Place of Fight Depends on Dempsey

Paris, Feb. 24—A fight between Georges Carpentier and Jack Dempsey for the heavyweight championship of the world will go to whatever promoter succeeds in signing a contract with Dempsey, according to an interview with M. Descamps, Carpentier's manager, which will be published tomorrow by Sporting, a weekly publication dealing with boxing.

"I have given my signature to C. B. Cochran of London, Theodore Vienne of Paris, William Fox of New York and Tex Rickard, as I shall give it to anyone who shall bring me sufficient guarantee, always, however, with the provision that Dempsey's signature be obtained," said M. Descamps.

"Mr. Cochran is a personal friend of mine. That is why I gave him the preference after Dempsey's match with Beckett. But up to this date he has been unable to secure Dempsey's signature. Meanwhile I have received a telegram from Jack Kearns, manager of Dempsey, saying that Dempsey had not signed with anyone. He also advised me strongly to deal with Tex Rickard and asked me to go to the United States, where he said Kearns and Rickard were awainting me. Carpentier and I will leave March 15.

"I am not forgetting that Cochran holds Carpentier practically bound until the end of the year, but inasmuch as he has not succeeded in securing Dempsey's signature, and when he realizes that this will be impossible, he is too good a sport to stand in our way of putting the fight through, because should Dempsey sign with either Rickard or Fox the contract Cochran has with us becomes null."

Vienne, the Paris promoter, has virtually given up hope of holding a bout between Carpentier and Dempsey in France, owing to the exchange rate situation, and Sporting says it is the opinion of Descamps and all sporting men in Paris that if the fight takes place it will be in the United States.

PERCY TRUMP WINS IN MATCH WITH APPLEBY

Boston, Feb. 24—Percy Trump of Pittsburgh defeated Francis S. Appleby of New York today in the second round of the national class A18.2 balk line billiard tournament at the Boston Athletic association. The score was 300 to 260. The match went 65 innings.

Trump went ahead early in the match, but some good runs gave Appleby a lead which he held until the 47th inning, when he slumped perceptibly. Trump's high runs were 21, 21 and 20, Appleby's 40, 30 and 18. The winner averaged 4 8-13. Appleby's average was 3 11-13.

Percy Collins of Chicago defeated Edgar T. Appleby of New York tonight by a score of 300 to 247 in 29 innings. Collins' high runs were 53, 39 and 28. Appleby made a high run of 70, supplementing it with 29 and 27. A masse shot by Collins in the 24th inning was the feature of the match. Collins' average was 10 10-29, Appleby's 8 15-29.

JOHNSON AND HEYDLER DISAGREE ON NEW CHAIRMAN

New York, Feb. 24—John Heydler, president of the National league, and Ban Johnson, president of the American, held a long conference here today but were unable to agree on a chairman for the National Commission.

"We discussed several candidates at length but were unabel to reach a decision on any one man," Heydler said. "However, I hope we will be able to name the new chairman in about a week's time. Johnson and I will continue to keep in touch with each other on the matter by mail or wire until a chairman can be decided upon.

The names of the candidates discussed were submitted by a joint committee of the leagues in Chicago. They included Harvey Woodruff of Chicago, and State Senator James Walker, William ("Big Bill") Edwards and J. Conway Toole of New York. Johnson will return to Chicago tomorrow.

BIG-HART TEAM WINS IN GAME WITH CRESCENTS

The following is an account of the Big-Hart - Crescent game published in the Springfield Republican:

The Big-Harts of Thompsonville defeated the Crescents of Taftville, claimants of the New England championship, at Thompsonville, Monday evening, 47 to 35, in a fine exhibition of basketball. The visitors were fast, but the reorganized Big-Hart team put up one of the classiest games seen here this season.

