

### Leaders Assured Of Progress on German Treaty

#### President Hopes to Conclude Negotiations for Formal Pact Before Conference On Disarmament.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Aug. 14.—President Harding hopes to have treaties of peace negotiated with Germany and the other central powers before the international conference on eastern issues and reduction of armaments convenes in Washington next November.

Although the administration is still silent on the subject of negotiations with the central powers which have followed the adoption of the peace resolution by congress, leaders in congress, some of whom were growing restless under the strain due to lack of information as to developments, have been given assurances that progress toward a peace program is being made.

Following his talk with Senator Borah a few days ago, in which the president assured the senator that there could be no cause for complaint from any republican faction in the senate when a treaty with Germany eventually is submitted for ratification, the tendency on capitol hill to get agitated over the lack of information on the subject has disappeared.

#### Senators Calm Down.

Senators who are inclined to be fretful over the situation have calmed down and are willing to permit the president and Secretary Hughes to carry their negotiations with the central powers to the point where the senate will rightfully take part in the proceedings. It is for the president to negotiate treaties and the senate to ratify them. Until there is a treaty the senate cannot be called upon to act.

Cabled reports that a treaty with Germany is ready to be signed could get no verification here in official quarters. Secretary Hughes maintained his long silence on the subject of these negotiations. The president had left the White House for a week-end on the Potomac. Indications in the official quarters were, however, that the German negotiations had not reached a conclusion yet and that it would be several weeks, at least, before there could be any announcement of their status. No announcement is expected until a treaty has been actually negotiated which will carry out the provisions of the peace resolution requiring the protection of rights secured to the United States in the rejected Versailles treaties.

#### Harding Encouraged.

The president, it is said, has reason to be encouraged over the prospect for conclusion of these negotiations before the armament conference begins. It is his fervent desire to have this important phase of international relations settled long before the Washington conference, if such a consummation is possible.

Officially, there has never been any admission in Washington that a treaty with Germany, Austria or Hungary has been under negotiation. Unofficially, it has been admitted that this is a fact. Announcement from Budapest today that Hungarian national assembly had approved the peace resolution adopted by the United States and had authorized the Hungarian government to negotiate a treaty of peace, aroused no comment from official sources here. It is understood, however, that this government had submitted to the Hungarian government immediately after its passage the peace resolution as a basis for negotiations. The same course was taken with Germany and Austria.

#### Passed on July 2.

The resolution was passed by congress and signed by President Harding on July 2. It declared the state of war between Germany and the United States, Austria-Hungary and the United States at an end. It reserved to the United States and its nationals all rights which might be entitled to under the armistices with Germany and Austria-Hungary or under the treaties of Versailles, St. Germaine and Trianon, that brought peace, respectively, between the allied nations and Germany, Austria and Hungary.

The treaty of Trianon, the Hungarian peace treaty, became effective July 25 by formal acceptance of exchanges of ratifications on the part of the allied powers and Hungary and was declared law in Hungary on August 1.

### Common Sense

By J. J. MUNDY.

#### Do Your Best.

If you are doing your work well it is not necessary for you to tell about it.

You may think your efforts are unnoticed and unappreciated, but there are some persons who will know what you are doing.

There is always a suspicion which arises in regard to the one who is always calling attention to some wonderful thing which that certain person has done or accomplished.

There is the feeling that one is out of the ordinary and that one is doing big things and do them well, if the fact is not mentioned.

It is nothing to brag about if you do good work for your employer; you are paid for just that.

You could not hold your job for long if you did not meet requirements.

You may feel that those who work with you are doing as much proportionately as you are and you are foolish to except yourself, but the ones who are lax in duty are not so well fortified against a lay-off as you are.

Of course you may get the "pay-off," but you stand a better show of steady employment if you do your level best, regardless of what the others do.

A new plug automatically switches off the current from an electric iron when the proper temperature is reached.

### More Truth Than Poetry

By JAMES J. MONTAGUE



#### THE PARASITE

He's just an idle, useless chap Who loafs around all day; He wouldn't do a single tap For any wage we'd pay.

He pays for neither board nor room Yet he is satisfied To stay and shamelessly consume What other folks provide.

