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ST. PATRICK'S DAY
A year ago The Gazette based its editorial on a brief resume of the life of Ireland's tutelary saint. Today, so much water has rolled under the bridge of Time, that other thoughts come uppermost to those who remember the Day and its occasion.

Ireland is undergoing the birththroes of a new era. She has grappled heroically with her problems and even now they are in fair process of settlement. That she will emerge triumphant and take her rightful place in the sisterhood of world-democracies—no one who knows the unconquerable valor and inexhaustible endurance of her people, as we here in America know it—can doubt for a moment.

As we remarked a year ago, wherever there is an Irish heart today there will be music and marching, and the gold harp in the emerald setting will float merrily on the vernal breeze. Wherever there is an Irish tongue, likewise, there is true eloquence; wherever an Irish throat there is true minstrelsy. So we may look for music, and speech-making, and song tonight all over this broad land. The whole nation echoes with "Erin go bragh!"

RURAL LIFE COMMITTEE

There is a Virginia Rural Life committee, organized and set to work by the Co-operative Education Association of Virginia, with headquarters at Richmond. This latter institution has done untold good in the state. But for its work and influence there are many schools that would not have been built, many educational ideals that would not have been achieved, and many other things which lighten and alleviate the ordinary burdens of life would not have come to pass.

The association has organized the Rural Life committee with the object of making brighter and more attractive the life of the agricultural producers of Virginia. It will undoubtedly accomplish much in the direction of relieving the undue pressure of population on the cities. This is much to be desired, as one of the dangers of a democracy is the disproportion between rural and urban dwellers. Safety lies in a sane balance of the two—and the Rural Life Committee is devoted to the task of establishing and maintaining this balance.

Joint Debate on the St. Lawrence River Project

No other feature in connection with the Seventeenth Convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress is exciting more interest than the debate on the proposed St. Lawrence River Ship Channel, the details of which has finally been arranged.

The arrangement of the time, as agreed to by both sides, is as follows: The affirmative will occupy an hour in the opening argument, this time being divided between two speakers, Hon. Henry J. Allen, Governor of Kansas, and Mr. Harry H. Merrick, of Chicago, formerly President of the Mississippi Valley Association. An hour will then be given to the argument for the negative, which will be presented by Hon. Nathan L. Miller, Governor of New York. One of the speakers for the affirmative will then have fifteen minutes for a rejoinder, which will end the debate.

It is reported that supporters of the opposing views on this question are coming by trainloads to back up their respective champions, not only from New York and other States on the North Atlantic seaboard but from Wisconsin, Michigan and other States on the Great Lakes and in the Northwest. The legislators in both branches of Congress are manifesting a strong interest in this debate in which two Governors, one of an Eastern and one of a Western State, will be pitted against each other, and such of them as can slip away from their duties on Capitol Hill will no doubt be present. Many others in Washington, both in and out of official life, are also interested, and it seems certain that standing room will be at a premium in the ball room of the Willard, spacious as it is.

The principal address of the opening session on Wednesday morning will be delivered by the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, Ambassador Jusserand, of all of which will be illustrated by moving pictures. Commander Wash, General Manager of the Dock Board, will speak on the Port of New Orleans; J. W. Worthington, of Sheffield, Ala., will tell of the development of Muscle Shoals; and M. W. Woods, of Lincoln, Neb., will describe a new method of preventing the caving of river banks which has produced remarkable results.

Among the speakers who will be heard at other sessions, are Senator Ransdell, former President of the Congress; Maj. General Beach, Chief of Engineers; L. B. Sheperd, of the Jones and Laughlin Steel Co., Pittsburgh; Major Church, Transportation Engineer, and Julius Henry Cohen, Counsel, of the Port of New York Authority; and T. L. Phelps, Past Supreme Counselor, U. C. T. of A.

Juvenile Delinquents Need Scientific Study

"A much larger proportion of mortal defectives is to be found among delinquents as they appear in court than in the ordinary population, perhaps ten times as many," says Dr. William Healy, Director of the Judge Baker Foundation in Boston, in a report just made public by the U. S. Department of Labor through the Children's Bureau. But Dr. Healy points out that individuals mentally normal are misdoers quite apart from matters of mental capacity and that many feeble-minded people live decently and do their work well. Determining the cause of criminal tendencies and "deciding treatment that is tremendously influential at the formative period of life," Dr. Healy says, "vastly outweighs in importance" any decision of a criminal case that may take weeks in court or perhaps fill pages of the newspapers.

The report, entitled "The Practical Value of Scientific Study of Juvenile Delinquents," declare that all delinquent children need scientific treatment, and that mental tests alone do not suffice to give a true picture of the child's personality without study of his home, companies, play, employment, special temptations and bad ex-

amples, quality of schooling and other conditions of environment, taken together with his whole mental life, his lack of knowledge or his misinformation, his habits, secrets, grudges, and ideas.

This report is one of a series issued by the Children's Bureau with the purpose of furthering discussion and development of juvenile court standards. Scientific work in juvenile courts, it declares, is a natural expression of the modern demand for results, since imprisonment alone does not check crime. Numerous examples of cases are given in which complete scientific study, including that of social environment, aided to change the career of a so-called "born criminal."

