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New York a La Carte

By Frederic J. Haskin

New York, Sept. 8.—Eating is here classified as a sport. Dinner, which is regarded as a necessity to be satisfied in the least possible time west of the Mississippi and largely as a family affair south of the Potomac, here becomes a public amusement capitalized at millions.

The typical Broadway cabaret, from the little one in the cellar, where a couple of retired chorus girls form the entertainment feature, to the big one on the roof, which has enough song and dance people to equip a musical comedy for the road, is primarily a system for helping the ubiquitous itinerant to part from his change.

But move away from Broadway, penetrate inland from that main river of the transients, and you will find that dining is still a ceremony and a sport wherever you go.

Everybody has heard of the wonderful paved roads in California and our first impression is that they are prohibitive in expense to any but the idle rich. With this in mind it is interesting to find in the recent report of the California state highway commission that they have spent \$16,119,583 out of their state bond issue of \$18,000,000 and have paved 1,095 miles of state highway besides putting 395 miles more to permanent grade ready for paving.

Sixteen millions looks like an enormous expenditure for California to make within the past three years, but did it ever occur to you that the auto license which we are now paying in Iowa plus the federal aid which will come to us under the new law will give us \$15,000,000 for roads within the next five years?

Our state highway commission recommends graveled roads for Iowa traffic because we have the gravel in seventy of our ninety-nine counties and we have few large cities to make traffic too severe for graveled roads. Its engineers estimate an average cost of \$3,000 per mile for two course gravel work and \$1,500 per mile for one course work.

I am not saying that the trunk line would be the wisest policy of construction for the roads leading to market towns are greatly heeded, neither do I desire to urge the paved road where traffic does not demand it, but my point is that we are equaling California in the extravagance of our expenditure and I am putting the question to you: are we getting as much for our money?

Now note that the \$16,000,000 which California has spent in the past three years has not yet come out of the taxpayers' pockets and it will not all be paid by their short of fifty years while Iowa taxpayers must dig up their \$15,000,000 during the next five years in auto licenses and federal aid alone.

Why is this? The California method of getting the money in a lump from the sale of bonds which merely anticipate the taxes that are going to be paid anyway enables the state to let large contracts at low prices. The California commission's report shows 87 1/2 per cent of its road money invested in permanent work.

The experts of the United States public health service state that walking is the best exercise—and the cheapest.

waiter serves the cheese before the dessert.

And so up and on with the quest, perhaps this time to Washington Square and Greenwich village, that storied section where genius bids and the carefree intellectuals live their harum scarum lives (see any book on the subject). This is where Tom Paine starved and Poe wrote the "Fall of the House of Usher."

But a few blocks away is Gontarf, one of which we mention by name because O. Henry did so, remarking that the place was a literary landmark. It has thereby become a literary landmark by reputation at least, and the fact is abundantly set forth in its advertisements.

It is said that Mr. Asquith has only once been known to laugh outright when on a public platform. The record-making occasion was at a political meeting in Scotland. The premier was constantly being interrupted, one of the chief hecklers being a farmer wearing a large straw hat.

An old couple had come up to London on a short holiday, and whilst looking around one day they saw over a shop a sign which read: "Johnson's Shirt Store."

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Dinner Stories

The two weary wayfarers were resting along the road after escaping an unpleasant situation with a irascible dog.



"You know, Horace, I sometimes think that what with all the walking and the poor food in some places and the stingy farmers' wives and dogs they chase on you and everything our life's mighty near as hard as if we worked for a livin'."

"There you go, now," says the other. "Someone's always taking the joy out of life."

There was sudden silence. Then a man in the audience stood up, and pointing to the farmer with the straw hat, shouted:

"It was hmi w! the coo's breakfast in his head!"

The reply was altogether too much for Mr. Asquith, and he had to join in the general roar of laughter.

"Well, I declare!" said the old lady. "I wonder who tore it, and what do they want to tell people about it for? Can't his wife mend it?"

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MARSHALL PAINTS HUGHES AS FRIEND OF STANDPATTERS

VICE-PRESIDENT SAYS REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE IS GIVING "INSPIRED" TALKS.

Winchester, Ky., Sept. 9.—Republican critic of the Wilson administration was reviewed by Vice President Marshall in a speech here today, with the conclusions that the main reason offered the country for turning out the democrats was the desire of the republicans to get in, and that Former Justice Hughes' campaign speeches were but echoes of often heard partisan orations in the senate.

"Just now, chief interest in the republican candidate for president consists in ascertaining whether he belongs to the progressive face or the standpat neck of his party."

"Nothing New," He Says. "For three years and more it has been my fortune or misfortune to hear the speeches made in the senate. The republican candidate is now repeating these speeches in abbreviated form from the stump."

