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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1920 Progress is the law of life: man is not Man as yet.—Brown.

Art and the Adriatic

MANY signs point to the early subsidence of the star of the dictator of Fiume. The Adriatic is about to surrender to art one whom it can well, and art can ill, afford to lose.

It is only human, however, that D'Annunzio should be reluctant to resign the limelight in which he has moved for so long for the comparative obscurity which is the lot of even the most excellent of poets.

That the Italian government has sent an army under Gen. Cavaglia to force the regency of Fiume to observe the conditions of the treaty of Rapallo is significant of the weakening influence of the violently nationalistic Italians whose support has in the past prevented force being used to make D'Annunzio observe the international engagements which Italy has made in the Adriatic.

In spite of comments in the Italian press to the effect that Italy has sacrificed much for the establishment of peace in the Adriatic, the great majority of Italians must realize that it is they who have made a good bargain by the Rapallo treaty and that it is the Jugo-Slavs who have made the chief sacrifice in the interests of peace.

While Fiume is theoretically independent, it will be under Italian influence and will eventually become a part of Italy. At the present time this city is the only outlet for the whole Jugo-Slav Kingdom and even after Spalato and Cattaro have become available it will be the only practicable port for Slovenia and Western Croatia.

The Italians have also secured the rich mining district north of Trieste and are assured of the control of the commerce of the Adriatic. It is, therefore, not only the duty of Italy to see to it that neither D'Annunzio or any one else interferes with the full execution of the treaty, but it is manifestly to her advantage that Jugo-Slavs be given no occasion for reopening the question through the indiscretions of irresponsible nationalists.

Cordial relations and friendly understanding are essential politically and economically to both Italy and Jugo-Slavia.

The precedent established by D'Annunzio in Fiume has not been helpful in bringing about a peaceful settlement in other areas where conflicting claims of various nationalities have arisen. Gen. Zeligowski took a leaf from D'Annunzio's book when he seized Vilna and set up a government which he justified by the claim that the majority of the population of the area was Polish in race or sympathies rather than Lithuanian.

A force of Jugo-Slavs adopted similar tactics in the plebiscite area of Southern Carinthia in spite of the fact that the plebiscite resulted in a clear victory for Austria.

During the period of disorder and confusion of the past two years when nations have been in the throes of social and economic readjustment or have been struggling to become established as independent states this sort of international outburst has been possible and the governments on whom the responsibility might logically have been placed have been able to evade their accountability.

It would seem that this time has passed and with the settlement of its Adriatic problem by Italy there should begin the era when all nations can be held strictly accountable to the world for the irreducible extravagancies of their nationalities.

In his last letter to the Italian government, D'Annunzio, referring to the activity against him, declares "I shall allow myself to be slain with tranquil contempt, without envying the survivors." It is to be hoped that he won't go that far. The peace of the Adriatic may be gained by less heroic means and the world cannot well afford to lose one whose spectacular exploits and brilliant verse have so contributed to its entertainment.

Seeing Things.

There are certain people who have a lot of fun just starting something. There was once a newspaper political writer in Minnesota who when there was a dearth of news, would go to his friends and beg for something on which he could "base a rumor."

The story that the Jews are organizing to control the world and all of its existing governments, is of that sort. There may be Jews who have that dream. This would not be unnatural. They have been for centuries the one almost universally suppressed, dispersed and oppressed people of the world.

They have not only survived, but have grown in power, in numbers and influence, while maintaining their purity of race. They have shown a marvelous persistency in type, and if only the fittest survive in this universal grind, they can claim their own fitness. But to charge that as a race they are aiming at world governmental dominance, is born of an imagination that rivals Rider Haggard's.

even eagerly, as those of other faiths. From the war has come to them as a race, the country of their origin. There will soon be a Hebrew flag, but it will not be the flag of American Jews, save in a sentimental sense.

