

O'NEILL FRONTIER

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O'NEILL, NEBRASKA

Prophesying a war between this country and Japan in the no distant future, the will of Charles O. Fritzsche, of Princeton, sets aside 5,000 marks as a prize for the first American crew to capture a Japanese ship. Mr. Fritzsche, who was an engineer and inventor of the locomotive turntable, died in Germany a year ago. The will is dated April 19, 1916. Fritzsche and his daughter went to Dresden, Germany, in 1916, to visit relatives. He found it impossible to return to this country. With the defeat of the Kaiser's army and the end of the war he is reported to have died from excess joy.

An assistant director of the United States public health service complains that, according to figures gathered over a number of years, the progeny of 1,000 graduates from such institutions as Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Yassar and Smith will not exceed 50 in 100 years from now. A similar investigation conducted among illiterate foreigners showed that in a like period the original thousand will be multiplied at least 100 times.

What is described as one of the most elaborate and complete consolidated school plants in America has just been dedicated at Holcomb on the western Kansas prairie. The plant cost \$235,000. Seven school districts joined to construct the single plant, which may have the advantages of a city school, including manual training, domestic science, and scientific training of several varieties.

People who are still living in the manner of the stone age are found on Rennell Island in the Solomon group, Melanesia, according to a missionary, who says there are only 500 inhabitants, and because of their isolation, through lack of ship's anchorage, even their dialect has never been studied.

Fifty architects and engineering students of American universities have offered their services to the French minister of the liberated regions expressing their willingness to work from July to October for the restoration of the devastated regions. M. Loucheur has gratefully accepted the offer.

A new outbreak of pellagra, particularly in the south, is alarming the public health service. Officials say that the depression in the cotton market is one of the leading causes as poorer classes of planters have been forced back to living principally on salt pork and corn bread.

D'Annunzio's private secretary gave out an interview recently, in which he said the post has now lost all interest in Fiume. As a proof, he related that D'Annunzio has sent back the votive dagger which was presented to him by the citizens of the city last year. American pajamas, from Red Cross supplies, decorated with shoulder straps and braid and worn with a belt, is the latest summer uniform for Russian officers, says a correspondent writing from Constantinople. The number of adopting them as fast as they are distributed.

The ravages of war, revolution, starvation and diseases have depleted the population of Russia by 12,000,000, according to figures of the central statistical office at Moscow. The number of officials, that is government employes, in Moscow is now 220,000 or one-fourth of the population.

Since Mr. Townley has failed to appear on three different consecutive occasions when he was scheduled to debate with William Langtry, former attorney general of North Dakota, Mr. Langtry calls the non-partisan league a "quitter," and has cancelled all further debate dates with him.

Governor McKelvie charges that "graft and fraud exist in many departments of the state government, in which there are too many useless employes, and entirely too much bad management; and that the state has too much machinery and too many boards, bureaus and departments.

The head of the Ohio Rotarians wires from Berlin that food is cheap and plentiful in Germany; that the nation appears normal and he believes the country is far better off from an industrial point of view than is generally thought.

The Philadelphia Public Ledger hears that George Creel, former chief of war time publicity, is now serving in the capacity of closest friend and advisor to the president of Mexico. It is said that Mr. Creel wrote the recent eloquent messages of President Obregon.

An expedition is being organized in Alberta to search for the lost gold mine of Lost river, which has long been one of the romantic traditions of that country. But two men have ever found it: one a trapper, who is dead; the other an Indian who has disappeared.

A Pittsburgh teacher is reported to have lost his mind as a result of nervous excitement over the Dempsey-Carpenter fight. "I lent Dempsey \$3, and he never repaid it," he shouts excitedly.

During the first three months of last year, influenza caused the deaths of 5,397 persons. Only 475 died from it during the corresponding period of 1921. The pneumonia death rate declined 50 per cent. during the same period.