He can't control his appetite, He often eats until He wakens in the dead of night Quite dangerously ill.

And all the time more savage grows His fierce and bitter mood, But when he's cured, he never shows A bit of gratitude.

When he's asleep we dare not speak Or walk across the floor Lest in a sudden fit of pique He wake the folks next door.

But he'll not hesitate to fuss And clamor no inconsiderate When he's wakened to waken us To serve his slightest need.

And yet we like to have him round, He really means no harm, And since we've known him we have found He has a certain charm.

His temper will improve we trust, His heart may prove pure gold, There still is time, because he's just A year and two months old.



#### FOREVER, FORTUNATELY

Caruso is dead, but thanks to Mr. Edison his voice goes marching on.

#### AWFUL THOUGHT

Can it be possible that Mr. Harding went to Maine because it has been dry for so long it knows how to entertain a thirsty man?

#### THE YVONG KIND

A woman is suing for divorce because her husband plays golf all the time. Evidently souls are not bound together by golf links.

### HOLDING A HUSBAND

Adole Garrison's New Phase of "Revelations of a Wife"

#### The Way Madge Couched Her Request of Grace Draper.

My Dear Miss Draper:— Back in my room at Mrs. Ticer's, with Dicky purposely paying such assiduous attention to his mother and Junior that I feared no interruption from my doughty mother, I sat before an improvised desk, cudgeling my brain for fitting words with which to clothe my request to her that she pose again for Dicky's illustrations.

I stared at the formal salutation with eyes that looked backward down a vista of trouble and tragedy, of which Grace Draper had been the storm center, and wondered to what I must look forward—a little premonitory shiver swept me. Of my own volition, I was bringing her into my life again, convinced that by so doing I was saving Dicky from a threatened professional ruin, but I could not escape the fear that some way, somehow, she would bring truth to me and mine again.

But having once set my feet upon this thorny path I could not go back. So with a desperation born of the impotence I felt, I dipped my pen afresh in the ink and rapidly wrote:

If you remember our conversation at the house in Hempstead, you will know that this letter is written in all friendliness and sincerity. Mr. Graham has been in ignorance of your whereabouts and of our interview until this morning, when I discovered that for some illustrations he is to make for a novel. He had no idea that he could secure you, simply expressing the wish that you were available. I at once informed him of our interview, and expressed the belief that you might be willing to work with him again. At his request I am writing you to ascertain whether or not you would be willing to undertake the work.

Of course your whereabouts would have to be kept a secret from the people of whom you spoke in our interview, and we have evolved a plan which will combine secrecy and safety with convenience. If you can manage to get a train for Greenport unobserved, take the ferry at that point for Shelter Island. Mr. Graham and I will motor over from Sag Harbor, through North Haven, and meet you on the Shelter Island dock, and motor you to a quiet, comfortable little hotel in the heart of the island woods, where we can make plans for the posing. All the expenses of your journey, we will, of course, repay. Cordially yours,

MARGARET GRAHAM.

I read this over several times when I had finished, feeling more and more dissatisfied with it each time. It sounded stiff, stilted, and I wondered if I had not obstructed myself too much in writing of the arduousness of my writing the letter, and upon my being present at all interviews with her and I would have been something more than human if I had not yielded to the temptation— which the letter plainly betrayed— to let her see in my hands.

Careful Plans.

I folded the letter and put it into an envelope, addressed simply, "Grace Draper," directed a larger one to the cousin of Linda Sheffield—who was the first in the chain of the girl's clever elusions of the espionage kept upon her—and slipped both into my bag, to wait for an opportunity to show them to Dicky. Then I went down to the sitting room where Dicky was entertaining his small son to the little lad's delight, and Mother Graham's smiling approval.

My mother-in-law's face changed

as she saw me, and I realized that she had not yet forgiven me for Dicky's slur of the morning upon her weight. She has an annoying habit of forgetting that her son is at fault, and shifting her resentment for his errors upon my shoulders.

"It seems to me, Margaret," she said loftily, "that if I had a house like this Dacey on my hands I would be over there seeing to it instead of resting comfortably in my room. But, of course, times are different."

