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We should prefer that the allies would laud Secretary of State Hughes after the situation is cleared rather than right in the midst of the cloud.

If the hard-hitting Senegalese fighter, Siki had knocked the final "s" or Carpentier's first name while he was knocking the former French idol out he would have received the more extended appreciation of the newspaper-reading public.

Up to the present time the allies and other nations of the world have not called upon the United States to settle the serious troubles in the Near East. That remark might be considered as rather bumpions were it not for the fact that recent history has demonstrated again and again that the United States is looked to as the court of last resort to settle some of the questions which Europe is heir to. Most of the questions developed, of course, from the World war and its entanglements and had little or no relation to the United States except as a part of the brotherhood of the world. Sometimes the United States accepted the case; other times not. If the present embroglio in the Near East is not settled pretty soon we may expect a hidden invitation to the United States to participate.

The Bennington Banner makes the very good suggestion that if fair managements in Vermont are going to permit midways another season they ought to go into the business themselves and prevent the big profits from going out of town and out of the state. The contemporary suggests that the fair managements get together and put on their own crew "with plenty of plaster of paris dolls and hot air blankets." The suggestion ought to be followed. The rush of out of state parties to secure concessions from various fair managements indicates that there is a very large profit in the midway performances and booths; otherwise, the concessions would go a-begging. It has been demonstrated time after time that the public goes to these fairs expecting to spend money more or less recklessly and expecting, too, to be stung more or less by the slick performers back of the counters. That being the case, why would it not be a good business idea for the fair managements themselves to go into the midway stunts and reap all the profits instead of getting merely the rents for the concessions to the out of state people?

Excitement equal to any pictured in the most thrilling tales spun by the pen of noted authors occasionally take place in our midst. The customs officials who chased a rum running car one night last week, finally firing on the car but the occupants escaping into the woods, furnishes material equal to many a climax in famous stories. This is only one of several such incidents that have taken place in Orleans county in the past two or three years.—North Troy Palladium and News.

Exciting they may be and all done in the cause of law enforcement, but the wisdom of resorting to such drastic measures as firing on persons suspected of smuggling rum into the United States from Canada is very much open to question. We should expect officers of the law to fire on murderers attempting to escape or resisting arrest; but we hardly think the crime of smuggling liquor serious enough to warrant the possibility of killing the suspected participants. In the case in



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question, the news reports state that the bullets of the officers went through the top of the automobile carrying the suspected parties, just as they went through the top of an automobile and struck one man in the neck and as they pierced a house in the village of Canaan earlier in the season. It was supposed to have been given out from prohibition enforcement headquarters in Washington that these drastic methods of law enforcement would not be tolerated. If such orders were given out, why are they not being lived up to here in Vermont?

SPEAKERSHIP FIELD CLEARING.

According to the Barton Monitor, the name of Frank D. Thompson of Barton as a possible candidate for speaker of the Vermont House of Representatives ought to be eliminated, for that newspaper interviewed Mr. Thompson, who was nominated by the Republicans for town representative, and the latter said "fatly he is not a candidate, will not be a candidate and has never authorized the use of his name in connection with that position." As a matter of fact, Mr. Thompson's name had not been advanced very generally in connection with the speakership although it was admitted that he was perhaps of speakership material. Now, after his positive declaration to run, in case of his election as representative, there will, of course, be accord with his wishes. Mr. Thompson's decision makes another Orleans county man, Aaron H. Groat, more formidable as a candidate for speaker although his candidacy has not yet reached the proportions of being among the leaders. That there is likely to be a strong move in behalf of Groat is indicated by the state-

ment of the Barton contemporary that "Orleans, Caledonia and Essex counties usually stand together as a unit which makes it a power to conjure with in state matters," adding, that "co-operation counts." There seems to be little doubt that Orleans county will be back of Groat but Caledonia and Essex counties have yet to be heard from in the matter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Plainfield School Matter.

Editor, Barre Times: In the issue of the Barre Times of Sept. 28, Mr. Fortney, the lover of the junior high school, asks for enlightenment on some of the things I had in my previous letter, which I will try to give. I think it quite useless to call upon him for the facts as he calls them in his previous letter, as he has spread them broadcast for the past few years. I said I would defy him to show me where any boy had ruined any new suit of clothes, or where any cakes had been made using 11 eggs in the past four years and I still say so. The boy he has reference to finished school three years ago and I am quite certain that he ruined no new suit of clothes the last year he attended school during school hours. As for the 11-egg cake, I find that if any such cake was made, it was made the first year of our junior high school, which was, I think, seven years ago. I understand that the first year that the school was established there was no graduate home economic teacher to be found and the directors hired the best teacher they could find. We all are willing to admit that when the junior high school was in its infancy many mistakes were likely to be made, but at different times since its establishment the bad features have been done away with and good ones put in their place. The junior high schools of to-day are to be compared with the first junior high schools as you would compare the regular schools of to-day with the schools our Pilgrim fathers established. As to the principal being paid for the 11 months instead of for the 36 weeks as in the old type school, will say that I did not explain in my previous letter about that as I could not believe any person would be criticizing the junior high school that did not know a few of the ideas of such schools. However, I will try to explain to him as well as to some that never looked into it. Since our junior high school has been established, and I think the same in many other towns which have a junior high school, the principal has been contracted for 11 months. His work does not consist of anything that time he spends in the schoolhouse, but is paid for and ready to go and advise on any project work his pupils may have under way, and to advise any of our townspeople that care to go to him in any line of scientific farming, however, I will try to explain to him as well as to some that never looked into it. As to the double pay he may have had last year, will say that the only time that he was away from town for any length of time last year he was in summer school at Burlington, and any sane minded person knows that there is no great gain financially in attending summer school. Mr. Fortney also wishes to know which was making the false statements in regard to the cost of our schools last year, as he says he took his figures from the printed town report signed by myself and the other two school directors. I will leave that for the reader to decide. He said that our schools cost last year \$12,221. I

