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WASHINGTON LETTER

The Cabinet is reported to be unanimously of the opinion that an American contingent should be sent to France as soon as may be; the opinion of the country is to the same effect; the dilatory spirit which infects the War Department is opposed to the plan; the President is said to be maintaining his famous "open mind" regarding it. If there now existed a joint committee on the conduct of the war, such as the Weeks-Madden resolution proposes, this would be one of the questions which it could discuss and help to settle. Such a committee could bring the consensus of Congressional and public opinion to the discussion, it could adjust the differences between such opinion and the highly technical opinion of the War Department experts. Such a committee could lessen the labors of the executive departments and of Congress in an astonishing degree, and the wonder of the situation is that the President is not eager to bring such a committee into being and to his aid.

The new army appropriation bill carries an item of \$43,500,000 for aviation. It is to be hoped that no red tape in the executive departments will paralyze the effectiveness of this appropriation. A large sum of money was once before set aside for aviation only to find that it was rendered unavailable through the technical rulings of the officials who pass upon expenditures. In consequence, we find ourselves without adequate knowledge or equipment for this most important branch of military service. The United States originated the successful aeroplane, just as it originated the successful submarine. Mystery of the two arms, however, passed away from us to European nations. It is time to take back our own.

In cartoon, in editorial, in proclamation, in appeals without number, the farmer is being apostrophized as the savior of the country. His increased acreage is to feed us and our allies, to strengthen the fighting hand of all who have raised the sword against the Hun, and to win the final victory in the war, yet, without the planting of another acre, it is possible to increase the stores of flour by twenty-seven per cent through the simple expedient of milling the whole of the wheat instead of using selected portions of the kernel to produce the fine white flour which the aesthetic taste of this generation requires. Whole wheat is more nourishing and healthy than bolted wheat, it furnishes more calories, it is cheaper. Bread made from it may not be as pretty as the other, but it will produce more punch. Today we are utilizing only about seventy-three per cent of the food-content of our wheat—and we are clamoring for the farmers to plant more wheat. Suppose we shift the pedal to the milling end of the problem. Suppose our flouring establishments begin to use the whole of the wheat and increase the output of flour by more than a third.

Kansas City (Mo.) Periscope.—Don't display the flag over the hole in which you are hiding from Uncle Sam.

"He that is not for us is against us;" he that is not for Uncle Sam is for the kaiser.

For many months the leading business interests of Great Britain and France have been working on the problem of protective tariffs for the mutual advantage of the Allies after the war. Why, then, should it be considered an undue display of "partisanship" if business men in America ask for the immediate consideration of the same question in the United States?

In England the most important changes in war policy have been brought about by public discussion and free criticism. Why, then, should it be deemed unpatriotic, or even unwise, to discuss the policies or lack of policies in the administration of the American government?

In Canada gross frauds in connec-

tion with the war were discovered by vigilant and courageous citizens who exercised the right to tell what they knew about the management of public affairs. Why, then, should it be deemed advisable in this country to muzzle the press and put the brand of disloyalty upon any man who presumes to inquire regarding public business and to comment upon the manner in which it is conducted?

For the past four years President Wilson has adhered to unwise and untenable policies until driven to abandon them by a vigorous and intelligent public discussion. Why, then, is it to be assumed that he is right now and will be wise in his administration in the future? Since he has been so uniformly wrong in the past, why seek to suppress discussion in the future, when such discussion has been amply proven to be effective for good?

Why, indeed, unless to shield some individual at the sacrifice of the public interest?

As heretofore suggested, there is more than one way to encourage the use of vacant lots. A police judge in the West has announced that if any person is convicted in his court under the ordinance prohibiting the growing of weeds in the city limits, the fine will not be a small one.

In the debates in the Senate, the Secretary of Agriculture was quoted as saying that there was no danger of a scarcity of tin cans, and then within a week declaring that such a danger did exist. Yet there are many members of Congress who seem willing to place \$25,000,000 in the hands of the Secretary for the solution of the food problem.

Congress, having acted in the light of history in the matter of conscription, might well take another leaf from our past experience. The direct taxes of the Civil war period were of tremendous financial productivity; and an economist has estimated that if they were to be applied now they would produce fully two billions a year. They were of a nature to bear a little upon all and heavily upon none. Why not look them up and give them another trial?

