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THE NEW MOVE FOR PEACE.

In view of the call for a declaration of a state of war following the conduct of the German government, there cannot fail to be a certain amount of interest in the return of Ambassador Penfield from Vienna.

Whether there is any foundation for this or whether anything will result from the move which is being made by Count Czernin from Austria in regard to a discussion of peace terms by delegates appointed by the various belligerent nations without interruption of the war operations, remains to be seen.

This move by Count Czernin has the approval of the central powers else it would not have been allowed to become public. In fact there has been no denial by any of them to the effect that it does not meet with their approval, but there is no reason to suppose that such a proposition would be any more favorably considered by the entente allies than was the other effort made but a short time ago.

PREVENTING CRIME.

No other course is logical than that which has been taken by Judge Rose in the United States District court at Baltimore when in passing sentence upon A. H. Pugh, the first man to be convicted under the recent act of congress making it a crime to threaten the president, he sentenced the guilty party to a year and a half in the federal penitentiary and declared that any man who gives expression to a threat against the president should not be permitted to be at large.

FIGHT THE FLIES.

It doesn't require much warm weather to bring out the flies. Even the little bit which we have had has been sufficient to bring them to the number that it is possible to make it much larger before it is less than prompt measures are taken to reduce the propagation by eliminat-

ing the breeding places and swatting each and every one that is seen. The number at the present time will not cause any great amount of trouble but must be appreciated that the killing of the early ones means the prevention of millions later on, and the task of getting rid of the few is far more easily accomplished than that of waiting until the millions and then dealing with them upon the countless number that has been hatched out in the meantime because of the failure to keep down the few in the beginning.

The fly nuisance ought not to be disregarded. It is of much importance as a matter of health for the flies are not particular where they live. They have a way of making themselves at home most anywhere and in their case as in the case of many other things some of the most valuable work that can be done to reduce their number and therefore the menace which they offer lies in preventive measures. If the places where they breed are properly guarded, manure pits, garbage cans and filthy places kept covered or removed, there will be less flies and those that are bred will have less opportunity to get in their harmful work but there is also valuable aid that can be rendered by screening the homes and swatting all that appear therein, and in attempting such work it must be appreciated that all which are killed now are eliminated for good and all.

PEACE IN CUBA.

That the trouble in Cuba appears to be at an end through the surrender of the rebels under Fernandez is cause for gratification not only throughout that island but in this country. While the revolution has not assumed the proportions and there was no indication but what the government officials in their handling of the troops would be able to control the situation in the long run, it nevertheless gave some ground for hope.

The purpose of the revolutionists headed as they were by Gomez, a former president, was decidedly detrimental to Cuban interests. The idea was to overthrow the efficient government which had been established by President Menocal and return to the days when spoilsmanship was rampant and when those in charge of the government were inclined to devote their efforts to turning the republic's revenue to their own account rather than using it for the welfare of the island. Menocal put a stop to that. There may have been times when he was being rather a strict hand but there can be little question but what the conditions called for it. Strenuous endeavors were needed to overcome the deplorable situation into which the island had been forced and it would have been most unfortunate if the affairs to have permitted such backsliding as Gomez and Fernandez were endeavoring to bring about. Cuba by its support of the present government has demonstrated its faith in the administration which it has been getting.

SPRING FIRES.

This is the season of the year when the clean up movement is taking root. It is the time when a great many are beginning to start on their outdoor work and the result is that with the large amount of dry material which is to be found about the yards and the vacant lots, that much care must be exerted in preventing fires which can do a great amount of damage.

The cleaning up efforts, including the burning over of grass land or the disposal of brush accumulations must be attempted with due consideration for the property that may be endangered, whether it happens to be on the lot or the one who applies the torch or whether it is the property of a neighbor. Under certain conditions such fires may be kept within bounds and allowed to extend only where they are wanted, but there is no telling where they will reach or what harm they will do when they are kindled on a windy day.

Likewise those who are traveling through the country or roaming about the fields must exercise their good judgment in the discarding of lighted matches or smoking material. It is not to be supposed that the fires which sweep over so much territory, including woodland in the spring, summer and fall are deliberately set with the intention of causing the damage which they do. It is the result of thoughtlessness, but whether they are deliberately set or started by careless acts, the results are invariably the same for fire is no respecter of person or property. The one safe course is to pursue it to use care at all times where fires are concerned.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

When Will B. Ready of Missouri puts his signature to an enlistment blank he shows that he intends to live up to his name.

There are rumors of changes in the president's cabinet. He is possibly aware of the fact that the house cleaning season is at hand.

The man on the corner says: Much of the pain of this world is the result of trying to make the bunion fit the shoe.

HER USEFUL GIFTS

The woman in the fur coat looked up in anguish. "Dear me," she said, "What on earth shall I get John for his birthday? I can't think of a single thing, and I've got to get it today!"

Her friend with the fat parrot appeared on her hat smiling pityingly. "That's perfectly true," she said, "but never could see why women make such a fuss over picking out presents for their men folks. They don't use their brains."