"When the candidate announced the infallibility of the protective tariff, I recognized the oft expressed views of Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire. When he declared that we were dwelling in a fool's paradise, I heard an echo of the voice of Reed Smoot of Utah. When he talked about Mexico, I could shut my eyes and see before me the figure of Senator Fall. When he condemned 'pork' in connection with rivers and harbors bills, I tasted again in homeopathic doses the speeches, weary hours long, of Former Senator Burton of Ohio. And when the candidate assaulted the civil service record of the administration, I realized that he had heard from that political purist, Bols Penrose of Pennsylvania."

Inspired By Stand Patters. "But in the speeches I have found nothing that ever fell from the lips of such senators as Cummins, Kenyon, LaFollette, Clapp, Norris or Gronna. The candidate's inspiration springs from the speeches of Penrose, Gallinger, Smoot, Fall—senators of the standpat wing of the party."

"The voter must decide whether he wants to turn all the important committees of the senate over to men who were brought up in the Aldrich school of statesmanship and are wedded to its policies. "Up to this time, reasons why democrats should be put out of power are left to the imagination. The main reason seems to be that the republicans just want control again. The country is satisfied with trade conditions and with business, which is unsatisfactory large; the people are satisfied with the record of achievements, which includes more remedial legislation than ever was written by any two administrations; our opponents fail to promise anything in the way of repeal or substitutes."

Hits At Hyphens. "For purely partisan purposes, the republican orator was proclaiming that the president is an infirm American, that Americanism and republicanism are synonymous. But the people at large realize that American citizenship is made up of only two grades of citizens. Citizen of the first grade asks, 'What can I do for my country?' while citizen of the second grade asks, 'What can I get my country to do for me?' "Our people are becoming more and more convinced of the genuine purpose of our president to maintain a strict neutrality and an honorable peace. The hyphenated citizens have been disillusionized."

AUTO SPEEDERS JAILED

Des Moines Taking Drastic Steps to Stop Epidemic of Reckless Driving in the City.

Des Moines, Sept. 9.—Eli Bassman, 19, today was the first violator of traffic ordinances to receive a jail sentence, with which city authorities threatened all violators recently in an effort to prevent accidents resulting from reckless driving. C. H. Bryant, Des Moines banker, who also was sentenced to jail, still is in liberty, hearing on a writ of habeas corpus obtained by his attorneys being scheduled for this afternoon.

WILL FORBES TO BE CATTLE JUDGE

Des Moines, Sept. 9.—I. S. Mahan, secretary of the Oklahoma state fair association, it was learned here today, has appointed Will Forbes of Waterloo as judge of dairy cattle at the Oklahoma fair to be held at Oklahoma City September 21-24.

Forbes is known throughout the United States as a dairy cattle expert.

WILSON'S SPEECH PLEASES WOMEN AT CONVENTION

TELLS SUFFRAGETTES HE WILL FIGHT FOR THEM BUT DOES NOT TELL HOW.

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 9.—Delegates to the convention of the National American Woman Suffrage association, apparently highly pleased with the address of President Wilson last night, today began their final session of the convention with the expectation of completing their work tonight. The president, in his speech, said he would fight for suffrage and that it was sure to come soon, but he avoided any mention as to the method to be pursued.

One of the important matters to come before the convention today is the report of the committee on resolutions which is expected to report a declaration of principles. Speakers for tonight's session include Secretary of War Baker, Herbert Parsons of New York and Raymond Robins of Chicago.

President Wilson spent the night here and motored to his summer home at Long Branch today. A large crowd on the Boardwalk and nearby streets cheered the president as he entered his automobile and during his progress through Atlantic City. In the crowd were many of the delegates to the suffrage convention. It was expected President and Mrs. Wilson would reach Long Branch here for 1 o'clock this afternoon. The ride from Atlantic City took the party along a beautiful stretch of road along the ocean front.

Shadow Lawn was ready for their occupancy and word received here was that the populations of Asbury Park, Long Branch and West End were prepared to welcome them.

WHEAT GAINS AS BIG WAR SPREADS

WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE GRAIN MARKET SHOWS PRICE IS STILL CLIMBING.

Chicago, Sept. 9.—Wheat values have scored an extraordinary advance in the last week. Gains of nearly 14c a bushel were shown on some deliveries. Settlement of the threatened general railway strike was largely responsible and so, too, were unexpected successes by the Bulgarians in Rumania, which has increased the wheat menace did not take effect on the wheat market until Tuesday, when prices took a big upward swing. Export call for wheat was especially urgent and the market advanced Wednesday. A setback in prices took place Thursday.

Victories for Bulgaria reported yesterday made the prospect seem still more remote for the release of the huge supplies of wheat on hand in Russia and Rumania. Largely in consequence, the day witnessed the season's highest prices for September and December options and nearly the highest for May.

Corn reached the highest September level of quotations in twenty-four years, 91c a bushel. Excessively bullish private crop reports not borne out by the government estimate last night were in some measure the basis of the rise.