LAINGSBURG.

Mrs. Sherman Haskins visited relatives at Laingsburg the last of the week.

Quite a large number from here attended the county convention of the O. E. S. at Cornua, Friday.

Mrs. J. Baldwin and son Glen, have moved to Lansing.

Miss Ethel Reynolds visited her parents at Grand Rapids the last of the week.

Ellis Hisey is working in Lansing.

Miss Minnie Simmons spent the week end with her brother and family at East Lansing.

Prof. Thos. W. Nadal and family of Olivet, were guests in the J. V. D. Wyckoff home Saturday.

Misses Eva Wright and Luella Bennett spent the week end with the latter's sister, Miss Nine, at Laingsburg.

Rev. Tinglan of Shaftsburg, occupied the pulpit at the M. E. church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. E. McDougall spent Sunday at Flashing.

H. A. R. Wyckoff of East Lansing, visited his sister, Mrs. G. Ballantine, Saturday.

Mrs. Bernice Lee has been spending a few days with friends at Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wilcox spent the week-end with their son and family at Lansing.

Mrs. Dell Aldrich has been critically ill for a few days with blood poisoning caused by a bite of a squirrel which she was taking from a trap.

Mark Woodbury of Owosso, has been installing a furnace in the Sherman Haskins home.

LOCAL NEWS.

George M. Dewey left Thursday noon for Detroit, where he is attending the annual meeting of the Michigan Press Association.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Christian arrived home Tuesday from a stay of several months in Arizona. Mr. Christian has practically recovered his health.

Dr. B. S. Sutherland has been summoned to Ann Arbor to begin examinations Monday of the senior dentistry class of the U. of M., the examinations being advanced from June to May to permit the young dentists to enlist in the army and navy.

Carl Johnson, aged 20 years, died Tuesday at the Miller hospital, after a short illness with pneumonia. The funeral was held from the Jennings & Son chapel Thursday afternoon, Rev. H. B. Wallace officiating. The young man was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Johnson, West Main street, and is survived by his parents, one brother and one sister. He was an employee of the Independent Stove Co.

Buy Fine Property for Home.

Arthur Ward has purchased the brick residence and four lots on East Oliver street and four adjoining them, known as the Likens place, and will remodel the house into a fine home, and surround it by beautiful grounds.

CIRCUIT COURT

Only a few chancery cases remain to be heard in the circuit court this term, the greater share of the cases having been put over the term Saturday or announced as settled by the attorneys when the chancery calendar was called.

Decrees were granted in a few cases Saturday. Lena Johnson was given a divorce from Horace Johnson, and allowed \$3.00 a week for the support of a son until the boy is 15 years old. Blanche Haggerty was also granted a decree from Floyd Haggerty. Both are 33 years old. Neither case was contested. Eli Ordway, aged 58, was granted a decree from Sarah Ordway, eight years his junior. Anna Hutchinson, aged 48, was granted a divorce from Archibald Hutchinson, aged 63 years. A decree was granted the State Savings bank of Owosso in its suit against William H. McCartney to foreclose a mortgage. If the judgment, \$116.93, is not paid, the property can be sold after September 17, 1917. Attorney Paul Gadola acted in the interests of the minor child in the divorce case of Lena against Horace Johnson, as Prosecutor Pulver was attorney for the plaintiff.

The following cases went over the term: Carol against Claude Noe, Eva against Ina Easlick, Martha A. Hibbard against Jabez Hibbard, Edna against Walter A. Branick, Grace against Nelson Richard, John against Rhoda DePottey, Eugene H. George against Matilda Ann Rideou, Ola against Lawrence Stack, Mabel against Charles Fallis, Bessie Gilmore Barnes, against L. D. Barnes, Olive against Frank L. Gray, and Louise against Louis Blotney.

Nothing remains in the case of Martin B. Zuber against Hiram K. Lamphere and Zed Earle but the report of the receiver, which has been filed. The attorneys are to agree on the costs, if any, in the case of Leonard Follmer against George S. Bronson. The divorce case of Bertha DeLong against George DeLong was discontinued, and the land suit of Louise Brown against Herman and Nellie Pietscher has been settled. The attorneys also announced that the divorce case of Archie A. McCully against Grace M. McCully has been discontinued as the parties are now living together. The defendant is dead in the divorce case of Katherine against Linley Wade. The divorce case of Andrew J. Walter against Elva Walter has also been settled.

