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Omaha Where the West is at its Best

HUGHES APPLIES A SILENCER.

Charles Evans Hughes will, it appears, be kept quite busy during the few remaining weeks of his term as secretary of state. Certain captious senators are determined that nothing shall be left undone to keep the administration apprised of the fact that its course does not have unanimous support. No matter what the course may be. Just now the agreement with regard to the United States sharing in the German reparations payments is the pretext. Senators assert that the Department of State was duped, deceived, cozzened, double-crossed by shrewder European manipulators. That, following the old custom, the negotiators for England, Germany, France, Belgium and Italy practiced duplicity, and hornswoggled the United States into becoming party in a compact that will assist the Allies in enforcing war claims against Germany.

To this Secretary Hughes now replies, categorically and specifically denying the allegations. The United States knew what it was about when it entered into an agreement whereunder it is to receive an annual payment of \$25,000,000 or more on its claims against the German government. But this agreement does not legally or morally obligate our government to assist the Allies in any effort they may make to collect from Germany.

American diplomatic procedure is not the kindergarten variety some of its critics would like to have the public believe. Our representatives may not be skilled practitioners in the gentle art of now you see it and now you don't. They play the game straight, according to the shirt-sleeve rule introduced at the first. Complaint has been heard from Europe many times on this score, but it has not had the effect of changing American methods. Bargains made are entered into with a due intent to carry them out, and on terms that are fair to all parties.

traveled. Biblical accounts deal briefly with the politics of the time, touching on those rulers whose influence was felt by the Hebrews. Discoveries are bringing out some knowledge of what was going on when Abram, prince of Ur, went forth to become Abraham, father of the Hebrew nation. Piecing out the record, bit by bit, the excavators are writing a story as absorbing in its human interest as are the paleontologists, who revive the fossils, and give life to the extinct animals and reptiles.

MUSIC THAT HATH CHARMS.

One night last week cultured Omaha crowded the Auditorium to give ear to the Omaha Symphony orchestra. The following morning 4,200 of the school children of the city listened to the same orchestra. It was not idle curiosity that led these persons to the concerts. Love of music alone can account for their presence. And they were rewarded, too, for their pains. The Omaha Symphony orchestra has not attained to the eminence of the company presided over by Ferdinand Stock, for an example, but it is made up of musicians who know their instruments, and under the capable baton of Resident Director Ernest Nordin, has come to a degree of proficiency that is highly creditable. Guest Conductor Roentgen gives his approval by his presence, which is true indication of merit.

Another good bit of proof of the proposition that music has not lost its charm is provided at the Brandeis this week. A musical drama is being offered there without the aid of a single naked woman. Not a cowbell is jangled during the performance. Not a syncopated beat is introduced in the score. No comedian falls into a bass drum. Devoid of all the allurements of modernism, "Blossom Time" attracts solely because of the music it offers. Most of these tunes were written a century ago. A century from now they still will be delights. Because they are music, melodious, true, ravishing the ear by their sweet sounds, and exciting the emotions by a sensuous appeal that is as far from savagery as Paderewski is from an African drum beater.

Jazz arouses the primitive. Affords the "kick" so generally looked for in pleasure these days. Schubert provides the tiltillation that steals unawares into the mood, and whatever that may be, sweetens it by the magic that dwells in harmony. Surely it is good to turn from the jangling, blaring, writhing jazz to bathe even for a little time in the soothing delights of real music as written by inspired men who had a truer vision, a higher culture, than the primitive expressions of the tomtom and the conch shell.

SOMETHING FOR PARENTS TO NOTE.

A friend of The Omaha Bee, who once was a preacher but is now engaged in another vocation, gives us a suggestion. It is drawn very largely from his own experience. While motorists are very generously lectured for their contribution to traffic accidents, the blame is not entirely on them. Says this former minister drivers are subjected to an annoyance that is a little more than exasperating.

Boys have a habit of deliberately jumping in front of cars for no other purpose than to see the driver put the brakes on and make a sudden stop. Then they flee, often jeering at the driver. Many accidents are narrowly missed every day because of this. Motorists can not be held accountable for the resentment they feel as a result of the boys' mischief.

Parents should take cognizance of the facts, and make sure their boys do not engage in such dangerous sport. Streets are not safe playgrounds under the best of conditions, and thoughtlessness

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T. Lambert, one of the most intelligent and fair-minded of Washington newspaper correspondents, why the Letters From Our Readers federal government should hang on All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Communi-cations of 200 words and less, will be given preference. to Muscle Shoals, said:

"The statements that public owner-

Make Omaha Safe. Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: We read in The Omaha Bee of date of January 14 that County Attorney Henry Beal and Police Inspector Jack Pszanowski favor legislation which will make County Attorney Henry Beal and Police Inspector Jack Pszanowski favor legislation which will make our criminal laws more severe in the but in all of the state.

but in all of the state. This seems to be one of the best and most commonsense suggestions of these officiers states, "burglars who enter homes at night are invariably warmed." and experiences of officers in fact mucherers at heart, as they are advantage of this fact to potect themselves when inter-to protect themselves when i

Alongside the track. Last summer it was a module. Now a gang of men is cutting ice from it. Boil your ice! Further along the track a sight rare in Nebraska and practically un-known to younger generation. A sawmill in actual operation. Huge pile of sawdust at one side. Trees not large enough for lumber, but seems to be furnishing fine supply of fence posts, frewood and staves firewood and staves.