WASHINGTON DESERTED

Adjournment of Congress Causes the Capital to Be Emptied of Its Many Officials.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 9.—Official Washington seemed a deserted city today. Members of congress had gone to their homes, President Wilson was at Shadow Lawn, most diplomatic officials had not returned from the sea shore and mountains where they spend the summer and many government officials were on vacations.

NEW REBELLION IN AFRICA PREVENTED

Cape Town, Sept. 9.—Details of an attempt to foment another rebellion against the British in South Africa were disclosed at the trial yesterday at Bloemfontein of two nationals, Van der Merwe and Schonen, on a charge of high treason. The men are alleged to have approached a number of prominent Boers, including Gen. de Wet, to whom they told that large stores of arms were available and that certain Boer generals were willing to lead a revolt.

Gen. de Wet, who informed the government of the movement, testified that he warned the men against attempting another uprising. The hearing was adjourned.

LOSS OF CRUISER DUE TO STRANGE SUBMARINE WAY

THEORY IS THAT VOLCANIC ACTION CAUSED UPHEAVAL THAT WRECKED VESSEL.

New York, Sept. 9.—Vivid descriptions of the marine phenomenon which caused the destruction of the U. S. armored cruiser Memphis in the harbor of Santo Domingo on August 29 were given today by witnesses of the disaster who had arrived on the steamer Iroquois. The conjecture is that the disaster was the result of an undersea eruption was strengthened by assertions that nothing resembling a gale accompanied the sudden disappearance.

The theory that the big sea, which tossed the 15,000 ton warship on the rocks was caused by an undersea shock transmitted from a disturbance on the preceding day at Dominica, British West Indies, was advanced by Capt. Theodore de Booy of the American Indian Heye foundation, an eyewitness. This theory, said Capt. de Booy, is borne out by the fact that the Dominica lies east-southeast of Santo Domingo and the seas threw the Memphis in a west-northwesterly direction.

"The strange phenomenon," he said, "was absolutely new to the experience of all who beheld it. It had been blowing a hurricane from the southeast for two days but on the morning of August 29 the sea was calm and there was no wind. Then the sea became suddenly turbulent.

"As the fury of the marine disturbance increased, the Memphis was seen to be dragging her anchor and gradually being driven ashore. Finally, she was lifted up the warship, held on its summit for a moment and then dashed her down on a submerged reef within 200 yards of dry land. Immense waves continued to break over her and the Memphis was shown ashore until she was only fifty yards away. An improvised breeches buoy was put in operation and the men were brought ashore, some terribly burned from explosion of her boilers.

STAMP TAXES ARE DISCONTINUED

COLLECTOR HERE NOTIFIED OF REPEAL OF TAX ON DOCUMENTS AND COSMETICS.

In keeping with the provisions of the new emergency revenue law passed in the closing sessions of congress, the stamp taxes and those affecting cosmetics, telegrams and cablegrams, are repealed. The new law will be welcomed by many with whom these taxes were never very popular. The new law finds another means for raising the money that has been obtained by these various taxes for removing some and creating others, making considerable change in the schedule that obtained under the former revenue law.

The following telegram was received by Henry Glenn, stamp deputy in the district, from Louis Murphy, commissioner of internal revenue at Dubuque: "Stamp tax and schedules A and B on documents and cosmetics, repealed after midnight tonight."

The telegram was dated September 8, making the repeal of the taxes effective today. The local agents for the telegraph companies received the news from the head office notifying them of the discontinuance of the tax on telegrams and cablegrams after midnight Friday.

Local shippers will be among those who will most welcome the news of the repeal of the stamp taxes. Beginning today the railroads notify their patrons that the stamp would no longer necessary on bills of lading and shipping receipts. This is quite an item to Ottumwa for there are local firms that pay as much as \$60 monthly for the stamps that have had to be attached to the bills of lading and shipping receipts.

PATIENTLY AWAITING NOTICE

Secretary Lansing Expects to Hear From Britain on Trade Blacklist During Present Month.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 9.—The state department, Secretary Lansing said today, is expecting a further note from Great Britain some time this month replying to the American protest against British seizure of and interference with American mails. No information has been received as to when a reply may be expected to the American note protesting against the British blacklist decrees.

Secretary Lansing declined today to indicate whether the department will take any action regarding the statement in parliament on the mail censorship made by David Lloyd-George, the war secretary, that information secured by the censors was being forwarded to other departments for use "for any national or public purpose."

WEEK'S WEATHER OUTLOOK. Washington, D. C., Sept. 9.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Sunday, issued by the weather bureau today are: Upper Mississippi valley and plains states—Generally fair except showers Sunday in the upper Mississippi valley and Wednesday or Thursday in northern plains states and extreme upper Mississippi valley. Cooler with the next four-night hours follow.