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CIRCULATION WEEK ENDING AUG. 15th, 1921 11,203

WITH Mallet and Ball

Norwich will this week extend hospitality to the knights of the mallet and ball, who come here year after year for their annual tournament, always welcome visitors.

It has become for the players a week of health-restoring rest in the open air, flavored with delightful social intercourse with many Norwich families.

May this feeling long continue and our visitors always be impressed with the conviction that Norwich is the place for this annual tourney.

WHAT HAVE THE WAGE CUTS BEEN?

Since about the first of last September it has been recognized that a wage reduction movement has been in operation which continued for about nine months.

The conclusions that the board has reached are that the average reduction recorded had been about 25 per cent. In some cases this had been made up of successive reductions of five per cent.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Half of August gone.

Trying times are still ahead of Governor Lan Small of Illinois.

Every new charge of bombs destroyed is another step between the cup and the lip.

A swordfish shocked to death with an electric harpoon will think he has accomplished the king electric set of the sea.

Thirty Albanian villages have been burned by Yugoslaves who might better be employed in increasing their own housing facilities.

The man on the corner says: One place where there is no hesitation in beginning economy is when the collection plate is passed.

Chinese hospitality will be raised to the fifth power when she entertains Gen. Leonard Wood and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., at once.

It is hinted that Senator Frances met a bogus Trotsky who bamboozled him. The wonder is that somebody didn't sell the senator the Nevsky Prospect.

Two policemen staged a movie thriller in real life when they fought and sufficed a would-be suicide on top of the 365 foot tower of a New York bridge.

Young John D. says his father's fortunes never reached the billion or so credited to him. What the use of being respected about a few millions more or less?

About this time of the year many a home gardener who started the season with high determination looks ruefully at a few vegetables struggling against a crop of weeds.

A Chicago man spent \$250,000 in attorney's fees to induce the government to accept the gift of a \$18,000,000 bond to pay for disabled soldiers. His charity had a big overhead expense.

Oregon has sentimental interest in asking that the obsolete old battleship of that name be given to her. It seems as if the famous ship deserve a better fate than to be sunk.

of rather than substantiated by facts. But even were the allegations warranted, the meddling usurpation of state powers and the assumption of state duties is a tendency to be ruthlessly checked, for the federal government has never yet done this without making matters worse as an increase of power to the federal treasury. Such things must inevitably be done by the states, but when the federal government comes in with a bureau and an appropriation, the states lie down and federal air amounts to little more than financing the bureau.

A NEW HOLY WAR

It was against the Ottomans that the Hadjar Arabs proclaimed and made good their independence in Arabia backed by the influence of Great Britain and the allied powers. They had helped Allenby's campaign. They had been true allies. They reserved to be free. And incidentally it may be assumed that British statesmen saw a real advantage in giving the control of Mecca and Medina to a friendly power.

Commonly there has been little love lost between Arab and Turks despite their common fidelity to Islam. Nor does there seem to be any imminent necessity for Hussein to "butt into" the Greco-Turkish war.

There will be an impression in many minds that this is the sort of "Holy War" that London is not inclined to discourage. A call from Mecca is a new test for Mohammedanism. When Turkey chooses to join with Germany a "Jehad" was proclaimed from Constantinople, on the strength of the Sultan's alleged headship of the Church. It was raised in an effort to produce a revolt of sixty million Moslems in India.

AN OFFER TO IRELAND

There is a conciliatory tone, running as an undercurrent through the communications between Lloyd George and Mr. De Valera, which is a promising indication, although on the face of it there appears to be a dead-end over some vital points. That Mr. De Valera should have expected to receive from Lloyd George an offer of absolute independence would seem to be little justified.

In offering Ireland the status of a dominion bringing it into the family of the British empire, it seems likely that a world-opinion will recognize the force of the premier's statement that these proposals offer to the Irish people an opportunity such as never has dawned in their history before.

Rash and headstrong refusal of an offer, which, while not coming up to their extreme claims, will give Ireland the substantial control of her own affairs, will take from de Valera, as General Smuts tells him, the sympathy and support of the world.