The price of marriage licenses has jumped from \$10 to \$15 in Philadelphia. One hundred descendants of "John and Priscilla," members of the Midwest chapter of the Alden Kindred of America spent the Fourth of July together in Evanston, Ill.

Wage reductions effective August 1 or before, the little French village on the edge of the foothills of Belleau Wood, is to be rebuilt by Americans as a memorial to the American dead in that historic battle.

A Melbourne dispatch to the London Times reports a growing sentiment of friendliness in Australia toward the United States, "owing to our common interests in the Pacific."

The New York Times hears that Hugo Stinnes, who possesses a fortune of eight billion marks, is exciting the ire of socialists, who accuse him of systematic tax evasions.

An airplane capable of landing without the need of a large aviation field, able to rise without a long run beforehand, able to travel more than 300 miles an hour and, if necessary, to meander along at but a few miles an hour, is announced as the invention of an Italian engineer.

A slump in the membership in Indiana miners organizations is shown in the report of one district which now has but 17,722 members, in contrast to 29,763 a year ago.

Washington is said to be puzzling over the delicate little question of who should pay the expenses of the "biting" delegations invited to this country by us to confer on the disarmament question.

According to statistics gathered by the Institute of Public Service, one in every 15 students in 42 American colleges is studying with a view to entering a teaching profession.

CRUSHED TO DEATH UNDER COAL SLIDE

Foreman of Power Company At Omaha Is Almost Instantly Killed.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 8.—Roy Hewitt, Omaha, foreman of coal heavers at the Nebraska Power Company's plant was killed by an avalanche of coal under which he was buried at the plant late Saturday.

WAR RISK INSURANCE

CLEANUP BEING MADE

Grand Island, Neb., Aug. 8.—Grand Island will be a headquarters for the war risk insurance bureau, beginning August 15.

A "cleanup" squad will consist of an examining physician of the bureau of the United States public health service and representatives from the federal board of vocational education, the American Legion and Red Cross. It will be headquarters for Thomas, Blaine, Custer, Loup, Garfield, Valley, Greeley, Merrick, Sherman, Hall, Buffalo, Dawson and Wheeler counties.

SOUTH DAKOTA CONCERN

DON'T WANT RECEIVER

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 8.—Attorneys representing the Briceton Manufacturing Company, a South Dakota corporation with headquarters here, have filed a motion in federal court asking that a petition by stockholders requesting a receiver and injunction against the concern, be set aside charging there is no jurisdiction here on the ground that the company was incorporated in another state. Hearing on the motion was set for next Friday.

GUARANTEE FUND TOTALS \$2,299,550

In the 10 Years Law Has Operated Depositors Have Been Paid \$2,306,175.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 8 (Special).—There is now \$2,299,550 in the depositors' guarantee fund contributed by more than 1,000 banks. During the 10 years in which it has been in force \$2,306,175 has been paid out of the funds for the payment of deposits in banks closed by the state banking board. For some years there were no bank failures.

BIG GRAIN CONCERN IS TO BE REORGANIZED

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 7.—The Nye-Schneider-Powell Company, grain dealers, with branch elevators and offices in more than 100 American cities and towns, which has been in financial difficulties, will be reorganized at the annual meeting of stockholders being held today in Fremont, the company's headquarters.

Eastern as well as Omaha bankers are there for the meeting. Final arrangements for reorganization were reached at a meeting held in Fremont Saturday. E. N. Mitchell, a grain dealer, of Lincoln, will become president, succeeding Frank Fowler, advised stated.

Creditors of the company, it is reported, refused the company further credit unless Fowler should retire as directing head of the corporation. Paul Colson, Fremont, is slated for vice president; Emil M. Hahn, secretary, and D. B. Davies, treasurer, Harry S. Byrne, Omaha, and J. E. Pfeil and L. N. Perrin, will be elected additional directors. Agreement to this effect was signed by Ralph Van Vechten, vice president of the Continental and Commercial National Bank of Chicago, heading the company's directors' committee and Frank Fowler, retiring president of the company, Fremont, advised asserted.