Really it is time Americans recovered their sense of proportion. It is time they quit responding to every rumor, every sensation, every wild tale, every mean suspicion and gave their prejudices a rest. There are other things to be done of more importance.

Make Washington Safe for Washingtonians.

There was a man who fancied, By driving good and fast, He could get his car across the track Before the train came past.

Monday started a safety campaign in Washington. The Lord knows it is needed. The amount of reckless driving on this city's streets is still appalling, though it has been lessened by the activity of many agencies, not the least of those being The Herald.

It would be a mighty good thing if those who drive cars would occasionally walk and have to dodge cars driven by others, to cross streets trying to look four ways at once and note the reckless speed of most motor cars in turning corners from streets to avenues, and vice versa.

It would be almost, if not quite equally helpful, if those who have to walk could sometimes drive cars and see how pedestrians fail to observe even the commonest rules of caution; how children suddenly appear in front of cars and experience the heart-stopping terror of even the careful driver.

If Washington can be made to take this week seriously much good will be done. But in the end the one effective remedy, especially for speeding in the sections distant from business districts, will be found to be the law, not exacting fines which to most chronic speeders is but part of the game, but a period of thoughtful contemplation in the work-house. Make Washington safe for Washingtonians.

Strange, Passing Strange.

In the light of events, it seems passing strange that there was a time when the Democrats hoped, if not expected, to win the last election on the wet issue. More than that the Republicans feared this. The resonant voice of the governor of New Jersey, who at San Francisco, voted his State as "wet" seems an echo from the Dark Ages.

The Republicans at Chicago did not dare bid fish, flesh nor fowl or even passable red herring on this issue. The Democrats wanted to be wet and ejected Mr. Bryan as almost unclean, because so arid. Yet they took it out in longing, while hesitating to the point of inaction.

It reads like fiction that in that period New York, New Jersey, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts and other States were reckoned as at least in the doubtful column because of unquenched thirst. Yet that was fact. It was believed that thousands upon thousands of men would drown all other issues in sloppy will and morals.

But Mr. Bryan was right and all the rest were wrong. He best knew the substantial character of the people. They may grieve and mentally rebel at prohibition, but they will not vote what is both immoral and economic folly. To this extent he was not a politician for a politician never has courage and seldom has that moral conscience which recognizes that he is not alone in its admirable possession.

On the Subject of Shopping.

The great department stores of the city and all other shops, big and little, are ready to receive Christmas gift purchasers. Their clerks are on the job, articles are on display, the prices are right. Reader, there are only seventeen more shopping days between now and the holiday. Give to your friends and relatives and give until it hurts, as the President said about something else. If you have not done your Christmas buying, do it now. For the days will come when the stores will be so thronged that you can hardly get around. Already they are well packed, but the sellers are there in numbers large and it is easy for trained salesmen to handle half a dozen purchasers at one time. Remember the poor, too, and remember those who are not poor. It often has been said that persons will buy better things to give away than they would for themselves; this is right. Poor articles never should be given to others. It is also well to remember that wisdom should be used in selecting gifts. Give not books to those who never read, and give no drinking glasses that once were intended to hold wine and strong drink to any one; for no one may use them nowadays. To the poorer friends useful gifts should be given, and to the more opulent trinkets and things that "come handy," such as cigarette cases, opera glasses and canes can be given. However, our last word is to give presents to people, make others happy, cast your bread upon the waters, and think not that it will return alter many days. Do your Christmas shopping now, and do not wait until the eleventh hour.

Germany to Feed Starving Children

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—Germany is making an effort to provide for her undernourished and uncared-for children. The Berlin government has announced that it will send a mission to America, Scandinavia and Switzerland for assistance rendered, but the opinion is general here that the time has arrived for increased activity by German relief agents.

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French Economic Crisis On, Warning

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"So long as we can laugh we are immune from defeat," Homer Cummings, former chairman of the Democratic National Committee, exemplified his philosophy by a hearty laugh.