We do not know the number of years that have passed over the head of Gen. John Lee Webster. Whatever the number, he doesn't look it. He is either the youngest oldster or the oldest youngster in Omaha. But, while we respect his great legal ability and look with pride upon him as a typical Ne-braskan, we confess little respect for his ability as a mathemati-cian. He isn't long on figgers. He told the State Histori-cal society that he was born in 1854. According to that he was 7 years old when the Civil War broke out, in which he served with gallantry. He wasn't guite 21 when he served with served with gallantry. He wasn't quite 21 when he served with such distinction in the constitutional convention of 1875. We greatly fear that our friend, General Webster, has lost his notch stick.

SUNNY SIDE UP

Jake Comfort, nor forget, That Sunrise never failed us yet Cella Thatter

Westbound Burlington out of Omaha Monday morning. Train crowded to the limit. Members of legislature returning

to Lincoln after Sunday in metropolis. Many state employes.

Men interested in legislation returning to capital to watch out for their interests. Conductor Shepherd in charge of train. One of the oldest conductors in Burlington service. Followed conductor through train, which did not stop between Omaha and Lincoln. Wonderful change in conditions.

Conductor Shepherd recorded only two passes, both rail-road mechanics. Every other passenger had ticket bought and paid for. Quarter of a century ago conditions would have been reversed. There would have been two tickets and all the rest passes. We would have had one of the passes. Time was when we thought it didn't cost anything to ride on a pass. We now really that it cost anything to ride on a pass. We now

Alongside the track. Last summer it was a mudhole. Now

realize that it cost about 25 cents a mile.

At times we have felt impelled to speak harshly of some laws and lawmakers. But we would, at the same time, have it known that we desire to be fair. One day last week we left our overcoat-a good one, too-lying on a couch in the lobby of the Lindell. It was left there at 9 a. m., and remained there unmolested until 3 p. m. During that time scores of law-makers passed and repassed. Lawyers by the dozen came and Lobbyists roamed about. Yet the overcoat was there went. when we went after it. We are hoping for great things from the present legislature.

Our heart bleeds for Mrs. Winifred Westover "Bill" Hart, and her little son. It is pitiful that she and the baby should be forced to live on a paltry \$9,000 a year. That means grinding and abject poverty. If she isn't allowed to return to the silver screen she will have to take in washing to make ends meet. Nine thousand a year means cotton stockings for Winnifred and overalls for the boy, and that is unthinkable. Before such things become the rule we must Pass a Law.

This is Thrift Week, and we are practicing it. It began last Saturday, and we were out of town. Lottie Clifford walked down and was handed our weekly honorarium. Fortunately we still had a couple of packages left from a carton received for Christmas, together with the pipe Ole gave us and some tobacco. We are able to borrow some matches from the Colonel, who sits at our left, and the family physician has recommended that we cut out the noonday lunches for a time. It's Thrift Week for many, but for us it is merely seven long

Jack Dempsey says he will retire from the fight game when he marries. That reminds us of the man who declined an invita-tion to the feast on the grounds that he had just married a wife and could not come. WILL M. MAUPIN. and could not come.

It was this that led to the insistent request that the United States be permitted to share in the reparations payments under the Dawes plan. The agreement, reluctantly entered into by the Allies, is simply a business statement of principle that could not be denied. Mr. Hughes puts the silencer on the critics on this point, but it is not to be supposed he has squelched the spirit. It will flame out in another place very shortly, for those who are blowing it for vartisan advantage are not easily discouraged.

DUBIOUS DAYS FOR DICTATORS.

One anticipated bit of news came through from Russia. It had to do with the dismounting of Leon Trotzky from the high place he has held since the October revolution in 1917. Not that the going of Trotzky will make any material difference in Russian affairs, so long as the communists dominate the country. It is a sign, however, of what in time will overtake every one of them. As such the action of the council is worthy of note. Kerensky fell because he did not have the moral courage to overcome Lenin and Trotzky at a moment when he easilv might have done so. Trotzky goes because he lacked the same quality when confronted by Krassin, Tchitchiterin, and the other leaders of the council. It is a group triumphing over one man. In time the group will fall apart, and the communist party will divide and fall.

We get in Italy another glimpse of a dictator struggling to keep his feet. Disregard the stories told by Bertelli and von Wiegand. They are as far apart as the poles. The truth lies somewhere between them. The truth is that Italians are getting just a little bit weary of being bossed by a man who has assumed power. Conceding that Mussolini headed off bolshevism, which rapidly was enveloping Italy in its coils, the Italian citizen, regardless of party or creed, is asking if any real gain came from transferring from King Log to King Stork.

In Spain Riviera is beginning to wish Blanco Ibanez would cross the border from France, even for a moment-just long enough to let a Spanish soldier get sight of him. Whether it is for the good of all or not, the folks in Europe are beginning to long for a full draught of the liberty they have just tasted. Old forms die hard, but they are dying. These days are uncertain, even for dictators.

