

Big Rocks Less Important. "Capital Is Coy." England's Patriotic Embargo. Bite Off Sentimentality.

By ARTHUR BRISBANE. (Copyright, 1918.) "England gives Gibraltar to Spain in exchange for Ceuta and Morocco," says the Paris newspaper L'Intransigeant. Not a bad trade on the whole. With modern guns, one side of the Gibraltar Strait is about as good as another, even without the big rock. And with modern submarines and flying machines able to pass under the water and high in the air, unseen, big rocks, commanding important positions, are not as valuable as they were. Gibraltar ranks now with that ancient fort, Castle Garden.

Mr. Franklin, of the Treasury, told Chicago, concerning the new loan:

"We know we shall have to make our strongest appeal to capital this time, as the labor situation now is not what it was last October."

Mr. Franklin also said, "Capital is coy," and suggested that it would be necessary on this loan to pay higher interest than on the others. Not much of a compliment for patriotic but "coy" capital.

Mr. Evans, of the Government Labor Department, says that one hundred and twenty-three industrial centers in December reported ten thousand men out of work.

Last week there were two hundred and twelve thousand unemployed. This presents a serious problem, with millions of soldiers coming out of the army.

Failure to pay those soldiers their salaries for six months while they look for work, without disturbing workers now busy, would be much worse for the country than paying out the amount of money involved to men that have well earned it.

Senator Kenyon's bill appropriating \$100,000,000 for public works should pass at once. The country cannot afford to have millions of men suddenly idle. It can still less afford to lose the values that would be added to the national wealth if all these men were kept busy. New canals, highways, better railroads, drainage, and irrigation works, all are needed, enough to keep every man busy.

If war had continued this country would have found a means SOMEHOW to provide the billions necessary to pay the bill. "Why can't it find a sum one-tenth as great to keep labor occupied and general prosperity going?"

The situation is complicated by the wise action of England declaring suddenly a complete embargo against this and other countries on all goods that can be made in England by English workmen. The American War Trade Board says truly that England is not to be blamed for this sudden shutting out of our goods. She thinks first about her own workmen and business men and that is what she OUGHT to do.

That is what somebody ought to do for American business men and workmen also. This Government should bite off at least 90 per cent of its sentimentalizing and money-spending in Europe. It should concentrate its intelligence and resources on the serious problems at home, bring back without loss of time our men in Europe, leaving Europe to attend to her affairs while we attend to ours.

This country has problems enough to occupy the intelligence of high officials, plenty of problems to absorb all of the country's spare cash.

What may be described as Uncle Sam's sentimental European debauch has lasted long enough.

By and by those that govern this country will understand more clearly the temper in which American soldiers are returning to the United States and being discharged penniless from the army here at home. They will wake up and do for this country and its inhabitants some of the philanthropic things that they have been doing for all the countries EXCEPT this one.

"If we have wisdom and sporting blood," says Secretary Daniels, "we shall never again be guilty of folly of trusting all of our world commerce to foreign ships." That is refreshing. If the people will back up Daniels as they should do, this country will own a commercial and fighting navy worth while. Some of our Englishmen born in America denounce Daniels because he wants the biggest navy for this country. But Americans don't denounce him.

The United States solemnly acknowledges Mr. Paderewski, the musician, as head of his government in Poland. This is an interesting development in twentieth century democracy.

Another interesting development is the Bolshevik threat NOT to accept the invitation to attend the peace conference, but to go ahead and best the sillies.

This statement comes with news of another defeat of American troops in north Russia. How long must American soldiers remain there to amuse the Bolsheviks, and WHY are they there at all? Are we at war with Russia? If not, whose chestnuts are we rescuing? We should fight Russia after a decent, formal declaration of war or get out.

WEATHER: Fair tonight and tomorrow; colder tonight. Lowest temperature 25 degrees. Temperature at 8 a. m. 40 degrees. Normal temperature for January 31 for the last thirty years, 33 degrees.

Victim's Brothers Add \$200 To Reward For Madman

ORPHANS WORK WITHOUT PAY

Poorly Clothed Indescribably Dirty Sleeping in Garret Improperly Fed

Conferees Agree To President's Plan For German Colonies

CLUE FOUND; ARREST DUE IN FEW DAYS, POLICE SAY

Two hundred dollars additional reward today was offered for the capture of the "madman of the northwest." The reward was offered by John W. and Robert E. Hood, of Brownsville, Tenn., brothers of Miss Lillian Hood, twenty-two years old, the pretty war worker who died at Emergency Hospital yesterday from a revolver bullet wound inflicted last Friday morning when the madman invaded her room at 1237 L street northwest and attacked her.

\$250 REWARD The Times Makes Offer for The Written Solution of A Most Unusual Mystery

All About It Right Here "You despicable, cowardly beast!" "Miss Madeline, you are mistaken; I am not a beast, neither am I despicable; and if you will be good enough to step inside that window, I will explain my reason for decoying you to this safe rendezvous for a talk which cannot but result advantageously to you." Poised on the outer ledge of a tenth-story window of an office building in the business heart of Washington, Madeline Lucille Connor, with her slim white hands grasping the window casement, gazed steadily at Tom Fuller, who, seated on the edge of a well-polished mahogany table in the luxuriously furnished office, was coolly rolling a cigarette.

