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not even the privacy of a cabin in the wilderness...
The Republic in many ways distinctive, either for good or ill, abides, and is on the whole justly proud of its history.

Our eminent visitors presumably expect to be stimulated. It is to be hoped they will be, and that the illumination will not be one-sided.

THE STARVATION BLOCKADE AGAINST THE AIR SERVICE

An Independent Department of Aviation Is Needed to Keep the Flying Forces From Complete Disintegration

Slowly but surely, because of the utter lack of imagination that so often marks the official consciousness of Washington...

When Congress is done printing estimates offered by the army and the navy for the personnel of the land and water forces...

The unpalatable difficulties that exist between the official consciousness of Washington and flying men are for the most part differences of temperament.

The great ones of the war were always supposed to be touched with a sort of splendid madness. They and their sort play a game in which the man who is most reckless and least respectful of conventional rules is likely to have an advantage in battle and a better chance for life.

You cannot measure the worth of such men by a standard system. You cannot safely bind them within the limits of a fixed routine. Do that, and attempt it, and you will drive the best fliers out of the military service.

That is what plucking boards will inevitably do if they are permitted to demand that naval fliers learn all about ship turbines, hull-building and the origin of tempests.

The bureaucratic mind continues to insist that ships' officers and air pilots should be similarly qualified. And because leading minds in the War and Navy Departments regard aviation as an incidental science, Congress regards it as superfluous and out of all appropriations with an easy mind.

When the Washington bureaucrats can be made to realize that in dealing with aviation they are dealing not only with a new science and a new method of war and commerce, but with a new type of man as well, we shall get somewhere with our flying.

The rules and traditions of the military service will have to change and progress with the times. There will be a Department of Aviation to govern all military aviation, such as all European countries are organizing and such as Great Britain established years ago.

And the man who can fight and fly will not have to demonstrate an intimate knowledge of steam turbines and other gear arrangements to qualify for a military air commission.

A TIP FROM RIO

The generosity with which the Senate has responded to the invitation to contribute in the centenary of Brazilian independence...

The million-dollar appropriation approved by the upper house implies that a deserved recognition will be paid to the dignity, importance and achievements of the great South American republic and that new ties of cordiality will be established in this hemisphere.

To Philadelphians the senatorial action is especially interesting. They will not begrudge Brazil her deserts, but will, nevertheless, be moved to consider proportionate values. What is to be said of congressional obligations regarding the World Fair of 1922 in the birthplace of American independence?

It looks as if Philadelphia were beginning to take an interest in the great enterprise on which she has embarked. The responsibilities of Congress are no less practical and profound.

There should be no hesitation in appealing for large-scale financial aid from the National Legislature. The contribution to Brazil is significant as offering a standard of proportion.

FREIGHT RATES AND THE STRIKE

IT DOES NOT appear whether the order of the Interstate Commerce Commission regarding the 10 per cent freight rate increase is being met by the railroads...

The order has been made, and that is all we know about it. A reduction in freight rates is needed. There can be no doubt about that. But the railroad managers have been saying that they could not afford to reduce them at this time. They have been planning

to ask the Railroad Labor Board to consent to a reduction of 10 per cent in wages in order to enable them to pay expenses under the present freight rates.

The employees, however, are fighting any reduction in their pay. There is an impression that the real purpose of the fight is not to maintain wages, but to strengthen the labor unions. And many railroad managers are said to welcome the fight at this time because they think it gives to them an opportunity to weaken the unions.

The public is more interested in having the railroads run without interruption than in any controversy between the railroad managers and the men. If they had any way of forcing the disputants to settle their disagreements by negotiations they would resort to it without an instant's delay.

IRREPRESSIBLE CHARLES

THE new attempt of Charles Hapsburg to regain the throne of Hungary revives a situation replete with ominous possibilities for Central Europe.

It should be evident by this time that reactionary sentiment in Hungary, which was pronounced throughout the whole course of the war, is still alive, insolent and reckless.

Charles himself, whose character has always been ill-defined so far as the outside world is concerned, is probably merely a figure-head around which the forces of feudalism have been pleased to rally.

But in this case there is a dangerous automation and it is clear that he has been insufficiently regarded as a trouble-making potentiality. The obvious duty of the Western Powers is to isolate him, not feebly, as heretofore, but in some fixed residence from which some across-frontiers by airplane or any other vehicle will be impossible.

