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## THE ANNUAL MADNESS

What is the funny odor that assaults you the minute you step into the front yard these warm evenings? Purporting to be painting the stairs, and around the border of the living room, and a mere man has to walk about his own castle on gilded planks that are supposed to radiate the new paint from feet.  
Why are all the carpets hanging on the railing of the front porch, which this disservice in the kitchen? What mean these mops, and pads and brushes, and queer-shaped paper hangers' brushes? Why are the orange-brown spaces on the walls, and why is it that the family maid cannot basked beans for dinner for three successive nights?  
Need you ask? Do you not know that spring house-cleaning time that period of dreadful efficiency is here a little earlier than usual? This is the season for raking up the yard for heaving a sigh over the size of the ash pile, and for realizing that your clothes are beginning to look shabby. The house may have looked all right to you. But if there is a normal woman in it it will shine in the darkness any night next week. Doubtless 'tis a new-fangled time, but the menfolk find it bewildering, disturbing and painful.

## NOISE AND RELIGION

The court of appeals in an Ohio county has ruled that mere noise on the part of a religious organization in its service does not constitute a cause for its abatement as a nuisance, and that no property rights are violated in the case of persons who fail to appreciate the outbursts of religious enthusiasm. The decision was in reversal of an injunction granted by the lower court upon the application of a citizen who complained that a certain religious organization conducted services far into the night and "made loud and disagreeable noises."  
Admitting that the decision of the court is just is there not a higher consideration which should be taken into account by the organization against which complaint was made? Has true religion be the gainer by any action on the part of adherents of any organization which makes itself obnoxious to a community? Every one admits that it takes something more than noise to constitute a religion, or for the observance of it, that does not make itself offensive to others; and any cult which fails to take into account the requirements of society as to orderly methods will find itself in bad repute and will defeat the purposes for which it is ostensibly working.

## CRIMINAL WASTE

The action of Secretary Baker just before leaving office, in getting even with congress for limiting the military appropriation by destroying the whole recruiting machinery of the army, after it had been built and developed through the expenditure of much money and unselfish devotion on the part of the officers and men assigned to it, was worse than stupid; it approaches criminal waste.  
No account of Baker's reasons for this drastic order has reached the public, but it is easy to be imagined that this small-minded secretary, piqued by the unwillingness of congress to give him the army he desired, made up his mind that he would cost those who followed him a pretty penny by scrapping the entire costly recruiting equipment. At all events, that is just what he has done, and recruiting forces all over the country that know their business and have been delivering the goods have been ordered disbanded, their personnel scattered and valuable leases thrown up.  
This would be easily understandable if it were never intended again to recruit for the army, but within three months it will be necessary to resume the enlisting of men to fill vacancies in the various branches of the service. Then the war department will have to go out and build up a new recruiting force, at great expense to the taxpayers, with new and inexperienced men in charge.  
If it is not too late it is to be hoped that Secretary Weeks will stop this needless waste, preserving at least the big central offices during the brief lull period and using them as bases for the recruiting campaign that must be resumed eventually if anything is to be left of the army.

## OBSERVATIONS

The allies want Germany to stop the mark with gold marks.  
Most persons would rather do a lot of preaching than even a little practicing.  
It is only when a woman is in love that she imagines a man looks attractive with a cigar in his mouth.  
When you read that a "suicide" has been successful you know there are two fools less in the world.  
It is hoped improvements in the postal service will not be in line with having bills arrive more promptly.  
Railroads with lines running toward Washington should take courage—the office-hunting season is wide open.  
King George is said to be looking for a sure enough hair restorer—thus it is that democracy levels mankind.  
That Iowa Judge who ruled that a man is the head of the house should tell a lot of married men how he does it.  
By starting a suit against it, the government may intend to make a concrete example of the alleged cement trust.  
It is said that 10,000 persons in Chicago have taken up crime as a profession, but they are probably only the late recruits.

## DIFFICULTY IS SEEN IN WORKING OF PARTITION

(By Associated Press)  
DUBLIN, March 19.—Immense difficulty is foreseen by unionist leaders in splitting into two parts the work of such important bodies as the local government board and the Irish department of national education which will ensue from the division of Ireland for governmental purposes.  
An official summary of the government or Ireland act just issued gives an indication of the difficulties, complications and the vast amount of work that will be involved in operating the new home rule, or partition scheme. The summary says that the departments of the governments or northern and southern Ireland will be distinctly separated and that each of the new governments and parliaments will decide what their departments are to be.  
For every department now existing in Dublin it is expected that the Ulster government will demand a counterpart. Thus Ireland probably will find itself confronted with a dual control of common services, such as the postoffice, says the Irish Times of Dublin, which regards the act with cynicism and misgivings.  
Northeast Ireland, the paper says, will never consent to transact business relating to postal or other matters through the medium of an official in Dublin, so it probably will demand the right to have in Belfast a postoffice official of equal standing to the one in Dublin. "This duplication," the Times predicts, "may lead to a rather farcical situation."  
Fish Lake Merger at five cents a share is the best gamble in the state of Nevada. Many say it is no gamble, but a sure thing.

## ALLEGED HUGE OPIUM RING

(By Associated Press)  
TOKIO, March 19.—A hundred million yen opium scandal involving the Selyukai party, Japanese business houses and public officials is charged by the Nichi Nichi which alleges that large quantities of the drug have been illegally handled in southern Manchuria by the connivance of government officials for the purpose of enriching their own pockets. The allegations are denied by Mr. Nakano, chief of the civil bureau in Dairen.  
Millions of yen worth of the drug has passed through Kwantung during the past few years, says the Nichi Nichi, of which only a small part has been burned by the government authorities. That which was burned is alleged to have been opium of inferior quality mixed with other substances before being destroyed.  
Since April, 1915, the sale of opium has been conducted directly by the civil administration bureau in Dairen, it is said. The Okuma ministry discovered this and forced the profits to be turned into the government's coffers as temporary miscellaneous revenue, the Nichi Nichi goes on to explain, but when the Selyukai party came into power after the Terauchi ministry, this revenue decreased to a minimum, the explanation given being that the decrease was natural because of the gradual prohibition of the sale of the drug.  
OREGON ANNOUNCES ITS ATHLETIC SCHEDULE  
(By Associated Press)  
EUGENE, Ore., March 19.—University of Oregon's tentative 1921 spring athletic schedule, announced here recently, includes track and baseball contests against all the Northwest conference and Pacific coast conference teams.  
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## TO PLAN POLICY FOR COLONY SETTLEMENT

(By Associated Press)  
LONDON, March 19.—The British government has decided to hold a conference with representatives of the British dominions in order to formulate a policy of promoting the settlement of British colonists in new and undeveloped parts of the British empire.  
This plan is intended to serve the double purpose of distributing the population of the United Kingdom so as to populate the empty spaces of the empire and insure that the additional population of these undeveloped territories will be British both in birth and spirit. By these means it is hoped to provide for the defense as well as the development of the empire and to reduce the surplus of women over men in the population of the United Kingdom.

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