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Backing Up to the United States.

News from Genoa that a telex has been put out in the form of an invitation to the United States to participate in a Russian inquiry at The Hague is most interesting. Such participation will be just what the Harding administration has sought to avoid, and what the Lloyd George policy has been seeking for months, the commitment of the United States to certain definite engagements with regard to the future of Europe. A broad and generous willingness to help all responsible nations who are willing to help themselves is not enough, apparently, to satisfy the statesmen of Europe, who are seeking to formulate a course of action for the United States. This country, according to their book, must get into the middle and bind itself to action that they will agree upon.

When the invitation to Genoa was declined it was because of the unwillingness of this nation to take part in European politics. Secretary Hughes on March 8 last sent to Italy a note declining the invitation from that government, in which he said:

I regret to inform your excellency that, as a result of this examination of the invitation (and agenda), it has been found impossible to escape the conclusion that the prospective conference is not merely an economic conference, as questions appear to have been excluded from consideration without the satisfactory determination of which the chief causes of economic disturbance must continue to operate, but is rather a conference of a political character in which the government of the United States could not helpfully participate.

Events have established the accuracy of Mr. Hughes' diagnosis, and fully confirm his judgment expressed in the paragraph quoted. If the Genoa meeting has broken down, it is because of the presence of those political questions. These are for European, not American, adjustment. It is true they have a world significance, but even under the constitution of the League of Nations, they are matters to be settled by the nations most concerned. The Treaty of Rapallo did settle them, so far as Germany and Russia are concerned, and with that treaty we have no right to interfere. France, because of its peculiar situation, may object, and as far as that goes, has objected most strenuously and seemingly effectively, for even Lloyd George has not succeeded in patching up the break.

Whether the United States will take part in a consultation upon Russia at The Hague will necessarily depend upon the form in which the question is presented. If it be purely economic, the answer may be favorable; but the politicians of Europe may as well understand that this government is not planning to accept a greater share of the world's burden than is its just proportion. President Harding is ready to help, but he expects Europe to do a little something in a constructive way for itself.

A Congressional Rollo.

At 86 "Uncle Joe" Cannon drops the remark that he has always desired to travel around the world, but that he never had time. He plans to top off his forty-six years of service in congress with a tour that will take him first to Japan and then belt the globe. This journey may be expected to be as full of events as those recorded in the old "Rollo" books.

A few words of advice in farewell to this lively tourist can not be amiss. Another public figure, the prince of Wales, is now on the last half of a world tour that has been filled with many adventures and misadventures. For one thing, Uncle Joe would do well to thrust aside the temptation to play polo. The prince is now sporting a black eye and a bandaged head as a result of his getting in the way of a ball on the polo field at Manila.

In Tokio the British agent so far forgot his dignity as to get between the shafts of a jinriksha and pull a naval officer about. However skittish Uncle Joe may feel, he should restrain his youthful ardor. It would be as great a faux pas for an American statesman to irritate a coolie hauling a jinriksha as to attempt to order one over the bar. Over in India the prince, according to rumor, got himself shot at. Furthermore, his coming was always well advertised in advance, but there were a number of towns where the population played a practical joke and went to their homes in order to avoid seeing him. The best advice to Uncle Joe is to travel inconspicuously, accept what tributes are freely offered, but not to be downhearted if the chamber of commerce of Bombay or "Bombuctoo" does not have the municipal band down at the station. This 86-year-old colt will have a lot to tell the folks back at Danville after his return. If he collects a black eye or gets in a shooting scrape along the route he has ample precedent, but he should really leave the wild oats to the price.

Pilgrims of the Plains.

Nebraska's brief history has been packed with incident. Citizens of the old American colonies might not believe that enough has happened, say in the town of St. Edward, Neb., to furnish material for a historical pageant. In New England a drama of this sort would start three centuries back.

regions. The first settlements there were made early in the spring of 1871. Its Pilgrim fathers came from Massachusetts, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Then with great speed the history of early American settlement was repeated.