Camp, the Pennsylvania star, who is a counterpart of "Barney" Sedran, showed a great game and Larson and Wassner, the latter of the Blue Ribbons of Bridgeport, were in there every minute and took a heavy part in the scoring. Connors played one of his best games and counted five from the floor. Leach continued his splendid defensive work. Normandin was the big man for the visitors. The lineup:

Big-Harts.		Taftville.
Camp, lf.	rg.	D. Murphy
Connors, rf.	lg.	J. Murphy
Larson, c	c.	Higgins
Wassner, lg.	rf.	Normandin
Leach, rg.	lf.	Belair

Score: Big-Harts 47, Taftville 35. Goals from floor, Connors 5, Camp 5, Larson 6, Wassner 5, D. Murphy 2, Higgins 7, Normandin 5, Belair 2. Goals from fouls, Larson 5, Higgins 3. Referee, Ward. Timer, Tierney. Time 20-minute periods.

WALKER BOXING BILL TO BE REPORTED FAVORABLY

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 24.—The Walker boxing bill, designed to permit fifteen round bouts in New York state, will be reported favorably by the senate judiciary committee, Senator James J. Walker announced today. Senator Walker amended the bill by increasing from 17 to 18 years the age at which boys can engage in public exhibitions and permitting exhibitions in state armories.

Challenge P. H. S. Freshies.

The Bantams of Baltic would like a game with the Putnam High School freshman team for this coming Friday evening, in the Baltic gym. Answer through this paper or call the Baltic Drug store (tel. 1949-2).

Aces Want Game.

The Baltic Aces challenge the Taftville Bear Cats' basketball team for a game. To make arrangements call the Baltic Drug store.

ON TAFTVILLE ALLEYS

Olympics				
Desmarias	81	83	96	260
Pruss	99	80	87	266
Fat	83	102	102	286
Roy	75	88	93	255
Dugas	97	122	114	333
	435	475	493	1403
Melrose Five				
J. Paradis	117	88	86	291
Lemier	89	97	128	314
L. Paradis	103	96	99	298
Lamoureux	133	123	90	346
Pepin	119	91	108	318
	561	495	513	1569
P. M.				
Lurette	105	87	83	275
Raymond	108	90	109	307
Curry	105	78	96	279
Pep	109	100	86	295
Peltier	86	103	85	273
	513	437	459	1429
Lisbon				
Ely	84	102	93	287
Meyers	105	95	90	281
Brown	91	121	89	301
Edwards	104	100	99	303
Gley	99	103	93	295
	483	512	464	1469
J. B. Martin Co.				
Seidel	92	92	105	289
Murphy	107	108	137	352
Pilling	104	92	90	286
Gley	105	91	92	288
White	101	101	105	307
	509	484	539	1522
Melrose				
Paradis	89	86	87	268
J. Paradis	116	98	105	319
Lemeux	97	120	100	317
Farmer	94	109	98	301
P. Pep	106	107	99	312
	502	520	489	1511

ARCANUM CLUB LOSES AT DUCKPINS TO RIVERVIEWS

The Arcanum club, in a return match with the Riverview club of the Norwich state hospital at the Riverview alleys on Tuesday evening, lost two games of the duckpin match. The honors were taken by Hull, who pulled down high single with 13 and high total with 344. The scores:

Arcanum Club.				
Maples	92	104	102	298
H. Ward	101	87	89	277
L. Ward	99	115	91	305
Tracy	99	97	94	290
Young	77	83	78	238
Hull	95	116	133	344
	563	602	588	1753
Riverview Club.				
Donovan	115	92	106	313
Heath	95	98	106	299
McPhee	98	88	109	295
Dupuis	125	97	116	338
Brown	94	120	111	325
Sullivan	131	92	99	322
	658	588	647	1893

CHARLES R. CRANE'S SECOND APPOINTMENT TO CHINA

Washington, Feb. 24.—Charles R. Crane, of Chicago, business man, millionaire and world traveler, who was appointed minister to China by President Taft in 1909 and recalled while on the way to Peking for "talking too much," has been selected by President Wilson for the same post to succeed Dr. Paul Reinsch.

