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THOSE LEAKS

Last week's flood of talk included Senator Stone's charge that the president's peace note leaked from the state department. Perhaps it did. It is hard to trace such leaks. There have been others. President Cleveland's note to American Minister Thurston at Hawaii, forecasting the overthrow of the Hawaiian dynasty and the taking over of the island as an American protectorate, was published through a leak in a Chicago newspaper. It was very embarrassing to Mr. Cleveland and the sugar-trust officials who were staking the insurance. That leak, it may be told now, came through a woman clerk who had the copy of the note and who had secured the position as a result of the kindness of a newspaper correspondent. She risked the loss of her job to repay his kindness. Not all leaks are for speculative purposes. The one in Cleveland's time aroused grave suspicion.

A STORY IN FIGURES

Here are new figures—they reached Butte a few hours ago—which make it possible to put into a paragraph a graphic chapter of the war's history. They are a summary of the federal government's official statistics concerning trade. They show that during the eleven months ending with last November we exported material worth \$1,390 to Great Britain for every one dollar's worth exported to Germany.

The total shipped to British ports, in the United Kingdom, was measured in money, \$1,702,384,899; for Germany the aggregate was astonishingly small—it was \$1,118,251. The German total was, by the way, ten times greater for the eleven months of 1915, ending December in that year, than for the same eleven months of last year. The figures for our trade with France are, comparatively, quite as impressive. To that country we sent during the eleven months of last year material worth \$802,122,181.

These big figures tell an impressive war story; they attest the fact that whatever else happens the British blockade is a mighty factor in the war. Our markets are open to Germany. No doubt she has the money wherewith to buy, but she can't deliver the goods. Current belief is that the Germans manage to get hold of material shipped through Holland or Scandinavian ports. If that be true, nevertheless the statistics from Washington serve to measure German disadvantage, as far as supplies from the United States are concerned. In illustration, our exports to the Netherlands and to Norway and Sweden, combined, for last year's eleven-month period, were a little more than \$200,000,000, but to Canada they were \$545,422,000. Supplies for the entente allies.

That our exports to Germany, for the eleven months of last year, should be hardly more than a million seems fairly incredible, but that is the official report. Quite as striking is the fact that our total exports to Austria for the same eleven months were only \$61,771. Again in comparison, we exported material worth \$4,000 to Italy for every one dollar's worth exported to Austria. To Japan, to Russia in Europe and Russia in Asia our ship-

ments were remarkably heavy. Last year our exports to Cuba, every sixty hours, were worth about as much as our exports to Germany for the entire eleven months.

These statistics are ominously suggestive. To be sure, they are not in token of definite conclusions; they do not signify a hopeless outlook for Germany. Yet they are intensely suggestive; they are black-and-white evidence of the disadvantage the central powers suffer. We hear nothing about sea fights. But, after all, the prowess of the British navy, manifested month after month in its grim ability to isolate the enemy from sources of needed supplies, means immeasurably more than many of the much-heralded achievements of this or that belligerent in land operations. Right along, it gives to the British a strangle hold on the foe. Really, the wonder is that Germany has been able to endure so long the fearful odds.

At the banquet given in Berlin, Saturday night, in honor of Ambassador Gerard, Dr. Helfferich, the vice chancellor, referred to the remarkable increase in trade between the empire and the United States during several years prior to the war. That commerce, in volume and in value, was much greater than most of our own people had realized; in turn, last year's record for exports and for imports is very much smaller than had been supposed, even by Americans who have realized, in a measure, the commercial disadvantage with which Germany has been obliged to contend.

LOTS OF WORK

It takes time to get the state's law makers down to the writing business of the session. First, the working forces must be organized—very selected committees are the principal thing. That part of the business has been done.

The work as Governor Stewart said to the joint session is made up in large part of understanding routine—personal incidents in connection with the months of detail activity at Helena are not anticipated. At the same time the legislative assembly has a large number of very important topics to deal with. Many of these enter in finance and in the task of setting the money wherewith to keep the state's machinery in motion.

Then, there are other considerations to be taken into account in connection with the university and the primary law and the road roads and tax laws and the militia and the question of setting away from the at-large plan and dividing Montana into two congressional districts.

