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Let Him Be Anathema!

THE HON. CLAUDE AUGUSTUS SWANSON, a Senator in Congress from Virginia, has been caught in a heinous sin. He has been accused of and he has confessed to buying stocks on margin.

Yet since Virtue censors the roll of patriots in office, she cannot be content with the overthrow of CLAUDE AUGUSTUS SWANSON. Who else in the Senate, who in the House, who in any elective or appointive post anywhere in these United States, has been "gambling"?

An All Chinese Railroad. A success in railroad building which may ultimately have a far reaching effect industrially has recently been achieved in China.

The Pekin-Kalgan Railway has been completed for 130 miles, the most difficult portion of the whole route to Mongolia. It was not merely constructed by Chinese but it is to-day operated entirely by natives.

For Americans the fact that the engineer who planned the line, JEM-TIEN-YU, is a Yale graduate whose technical education was begun in this country and completed in England deserves notice.

The lesson drawn by the Chinese from this successful demonstration of native capacity is shown in the following comment by the Chinese Standard Journal: "Economy on the Pekin-Kalgan Railway has been reduced almost to a minimum. There is not

temptation to spend money recklessly, as no five per cent. commission on every dollar spent can enrich the coffers of any corporation. There are no engineers who must have foreign style residences, cement tennis courts, ice making machines, palatial houseboats and princely salaries before beginning work.

Along the line of the Pekin-Kalgan Railway the Chinese have now established their own shops for the construction of rolling stock and its repair. They have built one hotel for tourists, and opened coal mines which supply the necessary fuel for the railway and for the Pekin market as well.

Mount Everest His Goal. The average man with a good pair of lungs and a sound heart is disposed to think that he has the physical equipment to become an alpinist.

Men, Mr. TURNER declares, can never become masterful climbers unless "born with this fine sensitive faculty." They must have the cat's knack of balancing themselves in ticklish places and not know what fear is.

But the faculty must be associated with great physical strength, a stout heart, and endurance that is never dismayed by obstacles and unexpected demands upon vitality.

At sea level Mr. TURNER'S pulse is 60 to 62, and at 10,000 feet on Mont Blanc it was only 70. At 17,900 feet he has lifted heavy stones, walked with ease at 20,000 feet, and struggled for 500 feet in the deep snow at a height of from 20,000 to 20,500 feet.

"Climbing trees and boulders will strengthen the arms and legs and give the beginner practice for acrobatic rock climbs; and after becoming proficient in the Cumberland crags he must have the best climbing in Switzerland.

This Englishman has set his heart upon conquering Everest, and, aside from what nature has done for him in bestowing a catlike facility of balancing and coordination of sight and muscular effort, he has qualified for the supreme achievement by "doing" the great Swiss peaks, a traverse of Mount Cook in New Zealand, Belukha in the Altai in winter to a height of 17,900 feet, and Aconcagua in South America to an altitude of more than 20,000 feet.

The principal reason, however, for the refusal of the Powers to guarantee the execution of the Ottoman Government's promise was an unwillingness to commit themselves to a policy of intervention in Turkey's internal affairs.

ever, is "sheer climbing from the valley." Mr. TURNER does not seem to have heard of the great Alaskan peak McKinley. He agrees with the Duc D'ABRUZZI that K2 in the Himalayas is unclimbable, because it is necessary to cut steps at a height of 25,000 feet when vitality is perilously near the exhaustion point.

We shall await with deep interest and no little curiosity Mr. TURNER'S campaign against the highest mountain in the world. It by no means follows that because he breathes without difficulty and moves easily at a height of 20,000 feet, as he says he does, he can do the same when eight or nine thousand feet are added to that altitude.

The Legislature. The Legislature, which reconvenes on Wednesday, should pass a reappointment law and adjourn. The best possible programme that is conceivable from the point of view of partisan advantage, public interest or ordinary common sense is that which contains the least possible number of proposals for legislative action.

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New Policy in Turkey. The session of the Ottoman Parliament which is shortly to be convened promises to be the most important since the establishment of the present rule in the empire.

It may have been this view of the situation that has led the Turkish Government to attempt to fulfill all the conditions promised the tribesmen. The stipulated Turkish pound has been given to each of the families of the returning refugees, and there have also been distributions of corn and material for the rebuilding of their homes.

Is It the Principal Cause of the Prevailing High Prices? To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Sir, The SUN in a recent article said: "The explanation that high prices are due to increased gold production and the consequent devaluation of the metal is an uncertain point."

Russian Excavations at Olbia. From the London Standard. The site of the ancient Greek colonial city of Olbia in the southern part of the Bug and the Danube delta is being excavated by the Italian Archaeological Institute.

The Tower That Dominates Paris. From Le Figaro. The bell tower of the church of the Sacre Coeur is beginning to be completed. The dome of the sacred edifice, when finished it will dominate Paris from a total height of 218 meters.

THE ZIONIST CONGRESS, AND AFTER. Now that the congress has finished its work it is possible to look back and to see whether it has realized the hopes placed in it and in what manner it has advanced the aims of the organization of which it is the exponent.

The Serbian princess HELENA, for whom European gossip has several times chosen a husband, is to be married to-day at St. Petersburg to Prince JOHN CONSTANTINOVITCH, the eldest son of the Russian Grand Duke CONSTANTIN CONSTANTINOVITCH.

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committee to further all such "Kultur" work, but insisting, as had been done at previous congresses, that in all the institutions in which the Zionist organization was concerned and proper regard should be had for Jewish religious observances.

For the first time the subject of Jewish emigration was upon the agenda of a Zionist congress. At first sight it might seem that the subject is out of place in a gathering that has no particular object in view, but it was very properly pointed out by Dr. Katznelson of Lwow that there were merely a question of a few thousand or even of a few hundred thousand Jews such a standpoint might be possible.

As is natural, a good deal of time was spent in the discussion of the various Zionist interests in Palestine. Reports were presented by the Bezalel School of Arts and Crafts in Jerusalem, which now employs some 400 workmen; the Palestine Land Development Company, whose object is to enable small agriculturists to acquire land; the Palestine Planting Society, which seeks to form and through a Siedlungsgenossenschaft Eretz Israel, a recent creation for an experimental farm on a commercial basis; the Union of Jewish Women for the Advancement of Culture in Palestine; the Society for the Scientific Study of Palestine, etc.

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TRUMPHANT BUREAUCRACY. Let Us Have Some More Of It and So Destroy the Wicked Middleman. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Sir, The enormous increase in cost of living in the United States, as well as throughout Europe and the South American countries, has been the report of the Bureau of Statistics of the United States, and the report makes it clearly evident that some remedy must be sought and shortly, as otherwise serious commercial and social disturbances may be expected.

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