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Let war be so carried on that nothing but peace shall seem to be sought. -Cicero.

The Submarine Blockade The latest, and what will undoubtedly become the most perplexing international problem of the European war is presented in the German proclamation of a war zone in the territorial waters of the British Isles and France...

The surprisingly wide range of the German submarines which have been destroying British vessels of commerce on the west coast of Ireland indicates that such a blockade as has been declared can be maintained; that is, that it is not a mere paper blockade but a fairly effective one.

This appearance is given it by the amazing action of the British liner Lusitania flying the American flag in what the Germans have declared to be a war zone, and stealing into her home port like a blockade runner. This incident strengthens the German position and affords a stronger reason why the Germans should prevent in any way they can, the loading of vessels flying neutral flags, at British ports.

The German submarine activities would probably have been directed only against British vessels of commerce but for the action of the British in seizing a neutral vessel laden with food supplies of a character which never has been recognized as contraband. The German proclamation is a reply to that act.

The effect of a submarine blockade would be damaging to the commerce of this country which would lose the markets of France and Great Britain until there could be a recoupment, in some way, of the asserted British sovereignty over the surface of the sea and the asserted German sovereignty, below the surface. We cannot very well complain of the German proclamation until the complaints we have already made against the British course which provoked it, have been heeded and the cause of them removed.

Many strange and unexpected situations have come out of the war. If the British had been told at the beginning that within a few months, in spite of their undisputed control of the sea, the islands would be in a state of blockade or that their palatial ocean liners would be seeking protection under foreign flags, it would have impressed them no more than if they had been told that the islands would soon be nestled alongside the barren continent of Atlantis.

The Foot and Mouth Plague In this favored region of the Salt River Valley what we know of the dreaded foot and mouth disease is mostly from hearsay and if we know no more of it it will be because of the energetic measures being taken by the federal authorities to prevent its spread and stamp it out.

Almost incalculable losses have been suffered by the farmers of Europe and South America through the disease, according to information furnished by the United States Department of Agriculture. So widespread is the plague among the cattle and other farm animals in European countries that the United States has limited importations of live stock practically to Great Britain, Ireland and the Channel Isles.

Europe, may be gathered from the stringent measures taken in Ireland to stamp it out. There not only was stock slaughtered and a quarantine much more strict than that adopted here put in force, but the wheels of all vehicles and the feet of all horses which left infected places were washed with disinfectants, cans of the fluid were placed in fields, to be used whenever need for it appeared, stacks of hay were disinfected with superheated steam, foxes in the neighborhood were killed so far as possible etc.

The difficulty in determining how the disease spreads is one of the things that makes it so stubborn to control. A week ago there was consternation at the Worcester, Mass. State Hospital when it was discovered that a herd of registered Holstein cows valued at \$20,000 had become infected. It is not known how the disease got among the cattle, but it is thought that to check it it will be necessary to slaughter the whole herd of seventy-three head. If the accounts given of the character of this plague is accurate, it seems to be a danger for the control of which the farmers and the authorities ought to co-operate sympathetically and energetically.

With wheat selling in Chicago at \$1.50 and upward it may be expected that in most localities in this country enough spring wheat will be sown at least to supply the local demand.

B. L. T. of the Chicago Tribune advises a revision of the statement that "Britannia Rules the Sea" to "Britannia Rules the Ripples." Somebody else seems to be in control a few feet below the surface.

"Half of the automobiles in use in America are owned by farmers," says the Kansas City Journal. If wheat and corn continue to soar in price, the farmer will soon be financially able to own the other half.

There is a dawning suspicion that the statistics of losses on the European firing lines are subjected to the whims of the censors; and it is noticeable that the reports of the censors of no two countries agree.

NAVAL SAFETY "Son, if you must enlist," said the wise old man, "enlist in the navy."

"Why, dad?" "A government sustains no actual loss if a company of soldiers is lost to pieces, but a new battalion is too valuable to take chances with." -Louisville Courier-Journal.

A QUARREL Magistrate—I understand that you overheard the quarrel between the defendant and his wife? Witness—Yes, sir. Magistrate—Tell me, if you can, what he seemed to be doing. Witness—He seemed to be doing the listening, sir. -National Monthly.

ELECTIONEERING "Congressman Swack has got a nerve." "How so?" "Talks about our big crops like they was an appropriation he got for us." -Louisville Courier-Journal.

HER CHOICE The Mistress—I shall take one of the children to church with me this morning, Mary. The General—Yes; which? The Mistress—Oh, whichever will go best with my new mauve dress. -London Sketch.

OF FIRST IMPORTANCE The teacher was examining the class in physiology. "Mary, you tell us," she said, "what is the function of the stomach?" "The function of the stomach," the little girl answered, "is to hold up the petticoat." -Buffalo Express.

NO HOPE Ray Hohn, the artist, appeared at the Pay-As-You-Enter club the other day smoking a cigarette in a holder nearly a foot long. "What's all this?" someone asked him. "Did the doctor tell you to keep away from cigarettes?" -New York Mail.

GOOD REPUTATION Cynical Foreigner—Diogenes would have walked his legs off looking for an honest man in this country." "Calm American—Well, it hasn't such a bad reputation that he wouldn't have hopes.

NOT ON TICK Mrs. Gaily—That horrid Mrs. Weatherly even hinted that I am indebted to the druggist for my complexion. Mrs. Fairly—The mean thing! I know positively that you always pay cash. -Judge.

THE STUDY OF GOZINTER What are you studying now, Tommy? "Gozinter, chief!" "What's that, a new language?" "No, just gozinter, one gozinter two, two gozinter four, three gozinter six, and so on."