The public is mindful of the state's growth and of its increasing needs in administrative ways. It is aware that vexing problems relating to revenue are present. At the same time, the call for prudence, the belief prevails that if provision is made, through a commission or otherwise, for better tax processes to be operative in the near future, there will be money enough, without making the cost burden too heavy, for all appropriations wisely made. Proposals for a convention for the revision of the constitution of the state were not a part of the campaign talk when this legislature was elected. The public has not expressed a wish for such a convention. On that subject the people should be heard from before action in the legislature is taken.

THE PORTO RICANS

After waiting sixteen years, the Porto Ricans have a chance of entering into some of the rights of American citizenship. At least, if congress manages to complete a pending measure some of these people will get what was long due. One section limits the franchise to those who can read and write. That the federal government should apply this literary test to these people is unusual; one report is that it will disfranchise not less than 175,000 workmen in a total of about 250,000 voters on the island. That is a test not applied to voters in Silver Bow county. More strange is a property qualification prescribed for membership in the Porto Rico legislature. A senator must own taxable property to the value of \$1,000 and a representative to the amount of \$500. In his annual message President Wilson urged the enactment of a law granting to the Porto Ricans full American citizenship and a greater measure of home rule.

NEAR THE FINISH

Last week the senate at Washington devoted the larger part of its time to the discussion of the Wilson peace note. That body has practically all of the session's appropriation bills to deal with, involving hundreds of millions of money, besides the measures relating to railroad wages, water power, oil lands, the "pork" millions, Porto Rico, corrupt practice, food control, prohibition, woman suffrage, Mexico, Europe's war, tariff and many other matters.

All told, the congress has hardly fifty days to live; it could easily consume more time than that for the discussion of ways and means wherewith to meet the treasury deficit that is piling up. Of course, the session will

leave undone a mass of work it ought to do. The Washington correspondents are predicting an extra session of the new congress directly after the second-term inauguration.

We have had congress in session most of the time during the present Wilson term, save the fact that the country has simply followed its routine way during the period. Europe's war was not needed, since it started, five days of attention from our legislative body, and the white house has handled the Mexican situation. There is no good reason why the work of congress should lag. That is what the old-time Washington reporters say, but that statement doesn't change the facts.

HERE AND THERE

As we understand it, the allies promised the Dardanelles to Russia without consulting the sultan.—Galveston News.

When a young man begins to practice on the corner, the neighbors are all willing that he should join the army.—Pittsburg Post.

A physician asserts that borrowed articles often spread disease. He possibly hopes to discourage the umbrella borrowing habit.—Los Angeles Times.

President Wilson has taken his stand in the name of humanity and because of America's vital interest in the war and the new-made world that will follow peace. Whether the moment is opportune or inopportune time alone will tell.—Chicago Herald.

One thing that the note of the president to the powers has accomplished is to direct attention to the fact that the United States is no longer an isolated nation, attending strictly to its own affairs.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

"Too much money," says the Albany Journal, "does as much harm as too little." The Journal leaves its readers in the dark. How much is too much?—Toledo Blade.

As to the armies of the generals who were on the scene in Europe, the reader who reads as given should go to the soldiers as well as to the commanders and their assistants of the general staff.—San Francisco Chronicle.

In the light of Germany's reply to the president, it is impossible to believe that there was either honesty or sincerity of purpose back of the original peace proposal.—New York World.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- JANUARY 8
1642—Death of Galileo, famous Florentine astronomer, put in jail by the Pope for advocating the rotation of the earth, aged 78.
1777—British evacuated Elizabethan, N. J., pursued by General Maxwell.
1815—Brilliant victory of Gen. Andrew Jackson over the British at New Orleans, whose anniversary is now a legal holiday in Louisiana.
1825—Eli Whitney, inventor of the cotton gin, died, aged 69.
1832—The Duke of Wellington, victor of Waterloo, became prime minister of England.
1878—First ship in the United States dry dock at Brooklyn.
1884—Metropolitan hall and Lafarge hotel, two of the finest buildings in New York, destroyed by fire.
1888—Duke of York (now King George V.), promoted to be midshipman in British navy.
1894—World's fair buildings at Chicago destroyed by fire.
1896—Paul Verlaine, famous French symbolist poet, leader of a new school, died at Paris, aged 51.
1904—House appropriated \$250,000 to fight cotton boll weevil.
1905—Bettina Girard, famous American actress, died.
1915—Centennial of Jackson's victory observed at New Orleans.
1916—Governor Duane of Illinois and a delegation from the Illinois legislature returned to Louisiana at New Orleans Jackson's famous battle flag, captured by an Illinois regiment during the civil war.

