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Wednesday, Sept. 13, 1916.

"Deuce take it" is a common expression; an uncommon experience.

Whatever else they are, Republicans are up-to-date. They are trying to sweep the country with a vacuum-cleaner.

After a careful analysis of the result in Maine, we are able to declare that Mr. Wilson or Mr. Hughes will win in November.

The United States paid Russia two cents an acre for Alaska and the Danes want $25 an acre for their West Indies. Well, Saints come high—Thomas, Croix and John.

England persists in sacking American mails. No wonder, most of the letters go forward with a miniature George Washington pasted on the upper, left-hand corner!

If what Germany and Austria say about Roumania is true, that country's entrance into the European struggle is a great advantage, on the theory, doubtless, that it furnishes one more place to spank.

The Ham-Ramsey outfit is going to hold a big gathering-in-the-coin rally in Austin, after which there will be the customary prohibition election and no end of estrangement between neighbors and friends. All in the name of Jesus Christ of Bethlehem!

We've received quite a long letter from Giff Pinchot, in which he chides President Wilson for having broken his word. In view of the fact that Giff worships at the shrine of Roosevelt, we can't see how a broken word should bother him, or, for that matter, a broken idol.

John Garner's opponent has been in Corpus Christi, shaking hands and getting acquainted. He seems to be a fine fellow. However, we can't help reminding him that the recent hurricane didn't damage any of John's fences in Nueces county or the remainder of South Texas.

After Europe's death heap, what? Signs of further disturbance are not lacking. Between Russia and Japan, there is a new alliance—an agreement whose terms are not known. Russia and Japan surround China, politically at least. What they pipe, China must dance to. And Russia has grown strong and conscious of her might, through dint of battle and economic pressure. And Russia's birth rate enables her to put an army of 1,000,000 in the field each year, if that be necessary! Think it over. England and France will be well occupied at home and in their new colonial ventures; then there will be Austria-Hungary to strip and divide, and the Balkan map to be done over, with Turkey to blot off the map of Europe, and Italy and Greece must be placated, each with its portion of the spoils. Yes; there are turbulent days ahead, and the time is ripe for the United States to strengthen itself on this side the world, where there is a commercial victory to gain, and a diplomatic opportunity to be enlarged by the exercise of frankness and friendship. Most of all, we must grow used to the idea that China is a lost province, commercially; that the "open door" has been robbed of its hinges; that it is better to conquer according to the line of least resistance than to embroil ourselves in foreign squabbles of doubtful outcome.

Women of Corpus Christi, with their cakes and soft drinks, have made Texas boys feel at home—have put a good taste in their mouths, so to speak. This is just as it should be. The soldiers are here, not only as representatives of the Government, but as invited guests. If, by our hospitality and friendship, we can make them feel at home, they will do better work and strive to put Texas on the map in a military way. There is not great sport in this soldier business. It involves hard labor, trying routine, close attention to details, good nature and sacrifice. Why, some of the men here are giving up big salaries and all sorts of comforts, just to prove that the American has an idea of service and that he measures up to the standard that has been established by other nations for his guidance.

There's one consolation: rain won't hurt cotton.

PARAGRAPHINGS

"Here's an attractive advertisement for summer boarders." "What does it say?" "'Act as if you owned the earth at our place and we'll act as if we were going to give it to you.'"—Birmingham Age-Herald.

"Do you think women should be able to run the country?" "Well, for logic and style, I'm willing to put my daughter's graduation essay up for comparison with a lot of the regular campaign speeches."—Washington Star.

Occasionally a typographical error adds piquancy to a sentence, as, for example: "He intends to trace the false rumor to its lair."—Boston Transcript.

"I'm afraid these Louis XV heels are much too high for me. Perhaps you have lower ones—say about Louis X would do, I think."—London Opinion.

"Your daughter is getting to be quite a big girl, isn't she?" "Yes, she is big enough to wear short dresses."—Topeka Journal.

"It's bound to come." "What is?" "The time when the beautiful actress, instead of telling the fury her life story, will have it shown to slow music as a film."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"I hope you are not accumulating a lot of soiled dishes for your wife to wash when she returns from her vacation." "Nope, I use wooden dishes. Nothing to wash, and they serve the next morning to start the fire."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Tell a girl she is a vision of loveliness but never say she is a sight to behold.—Detroit Journal.

Texas Press

Concerning the Busy Little Fly.

