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IF GERMANY KNEW.

If the German government could but know and understand how the sentiment of the whole world has been touched by the outrages of Louvain and of Rheims, there would be no repetition of those deeds.

MINUS THE PORK.

The \$20,000,000 river and harbor bill will be an improvement on the original \$53,000,000 bill just to the extent that it reduces the amount appropriated.

The new measure as accepted by the Senate makes a lump-sum appropriation of \$20,000,000 to be expended under the Secretary of War and the Chief of Army Engineers, in maintaining works already constructed, and prosecuting projects heretofore authorized.

Perhaps what has been accomplished at this time is about as much as could be expected at the beginning.

MINERAL RESOURCES.

Secretary of the Interior Lane said a few weeks ago that "a direct benefit to the United States from the European war will be its effect in making the people of this country realize to a greater extent the value of its mineral resources."

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Europe for smelting. Last year the United States imported several times that amount of metallic tin, and could absorb easily the whole Bolivian output.

ON LAND AND SEA.

The war has developed some surprises on both land and sea. The invincible German army has failed to prove itself; and likewise the unconquerable British navy has made decidedly the poorer showing thus far.

From the beginning the German naval policy has been that of avoiding a decisive engagement, and sniping off now and then a British vessel, in the hope that at length the losses might be sufficient to bring the two sea forces nearly enough together to make a pitched battle safe.

To this date, the German tactics have brought results that must be altogether gratifying to the Germans, and that certainly are most maddening to British sensibilities.

The preponderance of naval successes in favor of the Germans is the more striking, because in fact the Germans have to oppose not only the overwhelming British fleet, but also that of France, which is only inferior to the German force.

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nothing more than that the English fleet should attempt just this. Every preparation has been made for a grand coup in such an event, and the possibility of a tremendous disaster is not to be regarded as negligible in the event of such an attempt.

COL. ROOSEVELT'S PLAN.

The world will be very sure to listen to suggestions from former President Roosevelt dealing with the re-establishment and then the maintenance of peace. He has both a war record and a peace record. He has proved himself a magnificent military administrator, and he has been awarded the Nobel peace prize.

Such an agreement could limit the amount to be spent on armaments, and after defining carefully the inalienable rights of each nation which were not to be transgressed by any other, could also provide that any cause of difference among them, or between one of them and one of a certain number of designated outside non-military nations, should be submitted to an international court, including citizens of each nation.

To supplement and make this effectual it should be solemnly covenanted that no nation should be able by the decision of such a court the others would draw the sword on behalf of peace, and that no nation should be permitted to do what it might do to hope for its adoption; but if some such scheme could be adopted, in good faith and with a genuine purpose behind it, it would be a step toward the day of world peace.

This, in short, is the proposal of an international police force, to enforce the decrees of a "parliament of man," a "federation of the world." It is proposed by Colonel Roosevelt as a means of preventing such horrors as that of the unprovoked invasion of Belgium. The Belgians surely were not to blame for that; they could not prevent it; it was conceded even in the German parliament to be wrongful; it could only be justified on the ground of military necessity; and military necessity would not have dictated such treatment of a country strong enough effectively to defend itself.

In other words, might, and might alone, made right in the case of Germany's invasion of Belgium. The united sentiment of civilization viewed the act with horror. It has done vastly more than anything else to unify the opinion of the neutral world against Germany. If that opinion could have been invoked in advance; or if, invoked after the fact, it had had means of co-operation in enforcing its verdict, the war might have been avoided.

VIRGINIA VOTES "DRY."

That Virginia, in the special election yesterday on the liquor question, went "dry," was not occasion for much surprise. People who have noted the development of opinion through the local option verdicts of recent years were prepared to see the State put up the bars of absolute prohibition.

the aggregate vote was 21,296 for and 19,669 against prohibition. Roanoke and Lynchburg, which had been claimed for the "wet" cause with all confidence went "dry" by votes of almost two to one.

TO BANISH ROOSTERS FROM CITY LIMITS.

Regulations Also Ban Hens When Nearest Neighbor Not Seventy-Five Feet Away

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—The careful slush of residents of New York will not be disturbed at dawn by the crowing of cocks after November 1 if the new regulations approved by the sanitary superintendents of the department of health are adopted.

Already hundreds of persons who are engaged in raising poultry for profit or pleasure, have sent protests to the health commissioners, and some of them have petitioned for a permit to place the agents of the sanitary division would find that the chickens had been cooped up on the fire escape, where they were being kept, and being conducted at a considerable profit.