"I don't know," she said, "but I would drive the average women to the lake, yet I manage it."

"I'd die on the spot if I faced such a situation," conceded the woman in the fur coat, with contemptible horror in her eyes. "H'm!" said the one with the parrot on her hat. "I suppose you're tearing my hair over neckties and pipes, aren't you? Let me tell you how I do it."

"I wanted to spare him thought and worry," she said, "but if I bought him golf clubs he'd play early in the spring and come home with feet soaking wet and maybe get pneumonia and die."

"John was greatly soured," she explained to him about the sheets—he looked at me almost with tears in his eyes and said I was a marvel!

THE WAR PRIMER

By National Geographic Society

Galway—The announcement that the Government of Great Britain had agreed to create a great harbor at Galway to deal with Canadian and American trade gives the hope that the ancient glories of that historic mart may be revived. A war geography bulletin prepared by the National Geographic Society and issued from its headquarters in Washington describes it as follows:

"Galway is the capital of Galway County, where the Shannon flows. It is situated on Galway Bay, in a direct line west from Dublin, 2385 miles from Boston and 2700 miles from New York. On his remarkable map Ptolemy marked Galway Bay, calling it Ausoba. Today it contains not more than 5,000 inhabitants, emigration to America having sadly depleted the population."

"In the Ogygia of O'Flaherty we read: 'Gallicum, daughter of lasting Breeze, sheathed the full cold stream, when the bright branch was drowned. From her the river Gallicum is named.' And thus was named the town which had stood on the site of an amazing sentiment is entertained by a very occasional democratic paper, but that's the limit."

"Without their garments, he says, Gallicum has merely done his duty as he saw it, but in so doing he has made a name for himself and for his state. The state of the Norman settlers 'Galvia' comb has merely done his duty as he saw it, but in so doing he has made a name for himself and for his state."

"If only a group of people including Mr. Bryan, Henry Ford, Oswald G. Villard of the Evening Post, Prof. William Lyon Phelps of Yale, and all the other great pacifists, could have country and government of their own, with lands, possessions and power which they could control, and with rights which other governments would not defend, nor insist on their rights, nor covet, and with nothing to back nor avenge wrong. The state in which they would find themselves, in helpless submission to the stronger and more aggressive power, would not convict them of error and convert them to common sense. But it would give others an object lesson of fatal war headiness which would cure them of a disposition to share the deserved fate of such imbecility. 'Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth'—in heaven.—Waterbury, American."

"Then, take the case of father. It is hard to find something suitable for an older man. Of course, he reads a great deal, but that is hard on his eyes. I bought him a pair of glasses of Parisian ivory toilet articles for the dresser in his guest room."

"What?" gasped the fat coated lady. "You see," pursued the one with the parrot trimmed hat, "father and mother rarely have a company but myself, and when I go home to visit it is a nuisance packing all my dresser silver. Besides it gets scratched and dented."

"But I want the room to look nice while I am there, because all the girls I knew years ago are constantly running in to see me. A new father would feel proud to know that they all would admire and envy my toilet set."

"Father really is getting to show his age, because I had to explain twice to him, when I showed him the set, that it was his present—he didn't seem to grasp it. I don't believe he minded at all that I forgot to leave it up when I went to bed, but he was so nervous back until I go again and take it, because, as I said they haven't many guests."

"Our table service is constantly getting broken by careless maids and, as I would like to the boys, nothing so contributes to a spirit of idleness at home as china that is not nicked and cracked. They are growing up realizing that it means always to be surrounded by the best. I would no more put a cracked teacup before one of my sons than anything! I would be sure to get myself forever disgraced if I fill out the set whenever one of the boys has a birthday and you can't imagine how interested they are."

The friend became more direct in her suggestions. "If you buy your husband a set of aluminum kitchenware or a dozen salad forks," she asked. "W-e-e-ll," hesitated the woman in the fur coat, "I don't know. It's peculiar that if I gave him salad forks he'd be likely to burst into tears and hurl them at me! I was thinking of a fancy vase."

"If you want to be foolishly extravagant," said the lady with the parrot hat, "I suggest that you buy your husband a little thoughtfulness just as much as mine does!"—Exchange.

who took the ship in had been bribed by rival interests to work her destination. However, she could not be for many years thereafter there was superstition in Galway that an evil genius was on the lookout to prevent the perfection of the plan.

"No young man, pretentious otherwise, shall wear no gorgeous apparel, no silks, either within or without, and no one shall wear a fine knit stocking, either of silk or other costly wise (nor 'part wories'—pantoufles) but be content with shawes!"

OTHER VIEW POINTS

We are interested to read in the New Haven Union that Gov. Hoff comb "in some ways is very narrow, reactionary and out of touch with life."

It would seem as if under the present conditions the money motive soon would be the chief one. Farm labor brings better wages than it used to. The farm hands get high priced vegetables for nothing; it does not cost them a cent for clothes. Unless they are spendthrifts they and their families could have money in the bank at the end of a year.