While this form of study is not confined to the usual technical limits and while its consideration is recommended to "aid the everyday judgements of any who wish to deal understandingly with juvenile delinquents," it is not to be supposed," Dr. Healy says that it can be carried out "by anybody except someone with interest and training," and he concludes that if lack of scientific studies impedes progress more workers must be trained in this field. And if the expense deters from individual studies in the courts, it must be considered what the cost of diagnosis amounts to in the light of the heavy cost of a delinquent career.

SWANSON'S LETTER

(Special to Gazette)

Richmond, Va.—Much is yet to be done in the Near East before the suffering and misery which thousands of destitute Armenian and Syria children are suffering can be alleviated, according to a letter received by Oliver J. Sands, State Chairman of the Near East Relief from Senator Claude A. Swanson. Mr. Swanson bases the information from which he writes his letter on data gathered in Washington and unqualifiedly indorses the work of the Near East Relief.

"It is a pleasure to command the splendid work being done for the relief of the stricken people of Armenia and Syria by the Near East Relief," Senator Swanson writes "while much relief has been extended by this country, I am sure from information received here in Washington that there remains much to be done. Your organization is doing a most commendable work and I hope will meet with continued success."

The Near East Relief organization is now raising 300,000 in Virginia as its share in the national drive for the support of 110,000 little children being cared for over-seas by the organization until they are able to support themselves.

FOREIGN TRADE CONVENTION

"A Foreign Trade Policy for Americans," will be the subject of an address by James A. Farrell, President of the U. S. Steel Corporation, at the

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Ninth National Foreign Trade Convention in Philadelphia May 10th, 11th and 12th, over which Mr. Farrell will preside. His address will be the keynote of the campaign for a great business and industrial revival in this country.

This will be the first of the National Foreign Trade Conventions to be held on the Atlantic seaboard. It will bring together the greatest number of leaders in American industry, finance and commerce ever assembled in a nation-wide campaign to stimulate America's export trade to such an extent that the surplus production of American industry over domestic needs will be absorbed and business depression and unemployment ended.

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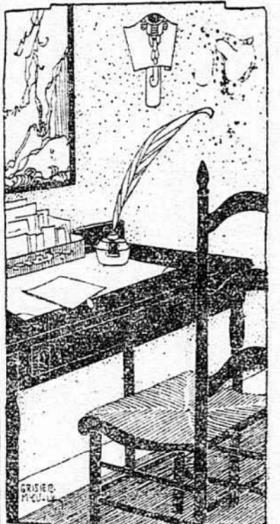


HOME BEAUTIFUL
By DOROTHY ETHEL WALSH.
A Table Will Not Only Masquerade as a Dresser, but as a Desk as Well.

My last article, dealing with an improvised dressing table made by draping a small table, has recalled to my mind the way one clever woman managed to have a desk in her guest room when she really didn't have but one desk in the house, and that was safely fixed for life in the living room. A puzzle? Not a bit of it. Just some more of that improvising business!

Now, this woman was having the most beautiful time arranging her guest room to be really comfortable for guests. How many there are which are not so! Her realization of the necessity of there being a place for letter writing brought worry in its wake, for there was to be no purchasing of new articles of furniture. Drawer space was not greatly desired, as for a guest no place for accumulated papers had to be provided. A small table again plays the hero's role in this as well as my last article.

The story might read like this: "Once upon a time there was a little brown wooden table tucked away in a dark corner of a house." But why go further? The artist has told you the rest in to-day's sketch. With its letter holder (the only new purchase in the outfit), does it not make a lovely little desk? Haven't you a small table somewhere that you can utilize? They are convenient things, these extra desks



placed in some quiet corner, even when not used in a guest's room.

Mr. Farrell will emphasize the necessity for a definite foreign trade policy if America's export trade to the prosperity, not only of American industries but to the public in general.

Financing and expansion of the nation's overseas commerce is the primary purpose of the convention. It will be a working gathering from the opening to the final session.

While only a part of the topics to be discussed at the convention have been assigned to speakers at yet. New York City is already well represented. Charles M. Muchnic, vice-president of the American Locomotive Sales Corporation, will make and address on "The Factor of Depreciated Currency in Competition." Wilbert Ward, chairman of the Commercial Credit Committee of the American Acceptance Council, will explain an important feature of export credits under the head of Uniform Commercial Credit Instruments."

Under the general topic of export sales promotion, J. W. Mason, vice-president of the American Surety Company, will talk on "Bonded Service as a Selling Argument." "The Essentials of a Market Survey" will be discussed by William Menkel of the Association of National Advertisers. Every phase of foreign trade will be taken up, either at the general or the group sessions. An important feature of the convention will be the presence of a number of experts on foreign trade who will advise manufacturers and exporters on all problems likely to come up doing business in foreign lands.

EXPORT COAL MOVEMENT OVER CHARLESTON PIER

Movement of coal for export over the Southern Railway System's pier at Charleston, in line with other coal traffic, showed a sharp decline in 1921 as compared with 1920 but was still ahead of the movement for any other year, 350,317 tons having been dumped over the triple in 1921 as against 812,239 tons in 1920. Dumpings of previous years were as follows: 1916, 184,108; 1917, 123,391; 1918, 67,207; 1919, 294,583.

June was the banner month of 1921, the dumpings by months being as follows: January, 34,307; February, 36,666; March, 44,667; April, 19,367; May, 27,008; June, 64,145; July, 55,388; August, 21,295; September, 12,443; October, 17,320; November, 9,216; December, 8,495. Total, 350,317.

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