There is maintained at Washington a bureau that is labeled "United States Health Service." It keeps itself busily employed in issuing bulletins to the newspapers, and, on occasions, it even finds out a carload or two to deserving constituents. These bulletins are mighty interesting and worthy of a careful perusal—a few of them; a few, not many. Now, to be more to the point, this vital department in the United States government has discovered and has gravely given the information to the press that "a female fly lays an average of 120 eggs at a time." Why necessary to designate the female fly? Usually, it is understood the male flies, humps and otherwise, cannot do everything. But, reverting to the number of eggs, while the bureau doesn't state just how the count was conducted, we presume the total is correct and let it go at that, well knowing these government officers confine themselves to hard facts and usually refuse to let anybody into the secret as to where and what is the fountainhead of their information. If any one should read this bulletin with the expectation of being fiddle-sticated with its flights of imagination they would be very greatly disappointed, for the writer has refrained from indulging in the fringes and furbelows that are so necessary for the adornment of a tale if it is to be rendered readable.

Commenting upon this subject, the Philadelphia Inquirer takes occasion to become a little exasperating, but all the time readable, when it says:

"A female fly lays an average of 120 eggs at a time." At what time in the course of the existence of the female fly? At one time only, or are there various times? If so, what amount of space as fleeting time is ordinarily measured, separates the times? And what, it might be interesting to know, is the duration of the time when the female fly is engaged in this pleasing practice—pleasing, no doubt, to the female fly?

We submit that the public is entitled to full information on a subject that has so authoritatively engaged the attention of the health service of the United States. Here is a terse statement that leaves very much to the imagination. The discovery is made and boldly announced—that the female fly is addicted to egg laying; or is she addicted to it? Does she merely take a flier in eggs at some point in her joyous life, or is she engaged in the regular manufacturing business? Then there is the male fly. What does he do for a living, or does he idle his life away at the expense of the public?

It will be noticed that we have propounded a series of questions to the much esteemed health service of the United States. But we are not alone in this respect. The service itself asks questions. Drifting into the poetical style of the prophets and prophetesses of the vers libre, it goes at its questioning in this manner:

Do you
Swat the fly and then
Maintain a pile of garbage in the back yard?

Well, anyhow, that is a sensible question, free verse or otherwise.

Do you?—El Paso Times.

Should Have Been Barred.

In declining to speak at the Nashville Labor day celebration unless he could make a political speech, Mr. Hughes certainly did not straighten himself with the labor element. These celebrations are non-political—necessarily so if the organizations composed of men of various political beliefs are to fulfill the mission for which they are intended. Hence, it is right that political partisan discussions should be omitted from their programs.—Denison Herald.

Aid and Comfort for the Enemy.

William Jennings Bryan is—again. Nebraska is in the throes of a strenuous campaign. Ordinarily its presidential election years that state is Republican. This year with other issues taking the attention of the voters there is much uncertainty over the result. Prohibition has been introduced into the campaign. The Republican candidates for governor and United States senator avowedly support prohibition. The Democratic candidates openly fight the prohibition movement. Commenting on this condition of affairs, N. O. Messenger, writing from Omaha, Nebraska, to the Washington Star, says:

"The question of which way the state will go politically will depend largely upon how it stands on proposed state-wide prohibition in November. The contest unavoidably will affect the national ticket. Women do not vote in Nebraska and the prohibition forces will be backing this powerful element of strength. They will have, however, the support of William J. Bryan for whatever it may be worth, who is advocating the prohibition amendment. Mr. Bryan in that attitude is therefore logically lending aid and comfort to the Republican party, since the latter's candidates invoke his support of the anti-liquor vote. * * * William J. Bryan will campaign the state for the prohibitionists and every word he utters will be unintentionally a good word for the Republican ticket. The contest over the liquor question promises to overshadow national politics."

This is not the first time that Mr. Bryan has put in good words for the enemies of democracy. It will be remembered that he buried the Democratic ticket in his state and helped the opposition for governor. As a giver of aid to the enemy he has wielded almost as much minority as he did when he quite the cabinet with a Democratic administration under fire. Democracy has never admired either a loiter or a quitter.—Houston Post.

ECHOES OF SCIENCE

Vehicles resembling light automobiles but without motors, are used in some Swiss mountain resorts for a sport resembling tobogganing in a snowless season.

Pieces of rubber sponge cover a new metal case in which soap can be carried, water finding its way to the soap forming lather that exudes through the sponge.

In 18 years the British electric light industry has grown from 38 private companies and 32 municipal plants to 278 private companies and 223 municipal plants.

A torch that has been invented to melt sealing wax carries the wax in tongs that may be turned to drop the softened wax where needed without burning the fingers.

Fungi discovered in breweries by a Japanese scientist have been found to dye silk a beautiful rose color, but to be harmless when used in the manufacture of beer.