The school children of St. Edward are soon to present their pageant revivifying the events from which they sprang. The opening scene will depict the spirit of the wilderness, to be followed by the spirit of Indian days and the spirit of the pioneers, the drama closing with the personification of the spirit of today. The tribulations of the early settlers, the founding of the mill and the establishment of the school will appear in these dramatic episodes.

"There has been enough historical material for a week's pageant," the local newspaper declares. "One of the large problems was in determining what to include and what to eliminate." This must come as a revelation even to the citizens. A new community spirit and local pride comes from such pageants of the west. It will be splendid if more Nebraska towns turn their thoughts thus to their past with music and song.

What a Protective Tariff Means.

The tariff bill is entering the final stages of its passage in the senate, and before the week is over will have been the subject of much detailed debate. In considering the tariff policy Americans should keep in mind that our home market is the greatest and most desirable in all the world. The consumptive demand of the American people exceeds that of any other nation. Our way of living is different from any other, our buying power exceeds any other, and all other nations are anxious to be permitted to sell here.

If goods produced abroad are allowed unrestricted entrance to the United States, it is at the expense of domestic farmers, manufacturers or other producers. Any foreign-made article sold here displaces one made at home. That is plain enough to be understood by anybody. A day's work for a foreign workman, making articles to be used in America, takes a day's work and a day's pay from an American workman. That also is plain and needs no argument. The republican party is pledged to the preservation of the home market for the home workers; good wages and continuous employment, with opportunity for advancement to all. Under the protection of the high tariff this will be secured.

The democratic policy of free trade means that goods produced abroad will be sold in the American market to the exclusion of the home-produced, because they can be sold for less money, simply because of lower wages and poorer conditions for the workers in other lands. No mistake should be made as to these fundamental elements of a proposition, and the mind of the public should not be confused by moans emitted by democratic mourners over the situation of foreign ink makers and the like, who are excluded from the United States by a tariff sufficiently high to secure the home trade for the home workers.

Chicago's "Labor" Camorra.

Chicago police are unearthing the workings of a lawless group that has terrorized employers and workers alike in the Windy City for many months. So far as disclosures have been made, neither the honest worker nor the honest employer is likely to lose anything because a few unscrupulous men have been checked in their operations. These men have apparently doubled both sides, extorting bribes from one and exacting contributions in the form of dues from the other, and playing their own game in such a high-handed way it is a marvel that civilized authority would permit. Violence in every form, including murder, has extended to every form of industrial activity, an exhibition of the prevalence of the direct action theories of the professed anarchists improved by the cunning of the criminals who have prospered because of the condition they were able to create and maintain while posing as labor leaders. If the authorities of Chicago and Cook county sincerely pursue these desperate adventurers to their extermination, they will have done society a great service, because they will have liberated industry from the incubus of dread that has hung heavily over it for many months. Legitimate trade unionism will be the gainer, and the doctrine of collective bargaining will improve, because bargains will be made by men honestly seeking a working agreement, and not by camorrista, supported by gunmen.

Diesel Engines for the Missouri.

There are some advocates of Missouri river navigation who believe the solution finally will be found in towboats driven by Diesel engines. This is what makes the success of the motor ship William Penn in making a 30,000-mile ocean voyage of great interest to middle westerners. This is the only Diesel-driven freighter owned by the United States Shipping board. Admiral W. S. Benson, pointing to the total output of \$70 for repairs on a run to Japan and return, characterizes the experiment as the "most illuminating and conclusive argument that the shipping world has yet had of the advantages to be obtained from the adoption of the explosive engine as a motor power in our merchant ships.

Less fuel was required, and the crew was reduced one-third from that customary on steamships. Such savings as these mean more on inland waters than on the seas, which would be navigated at any cost. Omaha may yet see light draft Diesel towboats pushing a fleet of barges laden with farm products down the Missouri, with a crew not much larger than that on an ordinary freight train. Then will the day of cheap access to market have arrived.

An association has been formed to buy and preserve Kenmore, the home of George Washington's brother-in-law, at Fredericksburg, Va. The interior decorations of this colonial mansion were designed by Washington. In order that Americans may not forget how their forefathers lived, it is well to save more of these old homes—this estate is about to be cut up for building lots by a practical-minded landlord.

A few more receptions to train robbers, such as that held in Arizona, may take some of the romance out of the business.