GOOD MATCH BUT FOR THE STICK "So Alice is married. Did she make a good match?" "Splendid. Lots of money, good social position and all that—in fact, the only out about it was the man." -Boston Traveler.

HER SCHOOL Young Wife—Your mother a fine cook? I don't believe it. I've heard that your father was a chronic dyspeptic. Husband—Well, that's all right; mother learned by practicing upon father. -Boston Transcript.

EXPECTING MORE TURN-DOWNS "I understand that Jack has been thrown over by no fewer than three girls he's been engaged to." "Yes; he's working now on an adjustable engagement ring."

OUT OF HARM'S WAY Old lady—I'll take three penn'orth of Brussels sprouts, please, so as to 'elp the pore Belgians. -London Opinion.

"If you had to go to war, what position would you choose?" "The drummer's, I think." "Why so?" "When a charge was ordered, I'd pick up my drum and beat it." -Omaha Bee.

AD MEN TO HEAR ABOUT AUTOS AND MOVIES AT LUNCH TODAY

"How the Automobile Advertiser Phoenix" is the broad subject that Warren McArthur of the Phoenix garage will discuss at the February meeting of the Phoenix Ad Club at noon today. "What the Lubin Company Has Already Done to Advise Phoenix," will be told by the manager-director of the company, Romaine Fielding. And to fill in the program, the members will debate a lot of questions on advertising, submitted to the committee on postal cards by the members themselves.

RELIEF WORK HELPS MANY

Report of Associated Charities Shows Much Being Done to Meet Needs of Poor—Interesting Statement of Aims The large amount of relief work done by the Associated Charities is shown by the report for the three months ending January 31, 1915, which has just been compiled. In that time 196 cases were recorded, of which 115 were resident, and 81 persons from out of the city. This number does not include the applicants for clothing, great quantities of which have been given out.

WHILE EAST FREEZES, PHOENIX HAS "CLIMATE"

R. J. Weber Tells of 'way Below Zero Weather and Congratulates His Former Home Town "Twenty-two inches of snow last week. Oh, you climate!" This writes R. J. Weber, formerly of Phoenix, on the margin of an Elwood, Indiana paper, in which appears an article, entitled, "It Was Cold."

GAME LICENSES BRING IN \$10,000 ANNUALLY

In spite of the fact that only 35 non-residents of Arizona took out hunting licenses in this state, receipts from this source alone for the year 1914 totaled almost \$10,000. The amount taken in from the sale of licenses, according to a statement of receipts just issued by the state game department, was \$9,559.98, and from fines \$321.50, making a total for the year of \$9,881.48.

TO BUILD AMBULANCES

LONDON, Feb. 7.—Under patronage of the government, an ambulance construction commission has been formed here for the special purpose of improving the field motor ambulances used by the army. Prizes are offered amounting to \$10,000 for designs. The ambulance must carry comfortably four patients on stretchers or eight sitting and the patients must be accessible for attendance from one side without being shifted.

SOME FACTS ABOUT ELKS AND MINSTREL SHOWS

Local Citizens Making Fools of Themselves Bound to Attract Capacity Audiences (BY WILL)

Did you ever look up the definition of the word ELK? The dictionary states it is the largest member of the deer family, yet that it is different. The Elk is in a class all by itself. There is no word that rhymes with Elk. These facts bring out the idea of Elk prominence, or better explained, they are a certain lot of people that do things different than others.

JITNEY BUSESSES

lines, and Omaha began last Saturday the use of the jitney bus. Kansas City has 20 of the little busters running, and Cincinnati backers have organized a quarter-million company to operate its lines. San Antonio, Oklahoma City, and a dozen other places have been entered, and the buses are flying eastward with leaps and bounds.

Plans for the regulation of the new bus lines are on foot in nearly every state, and the electric traction lines are urging the lawmakers to place a prohibitive license fee on the independent buses. How serious the situation is for the street railway men is indicated by the success of the "jitney" bus in the Pacific coast cities. Six months ago the little buses were unknown. Today they are taking from the electric car lines in five cities \$29,999 daily in fares. At this rate fully six millions of dollars in business will be taken each year from the electric street car lines.

DISAPPROVE BRYAN LETTER

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Secretary Bryan's letter asking Walter V. Vick, former receiver general of the Dominican customs "what positions you have at your disposal with which to reward deserving democrats," was disapproved in resolutions adopted by the council of the National Civil Service Reform League at the annual meeting on February 4. It was announced tonight, it was pronounced inconsistent with the democratic platform, with the merit system and with the good faith of the Dominican republic.

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MAD COYOTES STRIKE TERROR

Central and Eastern Oregon Infested With Death Carrying Beasts [ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] SALEM, Feb. 7.—That death to man and beast is following in the wake of attacks by mad coyotes in central and eastern Oregon, is the substance of many letters being received by Gov. Withcomb from residents in those portions of the state. Rabies are not prevalent that travel on foot and even on horseback is declared to be perilous.

TO STUDY SCHOOL SYSTEM

One Hundred Mexican Teachers to Be Sent to Boston MEXICO CITY, Feb. 7.—Carranza's minister of education announced that one hundred teachers will be sent to Boston to study the public school system and all schools will be closed until their return. General Oregon stated that relief stations will be established throughout the city tomorrow where money and supplies will be distributed to the poor. The nullification of the Villa currency has caused wide "distress among the lower classes. Shortage of water has become serious, and Oregon has dispatched artillery in an effort to drive Zapata's forces from Xochimilco, the city's water supply source.

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