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FAIRMONT'S EFFICIENT WOMEN.

THAT the women of a city which can boast of two such organizations as the Woman's club and the Woman's Hospital association should be among the first to take steps to do their part in the event of war was to have been expected.

Nevertheless, in spite of the fact that their promptness and public spirit is merely characteristic, the systematic thoroughness with which they have gone about this new business of getting ready to back up the government in what may turn out to be the most serious undertaking it has faced since the close of the Civil war, entitles them to sincere praise.

MOVIE CENSORSHIP AND POLITICS.

SO the movie censorship movement, too, becomes a political football. That is the trouble with all these moral movements that depend upon salaried boards, nice comfortable offices, clerks, stenographers and all the concomitants of a comfortable special place at the public crib for their success.

Pennsylvania had a very active board of movie censors. They knew just how much footage a kiss should occupy and how many murders per episode young America could witness without prejudice to its morals.

WHY EIGHT PER CENT?

THE fixing of profits at eight per cent and all above that to be taxed to help out the Democratic deficit in the national treasury is purely arbitrary. It is two per cent more than most states permit as legal interest, but

IN THE FRONT ROW

HEADLINERS TONIGHT. Musical Comedy. Hippodrome.....The Mashers Photoplays. Nelson.....Love's Cross Roads Princess.....The One Woman Dixie.....The Chastel Grand.....The Storm Ideal-Theatre closed for repairs.

DANNY LUND'S Triangle Girls got started on a week's run at the Hippodrome last night, after having been compelled to cut out the matinee because their trunks, filled with filmy costumes such as any chorus girl would be proud of, failed to get here on time.

it is much less than the usurious charges made by Southern banks, as disclosed by the Comptroller of the Currency. It represents probably a haphazard line drawn by some of the financial geniuses who have gotten the country into debt; and it cannot be looked upon as any safeguard against the extortions of next year and the year after or for any period of the continuance of the Wilson administration with its constantly augmenting expenditures and its constantly dwindling revenues at the custom houses.

The enterprise now earning eight per cent and a little over has no guarantee that its limit of distribution of profits to its owners may not soon be set at six or even four per cent, or even at three per cent, which is what is allowed to persons who lend the government money upon its bonds.

CLEAN HANDS.

MUCH stress has been placed upon the fact that if actual hostilities begin between this nation and Germany we will be able to enter the conflict with clean hands and a clear conscience. This has been the burden of thousands of newspaper articles and hundreds of speeches since the crisis developed.

It is to be hoped that the example will not be without effect upon the hot heads scattered throughout the country. For if we continue to be scrupulously careful about our attitude in this matter; if, in short, we continue to be mindful of what the great Bismarck called the imponderables, the great mass of public opinion throughout the world will continue to be on our side.

Senator Martine, of New Jersey, stood by President Wilson yesterday when the vote was taken to pass the immigration bill over the veto. Which almost persuades us that the bill, literacy test and everything else, is all right.

Kentucky distillers have offered their plants to the government for the production of alcohol for use in the manufacture of munitions in the event of war. When some of the radical drys learn that it takes alcohol to run a war they will go over to the side of Bryan and the peace at any price crowd.

SHORT AND SNAPPY.

The pacifists, like the groundhog, have gone into seclusion for a while.—Wheeling News.

An Italian minister says that his country is fighting to free Italians from Austrian tyranny. So far it has seemed that the effort has been to give the army a little exercise.—Bluefield Telegraph.

Bradstreet's financial journal is authority for the statement that there were 16,498 failures in the United States last year. We have it on reliable authority (remembering a "leak") that the failure to catch Villa is not included in the list.—Lincoln Republican.

"Corpses Insists He's Alive."—New York Sun. There's many a dead one who refuses to admit it.—Clarksburg Exponent.

Under the new freedom of the seas existing by the grace of William Hohenzollern, the United States is permitted to send one ship a week to Great Britain and receive one ship a week therefrom. Thanks for the core, William!—Charleston Mail.

This Lohengrin wedding march stuff is getting about as stale as "Down Went McGinty," and sometimes means the same. Why not some "Honolulu Lou" to correspond with the nakedness of society.—Cabell County News.

The Astor baby has spent \$86,034 in three years, and he's only three years and a half old at that. "Gee, that's some kid!"—Charleston Mail.

with love, jealousy and sacrifice as the motifs of the plot, is set forth in remarkable manner in "Love's Cross Roads," the Equitable release which is at the Nelson theatre today. The star of the play, Marie Empress, has won an enviable fame for her impersonation of difficult, vampirish roles, and in this production a unique and interesting story has given her dramatic powers full scope.

