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THE ROBIN KNEW.

The sunless sky was dull and gray.

The trees were gaunt and bare;

Winter bedecked in somber hue

Seemed round me everywhere—

Until, up in a leafless tree,

With modest, folded wing,

Yet all-aquiver with delight,

I heard a robin sing.

He heeded not the untilled fields,

The brooklet's sluggish flow;

And where my eyes saw harshness

He sensed the sunlit glow

Of flowery ways and trees in bloom,

Where soon his nest would swing,

The robin shamed my weaker faith—

He knew 'twas time to sing.

—Helen M. Richardson in Our Dumb Animals.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

I've heard old cunning stagers

Say, fools for arguments use wagers.

—Butler.

Unfortunately our family jars are never hermetically sealed.

Be sure and include in your house-cleaning a plan to get rid of the fly.

The municipal debt of Minneapolis

foots up \$23,193,804, and of Louisville

\$12,879,573.

Seeds of rubber trees have been found to yield an oil similar in its usefulness to linseed oil.

St. Paul covers 35,489 acres of ground, Louisville 17,527 acres and Minneapolis 23,920 acres.

Some of the papers are suggesting state parks. And some of the newspaper men were of the opinion that the state recently got one—the capitol extension.

There are other forms of foot-and-mouth diseases besides those treated by veterinarians. For instance, the statesman who overworks his mouth and gets his foot in it.

There is great dissatisfaction in Iowa over the legislation enacted by the last legislature. This is not only true of our own state, but other states. It is convincing argument that minority measures will become a law unless the voters go to the polls and vote.

Complaint is made about the failure to secure factories for Keokuk in as large numbers as was expected. In this connection it might be well to remember that the big cotton factory we lost has not located any place and that the big furniture factory a certain nearby city was to land has not yet landed, and if you want to take time to think, you can figure out a lot of other propositions that this city lost that no other city has gained. Perhaps you will be better satisfied after your retrospective.

The United States supreme court is in the way of having to pass on the federal migratory bird law, which has been declared unconstitutional by several district court judges, on the ground that congress cannot pass laws interfering with the internal affairs of the states, and the protection of bird life is held to be strictly a

state affair, says the Springfield, (Mass.) Republican. To the layman this would appear to be narrowing the vision regarding a good law unduly, and it is to be hoped that the court of last resort will in the end find the law to be constitutional. If otherwise, there will be the old difficulty of getting backward states to act, and all states to enact a like provision. The federal act has already done much good. The increase in wild bird life in the Chesapeake bay is said to have been phenomenal. An astonishing increase in canvas back and black ducks, swans, Canada geese, redheads and other species has been noted on the flats there this spring. As a matter of plain fact, migratory birds do not belong to any state, and the only adequate protection for them must come through action of the United States applicable to all states. Such a law protects the birds at the right time and the protection is made uniform.

Home gardeners who are wondering how much of different kinds of vegetables should be planted in their back lots for the family supply will find the following tables of value.

The size of the home garden depends upon the number of persons that vegetables must be grown for each season. Where potatoes, sweet corn and possibly late cabbage can be planted in a separate lot or nearby field, a plot forty feet each way, or its equivalent, may be recommended for an average size family. A small garden well planted and cared for is much more profitable than a large one, neglected.

Beans, bunch, twenty hills, 1 1/2 feet each way.

Beets, 15 ft. row, 1/2 in. rows, 1 1/2 feet.

Cabbage, fifteen plants, 2 ft. by 3 ft.

Carrot, 10 ft. rows, 1 in. rows, 1 1/2 feet.

Cauliflower, fifteen plants, 2 ft. by 3 ft.

Corn, sweet, eighteen hills, 2 1/2 ft. each way.

Cucumber, three hills, 5 ft. each way.

Egg plant, six plants, 2 1/2 ft. each way.

Lettuce, 15 ft. row, rows 1 1/2 ft. apart.

Onion, seeds, 30 ft. row, 1/2 in. rows, 1 1/2 ft.

Onion, sets, 15 ft. row, 3 in. rows, 1 1/2 ft.

Parasol, 10 ft. row, 1 in. rows, 3 ft. rows 8 in.

Pepper, ten plants, 2 ft. each way.

Potatoes, early, eighteen hills, 2 1/2 ft. each way.

Radish, 30 ft. row, 1 in. rows, 1 1/2 feet.