One can always work up a tear for those European printing ink makers, were it not for their champions.

Omaha's building boom is not making much noise, but it is keeping a lot of mechanics on the pay roll.

Either way the Pennsylvania primary goes today, it will not help the democrats much.

Ireland seems nearer than ever to freedom.

The Old Swimmin' Hole

Potency of Its Appeal Is Not Lost Just Because Boys Grow Old.

There the ballroom crowd, and the one who is tall, and is noted for his water with amber and gold, and the old swimmin' hole.

A schoolboy looks out of the window these days, apparently interested in the sprinkling wagon, but appearances are deceiving, as usual, in a regard to the water in which he is called back from the "old swimmin' hole" to Sherman's March to the Sea. "Spring fever" his parents declare; "pure laleness" his teachers snarl. Morally, utterly and hopelessly lacking in imagination are these. Spring fever? Lazy? When the skies are blue, when the buds are swelling, and when the birds are clearing their throats? There's nothing to it. He's suffering from severe longing for the "old swimmin' hole."

He half the joy of the world to be a boy in the spring and to hear the old post-calling! "Truant officers, see their alarm clocks and rise early—in vain. Who ever heard of anyone but a boy finding the old hole? The pool is just a crook in the arm of the river, guarded by cattle in a pasture. The yellow waters mock the sun. The glistering trout play at prisoner's base." They feel the breath of spring in the rapidly warming water, and they wiggle their fins with glee. They know the "old hole," too.

The pool is so shallow in spots that the top of your head says "Hello" to your shoulders when you dive. The aquatic thrushes and the oak sentinels are getting brittle. With all its faults, the hole is a lake of dreams. Boys dive, duck, quarrel, splash, float, and swim there, free as the water gulls, and carries lie with the clothes on the bank, forgotten.

The "old swimmin' hole" has been passed to us in song and story. It's as dear to us as the old oak tree under which the boys of the well. It is an American institution. Let any foreigner claim it for his! No man in this country but remembers the "hole" of his youth. The old soldier remembers it when writes the glory of battle has faded. The statesman prefers it to his Florida beach. The school board is the only and souls that have no time for it. Why? It awakens the restless spirit of students and entices them from their work. When the water is warming up—watch that boy!—Minneapolis South High School Southerner.

France's Interesting Experiment

An interesting French project is described in the Social Hygiene Bulletin. From this source we are informed that an ex-soldier's "mutual birth-benefit society" has been formed with a membership of more than 250,000, to help individual members to make more satisfactory adjustments to peace conditions and to lessen the financial burden of children. Every member who wants to take advantage of the "mutual benefit" plan must pay into the society's treasury five francs a month for five years, or 300 francs in all. When a child is born to him the society agrees to pay him 250 francs in a lump and twenty francs a month till the child is a year old. To encourage French women to give their babies the diet nature intended them to have, an additional five francs a month are paid to the family if the mother nurses the child. No member, it is expressly stipulated, can claim birth benefit till he has been in the society more than six months, but after that he may have any number of children and claim full payment for every one of them without increasing his payment of 300 francs spread over five years.

This is not only an interesting social experiment, considered as such, but it is a development of happy augury for France, which the abnormally low birth rate as compared with the mortality rate has long been a subject of apprehension among the thoughtful patriotic observers.—Elysee Herald.

Major Rowan's Exploit

Five days after the war with Spain began, Andrew Summers Rowan of the Regular Army landed from an open boat in Cuba, he carried a message to General Garcia, commanding the insurgent forces. It was an important message, giving the Cuban the formation that enabled him to co-operate with the United States against the Spanish army. Rowan had to get through the Spanish lines and find Garcia. It was a difficult matter, the way he did it with the matter-of-fact efficiency he had learned at West Point twenty years before, and Elbert Hubbard made the exploit famous in his "Message to Garcia."

Although he had been in the Army since 1881, at the time he went to Garcia, Rowan was only a first lieutenant. He retired in 1908, a major. He was never decorated or rewarded for, although General Miles recommended him for the medal of honor, no medal or decoration for this exploit existed then.