Meanwhile, that the road to peace in Ireland has not yet been closed is enough to give ground for hope.

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THAT BABY DOLL

The young woman with the rolled-back collar addressed the telephone: "Hello, Gertrude! That you? How are you?" "Fine and dandy! How's yourself and all the folks?" "That's good. Say, dearie, listen! Ain't it funny how things turn out sometimes?" "O, you know what I mean—things." "Say, gertrude, look at here. Do you remember me telling you about that French bride in the hall and here was him and can't talk no more American than a rabbit?"

"Yes, sure! Well listen dearie. You know I always did kind of think she was a know, being the baby doll and just to get folks to kind of make a fuss over her and I always guessed she could talk American just as good as any of us if she'd a mind to. Well, say, don't you have no more idea what to take a day off sometimes just to be ashamed of themselves?"

"I guess it begun one night when Jim was real kind of late to his supper and I went out in the hall and here was him and her standing down on her floor, her looking awful high-eyed and innocent and talking French. I guess it was, though none of them languages sounds much different to me."

"But, say, dearie, listen. There didn't neither of the two of us say nothing more about that French bride, but it didn't seem like I could get over being sore at her, and every time I passed her I just stuck up my nose and didn't say good morning or anything."

"Well, let me tell you one thing, Gertrude, that ain't no more over to help me do me bakes and right in the middle of some doughnuts she was making she gives a kinda of a little sigh and rumpled over against the stove."

"Sighs? I'll tell the world I want to see her. I don't have no more idea what to do than a infant. Ma didn't stay on the stove. She kind of—you know—slipped down sideways off it and laid there kind of all crumpled up and like she might be dead or something, and she cut her face on the stove something awful and the blood was running and everything."

"Honor, dearie, it makes me feel like I don't want to hear when I think how I acted. I run out in the hall holding and then I run down the steps and fell all over this here French bride I was telling you about."

ODD INCIDENTS IN AMERICAN HISTORY

ORIGIN OF FAMOUS AMERICANISMS

It is impossible to look over the columns of the daily journal, especially during the progress of a vigorous political campaign, without encountering numerous expressions and phrases the meaning of which cannot be acquired through a dictionary, but which, to one who is familiar with the current events of the period, are often quite as vigorously expressive as the most picturesque slang of the streets.

For instance, the meaning of halloo box stuffing is clear in its wording, but its origin in New York is a story which has been constructed with false bottoms, so that an unlimited number of spurious ballots could be introduced by the party having control of the polling place.

The term barburner is a nickname given to certain progressive Democrats about 1852, who were opposed to the conservative Hunkers. The name is derived from the name of the Dutchman who was his barn, a fire in order to kill the rats which infested it, the analogy being that the Democrats in question would soon destroy all existing institutions in order to correct abuses.

The Bleeding Shirt was an expression during the Reconstruction period of those who would not suffer the civil war to sink into oblivion out of consideration for the feelings of the vanquished. To wave the bloody shirt was to harrow up the exciting memories of the war.

He bolted the party nomination derived its meaning from its sporting application to a horse when he becomes unmanageable on the race track.

The political boss is believed to have been first applied to Tweed of New York and the phrase Boss Rule is said to have been invented by Wayne MacVeagh and employed by him in political speeches in Chicago.

The Bucktails were a political faction originating in New York in 1844, who were opposed to the administration of Governor De Witt Clinton. The members were bucktails in their hats.

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"I was starting to run on down the steps and goodness knows where I'd landed, but she took hold of my arm and began jabbering at me and holding on to me real tight so I couldn't get downstairs, and then I turned around and ran upstairs again, her coming after me just as tight as she could get. She come right out to the kitchen in back of me every now and then jabbering something in her lingo but as soon as she seen me laying there she just turned round and says something to me and bless Peter! I don't know whether it was French or Bystalian, but I knew just well what she meant telling me to shut up and keep still and get a doctor, and believe me, I did it."

