### In Darktown.

The Parson—is yo' comin' to pra'r meetin' tonight, brudder?

Brudder Black—Well, uh, no, sah; I reggin not. To tell der troof, pah son, I's aimin' to go to de minstrel show—done got a comperment'ry ticket.

The Parson—Bredder Black dar won't be no minstrel shows in heaven!

Brudder Black—Den, if at's de case, sah, I'se sho' gwine tonight, whilst muh ticket's good.

### Joy.

"We're getting up a May-day celebration. Can you suggest any features for it?"

"I should think moving pictures would be rather appropriate."



### Man of High Position.

She—I might marry if I could find a man I could look up to.

He—Well, there's the man in the moon.



Nearly every joker proceeds upon the theory that a bald-headed man is one of the accessories of humor.



A flow of words is no proof of wisdom.











# TEUTONS LOSE TWO WARSHIPS

GERMANS TORPEDO ONE AMERICAN AND THREE ALLIED VESSELS.

# TWO OTHER SHIPS SUNK

BRITISH DESTROYER SUNK DURING RAIDS BY UNDERSEA CRAFT OF KAISER.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

London, May 3.—German submarines which for a couple of weeks had been confining themselves to the North Sea where they sank a number of trawlers, again have made their appearance on the trade routes off the west coasts of Ireland and England and caught two victims. They were the British steamer Edale, which was sunk off the Scilly Islands, and the Russian steamer Svorono, which was attacked off the Blasket Islands.

In both cases the crews were saved.

A German submarine on Saturday sank the old British destroyer Recruit off the Galloper lightship in the North Sea, but the score was more than equalized by other British destroyers which after a stern chase overtook and sank the two German torpedo boats that had accompanied the submarine on her cruise.

Some of the crew of the Recruit were rescued by the Trawler Daisy, but as the submarine fired on the fishermen they were compelled to leave the others to their fate.

The British destroyers rescued most of the crews of the German torpedo boats, and two officers were picked up by a passing steamer and taken to Holland.

Besides these incidents in the North Sea the German submarines continued their operations off the Scilly Islands and, in addition to torpedoing the American tank steamer Gulflight, the captain of which died of shock, and two men were drowned, sank the French steamer Europe and the British steamer Fulgent, the captain of the latter vessel being shot and killed.

The American oil tank steamer Gulflight sailed from Port Arthur, Texas, April 10, for Rouen, France.

The captain of the Gulflight died of heart failure when the torpedo struck.

Two seamen jumped overboard, and were drowned.

## CHINA REJECTS JAP DEMANDS

War Danger Increased by Refusal of Peking to Accept Domination.

Peking.—The Chinese government has definitely refused some of the most important demands made by Japan. On learning of China's decision, the Japanese minister, Eki Hioki, said to the Chinese foreign minister, Lu Cheng Hsiang: "I am sorry. I believe my government will be disappointed." The Chinese foreign minister, at a meeting of representatives of two of the governments, presented China's reply in the shape of a formal note. This note announced China's rejection of Group V of the Japanese demands in its entirety.

This group as originally submitted to China, contains what are perhaps the most important demands made by Japan.

### Harper Orahood Freed of Conspiracy.

Denver.—Harper H. Orahood was acquitted of the charge of taking part in the conspiracy to defraud insurance concerns last fall of $19,000 through the "fake" death of Vivalley Turley.

## LET WILSON CALL FOR PEACE.

College Man Declares U. S. Should Take Lead in Ending European War.

Philadelphia.—G. Lowes Dickinson of King's College, Cambridge, England, speaking to the American Academy of Political and Social Science, outlined the following as the best manner in which America could contribute to the maintenance of world peace: Peace to be established through the intervention of President Wilson. The convention of a Congress at which all European states, belligerents and neutrals alike should be represented; such congress to be presided over by President Wilson.

Substitution of the former system of alliances among European powers with an international guarantee of peace, backed by force, if necessary.

### President Wilson Is Godfather.

Williamstown, Mass.—President Wilson became godfather of his only grandson here and added to his duties by promising to safeguard the religious welfare of the child, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre.

## DREW THE LINE AT WIDOWS

School Superintendent of Purityville Explained Situation to Young and Pretty Woman.

"Well, now that I have seen Purityville, I can see how anybody would take almost any kind of a chance to get away."

She's an Indianapolis grass widow, clever.

The grass widow went to Purityville and asked the school superintendent for a job. He pried into her past like a detective, and finally drew from her that she was a divorcee. The superintendent threw up his hands.

"My dear young woman," he said, "I am sorry that I cannot employ you. We are opposed here to the employment of widows of both classes. Our school board has a sort of unwritten law against it."

The grass widow sighed and looked out of the window.

"But I am a widow through no fault of mine," the young woman insisted. "It was the husband who erred. And, besides, single women also have been known to kidnap married men from their families."

"Yes, yes, I know," the superintendent chirped; "but the single ones are not so bright and attractive."

She felt the need of employment, and had heard that Purityville was in the market for school teachers. Now, Purityville is a nice, live city not far from Indianapolis, but it has a reputation for following fad reform waves, local gossip and flutter of municipal dissension.

No, she didn't get the job.—Indianapolis News.

### Exercise Enough.

"I suppose you climbed the Alps when you were abroad?"

"No; just ran up a bill, that was all."

How seldom does one need to use antifat on an obese pocketbook.





### Sure to Win.

"Do you think," said the first partner in the law firm, "that we can win in this case of Johnstone's?"

"Why, certainly," said the second ditto. "We'll win about two thousand dollars in fees, at any rate."

The man who won't listen to reason is usually thinking the same thing about you.



A good many spirit manifestations come after visits to the bar.







### God Comforts the Suffering.

God wants to be more to us in time of keen suffering than at any other time of our lives. "May her days of suffering be her best days," prayed one for the pain-racked disease-stricken wife of a dear friend. A parent's love is never so tender as when a little child clings to it through tears of sorrow, in agony of body or mind. So God's love, unsearchable in its richness at all times, means most to us when we cling close to him unseeing, in the midst of suffering. The closer we get to his love and the more we realize our utter dependence upon it, the better our days will be. Let us not rob ourselves of the blessings he longs to send us in these our best days of need.—Sunday School Times.

### Where New Yorkers Come From.

Half the residents of New York city's Manhattan and one-third of those of Bronx borough are foreign-born. Russia, Italy, Ireland and Germany, in the order named, were the birthplaces of most of Manhattan's foreign-born, while Germany's sons and daughters lead those of all other nations above the Harlem.

### Not Guilty.

"Willie, what does this mean? I found a box of cigarettes in your pocket."

"Yes, mamma. You see, I took 'em away from Jimmie Jones so he wouldn't smoke 'em."

### A Failure.

"Ma, is marriage a failure?"

"I guess so, my dear. I married your father to reform him."

Some men practice economy only when they are buying for their wives.