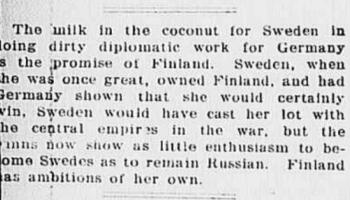


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The unanimous approval of the House of Representatives of the appropriation of 1,234,000,000 for the administration's merchant marine program is a tardy, but complete, yielding upon the part of that body to the advice of the President, which has been repeatedly urged upon it for four years.

Women desiring medical education have scored a triumph in the decision of the dean of the New York College of Physicians and Surgeons to admit to that institution women on an equal footing with men, after it has operated for 106 years for the education of men only.

Germany's forcing of Argentina into the ranks of her many enemies is another very bad day's work for the autocracy. The Teutons have not a leg to stand on in the whole Western Hemisphere, and in the Argentine affair they have lost much of the popular sympathy they possessed in Scandinavia, because of the use they made of the Swedish government.

Every ship that sails the sea to-day is a tribute to the memory of Mathew Fontaine Maury, whose dust reposes in Hollywood, and whose genius lights the chartrooms of every navy and mercantile marine in the world.

There is pending in Congress a bill to empower President Wilson to suspend provisions of the shipping laws that neutral vessels may be permitted to engage in American coastwise trade.

The value of solid steel coaches in the conservation of human life was conclusively demonstrated in the derailment of the New Orleans and New York limited on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad near Kirkland, Ala., Thursday morning.

women students on an equality with men. These are two of the highest rank and most conservative medical schools in the country, and this action of theirs on the same day, after women had for years knocked in vain at their doors, shows what a change has been wrought by the war in this branch of science.

The Cost of War
CHAIRMAN FITZGERALD, of the House Committee on Appropriations, has announced that \$18,000,000,000 of American money will be expended on the first year's war operations, and that this will be approximately one-fourth of the total sum which all the belligerents of Europe combined will spend.

These are astounding figures. They represent more money than any nation in the history of the world was ever able to mobilize at one time. They represent more money than the United States, rich as we are, is able to pile in a heap, if every dollar of currency or coin in the country were conscripted by the government.

We need not feel alarmed over the effect upon our economic system of this great war enterprise. It will not make for hard times in the United States.

The Price of Wheat and Bread
THE government's first experiment in fixing the price of a foodstuff has developed an interesting situation. A committee of the food administration, after long debate, deadlocks and dissension, recommended to the President that the 1917 wheat crop price be fixed at \$2.20 a bushel.

The Northwest is now protesting with vehemence against that figure. The wheat growers there claim that the price named came in time to affect them, but too late to prevent the Southern growers from realizing from \$2.50 to \$3 a bushel on wheat which had been harvested before the price schedule went into operation.

Life insurance reports show that the death rate from automobile accidents has more than tripled from 1911 to 1916 in this country. In 1911 the death rate was 2.3 per cent in every 100,000. In 1916 it was 7.4 per cent.

We fail to understand the position of the Canadian government that women are more likely to vote wisely when their male representatives are away from home.

The militants declare they did not injure the suffrage cause in Maine. The returns do not indicate that they helped it.

Sweden's neutrality is something like that of the burglar's accomplice who has been caught with the goods.

SEEN ON THE SIDE
BY HENRY EDWARD WARNER.

Luck and Pluck.
When Luck was born, a handsome child. His happy parents went near wild about his beauty. Straight of limb, and grace in every line of him.

Somehow the fickle Fates gave Luck The roses, and the thorns to Pluck; Somehow Luck found a pretty maid, While Pluck wore footprints on the spade!

Charcoal Eph's Daily Thought.
'I ain' got no use for 'suffragettein', said Charcoal Eph, in a nasty mood, 'but hit cyaan't be denied dat dey sure do git a heap o' loafers t' listen! Try some pone, Mistah Jackson.'