Spinach, 15 ft. row, 2 in. rows, 1 1/2 feet.

Squash, summer, two hills, 7 ft. each way.

Tomato, fifteen plants, 3 ft. each way.

French Optimism.

Kansas City Times: The French government is well satisfied by what it believes is the reduced efficiency of the German artillery. It must be easily pleased.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

It's War Time Aspect.

LONDON, April 13.—The women of England are doing their duty. They are taking care of the wounded, or if they cannot assist in work of that kind, they are adding their savings to promote the good work. They are knitting and sewing for the soldiers at the front. The suffragists have given so little trouble to the government that it will undoubtedly soften the hearts of those in parliament, since the "militants" have turned all their energies to aid the fighting men of England, and so suffrage may soon come after this terrible war is over. Thousands of women in America have overcome their sufferings, and have been cured of womanly ills by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. This medicine, though started nearly half a century ago, sells more widely today than any other womanly tonic. It can now be had in tablet form as well as liquid, and every woman who suffers from backache, headache, nervousness, pain at times, should take this "Prescription" of Dr. Pierce.

Many a woman is nervous and irritable, feels dragged down and worn out for no reason that she can think of. In ninety-nine per cent of these cases, it is the womanly organism which requires attention; the weak back, dizzy spells and black circles about the eyes, are only symptoms. Go to the source of the trouble and correct the irregularities, the drains on the womanly system and the other symptoms disappear.

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Daily Stock Letter.

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NEW YORK, April 13.—In today's "round" between the speculative outside public and the conservative part of Wall street, the outside public won. Apparently, this result was helped substantially by the joining of the excited speculation for the rise by a good part of professional Wall street.

Under this double influence, the stock market at times broke all restraint, in particular, Bethlehem steel, which closed yesterday at 124, opened today at 124 1/2, and had got up opened points since a week ago. Such a performance put on the speculative appetite the edge that might have been expected and the market as a whole

became extremely wild. Other active stocks scored a rise of two to four points. In the last hour of business when a violent break in Bethlehem steel from 155, its highest price, suggested a possible reaction elsewhere shares were taken in hand and bid up at a spectacular rate, which again started other shares advancing. This it will be observed, can hardly

have been the work of a hysterical "outside public," it inferred concerted work by Wall street itself. The market's closing once more witnessed a chaotic movement of prices with a good many sharp declines, outside of Bethlehem steel, which closed at 125. Sales of the day, for the second time within a week, rose above one million shares.



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WASHINGTON LETTER

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

Those who are really conversant with the inner life of President Wilson's official family are convinced that the first break in his cabinet will come with the resignation of Lindley M. Garrison, secretary of war, and that his retirement is close at hand.

Mr. Garrison, who bids fair to go down in history as by far the ablest member of the Wilson administration, although too loyal to utter a word of criticism, is known by his intimates to have differed radically with many of the most important policies of the administration, but time and again to have been outvoted at the cabinet table by Messrs. Bryan, Daniels, et al.

It is an open secret that, had Mr. Garrison had his way, no American rifle and no American cartridge would ever have found its way into Mexico because of his fear that ultimately they would be turned against American soldiers and sailors.

On numerous occasions his views on foreign policies have been rejected and he has never expressed his opinion on any subject not connected with his department unless his views are invited.

A man of sincerity, courage and judicial temperament, he has labored with a single aim, the efficiency of the army, bravely urging greater preparedness for war in his last annual report in the face of the president's views that the "citizen-soldiers" would afford abundant protection.

Having affronted those members of congress who have sought to substitute political influence for fitness and merit in the preferment of army officers, and lacking the support of his chief, Secretary Garrison failed to obtain from the recent congress practically everything he asked, and he is known to be looking with longing eyes toward the judiciary, where he will be free to interpret the law, far from the haunts and reprisals of importunate politicians.

A Merciless Critic.