"This arrangement contemplates active efforts on the part of the bank creditors for the early refinancing of the business," said Van Vechten, according to a Fremont dispatch.

Stockholders stated that Mr. Fowler was offered enough proxies to insure his re-election, but stepped aside in order to meet the wishes of the creditors.

GOVERNOR AND REGENTS CLASH OVER EXPENSES

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 8 (Special).—The regents of the state university and Governor McKelvie are deadlocked over the insistence of the governor that there shall be a reserve surplus of 10 per cent. The board and the head of the state government has so far failed to reach an agreement. The governor wants the 10 per cent reserve to guard against possible deficiencies. The regents insist that the state constitution does not authorize the chief executive to dictate.

The regents have informed the governor that they are eager to cooperate in saving the taxpayers as much as possible out of all of the appropriations, but they do not see how they can pay salaries promised instructors if the 10 per cent is deducted.

Governor McKelvie has declined to approve of the quarterly estimate filed by the regents and he has notified the state auditor of his position. A further conference between the governor and the regents has been arranged for August 15.

BLOOMFIELD HER IS GIVEN FINAL HONORS

Bloomfield, Neb., Aug. 8 (Special).—The body of William Cross arrived here Friday night from overseas and Ray Lamb post of the American Legion conducted a full military funeral Sunday forenoon. He was killed October 12, 1918, in the Argonne offensive. He was a son of William P. Groat, now living near Verdel.

COUNTY ASSESSOR TAKES OWN LIFE

Horatio Pope, Hangs Self to Bed After Trying Gun First Body Is Found in Home Two Days Later.

Tecumseh, Neb., Aug. 8 (Special).—The body of Horatio G. Pope, assessor of Johnson county, was found hanging by a small rope to the bed in his room yesterday.

A revolver on a nearby table had been snapped, but failed to explode. The man had been dead about 48 hours, according to surgeons who examined him.

No cause for the suicide is known. His health was good and he was not known to be despondent or have any troubles.

His body was hanging from the bed in such a position that he could have taken his weight off his neck by the use of his hands at any time. Pope was 65 years old and a bachelor. His only relative here is a half-brother, B. F. Pope.

He had lived in Johnson county for 50 years and was elected county assessor by the republicans at the last election.

Brief funeral services were held at the grave in the Tecumseh cemetery.

BELIEVE IOWAN MET FOUL PLAY IN IDAHO

Ogden, Utah, Aug. 8.—George A. Bistorious, president of the Idaho Falls Kiwanis club, and Dr. H. D. Judkin, also of Idaho Falls, who arrived here yesterday in connection with the disappearance of Roland R. Mason, secretary of the Idaho Falls Kiwanis club, expressed the belief that Mason had met with foul play and his automobile was pushed over the embankment into the Weber river to hide the crime. Mason's parents are here from Council Bluffs, Ia., to follow a search for their son.

The father announced he would pay a reward of \$500 for the recovery of his son's body.

BODY OF WAKEFIELD HERO ON WAY HOME

Wakefield, Neb., Aug. 8.—The body of Anton Bokemper, the only soldier from Wakefield who lost his life in France in the world war, is being sent home to relatives for burial. The body, according to a telegram received by relatives from the government, will reach New York today and Wakefield in about a week. Funeral services will be held in Wakefield, and will be in charge of the local American Legion post, which is named after him. He was killed in action October 15, 1918, 26 days before the armistice.

THREE INJURED WHEN OMAHA PLANE CRASHES

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 8.—Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Bushman and Clarence Eastman, a mechanic, all of Omaha, were injured yesterday when the motor of an airplane stopped and the machine crashed on a landing field. Mrs. Bushman, the most seriously injured of the three, suffered a fractured skull and other injuries. Mr. Bushman was piloting the plane.

YORK HOTEL COOK HELD FOR FORGERY

York, Neb., Aug. 8.—A. F. Willis, cook in a local hotel, is held by authorities here at the request of the police of Scottsbluff. Authorities at the latter place hold a warrant for his arrest on a forgery charge.