Pleasant Chap.
'Smith's a happy guy, isn't he?' 'I should say he is happy. Why, I've seen him sit with a pair of deuces and smile like an ace all right in front of a flush.'

Advice.
Smile, darn you, smile! And if you can't smile, don't grawl.

The Reason.
'Red-headed women have an awful temper, haven't they?' 'Yes, but say, wouldn't you have a temper if you had to be red-headed?'

Reminding Him.
Jones—And Mr. Hoover says that the food supply— Mrs. J.—Oh! by the way, John, that reminds me; don't forget to order a porterhouse steak, some mushrooms and another barrel of flour.

The Family Album.
The other day we ran across our old family album—a tender, sweet, long-cherished book of likenesses running away back to the time when grandfather worked in a foundry with one gallus. How memories overcame us! Trembling with sentiment, choked to the goozles with affection, we peered over the old degenerate types; the ones with the family bride standing beside the family groom with her hand on his shoulder, and the cute little us without any clothes on at the age of one year.

Beware!
Daughter, don't marry the first man you meet. Just look what happened to Eve!

The Optimist.
He can coax a cold mint julep from the burning desert sands; He can turn a trick with either of his energetic hands; He can do the cat stunt, landing on his feet if he should fall.

Chemists of War Department
Hudson Maxim, the inventor of explosives, once declared that the military profession lacked inventiveness, and that, if it had not leaped upon the devices brought out by civilians, we should still be fighting with bows and arrows and stone hatchets.

News of Fifty Years Ago
The Republicans of Hanover County are to have a row-wow at Ashland to-morrow, and will nominate a candidate for the coming State constitutional convention.

Health Talks, by Dr. Wm. Brady
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Food and Tuberculosis.

The medical theories of a generation ago are the popular delusions of to-day. One of the old medical theories which has been discarded by the profession and still retained by the laity is that it is possible to force-feed a tuberculous patient to gain weight by over-eating.

permitted to take some exercise—which is in itself an important factor in the destruction of the disease. The exercising patient naturally demands more food than the normal individual. The whole idea of forcing the feeding is based upon a misunderstanding of the pathology of the disease. One of the tuberculous individuals—that is, individuals whose weight is normal for their height, height—may and often do develop tuberculosis. And individuals considerably too stout are found under treatment for tuberculosis in every large sanatorium.

Questions and Answers.
Downing the Old Lady.—Kindly send me the monograph entitled "How to Down Old Lady Nature." Answer.—While the government undoubtedly realizes that we are doing a vast amount of good, nevertheless no franking privilege has as yet been extended in token of the gratitude of the nation.

Books and Authors

Houghton Mifflin Co. has just published "The Inn of Disenchantment," by Lisa Ysaie. These are fascinating papers written with a sure, light touch and a kindly humor that place the author at once in the company of such essayists as Elizabeth Woodbridge and Dr. Crothers.

"The Wages of Honor and Other Stories," by Katherine Holland Brown, is a late issue of a kind of "The Wages of Honor" series. Holland Brown is one of the best-known American short-story writers, and her stories are of a kind that once read and long remembered. This volume begins with the beautiful "Wages of Honor," which made a multitude of friends on its appearance some years ago in Scribner's Magazine.

"The Golden Cache," by J. W. Schultz (Houghton Mifflin Co.), is a story full of thrills. Mr. Schultz—one of the few old-time Indian traders and buffalo hunters who are left in the Indian himself by adoption, and the stories of adventure that he writes give a picture of life on the plains as accurate as it is thrilling.

Current Editorial Comment

Many Envoys Recalled
In view of all the talk that has been current for some time past about the shirteelie character of American diplomacy, it seems a little ironical to state that it should fall to the lot of the United States government to do more in the way of compelling envoys to live up to the rules and ethics of their office.

To Shrink a Sweater.
A. L. S., Richmond.—The sweater probably will shrink if washed in hot water. Do not stretch in wringing.

Tomato Plants Withering.
J. C. C., Mechanicsburg.—The meaning of "camoufflet" is "a mine next to the entrance of an enemy's gallery to break it down and so entrap his miners."

