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Hats Off to the 13th Century

We put ourselves on the back and imagine we are living in the greatest century right now, don't we? But Prof. James J. Walsh of Fordham university, says we are "shy" about 700 years in our calculations. He has written a book to prove it and the title is a challenge to our time and generation: "The Thirteenth, Greatest of Centuries".

"Oh, yes," you say, "if you are talking about poets, architects and saints we admit that the century which produced Dante, gave us the wonderful cathedrals, and witnessed the labors of St. Francis and St. Dominic was greatest in those respects." You might be willing to throw in a few scholars like Roger Bacon and a few statesmen like Louis XI. But then you would stop and say: "Our's is the century for men. There can be no comparison in the matter of human welfare between the 13th and 20th centuries."

No comparison? Listen to Prof. Walsh as he calls the roll of 13th century achievements:

The first universities, conducted on lines like those of today. Magna Charta, with its representative government, constitutional guarantees, and protection of the rights of the poor.

Eight-hour day for workmen, with Saturday half-holiday and 40 full holidays in the year.

A living wage fixed by act of parliament—very small measured in money, but very large measured by purchasing power, when compared with the wages of today.

General education in trades and handicraft, and the most extraordinary success of trades unions (guilds) the world has seen.

Industrial insurance and old-age pensions which safeguarded the worker against want.

All that they had in the 13th century. "And today," says Prof. Walsh, "we have vast poverty, growing discontent, and a ferocity of living unknown to our ancestors."

Let us take off our hats to the men of 700 years ago, and highly resolve that if we ever catch up with them we will keep right on and go 'em one better!

Still Leaving the Old Sod

Ireland has lost so much population by emigration since 1841 that it would seem as though she had no more to lose, yet she declined by 76,824 between 1900 and 1910. She still has a total of 4,381,951, but the Irish population of the United States is much larger.

Ireland is today a better country to live in than it has been for many a day. Gladstone gave it an improved land system, Horace Plunkett gave it industrial co-operation, and Asquith is soon to give it home rule. Even with such advantages and prospects the enterprising young men and women still prefer the opportunities of new lands.

But Ireland, in fine weather, is beautiful—a spot of emerald set in the midst of turquoise seas.

The Law of Intimidation

Will the rich pay taxes if they don't want to? Or will they overrule every decision of the law-making bodies on that subject by threatening to blight the prosperity of the masses unless they have their way? And, if so, what are you going to do about it?

The last New York legislature provided an inheritance tax that rich men don't like. Gov. Dix states that it "has already driven \$400,000,000 out of the state". Now the "allied real estate interests, bankers, lawyers and business men" hold a convention at Albany and denounce the tax as "confiscatory". They say it will result in closing factories and throwing thousands into idleness.

In spite of all your laws, courts and constitutions, isn't it still true that the power to starve the people is the power to rule?

Two Methods of Recall

Gen. Diaz was merely "recalled" from the presidency of Mexico by a people who no longer desired his services. Their method was the old brutal and barbaric method of armed revolution. They had no other way.

The American people, being somewhat further advanced in civilization, propose to provide themselves with modern facilities. They will recall their officials by the ballot instead of the bullet. The result will be the same, but the manner is more refined, more gentlemanly.

LILLIAN RUSSELL'S denial of further matrimonial designs reminds one of De Wolf Hopper's merry quip: "Why do people marry Lillian Russell?"

THE Diary of Father Time

Back in 1212, I remember, a mark for cruelty was set. About 50,000 boys and girls marched to the Mediterranean Sea, many dying on the way, but the survivors being sure they would be able to march to the Holy Land through the sea. Two merchants enticed the French children aboard vessels at Marseilles, promising them free transportation to Palestine. Two of the ships were wrecked, but the cruel owners managed to get the others to Alexandria, where they sold the children as slaves.

FUTUREGRAPHS

No. 3—"Bob" La Follette, 1927



OBSERVATIONS

Salvation Army lass pictured heaven so pleasantly that an invalid man in a Los Angeles street crowd succumbed. It's different with Billy Sunday. He pictures the other place—down below—so fiercely that the crowd hurries to take out additional life insurance.

Postal banks are to be extended to large cities, the small towns having demonstrated that the people have a few dollars which they are not afraid to trust to the keeping of Uncle Sam. Private bankers feared that uncle would embezzle the funds and abscond, but he hasn't—not yet.

Chauncey Depew says Taft will be nominated and re-elected with no opposition to speak of. Same as you were, Chauncey?

"Dear Observations: I am 14 years of age and a gentleman of 45 whom I admire insists on marrying me. What do you advise? Miss Lorena D." It isn't a case of advice, Lorena. Carry your story and a good strong wagon stake to your father.

Phist! fellow husbands! There's only five buttons in the backs of some of the new style summer dresses, and they're so put that we can get at 'em with a buttonhook.

Clement Tobacco, San Jose, Cal., man, was mistaken for a mountain lion and shot dead by a friend. Mistaken friends are about the deadliest things a fellow can have in California.