He called informally yesterday at the White House, but did not see the President. He has just returned from Arizona, where he finished his stump speaking at the close of the Presidential campaign.

"For the past month I have been taking a rest here, and have found the humorous aspects of the recent debacle," he said. "All my worries are gone now, and I am feeling fine."

A Daily Line of Cheer

By John Kendrick Bangs. Some people dub Love a Disease—Well, gladly I'll endure it, And pray that no Wise Medicos May ever come to cure it!

How to Live Without Work

Gleaners Along Broadway Invent Various Ways Of Doing It.

By O. O. McINTYRE. NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—There are innumerable sordid ways of making a living among the gleaners along the White Way. Their highest purpose, of course, is to exist in plenty without work, sleep through the mornings and bask in the white glare at night.

One of the most prosperous in this new profession is a head waiter who has an acquaintance with any number of beautiful show girls who drift into his place after the theater.

There are many ways of seeking the spotlight. Mr. William Faversham is evidently not content through his announcement of a movement to have Mark Twain's birthday made a national holiday.

Feathers for trimming on women's dresses does not seem to be enough. A lady on Fifth avenue appeared with slippers adorned with a feather anklet.

Baird Leonard is a columnist on the Morning Telegraph, the 10-cent daily journal of the riotist. All strangers write addressing her as "Mr. Baird Leonard." That is not unusual when one follows Miss Leonard's real name in a paragraph.

The report is being revived that George Bernard Shaw is to visit America early in January. H. G. Wells, coming at that time and it is said that Shaw wrote a friend in New York that he might break a record, the one made never to visit America.

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THESE WILL BE EUROPE, TOMORROW!



Died by Courtesy of the N. Y. Evening Post.

THE HERALD MAIL BAG

COMPLAINS OF TREATMENT OF SOLDIERS. To the Editor, The Washington Herald: I would like to invite your attention to the following occurrences which took place in Washington during the past few weeks:

A soldier is riding in a Georgetown car. He is seated at the front upon the short seat running parallel to the aisle. There are vacant crosswise seats throughout the car.

Two young ladies enter, rear, with a male escort about 30 years of age. They pass down the aisle, passing up the cross-aisle, and cram into the seat upon which the said soldier is sitting. The seat will accommodate three people at best. The soldier moves over close to the wall, while the trusty three jimmy their way further back into seats. The soldier feels himself stifling and is obliged to edge out as best he can and find another seat. Not a word is uttered by the escort, before or after the evacuation.

A soldier makes some purchases in a drug store. He walks out without counting his change. Upon reaching his room, he finds he has been shortchanged. He reprimands himself for his carelessness. Two hours later he is obliged to go to the same store to purchase some toilet articles. He counts his change and sees that he has been shortchanged again. He tells the clerk about it, who apologizes for his carelessness. Twice in the same place.

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DINER-OUT NOW COOKS HIS OWN

New York's Gay Boulevardiers Taught by Prohibition To Entertain at Home.

By RAYMOND G. CARROLL. NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Holidays pass like summer clouds and how they are celebrated reflects the spirit ("or spirits") of the times; for instance, never before in New York has Thanksgiving been observed so generally at home as this year. You have guessed the reason, of course. It was because of the prohibition law.

Everybody who counts as important in the city life appears to have gone homekeeping. It is no longer the correct thing to be known as a "diner-out" in restaurants, for there has been a wholesale re-education of the home, and even the town's best boulevardiers have succumbed to the domestic lure, and the prohibition law.

Burton Castles, cotton broker, has converted a West Forty-seventh street dwelling into a jewel box residence where he entertains lavishly. Hosmer Barrett, who has inherited four fortunes thus far and seems to be related only to aged servants on his estate at Hastings-on-the-Hudson, with a de luxe motor car service for his guests to and from the Broadway district. Messrs. Kendall, the broker, has a country house near Mr. Ziegfeld's where he entertains. Walter Kingsley, who maintains a library of 5,000 volumes, the largest collection of serious books in the Bright Light Belt, has not eaten in a restaurant for four months.