Madge's Ruse.

I seized the opportunity she gave me swiftly.

### SLEEPY-TIME TALES

#### THE TALE OF GRUNTY-PIG

BY ARTHUR SCOTT BAILEY

#### CHAPTER VIII.

##### Fearful News.

There came a day at last when Farmer Green gave Mrs. Pig and her family a great treat. He let them out of their pen and turned them loose in a little yard out of doors. Such gruntings and squealings hadn't been heard on the farm for a long



#### There are bears on Blue Mountain.

time. It was just like a picnic. And everybody had the finest of times. Still Grunty Pig wasn't content to stay in the yard with the rest of the family. It wasn't long before he found a hole in the fence big enough to wiggle through. And off he went. And he was actually glad, for once, that he was the littlest of the family. There wasn't another of Mrs. Pig's children that could squeeze through the opening.

Grunty Pig trotted the whole length of the lane. When he reached the pasture he found himself face to face with the Muley Cow, who acted much surprised to see him there.

"You'd better go back home at once," she advised him. "There are bears on Blue Mountain. Sometimes they come down this way. Only last week I had an adventure with one in the back pasture." She did not tell Grunty that she had run away from Cuffy Bear down the hillside. "A bear," said the Muley Cow, "would be delighted to meet a tender little pig like you."

Grunty Pig did not even thank the Muley Cow for warning him. "I'd like to meet a bear," he declared stoutly. "I hope I'll meet one today."

Leaving the Muley Cow, he zig-zagged up the hill through the pasture, stopping now and then to dig up many a juicy root.

Although Mrs. Pig missed her runaway son after a time, she was not greatly disturbed. "He can't be far off," she thought. "He'll come back before dark." And when Grunty did at last come crawling into the little yard Mrs. Pig was merely vexed with him for having gone off without her consent. She was just about to give him a well deserved scolding, but before she could speak to him, Grunty greeted her with a loud squeal.

"I saw a bear in the pasture," he cried.

Mrs. Pig promptly forgot her dis-

### Romance in Origin Of Superstitions

By H. IRVING KING.

#### The Silver Cure.

An old-time superstition belonging to the folk-medicine class is that a horse may be cured of any one of several diseases by inserting a piece of silver in the affected part. Usually a dime is employed and it is imperative that the cure should be administered by the light of the moon. This superstition is not so common as it was a few years ago but it still met with in widely scattered localities. It is of course, a survival of moon-worship. The silver dime is a miniature "silver moon." Even should another piece of silver than a dime be used still the relation is the same between the lunar goddess and the metal which represents her and her light. The curative operation is an appeal to the moon goddess, a sacrifice to her of her favorite metal, an offering to her. In this case it is probably the moon goddess in the form of the Great Artemis that is appealed to, for Artemis protected against disease and Alexander may have cured Buchephalus of swiney with a drachma in the same manner as the Arkansas farmer now cures Dobbin of the same disease with a dime.

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### Lady Astor Finds Speaker Of House Napping in Chair

London, Aug. 14.—The Sussex Daily News publishes a story of how the new speaker was literally caught napping in his chair. It was during a particularly tedious debate, so runs the malicious tale, that Lady Astor tripped up the steps to the speaker's dais to have some private words with him; but on discovering at close range that Mr. Whitley was peacefully sleeping she withdrew on tiptoe with an air of maternal solicitude.

This story, if true, destroys a fond illusion. It has always been supposed that the one member of the House of Commons that never slept was Mr. Speaker—"among the faithless, faithful only he"—that, in fact, he was paid \$20,000 per year free of income tax to keep awake.

### On Poker Game in Cave

Calico, Ark., Aug. 14.—Amos Wycatt, local city marshal, combines the agility of a stepplejack with his other abilities for capturing elusive gamblers. Recently he spied three young men retreating to a cave on the banks of White river. To approach the mouth of the cave meant no arrests. He scaled the surrounding cliffs and "dropped in on the poker game," arrested the three men. They were fined following conviction.

### Where It Started

The Fourth Estate.

