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THE SUBMARINE ISSUE

Germany is attempting to obtain the abandonment of the policy of strangulation by starving through the submarine issue with the United States.

In the recent note Germany, after announcing that the submarine commanders had been given instructions to visit and search neutral ships if they did not resist or attempt escape, reserved the right to revoke these orders if the United States does not take steps to make England give up the alleged illegal blockade.

Secretary Lansing sees the plan. In the American reply he announces that the Government takes it for granted that the instructions are in no way dependent on any action of the United States to England on the matter of the blockade.

The issue is becoming more clearly cut. Subterfuge can not much longer be resorted to.

THE PIANO

The much abused piano took on a new dignity when Josef Hofmann, appearing as soloist with the New York Symphony Orchestra, showed his audience the possibilities of one in the hands of a master.

The violin, the cello, the guitar and the other musical instruments are not, as a rule, greatly overworked by Tom, Dick and Harry, because they are not always available in the homes and, perhaps, because they require a little more skill to operate. On the other hand, as soon as the family acquires enough affluence to have a parlor, a piano is bought and even the baby learns to play "Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater," or "I Took My Girl to the Circus."

The ordinary piano, if it could register the tunes played upon it according to quality, would doubtless record 250 tunes like "Don't Bite the Hand That's Feeding You" and "America, I Love You" to one rendition of Beethoven's "Sonata Pathetique."

Because of this prevalence of the popular music in our homes, we have grown to expect it. If a man sits at the piano, we at once look for the violent contortions that accompany the heavy bass and the shrill treble of the ragtime tune. If he disappoints us and wanders off into the mazes of a Chopin waltz or the lively strains of a gavotte, a good round of gossip prevents his sensitive soul from making another flight into the classical atmosphere.

We have put up with this sort of thing so much that the thought of a piano brings a suggestion of pleasure only as it is a substitute for some other noise maker. Consequently, to hear Josef Hofmann, to have the forgotten emotions of the soul aroused to their depths by the clear, vibrant tones which he produced, to enjoy harmonies that you did not believe existed, steeped as you are in the memory of ragtime melodies—these are the things that made you give the patient piano an extra dusting yesterday morning or think of it as you would of a friend as you passed it on your way to work.

Looking Backward

Thirty Years Ago.

The Inter-state Commerce Commission bill providing for a commission of five men to be appointed by the President to investigate commerce conditions in the United States passed the Senate.

Twenty Years Ago.

The council passed an ordinance providing for \$1,000 to open up streets in the east end of Columbia.

Ten Years Ago.

The farmers of Boone County were taking more than ordinary interest in the good roads convention to be held here.

Five Years Ago.

The council ordered all dairy cows

whose milk was sold in Columbia to be examined.

The Open Column

In Less Than Four Weeks.

Editor the Missourian: In less than four weeks 3,000 young and much misunderstood persons are going to board the Katy and Wabash flyers and leave Columbia and the University to struggle through the Summer Session, while they scatter over the state "home from college." The much exaggerated stories of the rah, rah college life will then begin their usual course.

The students from "our town" are not exactly the clothing model, yellowing chappies we see in the pictures of college, but they are the exception, the Homeburg philosophers argue.

"Tell us how you beat up the freshmen and about that rule that requires all University students to 'bum' their way 2,000 miles on a train," the corner drugstore bunch will ask you.

A story about what happens in your classrooms, unless it is the story of some brave one defying authority, wouldn't hold the audience two minutes. The Homeburg people don't want to know what you learned; they want to know what happened.

It is no wonder that University students become college boys in view of what is expected of them by their admiring high school friends and Homeburg people.

The New Books

"Nan of Music Mountain."

A level-headed, educated, capable miss, living with her uncle in the midst of a band of outlaws—that's Nan Morgan, as described by Frank H. Spearman in "Nan of Music Mountain."

How Nan fell in love, against her very stubborn will, with Henry de Spain, the dare-devil young man who was placed in charge of the Thief River stage line in order to break up the depredations by the clan with which Nan lived and the difficulties in which their romance involved them, is a story of absorbing interest to those who love stories of the west in the outlaw days. It gives a good picture of the mountain home of the Morgan clan.

