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IS THERE ROOM IN FRANCE FOR REASON?

British official circles do not regard the conference on debt and reparations as hopelessly lost. At least, such is the tenor of advices from London.

That the French attitude must be modified is not to be questioned, for President Coolidge has let it be known unmistakably that he regards a conference limited to the Poincare proposals as a useless waste of time.

Payment by Germany of any sum on any account must depend on the ability of the Germans to turn their resources into available assets. Under present conditions this is impossible.

This condition will not be remedied by the course that is pursued by France. Great Britain, Belgium and Italy are opposed to what appears to be the purpose in Paris, that of creating a series of small states out of the German republic.

The United States has agreed to meet with other nations on what all but France agree is a plan that promises a solution of the problem that must be solved.

WHO CUT PRICE OF GAS?

Maybe there is a mystery in the gasoline situation, and it may be as clear as day to those who are most concerned. When the price was dropped from 22 to 16 1/2 cents last July, prophesies were freely made that the reduction was but temporary and would affect but a few localities, and soon would be restored to even a higher price.

Now comes a further cut in price, and it is made as wide as the central, west, extended to the Pacific coast.

If it be an endeavor on part of Standard Oil to shake out a lot of competitors, or if it be but an attempt to stabilize conditions and bring consumption up to some better relation to production, the case for the consumer is the same.

Other consumers might relish a little drop in the price of oil, but this will not be allowed to taint the satisfaction that comes with gas at 14 cents where the price but a few months ago soared as high as 26 cents in some localities.

SQUEEZING OIL FROM ROCKS.

A great deposit of oil bearing shale, its contents estimated at several billion barrels of oil, from which gasoline may be extracted, lies in western Colorado and eastern Utah. This shale has been tested for its contents in various ways, and laboratory experiments have shown it to be tremendously valuable.

The United States Bureau of Mines is working on this practical question, along with the state of Colorado, the University of Utah, and the Department of Conservation of Indiana.

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The investigation is very important, for in these great shale beds will be found a source to supplement the oil that is taken from wells, and to make certain that the supply will be greatly extended.

KNOW THEIR STUFF AND DID IT.

Leonidas at Thermopylae, Horatius at the bridge, Lawrence dying on the deck of his gallant but over-matched ship, Nelson at Trafalgar, the Old Guard at Waterloo, Pickett at Gettysburg—how the list might be extended—had nothing on Dawson and his Cornhuskers.

Unbeaten and looked upon as unbeatable, Knute Rockne and his cohorts from Notre Dame marched onto the Nebraska field, bent on revenge for last year's defeat. The Cornhuskers did not look so good to their supporters; the tie with Kansas, when neither team scored, and the tie that followed by a 7-7 tie with Missouri, which team later lost to Oklahoma, a team Nebraska had beaten 24 to 0, furnished a puzzle for the dopesters.

This makes the victory for Nebraska the more notable, for it was a surprise to the football wise-acs, who scarcely dared to hope for victory. Coach Dawson and his team therefore are entitled to credit to the limit for the recovery they staged and for immense progress they made in their training.

A sermon might well be preached on the outcome. "The race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong." When fleet Don Miller tried to do his stuff, Nebraska headed him off; Crowley met the same fate, and Layden's boasted punting fozzeled. So it went; man for man, play for play, the Cornhuskers outshone the team that has vanquished all its other opponents, and the game was won as it should have been, on merit as developed by the relative value of the contending teams.

Eastern experts will mention Nebraska with more respect for the next few days. Syracuse will note the score and come ready to meet a real football squad, for that is what Nebraska has to present for their entertainment.

HOLD-OVER FROM DARK AGES.

Folks who wonder that the melting pot has not done its perfect work fail to take into consideration the peculiar quality of the charge that was dumped into that pot. Odds and ends of all sorts of people, with all sorts of political aspirations, religious beliefs or national traditions, have come to America, and every now and then something bursts out to astonish and confuse those who think we are becoming a well united people.

For example, a story comes from Los Angeles that shows how the most weird of oriental beliefs still persists out there, a hangover of the magic and fatalism of the mystic east. A stepmother prayed and fasted for 40 days and nights, hoping to encompass the death of her stepson and daughter, that she might inherit their share of the fortune left by their father.

This reminds us of the belief that still persists among Hawaiian, Tahitian and other peoples of the Pacific islands, that a victim may be prayed to death. Voodooism, brought from Africa and still existent in Haiti and Santo Domingo, holds something of the same. Once in France, and to some extent in England, devil worship prevailed, and a part of its dogma was that an enemy might be tortured or killed by torturing or destroying an image, in which something personal to the victim had been included.

MAH JONG, FAN TAN AND OTHER CURIOUS IMPORTATIONS FROM CHINA

Mah jong, fan tan and other curious importations from China are now crowded for the front line by the lottery the local police has just unearthed. Bret Harte was right about "Ways that are dark and tricks that are vain."

