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AN INDUSTRIAL WASHINGTON

Many attempts among business men and other private citizens have been made to pave the way to Washington's becoming an industrial center.

Plans by which this end could be accomplished without, in any way, marring Washington's beauty as a residential city have been worked out.

Suitable markets, as Secretary Redfield pointed out, are close at hand. Washington's transportation facilities are excellent.

Cheaper electrical power, the Secretary noted, is the principal need for such development.

Recently a project for a convention hall was much talked about. That would be a small step toward a wide-awake advancement of Washington.

OUR FOREIGN TRADE CREDITS

In the international trade constellation the United States for the better part of a year has been the luminous and dazzling sun.

Surplus supplies of wheat from last season are nearing exhaustion. The prices of the new crop are down 20 to 30 cents a bushel from what we were getting for our breadstuffs only a few weeks ago.

But the district of New York, which normally is a heavy import center, was still able last week to score a favorable balance of foreign trade of more than \$1,000,000 a day.

Nothing else could so graphically tell the story of our selling goods stupendously to foreign countries and of all the outside world going into vast trade debt to us.

Recent statements have shown in specific details, by classes, quantities and values the commerce going to other countries as soon as the shipments can be put on board outward bound vessels.

for, if we had a surplus of some three hundred million bushels last season, we may have some three hundred and fifty million bushels this year, perhaps even more.

As it is we already have to our foreign credit since, just before the Christmas holidays somewhere around a billion dollars. But, if the war shall go on, that billion dollars will be trifling compared to the reckoning which will stand in our favor when the calendar year of 1915 shall close, and nothing—at all to what it will be at the end of war.

MR. BRYAN'S RETIREMENT

None of the dramatic elements was missing in staging the Cabinet crisis which costs the Administration its premier at the moment when a strained international situation has brought the country within measurable distance of the gravest eventualities that can confront a nation.

The correspondence between the President and his chief of state is entitled to be accepted at its face value. The premier did an honorable and a courageous thing in retiring under circumstances that would have made it a day-by-day, living lie for him to remain.

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THE PENALTY OF BIGNESS

The Ford automobile corporation, having grown to the proportions of a hundred-million-dollar concern, decided to incorporate with that nominal capitalization, one-half paid, Michigan law, it was found, would not permit organization of an industrial above \$25,000,000 capital; so the new charter will be taken out under Delaware law.

This is an interesting illustration of how the effort at penalizing mere greatness works out. The Ford Company will hardly be set down as bad in proportion as it is big.

It started little, made a product that people wanted, sold it at a price they would pay, paid its labor high wages, earned huge profits on the basis of sheer ability. It didn't create or attempt to create a monopoly; it has grown great in a field in which competition is as insistent and persistent as in any department of industry on earth.

Yet its mere bigness, attained in such praiseworthy fashion, is proof of badness; for Michigan, where it grew and which, in growing, it has signally served, will not give it a charter that merely lets it be honest about how big and successful it has become!

In the absence of the Liberty Bell, Philadelphia is putting the ban on cabarets. Presume that indignant dilettante portion of the city will demand an instant return of the bell.

Altho' the plight of the ammunitionless Russian army is terrible, the situation is not hopeless so long as Petrograd is not pen-and-paperless.

When the critical moment arrives, the Turk should forward his peace pleadings in writing. All Turkish vocal efforts sound like war to the death.

A Chinese-American bank will be a popular institution. A depositor with a six-ounce account will be the proud possessor of a two-ton income.

Mrs. Rorer's admonition that the ptomaine season is here is also a reminder to beware of the usual run of light summer literature.

Attractions Coming To Washington

The closing of the season of musical comedy at the Columbia Theater this week with the performance of "The Gingerbread Man," is announced after ten weeks of successful productions.

Another week will be devoted to the music of Victor Herbert at the New National Theater, where the Aborn Comed Opera Company will next week present "The Serenade," by Victor Herbert and William Schuster.

The Poll Players are to try their hands at musical comedy next week with the well-known success of George M. Cohan, "The Little Millionaire."

Sola, a Spanish musician, and a new figure in vaudeville will head the new musical comedy, "The Little Millionaire," at the Columbia Theater.

George Choo's boy and girl troupe in vaudeville at the B. F. Keith Theater next week. Mile. Scheff will sing at every performance during next week.

Other features will be Julie Ring and company, in "Twice a Day," Eddie Conroy and Al Lee, "Mad as a Man," Kett and De Mont in "College Nonsense," and the Olivians.