Mr. Crane's selection by the president reopened a chapter of diplomatic history which, although forgotten by many, was one of the most lively incidents in American foreign relations.

It was quite generally stated and believed by many in touch with foreign affairs that Mr. Crane's recall in 1909 was at the instance of the Japanese government.

None of the real inside story of Mr. Crane's recall appears on such diplomatic documents as were permitted to become public and as the records stand President Taft changed his mind about Mr. Crane's fitness for the post in the Far East after agreeing with Secretary Knox that Mr. Crane had "talked too much" and been "indiscreet" in some of his speeches.

Mr. Crane came again into public notice during President Wilson's administration when the president offered him the post of ambassador to Russia which he declined.

Of course, the Chinese government has accepted Mr. Crane as being persona grata, as it had in 1909; otherwise, according to diplomatic procedure, he would not have been selected again, but whether the Japanese government knew of President Wilson's intention to send Mr. Crane to China can only be a conjecture.

Mr. Crane was appointed minister to China by President Taft in September, 1909, and in Chicago while on his way to San Francisco at a complimentary luncheon quoted Mr. Taft as having told him of America's interest in China's welfare and having added that whenever Mr. Crane made a speech he ought to "speak it out red hot." That utterance seemed to attract no particular attention at the time.

The storm did not break until a month later, when in San Francisco Mr. Crane got a brief telegram from Secretary Knox ordering him back to Washington. The reason for the sudden change was not made public at the time, and Mr. Crane professed ignorance of it. It finally developed that a story appearing in a western newspaper accredited to Mr. Crane and representing him as attacking the Manchurian agreements between China and Japan, were the real cause of his recall. This story also appeared in the Japanese press and caused a considerable reaction in Japan over the supposed views of the new minister from the United States to China.

Secretary Knox issued a statement saying that while in the department preparatory to leaving for his post Mr. Crane had learned from minor officials that the government was making an examination of those agreements and "without the knowledge or authority of anpone connected with the department gave out a newspaper story to the effect that this government was preparing to protest against some of the features of the agreements and that the promulgation of the protest only awaited the return of an official who was to formulate it."

Secretary Knox's official statement added that Mr. Crane had "admitted having an indiscreet talk with a reporter and that he had 'reluctantly reached' the conclusion that the good of the service demands that I shall inform Mr. Crane that his resignation will be accepted and I have done so."

Mr. Crane announced at the time that he had never seen the offending article but assumed full responsibility for his connection with it, "purely incidental' as that connection was.

Mr. Crane was not the first American minister to China who failed to reach his post because some government objected to something he had said before hand. In the previous case it was the protest of China itself which held up Former Senator Henry W. Blair of New Hampshire who was on his way to take up the legation at Peking because he had made certain "yellow peril" statements in the senate debates on the Chinese exclusion law which the Chinese felt made him persona non grata to them.

MURDERER OF VIRGINIA WALKER STILL AT LARGE

Springfield, Mass., Feb. 24.—No new developments resulted today from the effort of state, local and private detectives to apprehend the murderer of twelve year old Virginia Walker, whose lifeless body was found Friday night in the rear of the Somers creamery plant. Several more suspects were brought to police headquarters during the day, but all were released. Complete exoneration was given Ernest Carrington, the creamery barnman who was put through an all day examination behind closed doors.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN FLOCKING TO ALBANY

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 24.—Democratic women from all parts of the state began to arrive in Albany tonight for the convention tomorrow of the democratic women's "committee of 1,000" called by Mrs. John Sherwin Crosby of New York, to select "their own member representative on the big four."

The conference is preliminary to the unofficial state democratic convention here Thursday.

State leaders arriving here tonight for the unofficial convention appeared to be confident that the convention will recommend to the enrolled voters that two women and two men comprise the "big four" to the national convention in June.

Miss Margaret Vale of New York, publicity chairman, was one of the early arrivals. "This convention," she said, "will prove the most significant woman's political conference ever yet held. Women democrats are no longer content to be the 'chorus' but have determined to strike a strong new political note—and with force and determination that may surprise some of the men politicians."