There were 1030 vessels of 347,947 gross tons built in the United States in the fiscal year ending with June as compared with 1268 of 216,711 tons in the preceding year.

German scientists have invented a glass for X-ray photography that absorbs but from 10 to 15 per cent of the rays, permitting much sharper pictures to be made than heretofore.

For spraying plants there has been invented a receptacle to contain insecticides in cake form which can be attached to garden hose, the water gradually dissolving the poisons.

EXPLORERS RETURN

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 13—The steamer Northwestern arrived from Herne today with seven members of the Vilhjalmar Stefansson Canadian Arctic explorer that left Victoria B. C. in the whaler Karluk June 17 1913. Among them are Dr. Rudolp M. Anderson of ex Moines Iowa second to Stefansson in command.

Caller want ads are widely read. It is the bargain counter of the paper.

WEATHER SUMMARY

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—WEATHER BUREAU.

Sept. 13, 1916.

Stations	Max.	Min.	Rain
Abilene	90	6	
Amarillo	74	58	.01
Atlanta	78	66	
Brownsville	82	76	.04
Calgary	48	44	.10
Chicago	64	72	
Corpus Christi	84	78	.50
Denver	74	42	
Dodge City	78	44	
El Paso	84	48	
Fort Worth	86	72	.02
Galveston	85	82	.36
Indianapolis	54	42	
Jacksonville	76	68	1.16
Kansas City	72	60	1.64
Memphis	76	72	
New York	58	54	
Oklahoma	84	58	.32
Palestine	82	74	
Pittsburgh	54	48	
St. Louis	78	70	.40
Salt Lake City	72	46	
San Antonio	86	74	.08
San Francisco	60	52	
Seattle	68	56	
Shreveport	80	72	.48
Toledo	64	46	
Washington	78	52	
Winnipeg	54	44	

W. F. LEHMAN, Observer.

NOTICE.

We have replaced our sign, which was carried away by the storm with one made in the Marinello colors, blue and gold. We have also changed the firm name and will hereafter be known as "Ideal Beauty Parlor."

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BIGGEST LOSS IN WHEAT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12—A summary of the September crop report for the State of Texas and for the United States, as compiled by the Bureau of Crop Estimates and transmitted through the Weather Bureau, U. S. Department of Agriculture, is as follows:

Corn: State—September 1 forecast, 11,000,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate) 19,975,000 bushels. United States—September 1 forecast, 2,710,000,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 3,061,000,000 bushels.

All Wheat: State—Preliminary estimate, 16,321,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 21,862,000 bushels. United States—September 1 forecast, 641,000,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate, 1,011,000,000 bushels.

Oats: State—September 1 forecast, 28,000,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 44,275,000 bushels. United States—September 1 forecast, 1,232,000,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 1,540,000,000 bushels.

Rice: State—September 1 forecast, 4,420,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 5,924,000 bushels. United States—September 1 forecast, 22,300,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 24,971,000 bushels.

Potatoes: State—September 1 forecast, 2,226,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 3,720,000 bushels. United States—September 1 forecast, 318,000,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 357,102,000 bushels.

Sweet Potatoes: State—September 1 forecast, 5,700,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 5,600,000 bushels. United States—September 1 forecast, 69,300,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 74,591,000 bushels.

Hay: State—Preliminary estimate, 400,000 tons; production last year (final estimate), 785,000 tons. United States—Preliminary estimate, 80,700,000 tons; production last year (final estimate), 85,275,000 tons.

Peaches: State—Estimated production 1916, 1,026,000 bushels; estimated production 1915, 435,000 bushels. United States—Estimated production 1916, 44,000,000 bushels; estimated production 1915, 45,000,000 bushels.

Grapes: State—August 1 forecast, 2,000,000 pounds; production last year (final estimate), 2,000,000 pounds. United States—August 1 forecast, 1,231,000,000 pounds; production last year (final estimate), 1,000,000,000 pounds.

Cotton: State—August 25 forecast, 2,000,000 bales; production last year (final estimate), 2,000,000 bales. United States—August 25 forecast, 11,000,000 bales; production last year (final estimate), 11,191,000 bales.

Rice: State—September 1 forecast, [illegible] pounds; production last year (final estimate) [illegible] pounds. United States—September 1 forecast, [illegible] pounds; production last year (final estimate) [illegible] pounds.

A New York dramatic critic says that he would rather Bernhardt than Pavlowa. The International prize contest for the best dance has been opened in Rome. We would select "The Dance of Death" by Strindberg.

"Delaware has a handsome governor." "Yes. He's bagged a lot of game with the jungle." "Is he an amusing talker?" "Yes, he's a regular gale."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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