Art for art's sake, represented by nude models in a New York revue, is now wearing clothing. May be due to the coming of cold weather, but more likely to the activity of the police.

Those jobless who are shying at work in the corn field are missing the opportunity of their lives. Think of being paid \$4 to \$6 a day to stay out doors in this sort of weather.

Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria says he opposed the Hitler-Ludendorff uprising, but does not say whether he loved Germany more or the plotters less.

If the cotton raisers had put up a fight against the boll weevil a dozen years ago equal to the howl they are raising now, a different story might be told.

A youth accused of embezzlement is reported to be willing to work and earn the money he took. He should have thought of that way sooner.

Bandits who rob section hands deserve a classification somewhere below doormat thieves, and should be dealt with accordingly.

Why should anybody marvel because the president is taking pains in preparing his message? Why is he called Cautious Cal?

Detroit has just unfurled the "biggest" American flag, referring to its area. Any American flag is big enough for proper uses.

Ludendorff says he was double-crossed, but a man who wears as many crosses as he once did should not grumble at another.

Berlin printers are on strike again. This is hard on the newspapers, but think what it will do to the money in circulation.

The cost of high living is coming out in several spots.

Homespun Verse
By Omaha's Own Poet—
Robert Worthington Davis
THE GREATEST PHILANTHROPIST.
The greatest philanthropist is the Sun
Whose being is the nourishment of all;
Godfather to all earth's designing done—
Unmeasured to the slightest of the small.

"The People's Voice"

Editorials from readers of The Morning Bee. Readers of The Morning Bee are invited to use a column freely for expression on matters of public interest.

Endres Challenges World-Herald. Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I have read the World-Herald's editorial on my letter of November 1, being instructions to my deputies regarding law enforcement.

This editorial states that I charged that Commissioner Butler was transferred from the police department by the city council for the purpose of promoting crime. This is not true, and my letter will not bear that construction. I said nothing about the city commissioners and the World-Herald is not getting very far in its attempt to place any such construction on what I said. I call attention to the fact, however, that for weeks prior to his transfer Mr. Butler publicly charged that certain elements were demanding his removal because of his policy of law enforcement.

The only issue as far as I am concerned, is that of law enforcement. I am in favor of enforcing the laws and of my office to do so. Whether there can be 100 per cent law enforcement is not the question. The question is: Are we going to have any per cent of honest effort in regard to law enforcement?

The charge that I was playing politics is interesting. I was elected sheriff of Douglas county last year and am now sheriff of Douglas county. I am in favor of enforcing the laws and of my office to do so. Whether there can be 100 per cent law enforcement is not the question. The question is: Are we going to have any per cent of honest effort in regard to law enforcement?

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MOTHER NATURE'S CHILDREN

Birds, plants, animals. The commonplace and the unusual. They are of common interest to all.

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How many houses in your town have more than three children—children under the age of 18? A sorrowful blow to the complacency of the average town when the 1920 census was taken came when the figures showed that while there were more houses in a given area there were fewer people and fewer people in those houses.

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"From State and Nation"

—Editorials from Other Newspapers—

Families. From the Nebraska City Press. It is pointed out that populations of the smaller towns are not falling off because there is a constant demand for new habitations. "Why," it is frequently said, "there is a house shortage all over the country, even in smaller places. Our home-building program is behind five or ten years, as the results of the war or some other cause."

It is true that there is a house shortage in America. But it is not true that the smaller communities are gaining people. Sad to say, they are steadily losing. And it is all due to the family unit. The average family in the United States no longer consists of five persons. The unit is now slightly less than four, if statistics are to be believed—and statistics are usually cold-blooded but accurate indices to true situations.

Isn't it true that a big family in Otoe county, for instance, stands out too prominently, is so isolated from the general run of other families in the county, that its very existence is good for a newspaper story? How many houses in your town have more than three children—children under the age of 18? A sorrowful blow to the complacency of the average town when the 1920 census was taken came when the figures showed that while there were more houses in a given area there were fewer people and fewer people in those houses.

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Why Not a Movie Bloc in Congress? From the Kansas City Star. Production costs must be cut in half. The movie magnate, and one thing that about one of the biggest of them has shut down entirely. Others have announced a purpose to do the same as soon as present contracts shall have expired. Experts' movie opinion finds that a principal trouble with the industry is the large salaries it has been paying to stars. That was all very well while the public paid to see them, but the public hasn't been doing that with its old-time cheerfulness. If the public won't pay the producers can't, what's to be done?

The producers have given their answer. The stars must accept salary cuts of 50 per cent or the studios will remain closed. This looks like a harsh remedy and suggests that maybe the movie people haven't thought to take political advice. What are the facts? There's a surplus of stars on the movie market and perhaps a surplus of the public's money. Why not permit their showing at prices the public will pay. That makes a clear case for government aid, as we see it. A movie bloc should be formed in Congress to produce the necessary legislation to relieve the industry. For a few hundred million dollars the industry would be saved.