"At the convention tomorrow," Miss Vale said, the "committee of 1,000" will demand a change in the election laws so that women will be given true political equality; denounce Senator Wadsworth for his anti-suffrage stand; offer resolutions from the democratic women to the party, recommending that certain reformatory and constructive measures be included in the democratic campaign platform, and perfect cooperative campaign plans.

Women democrats of New York state are prepared to fight until they are given "true voice and true representation in the party," Miss Vale declared.

FIRE IN SHIPYARD ON THE EAST RIVER

New York, Feb. 24.—Fire broke out tonight in the shipyards of Jacobs Brothers on the East River, where the Shamrock IV, Sir Thomas Lipton's challenger for the American cup, and the Vanitie, one of the American trial yachts are being overhauled. The fire is raging 500 feet away from the yachts which cannot be moved on account of heavy ice. A heavy snowstorm is hampering the work of the firemen.

In addition to the Shamrock IV and the Vanitie there are about 65 yachts in the yards, many of them famous in local waters are racers. At 1.30 a. m. the firemen reported that all the yachts would probably be saved unless there was an unexpected shift in the wind.

ALLEGED SWINDLERS ARRESTED IN PROVIDENCE

Providence, R. I., Feb. 24. — The Providence police announced tonight that with the arrest of three men here they were confident that they had caught a trio that had swindled foreigners out of thousands of dollars in the last few months in Rhode Island and Connecticut cities by the "handkerchief game."

The men arrested are Stephen Chiowsky of Erie, Pa.; Kostanty Borowik of Providence, and Piotr Nowickz of Woonsocket. After a twelve hour grilling, the police said, the men admitted three specific cases, two ofthem in this state and one in New London, Conn., which netted them something over $40,000.

LADY ASTOR'S MAIDEN SPEECH IN PARLIAMENT

London, Feb. 24.—(By the A. P.)—Lady Astor made her maiden speech in parliament tonight during the course of an interesting debate on the subject of liquor control.

Sir John Rees, Unionist for East Nottingham, in a brilliant and witty speech, urged the removal of the existing war restrictions on the liquor trade.

"I know that strong forces are arrayed against me," he said, "and that there is a rod in pickle for me. But I shall be prepared to kiss the rod."

Lady Astor followed Sir John, and, although at first showed nervousness, she was soon speaking with confidence and in a clear voice, which rang through the house to the large and friendly audience.

Lady Astor supported control of the liquor traffic, for which she pleaded strongly in the interest of the children.

"I am aware," she said, "that this country does not desire prohibition; and I am not working for that. I am certain that the country is ripe for drastic drink reforms, and I want to see that the drink submarine does not torpedo the prime minister, and that he is master in his own house."

Cheers and laughter greeted this sally. Vigorously attacking Rees and his supporters and accusing them of constantly kicking during the past years against the drink control board, she exclaimed amdi cheers: "What did they do during the great war? Had they not a pretty record?"

Lady Astor concluded with a fervent appeal for reform, saying: "Drink promises everything, but gives nothing, and I beg the house not to look upon me as either a crank or a lunatic, because I am only trying to speak for thousands of women and children who cannot speak for themselves."

Lady Astor began by saying the world would not forget that it was the fighting men of Devon who sent the first woman to the British parliament.

"It is for the first woman member," she went on, "to show a like course, and, like Drake, I take my courage in both hands to address the house the welfare of the community, or the on this vexed question. Do we want prosperity or the drink trade? Do we want national efficiency or national inefficiency? Are we going to try for a better world or slip back to the old world before 1914

"I could talk for hours on the moral gains by the war restrictions." (cheers and cries of "Go on")

Remarking that the convictions of women for drunkenness had doubled during the past year and the convictions of men had quadrupled as a result of the partial relaxation in the restrictions, Lady Astor said: "I am thinking about the freedom of the children, not of men. I am not so tremondusly excited about what is called the freedom of men. The real lesson of the war is that state control got the largest amount of progress with the least amount of unrest.