Col. George Harvey, editor of the North American Review, life-long democrat, discoverer, admiral and promoter of Woodrow Wilson, who once turned against his friend the president, because he believed Mr. Wilson had been ungrateful, but who came recently to the white house and effected a truce and a renewal of the old friendship which was heralded from the house-tops, appears once more to be "off the reservation," and all Washington is discussing his latest pronouncement. The leading editorial in the April number of Col. Harvey's magazine is a scathing diatribe against the Hon. Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy. It is the most delightful and entertaining admixture of truth and satire which ever flowed from the facile but caustic pen of the redoubtable colonel. He evidently resents the injury which Daniels is doing to President Wilson's administration. He says: "If he (Daniels) has done a single useful act, barring his boasted saving at the spigot while wasting at the bung-hole, the instance has yet to be revealed. If he has failed to utilize an opportunity to discredit both the department and the administration, the omission is not apparent." And in conclusion, says Col. Harvey, "It is idle then to murmur ineffectually, 'How long, O Lord, how long!' Naught remains but to minimize so far as possible the dismay which attends the probability of being compelled in 1916 to meet the cry: 'A vote for Wilson is a vote for Daniels'—no less than from Mr. Bryan himself, and for others who must patiently await their turn in our weighing of their respective achievements and capabilities."

A Diplomatic Triumph.

The ablest judges of diplomatic procedure regard this government's latest treaty with Great Britain as a diplomatic triumph. Careful, conservative and convincing, the communication seems certain to bring results. Preempting the good will of the allied

foreign officers by its kindly and considerate tone—as is the mission of true diplomacy—it presents the arguments of this government with a forcefulness and logic which cannot be ignored and which have led the allied foreign ministers, it may be authoritatively stated, already to consider steps whereby they may escape the just criticism of the United States. At the risk of revealing a state secret, it may be said that this latest note was drafted by Robert Lansing, the very able counselor of the state department, assisted by Chandler Anderson and James Brown Scott, both trained diplomats of no small experience. The admirable character of this communication affords ground for hoping that the president has learned where to seek the ablest advice on foreign affairs at his command. As is well known to those "on the inside," President Wilson long ceased to rely on Secretary Bryan to handle delicate diplomatic negotiations. He made the blunder, however, of turning to his son-in-law, Secretary McAdoo, at whose door lies the responsibility for some of the administration's most unfortunate diplomatic blunders. Mr. McAdoo, however, has been seriously ill and in his absence the president sought, and found, the ablest advisers in his administration, three men who, so long as he permits them to guide him, will not lead him astray.

ASYLUM FIRE CAUSED A PANIC

Two Hundred Patients Were in the Building When the Flames Broke Out.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, April 13.—Fire of unknown origin, starting shortly after seven o'clock this morning in the annex of the Chicago state asylum, burned the two story building to the ground and caused a panic among the 200 men convalescent patients, most of whom it is thought, were gotten out safely.

IOWA GOOD ROADS FIGHT IS FINISHED

State Highway Commission to Remain in Office, But Its Power is Curtailed.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] DES MOINES, Iowa, April 13.—The good roads fight is over and the state highway commission will remain in office, but its power is somewhat curtailed. After a fight in the house today, the insurgents accepted the compromise amendment by Elwood of Howard and then passed the senate road bill, 66 to 32.

By the amendment, the local boards of supervisors will have greater power in letting contracts and in the employ and discharge of county engineers. Both sides claim a victory. It is expected the bill as amended will pass the senate. By the Elwood amendment cities and towns get 10 percent of the auto tax to use on unpaved streets. The county and township road systems are retained. Support was won for the Elwood measure by the insertion of a provision which will not compel counties to macadamize their roads, but merely to surface them, leaving the paving question optional with the counties.

The test of strength came on the Hall substitute to create the office of state engineer with much authority and the regulars won out by a vote of 56 to 50.

The house today passed the Kane bill to protect the public by forcing safety conditions in the construction of movie theatres. Each one must have two entrances, must be lighted by electricity and the operating machine must be enclosed in an iron booth.

The governor today signed the "blue sky" law drawn by attorneys general from several states and the case in the federal supreme court in which the constitutionality of the old law is attacked, will be dropped.

The fight between Ames and Iowa City over appropriations, is on in earnest and may force the legislature to remain in session next week, although a resolution to adjourn Saturday night has been adopted.

Senator Jones has a compromise by which Ames gets \$205,000 and Iowa City \$165,000, but the graduates of Iowa object to this.

PROTECTION MONEY.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] SIOUX CITY, Iowa, April 13.—Startling revelations of underworld conditions here during the administration of George Pierce as chief of police, came today when men and women from the underworld went on the stand and testified that they had paid money to Milton DeRoos expecting that he would turn it over to Pierce for protection of their resorts. The defense scored a point when some of them said they did not know whether Pierce ever got the money or not.



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