This term, so long applied to the press, originated with Carlyle. In "Heroes and Hero-Worship," he says: "Burke says that there were three estates in parliament, but the reporters' gallery yonder there sat a fourth estate, more important by far than they all."

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### Veterans' Bureau Will Cut Red Tape Forbes Declares

#### Director Optimistic But Warns People Not to Expect Too Much at Present Time.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Aug. 14.—Charles R. Forbes, director of the veterans' service bureau created under the Sweet soldiers' relief act, is optimistic over the outlook for improving relief conditions, but does not want the country to expect too much at once.

"Created for ex-service men, the veterans' bureau, authorized by the act of congress of August 9, 1921, will, in the course of time, remove delays and red tape which have, in the past, hindered the administration of soldier and sailor relief by government agencies," said Director Forbes today.

"While the creation of the veterans' bureau eliminates one of the chief difficulties in the way of soldier relief work, that of duplication of effort, it must be remembered that the creation of the bureau is not, in itself, an immediate panacea for all of the troubles of the ex-service person and that too much must not be expected in the very beginning. It has taken several years to build up the reserve government machinery and it can not be made over in a night.

"The work of decentralization which is provided for in the veterans' bureau, to be really successful, must be gradual. To make any hasty steps would be a calamity and to feel that in a couple of weeks they will receive all they desire in the way of compensation and medical treatment and that all cases will be settled within 24 hours after receipt, it will defeat the purpose of the Sweet bill, creating the new bureau.

"The veterans' bureau was created for the veterans of the world war. Its functions are many and various. More than 1,000,000 claims are on file in the Washington office and nearly 30,000 ex-service men are in hospitals at the present time.

"The 14 regional offices of the veterans' bureau will assist the claimant in every possible manner. Before the creation of the veterans' bureau employees of the government were not authorized to assist a claimant in the preparation of his claim."

### "Here Lies a Taxpayer." Is Epitaph for Suicide

Paris, Aug. 14.—Pierre Fontanges, landed proprietor of No. 9 Rue Dampierre, Paris, has blown out his brains after writing a letter to the French minister of finances in which he says: "Your exigencies have made my life insupportable. I prefer to kill myself rather than be slowly strangled by you."

Friends have erected over his body a tombstone bearing the inscription: "Here lies a taxpayer, discouraged, preferred to hand in his resignation."

### WHY—

Does Glass Cut Off the Heat of Fire but Increase that of the Sun?

This question, while apparently founded upon fact, is in reality based either upon misconception of the true natural facts in the case or upon the use of entirely different substances, for the glass that increases the heat of the rays of the sun—a burning or magnifying glass—is quite different in its construction from plate or sheet glass, in which the sides are practically parallel. It is steady and as unwavering as the sun a magnifying glass would increase its heat precisely as it does that of the sun itself, but the constant flicker and movement alters the heat and makes the increase in power barely perceptible.

In the case of a greenhouse, however, the effect is due to an entirely different cause. Here the glass sides and roof allow all the heat of the sun to enter—but they also permit little of the interior heat to escape and it is because of this, rather than because of any magnification of the sun heat itself, that greenhouses have even when they are not artificially heated. In short, a conservatory is a heat-trap, rather than a heat-producer. For this reason, it cannot be said to be true that glass cuts off the heat of fire—as in the case of a glass fire screen, but increases that of the sun, though superficial observation might incline us to this belief.

An American typesetting machine has been adapted to the Chinese alphabet as simplified to 35 characters.

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### Jewel, Flower, Color Symbols for Today

By MILDRED MARSHALL.

The moonstone is today's talismanic gem. It is an exceptionally lucky stone, and is regarded as sacred in India. As an aid to love, it is invaluable, since it is believed to arouse the tender passion and to give lovers the power to read the future.

It is curious that the natal stone of those who were born on some anniversary of this day should have exactly the opposite effect of the moonstone. This is the onyx, which if worn on the neck, is said to cool the ardors of love. Moreover, it provokes discord and separates lovers, according to Indian belief.

Yellow is a significant color today. It is the sacred hue of India and is always associated with the moonstone, hence it is exceptionally fortunate on this day.

The yellow nasturtium is today's special flower.

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