Gypsy Dale and James R. Marshall in the Famous Musical Play "Maytime" Davis Theatre, Thursday, February 26.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

DROP IN PRICES OF STOCKS.

New York, Feb. 24.—The low ratio of reserves disclosed by the local federal reserve bank after the close of last week's business and another setback in foreign exchange caused net reversals of 3 to 13 points in today's feverishly active stock market.

Favorable developments, such as unusually free offerings of call money at six per cent, and the very good January foreign trade statement, showing a gain of $49,000,000 over the previous month, failed to arrest the almost incessant liquidation and short selling.

The decline attained its heaviest proportions and created greatest impairment in motors, oils, steels, equipments and shippings. Kindred and unclassified specialties were enkulfed in the movement, losing 3 to 8 points.

Striking exceptions to the decline were offered for a time by rails notably non-dividend paying issues of the grainger and coal divisions, but these finally succumbed to the widespread reaction at the weak close. Sales amounted to 1,200,000 shares.

Adoption by the senate of the railroad bill probably impelled the further buying of rails, the greater part of which was credited to western and southwestern sources. Advices received in the street agreed that interest in those issues is growing with their return to private ownership.

Inter or points sounded the only encouraging note of the day, western tonnage increasing, while business continues on a large scale, though dominated by smaller distribution of merchandise and other indications of conservatism.

Liberty bonds were heavy with the 3 1-2's at the low record of 95.60. In general domestic bonds eased, with sharp reactions in several high grade industrials, including U. S. Steel 5's. The foreign group was steady. Sales, par value, aggregated $13,575,000.

Old U. S bonds were unchanged on call.

STOCKS.