SENATOR HITCHCOCK ASKED FOR MATTERS PAPERS

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 8.—Senator G. M. Hitchcock, of Nebraska, introduced a resolution asking the attorney general to turn over to the Senate all petitions, papers, etc., on file in the department of justice in connection with the recent pardon of T. H. Matters, Omaha attorney, who was sentenced for violation of the national bank law.

BODIES OF 71 WAR HEROES ARRIVE HOME

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 8.—Bodies of 71 American soldiers who died overseas, arrived here yesterday. Bodies of Nebraskans included William Steven, of York, and Fred Fruse, of Grand Island.

WEST POINT.—Arrangements have been made for the funeral services of Arthur Mack, the first West Point man to be killed in action in France, on Sunday, Watertown, Ill., on the courthouse lawn, under the auspices of the American Legion.

WEST POINT.—News has reached the city of the death of Mrs. Mary Jernan, of Spencer, and mother of Jos. Jernan, merchant of this city. She was over 82 years of age. He was here.

DR. CHENEY IS HEAD OF S. D. OSTEOPATHS

Sioux Falls, S. D., Aug. 4.—The South Dakota State Osteopath association has closed its 1921 convention. Sioux Falls was selected for the next annual convention. Officers elected are: President, Dr. J. H. Cheney, Sioux Falls; vice president, Dr. H. W. Allen, Dell Rapids; secretary-treasurer, Dr. Edith Shank, Mitchell; trustee for three year term, Dr. Follette, Watertown. There were a large number of visitors from Iowa and Minnesota.

SPECIAL ELECTION CARRIES IN SCHOOL DISTRICT CASE

Alton, Ia., Aug. 5.—At a special election it was voted that the independent school district of Boyden be enlarged to eight sections, adding four sections to the present territory. The sections to be added at Nos. 22, 23, 24 and 27. In the incorporated town of Boyden there were 77 for and 19 against. In the rural district there were 44 for and 31 against.

BIRD WEALTHY MAN TO HIS BED

Nebraska Bandits Then Rob Railway Employe of Jewelry and \$300—Victim Frees Himself.

Grand Island, Neb., Aug. 6.—Two robbers entered the room of Frank Sanehasi, wealthy Japanese railroad employe at Chapman, Neb., near here shortly after midnight, and after binding him to his bed, robbed him of jewelry and money amounting to \$300, according to warnings sent out by the authorities of that city after Sanehasi had freed himself and notified police.

MOTHER AND GRANDSON DROWNED IN CLOUDBURST

Chadron, Neb., Aug. 6.—The bodies of Mrs. William Bowers of Missouri Valley, Ia., and Jack Bowers, 9, of Chadron, her grandson, are lying in one coffin in the undertaking parlor of W. S. Gillam. They were drowned in the cloudburst 20 miles west of Spearfish on the camping ground, while en route to visit Yellowstone park.

TRAVELING MAN DROPS DEAD IN CRETE HOTEL

Crete, Neb., Aug. 6.—John R. Maddox, traveling salesman for the Carpenter Paper Company of Omaha, dropped dead in his chair at the Cosmopolitan hotel. A sudden pain seemed to strike him and he threw up his hands and made a faint noise, but never regained consciousness. The remains were taken to Omaha.

WANTS GRAND JURY TO PROBE FAILURES

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 6.—Attorney General Clarence A. Davis has requested A. O. Troup, presiding judge of the Douglas county district court, to call a meeting of the district judges to take up the calling of a special grand jury to investigate failure of business firms.

In a letter to Judge Troup, the attorney general said that "the frauds that have been perpetrated in Nebraska are not primarily frauds in the sale of stocks to the public; they are frauds in the use of corporate money. They have been committed 'from the inside.'"

