

GETTING CASH ON CHECK IN BERLIN SOME JOB NOW DAYS

Yards and Yards of Red Tape Must Be Untangled Before Securing Money, Due To Exchange.

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Berlin, May 1.—An American with money in his pocket can find all sorts of amusement—high, low or very low—in Berlin. But even if he hasn't a coin or a bit of paper currency in his jeans he'll have plenty of amusement if he has on him a check on a bank in, say, Paris for example, which he wishes to cash. That little strip of paper entitles him to a seat—it they aren't all occupied, as they usually are—in the "Haupt Kasse" at one of the city's immense financial institutions. Probably it sends him to the Deutsche bank, which is scattered in three or four story buildings in three different blocks. So the first part of his amusement comes in finding the right address and then the right room.

Much Red Tape.

But once there it seems that his check ought to give him a chance on something more than a place on a bench. Ordinary courtesy to a visitor who has come for a stay such as his seems to call for his being given an opportunity to take a nap or eat a bit of lunch. Certainly some of the old deck chairs from the former German liners could be rented easily here and a restaurant would make a fortune.

Get Quick Return.

An American serving an indeterminate sentence of residence in Berlin knew that a check dated March 1 should be presented for payment before March 15. But allowing even a few more days as a margin of safety, his visit to the bank was a speedy disillusionment. In a few minutes less than an hour and a half he was notified that the "avis" had not arrived from Paris.

Slow On Work!

For the second hour he watched a clerk trying to capture the glancing head on the fox lying in the lap of an old lady who occasionally cooed. But that grew tiresome and he came to the chief number on the program arranged for his amusement. This consisted of questioning bank employes about the mythical creature, "German efficiency."

What does this big bank do with the check?

"Ach, it passes through many hands. All examine it closely."
"Do they use a microscope?"
"Certainly, why there is something different about the check."
"What mythical creature, 'German efficiency'?"
"What does this big bank do with the check?"

Exchange Is "Shot."

"They don't work. They're put there because there isn't much work there. Then they don't make the others go slower. They're threatening to strike."

And so on, until 12:50—10 minutes before closing time—and then, with just about his fill of this sort of amusement, the American heard his name called. The clerk told him the rate of exchange was 680.20, or 620.80, or something like that, marks for each 100 francs.

Shark Skin Shoes May Cut Footwear Prices

St. Louis, Mo., May 1.—Shoes of shark skin may be the long-sought-for panacea for the high cost of footwear evil, according to papers read at the national convention of the American Chemical Society here. The papers revealed the results of experiments by various expert chemists to find substitutes for leather. Shark skin was one of many fish skins experimented with, according to the scientists, it was found that a leather similar to hides of cattle and other animals could be produced through certain chemical processes.

Pacific School Leads in Cosmopolitanism in Omaha, Melting Pot of West; Children of Fourteen Countries Erase Hyphens

Pupils of Foreign Born Parentage Total 85 Per Cent.

When teachers of Pacific school, Eleventh and Pacific streets, look over their enrollment lists of pupils they have difficulty in finding a purely American name of the "old stock."

There are long columns of Abiazia, Bonitellos, Erkowitzs, Ghinellis, Straubs, Roscovitzes, Diazes and Yantus, but the old familiar Brown, Smith, Jones, etc., fail to appear.

Erasing the Hyphen.

Upon the city's public schools has developed the duty of erasing the hyphen for thousands of children of foreign born parents and turning them into full fledged Americans of the second generation.

Fourteen Different Nations.

At present these pupils represent 14 different nationalities. There are Bohemians, Poles, French, Roumanians, Italians, Greeks, Syrians, Germans, Russians, Danes, Irish, Scotch, Mexicans and Czechoslovaks.

Are More Enthused.

"They are ambitious and hard workers," Mrs. Campbell reports. "The general average of their work is often higher than that in schools composed largely of children of American born parents."