Sales.		High.	Low.	Close.
2100	Allis Chalmer	41½	39¾	39¾
100	Allis Chalmer pr	83½	83½	83½
800	Am Ag Ch	83¾	83½	83½
400	Am Beet Sugar	85¾	88¼	88¼
600	Am Bosh Mag	114½	112½	112½
2700	Am Can	44¾	43½	43½
1500	Am Car & Fdry	135	130¾	130¾
900	Am Cot Oil	43½	42¾	42¾
1900	Am H & L	23	21¾	21¾
1300	Am H & L pr	105	102¾	102¾
4400	Am Locomo	95	92	92
1800	Am Tel & Tel	97¾	97¾	97¾
4200	Anaconda	38½	36¾	37
400	Atlantic Oil	114½	114½	114½
6100	Atchison	85	83¾	83¾
500	Atchison pr	78½	78	78
16200	Balt & Ohio	38¾	37¾	37¾
4700	Balt & Ohio pr	49¾	48	48¼
2800	Beth Motor	22	20¾	20¾
10900	Beth Steel B	87¾	85¾	85¾
700	Beth Steel 7 pr	102¾	102¾	102¾
100	Beth Steel 8p c pr	112	112	112
8900	Brook R T	14¾	14	14¾
1400	Brook R T ctfs	10¾	10¾	10¾
1400	Butte & Sup	25½	24¾	25¼
1700	Can Pacific	123¾	122¾	122¾
10700	Central Leath	83¾	81¾	81¾
200	Cent Leather pr	105	105	105
8300	Chandler Motor	128¾	124¾	124¾
9600	Ches & Ohio	57¾	56	56
500	Chic E Ill pr	9¾	9¾	9¾
5800	Chic Gt W	16¾	16¾	16¾
2700	Ch G W pr	27	26¾	26¾
28700	Chi M & St P	41¾	39	39¾
24300	C M & St P pr	58¾	57¾	57¾
2700	Chic & N'west	87¾	87	87
100	Chic & N W pr	119	119	119
87700	C R I & P	26¾	25¾	25¾
2700	Chile Cop	17¾	17	17
700	Chino Con C	76	75¾	75¾
22300	Crucible Steel	82	79¾	79¾
700	Del & Hud	91	91	91
600	Den & Rio G	8¾	8	8
28300	Den & R G pr	16¾	14¾	15
400	Dome Mines	12	11¾	11¾
700	Erie	15¾	15	15
5100	Erie 1st pr	27	24¾	24¾
100	Erie 2 pr	17¾	17¾	17¾
100	Fisher Body	125	125	125
1800	Gen Cigars	140¾	138¾	138¾
37200	Gen Motors	84¾	78¾	78¾
400	Gen Motors pr	79	79	79
7600	Gt Nothern pr ctfs	71¾	71	71¾
1800	Gt Nor Ore Ctfs	37¾	37¾	37¾
900	Gt Nor pr	78¾	77¾	78¾
200	Gt N Ore Subs	38¾	37	37
100	Gt Western	38	37	37
2000	Int Comer	54¾	53¾	53¾
2600	Int Harvester	118	115	115
8700	Int Mer Mar	31¾	30½	31
700	Int M Mar pr	84¾	82¾	83¼
4600	Int Paper	77	73½	73½
700	Int Paper pr st	74¾	74¾	74¾
800	Kennecott	29¾	29¼	29¾
2700	Lehigh Valley	47	46¾	46¾
800	Max Motor	29	28	28
700	Max M 2 pr	29	29¼	29¼
23800	Mex Petrol	179¾	171¾	171¾
800	Miami Cop	23	22¾	22
8700	M K & T	11	10½	10½
4800	Mo N & T pr	18	16	16
23800	Mo Pacific	29½	28	28
100	Nat En & St	74¾	74¾	74¾
6200	N Y Central	73¾	71½	72¼
61800	N Y N H & H	36¾	33¾	34¼
700	Norf & South	13¾	13¾	13¾
600	Norf & West	97	95¾	97
7100	Nor Pacific	79¾	77	78
28400	Penn RR	44¾	42¾	42¾
4700	Pierce Oil	18	17¾	18
2800	Pow Con Cop	20¾	20¼	20¼
29400	Reading	77¾	74¾	75¼
31800	Rep I & St	100¾	97¾	97¾
23400	South Pacific	98	95¾	96½
24600	Southern Ry	23¾	22¾	23
71400	South Ry pr	58½	57¾	57¾
1400	Tenn Cop	16¾	16	16¼
1400	Tobacco Pro	68¾	67¾	67¾
7100	Union Pacific	120	118	118
400	Union Pac pr	67	67	67
13900	U S Rubber	101	97½	97½
99400	U S Steel	89¾	86	86
900	U S Steel pr	111¾	111¼	111¼
9700	Willys Over	24¾	23¾	23¾
200	Willys Over pr	87½	87¼	87¼
1400	Worth Pump	76¼	73¼	73¼
300	Worth Pump B	72	72	72

MONEY.

New York, Feb. 24.—Call money steady; high 6; low 6; ruling rate 6; closing bid 5 1-2; offered at 6; last loan 6; bank acceptances 5 1-4.

COTTON.

New York, Feb. 24.—Spot cotton quiet; middling 3935.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES.

	Yesterday	Week Ago
Sterling, demand	3.37¾	3.38
Sterling, cables	3.38½	3.38¾
Bankers, 60 days	3.32	3.32
Bankers, 10 days	3.31	3.30
Commer., 60 days	3.31	3.30
Commer., 60 days	3.31	3.30
France, checks	14.16	14.28
France, cables	14.14	14.28
Belgium, checks	13.62	13.75
Belgium, cables	13.66	13.78
Germany, checks	1.05	1.00
Germany, cables	1.06	1.01
Austria, checks	.40	.31
Austria, cables	.42	.33
Holland, cables	.36 13-16	.37
Holland, cables	.36 13-16	.37
Italy, checks	15.16	15.27
Italy, cables	15.16	15.35

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
CORN:				
May	139¾	134¾	134	134
July	137¾	136¾	136¾	136¾
Sept.	125	127	124½	127¼
OATS:				
May	77¾	80¼	77¾	80¼
July	76	72¾	70	72¾

