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AMERICANIZATION WITH A KICK IN IT.

The United States District Court in Kings county has sentenced four men to serve prison terms for naturalization frauds.

There is a good deal of soft soap "Americanization" going on nowadays. The purpose of most of it is laudable, and none so far as we know.

However, this newspaper confesses that it likes to see appearing as a supplement or complement to soft soap Americanization a brand of Americanization which lets men and women subjected to it understand that there is iron in the Constitution and iron in the law.

Assuming the "World" is Merely a Blatant Ignoramus.

Says the Hoover harmonizer, otherwise known as the World:

"This is a Republican Congress and has been since March 4. President Wilson has urged it to abandon or reform the excess profits taxes above referred to. Secretary Glass of the Treasury Department advised to the same effect.

But the Republican Congress gives no heed. It has been almost continuously in session since May 19, 1919, and has done nothing to correct this great sectional outrage."

Either the World knows something about the financial affairs of the United States Government or it does not. On the assumption that it is merely a blatant ignoramus rather than a deliberate prevaricator we remind it that ever since the new Congress went into session the Treasury Department has had to manipulate, juggle with and struggle against a heritage of hundreds and hundreds of millions of dollars of unpaid bills left by the Democratic War Administration.

With a fanfare of trumpets, a festival of speech making, hand shaking, embraces and all the spectacular accoutrements of a post-avator's court General Niiza, the kidnapped Italian commander of the Forty-ninth Division, was set free at Fiume and sped joyously on his way to Trieste.

The whole incident of the capture and detention of this prominent Italian officer had all those melodramatic elements that stamped it a true D'Annunzian adventure. There were an aggrieved young officer, an exacting military disciplinarian, revenge and the triumph of right and justice.

General Niiza in the retreat from Caporetto held the second line of defense at a critical point on the upper Piave. He found one night a young Italian Colonel, who belonged on the front line, with the battered remnant of his regiment within his line.

Again on the assumption that the World is a blatant ignoramus rather than a deliberate prevaricator we call to its attention the fact that the Treasury has been suffering, still is suffering and will continue to suffer for many a day a current deficit of about hundreds of millions of dollars a year.

And still again on the assumption that the World is merely a blatant ignoramus rather than a deliberate prevaricator we call to its attention the fact of official record that President Wilson, pending the colossal needs of the Treasury, did not urge Congress to abandon the excess profits taxes. He recommended that Congress consider the subject as soon as the Government could safely be deprived of such revenues.

pass but with full knowledge that it will dishonestly distort the truth, we inform it—and it may rely upon the information—that when the appropriations for the fiscal year beginning with July 1 have been made by the present Congress they will be found to show a cut of not less than a billion of dollars a year.

Private employees in cross streets cleaning every inch of a ten foot walk and throwing the snow into the clogged street.

Scores of trucks and teams stalled all night in Warren street, a ferry thoroughfare which WABING and WOOSTAY always listed among the first dozen streets to be cleaned.

Nothing sane and vigorous. Oh, yes; a policeman in Greenwich street getting on the job with a shovel to show the street cleaners how to take the ice off a car track.

The fact is that after a snowfall like that of last week New York's only reliable street cleaner is Old Sol.

Read and Bitter Danger Signals.

In the altogether important annual report of JOHN SKELTON WILLIAMS, Comptroller of the Currency, there is one part of particular gravity. It is his reminder and warning to the American people and to the world of falsely and dangerously deluding themselves as to the economic worth of what they are doing with their opportunities and their energies.

It is true, as the Comptroller says, but it is a truth wantonly ignored, that there is more wealth for the nation and for the world in 40,000,000 tons of steel at a low price than in 50,000,000 tons at a high price. There is more heat and light and power for mankind in a ton of coal at \$2 than in half a ton at \$100. There is more food in a bushel of potatoes at a pigatory price than in a peck of potatoes at the price of pearls.

Two much of what we count as wealth production in these days is more empty dollar marks than solid substance. Coal in abundance can work for us; beef and wheat and potatoes in abundance can feed us; dollar marks cannot. We can paint them on a loaf of bread with figures rising in geometrical progression, but if we mark the five cent loaf up to a dollar loaf there never will be a single bite more of bread in the loaf.

The High Cost of Baseball.

Here is an example of the H. C. I., which is well calculated to try the souls of men. The blow has fallen, the pinch has come. In the announcement by the owners of the great clubs that the prices of all seats at the ball games are to be raised this season.

Some of the fans were so confident that nothing like this would take place that they were prepared to favor upon the price of admission to the Polo Grounds as an available standard of value in a world disturbed by the depreciation of the pound, the franc and the mark.

But alas for the motability of human events and human institutions, the age tendency has triumphed because of the increased cost of baseball equipment, salaries and traveling expenses. Even in his capacity as enthusiast of the diamond the citizen is dogged by stern economic law conditions which make life miserable for him as ultimate consumer in other directions.