Diamond Too Big to Sell Shown in London

London, May 1.—The Tiger's Eye, the largest of diamonds except the Kohinoor is on exhibition here. It weighs 61 1/2 carats and is worth \$150,000. It is of golden amber hue. Experts declare it to be a perfect specimen.

Child Finds Skeleton On Randall's Bay Shore

Freeport, L. I., May 1.—A small skull, with parts of a spine and thigh, were discovered in the sand on the shore of Randall's bay, near here, by a child of Henry Borkamp, of No. 24 West Side avenue. He buried the bones nearby, but decided he had better notify the police. The bones were later dug up. It is believed the bones may be those of a body washed up by the waves.

Appendicitis Attacks Sisters On Same Day

Corning, N. Y., May 1.—Two at-

Returns Home for Tobacco; Finds Man There—Divorce

Springfield, Ill., May 1.—Louis Solomon, at Springfield, forgot his tobacco one night when he went to work and came back home for it. He found another man with his wife. Now he has been granted a divorce.

Girls Expelled From School for Smoking

Aurora, Ill., May 1.—Cigarette smoking among girls of private schools is getting to be quite a fad, or, maybe, it is the sensation of the news from the disclosures. Anyway, one of four girls expelled from the Jennings seminary, a Methodist deaconess school for young women here, for indulging in the weed habit, in being the first to tell of the expellings, said she wanted to see "a snappy item" written of the incident. She got it. School faculty members said the girls were inspired by colorful reports of the recent smoking episode at Kemper Hall, near Chicago.

Like Love Films.

Damascus, being the oldest city in the world, of course, has the oldest cinema theater in the world—and it looks even older than that. Like movie shows the world over, this one runs true to form in being an ideal place for the census taker. No matter if it hasn't got stationary chairs, it has virtues which shows in America don't dream of having—for example, absolutely no fresh air to endanger delicate health, an atmosphere so full of smoke it isn't at all necessary to light a cigaret to get the effects; Turkish water pipes served on request. Even the best American movies haven't got Turkish water pipes.

All Rub Elbows.

And in this theater sit publicans and sinners, Bedouin chiefs, dignified in golden splendor; just plain Arabs, spitting on the floor; high government officials and men government officials would like to know were within reach of the police.



Refugees Flock to Crimea and Food Is Becoming Scarce

Theodosia, Crimea, May 1.—With thousands of Russian refugees crowding into the Crimea, the little town of Theodosia, where the American Red Cross has established its relief headquarters for South Russia, has become the busiest port on the Black Sea.

Concentrating on the task of getting the fleeing Russians, many of whom have travelled on foot from points as far away as Petrograd, to places of safety, the United States Near East squadron has made Theodosia a regular port of call and is sending every available cargo boat and war vessel here to transport the distracted refugees to Constantinople, whence they are routed to various refuge points established by the Red Cross in Asia Minor and the Balkan Peninsula.

The situation in the Crimea is fast growing desperate. The hordes of refugees have reached here utterly destitute. Hundreds are infected with spotted typhus. All are half starved and the food supplies shortly will be inadequate unless thousands seeking relief can be taken to places nearer the base of supply. It is hoped that the efforts of the United States naval authorities, assisted by the French and British, will succeed in averting the impending famine which threatens the lives of the multitude of exiles seeking escape through the only outlet now left in South Russia.