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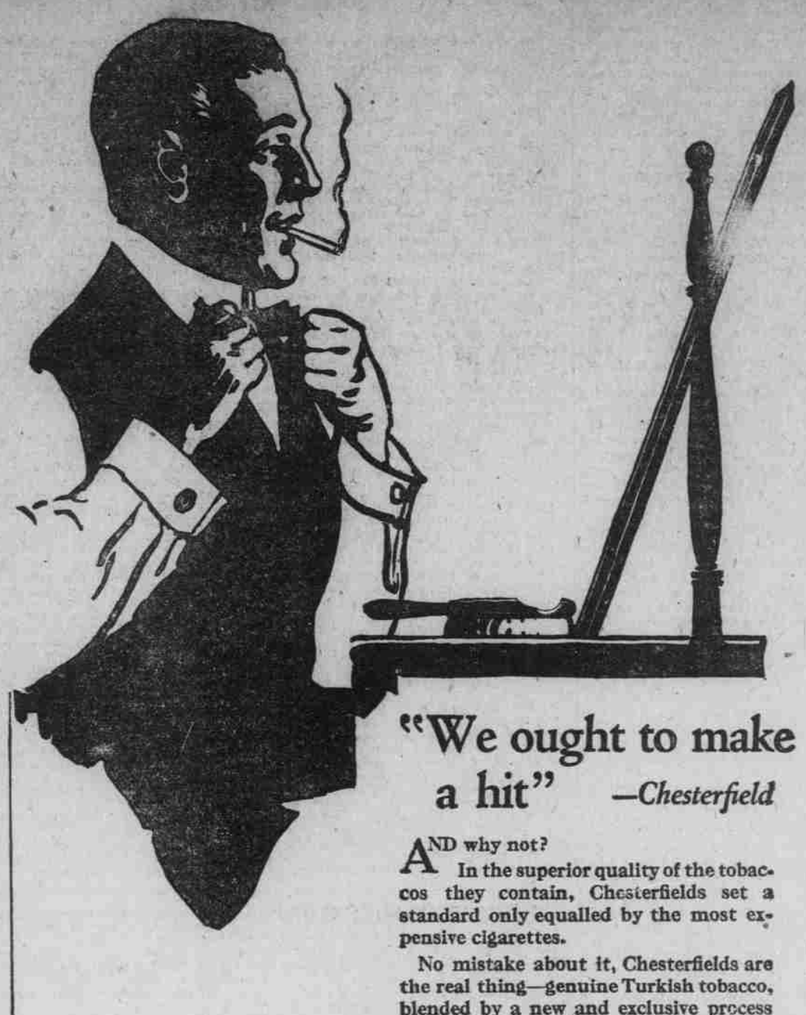

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POETRY

THE STARS BEFORE THE DAWN.

How warm and near the stars before the dawn
That silent keep the last dim watch ere day;
How close to earth their tender light is drawn
To earth so still and gray!

To them no lover cries in fond appeal,
No reveller's songs their watchful silence break,
No piteous phantoms of the night but steal
Away when they awake.

Where weary mothers stumble half asleep
To still with comfort warm a baby's cry,
Where little children dream, their watch they keep
As waning night goes by.

But, most of all I think, they light the way
For little ones who slip beyond our hold,
Who, spite of all our anguish, cannot stay,
But leave our arms a-cold.

For them their tender shining, as alone
Across the misty silences they fare,
Beyond our touch, beyond our fondling gone,
O God, beyond our care!

—Frances Tatnall, in Harper's Magazine.

I WONDER.

"When stars go out, I wonder where they go?
I wonder where the flowers get their smell?
I wonder what the talking squirrels tell,
And what the quiet, shiny fishes know?"
From dawn to eve, but most when lights are low
And sunset ray and vapor weave their spell—
"I wonder how the small birds fly so well,
And why the winds that blow the birds won't blow
Me, too, up through the far, green tops of trees?"
All day "I wonder"—faintly as a prayer—
"I wonder," and her deep eyes, unresigned,
Study the flight of swallows on the breeze,
As lips, half open, murmur to the air
The tremulous "I wonder" of mankind.