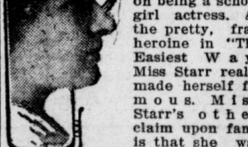
Less Lonely League is the name of a new organization in New York. They have discovered that there is no loneliness like that which engulfs one in a great city. The more people, the less friends.

It is said that 25 per cent of the blind could have had their sight saved at a cost of two cents in two minutes, if properly treated at the time of birth. We're find-

OUR DAILY BIRTH-DAY PARTY.

For these man days Frances Starr has been the "school girl" of the American stage, and notwithstanding the fact that she numbers 25 summers, she is going to keep right on being a school girl actress.

As the pretty, frail heroine in "The Eastest W a y" Miss Starr really made herself famous in the U. S. M. I. S. Starr's of her claim upon fame is that she was born in Oneonta, N. Y.—ever hear of it?—and put that thriving burg on the map.



CHOW CHOW

Life on the Heat Wave. I feel like a wreck 'cause the weather's so hot; my collar is wet, though my thorax is not. So call out the lifeboat at once if not sooner; don't send any rowboat, what I want's a schooner.

The forests of the United States are estimated to contain enough timber to house two-thirds of the world's population.

Ireland has a population of 4,381,951, a decrease of 76,824 in 10 years.

Question: What's become of the 76,824?

Answer: A lot of them are working for Rhinelander Waldo, New York police commissioner.

WOMAN.

The New York Sun prints some definitions of Woman: Woman is the riddle of the universe. We can't solve it and we can't give it up.

The old Romans knew a thing or two. The Latin for woman is "mulier."

Woman is a strange creature whose mentality exhausts itself in long hair.

Woman is the comic supplement of life. Children cry for it—and so do fools.

Ah, There! Shakespeare! His hands are raw, his feet are sore.

His muscles full of twisters; The Young man learning golf remarks: "All is not work that blisters."

Since 1882, Pennsylvania has produced about half the natural gas sold in the United States.

The safest way to destroy black gunpowder is to throw it into water, which will dissolve the saltpeter in it.

A piece of ammonia placed in the same box with gloves keeps the gloves in good condition.

The duke of Norfolk is working for the first time in his life. He has all the coronation arrangements to see to.

Dreams come true, some people say, but that must be a joke. For we often dream of money—yet always wake up broke.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook has received a letter from Albert Sidney Johnston, a hotel clerk, expressing confidence in the explorer's claims. "Doc" sent him back an autographed letter of thanks.

Folies Bergere is Pink and Grey; Pink Evening and Gray Dawn After



NEW YORK, June 6.—The Folies Bergere is New York's latest playhouse and it is decorated in gray and pink.

A subtle color scheme. It means from the gray of early evening until the rose pink dawn of the next day.

The Folies Bergere is a new idea of amusement. You start at 6 in the evening with dinner. After the finger bowl has been taken away, you turn your chair toward a stage, where, from 8:30 until 11, well known laugh-producers amuse you with song and burlesque. By 11 the waiters are rested and are eager to serve you with lunch and the stuff they've been fighting about in France. From then until 1 a. m. there is a "cabaret" performance—vaudeville acts given in various parts of the room.

You get home a little before breakfast, full of food and the proprietor counts about \$40 of your money. The color scheme is gray and pink. A pink sunset, followed by the cold gray dawn of the morning after.

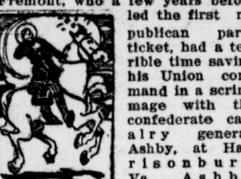
The tables and chairs are gray, so arranged that you may see the performance as you nibble on milk-fed duck. The tops of the tables are of glass under which are beautiful lace covers laid on a pink background.

On the tables are new-fangled signals that bring the waiters on the jump. You press a bulb and a green flag jumps into view. By the dawn's early light the flags are still waving.

The tables are cleared at 8:30, and nothing to eat or drink is served from then until 11.

TODAY IN HISTORY

June 6, 1862, Gen. John C. Fremont, who a few years before led the first republican party ticket, had a terrible time saving his Union command in a scrimmage with the confederate cavalry general, Ashby, at Harrisonburg, Va.



Ashby, mounted on a white charger, was an idol of the south, and even he could not have believed all the stories that were told of his marvelous exploits. But Ashby was killed in the battle and Fremont's day was saved, although it was by no means to be accounted a victory for the federal troops in other respects.

How to Keep Medicine Down.

When a child or any ill person is given a dose of medicine, an ice-cold cloth wrapped around the neck will make it possible to retain the medicine, no matter how delicate the stomach is.

JUST IT.



She—May I help you to a lit tea? He—Well, you suit me to a T anyhow.

A Minneapolis man who darned his socks on the front lawn was sued for divorce by his wife. She won. The court said she had been humiliated.

Men always act as if they enjoy hearing a girl say "I never have been kissed." Why?

THE TACOMA MARKET

Table with columns for Meat, Poultry, Fish, and Vegetables, listing various items and their prices.

B. I. P. U. QUOTATIONS

Table with columns for Fruit, Vegetables, and Meats, listing various items and their prices.

Adolf Sends a Mash Note, and Osgar-Tee Hee!—Intercepts It By Condo