If some such course is not adopted the unsymmetrical energies of the Little Entente may be applied. Intimations of military pressure by Czechoslovakia constitute no idle threat. That republic is one of the most vigorous and prosperous of the new nations of Europe and its energetic and determined desire of the Hapsburg dynasty is intense.

The rest of the world is not particularly interested in the fortunes of Charles. It is interested in the rehabilitation of the Hungarian people and the restoration to them of their ability to maintain themselves in competition with the other nations of the world. Anything which will delay this desirable result must be regretted.

Meanwhile, a crisis has arisen which demands statesmanship not unmitigated with just wrath.

THE "SPOILS" OF EDUCATION

MISS M. CAREY THOMAS, president of Bryn Mawr College, announced a new feminist program in education at the dinner in honor of the French delegation...

Miss Thomas remarked that all the "fat boys" in the colleges—this is what she called them—have gone to the men in the office, and that the women have decided to do what they can to get "their share of the spoils."

She said that the matter was to be taken up at a meeting of the Association of College Alumnae in New York in the near future, and that it was proposed to make a beginning by asking some Western State to accept a number of women as students.

The trustees of women for college professors and even for college presidencies has been discussed beyond question. Miss Thomas herself has been a brilliant administrator at Bryn Mawr College for years, and she has never thought of full professorships or presidencies as plums. They have rather thought of them as opportunities to do something for the cause of education.

In brief, they have been interested in the spoils of education, and they have insisted that the spoils be given for the sake of the students and not for the sake of making jobs for other men or women.

Miss Thomas' choice of words was unfortunate. She was speaking without notes, and may be that her enthusiastic belief in the ability of women to hold their own with men led her to say more than she meant. But however that may be, she said it, and if she is challenged by some man who holds a college professorship to defend her position, she will doubtless do her best to make the theory on which her remarks were based.

Clement Valet in La Frappe, Paris, says the most popular members of the French delegation to the Conference for the Limitation of Armaments are the Honorable Messrs. Cavaignac, Klotz, and the Honorable Mademoiselle Mirabeau. He noted the Paris correspondent assures us, retained the fee in the French Parliament.

It is, of course, a somewhat curious thing that should have been done to have cracked it and made it part of the delegation to Washington.

The homes of two clerjemen in Altoona were burgled last night. In one house he got two pairs of socks belonging to the minister and forty-six cents out of the baby's bank. In the other he got all of \$2.75 after turning every drawer upside down.

Volva of Zion isn't a bit interested in the declaration of Dr. Ernest William Brown, of Yale, that the moon is twelve miles ahead of its schedule and is destined to shorten the lunar month a second every century. "Good, so to think of it, our interest in the fact is almost negligible."

Gage is plentiful in Columbia County. From Bloomsburg comes the story of a night watchman finding a big black bear asleep on the steps of a rammer office. Not in your best days say that all men are liars. Bear and forger. Quies and places where they sing may, however, unite in "Hail, Columbia!"

What Do You Know?

QUIZ
1. Who was Adam R. Clafford?
2. What is the meaning of the Latin phrase "in flagrante delicto"?
3. Who was Currier Bell?
4. Who made the first complete English dictionary?

Answers to Saturday's Quiz
1. The Indian population of the United States is in excess of 333,000.
2. Oklahoma is the largest state in the most recent census, according to the 1920 census, with a population of 1,118,101.

AS ONE WOMAN SEES IT

Social Service for Soldiers Has Many Interesting and Unusual Aspects. Work of Kindly Women at Home and Abroad

BY SARAH D. LOWRIE
THIS summer I was dining with one of the three men who were responsible during the war for the establishment of the social service for soldiers.

There seemed to be a great difference of opinion among the officers of both the army and navy as to how much the outside social service efforts on behalf of the enlisted men were beneficial.

Once a week all summer Mrs. John Thomas and her committee from the Disciples of Christ took down two great motorbuses to give to the enlisted men at the camp as guests of a regiment.

The girls enjoyed the motor ride and the dance, and the men enjoyed their guests, and the chaplain and the commanding officer enjoyed the motor ride and the dance.

The fact that they are so occupied with other things and that the U. S. A. has a good deal of trouble in getting the army to cooperate with the social service is not surprising.

