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EXTRAVAGANCES OF BRITAIN

American legislators are the best salaried in the world, while American administrative officers are, all things considered, the poorest paid. British legislators, on the other hand, have until very recently been paid no salaries at all from the public treasury, while the public officials have been very highly paid.

GREATEST BUSINESS WEEK

Bank clearances for the country as a whole aggregated last week just a little under five billions of dollars. Such figures mean little to the average person; but significance becomes obvious when it is added that no such total was ever touched before in any week of the country's history.

DRIVING OUT THE BOY-EDS AND VON PAPENS

There can be sympathy for the officials of the Hamburg-American line who have been sentenced to prison terms for committing a fraud against the United States Government. There can be question whether the letter of the law should be rigorously enforced or mitigated by clemency.

Let us make the point clear with this illustration: An exporter, complying with the Federal rules and regulations, has a perfect right to ship guns, explosives or whatever he pleases to any destination he wants to reach and can reach.

BEGIN XMAS SHOPPING NOW

Remember the week before Christmas last year? There were so many relatives and friends on your Xmas list, but you put off the purchasing from day to day, and there you were at the last minute with the duty still unperformed. You surely remember that.

POOR BOYS HAVE ADVANTAGE

Their lead world and are epoch-makers, says Carnegie. Poor boys reared directly by their parents possess advantages over those watched and taught by hired strangers. They appear upon the world's stage as individuals, not as members of a class.

ardly attempt to stop our supplies from going to the allies, the Captain Boy-Eds and Captain von Papens undoubtedly are not directly guilty. Because of the nature of their posts, with their privileges and immunities, they could not be made so. But they and pretty much the whole diplomatic and consular representation in this country of Germany and Austria have been the inspiration, if not the agency, of the Teutonic plots and conspiracies which have worked out all manner of outrage and crime.

McCumber Urges Bond Issue For U. S. Needs

Criticizes McAdoo Tax Plans, Laying Especial Stress On Opposition to Gasoline Levy—Says Treasury Hole Cannot Be Concealed. In a sharp interview given out today, Senator McCumber of North Dakota, who is a member of the Senate Finance Committee, criticizes the plans of Secretary McAdoo for the raising of additional taxes.

CHAUFFEUR AND KING FINDS AGE DECADENT; 'MOVIES' ARE BLAMED

Vienna Motor Driver Has Risen to High Place at Court of Bulgarian Ruler. Le Cri has already spoken of Monsieur Weich, the amazing taxi chauffeur, who from his stand in the Kearnthner street, in Vienna, has risen to a high place in the court of Bulgaria.

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WHAT'S ON PROGRAM HERE DURING WEEK

Many Interesting Events of Importance Are Scheduled For Capital. Socialist meeting and lecture, 811 E street northwest, 8 p. m. Reception to Congressman Courtney W. Hambley, of Missouri, by Men's Harsh class leaders, Metropolitan Baptist Church, 1222 Vermont avenue northeast, 8 p. m.

TOMORROW

Address, Miss Sallie Hopwood, St. John's Episcopal Church, 8 p. m. Meeting, Washington Kennel Club, 8 p. m. Discussion, "The Truth About Preparedness," 8 p. m.

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Timber Land, Denuded, Given Back to Public

Private Ownership Fails to Justify Itself in Commercial Results and Brings Industry to Unhealthy Condition—Good Start Made in Reclamation. By JUDSON C. WELLIVER.

The tendency of great areas of timber lands in all parts of the country to come back into public ownership is declared by the Forest Service to be highly significant. The causes of it are working more energetically every year, and there is a public response that indicates willingness to encourage it.

GREAT AREAS GIVEN AWAY

All this relates back in an intimate way to the public land policy of the Government. Half a century ago most of the best timber in the country was still within the public domain. The Government allowed it to be taken over to private interests on terms that were utterly unfair either to the Government or to the public interest.

STATES MAKE A START

Half a score of States have already made substantial starts toward recovering and reclaiming their timber areas. In all sections the tendency is toward State control. It is stated that unless conditions in the timber industry change, that they will—immensely greater areas of cut-over timber lands will inevitably revert to State ownership.

PROGRAM TO GO FORWARD

The commitment in charge of these forests has still about \$1,000,000 of the appropriation to its credit, and has asked that it be given authority, after that is exhausted, to draw still further on the public treasury for carrying on its work.

RUSS TAKE CHOPIN'S HEART TO MOSCOW

Most Precious Relic, Which Had Been Kept in Casket, Removed From Warsaw. Before the Russians left Warsaw they sent away to the city of Moscow the most precious relic, the heart of Chopin, which had been kept in a casket in the church of the Holy Cross there since 1840.

MILLIONS FROM MOVIES

Long's Career Shows That Opportunity Is Still Lurking About. A dispatch from New York tells of the death of one Samuel Long, head of a film company, who left a fortune of \$1,000,000 accumulated on an original investment of less than \$100,000.

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