WHERE NEBUCHADNEZZAR ATE GFASS.

American and English Assyriologists are worked up by the latest news from Ur. Excavations have gone so far as to determine that part of the palace of the late Nebuchadnezzar had been exhumed. At least the gate wherein he sat to give justice, as was related in the Scriptures. Leading into the banquet hall where the Moving Finger wrote: "Mene, mene, tekel upharsin!" to the bewilderment and undoing of Belshazzar.

More than that. Evidence is at hand from which the excavators deduce that the great tower at the entrance to the gate is more than 2,000 years older than the Christian era. Further excavation is needed to determine how old it really is. Some expect it will turn out to be the veritable Tower of Babel. Inscriptions on it come down to as late as 600 B. C., when it was repaired and still was used by the priests as a place for collecting tribute from those who still worshipped the gods that had fallen before the Persian.

This stirring of long-settled dust is interesting. It ponts a portion of the path over which man has

on part of half-grown boys makes the risk for all doubly hazardous. If the fathers and mothers will only impress on their youngsters the importance of keeping out of danger, it will help the general movement.

A good stiff dose of old-fashioned parental discipline will go a long way toward breaking up the habit of jumping in front of autos or tramcars. This does not extend a license to reckless drivers, who are in the habit of taking all they wish. It would be a relief to the careful driver, who is the one most directly interested.

EDITORIAL LAWMAKERS.

Mrs. Mabel Gillespie, member of the Nebraska legislature, was elected as a democrat. But that is no reason why The Omaha Bee, a republican newspaper, should withhold commendation. Mrs. Gillespie was at one time a member of The Omaha Bee staff of reporters, and if you will excuse the expression, she was a darned good one. That is why she gives promise of being a good representative.

There are several editorial representatives in the legislature. Some register as democrats and some register as republicans. But all register as Nebraskans. For instance, there is Senator Wood of Scotts Bluff, who was elected as a republican, and Senator Purcell of Custer, who was elected as a democrat. Or Representative Gillespie of Sarpy, who was elected as a democrat, and Representative Muir of Lancaster, who was elected as a republican. They may be of differing political faiths, but they are all Nebraskans before they are democrats or republicans.

Conducting a newspaper in Nebraska is calculated. to give one a broader viewpoint. And the broader viewpoint, rather than the partisan viewpoint, is the one thing that Nebraska needs. The Omaha Bee is confident that the newspaper representatives in the legislature will reflect credit upon the newspaper profession and at the same time work for the best interests of the commonwealth as a whole.

Casting up of accounts shows that Germany overpaid 22,000,000 gold marks on the November installment. Bookkeeping is getting somewhat complicated over there.

Trotzky and Bill Heywood may now exchange views. Both were once free in the United States.



We all have our drear and our petulant days; We all have the blues, I believe; We all journey over the care-we-not ways: We sigh and we mope and we grieve.

We get to the edge of the region of ease: We plan as we traverse the meers: We think we can do just about as we please The rest of our glorious years.

Our hopes are attained for a sweet, fleeting space .--And lo! they are taken away; Again all the cares of the past we must face Again we must how to the fray.

O, life is the going and coming of things Of each of the varying veins.

And every step in the future brings Bright sunshine and drizzling rains. protect themselves when inter

fered with. Such laws should be enacted or our

riminal laws so revised that a severe penalty be awarded such law viola ors as they deliberately defy every known law on our statutes and seem to feel that they are a privileged class.

It matters not how drastic a law may he to the law-abiding citizen, and the law violator is not entitled any sympathy, for he can be law abid-

ing if he will There is complaint about our state prison not having capacity to hose sentenced to that penal institu ion for crimes committed.

Let us refer again to The Omaha Bee of same issue in the "Sunny Side Ip" column written by Will M. Mauin, where it is stated that we've uilded one of the great state builded one of the great state only. a prises is therefore worth consistent on the state for a dollar, and also have \$10,000,000 or \$12,000. BRINGS YOUTH

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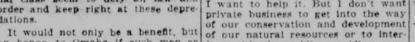
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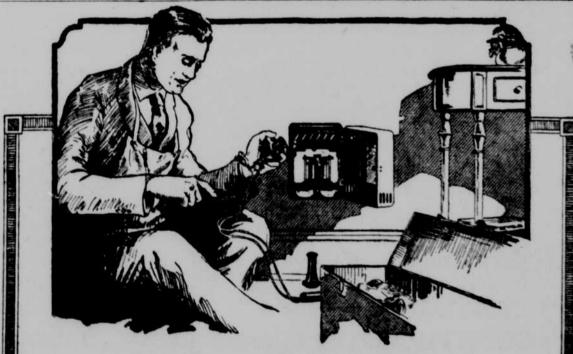
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Omaha-To the Editor of The Oma- so, like New York city and elsewhere, placing the management in the ha Bee: There are many multi-mil-by placing the management in the hands of honest competent men, "and among them, Senator Couzens of Michigan. He made his money in the

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