It is reported that a protest may be made by the solid citizens of Boston. But will their representatives have a leg to stand on when they enter the presence of President GRANT? They will have to admit that the price of everything, from fur lined overcoats to bacon and eggs, from seats at the opera to seats at boxing exhibitions, has gone up. So why should the public, which grins and bears the load in the case of matters of even dubious utility or benefit, fail to see the justice of an advance when the necessities of the experts of the national game are concerned?

It is said that there are over 700,000 strangers in this city every day. Of these many are here simply for fun, while the rest strive to combine business and the other thing. This tidy little group of those who may hang the expense would itself go far to explain where the crowds come from at a ball game.

Dr. Copeland Ends an Alarm.

The storms of the last few days have prevented the collection of garbage in New York, and a good many persons have feared its presence in the streets might cause an epidemic or prolong and intensify the plague of influenza. To these the statement by Health Commissioner COPELAND that there is no danger of influenza being spread by the uncollected refuse will bring relief. They may be assured also that no epidemic will result from the impairment of the street cleaning routine.

The refusal is ungrateful and unpleasant. It is not dangerous. The public's health is not imperilled by it. The visitation of influenza will not be rendered more burdensome by it. It may cause a few persons to worry themselves into illness. That is the worst it will do.

Dr. COPOLAN's statement was timely, sensible and well advised. We congratulate him for squelching the alarmists.

A Little Feminine Discussion.

Hardly had the cheerful announcement been made that Arizona had stepped into the thirty-first place among the States ratifying the woman suffrage amendment to the Constitution, leaving only five States to go, when an acrimonious dispute broke out at the convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association at Chicago as to which political party should have the credit for righting the great wrong.

Brigadier-General GRAVES, who holds the unenviable position of commander of that American force in Siberia which has been permitted to do nothing but look on, assures Washington that the new Government at Vladivostok is very friendly to the United States. This may be taken as disposing of the assumption that the revolutionaries now dominant in the eastern Siberia metropolises are under the control of the Soviet Government at Moscow or in sympathy with it.

Control of Irkutsk has been wrested from the Bolsheviks. A new factor appears there in the person of General KARVELL, who is described as commander in chief of the Western Armies of the All-Russian Government, the organization which brought Omak into the limelight by making that city its capital. General KARVELL is reported to have established contact with the Cossack forces of General SEMENOV, operating to the eastward. When last heard from General SEMENOV was somewhere under the wing of the commander in chief of the Japanese forces in Siberia.

Possession of Irkutsk by the Kappell forces may mean the end of the Bolshevik east of Lake Baikal. If it does the prospect of a Bolshevik invasion need keep nobody awake at Tokio.

But the most interesting thing about the skirmish was the evidence it supplied of the fact that the women were not thinking only, or mainly, or very much, in terms of feminism. Experienced and practical leaders showed that they were perfectly conscious of being Republicans or Democrats, even when they were most conscious of being the champions of what was once an oppressed and much patronized sex. Thus does the evidence accumulate that there was nothing in the theory of the possibility of the foundation of a woman's party, to be followed by a sort of political war between the sexes.

A reminder that Lent is again at hand comes in the shape of an announcement that the sixth season of the American Passion Play will open on February 22—the first Lenten Sunday—at St. Joseph's Auditorium in West Hoboken. "Veronica's Veil" has come to be a fixture. Its producers resist flattering invitations to bring it to Manhattan. It is put on by a permanent organization of zealous church people, there being 219 individuals in the two casts. St. Christus has been played by the same young man since the first year with the exception of last season, when he was in his country's service. Americans are more and more regarding the play as having established the Oberammergau of the New World.

Federal whiskey stations of the sort suggested by United States Attorney ROSS of Brooklyn for the sixth season of thwarting proffering druggists would be curiously reminiscent of the dispensaries of good old Tullman days, though their object might be quite different.

The Hon. HENRY DINK of Chicago has with admirable civic pride and thoughtful purpose of interest, entertained and instructed future generations presented to the Field Museum two bear mugs formerly in service in his own popular place of refreshment. There his patrons refrained from calling their schooners, choosing the prettier name of goldfish bowls. They will follow, of course, a gift from the Hon. BATHSHEBA JOHN. What will it be? Our vote is for his wood green evening dress. This, thousands of years from now, will not be so easily passed as HENRY'S gift, yet what fortune the speculative of that far future day will weave around those lovely garments! Naturally it will be assumed that in a dim past all the world was so romantically artistic as to dress in wood green; scoffing at grubby antiquarians who insist that the world never held but one man so sweetly gifted with the spirit of art, of romance!

It is all very fine to suggest that the subscriber be forced to declare that his telephone call is essential before a number is given to him, but he has got to get content first.

The Valentine. I got a valentine to-day. And pretty dainty thing. And with golden heart and dart. And wedding bell and ring. And pink rose garlands gaily twined. Around a tender verse. Intended all love's ardent vows To glowingly rehearse. But lo! the bows are faded now. The gilt is tarnished blue. And all the painted love knots white That once were sweetly blue. The youth who sent the token's been My husband many a day; He mailed it at the City Mail, 'Twas two years ago on way.

MORE SLUGGARD BONDS.

Their Owner Cannot Lose Them Out of the Treasury Department. To THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD: I have read with sympathy your editorial article "The Infant's Bond." I have had a like experience.