Harvey Slicker and Horace Charter, both of whom formerly dominated as hosts in the different smart restaurants, have taken large apartments which they have equipped with the best cuisine talent. Among others who have disappeared into home shells are Miles Price, Arthur Herbert, Frederick Edward Mackay, Henry Carrington and Bobby Hungerford.

You cannot get any of these men to go out for their meals on a bet. They have come to realize that the high-priced restaurants are nothing but "apple sauce," and that there is something after all in staying at home, entertaining themselves when they are not entertaining guests. Camping out days are over. No longer does the live wire of the night depend upon hired entertainers for his amusement. He puts on his own show, an old-fashioned home-cooked dinner. He has discovered what he has missed for years, and to dine with him in his retreat is a real event; indeed, invitations to these "vest-pocket" clubs are highly prized and eagerly sought.

THE HEAVY BOOK.

The dictionary on my shelf has libraries within itself, of information cut and dried, that you and I have never spied.

Upon pages words appear that we will never see or hear, and much of knowledge it contains between its covers lies. It will never cross our human brains, compact an endless wealth of truth and fact, and though we find for years galore we'd hardly penetrate the store.

The dictionary is indeed a book on which the mind could feed for centuries, yet not begin to master what it found therein.

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Oh, My Stars! HOROSCOPE.

December 7, 1920. Astrologers read the morning of this day as rather uncertain in planetary rule. Mars, Saturn and Neptune are in malefic aspect, while Jupiter and the Sun are in friendly way.

The afternoon hours should be favorable for all sorts of trading, and merchants should make the best of all opportunities.

It is predicted that Christmas shopping will show some falling off in the costliness of gifts purchased, but that it will be on the whole exceedingly profitable.

An aspect interpreted as portending trouble and discontent are supposed to be encouraged by today's position of the stars.

The rule is not a good one for domestic harmony, as quarrels are easily fomented. Business affairs are troubled, and strikes seem to be indicated.

There is a sign showing suffering and privation as more extensive than they have been in recent years.

Saturn again frowns on mining interests, making for industrial accidents, also, seem to be indicated.

Neptune is in a place read as sinister for old-established ideas and traditions. The new era will be more and more recognized.

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LAYS CHILD BIRTH DEATHS AT U. S. DOOR

Of the 23,000 women who died in childbirth in this country last year, more than half of them could have been saved if the Federal government had instructed them in the hygiene of maternity, in the opinion of Mrs. Maud Wood Park, chairman of the National League of Women Voters and chairman of the Women's Joint Congressional committee, who will address the weekly forum luncheon of the City Club at 12:30 tomorrow afternoon at the club-house, Farragut square, on "Child Welfare Legislation."

"The United States is wasting the lives of its mothers and babies," said Mrs. Park last night. "Almost 25,000 babies under 1 year of age die every year in the United States. This number is almost as great as the total casualty list of the United States in the world war. The greater part of this suffering and death is preventable."

Mrs. Park will urge the enactment of the Sheppard-Towner maternity bill and the Curtis-Gard child labor bill for the District.

LITHUANIA TO FREE U. S. SPY SUSPECTS

The two American women—Miss Martha Graczyk, Rochester, N. Y., and Miss Mary Wasilczyk—who were seized when they entered Lithuania while on relief work in Poland, have been promised their release, according to advices to the State Department yesterday.

BIG OIL RUSH

Strike Made in Northwest. Visitor Has Suggestions For Reformers.

An oil rush near Fort Norman in the far Canadian Northwest comparable to the gold rush of the Yukon, is the startling tale brought to Washington by Robert R. Lents, of Ottawa, Canada, who told the story of the big oil strike at the Shoreham yesterday.

