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HIGH COST OF SHOES.

THERE'S an axiom that there is nothing like leather, as every cobbler knows, but the maxim has always been disputed by the uninformed citizen until today when he is called on to furnish footwear to a family of girls and finds that where he paid four or five dollars for footwear he now has to come through with anywhere from \$12 to \$20 without a chance of getting by with less than the minimum amount. Low shoes are high, and high shoes are higher. They run further up the nether limbs and also climb the price scale at a rate that would make the most ambitious aviator tire of his job. Women have been working overtime organizing boycotts against the inoffensive tuber. They did this to cut down the high cost of living but, apparently, it never occurred to these good creatures to look down to see where they could be of greater service to their sex by cutting a few inches off their boots. What's more, the life of the long shoe is short, for the quality does not seem to go with the quantity and the endurance of the boot or shoe is not equal to the drain on the purse of the average man. Nevertheless high shoes are worn and we are told they are going still higher both in altitude and price, so there is no telling where a fellow is going to get off these days in contemplating matrimony on a small salary. Men buy a whole suit of clothes for \$20, but the women think they are harshly treated if they cannot spend that amount on a single article of wear. The extravagance is not the fault of the shoe factories, since a careful canvass of the leading shopping centers by agents of the most fashionable shoe makers brought out the solemn fact that women did not want cloth substitutes for expensive leather goods and moreover they would not wear them if they were offered. This is the story told by representatives of the principal Boston and St. Louis shoe houses, so these firms have been compelled to bow to the decree of fashion and continue turning out works of art that vie with the most expensive millinery in cost of production. Shoemen proposed three months ago to make shoes of the fashionable stamp with linen, cloth brocades, poplin or velvet uppers, but they found their efforts wasted for the women would not pause to consider the economy of the arrangement. Women have it in their hands to retrench, but they don't want it, for they are putting the price of a month's dinners on their feet to be worn out faster than any meal ticket. Billy Sunday has achieved fame as a savior of souls, but he could gain immortality by inducing women to save their soles and thus contribute to the war fund. The H. C. O. L. no longer stands for the high cost of living, for it carries greater weight when considered as the high cost of leather.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUNDS.

A QUESTION of veracity has arisen between a correspondent of the London Times and the Belgian Relief Commission. The latter has been diligently circularizing the world for funds to help the starving Belgians and prevent them from succumbing to the grinding existence that has placed them between the upper and nether millstones. The correspondent says there is no hunger in Belgium, where he asserts he found men and women enjoying the happiest days of their existence as they were pampered by their German conquerors who were doing all in their power to gain the good will and friendship of the nation with the intention of annexing it to the German empire. This statement is of the most sensational character, since it implies that millions of dollars have been collected for the benefit of a people who had more food than the people of France, who have been bled and outraged by the Teuton troops. The correspondent goes on to say that the French people are in woeful condition, suffering even to the verge of actual starvation and so attenuated by their long struggle against poverty that they can no longer stand up against the ordeal of continuing to live without outside help. It is incredible that such a state of affairs could exist without somebody in authority discovering the fact and it is still more singular that the good primate of Belgium, Cardinal Mercier, has permitted his name to be attached to a universal appeal for food contributions if there was not good reason for making the appeal. It is equally strange that such a man as H. C. Hoover, chairman of the commission for the relief of the poor in Belgium should have been deceived. When the weight of testimony is measured it will be seen that the London Times has probably been imposed on by a correspondent who accepted the statements of others without trying to substantiate them by a personal investigation. Mr. Hoover is a gentleman of world-wide experience who would not lend a credulous ear to hearsay statement and, when his reply to the allegations is received, it will be learned that everything said about the distress in Belgium is not short of the cold, cruel facts. Mr. Hoover has had experience in every country of the globe since the days when he graduated from Stanford University. In his early twenties he was employed by one of the greatest engineering firms of Western Australia and then became chief engineer to the Chinese imperial bureau of mines and took part in the defence of Tientsin during the Boxer disturbances. At the time of the invasion of Belgium he was in London representing important British mining companies in Australia, Burma, Siberia, the Yukon and South Africa. When the war broke out he organized the refugee committee that proved of inestimable value to thousands of stranded people. He was aided in the work by numerous other mining engineers whose names are household words in the United States and England and, if any deception has been practised, it has been done by imposing on us as fine a galaxy of intelligent Americans as ever graced a meeting of mine operators. The London Times story should not have been printed without inquiry for it impeaches the efforts of the finest and noblest philanthropy that ever adorned the world. The work has the endorsement of the Dutch and Spanish governments, which have taken over the distribution of food and, if there was any loophole for a mistake this would have been found out ere this.

PRESS CENSORSHIP.

A LOUD hullabaloo has been raised over the proposed espionage bill on the ground that it will interfere with the vested privilege of a free press. Attempts have been made to capitalize this argument by certain publishers who would prefer to remain free lances without regard to truth or facts in the handling of news affecting the welfare of the nation during times of war. The Bonanza has not a copy of this bill, but from reports issued by the house judiciary committee it appears the censorship provisions do not interfere with the rights of anyone to criticize the policies of the government and is intended only to prevent the publishing of information relating to the national defence which is or might be of use to the enemy. The penalty clause contains this reservation: "Provided, that nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or restrict any discussion, comment or criticism of the acts or policies of the government or its representatives or the publication of the same." This appears to establish sufficient latitude for any sane man to wield the pen of criticism without making himself liable to prosecution.