The young and old of this town knew what was in store is a puzzle. And they must have known, because the front row which had been barren for a week was jammed; fat man's alley was honored by several once-in-a-while who have a rep for being good pickers, and it was a thoroughly enthusiastic crowd all put together. Our friend "Fuzzy" was the first to greet us after the show and he was still full of laugh. He admitted that it takes a mighty good show to get his approbation, but this one got it all right. Danny Lund has got just the kind of a show Fairmont has been looking for. He himself is about as funny a comedian as visits these parts, and his big side partner, Dock Dorman, is a close second. Hy Jensen, who sings like Charlie Ellis or Carl Gardner, is a dandy straight man and Bill Slauson, bless his fat heart, is so funny he laughs at himself. The title of the present bill is "The Mashers," and it gives the chorus a splendid introduction. It starts with a bang and keeps up at a lively pace till the drop of the curtain. Miss Glenn, who has a captivating personality and a pleasing (though not voluminous) voice, scored a hit with "Mine, All Mine." The Triangle Trio put over a lot of funny stuff and surprised the audience with the quality of voices they possessed after they got down to business. The same bill will be repeated tonight, and tomorrow there will be a complete change of songs, costumes and scenery.

The underside of New York life, with love, jealousy and sacrifice as the motifs of the plot, is set forth in remarkable manner in "Love's Cross Roads," the Equitable release which is at the Nelson theatre today. The star of the play, Marie Empress, has won an enviable fame for her impersonation of difficult, vampirish roles, and in this production a unique and interesting story has given her dramatic powers full scope.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE (BY CONDO.)



large number of striking scenes, photographed with wonderful fidelity and exactness.

RUFF STUFF BY RED.

Here's to you—calamity! The Japs will help America protect Hawaii.

There'll be a hot time in the old town when war is declared if we can get our meat hooks on Willie Bryan.

"Don't fight!" shouts Willie, world famous fighter.

Fourteen years ago today Chicago was located on Lake Michigan.

Ten years ago today three wagons driven through Main street were empty.

"If Germany stops to figure, she will remain at peace with United States."—Times.

Honest, now, Napoleon, wouldn't it be a good move for the Germans to declare war on us?

No sense in staying so dog gone cold.

Does air passing through the meter register as much as gas?

What does patriotism mean when a guy lets a lieutenant in the German army tell him what a bum country this is?

When war starts that guy will be picked off from the clouds.

In case of war, all government, state, county and city employes should have to go first because they are paid to protect the country.

And there are some geezers in this village who are too proud to look at a guardsman while Vincent Astor, who could buy our whole town, throw it in the river and then have enough to buy Chicago, does his duty as a militiaman in New York.

Such is Fairmont's 400 on a par with New York's.

Let's wait till summer to fight. Perhaps by that time England will be whipped and we won't want to go to war.

Then again maybe Germany will be whipped and the same will be true.

Speaking of frost bitten ears—they're no better than roasting ears.

Remember the Maine and don't sink any ships if you don't want Roosevelt after you.

Thank God for Taft.

Did you ever get sunk? If not, you know how the American fleet feels.

Were you ever shot?

Knew darn well you was going to say that.

We don't know what half shot means.

In the Toils.

First Hippopotamus—What's the matter, my dear?

Second Hippo—I sometimes wish you had never been so prosperous. I simply cannot get a servant to turn on the mud in my bath every morning.—Life.

A WOMAN'S VOCATION

One of our modern writers has said, "A woman is as efficient in business as a man—when she is."

The reason why sometimes she is not so efficient is that her health may fall. But the wise business woman knows now what to do when attacked by the ailments peculiar to the so-called "weaker sex." That greatest of all remedies for woman's ills, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, has been freeing women from such ailments for forty years. Try it, if you suffer from such an ailment, and insure your competency and efficiency in the business world.

WHOLE WORLD IS IN DEBT TO UNCLE SAM

But Australians and New Zealanders Have More Money in Bank.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The Controller of the Currency yesterday advised Congress, in submitting his annual report, that the United States at the present time seems to be "intrenched financially almost as firmly as it is possible for any human government to be."

"Practically the whole world is in debt to us," the report said, "and is steadily increasing its obligations. Our financial condition in relation to other peoples and the world at large becomes stronger from week to week and from month to month. As the figures show so conclusively our wealth is piling up with wonderful rapidity; but to do our proper work in the world and to protect an enlarge our own interests we may before long need every dollar of these resources, gigantic and inexhaustible as they now seem to be."

"In reviewing our banking and fiscal situation we seem now to be intrenched financially almost as firmly as it is possible for any human government to be. We are well prepared for preparedness and ready and able to provide for whatever increases of army and navy congress may think to be necessary."

The report reviews in details the activities and growth of national banks throughout the country during the year and makes recommendations for additional legislation to safeguard depositors and stockholders.

The controller's recommendations propose the enactment of laws to: Amend the criminal code, making it a felony for individuals, firms or corporations to make false financial statements to banks for the purpose of securing loans.

Burglary of national bank a crime punishable by federal law. Limit the funds invested by a bank in its own building to the amount of its capital stock.

Authorize the Treasurer to sell bonds securing circulation thirty days after a bank goes into liquidation.

Such laws, the report states should be enacted in "the interest of the shareholders or depositors of the and of the general public."