—Herman Hagedorn, in the Outlook.

HUMOR OF THE DAY

He (despairing)—Oh, why did I ever learn gambling.

She—That's the trouble—you never learned.—Houston Post.

"How did Rip Van Winkle come to wake up and quit?"

"I suppose they raised the rent of the woods where he was sleeping."—Judge.

Mrs. Flatbush—I understand her husband has a passion for music.

Mrs. Bensonhurst—Yes, he has. Every time she sings he flies into one.—Yonkers Statesman.

She (soulfully)—Our spirits are in harmony. I can sense an aura about you—

He—That isn't an aura, lady, that is hair tonic.—Princeton Tiger.

"The laborers of today remind me of the old fashioned parlor matches."

"You mean they're dangerous to have around loose?"

"Rather, and they strike anywhere.—Yale Record.

Stern Parent—Am I to understand that there is some idiotic affair between you and that young fellow who comes around here?

Daughter—Only you, father, dear. —London Answers.

New cook (after two days with the Browns)—I'd leave this minute only for one thing.

Mrs. Brown—And what is that?

New Cook—My trunk hasn't got here yet.—Boston Globe.

A small girl of three suddenly burst out crying at the dinner table.

"Why, Ethel," said her mother, "what is the matter?"

"Oh," whined Ethel, "my teeth stepped on my tongue." — London Blighty.

"Why all this stock of chiffon with winter coming on?"

"Well, I sold plenty of woolen sweaters in summer. Don't see why I can't do equally well selling chiffon for winter wear."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

"I have noticed," said Cactus Joe, "that most socialists haven't got very far up in the prosperity list."

"No," replied Three-Fingered Sam, "Every game has a few losers in it who are constantly delaying the proceedings by hollering for a new deck."—Washington Star.

"Did Mr. Grumpson come to see you?"

"Yes," said the invalid, "but he didn't cheer me up any."

"No?"

"On leaving he said he had already placed his order with a florist in case worst came to worst."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

KALEIDOSCOPE

A new fireless cooker utilizes the steam from a heating radiator.

What is believed to be the largest concrete dome in the world has been built on a Copenhagen theater, being 130 feet in diameter.

A new farm impliment for exterminating weeds in cultivated land lifts strips of soil, pulverizes it and returns it through a seive.

An English but manufacturer has developed an imitation velour that closely resembles the genuine from stiffened cotton flannelette.

The value of the exports declared at the American consulate at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, for the United States declined from $18,566,458 in 1918 to $16,995,303 during the past year.

Seventy-five years ago it was not unusual for a formal English breakfast to last for two hours, while a dinner might start at 8.30 o'clock and be protracted till midnight. And the courses were as many and substantial as the meals were lengthy.

According to an ancient Irish superstition a vicious horse could be tamed by whispering the creed in its right ear Fridays and in its left ear on Wednesday till it was cured, which was merely a matter of time, unless it had been born at Whitsuntide, in which case it was incurable.

The Shah of Persia, who is expected to visit America next spring, has one of the most valuable collections of precious stones and jewelry in existence. He possesses among other precious stones the famous pear-shaped pearl valued at $300,000, which forms a part of the Persian crown jewels.

The report comes from Manchester that tests have been completed there by Capt. William P. Durtnall of a new type of airplane engine which will be silent, and from which the danger of fire in the air has been removed. The tests were made on a converted engine that had been previously operated on the Otto cycle system.

At one time small racing was a great fad in Austria. Vienna had a fashionable small racing club, where fortunes were frequently wagered on the ridiculous contests. Careful records of the time taken by the winning snails to crawl around the miniature race course were kept, in order that contestants might be properly handicapped in subsequent matches.