But tardy recognition as to the made of the man who did an impossible thing impossibly well, and Secretary of War Weeks has recommended that the Distinguished Service Cross, a decoration authorized during the Great War, be awarded Major Rowan.

Certainly he deserves it. But a decoration equal to that bestowed on him by the United States, years ago, translated into many languages and read all over the world, is something that no government can ever hope to equal.—Worcester Telegram.

"Les Jeunes"

Sir James M. Barrie has lately been urging the organization of a league of youth. Up, undoubtedly Sir James, who was born in 1860, is the very man for the leadership of such a league, if he can but get it going. There is no time in a man's life when he is so apt at youth singing in his soul so powerfully as the period when he is about 60 years old. And at that epoch, being particularly anxious to avoid the appearance of being old, he is particularly inclined to associate himself with the joys and aspirations of youth. Who, in the meantime, is the decadent, the cynic, the weary, the pessimist, to whom the world is in its care and yellow leaf? He is the man from 20 to 30. The propaganda of decadence at the present moment is in the hands of "les jeunes."

It is possible, therefore, that Sir James M. Barrie could do no better thing than devote his sixth decade to the formation and stimulation of a league of youth, which in the hands of sexagenarians as full of youthful vitality as himself, might hope to counteract the growing senility of the younger generation. All truly young persons, whatever their years may be, will wish him well in his attempt. Restore our languid world, Sir James, to its sprightly vigor! It was Darwin's belief, who said that everything great that ever has been done was done by youth, and it is true, whether the youth who accomplished it were 17 or 70.—Boston Transcript.

Must a Race of Heroes Be Bred?
City life is contributing more to the heroic characteristics of humanity than any other thing. If motorists continue to be reckless and to laugh at the law it will not be long before the man, woman or child who can summon the courage to do the most daring thing during rush hours will be a candidate for honors paid only to heroes extraordinary.

Much is said about the hardness of the pioneers. After all they had an easy time of it. All they had to do was to fight Indians and take a chance now and then of getting scalped. The city dweller takes many chances every day of being injured by speeding trucks who scorn the law. It will not be long before the man who can cross the street without the slightest sense of fear might intrude upon Mount Everest, defy death in an airplane or become a steppack.—Kansas City Journal.

Digging, Not Driving.
An experienced golfer invited novice to a game. The novice, to the golfer's dismay, plowed up the ground all around the ball at every stroke. The golfer stood it for a while, but after a particularly vicious dig into the tee, he remarked:
"You've revoked."
"We're playing golf, not whist," said the novice.
"Yes," replied the golfer, "but you just played a spade where you should have played a club."—Boston Transcript.

How to Keep Well

By DR. W. A. EVANS

Questions concerning hygiene, sanitation and prevention of disease, submitted to Dr. Evans by readers of The Bee, will be answered personally subject to proper limitation, where a stamped, addressed envelope is returned. Do not send money. Do not make diagnosis or prescribe for individual disease. Address letters in care of The Bee.

THE DIARY OF A COLD.

Monday, warm, bright morning. To work without an overcoat. Monday afternoon, weather turned cold suddenly. Wednesday, cold rain on cats. On way home felt cold and chilly, slightly achy and a rawness in right nostril.

Realized that I was catching cold. Had not been in the office with an acute cold for several days. Had been in no crowd. This was the first ride in a street car in a week.

Thought about the Washington university contention that chilling of the skin lowers the general temperature, and the temperature of the membrane of the nose, throat and bronchial tubes.

Think I contracted this cold from myself. Auto infection—chilling the determining factor. Worries lie with the clothes on the bank, forgotten.

Though the aching indicates systemic intoxication, the infection seems to be limited to a rather small area in the right nostril.

Night and some fever; profuse watery discharge from right nostril. Tuesday night, aching increased progressively as day wears on. Unpleasant in the afternoon. Temperature at night is 101. Moderate headache, worse on the right side.

Profuse watery discharge in right nostril. Discharge is acid, irritating the skin of the upper lip. Skin of nose is sore. Nose slightly swollen. Nasal mucus is yellowish, pinky teeth in upper and lower jaw. Rawness extending to throat and vocal organs. Slight irritating cough. Eyes sandy.

