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GETTING TOGETHER

The dispatches from Washington indicate that the Republicans and Democrats, who have been working on the peace treaty during the recess, have about reached an agreement by which three modifications of the 14 reservations, approved by a majority of the senators, will make them acceptable to a sufficient number of the senators to secure the required two-thirds vote necessary for ratification.

No rational person would commit the folly of presuming that the treaty with Germany and the league of nations can be ratified without reservations.

The three elements that must compose their differences before ratification is possible are those who place humanity first; those who place the interest of Great Britain first, and those who put America first. In the final analysis, Americanism is going to win.

The essential reservations giving to the United States the right to determine for itself if its obligations have been fulfilled, in the event it should desire to withdraw from the league; retaining for the congress, as provided under the constitution, the exclusive right to declare war; maintaining inviolate the Monroe doctrine, and denying to any other nation on earth the right to interfere with our internal affairs, are among those that must be accepted if the United States is to enter the league of nations.

The framers of the constitution wisely provided that the vote of two-thirds of the senators was necessary for the ratification of a peace treaty. Human nature hasn't changed much in the last hundred years. The apprehension that in even so great a body as the United States there would be a goodly number, perhaps a majority, who might be subservient to some will other than their own, has not been justified, but the wisdom of the precaution is being repeatedly suggested.

Coercion and abuse have had little or no effect upon those senators who have reached their conclusions after long and serious deliberation, with an eye single to the welfare of their country. The people will not hold in contempt any man who stands by his conviction, even if it is contrary to theirs, but they will feel a contempt for a man who agrees with them if they know he has adopted their opinion in the absence of his own.

The only voice the people have in the government is that of their members of congress. They may go wrong, but they expect him to remain right; they may change, but they demand that he be consistent, and the only way he can be assured of their confidence is to do that which is right in his own eyes.

PROPOSED UNIVERSITY

There is some discussion of a Methodist university to be established in Tennessee. Since the decision of the supreme court in the Vanderbilt case, the Methodists have felt that they are without a denominational institution in this state.

In the event the Methodists should determine to erect an institution of higher education in Tennessee, or in the South, for that matter, the people of Memphis will want to submit their claims of location, prospective patronage, and such other considerations as are important in arriving at a wise decision.

Memphis is the center of attraction for everything in an industrial way in a large territory. Its advantages in almost every particular are superior to those of other Southern cities. It excels in its lumber and cotton markets, in the wholesale dry goods and grocery business, and in practically every industry.

It has lagged behind as an educational center. Only this year the high school was placed on the accredited list of public schools.

It would appear that the way is opening for securing a great educational institution such as the Methodists would erect, and support, in their usually generous way.

Memphis is the logical place for the school. In Knoxville there is the great State university. In other East Tennessee cities there are established colleges with splendid records. In Nashville there is Vanderbilt university, an institution recognized throughout the country as one of the greatest. In Clarksville and Lebanon are good schools, surrounded by a wealth of tradition and sentiment.

Union university, in Jackson, is the only school in West Tennessee offering an academic education in the higher branches.

We should like to see the Methodists interested in Memphis as a logical location for a great school. The people of all denominations would delight to get behind a movement for the establishment of a great school here.

NOT SETTLED

At the time Dr. Garfield, federal fuel administrator, resigned, The News Scimitar expressed the opinion that the people would be in sympathy with his stand if they were familiar with all the facts.

His letter of resignation has not been made public. His recommendations were not acted upon. His counsel was ignored. He proposed an increase in the pay of the miners in a way that would be absorbed by the operators without increasing the price of coal to the consumer. The plan adopted contemplates an increase in the pay of the miners, an increase in the price of coal, and an added burden on the people.

The strike was called because the operators would not meet the miners' demands, and because the miners would not accept the operators' proposition. It was settled by giving both miner and operator all they asked, and taxing the consumer with the increase in pay and price.

As a result, the government does not seem to know what a fair price is, the operators, contrary to the usual rule, have failed to agree on a uniform price, and the different branches of the government, supposed to be responsible for the suppression of the profiteer, are busy passing the buck to anyone that will assume it, and glad, apparently, to be able to shirk the responsibility.

Instead of the old-time "constitutional," the supreme court has made it so that hereafter the invitation will be to "have an unconstitutional."

There seems to be no vacant housing room anywhere. Even the famous death house in Sing Sing is crowded.

"Railroads," says an advertisement, "are near the peak of their carrying capacity." Freight or wages?

Uncle Sam's admonition for the coming year: "Let's go to work."

The Days of Real Sport—By Briggs



THE HASKIN LETTER

MARRIED HEROES

BY FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The high cost of living, which makes matrimony such a hazardous adventure these days, has failed to discourage our soldiers in Europe from rushing recklessly to the altar. At the moment the war, in developing their valor, has left them less discreet, or it may have made the European women more determined. At any rate, judging by the way war brides continue to arrive in New York, the whole American army of occupation will be married by the time it gets home.

Not only are they getting married, but they are marrying German girls. The last few cargoes of war brides, which have been almost solidly German, so that, despite passport restrictions, the Teutonic strain in America is receiving rapid reinforcement.