During the past year 8,600 permits were issued to persons in the greater city, and the health department is now endeavoring to get a better idea of the number of chickens represented by these permits. It is something like 200,000 in Manhattan, and 100,000 in the other boroughs.

Without Prejudice.

A worker in one of the milk-station settlements was speaking to some waterfront boys with reference to Roman history. He touched upon the doings of Nero, and the boys were laughing with a cruelty of the superior. Then he began to ask a few questions.

Advice Saved Him.

Sunday passed, Tuesday rolled around, and still his tall form did not loom in the vestibule when the cuckoo clock was sounding 8. Thursday he came, and the fatherly foot was lurking with a watchful eye.

Sandy's Worry.

Sandy was walking along the road, deep thought, and it was his minister who brought him to earth again with "Halloo, Sandy! Thinking of the future, eh?"

Committee of Forty Working For Suffrage for Washington

Women, as Well as Men, Are Active in Movement for Local Self-Government in the District.

Women as well as men have been active in furthering the campaign for suffrage in the District of Columbia. And the committee of forty is working for the franchise for the men and women alike of Washington.

Delay in dealing with local problems on the part of Congress are cited by W. D. Mackenzie to prove the need of self-government for Washington.

In this article the plan of campaign of the committee of forty is described. The history is recounted of the fight for the bill now before Congress providing for a commission to report on Federal relations with the District.

For Equality of Suffrage.

Pointing to the aspirations of President Wilson and Commissioners Newman and Siddons that Washington be made a model city, the Citizens' Committee of Forty asserts that this cannot be brought about unless suffrage is granted to all citizens of the District.

Members of this body are not limited to forty. That was the number with which the organization was started, but there are now more than seventy members, including representative professional men of the city.

Congressional Situation.

Women, as well as men, have been active in spreading the gospel of votes for Washington. Miss Florence Ehrhede, a prominent worker for woman suffrage, is chairman of a subcommittee on qualifications of voters.

The News of Society

By JEAN ELIOT.

THERE will be no attendants at the marriage of Miss Katherine Weeks, daughter of Senator Weeks, and Mrs. John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts, and John Washington Davidson, which will be celebrated at noon on September 26, at the home of the bride's parents, West Newton, Mass.

Amusements.

Belasco—"The Money Makers," 2:30 and 8:20 National—"The Better Way," 2:15 and 8:15 P. M. "The Squaw Man," 2:15 and 8:15 P. M. "Neptune's Daughter," 2:30 and 8:15 P. M. Keith-Vaudeville, 2:15 and 8:15 P. M. Gaiety-Burlesque, 2:15 and 8:15 P. M. "Are you ready to get in line?" 2:15 and 8:15 P. M. Casino-Vaudeville, afternoon and evening. "Are you ready to get in line?" 2:15 and 8:15 P. M. "Diamond Palace," 2:15 and 8:15 P. M.

The Reference Librarian.

At times behind a desk he sits, At times about the room he fits— Polks interrupt his perfect ease— By asking questions such as these: "How tall was prehistoric man?" "Who said 'I pray, was Sister Ann'?" "What would one do if cats have fits?" "Who said 'To labor is to pray'?" "How much did Daniel Lambert weigh?" "Don't you admire E. P. Roe?" "What is the fare to Kokomo?" "Have you a life of Sairy Gamp?" "Can you lend me a postage stamp?" "Have you the rhymes of Edward Lear?"

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Above, Left to Right—A. J. McKELWAY and DR. HARVEY W. WILEY.

"This resolution has not yet come to a vote in the House," said W. D. Mackenzie, chairman of the subcommittee on public utility. "But it is expected to pass Congress with very little opposition, as soon as it can be taken up."

Asks For Commission.

Mr. Mackenzie said the workers for the movement were much encouraged by the favorable attitude of the press of the District. The city of Washington has its own local problems, he said, and the solution of these problems should be left to the residents of Washington.

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The Silver Lining

Edited by ARTHUR BAER.

Can't figure whether the woman refugees who wear hats that she couldn't get any water and had to drink beer, expects sympathy or congratulations.

They don't use explosive shells over here. Big dealers demand that the prices to fulfill all the damage that is necessary.

Neither an amphibian nor a pollywog, but would certainly like to swim in that \$100,000,000 gold pool sanctioned by the Federal Reserve Board.

The New York man who gave his wife 15 cents to buy a dress was right so far as the actual cost of material was concerned. That's all they're using.

THE OLDEST INHAB SEZ

"See that th' excise board visited fifty saloons in one day. Most of our best citizens can only do two or three."

MAIL BAG

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