Since the inauguration of the federal reserve system, the report states, charters have been issued to 264 new national banks with aggregate capital of \$16,109,000 and 139 national banks increased their capital \$27,117,700. During the same period, to November 15, last, 143 banks went into liquidation and thirty-four banks reduced their capital. In addition 27 national banks were placed in receiverships.

Gross earnings of national banks for the past fiscal year, the report states, were \$590,642,051 and net earnings \$157,543,547, an increase in the latter item of \$30,500,000 during the year. Dividends paid were \$114,724,594, an increase of approximately \$1,000,000.

The practice of charging exorbitant interest rates has decreased to a marked extent, the report states, the number of banks charging more than ten per cent, on the average, being reduced in Georgia from 23 to 7; in Alabama from 21 to 6; in Texas from 317 to 122; in North Dakota from 90 to 37; in South Dakota from 25 to 10; in Nebraska from 13 to 6; in Oklahoma from 300 to 193. Figures for other states are not given, but the total reduction throughout the country during the year is placed at nearly fifty per cent, or from 1022 to 558.

"The trouble has not been fully rectified" the report says, "and banks here and there continue to disregard the law in this respect and to enact rates which cannot be justified on any ground. These persistent offenders are being dealt with and it is hoped that most cases they may correct their irregular and unlawful practices before it becomes necessary for this office to take steps for the annulment of their charters."

The policy of enforcing the law with respect to charging usurious rates resulted, the report adds, in ten banks with capital of \$765,000 deciding that the business did not offer sufficient inducement for them to remain in it longer.

Compilation of clearing house figures for the entire country embracing 173 clearing houses, places the aggregate transactions for the year at the huge total of \$241,407,541,000, an increase during the year of \$78,233,404,000. There were decreases in seven associations, aggregating \$42,947,000, chief of which the decrease in the association at Albany, N. Y., of \$31,355,000. New York leads in increases, the total increase for the year being \$56,338,001.00. Other notable increases were Philadelphia, \$1,050,121,000; Chicago, \$3,725, 285,000; Boston \$2,698,779,000 and St. Louis \$1,064,177,000.

The popular belief that the United States is the richest country in the world, measured by the per capita money in the bank, is dispelled by a comparison with records of other countries. A compilation shows that the per capita deposit in the United States was \$50.42, while in New

AIN'T NATURE WONDERFUL? Gen. Alcorn

HEALTH HUNCH When calling a fellow twice your size a "fatted idiot," it would be advisable to drop off the "fatted idiot."

BOY! Page that gent who had the secret powder that, if mixed in a gallon of water, would take the place of gasoline and sell for three cents.

Page that high cost of living "investigation."

Never hit a lion over the head with a ball bat. A lion has a queer sense of humor.

Money talks, but that "leak" seems to have a very sore throat. Shuffle 'em up!

Zealand it was \$91.41 and in Australia reached \$106.97.

Salaries paid bank presidents, the report states, averaged \$1,008.41 a year for institutions with a capital under \$50,000. Bank presidents of institutions having a capital of \$50,000 or more, however received annual salaries averaging 44.421. The average salary of all officers and employees of national banks, however, was \$1,331.88, or \$110.99 per employee.

Banks having from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000 capital, the report states, paid their presidents salaries averaging \$22,482 a year.

"In view of the very moderate compensation paid to the average bank clerk," the report states, "this office takes the liberty of recommending to national banks that they give special consideration to the question of furnishing their clerks and other employees receiving small salaries life insurance policies equal to their salary for one year; so that in event of death the families of the employees may at least be temporarily provided for."

Disclosures of the various bank calls during the year and analysis of the figure thus obtained are again given in details in the report.

CARD OF THANKS We desire to express our thanks to the people of Kuin Run and vicinity for their kindness to us at the death of our beloved father, Seth E. Martin. HIS CHILDREN.—Adv

How to Get Relief from Catarrh.

If you have catarrh, catarrhal deafness or head noises go to your druggist and get 1 1/2 oz. of Parmitin (double strength), take this home add to it 3/4 pint of hot water add 4 oz. of granulated sugar. Take one tablespoonful 4 times a day.

This will often bring quick relief from the distressing head noises. Clogged nostrils should open breathing become easy and the mucous stop dropping into the throat.

It is easy to make, tastes pleasant and costs little. Every one who has catarrh should give this treatment a trial. You will probably find it just what you need.

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We have been selling Dr. Kilmor's Swamp-Root for about twelve years and our patrons seem to be always satisfied with the benefits received from its use, invariably speaking very highly of the preparation. We know where it has cured Stone in the bladder. Have also used it in our own families with the best of results. We sincerely believe that Swamp-Root is a preparation of real medicinal value for what it is recommended to do. (Signed) Yours truly, J. H. KENNEDY & CO., Druggists, Gastonia, N. C.

Aug. 12, 1909. Personally appeared before me this 12th day of August, 1909, J. H. Kennedy, who subscribed the above statement and made oath that the same is true in substance and in fact. W. H. ADAMS, Notary Public.

Letter to Dr. Kilmor & Co. Binghamton, N. Y.

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