said they cost \$11,058.22. The reports read as follows:
 Unpaid bills Feb. 1, 1921... \$1,462.78
 Costs of schools for year ending Feb. 1, 1922... 11,058.22
 Total bills paid... 12,521.00
 Which one of us, then, is right? I think it may be a good idea for any person to criticize our schools if need be, so that the bad features may be overcome, but such criticism should be made by a person in a position to know what they are talking about. No person, however, is in a position to do so by hearsay. I have the junior high school registers for the last three years in my possession and will be pleased to have anybody look them over and see if they can find the name of L. F. Fortney among the visitors of the school during that time. My eyesight is such that I am unable to find any such name there. If he has not visited the school he certainly is in no position to criticize. Earl J. Bartlett, Plainfield, Vt., Sept. 28, 1922.

FORMER TIMES RECALLED.

By Editorial First Printed in World War Period.

A reader of The Times requests that at this time the following editorials from a daily newspaper in the World War period be re-printed:

A Patriotism Test.

Without the selective draft act the United States, would be cutting a small figure in the war. How did the president obtain the passage of this necessary legislation? In the House by the vote (May 16, 1917, on the passage of third and final conference report) of 150 Republicans, 45 Democrats and 4 Independents. The opposition consisted of 39 Republicans and 139 Democrats.

But the case is still stronger in its personal aspects. Champ Clark, who had narrowly escaped being his party's nominee for the presidency in 1912, not only voted against this law, but left his place as speaker to take the floor in protest. He was followed by sixteen of the eighteen Democratic chairmen of the great committees of the House, including the illustrious Kitchin of Scotland Neck, the shaper of our fiscal policies, and Dent, the chairman of the House committee on military affairs.

The president was obliged to appeal to Julius Kahn, ranking Republican member of the military affairs committee, and through his support, aided by that of the great body of Republicans, this necessary measure became a law. And yet some people tell us we ought to elect Democrats to Congress in order to obtain an effective prosecution of the war.

More of the Same Sort.

Forty-seven members of the House of Representatives voted "right" according to the National Security League on the eight great issues which came before that body. Two of those issues related to questions of right, like the privilege of our people to travel by sea. Four questions had to do with increasing the size of the army and navy. The other two were the declaration of war and the passage of the selective draft bill. This is a non-partisan organization, with Alton B. Parker and Ellis Root at its head, which affords sufficient guarantee of the impartiality of its findings. Of those 47 who voted right, 43 were Republicans and four were Democrats. There were also in the House, by the same standard of estimate, seven men who always voted wrong. Of these six were Democrats and one was a Republican. And yet some people tell us we should vote for Democratic candidates for office this year in order to sustain the president in the prosecution of the war.

Helpful Harold.

There was company at the house, and no one told the visitors what a fine boy Harold was—how he washed the dishes and helped to do all of the work. After luncheon had been served, Harold was busy washing the dishes while mother was entertaining the company. Suddenly the kitchen door opened and Harold appeared. "Mother," he asked, "do you want Mrs. Harris' dishes and spoons kept separate?" Harold's stock dropped and mother's day was spoiled.—Judge.

Local Color.

Poet—I am out here to get local color for a pastoral poem.
 Farmer—I reckon you're gettin' it, mister. I painted that setter only this mornin'.—Boston Transcript.

Monkeys and Cream

Someone has said, "A man should rise in society as cream rises in milk, not as a monkey climbs a stick."

The point being that if one is doing what he should to develop himself recognition will come to him naturally but if his work is aimed entirely to acquire a certain social standing, he is a "monkey climbing a stick."

So it is with a banking institution. If that institution is simply doing something to flatter its customers or frequently adopting some innovation for the simple purpose of attracting attention, it is a "monkey climbing a stick" and when it gets to the top of the stick it will still be a monkey and its identity will then be more real than apparent.

Service rendered must have one so'e purpose and that is to help the one served. The act itself may attract attention and provoke favorable comment but that is not the measure of the worth of the service. The true reward lies in the consciousness that incentive for self-help has been aroused within the one to whom the service is rendered.

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CURRENT COMMENT

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She Did Not Wish to Cheat.

Two golfers sliced their drives into the rough and went in search of their balls. They searched for a long time without success a "dear old lady" watching them with sympathetic eyes. At last, after the search had proceeded half an hour, she beckoned to them and said sweetly: "I hope I'm not interrupting, gentlemen, but would it be cheating if I told you where the balls are?"—Judge.

Found.

A woman had left on a table three pounds of butter. Coming back home the butter was gone. Seen a cat nearby, she at once suspected the animal, but to be sure, she took the cat to the scales to weigh it. She found it weighed just three pounds. "There's my butter," she exclaimed, "but where is the cat?"—Judge.

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