Wednesday. Constitutional symptoms much better. No headache, no neuralgia. Discharge from nose is now mucous and less abundant. Mucous membrane of roof of mouth itches just as do the tissues in the vicinity of a healing wound. Left nostril slightly infected. Rawness now involves the trachea in vocal chords raw. Voice husky. Irritating cough. A little mucus raised.

Thursday. Discharge from right nostril profuse. Mucous purulent. Slight discharge from left nostril. Deafness. Mouth still itches. Most troublesome symptom is irritating cough. Trachea and bronchi raw. Feverish and easily fatigued, but no other constitutional disturbance.

Friday. Skin on nose and lip peeling moderately. Discharge from nose, yellowish purulent. Principal symptoms are those of tracheitis and bronchitis. Coughing up a good deal of purulent sputum.

And here the diary must end because we go to press. The "dead-line" in respect of colds nor the diary of a cold, it should have been "The Diary of a Coryza."

My friend, Dr. J. W. Walker, thinks we should get away from the word "cold" since it has so many meanings, none of which fits this condition well; some of the uses of the word are confusing and, finally, coryza is a good, simple, easily remembered name for the condition.

Leaving these controversial points and getting back to the case—Here was an infection which resulted from chilling. The germs were probably the man's personal property. It started in a limited, definite area in one nostril. It spread along the surface of the membrane. It skipped the tonsil and tonsillar area, as it so frequently does. It traveled down the trachea and bronchial tubes.

Why cannot some one devise a way to kill off an accessible, slow traveling, surface infection, such as a cold? P. S.—The diary part stopped at the deadline.

How to Anchor Stockings.
M. F. W. writes: "Will you not say something as to the use of the around-the-leg garters for women and girls?"

"Now that so many of us no longer wear corsets, it is a serious question as to how the stockings can be kept up properly.

Should the band be below the knee or above?
"How heavy an elastic? Is there any better scheme than the elastic band? Can it harm one?"

"Stocking supporters attached to a belt, such as are sold at the stores, are very uncomfortable, and the shoulder straps and armaments I have seen show on the shoulders or neck when one wears thin waist."

REPLY.
Around the leg garters constrict the blood vessels somewhat and thus promote swelling of the feet and varicose veins.

However, I feel certain the harmful effect is not great.

All in all, I expect the below the knee location is better. Since there are two bones at that location the veins and arteries are somewhat better sheltered.

Can the stockings be fastened to the underwear with safety pins?
Many men hold their socks up that way.

REPLY.
Be Careful With Diet.
Mrs. B. J. writes: "I. We are contemplating a 500-mile auto trip this summer. Do you think the stomach would stand it for a while in any way a child 2 years old? The time required to cover the distance would be from two to three days.

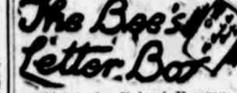
What kind of food would you advise for the child?"

REPLY.
E. No. A child 2½ years of age can eat from the table. No raw milk should be fed. Give no corn, unripe fruits or unpeeled fruits.

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About the Federal Reserve, Omaha, May 12.—To the Editor of The Bee: The writer has made a diligent search in all the newspapers, and at democratic gatherings, to ascertain the present whereabouts of the politicians and editors who until recent months spent most of their time thumping the public on its withbone to call its undivided attention to the greatest legislative act ever happening in our republic, the accomplishment of Woodrow Wilson, assisted by Paul Warburg, author of, and accepted by, and acclaimed by the democratic fathers as Woodrow Wilson's masterpiece, his gift to suffering humanity—the Federal Reserve system. In recent months the public has received no thought on its withbone; its attention is no longer called to Woodrow Wilson's achievement; the former praisers and pointers-to-with-pride have vanished. The writer would like to know what became of these so-called politicians. Is it possible that they, too, like the rest of us, are deflated and hanged? Their silence speaks volumes. Are they living on internationalism, tariffs, League of Nations, bank of nations, European troubles, while staring at home? T. S. FENLON, 309 North Forty-first Avenue.

None on Hand.
A commission from the Philippine Islands is coming to the United States to demand immediate independence. We haven't any.—Indiana Transcript.

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