Paint for Scenery.
Mrs. W. D. H., Richmond.—The method used for painting scenery that rolls up, follows: dissolve white beeswax, finely cut, in spirits of turpentine to evaporate spontaneously. Add three parts of white lead and three parts of red lead to the mixture.

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(Eor The Times-Dispatch.)
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SAUNDERS IS SECRETARY OF FAIR ASSOCIATION
BLUES' SQUADRON WILL RETAIN ITS IDENTITY

General Manager Succeeds W. Douglas Gordon, Who Resigns Following Removal From City.

Directors Receive Reports
Committee Heads Tell of Progress Made and Plans—Spaces for Exhibits Being Enlarged—Amusement Contracts Are Let.

At the final meeting of the board of directors of the Virginia State Fair Association before fair week, October 8 to 13, the resignation of W. Douglas Gordon as secretary was received and accepted, due to the fact that Mr. Gordon's removal to Norfolk will prevent him from taking an active part in the affairs of the association and of attending the meetings of that body.

The meeting was an enthusiastic one and was fully attended. Reports from the chairmen of the various committees were received. Each indicated that the committee had made unusual progress in their respective endeavors for so early in the season and that everything is moving steadily forward.

Satisfactory progress is being noted in the women's work department, according to the report of the committee in charge. The stimulus given by the kind of effort by the war and the addition of a number of premiums by the fair management, apparently will result in bringing out a large amount of the best needle work in the State.

Corn and Canning Clubs
GIVEN MUCH ATTENTION
Closely allied with the success of the needle-work department will be that of the girls' canning clubs, the art department and the exhibits of the manual training work done in the district schools.

Announcement was made by J. T. Anderson, executive committee member and the amusement committee, that contracts have been let with the James T. Clyde shows, which featured the Toronto exposition, for the fair, and that the fair will have a host of the best vaudeville features in the country.

Horace P. Murphy, in charge of the racing program, reported that things in his department are shaping up excellently, and that some of the cards in the history of the annual State Fair will result. A number of drivers, such as Mike Daly, E. DeBade, G. Alexander, U. S. DeBade, J. H. Humphreys, will be heard from already a number of horses working out each day on the track.

These contracts have not been signed as yet, efforts are being made, it was reported, to bring Ralph DeBade's Louis Chevrolet here for a fifty-mile automobile race on either Friday or Saturday. Negotiations are being continued for a large amount of other automobile races with prizes offered.

Information Bureau

Inquiries regarding almost any topic, excepting on legal and medical subjects, are answered free of charge. Inquiries are answered directly by personal letter, a 2-cent stamp is required for return postage. Address The Times-Dispatch, Information Bureau, Richmond, Va.

Applombents to Naval Academy.
W. P. L. Bridgewater.—The president has the authority to make ten appointments-at-large each year to the Naval Academy, which may be made from any part of the United States.

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J. C. C., Mechanicsburg.—The meaning of "camoufflet" is "a mine next to the entrance of an enemy's gallery to break it down and so entrap his miners."

Mending Hot-Water Bottles.
T. M., Richmond.—A hot-water bottle may be mended by dissolving pure Para rubber in xylene and allowing it to evaporate spontaneously. Add three parts of white lead and three parts of red lead to the mixture.

Canning Green Beans, Peas, Etc.
D. N. R., Fredericksburg.—Can the same vegetables as follows: Snap peas, cut, snap or shell; blanch in boiling water three to five minutes. Remove and pack in one level teaspoonful to the quart and fill with boiling water. Put rubber cap in position and screw firmly together. No cement works well in hot water, and it is necessary to vulcanize the rubber to get the best results.

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Mrs. W. D. H., Richmond.—The method used for painting scenery that rolls up, follows: dissolve white beeswax, finely cut, in spirits of turpentine to evaporate spontaneously. Add three parts of white lead and three parts of red lead to the mixture.