RECORD RAINFALL AT BEATRICE FOR A JULY

Beatrice, Neb., Aug. 6.—Nearly an inch of rain fell in this vicinity this week. The record, according to the government weather observer, is .33 of an inch. During the month of July the total rainfall for the Beatrice vicinity was 7.40 inches, the record for this month for many years.

NEBRASKA GOVERNOR ANSWERS FEDERATION

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 4.—Gov. Samuel R. McKelvie this morning stated, in response to criticism by the state federation of labor of his employing a New York architect at \$25,000 a year to build the new capitol building, "that it would appear some one in the state federation of labor sensed an opportunity to play politics which was undoubtedly the influence that stimulated the action."

The governor further pointed out in his statement that the usual fee for an architect's services on such a building is 6 per cent, whereas the New York firm agreed to do the work for \$25,000 a year. Allowing six years as the maximum time necessary to complete the building, the governor said the architect's services would be \$150,000 instead of \$300,000 under the 6 per cent plan.

PARENTS LEAVE TO HUNT FOR THEIR SON

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 4.—Mr. and Mrs. Allen G. Mason, of Missouri Valley, Ia., parents of Roland R. Mason, state agent for the Guarantee Fund Life association in Idaho, whose abandoned car with lights burning and the emergency brake set was found near Ogden yesterday, left Omaha today for Ogden to assist in the search for their son. Mason said his son had gone from his home in Idaho Falls to Ogden to get his car which he had left there after it had broken down on his trip from Missouri Valley where he had been to visit his parents.

MEXICAN IS KILLED AT SCOTTS BLUFF

Scotts Bluff, Neb., Aug. 4.—Yguacia Meana, a Mexican laborer died at the Bayard hospital after being shot by unknown persons who fired shots from an automobile to both sides of the road. Meana was working on a farm near Melbeta, southeast of here, and was mortally wounded while lying under a hedge.

NORTH PLATTE.—Dr. O. R. Platt, who recently came to this city from Plattsmouth, has taken over the general hospital which for a number of years has been under the management of several physicians. Miss Susan Murchie, a graduate nurse, will be superintendent.

CHADRON.—County Agricultural Agent Fred Taylor reports that harvest is half finished and a number of farmers have already threshed. Most of the grain will be marketed within the next 30 days. Wheat will average 20 bushels, some fields 40 bushels.

OMAHA OFFER WILL BE TURNED DOWN

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 4.—The offer of the Omaha Trust Company to trade the state school fund \$500,000 worth of Nebraska municipal bonds for a like amount of Massachusetts state bonds will not be accepted if the board of educational lands and funds accepts the report of the committee. The municipal bonds bear 6 per cent, and the state bonds only 3 per cent. Interest. Walter W. Head, of the state capitol commission, is head of the trust company.

Give Conscience a Chance.

A sermon by the Rev. Karl Reiland, rector of St. George's church, New York city. Reprinted from Commerce and Finance:

"And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day."—Genesis 3:8.

There is an attractive poetic suggestion here of meditative moments in the evening quiet, after the heedless temper of the day's misadventure; after the heated excitement of perversity the voice of conscience gets a hearing as the fiery spirit cools, and with the stirring of the twilight breeze there has come the inevitable reaction to reflective thought.

We have just emerged from the terrific experience of a catastrophic fall of man. The heat of human warfare is practically ended, and no decent man wishes to live through another such time. Fortunate will that dawn of tomorrow be for the races of mankind, if the nations in these calmer hours are both wisely reflective and purposefully resolved to heed the dictates of a rational conscience, "in the cool of the day."

It is pitiful to observe how quickly an all powerful effort for associated abolition of war has weakened, and how naturally governing bodies are discussing not the abandonment but the extent of military organization. There is of course some necessity for this at present, but not to the exclusion of those lately discussed ideals of world peace and international disarmament.

"These ought ye to have done and not left the other undone." In spite of all exigencies, there is no excuse for honoring a statesmanship that does not place supreme emphasis upon keeping the peace and preparing as diligently for international concord as we have been accustomed to prepare for international combat.