There is no economy in the short skirt, but on the contrary, a vast increase in costs; for it has not only brought the longer shoe top at a time when leather soars in price but on every second step I see a woman with a footware including white shoes, pink shoes, blue shoes, shoes for tennis, riding, walking, hunting and dancing. Since skirts are shorter, shoe manufacturers have prospered as never before and their only fear is that skirts will get down to the ankles.

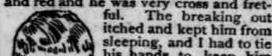
Formal announcement by the war department of its position in regard to aliens is forthcoming. It says: "The State Department in America is confident that everybody whose conduct is obedient to our laws is perfectly safe from molestation. The hospitality of our country extends to all aliens who behave."

Those last few words tell the whole story. No man, woman or child, born under another flag, can feel anything under the Stars and Stripes if he obeys the law. But if a single individual, no matter how poor, attempts to betray our hospitality, or to seek to serve another flag—well, it will not be healthy for either, still less from the popular standpoint than from the government. In fact, he or she will be fortunate to fall into the

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government's hands first after such violation, or attempted violation, is detected.—Bridgeport Post.

Spain did not seek war with the United States in 1898. Spain merely sought to work her will upon Cuba while we looked on in indifference or assent. War with the United States was far from her thoughts. We forced it. Ours is the onus for declaring war. So Spain does good old Bethmann-Hollweg snort and rave in the Reichstag, telling the world what it knows full well? Germany didn't refuse to give Belgium—she body knows that. All she wanted was to walk all over Belgium unmolested. How many billion times, through how many billion tongues, has she told the world that she didn't want war with England? Of course she didn't— if England was blind enough not to insist upon handing her what she didn't want!—Bridgeport Telegram.

In order to bring it to a specific point we refer to the matter under discussion as "telephone courtesy," but as a matter of fact it is not distinct for the same considerations and reasons that make redemptive attractive apply to telephone conduct as well as to other fields of business and social activities. Probably a newspaper office affords a better opportunity to see all phases of other place, and some of the manners are not pleasing. They need revision and improvement. One habit in particular may be mentioned. It is not rare for people to call up and ask for information, often of privileged character, information that they are not entitled to, and while asking for this favor they refuse to give their names. Under such circumstances it is a needless and useless waste of time to divert the attention of busy people. It may be plain to anyone that such a position is far too one-sided to secure the results desired. A few primary lessons in telephone courtesies would not be amiss for some people. It is impossible to pay serious attention to such calls as it is to be anonymous communications.—Bristol Press.

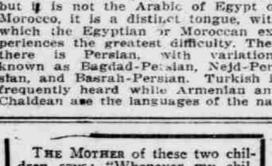
STORIES OF THE WAR

The Dialects in Mesopotamia.

The difficulties which the ancient Babylonians of the Tower of Babel experienced with the language difficulty may be easily understood by anyone who has spent a little time in Basrah. Not the least of the many problems presented for solution to the British authorities in their operations against the Turks has been this same problem which the contractors for the old Tower wrestled with many centuries ago.

The dialects in common use at Basrah are said to be over forty in number. The most popular is Arabic; but it is not the Arabic of Egypt or Morocco, it is a distinct tongue, with which the Egyptian or Moroccan experiences the greatest difficulty. Then there is Persian, with variations known as Esgard-Persian, Nadj-Persian, and Basrah-Persian. Turkish is frequently heard while Armenian and Chaldean are the languages of the na-

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ive Christian population, Kurdish in Mesopotamia, and the inhabitants, while Hindustani is the language of the Indian loops forming part of the British forces.

It is obvious that in such a situation hundreds of interpreters are needed. A small squad of them is attached to every office and almost every office. Some of them were obtained in Egypt, some from India, others from Aden, and the remainder were recruited locally. Those from India have in most cases acquired their knowledge of Arabic and Persian from classical works, with the result that their high-flown, archaic conversations sounds amusing, when applied to everyday affairs.

The interpreters drawn from Basrah are undoubtedly the most generally useful, although not always entirely trustworthy. Most of them are natives of Iraq and familiar with numerous local dialects too numerous to have a name. These make the interpreter's work less susceptible to the weather than men from outside, and therefore the proportion of their time spent in Basrah is semi-illness is small.

But the native Mesopotamian has many of the failings of the American negro. He is inclined to prolonged spells of laziness; when he has earned a few shillings, he is disinclined to continue his labors; it is times he is overcome with a longing for the delights of his own friends, and at such times he simply drops tools and goes home. The fact that he has contracted to give his services for a fixed period he regards as quite unimportant. Such an event as the date-picking season is an irresistible attraction for him as the odor of cooking chicken or cat-fish for the Mississippi negro. The pay of the interpreter varies according to his ability and reliability, but the appointment is always a lucrative one. A first-class native can earn as much as \$75 a month, which is

a fair-sized fortune to the native in Mesopotamia. The cream of the interpreters are attached to General Headquarters, slightly less valuable men get jobs at Corps or Divisional Headquarters while the rank and file are distributed along the lines of communication. Many of the native interpreters brought from Egypt are fairly well educated and highly qualified men. In some cases they have had a college education on Western lines, and many of them have traveled widely.

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