"Not long ago Imperial Oil, Limited, made the richest strike ever known in that section of the country," said Mr. Lents. "News traveled as fast as in the days of the Yukon rush and already thousands of petroleum argonauts have rushed to the scene along the trail, and are lined up eagerly awaiting the arrival of spring, when the rivers will be free of ice and it will be possible to push northward."

"They will go by airplane, by such means as they can. Many of them are building their own boats now. Were it not for the vigilant eyes of the Canadian mounted police the bones of hundreds would be seen along the trail each year, for the police have their hands full keeping back the foodhazy who would start at once. It is a long and perilous trail and known only to Indigians and a few men from the starting point, Fort McMurray and Peace River Crossing in Alberta, but many of them would attempt it if they were permitted."

Contestants Must Respect Law. "At the present time only the fit may go. They must be equipped with the necessary supplies, as every Canadian grub stake law in order to be able to file a claim.

"The route lies along the Slave River, thence along Great Slave Lake down the McKenna River to Fort Norman. This highway lies through a practically unbroken wilderness of endless miles of forests.

"In summer small steamers ply between an Alberta point and a number of scows are operated, but it is felt that none of the ordinary means of transportation will be available when the rush begins. Many of the fortune hunters are building their own boats. Airplane parties are planning to leave from Calgary and Edmonton in the province of Alberta. The chief difficulty which will accompany an emergency where else where airplanes are employed in a rough territory, will be the finding of suitable landing places."

Real Work for Reformers. Child welfare, maternity aid and similar legislation would be far more desirable projects for practical reformers who are now attempting to saddle the District of Columbia and ultimately the entire country with "blue laws," said Bertram D. Moore, of Portsmouth, Vt., in a speech at the hearing.

"We have an example of the extremes to which this sort of Sunday regulation may be carried in the city of Norfolk. There all theaters are closed on Sundays and for the man of work who works during the week there is little left save church. Reformers seldom realize that not everyone cares to spend his Sunday in church."

"In this same city we have a splendid example of the short-sighted policy and myopic viewpoint of these same reformers. For the last few months it has been easier to obtain the colored people of Washington, I do not refer to the peaceful, law-abiding, educated element, but rather to the large percentage which daily through the Police courts, they might not be able to find a condition of the colored people of Washington, but throughout the entire South.

"If these reformers could only disabuse their minds for once of the idea that the colored people of government is to 'prohibit'—if they could only get away from the Prussian idea of labelling everything 'verboten' which does not measure up to the narrowest of their own rules of conduct, they might make this a much better world."

"Indeed, few of them are able to agree among themselves. Some would prohibit dancing, but would permit smoking; others would prohibit smoking, but would permit dancing, and so on.

"Let us hope, however, that Congress will continue to have the good sense expressed already by some members who have arrived in Washington, and will ignore these extremists as they justly deserve to be ignored. Sometimes I believe that they are so drunk with their own ideas that they believe the country has sanctioned all the rest of their beliefs, no matter to what absurd extent they desire to carry them."

Cabinet Officers to Preside At Disease Conference

Secretaries Daniels, Baker and Houston will be among officials presiding at evening sessions of the All-American Conference on Social Diseases which opens tonight in the auditorium of the National Museum.

Meetings more technical in character will be held daily through Friday, commencing Wednesday.

The conference was organized under auspices of the U. S. Interdepartmental Council on Social Diseases, the U. S. Public Health Service, the American Red Cross and the American Social Hygiene Association. Five hundred delegates are expected at a get-together smoker at the Hotel Washington tonight.

British Hold Irish Girls For Liverpool Incendiarists

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Two stylishly dressed Irish collectors, both in their early thirties, have been arrested at Seaford in connection with the burning last week of the Liverpool warehouses. One of them is a teacher and the other a shop assistant.

Women are being held up in the streets of Irish cities and their market produce examined by the authorities to ascertain whether arms are concealed.

In some places the women are taking the places of the men who are arrested by the Crown forces. Several of the Sinn Fein courts are now presided over by women judges.