This week marks the beginning of the picnic season and every day one or more big outdoor gatherings will be held.

Cleveland's one-cent street car line is doomed to failure. Half-fare-seeking parents will be deprived of opportunity to perjure themselves.

If resigning is to be the vogue, we humble folk can be resigned to the unseasonable weather.

Serious rioting has broken out among the ex-presidents of Haiti.

What the starving Mexicans need is a chef, not a chief.

Gets \$5 Bill That Was Saved From Lusitania

Capt. C. A. McAllister, chief engineer of the Coast Guard, who has just returned from San Francisco, where he was a member of the jury on machinery awards, is the proud possessor of a pink-stained United States five-dollar silver certificate that went down with the Lusitania—and came up again. This bill with other currency was in the pocket of F. J. Gauntlett, agent of the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, who was rescued after going down with the ship.

Dutch Queen Bestows Medals on U. S. Seamen

THE HAGUE, June 9.—Queen Wilhelmina has conferred the honorary gold medal for philanthropic aid upon Captain Mills of the American steamer Philadelphia, and silver medals upon the crew of the liner, as rewards for rescuing the crew of the Dutch steamer "Chestnut" when it sank in the North Atlantic February 4.

Academy of Holy Cross Gives Diplomas to Fourteen Young Women This Afternoon

Cardinal Gibbons will preside at the commencement exercises of the Academy of the Holy Cross this afternoon at the Columbia Theater.

New York University To Honor Lane Today

Secretary of the Interior Lane will receive the degree of doctor of laws at New York University today.

Anti-Dumping Law, as Trust Act Amendment, Likely to Be Proposed

Legislation Considered Necessary to Meet Conditions in Commerce and Industry That Result From War—German Cartels Flout American Laws and Notions.

By JUDSON C. WELLIVER.

Amendment of the anti-trust act, for the purpose of meeting certain conditions in industry and commerce that result from the war, is under consideration.

There has been discussion of the possibility of amending the tariff to meet some of these situations, but the present belief is that the particular set of problems that demand attention can be reached through the anti-trust act.

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NEW IN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

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MAN'S EVENTS LISTED FOR CAPITAL TODAY

Meetings and Entertainments to Be Held in Every Section of City by Various Societies.

Today.

- Meeting, Companions of the Forest of America, banquet hall, Raleigh, 10 a. m. Commencement exercises, George Washington University, Memorial Continental Hall, 10 a. m.

Amusements.

- National—"The Fortune Teller," 8:15 p. m. Columbia—"The Gingerbread Man," 8:15 p. m.

Tomorrow.

- Banquet, Alumni of St. John's College, University Club, 7:30 p. m. Banquet, Alpha Beta Phi Fraternity Alumni Association, Edgett House, 8 p. m.

Book Reviews

HEART OF GOLD, by Ruth Alberta Brown. A story of the life of a girl who becomes a heroine of this story for girls and boys, but as she has a serious accident in the very first chapter, she becomes a sick-a-bed heroine.

MY LAND, MY COUNTRY, MY HOME, by Ad. Albright. Albany, New York: C. F. Williams, 1915. Pp. 128. Price, 15c. A novel of intricate and sensational plot as incoherent and exclamatory in form as its title.

JUST GIRLS, by J. T. Thurston. New York: The Fleming H. Revell Company. This tale is built around the Eight Weeks Club Movement of the Y. W. C. A., and besides weaving an interesting story shows the development of a club in a small town.

Destroyer of Zeppelin Given Legion of Honor

PARIS, June 9.—The French minister of marine today conferred the Legion of Honor decoration upon Reginald Warneford, the young Canadian aviator who destroyed a German Zeppelin over Belgium.

Concert Today

By the U. S. Marine Band, at Capitol at 5 p. m. WILLIAM H. SANTELMANN, Leader.

March, "True to the Flag," von Blon Overture, "Rienzi," Wagner Excerpts from "Samson and Delilah," Saint-Saens Gavotte, "Fog and Chieftain," von Blon Waltz, "Gold and Silver," Lehar Fackeltanz No. 1, "The Marcher's March," "The Hall of Montezuma," "The Star-Spangled Banner,"

Trade Relations Greatly Aided by Visit, They Assert, on Departure From New York.

NEW YORK, June 9.—A visit to West Orange, N. J., where the delegation showed the members of the great plant of Thomas A. Edison and was greeted by the inventor, ended the stay in New York of the honorary commercial commissioners of the republic of China.

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