross. The battle area is dotted with these crosses—the only epitaph, on some being a rusty trench helmet. The "body snatchers'" job is to dig up the bodies, put them in sacks, too, and bring them away for reburial.

Wrecked tanks, wagons, trucks, ammunition dumps, pill boxes are scattered up to the horizon. Four miles down the Menin road from Ypres many British tanks lie in one field, called the "tank cemetery."

Shortage of American Leather. There is much complaint on the part of Belgian shoe manufacturers because of the recent heavy purchases from abroad.

Prevention of disease among the breeding herd and the younger stock. Shelter sufficient to protect the cattle from both severe cold and extremely hot weather.

A practical knowledge of fattening cattle for market. Marketing to advantage.