"Well, while I was 'phoning the doctor she turned me over real kind of nice and gentle and then she went and got some clean towels out of the bathroom and wiped me face off, and by the time the doctor got there she was beginning to kind of open her eyes and come to."

"Ma wasn't much hurt after all, and the doctor said she'd just fainted because she was kind of tired out, and all she needed was a little rest."

"Gee, I'll tell the world I was. And say, listen, kid! The doctor he'd been to France, too, and could talk some French conversation and so she told him how she'd been a nurse to the war and everything. And, gertrude, look here! She come up every day, new pretty near and she's learning me to say some French and cook like the French do, and say, kiddo, she's just a cut's a bug's ear. I'm crazy about her."

"And say, Gertrude, listen. I'll tell you what I 'phoned you in for. She showed me how to make some dandy little cakes. She calls 'em cot-toes or something. They're swell, he helped me make a whole pile this morning and she and her mummy—that's what she calls her husband—can you beat it?—they're coming up tonight. And say, dearie, listen. You 'phone Ed and you and him come over, too. We'll play rummy or something and I'll tell you how to make the cot-toes and everything and we'll have a swell time, see."

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The name was first used at a party convention from which the conservative appellation to a bystander called out "There go the Silver Grays."

A Silver Gray is a Republican who has been a party right or wrong. The term acquired its special significance when Roscoe Conkling was the leader of the party. His followers were known as Silver Grays.

Tissue Ballots were ballots printed on this paper so that a single voter can deposit a number of them at one and the same time without detection. They were first used in North Carolina in 1874.

Wire Pulling refers to the efforts of the unsuspecting political manager who is called on to take place as does the operator of a Pullman dining car, who himself being invisible and the machine concealed.

Politics are but a feat of the many political words and phrases used to help to add to the already voluminous English vocabulary.

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It is well that all people in the world haven't long fingers, but the world is decidedly better off for having a certain number of them, for their flights of fancy often make them pioneers in many fields where the stolid, unimaginative individual with a practical turn of mind would not be likely to blaze any trail.

The typical long finger is smooth and tapering, smaller at the tip than at the base. If knuckles are large, it's an entirely different type of finger, indicating other mental traits, which will be discussed in a later article.

Stories That Recall Others

Correct English

A Norwich mother had been teaching her three-year-old son correct English and told him he must never say "ain't."

One day while eating his dinner he stopped abruptly and said: "Mother, you mustn't ever say 'ain't' for it's a naughty word."

"Yes," said mother, "You are right. Rebert, but what shall I say?"

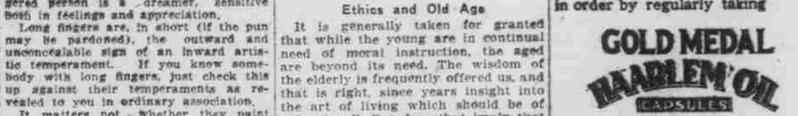
He looked puzzled and then his face lighted up and he replied: "Why, mother, you must say 'cause me,' meaning 'excuse me.'"

Better's as Lee Wagon.

When two little boys asked a woman in an automobile for a ride she looked into the returned dirty faces and couldn't resist. While driving to the street they had designated they sat straight ahead, but when they got out she heard one say: "Gee, that's better'n ridin' a ice wagon, hain't it?"

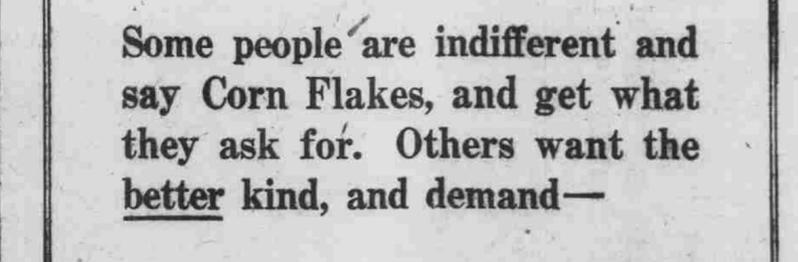
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