A little reflection should convince us that we cannot improve this world by paying ignominious tribute to Mars, whose altar have been wantonly drenched in human blood, and we might try, even with hesitancy, paying tribute to the Prince of Peace and the brotherhood of man. Whoever talks Mars instead of Messiah is speaking not for the brotherhood of man and the nation's destiny, but for the blood of man and the nation's death. He is advocating for our youth not an ideal of national character, but the idea of a national cemetery. He is not a patriot but a parasite. Christianity cannot be reconciled to war any more than a gentleman can be to a philosophy of brute force.

I admit that we have had to fight, and may have yet to fight, a war. But the point I make is that war should be an accident, pardonable if necessary, but peace, and a scientific, educational, cultural preparation for peace, should be the supreme purpose. It is only common sense to say that what you train for, you are likely to triumph in, and where the preparation is there will the practice be.

During the war a prominent man made a speech in which he argued that Christianity sanctioned and sanctified war because Jesus drove the money changers out of the temple and healed the servant of a Roman soldier. This is a flagrant abuse of the rational faculties. It would be as reasonable to affirm that Jesus sanctioned prostitution because he saved the woman taken in adultery from death by stoning.

First of all the nations must do the most difficult thing in the world. They must think. Our leaders must think honestly, fairly and generously. There must be no more Belgium in the Congo; England in South Africa; France in Morocco; Italy in Tripoli; Japan in Shantung, nor must Christian nations of the west force opium upon a peaceful nation of the east. A sense of humor alone should have prevented a civilized people from sending missionaries both for opium commerce and orthodox Christianity through the same open door to the clever celestialists of China.

We should think these things over carefully. Character, not commerce, is the fundamental principal involved. England and America have a great chance to heal world wounds, and the policy of nations depends upon the individual character of the citizens, in the business and brotherhood of every day. You and the man you deal with; the spirit that moves him and you, today, constitute a microcosmic instance of international relations. You two are a miniature of the larger picture of the people of the world. Think it over some evening. Give your better conscience a chance to intrude upon your meditative leisure. It will come like the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden of your life, in the quiet of the evening breeze, in the cool, the calm, the common sense reaction, of the day.

I do not know what the forbidden fruit was, nor why it was forbidden. I do not understand the nature of the tree "in the midst of the garden" upon which that famous fruit grew. It is all a great story, full of teaching essentially human. Adam and his wife broke the rules, and they knew they broke them. Because they knew they hid under the trees of the garden, and it was then that the reaction set in, and the conscience, in God-like reproach, set out on a walk through the garden of experience, with a step like a heart beat, at the time of relaxation.

Most of our trouble comes from our selfish long reach. We do not keep the rules, nor respect them as we should. The fruit thus gathered quickly spoils. No ill-gotten thing ever tastes well. Whoever said "Stolen fruit is sweet" confused crookedness and character and was more hungry than truthful. He may have believed it about 11:30 a. m., but not "in the cool of the day."

We all hide, behind, under and in the trees, on every limb of an excuse, in every shadow of pretext, behind all kinds of justification, but we know very well why we are not out in the open. Adam blamed the woman, but we blame women, parents, children, our neighbor and the "stranger within our gates," those within the gate and those outside. Then if we can't blame a real person we invent an imaginary one—the devil—and blame him. We are the best white-wash mixers on earth when it comes to self-righteousness, but whitewash will not cleanse us nor does it deceive others. There is something else, something deeper. It is that little sure-footed conscience, that spirit of honest-to-Godness in life we cannot escape. It comes calmly after "the burden and heat of the day's doings" and we are face to face with facts.

What is the conclusion? Whatever we do affects by ever so little the whole world. A good citizen of the world is an honor to the citizenship of any country or the companionship of any company. "True patriotism in any nation makes a man the true patriot of all people." As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he, and he must be quiet down and relax to know himself. He must train up a good conscience and welcome its intruding, its instructive voice. It will seek out his hiding place like a god; it will walk with authority in the grounds of his heart. He will hear it best and it will help him most, in the rational relief and relaxation, of "the cool of the day."