Jesus departed into a solitary place and there prayed.—Mark 1:13. God, our Father, in the opening of the new day we love up to thank Thee for the care of the night and for the joy of another morning.

The new day will bring its blessings; may we be able to seize them. In the new day we shall have opportunity—opportunity to be kind—may we remember that kind words can mend.

We shall have opportunity to bear or share another's burden; may we, like the Great Burden Bearer, tenderly, tactfully enter into and share the needs of others.

Joys may come, sorrows may fall upon the heart, surprises may wait us at some turn in the way, but do Thou, ever-present, loving Father, show us that no joy or sorrow or surprise can come to us, Thy children, without Thy knowledge.

Teach us to thank Thee for the joys, to remember, when up to the weep, that "Jesus wept," and to trust all the unexpected—the surprises—to Him who doth all things well, and to radiantly hope for the day when "we shall know, even as we are known, Amen."

A. E. PIPER, D. D., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of November, 1923.

W. H. QUIVERY, Notary Public.

government could take over the surplus stars and hold them off the market until their salaries came up again. This course, being urged for the relief of other industries that have overproduced, and there is no reason why the movies should be left out. This seems to us to be the simplest way of putting the movies on their feet again and would obviate the necessity of sending a lot of beautiful young women out into the world without knowing where the next million dollars is coming from.

"Fourth Down, No Gain." From the New Orleans Times-Picayune. Year before last, 11 retail coal dealers in Washington were indicted for "alleged conspiracy to violate the anti-trust law through restraint of trade in coal." For reasons not explained, trial of the case seems to have been long delayed. Recently, it appears, a "plea in abatement," filed on behalf of the accused, was considered by a District of Columbia court, and the indictment quashed by judicial order.

According to press dispatches, defendants based their motion to quash on the ground that the members of the grand jury which reported the indictment in 1921 was drawing a monthly allowance for disability while the United States government. The learned justice held, it is explained, "that a person receiving a disability compensation from the government is in the employ of the United States and as such is disqualified for service either on a petit or grand jury." So the work of 30-month months is undone and the prosecuting officers must begin all over again or abandon their case.

We cite this "modern instance" with no intent to challenge the correctness of the learned judge's ruling. The point may be beautifully taken altogether sound in law. On the strength of its judicial sustenance laymen are constrained to assume that this is so. But the proceeding freshly illustrates the difficulties that can be thrown in the way of criminal law enforcement under our system, with what meticulous care every step in the enforcement procedure must be taken. The slightest error in law, of officers charged with enforcement, and the costly—not to say well-nigh fatal—consequences of a single misstep or oversight on their part.

Where America Will Not Fall. From the Minneapolis Tribune. President Coolidge is on solid ground in differentiating the emergency created by the earthquake and fire in Japan, and the emergency that exists in the case of Japan, and the president knew he could count on the approval of congress and the people in what he did in the name of the humanity.

The situation in Germany is described as very serious at this time, but it is not so imperative in its demands but that the president can feel himself justified in law and morals to refer this question to congress for action when it meets the first week in December. It is expected that he will then have definite recommendations to make, and that he will transmit them to congress in law. The situation in Germany on which the recommendations will be based.

It is possible that some sound plan may be devised whereby both the suffering Germans and the financially distraught wheat farmers of this country will be benefited. A plan of that kind which would not set undesirable precedents or do violence to good business principles ought to find sanction in the hearts and minds of the people of this country. What the war leaders of Germany sought to do when that country was at the zenith of its military, commercial and financial power is a thing not readily to be forgotten by the American people. It is well to know that the German people are suffering in the wake of German collapse a great deal of suffering.

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Abe Martin



Some husbands are purty tame substitutes for ferns or gold fish. No community is dry than its officials. (Copyright, 1923.)

and privation by innocent children and by adults who were children when the war began nine years ago. It is not in order, however, for a generous-hearted country like ours to confine its thinking in terms of hungry children. Its conception of the ordinary humanities prompts it to offer the helping hand to all who may be in dire physical distress, whether or not they had a part in waging the war launched by the masters of Germany in 1914. All Germans have reason to deplore now the fact that their nation went to arms. In some respects they are being punished today more severely than in the days of the war when the tides of battle turned against them. They are bound to feel keenly the pains of defeat for at least a generation to come. There is now in the United States very little cherishing of the hatreds that were so manifest six years ago. If for no higher or better reason, the old bitterness has been put off because a people that hugs bitterness to its breast does wrong to itself.

Livestock Shows. From the Hastings Tribune. Livestock is now demanding more attention than ever. This is especially true relative to the cities of Kansas City and Chicago. The former will hold the American Royal Livestock show from the 17th to the 24th of this month, while the International Livestock exposition will be held in the Union Stockyards in Chicago from the first to the eighth of December. It is well to know that these exhibitions are not for profit, and that all officers connected with them serve without compensation. They will have satisfaction in the knowledge that their efforts will play an important part in the increase of the prosperity in the country.

France would do well to hire Mussolini to take charge of her collection department.—Vancouver World.

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