In the opinion of Mrs. Harriet M. Macdonald, director of the Y. W. C. A. hostess house, which is taking care of this war brides during their stay in New York, matrimony among our soldiers is merely a matter of propinquity. They marry the nationality which is nearest to them. In the beginning of the war, brides of different nationalities were welcomed at the hostess house.

Besides the many French, British and Italian girls, there were many Czechoslovak, Serbian, Jugoslav, Roumanian, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish, Norwegian, Finnish and Belgian girls, as well as many Russians of a superior peasant type. Even at the early date, when the armistice had scarcely been signed, German war brides began to arrive at the hostess house.

At this time there was a law forbidding American soldiers to marry German girls. One so doing was liable to court-martial, unless he obtained the written consent of his commanding officer. Presumably this law is still in effect, but if so, the life of a commandant of a certain army of occupation must be one long consent.

At first the Y. W. C. A. hostess anticipated a certain amount of friction between the war brides of enemy nations, but much to their relief they have been agreeably disappointed. French girls and German girls, having endured the vicissitudes of a lengthy, to-day voyage together, arrive arm in arm, the best of friends, while Jugoslavians fraternize sympathetically with Italians.

Only once a French girl asked the room clerk at Hostess house please not to put her in a room with a boche. Remembering this request the clerk was about to assign her to a little German girl from her two French companions, a few hours later, when the French damsel insisted that she be permitted to remain with them.

"She is all alone," one of them explained, "and so what you call a boche. She knows nothing of the world, and her husband not arrive for five days yet."

Most of the girls are of the European type, and are well educated. They are well dressed, and are well liked. They are well liked by the American boys, and are well liked by the American girls.

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Ye Editor Nods

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Slipped Past

The Blue Pencil

FROM "STEWERY" TO BAKERY, EH? Doc Hottum is going to start a bakery.

BE CAREFUL. Newspaper men are not much worried about the reported existence of spurious \$100 bills in the South.

ANCIENT AND MODERN. Returning from a week-end visit to Sardis, Miss. Ye Editor Nods physician declares he is more than ever convinced that his own, his native town is the greatest in the U. S. Why? Here's the reply: Sardis went dry in 1882 and it took New York and Chicago 28 years to realize the wisdom of the step.

Ye Editor Nods will not comment, however, on the frequency, or if infrequency, of said physician's visits to Sardis in recent years.

ACCORDING TO CARRIE. How can anyone believe everything you say when that someone has just finished saying something you know to be identical in veracity with your reply? It can't be done.

The man who invented the phrase about the unkindest cut of all didn't know what he was talking about. Here is the "kindest unkindest slash": The statement that Police Chief Joe Burney intends to say that fifty red west best damned Christmas as a flag for "The Valley."

SPEAKING OF HATS: The square Mahoney derby looks well with Dorothy neckwear. Stylish young girls are wearing them as a SUBSTITUTE for the alk topper when evening dress is necessary.

FINANCIAL QUESTION. Emma Carus, at the Orpheum, on learning that dressing room thieves in New York had robbed Pat Rooney and Marion Bent, wrote that vaudeville couple inquiring: "What was that pawn ticket doing in your trunk?" Miss Carus wants to know if it can be traced to Marion Bent was nearly "broke."

CHATTANOOGA RAIL CASE SET FOR MARCH CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 30. (SPL)—An order was handed down in federal court at Knoxville Monday in the case of the Commercial Trust company, Douglas the Chattanooga Railway and Light company and the Maryland Trust company, against the same defendant, setting the case for hearing the first Monday in March, at which time arguments will be heard to sustain the bills as general creditor's proceedings. The complainants are suing to foreclose mortgages held against the railway and light company, which now is in the hands of receivers.

FIVE OPERATORS FINED FOR IGNORING SHAW LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 30. (SPL)—Five officials of the Central Coal and Coke company, who last week refused to permit Thomas H. Shaw to inspect each in the course of two justices at Huntington, Ark., Monday, are expected to precipitate a legal test as to whether Gov. Brough exceeded his authority in attempting to remove Shaw as state mine inspector. The governor declared Shaw removed from office for refusing to sign a statement that he had no authority to remove him and continued his inspection of the mine. Informed of the convictions of the five officials, Gov. Brough declared that he would find it impossible to do so, and that he assumed all responsibility for their barring Shaw.

DIVORCE HEARING ON LOCAL CONCERT DATE Because she will be in the midst of the hearing of her suit for divorce on the 14th inst., Mrs. Margaret H. Hines in concert here, the local engagement of Amelia Galli (sister for Jan. 5) has been postponed until after the divorce hearing. Those who are to bring this celebrated singer here, as soon as they received a wire from Mrs. Hines, are expected to be in the city for the local concert date began making arrangements for notifying all ticket holders of the change in order to avoid confusion and dissatisfaction. They are returning purchase money to all who will find it impossible to be at the concert in April or who do not care to wait that long. Never in the history of local music was there such a rush for seats as for this concert.