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CURRENT ATTRACTIONS AT BUTTE THEATERS

- ANSONIA Vaudeville and moving pictures—Today and tomorrow, Valeska Suratt in "The Victim."
AMERICAN Moving pictures—Today and tomorrow, Frank McIntyre in "The Traveling Salesman."
ORPHEUM Moving pictures—Today and tomorrow—Margarita Fischer in "Miss Jackie of the Navy."
LIBERTY Moving pictures—Today, William Duncan in "Through the Wall; tomorrow, "Fighting for Love."
EMPRESS Hippodrome Vaudeville—Today and tomorrow, Hawaiian Quintet and five other acts.
BROADWAY Pantages vaudeville—Today and tomorrow, Bob Fitzsimmons and son and five other acts.

LUKE M'LUKE SAYS

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Lots of men have good memories. But they are not the men who borrow money from you. When you look at what some men are carrying around on their shoulders you are willing to admit that there is plenty of room at the top.

Any time a woman feels uncomfortable in a pair of new shoes it is a sign that they are too large for her. Another prize liar is the fellow who claims that he has never deceived his wife. If he hadn't deceived her he would never have been able to get her to marry him.

It is a compliment to tell some woman that she has complexions like Peaches. But don't tell it to a woman who has a growth of fuzz all over her face.

What has become of the old-fashioned girl who used to wear a "shimmy"?

After a man has seen a woman when she first gets up in the morning and has also seen her after she gets the Make-Up on he is willing to admit she is two-faced.

The world passes by the man who is trying to explain why he failed so he can hold a mass meeting around the man who is telling how he made good. It isn't so hard to convince a woman. The trouble is that after you have convinced her she will forget that she has been convinced and you will have to convince her all over again.

Men and women will continue to fall as long as Conscience uses a Still Small Voice and Temptation uses a Megaphone.

The hardest work some men do is sitting around all day and trying to determine which is the easiest way to make a living.

Married life with most women is a long round of trying to satisfy her \$500 wants with her \$4 income.

After reading up on the question we have decided that a gentleman is a person who shaves his face but never shaves his neck, and that a lady is a person who shaves her arms but never shaves her face.

Talk about a man being Persistent! There are old maids who have been looking under the bed for a man every night for 20 years.

The loss of the entire British fleet or the entire German army might worry some folks. But a girl's idea of a disaster is when she feels a "Pimple" coming on the end of her nose.

The reason why a husband gets up every morning and fixes breakfast for his wife while she pounds her ear is because if you throw gasoline on a fire you will put it out.

Never try to guess a woman's age from the number of candles on her birthday cake.

A woman's idea of a female dude is a female who wears a corset when she is doing her housework.

Our Daily Special

One Half the World Doesn't Know Why the Other Half Lives.

Names is Names.

Miss Puckle Chin lives at Winfield, Kansas.

Things to Worry About.

There was no full moon in February, 1916.

THE ANNIVERSARY IN THE EUROPEAN WAR

THE WAR.
1916—Austria-Germans finally driven from the eastern bank of the lower Stripa. German capture of adjoining hill compels the French to withdraw from the summit of Hirsstein, near Hartmanns-Werkkopf, in the Vosges, after a long contest for the position.

MISCELLANEOUS

The American Federation of Labor has issued a charter to the American Federation of Teachers, which has its headquarters in Chicago.

The works to which Frenchwomen have mostly taken since the war are food industries, textiles and the metal trades, but many also are working in rubber and sack-making.

The estimated loss, including wages lost and medical expenses involved, to wage-workers in this country through sickness, amounts to the sum of \$490,000,000 annually.

Natives of India are permitted to emigrate under contract only to such countries as satisfy the government of India that sufficient provision is made for their protection.

Postoffice authorities at Nottingham, Eng., have accepted the offer of a number of women teachers, who will receive the ordinary pay to make the Sunday morning delivery of letters.

