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SHOOTING WOMEN.

It will be long before the echoes of the Cavell case cease ringing in the ears of Germany, despite her pretended explanations.

In this case, at least, the critics cannot be accused of cant and hypocrisy—the usual retort of the German militarists to condemnation of their acts.

In England it has been the same. Not for 230 years has a woman been put to death in England for the offense for which Gov. von Bissing had this nurse shot in defiance of neutral protests.

It is evident that nothing but a lenient administration could make such a state of the law undurable. And it is just to say that, during many generations, no English government, save one, has treated with rigor persons guilty of merely harboring defeated and flying insurgents.

This is the view that is taken almost unanimously in civilized nations. It is the view that Kaiser Wilhelm took, when once the matter was brought to his attention.

American note with greater relief that German-Americans, with a few unimportant exceptions, have not sought to defend this execution. But what does the German nation at home say?

CHURCH UNITY.

A report on "church unity" has been submitted by the National Council of Congregational churches, in behalf of 138,000 Protestant churches representing 17,000,000 members.

There can be no question that the continuous splitting up of denominations has become a cause of weakness and inefficiency in the religious world.

All are interested in religion, even those who do not attend church; but what they mean by religion is the simple essentials of Christian belief

and conduct which are pretty much the same in all the Protestant churches, and which are established in the hearts and lives of millions who have no regular church connection.

If the denominations could get together on these essentials, with some such unity as the Christian church had in the early centuries, maybe they could regain some of the early church's power.

From a practical business standpoint such unification is particularly desirable. There are too many church buildings today, considering the use made of them.

The merger has actually started. It is no uncommon thing in late years to see two or three congregations of different denominations pooling their membership and resources.

TODAY AND TOMORROW.

One of the great men of our times is a small-sized, large-headed German, Charles P. Steinmetz, chief consulting engineer of the General Electric Co.

"It is not a scientific problem; it is an industrial problem. The fact is that our knowledge of electricity has run ahead of our use of it. If no new electrical discovery were made for ten years all the electrical engineers in the country would be kept busy putting to a practical use what we know already.

"Look for a moment at the progress of mankind from savagery to barbarism, from barbarism to mediaevalism, from mediaevalism to modernism, and you will see that up to within fifty years every step in the advance has depended upon some improvement in the transportation of materials.

"We have solved the problem of transporting materials. But civilization requires a cheap and abundant supply of another factor in its activities—the factor of power. And it is electricity's task to furnish it.

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PUBLICITY FOR BUSINESS.

Chairman Gary of the steel trust, in a recent address, gave his unqualified approval to publicity for big business, basing his argument not merely on duty but on sound policy.

science exerted on the interstate commission to grant the railroads permission to charge higher rates. It has been seen, too, in the decision of the courts regarding big business matters; even the supreme court is not isolated nor insensible to public opinion.

In spite of all the harsh and stupid things said about the "mob"—which is the ignorant, ultra-conservative term for "popular majority"—that same mob which is entrusted by the constitution with the government authority in the United States is a fairly intelligent sovereign—and a generous one, when it is treated decently.

BOOMED COTTON, ANYHOW.

A bit of information not generally known has leaked out at Austin, Texas. A short time ago, just before the German government made a proposition through Hoke Smith to buy American cotton, with which offer the public is familiar, the details having been published by the Georgia senator, the German government offered to buy through the Texas warehouse commission, 1,000,000 bales of cotton at 12 cents, three cents above the market price at that time.

After due reflection and consultation with Washington, Gov. Ferguson refused his consent to aforesaid condition, hence the deal fell through. Though probably strictly legitimate on Germany's part, this smacks of a clever plan to secure cotton or else involve this country and England by taking advantage of the distress of the Texas farmers.

The news of the German offer, however, caused the price of cotton to start upward, it is said, in Texas.

"UNADJECTIVED AMERICANS."

The New York Staats-Zeitung, which since the war started has been more German than the newspapers of Berlin, recently began indicating its hostility to the allies' credit loan by printing within a heavy mourning border the names of banking firms with German names subscribing to the loan.

The company thereupon wrote the Staats-Zeitung a letter in which it remarked that such bankers were "trying to" render a disinterested service to their country by helping to keep its industries going through credits to its foreign customers."

Mayor Lindsey of Dallas has gone back home after visiting Cleveland with the news that "Mayor Newton D. Baker is one of the greatest men of our country and can be governor of Ohio any time he wants to and is the logical candidate for president of the United States some day."

Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria has abandoned his announced intention of taking command at the battle front because of the many anonymous threats against his life by disaffected subjects.

Zaimis, Greece's new premier, says that his present policy will be to watch events with "sustained attention." In his present place we would certainly sleep with our boots on. Real "watchful waiting" that!