The following cases were announced as ready for trial: George Mar-

tenis against Fred Martonis, to set aside deed; Louise Braun against Joseph and Elizabeth Guidet, to cancel deed; Bertha against William A. May, divorce; Mary LeBar against William LeBar, divorce; Nora Prindle against Bert Prindle, divorce.

G. F. Friegel, of Owosso, has been named administrator of the estate of Edward J. Howell, of Owosso. The petition was filed by the widow. Mr. Howell was killed several weeks ago by a Michigan Central train at Owosso. He left besides a widow several small children. The will of the late Henry C. Blanchett of Hazelton township was admitted to probate Monday. The entire estate is left to the widow, Mary Blanchett. Seymour Piatt, of Laingsburg, administrator of the estate of Jacob Shirts, has been granted a license to sell real estate.

Judge Miner on motion of Attorney Moinet, of St. Johns, has extended the time for the filing of the bill of exceptions by the defendant in the case of Hugh McDonald against L. C. Hall. The defendant is now allowed 45 days from May 24 to prepare the case for the supreme court.

Judge Miner has made an order denying the petition of Attorney E. S. Atherton that Frank Quick be discharged from the accusation of perjury in connection with his illegal marriage to Mrs. TenEyck, and the case will be taken to the supreme court on a mandamus to have the legal point decided covering the illegality of Mrs. TenEyck's marriage which was consummated five weeks before the close of a two year restriction on her being married when a former husband obtained a divorce from her.

H. S. McKeeby, a blacksmith employed by George Preston, escaped serious injury Monday by the timely arrival of Mr. Preston at his shop on Water street, after Mr. McKeeby had been caught by shafting and pulled tight against the shaft and was being slowly choked. The motor was shut off and Mr. McKeeby was cut down, suffering only bruises on the arms.

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STARS OF FILMDOM

PRETTY YVETTE MITCHELL PLAYS CHINESE GIRLS

It was her ability to make up like a Chinese which won for Yvette Mitchell her chance as a screen actress. Her parents allowed her to try her luck at Universal City, though she had had very little experience. She had played a small part in "So Long, Letty," but

actor, and he was so interested in the change which she made in her appearance that he said to her:

"You have a good idea of make-up, and if you like, I'll give you some pointers."

So he made her up as a Chinese, and no one could tell that she was not the real thing. They were putting on one of the episodes of the serial "Graft" at the time, and the director needed a Chinese girl. He saw Yvette, and engaged her on the spot, and since then, if any director has wanted a Celestial, he has sent for Miss Mitchell. She has a leading role—that of Tea Rose—in the Red Feather, "The Flower of Doom," which is the most important role she has ever had. Many visitors who saw the film being made thought that a real Chinese was playing the part.

STUDIO NOTES

Myrtle Gonzalez, the Bluebird star, has adopted a real Eskimo costume for winter sports.

Dan Russell, the L-Ko's Komical Irishman, is now under the direction of Noel Smith.

Ella Hall will play the part of a Belgian refugee who comes to this country, in her next Bluebird picture.

Dorothy Phillips plays the dual role of two sisters in her next Bluebird picture, "The Girl in the Checkered Coat."

Eddie Polo performs a sensational fall from a cliff in the Red Feather picture "The Bronze Bride," starring Claire McDowell.

Tina Marshall, playing the lead in "The Magpie," a Universal Special in three reels, is a daughter of the American Revolution.

A son has just been born to the brother of Eddie Lyons of the Nestor comedies, who plays under the name of Harry Nolan.

Ruth Stonehouse, the author-actress-director of Universal City, is filming a three-reel picture from a story by Meredith Nicholson.

Phil Dunham, featured comedian of the L-Ko's has undertaken the direction of his own pictures in co-operation with Vin Moore, who has so often played with him.



Yvette Mitchell.

she was so young that she had spent most of her time in studying for the stage. At the film capital she was given various important bits to do, which she made interesting to herself by changing her make-up for all of them.

Sometimes she would be a blonde, sometimes a naughty brunette, sometimes a demure little miss with her hair pasted over her ears, sometimes a curly-headed little gamin. But she never appeared twice, even for the smallest parts, in the same make-up. At last she attracted the attention of Lon Chaney, the famous character

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