(Charles Scribner's Sons, Fifth avenue at Forty-eighth street, New York; cloth, 430 pages, with illustrations in color; \$1.35.)

MARKET BILL BEFORE CONGRESS

Jewell Mayes, Back From Capitol, Says Measure May Pass.

Jewell Mayes, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, has returned from Washington, with information about the national marketing bill. Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas has presented the bill before the Senate. It provides for a national chamber of agriculture and furnishes the organized machinery for national, state, county and township units for marketing farm products.

Suggestions in the lecture by David Lubin, American delegates to the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, given here during last Farmers' Week, are being considered by the present session of Congress.

"The proposed legislation," Mr. Mayes said, "takes new ground in this country. While it may not be in a form that will be crystallized into law at this session, its ardent supporters and the agitation for a marketing statute evidence the growing interest in marketing and distribution."

"From nearly every state comes news of the organized movement for the drafting and enactment of laws by the states creating marketing commissions or departments. Public sentiment is growing in favor of state and national legislation on marketing."

The bill, as amended last week, is now before the House and Senate committees on agriculture. Leaders of the movement for a law on marketing and distribution predict that the proposition in some form is very likely to be adopted by the sixty-third Congress.

Y. W. C. A. PLANS BUSY YEAR

To Keep Employment Bureau Through Summer—225 Calls Already.

The Young Women's Christian Association is getting plans for next year under way. Committees are meeting and making arrangements for a Dutch supper and several teas to be given in the first week or two of school next fall.

Plans for the work this summer have not yet been definitely made, but the employment bureau will be continued. The secretary of the association will be in the office at least one hour each day. The regular Summer Session cabinet has not yet been chosen.

Already calls for work during the summer have been made both by students in the regular term, and by girls away. So far this year, 225 calls have been sent in to the Y. W. C. A. for girls to do work of all sorts. The greater number of calls have been for girls to do house work and to take care of children. The girls are paid 15 cents an hour for most of the work and 50 cents an evening for caring for children.

About fifty or sixty girls have received help through the Y. W. C. A. employment bureau this year.

A senior picnic will be given May 17 on the golf links, at which the seniors of the Y. W. C. A. will be guests of the underclassmen. Miss Eva Johnston will probably make a short

talk, likewise Miss Mary McDaniel, president of the association.

The last meeting this year of the Y. W. C. A. will be the vesper service at Read Hall, Sunday, May 21.

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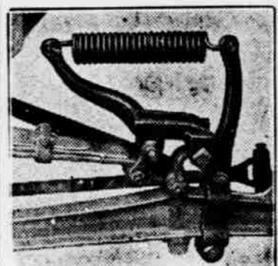
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The penalty for violating the Honest Advertising Law is a fine running from \$25 to \$500 or imprisonment from 10 to 90 days or by both fine and imprisonment. Any person who considers himself defrauded through an advertisement of this kind can prosecute the store, firm, corporation, association, or individual that inserted the advertisement in the publication or caused it to be circulated in any way. A copy of the law follows:

H. B. 232.

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Section 1. Publication, dissemination or circulation of untrue, misleading or deceptive advertisements—misdemeanor—penalty. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:—

Section 1. Publication, dissemination or circulation of untrue or deceptive advertisements—misdemeanor—penalty. Any person, firm, corporation, or association who, with intent to sell or in anywise dispose of merchandise, securities, service, or anything offered by such person, firm, corporation or association, directly or indirectly, to the public for sale or distribution, or with intent to increase the consumption thereof, or to induce the public in any manner to enter into any obligation relating thereto, or to acquire title thereto, or an interest therein, makes, publishes, disseminates, circulates, or places be-

fore the public, or causes, directly or indirectly, to be made, published, disseminated, circulated or placed before the public, in this state, in a newspaper or other publication, or in the form of a book, notice, handbill, poster, bill, circular, pamphlet, or letter, or in any other way, an advertisement of any sort regarding merchandise, securities, service, or anything so offered to public, which advertisement contains any assertion, representation or statement of fact which is untrue, deceptive or misleading, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not less than ten days nor more than ninety days, or by both such fine and imprisonment; providing that nothing herein shall apply to any proprietor or publisher of any newspaper or magazine who publishes, disseminates or circulates any such advertisement without the knowledge of the unlawful or untruthful nature of such advertisement.

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