"Two hundred and fifty thousand Servian women will go on the firing line, says a war correspondent. Well, we have been looking for something of the sort. The European war was running short of new horrors.

Pres't Cabrera of Guatamala doesn't get further as a diplomat than an ally in the Balkans. He's exiled so many Guatamalans that they've formed and army and got a revolution going.

A cross of the Legion of Liars, or something, to the fellow who is trying to scare England with his story of a tunnel secretly built by Germany under the channel!

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THE MELTING POT

COME! TAKE POTLUCK WITH US.

PREPOSTEROUS! (Apropos of editorial in N. T. Oct. 22) Eugenicists for the reeking brood of royalty! Ye gods! a "nawsty," smeary, endless task 'twill be!

WE have read the German under-secretary's official explanation of the execution of Miss Edith Cavell with much interest and little satisfaction. It fails to efface the memory that Miss Cavell was a woman, and while she may have been a spy we have frequent examples that all things are fair in love and war.

EVERY man can give a good reason for his faith. Otherwise he has no faith. Without reason his faith is a fad or fanaticism, which gets him nowhere except into the contempt of his fellows.

What Do You Make of This? (Cor. Ft. Wayne Journal-Gazette.) Mrs. H. S. Jones was hostess for the Twentieth Century club Monday evening a "Riley Program" was not given consisting of responses and answers to roll call, a song by Miss Amy Lindemuth, a recitation by Miss Flora Peters and a review of "The Country Gentleman" by Miss Helen Jones.

HONEST A. J. H. don't you think that paleontological stuff has gone far enough? It would be sufficient if we do, but we don't like to be arbitrary, so we leave it to you. If a war necessity existed it would be different. We couldn't pause to consider a question of sex.

SOMEBODY asked the other day what should be done with a man who shot an eagle. We couldn't answer, because we couldn't think of a punishment to fit the crime, and much less are we qualified to suggest a penalty for a man over the line in Michigan who crippled an eagle and shut it up in a cage.

THE eagle, we believe, is still the American emblem of freedom.

An Exaggerated Case. (Wilmington, O. Journal-Republican) While we don't know exactly what pandemonium is, we presume it is a lighter form of what breaks out in the back office of this or that house on the shore when the boys see the night typewriter operator going past to the matinee with his girl.

THOUGH "every live Indiana city" has its guns trained on Fort South Bend, Maj.-Gen. Frank W. Keller was cool, calm and confident when seen

by the M. P. representative and expressed the belief that the enemy will be backed off the boards.

FOLLOWING F. L. T.'s somewhat dynamic and revolutionary verse on eugenics for royalty we saw a piece in the paper about the marriage of a Chicago university graduate who used to teach the girls in the Y. W. at Indiana university that when they looked into "his" eyes, they should examine for signs of trachoma, rather than for yearning, burning, soulful fires, which rare in the erotic litany of love. At any rate, that's the way the reporter put it.

Animal Love and Law.

The plaintiff relies upon the "turkey case," Lewis v. R. R., 163 N. C. 22. But the two cases are very dissimilar. In that case the evidence was that the turkeys could have been seen at a distance of 500 yards; there was quite a drove of them, and they were crossing the track. The turkey is a nervous fowl, and the jury might well have found that if the whistle had been blown the turkeys would have taken wing or have run, and therefore we held that it was error to enter a nonsuit. Geese, however, are phlegmatic and slow of movement, and the blowing of the whistle or ringing the bell would not be calculated to make them run or fly. On the contrary, the approach of the train would be more likely to cause them to huddle up in conference or to stretch out their necks to oppose the passage of the engine. In the absence of evidence showing circumstances of actual negligence, the mere fact that the whistle was not blown or the bell rung did not authorize the court to submit the case to the jury.

The difference between the characteristics of a turkey and of a goose is a matter of common knowledge. The turkey is long-legged, quick of movement, and promptly responsive to a signal of danger. The goose is short-legged, slow to fly or run, and resentful rather than appreciative of a warning of danger. Though of equal intelligence, probably, with most other fowl, this has made its name a synonym for stupidity. While a turkey on the track would be likely to save itself by flight if the whistle were sounded in time, geese would be likely to put their heads together, or at most waddle down the track away from the noise. . . . We are cited to the classic legend in Livy (Book V, ch. 47) when Rome was saved by the cackling of the geese on the capitol. A great painter has memorialized the scene. This, however, was not due to the alertness of these birds to flee danger, but to their well known wakefulness at night. If the Gauls had blown their trumpets, the geese, instead of promptly getting out of the way, would simply have raised more clamor and hissed the warriors on both sides.

Do your Xmas shopping early. Do it early, mother dear. Get into the market early. And avoid the final smear. C. N. F.

Penny Wise and Pound Foolish

The cost of living makes every woman look to see where she can save money, which, of course, is sensible and proper if not carried too far.

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