However, I was talking with a former overseas woman only this week who could not get the boys of her old war division out of her mind.

Those forty enlisted men who had sent her a letter from the front in the late of Haiti at Port-au-Prince. It appears that during the war, in order to keep that island and San Domingo free of Germans, our troops policed both islands.

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"WATCHFUL WAITING" ONCE MORE

The world on Saturday appeared to consist of a number of gridrons. The trouble with the surtax is that it ties up all the money that is willing to take a chance.

It would be a thousand pities if the Irish conference should be spoiled by mere tactlessness. Sooner or later the grievance of the bootlegger is that a man can't be withdrawn from jail on a phony permit.

Uncle Sam begins to show signs of the bootlegger is that a man can't be withdrawn from jail on a phony permit. We learn from London that King George can't afford to fit up his yacht for the yacht race. "Well, that's a nice cup of tea!" concluded his friend, Sir Thomas.

Interest in the dollar dinner on railroad dining cars will, perhaps, be greater when it is definitely known that trains with dining cars will be running next month.

The American Humane Association is planning a world campaign against bullfighting. But even after baiting the bull is taboo, throwing it will remain popular.

After a brief absence from the news, Mary Gagne has bobbed her hair. Through the industry of the press agent we have heard her bob. She has bobbed her hair.

Proceedings against the arson ring and the whiskey ring began, we opine, only after the conviction grew that the first would not hurt itself nor the second drink itself to death.

The United States Railroad Labor Board has spoken with authority. Now we shall see how much that authority is respected and how adequately it can be enforced.

Another bomb has been thrown in Paris by Communists who wish freedom for an convicted in Massachusetts of murder. Here is no cause for surprise. Those who throw bombs naturally desire murderers to go free.

Congressman Cannon has quit smoking. It is regrettable that a man should permit himself to cool off at the early age of eighty-six. But after a few hot shots on the floor of Congress, Cannon may proceed to smoke again.

Babe Ruth has quit playing exhibition games and is prepared to tell Judge Landis that he is sorry and won't do it again. Those who were set to enjoy a scrap will feel inclined to think that he is justifying his first name.

When Dr. Ferry, of Hamilton College, expressed the wish in Swarthmore on Saturday that Dr. Aydelotte's administration of Haverford might be brilliantly successful every Haverfordian chuckled his indorsement of the pious hope.

Indians may have their hooch for ceremonial and other occasions. Senator Owen has had written for the House a provision authorizing the Bureau of Indian Affairs to suppress the use of peyote, a beverage made from the cactus bean. Some bean!

Carelessly awakening a deer that was asleep in his chicken yard, a Cassville, N. J., man was knocked down and is now spending his time putting liniment on his bruises. How do you suppose that deer knew that the deer-hunting season had not yet opened?

Charlie Chaplin in a serious mood told New York producers that to make pictures worth while they would have to put more subtlety in them and also ban bedroom farces and sex plays. Which confirms the belief that that young man gets there with his head as well as with his feet.

I WANT to be a girl tonight. With roses in my hair. A slender girl with shining eyes. A dancing girl with the stair.

I want to see his face a-beam— The man who waits for me. And thrills at touch of hand to hand. In youthful ecstasy.

I want to hear again his voice. The music of his melody. And sense the magic melody. Of hearts attuned the same.

Time, roll back . . . erase the lines. Make smooth my cheek . . . and fair. I want to be a girl tonight. With roses in my hair.

—Nelle Elmore Yantz, in the Kansas City Times.

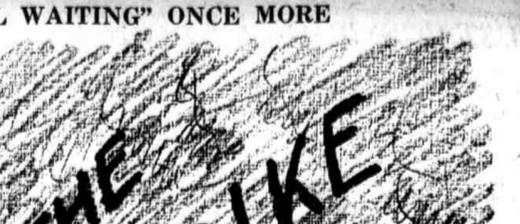


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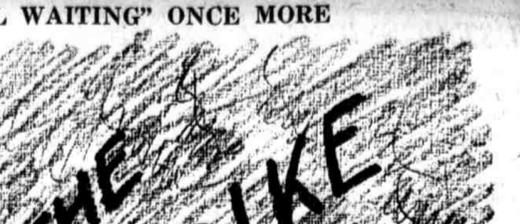


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