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THE ENGLISH WASHINGTONS.

Compared with Mr. Vernon Sulgrave Manor, the English home of the Washington family, possesses only a remote interest for Americans. Its acquisition by the British committee for the celebration of one hundred years of peace is part of a general program which, if carried out, will stretch a chain of memorials half as far around the world as the morning drum beat reaches.

FEDERAL LEAGUE RANKS.

With 127 players signed by the Federal League, eighty-three of them classed as "major leaguers," it is not yet time to say that the citadels of "organized baseball" are tightly besieged by the "outlaws." The bigger number, even if of the first rank and if well backed by fat military chests, would be none too many to press the veteran forces hard. They are not all, by any manner of means, top-sawyers. In truth, not a few of the lesser group of eighty-three it is to be confessed that their first rank abilities are to be spoken of in the past-tense rather than in the present.

READ THE LABEL.

Dr. Carl Aisberg, chief of the Federal Bureau of Chemistry, has given the public some sound pure food advice. "Read the label" is one of his admonitions. "Use your eyes and your brain as well" is another. "Get away from sentiment in buying" is a third. Because the ordinary housewife, making her morning's purchases at the neighboring grocery store, does none of these things, nine times out of ten she gets a basketful of inferior foods, for which she has paid a superior price.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

The Commissioner of Education has given his indorsement to the plan of the American Society for Thrift, looking to vocational education in the schools and, in a fashion, the elimination of the "summer vacation." At the risk of incurring the everlasting enmity of the kiddoes and having our breakfast coffee doled, we venture that the commissioner is right when he says the long vacation is "primitive and preposterous." It is all that, and in some regards it is more. It is demoralizing, especially in the cities where children might easily be better off in school than in the steaming streets.

gram would add a practical touch which is needed. There is too much disposition nowadays to encourage the child and the youth in assuming that no attention or consideration need be given to the serious, practical things of life until after school life has been concluded. It is an unfortunate attitude into which the community is falling. Habits of industry and usefulness need to be taught quite as much as the contents of text-books.

THE "RED LIGHT" LAW.

There is no uncertainty about the first effect of the Kenyon "red light" law, if it is enforced up to the hilt. It will end the segregated vice district of the city. Further, there is little uncertainty that, to this extent, it will be rigorously enforced. But beyond that there is a good deal of uncertainty about results. A large responsibility is placed upon the people of Washington, in that they must by their attitude toward the law and the unfortunates whom it affects, determine whether the measure is to be a doubtful or an entire success.

THE ORANGE INDUSTRY.

Forty thousand cars will be required to ship California's orange crop this year. It is twice as heavy as a year ago, and larger than ever in the life of the business. The growers not only have a bumper crop, but bumper quality. How many people in the East ever stop to inquire what made this magnificent industry of southern California possible? How many of them know there could and would be no California citrus industry worthy the name, but for the co-operative associations that constitute the basis and backbone of the whole scheme of fruit raising and marketing?

"INCREASING" INSANITY.

Some time ago some foolish comment was evoked by the cable announcement that by the 1911 census of Great Britain, there was shown a very considerable increase in the proportion of insane persons. In 1901 there were reported 4,000 insane persons to the million of population; in 1911, 4,500. Now comes the explanation that in fact insanity is not increasing; merely that the community, more humane and better able to provide, searches out the unfortunates more carefully, segregates and cares for them. The statistics on blindness and deafness are peculiarly interesting. In 1851 there was one blind person to each 979; in 1911 there was one blind person to each 1,370. This is manifestly because of better care of the eye.

BRITAIN'S GREAT TRADE.

The British Board of Trade has just issued complete figures on the foreign commerce of the United Kingdom during 1913. Records were broken in both imports and exports. Indeed, the year touched the high point of the "boom" that British trade and industry have been experiencing for some years past. Last spring Mr. Lloyd-George predicted that the year would prove the greatest the nation had known; and his prophecy proved correct. There was a sagging toward the close, but the immense volumes of the earlier months brought the average to the record-breaking point. Imports for the year were £769,000,000, or \$3,500,000,000. Imports, always greater in Britain than exports, were for the first time in excess of \$2,600,000,000. Thus the "balance of trade" was over a billion dollars against the country, which in this country we should presume an evidence that we were growing poorer. Britain, having been constantly amassing wealth on an adverse balance of trade, knows better, and doesn't worry. The point of course is that the balance of trade as figured in this way has little relationship to the balance of national wealth. Britain's foreign investments and her immense shipping business turn the balance in her favor year after year; not impossibly, her immense payments of interest abroad, plus our vast expenses on account of travelers, turn our seemingly favorable balance into an adverse one.