The Honor of The Senate.

The Washington press correspondents have "tipped" Senator Lodge as a member of the home delegation in the coming international conference. This is taken by many as only a due recognition of the dignity and constitutional prerogatives of the Senate, as a part of the treaty-making power. A more different view of the matter, however, has had eminent republican support in the past.

Before the administration of President McKinley, the appointment of senators on such a committee was unusual; with President McKinley it became a practice, but the practice was soon resented by some of the most prominent senators of his own party. This opposition was expressed with especial force by Senator Hoar, who was at that time chairman of the Senate committee on judiciary. There was a question whether such appointments were not essentially in violation of the constitutional prohibition against holding any federal office simultaneously with membership in either house of congress.

The Senate referred the matter to the judiciary committee for an opinion, and that committee found itself embarrassed by the fact that three of its own members were at the time holding such positions by appointment of President McKinley. Disliking to render a report that would seem to condemn their own fellow members for accepting these appointments, the committee asked Senator Hoar to go to the president privately and request that the practice be not continued. He did so, and tells us in his autobiography that President McKinley admitted that he had come to feel very strongly the force of the objections, and gave him to understand, though indirectly, that no further appointments of the kind would be made.

The strongest objection of Senator Hoar and those who agreed with him, however, was not the point of technical unconstitutionality, but that at which he believed the constitutional prohibition to be aimed—the tendency of such appointments to break down the real dignity and independence of the Senate and make it subservient to the president's will.

Didn't Talk Natural.

They were watching a procession of the unemployed. Said the American: "You don't see these things where I come from." Scot interposed: "And whur may that be?" "In God's own country," returned the American.

"Mon!" cried the Scot, "whur's ye Scotch accents?" "I'm Scotch," returned the American. "There is at least one advantage in not being an industrial king. You don't have to go to court after the divorce to see who gets the Pekinese pup."

Crooked Corner.

When I pass Crooked Corner, I hardly make a sound, Because I know the fairies have there a dancing ground; And I've been shown the pxy throne On which their queen is crowned.

And once by Crooked Corner I saw a russet cloak, 'Twas slipping through the hedgerow Beside the haunted oak; Nurso told me then it was a wren—I'm sure it was 'the folk.'

Someday by Crooked Corner, If I am very good, Maybe I'll see the goblins Come trooping from the wood; I may myself become an elf—I wonder if I could? —London Punch.

His Lucky Year.

From Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph. Myron T. Herrick, the new ambassador to France, knows his Paris better than the average Frenchman.

"The Seine's most picturesque feature," Mr. Herrick said at a dinner in Toledo, "is the multitude of fishermen who sit day after day, year after year, fishing on its banks. During all the revolutions, during the daily bombardments of 'Big Bertha,' these fishermen continued to fish away.

"Of course you know, there are no fish in the Seine, but I once saw an aged fisherman near Notre Dame one day. "Have you fished here long?" I asked him.

"Well, sir," he answered, "I have been fishing here for 37 years."

"Any luck?" I asked.

"The old fellow brightened up wonderfully. "Back in 1892," he chuckled, "I had a magnificent bite!"

Getting On.

From the Washington Star. "How are you getting on with your new production?" "We're all through with the most important part," replied the musical manager, "we have found a title that suggests all sorts of shocking possibilities."

TIT FOR TAT.

We're getting real proud of Charlie Chaplin. For he repulsed—in a gentlemanly way—a remark that was just a trifle impertinent. Anyway, we have it that Charlie and Elinor Glyn met at a recent motion picture ball on the coast. "Deah, Mr. Chaplin," the woman writer is reported to have said, "I'm deliciously delighted to meet you. Why, you're just like other people and not at all the sort of freak I'd have imagined you."

"I can say the same of you, Madame Glyn," responded Chaplin. Attie boy!