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"AMERICAN TYPE" AS VIEWED BY PARISIANS

PARIS, France, Dec. 3.—That there is a true American type, so distinct from other nationalities as the French is from the English or the German, is the general opinion of residents of Paris, where all the peoples of the world are said to congregate and where consequently there is an unexcelled opportunity for studying types. The question was raised by the retired episcopal bishop, Mr. John W. Hamilton, of Boston, who recently visited in the capital. "The typical American is yet to be born. At present we are all Irish Americans, German Americans, and so on. The whole elements enter them. Only problem is: 'What will the foreigners do with us?'

The correspondent of The Daily News interviewed the subject today to Frank Mason, American consul-general in Paris, who has seen many years of service in foreign lands.

Can Tell Them from Afar.

"Why," he exclaimed heartily, "I can tell an American as far as I can see him! I do not care about the nationality of his parents. Persons born in America have an unmistakable carriage, physiognomy, voice, complexion, manner. Everything is distinct. My friends say that some times they can distinguish American tourists from others. There is no so-called south stronger than that of America.

"If Dickens Hamilton were to come abroad," said the Rev. Casper Hall, pastor of the American church in Paris, and formerly of Chicago, "he would soon change his mind. I have studied the immigration problem and am convinced that the continuous stream of European blood is not affecting the United States. The young men of Irish Americans, Germans are great amalgamators of German Americans, and so on. The whatever elements enter them, they Americans come out. The American tourist, of course is unmistakable."

Direct Method: High Ideals.

"What do you consider the distinguishing traits of the typical American?"

"Purposefulness, directness of method and high moral and intellectual ideals. Personally, I am sure the spirit of America is sufficient to transform the most diverse materials into an unmistakable type that will be known all over the world."

"Certainly there is a distinct American type," said Dr. Jacques Darrigan, the Paris municipal statistician. "I believe, however, that it will change in time. There is no nation with more individuality, but I feel that the tremendous influx of foreign blood must affect it, however imperceptibly. The American lacks was English; then came a wave of Irish; then one of German; then another of Scandinavian, and now there is one from Italy and eastern Europe.

Favors Exclusion Plan.

"Emigration always removes both the best and the worst elements from the home country. These are always the active, adventurous spirits who are unpressed by lack of opportunities or they are the lazy failures, who not suspecting their uselessness is due to themselves, dream of easy fortunes in a new land. I believe that the recent step to exclude the latter class is in the right direction.

"All nationalities are modified from century to century. The Frenchman of today is not the Frenchman of the sixteenth century. Civilization itself is modifying the type of the entire world. Hence I am sure that the present American type will not be permanent, but will change gradually with the others, and probably more rapidly."

WAR SCARE IS DENOUNCED

WASHINGTON, December 17.—The members of the house experienced yesterday a series of exciting incidents connected with the war scare, induced by the suppression of the annual report of Secretary of War Dickinson, which are the side topics of discussion.

Representative James A. Tawney of Minnesota created something of a sensation by declaring that a conspiracy existing in stampede congress into making extra large military appropriations, and that the resolution introduced by Congressman James McLachlan of California for making public the secretary of ware report was not introduced in good faith, and further that it was cowardly to make known the national weakness.

Denounces Tawney.

Congressman McLachlan replied to the Minnesota congressman in heated terms, strongly denounced Tawney's attitude and asserting that he was largely responsible for the present unpreparedness of the country in case of war.

Continuing, McLachlan contended that it was the wickedest national cowardice to keep the people in a state of ignorance as to the conditions in the war department, and then, in case of hostilities, send the men to battle untrained, unequipped and only to be murdered.

Excites Controversy.

The controversy excited the greatest attention by the house, and last night in the lobbies of the hotels it was the subject of heated discussion, each congressman having his warm supporters.

The next move in the proceedings is looked forward to with the most intense interest and it is the general belief that the report of Secretary Dickinson will be submitted to the house at an open session, although possibly with modifications.

SHIRTWAIST IRONING PLAN.

It is difficult to iron between the buttons on a shirtwaist without breaking them lines or leaving a puckered edge. A good plan is to have a very thick, narrow pad of flannel or cotton flannel to slip under the right side for the buttons to sink into while you iron from the wrong side, then run the iron on the right side.

CRETONNE ON CHAIRS.

It is astonishing what some women can do with a few tacks, a hammer and some lengths of cretonne! The appearance of a room may be entirely changed with a judicious handling of these three by a woman of taste. Not only the appearance of the room can be changed, but the atmosphere can be altered.

In the shops are cretonnes and chintz can be bought at a reasonable price. Chairs and sofas can be made to look like new in these materials are used to re-cover them. This recovering is not a difficult matter.

Remove the old cover and use it for a pattern. In cutting the new one remember to have the thread run the right way and always in a straight line. If it is necessary to piece the material one should be careful to match the pattern exactly. And one should try to use wide material, as it always suits to so much greater advantage and obviates the necessity for so many seams. It is better to have the stitching done on the machine, as it makes it firmer.

One of the greatest difficulties to the amateur upholsterer are the edges. If the material used will not turn under one can use gimps with the most successful results. To apply it use brass headed tacks; one can easily put them in at regular intervals by using a tape measure.

TAPESTRY HATS.

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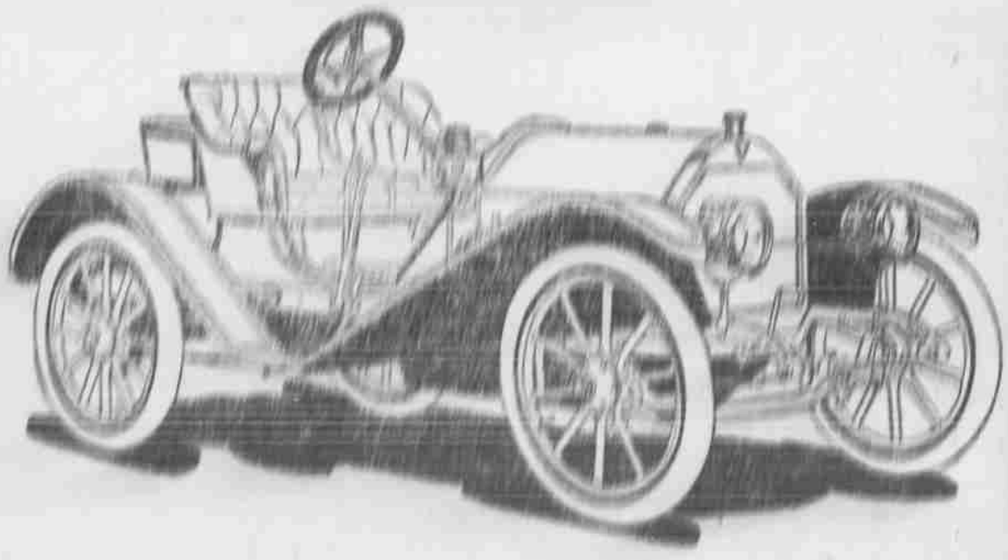

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