The steam roller goes merrily on grinding and crushing royalty. The latest to find the irksomeness of a crown is King Constantine, of Greece, another German vassal who has been trying to toady to Germany and at the same time keep in with the entente.

KILBANE-WELSH FIGHT TODAY

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, May 1.—Unusual interest is being shown by followers of boxing in the fight here tonight between Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion, and Johnny Kilbane, holder of the featherweight title. The pugilists will meet for a bout of ten rounds. Under the state rules no official decision can be rendered by Referee Charley White. Each man is considered one of the cleverest ring generals and glove artists in his respective class. Kilbane is credited with being the harder hitter, but there is little if any betting on a knockout. Welsh will enter the ring at about 135 pounds, which will give the lightweight champion an advantage of five or six pounds in weight over his opponent.

GOSSIP IN ATHLETIC CIRCLES ALONG THE PACIFIC COAST

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—Norman Ross, the Olympic club swimmer, who recently won three national championships in the east, will be tendered a banquet by his fellow members in the near future. A specially designed medal has been made which will be presented to him on this occasion. The rejection of Flank Sloman, star sprinter at Stanford University, who presented himself for enlistment, caused considerable surprise in athletic circles. Sloman is a fine type of athlete, but his application was refused because of a broken wrist he sustained some time ago. Another rejected athlete is "Fighting" Billy Murray, the middleweight pugilist who a short time ago was considered a contender for the title. Some defect as to his feet is ascribed as the reason.

A special across the Golden Gate swim for women is being arranged for Saturday, June 9. Miss Babe Wright is the present title holder, her time being 31 minutes, 35 4/5 seconds. Summer plans of the Oregon Yacht Club for their annual Decoration day regatta and various cruises on the Willamette and Columbia Rivers are going ahead in spite of the war. Several members have enlisted in the army and navy, but it is expected new members will be added to fill their places.

Berkeley, California, which lies across the bay from San Francisco, is to follow in the footsteps of the majority of the larger cities of the Pacific coast and have a municipal golf course. The "Del," a 40-foot express cruiser, carrying a crew of six men, a six-cylinder 100-horse-power engine and with a speed of 22 miles an hour, is the first submarine chaser to make its appearance on San Francisco bay. The craft is the property of Commodore Charleton E. Miller, of the San Francisco Yacht club. The christening of the boat was made the occasion for a celebration among local yachtsmen. Miller plans to add 20 feet to the Del's length and another 100-horse-power to the engine and then present the craft to the United States navy.

The Olympic club of San Francisco, an athletic club with a membership of 3000, has made arrangements to give the members military training. Both the gymnasium and athletic field will be turned into drill grounds, where the men will be under expert instruction. Rifles and equipment will be furnished.

(By Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, May 1.—Philadelphia made four hits off Rudolph in the third inning yesterday and the rally won the game from Boston 3 to 2. There was considerable ill-feeling shown between the teams. Once when Alexander was at bat, Umpire Quigley had to step in between the former and Rudolph to stop an argument, Rudolph running all the way to the plate to make his remarks.

(By Associated Press.) CLEVELAND, May 1.—St. Louis made it three straight yesterday from Cleveland by winning 4 to 2. Rumber, a pinch hitter, driving in the winning runs. St. Louis made the first triple play of the season in the sixth inning. Evans and O'Neil had walked. Turner attempted to sacrifice but hit a low fly to Austin, who threw to Kenworthy, covering first, retiring O'Neil. Kenworthy's throw to Laven completed the play. Speaker was put out of the game by Umpire Hildebrand in the second inning, the first time Speaker has been put out of a game since he joined the Cleveland club a year ago.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1.—New York defeated Washington in 10 innings yesterday 4 to 3. Nunnaker walked in the tenth, was safe at second on Gallia's wide throw of Shocker's sacrifice, took third on a double play that retired Shocker and Gilhooly and scored on High's single.

(By Associated Press.) BOSTON, May 1.—Ruth pitched his fifth straight victory when Boston defeated Philadelphia yesterday 5 to 3. The Boston man was hit often

TONOPAH LADY ENTERTAINED

In honor of Mrs. Waterfield Painter of Tonopah, who is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ben Leon in Reno, Mrs. A. E. Painter entertained with a delightful bridge party to which many friends were invited. Spring flowers were used to carry out the decorative scheme and adorned the tables where delicious refreshments were served at five. Those present were Misses Lella White, Marion Week, Gladys Horner, Ruth Leon, Zelma Francis, Ruth Wheeler, Ruth Pyle, Golda Riley, Elsie Humphrey, Elsie Scott, Josephine Williams, Katherine Rigelhuth, Adele Norcross, Milla Coffin, Sibyl Hartung, Violet Dunlop, Katherine Reynolds, Dorothy Morrison and Mesdames James Nyswander, Reginald Meaker, Walter Taylor, Bernice James, Louis Herman and L. L. Gilcrease.—Reno Gazette.

TAKE MIDNIGHT CENSUS THROUGHOUT EGYPT

(By Associated Press.) CAIRO, May 1.—The decennial census of Egypt took place on the night of March 6. In Egypt the census is always taken simultaneously throughout the country, and the hour was fixed this year for midnight. The count is expected to show about the normal rate of increase in the population, giving a total of about 14,000,000.

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