LEAGUE TO RULE AREAS IN TURKEY AND ASIA

BARUCH MAY SIT AT PEACE TABLE PARIS, Jan. 31.—The plan of President Wilson to have Secretary Baker substitute for him as commissioner during his absence in the United States has been changed. Mr. Baker is not coming to France for this purpose. It is now suggested that Bernard Baruch will substitute for the President during the latter's absence.

What Officers of Board of Children's Guardians Say of the Strange Case of the Bakery Children

By William Knowles Cooper, General Secretary Y. M. C. A. and President of the Board of Children's Guardians. "The Times is to be commended for bringing this matter to the attention of the people. The whole situation of child-placing in the District of Columbia is a burning shame on every member of Congress and every citizen of the United States. It is humiliating to the Board of Children's Guardians to be obliged to send children to some homes. Under the facilities afforded the board, we do the best we can."



WILLIAM KNOWLES COOPER.

ORPHAN GIRL TO SUE BAKER SAYS HE HELD HER AS SLAVE

The Times yesterday printed the first details of the investigation in the juvenile court of the conditions under which scores of orphan children have for years been employed and kept in the Greer bakery establishment, on Twelfth street northeast. The strange case of the bakery children furnishes a curious example of what may happen in Washington without the general knowledge of the public. The details of the investigation from the point where it ended in yesterday's article is continued below.

MYSTERY IN FIRE AT NAVAL AIR STATION

ROCKAWAY, N. Y., Jan. 31.—Ten of the twenty buildings of the United States naval air station here were destroyed by fire of mysterious origin today. Seven calls for help were sent out by the station and fire companies from all nearby Long Island towns responded.

FIRE DESTROYS CANADIAN CHEMICALS STOREHOUSE

TRENTON, Ontario, Jan. 31.—The storehouse of the British Chemical Company, here, was destroyed by fire today. The loss is \$300,000.

SALE MISCELLANEOUS

BABY CARRIAGE—White wood black good condition. 415 11th st. N. W. Phone Line 5839-W. 1-28

Just why the beautiful Madeline Lucille Connor should resort to such a frightful expedient to escape the supposedly villainous Tom Fuller is but one of the complex situations sure to develop during the next few weeks in the unraveling of the most remarkable Propaganda of Mystery ever presented the newspaper-reading public in this city.

George Harris Donohue will be the directing genius of this symposium of mystery, which in itself is a guarantee sufficient that there will be but little overlooked in the effort to keep the story at the highest pitch of feverish intensity from the first to the last chapter of the serial.

Then comes the literary fireworks. In introducing the various characters in his opening chapter, Mr. Donohue has developed an almost uncanny, mystifying plot, embracing in its ramifications an element of intrigue and diplomatic finesse which is so evenly balanced by a series of nerve-racking counter plots, requiring the most searching analysis and delicate deduction in order to successfully maintain the freedom and swing of the story to the very last word of its completion.

Then Comes the Thrill. In the very last paragraph of the first chapter, Mr. Donohue has worked up a thrilling finale, which— But, pshaw—he doesn't have to care after that. —For the next day you will find that the second chapter has been written by some prominent man or woman in this city—and h-i-s-t—here is one of the secrets—you can gamble that the next writer will go right ahead with the story and in bringing his chapter to a close will try his utmost to fix some one of the characters in the story so that the next writer will have some real problem to bother with in getting the story shipshape again.

By Mrs. Walter S. Ufford. "It is a deplorable situation we have to face in child-placing here. The Times has done no greater work than bringing the Greer bakery case to the attention of the public. There may be other cases just as bad as this place is charged with being. These disclosures by The Times ought to bring home to those in authority the need of what we have been pleading for—more adequate laws on child-placing."

NAT GOODWIN DEAD; ILL ONLY FEW DAYS

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Nat C. Goodwin, famous actor, died at his apartment in the Hotel Claridge here early today from a complication of diseases. He had been ill only a few days. Death resulted, physicians said, from a general breakdown which came after an operation in which his right eye was removed about a year ago.

CAMOUFLAGE MEN COME TO CAPITAL

Washington is host today to a part of the camouflage unit of the American army in France; 482 men who helped disguise the American forces for ten months in 1917. Unheralded the camoufleurs, thirty-seven officers and 445 men, arrived at Washington barracks last night. They will wait here for demobilization, which is expected within thirty days.

VOTE \$750,000,000 FOR GREATER NAVY

The House Naval Affairs Committee this afternoon unanimously voted to appropriate \$750,000,000 for the United States navy for the next fiscal year. The action of the committee is seen as a complete victory for Secretary of the Navy Daniels' three-year building program for a bigger American navy.

URGES SENATE TO PROBE MILK PRICE

An investigation of the milk industry and of milk price fixing by the Food Administration, to be made by the Federal Trade Commission, was asked in a resolution introduced in the Senate this afternoon by Senator Jones of Washington.

FRENCH ADVANCE ON KEHL, BADEN

LONDON, Jan. 31.—French forces of occupation in Germany have occupied Kehl, in Baden, and advanced six kilometers (3.6 miles) beyond, it was announced from Strasbourg today.