Detailled for Duty at Auxiliary Remount Depot, Camp McClellan.

Cutchins Sends Message
Says Men and Officers Will Not Be Distributed Among Other Commands—Delegation Which Visited Secretary Baker Is Much Pleased.

The unity of the First Squadron, First Virginia Cavalry, will not be disturbed, as was feared a few days ago, when it was reported that the officers and men would be distributed among other commands. In a telegram to The Times-Dispatch last night Captain John A. Cutchins, intelligence officer of the Twenty-ninth Division, at Camp McClellan, Annsion, Ala., stated that the Richmond Blues had been detailled for duty at the auxiliary remount depot, at Fort McClellan.

Captain Cutchins's wife follows: "First Squadron, Virginia Cavalry, have been detailled for duty, auxiliary remount depot, Camp McClellan, Ala. Men and officers will not be distributed among other commands."

As soon as it was learned in Richmond that it was the purpose of the War Department to transfer the Blues to the field artillery, the officers and men of the Blues, and officers with other commands, there by destroy the identity of this city's famous military organization, friends here promptly took steps to avert what would have been regarded as a calamity.

IF IT IS POSSIBLE
Secretary Baker at the time said that in the reorganization plans for the army it would be necessary to change the status of the Blues. He directed the commanding officer at Camp McClellan to preserve the unity of the Blues, if possible.

At one time it seemed certain that the Blues would be broken up, and a dispatch from Annsion indicated that the members of the organization had made up their minds to accept this change as cheerfully as possible.

Members of the command and their friends received the news that the Blues would be disbanded with marked enthusiasm, and they are confident that the members of Virginia's crack military body will follow in the footsteps of their predecessors in continuing the well-known traditions of the famous organization.

MANY ALUMNI IN SERVICE

One-Fifth of Virginia's Entire Number Enrolled and 1917 Enrollment Shows Slight Decrease.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., September 20.—The registration of the University of Virginia closed on Saturday evening with a total of 605 students as against the 614 of the corresponding day of last year. President E. Allen Gardner and Dean J. M. Page predict with confidence a final enrollment of about 750 to 800 students for 1917-18.

Accepts Call to Onancock.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ONANCOCK, Va., September 20.—Rev. Frank Ridout, of Loudoun County, has accepted a call to Holy Trinity P. E. Church, Onancock, and historic St. George's Church, Pungueaque. He will enter upon his rectorship November 1.

Voice of the People

Letters must give the name and address of the writer. Name will not be published if request is made.
Huntmen, Attention!
To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
The hunting season is open in some localities. I am in one, I will relate what was told me by a man whose veracity I have no doubt, as he was a member of the old "Jeems" River and Kanawa Canal Club. He has lived near the banks of the old "Jeems" River and Kanawa Canal all his life, and he has heard the old of the talk of a sailor as well as of a huntsman.

How is the best way to get a rabbit out of a hollow, is the subject of this narrative, and now follows his modus operandi:
Overhaul a highland terrapin, drill a hole in the stem of her upper deck shell, in which make fast a wire cable; lash a bunch of straw or hay close about which when ignited will have a smoke. Place the terrapin with bow straight ahead up the hollow; then set fire to the bunch of waste. As the voyage is at once under way. As the terrapin moves forward, the smoke will follow close in his rear, the hollow with such obnoxious fumes that he will immediately weigh anchor and make for the nearest hole where you are, see? It is so very simple.

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And sweep and swirl and turn With many a cutting blast— And though the frosts of many nights Have spread their mantle white— Through all our aster's braid Till ripe with age its flower fall, Its season o'er at last; In field and forest brown and scar Its autumn days are passed. Content in earth to rest, Till autumn suns again renew Its buds and blossoms fair, Called from earth anew, Would we could meet the storms of life With strength and calm repose Till God in His good time To us His will disclose. I would that we, like the aster white, With its shining petals bright, Might set at naught the tempest's blast And scorn the tempter's might. JULIA EDWARDS-HINKLE.