FOUR NATIONS ASK POPE TO HELP PRISONERS ROME, Dec. 30.—Poland, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Hungary have appealed to Pope Benedict to obtain the liberation and repatriation of about 200,000 of their subjects, who are still prisoners of the Japanese in Siberia and who are suffering hardships of all kinds. The greatest difficulty confronted in solving the problem is the cost of bringing the men to their former homes, as they cannot come through Russia, and must travel by way of Japan and America or by the Red sea route. Another appeal has been addressed to the pope by the League of Nations, asking all branches of that organization to participate in defraying these expenses.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. When did ice cream first come into use? E. H. D. A. Ice cream was introduced to the English aristocracy of the late eighteenth century by a London confectioner named Guntton, who is often accredited with having been its inventor. "Dolly" Madonson was one of the first to serve ice cream at presidential receptions and this did much toward popularizing it in this country.

Q. What are some of the largest libraries in the world? M. F. A. There are at least five libraries in the world which contain over one million volumes. These are in the order of their magnitude: the Bibliotheque Nationale of Paris, which contains 2,000,000 volumes; the Imperial Library at Petrograd, the congressional library at Washington and the New York Public Library.

Q. Were mortgages used by the ancients? A. The oldest investment on earth is the real estate mortgage. In ancient Babylonia, 2,500 years before Christ, money was loaned on mortgage, while a great Babylonian banking house found ed about 600 B. C. invested large sums in mortgages on both city and farm property. Some of these mortgages were recorded on bricks, which were buried and preserved in great earthenware jars. These have been dug up in modern times.

Q. What is the origin of the word "postoffice"? E. A. L. A. Originally a "postoffice" was the office which arranged all details concerning the postal routes, the places on the great roads where relays of horses and men could be obtained for the rapid forwarding of the king's dispatches.

Q. Can you give me a recipe for making Thousand Island dressing? E. H. A. The following recipe is recommended: One-half cup of olive oil, juice of one-half lemon, five or six drops of orange, one teaspoonful Worcestershire sauce, six sliced olives, six sliced chestnuts, one-half teaspoonful of onion, one-half teaspoonful of celery, one-half teaspoonful of mustard, one-third teaspoonful of salt, and one-half cup of vinegar. Put all the ingredients in a fruit jar, cover closely and shake until well mixed. This dressing is excellent on lettuce, endive, asparagus, tomatoes, peas, beans and spinach.

Q. What does the word "himp" mean? I. M. C. This is the term applied to small nonrigid airships. It is a slang word, originating with the English, and is used in the United States to designate ships of the navy during the world war.

Q. Great Britain's naval vessels: Twelve battleships, 15 armored cruisers, 30 light cruisers, 19 destroyers, eight hospital ships, 12 transports, five gunboats and 100 other vessels. Heretofore, purposely sunk in the Ostend harbor.

Q. Will the soldier who received a dishonorable discharge be entitled to the pension which would otherwise be granted? W. D. E. A. That will depend upon the wording of the discharge. If it should be "dishonorable" the pension will not be granted. Under the terms of the bill granting the \$50 bonus to discharged servicemen, a dishonorable discharge would disqualify a man from the bonus.

Q. What is the oldest city in the world? A. V. S. A. The honor of being the oldest of any extent cities must be given to Damascus in Syria. Other cities were built before it but they have perished or been destroyed.

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Twice Told Tales

Ten Years Ago Today in Memphis. DECEMBER 30, 1909. July cotton options sold in New Orleans at 17 1/2 cents. This is a record for the cotton market. The price of the staple established in 1894 before the July boom collapsed. July options in New Orleans were sold for 16 1/2 cents.

Thomas B. King, president of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A., has resigned and will be succeeded by William C. King.

Prohibition, which took effect July 1, has cost the loss of more than \$100,000,000 in the United States, according to Postmaster L. W. Datto.

News has reached Memphis of the marriage of Miss Julia Holt and the Rev. Dudley William Melver at Davidson, N. C. Miss Holt is the sister of William E. Holt, of Memphis, and the Rev. Melver is assistant pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, being associated with the Rev. A. B. Curry, D. D.

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A Line On Men

You Read About

His Albert Stanley is about to be made a British peer in recognition of his services as chief of transport. Although English by birth he is American by training and it was his experience in this country that enabled him to win prominence in Great Britain.

Called back to England to manage an enterprise of the highest importance, he eventually gave up his American citizenship and became a British subject.

Burke's Peacage, the "British Bible" chronicled that he was born in Derby Nov. 8, 1874, son of Horne Stanley, of Detroit, Mich., U. S. A.; married Dec. 3, 1904, Grace Lowrey, daughter of Edward L. Woodruff, of New York.

When he was five years old his parents removed from England to Detroit, where his father was naturalized and so he too became an American citizen.

It was his thoroughly American qualities that moved Prime Minister Lloyd George to upset all traditions and appoint a man of American business training to be a cabinet minister. Stanley was named president of the board of trade three years ago and he had made a remarkable demonstration of efficiency as head of the London transit system.

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in "The Vagabond"

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Today Only

CHARLES RAY

—IN— "HOME"

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