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Gossip of Society.

By JEAN ELIOT.

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HOSTESS AT DINNER.

Mrs. Samuel Speer will be among the dinner hosts of this evening. The Vice President and Mrs. Marshall will entertain at the White House this evening. The President's second daughter, Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayre, on whose marriage two weeks ago centered the interest of the world, Mr. and Mrs. Sayre will be guests at the White House for several days.

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MME. DUMBA, wife of the Ambassador of Austria-Hungary, who will entertain the Secretary of State and Mrs. Bryan at the embassy this evening.

Mrs. C. C. McChord and Miss Margaret McChord will entertain at a dance this afternoon from 5 until 7 o'clock at their home in Connecticut avenue in compliment to Mrs. Thurston Ballard and her niece, Miss Ballard, of Louisville, Ky. Quantities of palms and pink roses, azaleas, and carnations have been used to adorn the house for the occasion, and an orchestra will play throughout the afternoon.

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The Silver Lining.

Edited by ARTHUR BARR.

Jan Cilasagers, the famous Antwerp aviator, looped the loop sixty-seven times, and turned seven back somersaults. Lot of people beat that record trying to pronounce his name. If Huerta falls three thousand blue-jackets and marines will land and proceed to Mexico. What's the object? Cheering action? King Alfonso will proceed on a two-month trip to Argentina. He will make the trip on a Spanish trans-Atlantic liner, so that will give him about three hours and fourteen minutes to see the sights in Argentina.

THE OLDEST INHAB-SEZ.

"I kin remember when people didn't have 't hurry' t' work. Fellers even had time enough t' take a street car in th' good of days." Cincinnati architects plan for smaller flats. Inhabitants of present-day flats are laying plans for larger Cincinnati architects.

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What's on the Program in Washington Today.

Meetings, evening: Masonic-Federal, No. 1; Acacia, No. 15; Takoma, No. 25; King David, No. 28; Royal Arch-Mt. Herib, No. 7; Grand Visitation, Potomac, No. 4; Knights Templar-De Molay, No. 4; Scottish Rite - Reception by local bodies; Robert de Bruce Council at Kadosh, Masonic and Eastern Star House-Electa, No. 2; Bethlehem, No. 7; Friendship, No. 11. Knights of Pythias-Webster, No. 7; Excelsior, No. 14; Germania, No. 15; Capital, No. 24; Myrtle, No. 25. Odd Fellows-Washington, No. 6; Golden Ambly, No. 2; Encampment-Fred D. Stuart, No. 7; Macabees-Brightwood, No. 5; Macabees Hall, Brightwood. Social Service-Children's Central Committee, 2 Quincy place northeast. Installation of Phi Mu Sigma Chapter, Emory M. E. Church, South 8 p.m. Annual dinner and banquet, Michigan State Association, Rauscher's, 7 p.m. Bi-monthly meeting, North Capitol and Eckington Citizens' Association, Eckington Presbyterian Church, North Capitol street and Florida avenue, 7:20 p.m. Annual supper, Washington District Women's Foreign Missionary Society, Foursyde M. E. Church, 8 p.m. Entertainment for the blind, Library of Congress, 8:15 p.m. Annual meeting, Retail Merchants' Association, Chamber of Commerce rooms, 8 p.m. Illustrated lecture on "Reclaiming the West," by Arthur Powell Davis, Church of Our Father, tonight. Hearing on citizens' alley bill, District building, 10 a.m. Meeting of Neighborhood House Auxiliary, 10 a.m. Meeting-Southeast Washington Citizens' Association, 215 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, 8 p.m. Meeting of Parents' League, Wilson Normal School, 2 p.m. Installation of officers, Columbia Hiv., No. 2, I. O. T. M., Pythian Temple, 8:20 p.m. Amusements. National-The Marriage Market, 8:15 p.m. Belasco-Romance, 8:15 p.m. Columbia-The Trail of the Lonesome Pine, 8:15 p.m. Poli's-The World and His Wife, 2:15 and 8:15 p.m. Keith's-Vaudeville, 2:15 and 8:15 p.m. Cosmo-Vaudeville, afternoon and evening. Gaiety-Burlesque, 2:15 and 8:15 p.m. Arcade-Dancing, evening. McReynolds Recommends Two for Municipal Court. Recommendations of the Attorney General for the appointment of two judges of the municipal court were received by President Wilson this morning. Pending this consideration the White House refused to divulge the names submitted. The name of Judge Robert H. Terrell, colored, is understood to have been submitted to the President last week by Mr. McReynolds. Senator Vardaman, of Mississippi, has threatened to fight the confirmation of Terrell's nomination if it is sent to the Senate by the President.