When Princess Arthur of Copnought recently opened the British Women Workers' Exhibition at Prince's Skating club, her guard of honor was the Women's Territorial Corps and Women Police.

Prisco Ladies' Garment Workers' union, with a membership of more than 500, is about to inaugurate a movement to secure the closed shop in the industry in San Francisco and vicinity.

Five thousand taxicabs are idle in London, Eng., because so many drivers have joined the colors, and the authorities are being urged to relax the rules so as to permit women and discharged sailors and soldiers to operate them.

Authors' League of America, with 1,200 members, of which Winston Churchill is president and Theodore Roosevelt vice president, is considering the advisability of affiliating with the American Federation of Labor.

An all-women hospital has just been started in London, Eng. and will soon be caring for 500 wounded and ill British soldiers. Every person employed, from chief surgeon to floor scrubber, is a woman.

Genuine Clearance Sale!

Coat Specials

- 5 Silk Velour, fur trimmed; \$125 value. Special.....\$49.75
25 Fur Trimmed Plush Coats; values to \$90. Special...\$33.50
19 Salts Furlax, velvet trimmed; values to \$50. Special..\$24.50
10 Silk Velour, fur trimmed; values to \$90. Special....\$44.50
50 Mixed Cloth Coats; values to \$30. Special.....\$5.00

Suit Specials

- 50 Novelty and Tailored; values to \$50. Special.....\$14.75
40 Novelty and Tailored; values to \$35. Special.....\$10.00
15 Tailored Suits; values to \$30. Special.....\$5.00

Dress Specials

- 50 Wool and Silk, in many shades; values to \$39.50, at...\$18.75
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ODD EVENTS IN TODAY'S NEWS

CARRY PHONE WITH YOU.

Madison, Wis.—A Wisconsin boy is the inventor of a portable equipment to enable a person to connect with any telephone or telegraph line and either talk over it or use telegraph instruments.

KILLS OWL TO GET DUCK.

Tacoma, Wash.—A fight with an owl after he had brought a mallard down was the experience of Allen H. Gilchrist recently. The owl flew at Gilchrist, ready to battle, and then turned to carry the mallard off. Gilchrist brought the owl down with the mallard in its beak.

IN GRANDFATHER'S ROBE.

Oakland, Cal.—When little Betty Gardiner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gardiner of Kales avenue, was christened recently she wore a white robe worn by her grandfather, the late J. B. Merritt, when he was christened 78 years ago. The relatives of Mr. Merritt have carefully kept the little white dress for all these years and the last time it was used was 17 years ago when Destor Cowell, a nephew of Mrs. Gardiner, was christened.

NEGROES BUY AUTOS.

New Orleans, La.—"The negro farmers of northern Louisiana and Mississippi are so prosperous they are all buying automobiles," said Governor Blanchard of Louisiana. Twenty-cent cotton has found the farmers in that section with plenty of cotton. A great deal of it is this year's crop, and a lot is left over from last year. So when the price was right the negroes, as well as the white cotton-growers, suddenly found themselves in the most prosperous condition they had been in for years. As a result the automobile dealers of northern Louisiana and Mississippi cannot supply the demand.

Hennessy's Pre-Inventory Sale is now in full swing, with extraordinary bargains for men, women and children. Don't miss it.—Adv.

RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason.

GIVERS AND TAKERS

We know how cheerful givers look good, in heaven's eyes, when they distribute livers, and coin and shoes and pies. Methinks the cheerful takers deserve, as well, some praise, and I shall hand them acres of eulogistic lays. I took old Billiam Bickle, who's up against it bad, a beautiful dill pickle, the finest one I had. I heard old Billiam mutter, I heard old Billiam hiss, "I need some bread and butter, and you bring trash like this!" It shocked me beyond measure—my tender heart still bleeds; such talk takes all the pleasure from doing kindly deeds. Today I took a ramble where poor folk live in huts, and gave old Gaffer Gamble a pound of hazel nuts. The poor old man embraced me, and thanked me o'er and o'er, and when I left he chased me, to thank me yet some more. He said he'd long been sighing such treasures to obtain; for weeks he had been trying to steal some, but in vain. And now at last he had 'em, and he could die in peace, and sleep with Father Adam, as slick as axle grease. I am a great believer in kindly deeds and words, and giver and receiver should both be gay as birds.

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