I subscribed for \$2,000 registered Third Liberty bond. By mistake of the bank through which I subscribed small bonds were ordered. When they arrived I refused them as I wished bonds of \$1,000. These small bonds were returned to the Treasury Department by registered letter, No. 549, August 23, 1919, and on the day following were "delivered to the authorized mail messenger of the Treasury, No. 5570."

Women in Politics. A Programme Which Repudiates the Name of "The Uncertain Sex."

To THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD: In the editorial article entitled "Helping the Women in Politics" you say that the women voters possessing the brains, the knowledge and the will to get what they want, and above all knowing what they want, it is no wonder that the women who count are gazing at the men considerably.

And the women will strike at anything and everything that goes to harming this country. In addition to making politics more interesting, women will make politics more serious, more vital and take politics out of the class of a game. The women won't play politics; they will take it in deadly earnest and will set for the good of their country and the betterment of conditions therein.

A Farmer Discouraged. Good Crops of 1919 Just Paid the Interest on a Mortgage.

To THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD: The letter of W. B. Hanford of Stamford, Conn., on the small profits of farmers is both sensible and timely. I too am a farmer. I have 120 acres of arable land and quite a piece of scrub from which I cut wood.

FROM A WAR BRIDE. Case of Wives Parted by Naval Orders From Their Husbands.

To THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD: The United States has done nothing at all for the American war brides. Foreign war brides married to American heroes were brought to the United States to join their husbands.

THE WAY TO PROSPERITY. Accumulating a Surplus of Necessaries The First Essential.

To THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD: A pig or a bushel of wheat is worth what can be obtained for it in exchange. If this country had all the pigs and wheat and other countries had nothing what would its exportable pigs and wheat be worth?

WHY ASKS A WOMAN WHO PAYS, SHOULD THEY BE COLLECTED ON FOOT? To THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD: I am glad to notice "M. W.'s" letter about paying tax on soft drinks and would like to go further.

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PUZZLE OF INFLUENZA.

Evidence Suggesting That Volcanic Dust May Cause Epidemics. To THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD: In 1915 my son and myself, while doing development work in Iceland, were stationed at Henden Flying Grounds, just outside London. The airbuds next to ours were occupied by Beatty, an American aviator, who then had the Wright English agency. We got to be very friendly and had talks almost daily on aviation.

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MUSEUM TO HAVE GREAT ART EXHIBIT

Will Celebrate Fiftieth Anniversary With Loan Collections. Shows "MORGAN" DURERS Recently Acquired Prints Are Placed on View—Other Articles Displayed.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art upon the occasion yesterday of showing its recent acquisitions made an important announcement in regard to the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the institution, which will take place next spring.

It has planned a commemorative loan exhibition, which, if the plans mature, will easily be the most memorable art exhibition that the city has yet seen.

The intention is to increase every department of the museum with loan articles borrowed from the finest private collections in New York and its vicinity.

Dr. Edward Robinson, director of the museum, spoke most hopefully of the prospects of the exhibition, and said that the replies of collectors who had already been consulted in regard to it had been uniformly generous.

The "Morgan" Durers. Much has already been written in regard to the "Morgan" Durers, but the amateurs who will be permitted to study them will not feel that the feast has been told them.

These Durer prints of the museum, in fact, now furnish the finest and fullest exposition of this phase of the master's art that is to be seen on this side of the Atlantic. There are still some woodcuts to be obtained before the list, as catalogued by Hartzel, may be considered complete, but as far as the Durer engravings and dry prints are concerned, it would be difficult to beat those now owned by the museum.

Should Teachers Affiliate With Organized Labor? For the museum's February Bulletin, issued yesterday, Dr. Boeck Reitz contributes an instructive study of the gorgeous fabrics now on display, most of which were priest's robes.

The Oriental brocades in the neighboring gallery will not only appeal to lovers of the beautiful, but ought to have a decidedly stimulating effect upon the harmonious views of textiles, who in recent years have profited greatly from a study of the museum's treasures.

ANCESTRAL TEXTILES SOLD. Kouchakji Art Collection Totals \$4,574.50.

Two fabrics made in the sixteenth century led the prices in the sale of the Kouchakji art collection at the American Art Association yesterday. No. 105, an Italian brocaded priest's robe, sold to W. Rehnthal for \$140, and No. 106, a piece of Italian velvet, mounted under glass, went to A. Dongian for the same figure.

BOSTON TECH GIVES BONUSES. \$100,000 Taken From Endowment Fund to Help Instructors. BOSTON, Feb. 13.—An appropriation of \$100,000 for immediate salary bonuses to all members of the instructing staff of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology was announced by the corporation to-night.

Where Men Sell Hair Has a Chance. From the Topika Capital. Mahaska is one Kansas town where men receive some degree of appreciation.

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Daily Calendar THE WEATHER.

For Eastern New York—Fair on the coast, snow surries in interior to-day. To-morrow fair and colder; moderate northwest winds.

Observations at United States Weather Bureau stations, taken at 1 P. M. yesterday, seventy-fifth meridian time.

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