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1. Anne Prenosil, daughter Mr. and Mrs. John Prenosil, 1242 1-2 South Twelfth street (Bohemians.)
2. Israel Bercovici, son of Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Bercovici, 1103 Farnam street (Roumanians.)
3. Frank Parmenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Parmenter, 1109 South Tenth street. His father is of French birth and his mother from Ireland.
4. Julia Bogdon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Bogdon, 912 Pierce street (Poles.)
5. William Cotch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cotch, 1413 William street (Czechoslovaks.)
6. Helen Dopita, daughter of Mrs. Benjamin Redmand, 1117 South Tenth street. Her father was an Austro-Hungarian.
7. Pablo Dias, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dias, 1112 South Eighth street (Mexicans.)
8. Esther Ring, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ring, 1126 South Fourteenth street (All-American.)
9. Clayton Carlson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Carlson, 1217 South Fourth street (Danes.)
10. Marie Straub, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Straub, 517 Pierce street. Her father hails from Germany. Her mother was born in Ireland.
11. Chester Bozak, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bozak, 611 Martha street. His father is a Pole, his mother German.
12. Josephine Ferris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ferris, 1203 Pierce street (Syrians.)
13. Manuel H. Jacko, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Jacko, 1117 South Fourteenth street (Negroes.)
14. Charles Dinan, son of Mrs. Marie Dinan, 625 Forest avenue. His father was from the Duld Sod.
15. Marie Ghimile, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ghimile, 911 South Pierce street (French.)
16. Jack Spencer, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Spencer, 1103 Pacific street. His father is Irish, his mother Scotch.
17. Sam Bailen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bailen, 607 South Tenth street. His father is German, his mother Russian.

tacks of appendicitis and two operations on two persons in one family on the same day is extraordinary. It happened in this city when Mrs. Stanley Gruver and her sister, Mrs. Temple, were seized with attacks of appendicitis at about the same time. They were taken to the hospital in the same ambulance, where the same doctor performed the operations.

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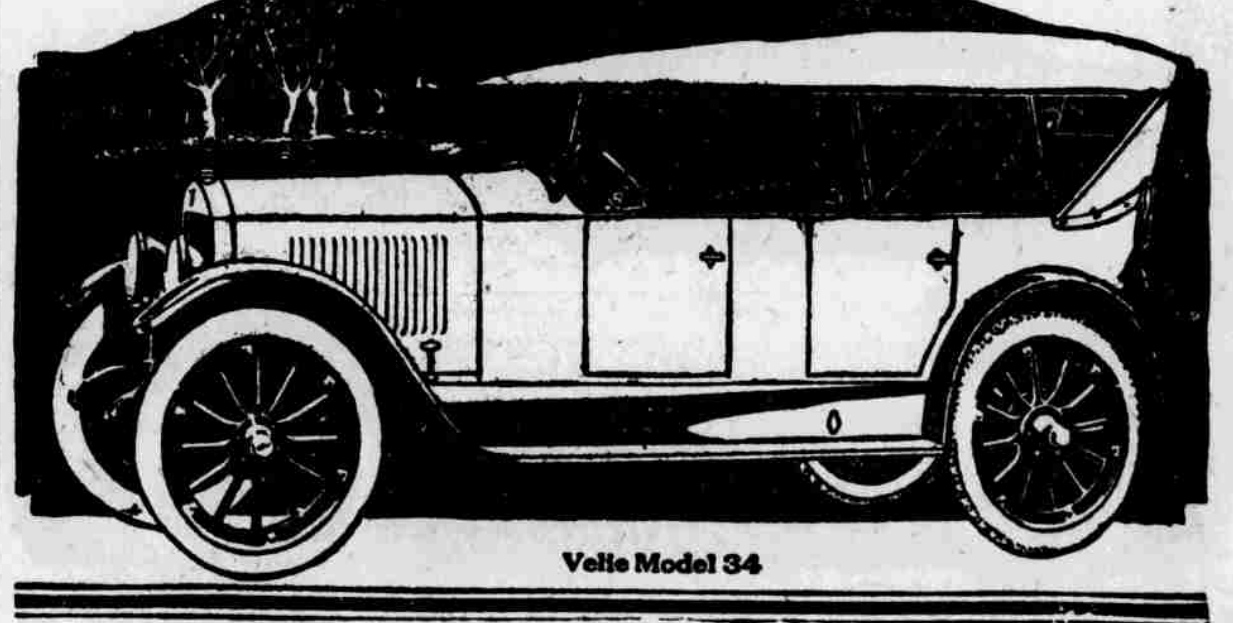
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