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Briefly Told

One of King George's palaces will be converted into furnished flats especially for young married couples and reasonable rents will be charged. The King decided to rent because of the housing difficulties in England.

A number of cattle leaping the decks of an ocean freighter bound for this country were slaughtered by a school of sharks.

"All that the modern girls know about a needle is that you can only use it once on the phonograph."—Mexican Ledger.

British flags were burned recently by Irish women agitators in front of the Treasury Building in Washington.

The Germans with their indemnity are really more fortunate than the New Yorker with his rent, says an economist with an eye for comparisons. The annual indemnity payment is \$750,000,000, about twice the amount extracted from New York tenants, but there are twelve times more Germans to pay it. The indemnity is fixed; the New Yorker's rent is subject to spasmodic increase. The indemnity ceases in 30 years; the New York rent tribute never.

Fifty-four per cent of France's men under thirty-two years of age were killed in the war.

Because a cow drank their supply of gasoline and then died, two United States aviators flying between southern towns were detained by court action, but later released as blameless.

An appeal is being made to immigrants arriving at American ports to settle on farms and not linger about the cities.

To get former soldiers back to the land in Australia, the British Government has already expended more than ten million dollars.

"We punished Germany, and we had the right to do it; we have also the right to prevent her from committing her crimes again; but we have no right to stand over her like Pharisees, and call on her alone of all the nations to repent. . . . Not only must Germany repent, all of us must repent."—The New Statesman.

Two British fliers who flew across the deserts of Africa were presented with valuable gifts by awed natives who had never seen an airplane.

A gun capable of shooting more than one hundred miles was completed in this country for the American Army shortly before the armistice was declared.

Thirty-five states must elect governors in the fall at the presidential elections.

"The truth about Soviet Russia" appears to be whatever the Soviet Government chooses to make it appear to a green correspondent. Independent correspondents, who are not "personally conducted" and who go in to see the whole show, give reports which conflict with the rosy tales of the others.

Shooting Niagara Falls in a barrel will be attempted by Charles Stephens, an Englishman, in August. In 1911, Robert Leach made the trip over the Falls without suffering injury.

A lump of pure gold weighing more than twelve pounds has been taken from a mine in the Belgian Congo in South Africa.

Patti's body has been taken from England for burial at Paris.

The Krupp Gun Works has completed a twelve-inch gun which can be fired with practically no detonation.

WITH this issue, The Dearborn Independent resumes its 16-page form. Four weeks ago the 8-page form was temporarily adopted for the reason that a very large and sudden increase in subscriptions made a serious increase in the amount of white paper required, and The Dearborn Independent was unwilling to throw that added burden suddenly on the paper market: Transportation difficulties also entered into the matter. Now, however, the adjustment of materials to requirements is making excellent progress, and we hasten to give our readers the usual amount of reading matter. We appreciate the courtesy and understanding with which they met the temporary change.

The Vicar of Euxton recently sold the liquor saloon which he owned.

The actual cost of maintaining the civilized and civilizing functions of the United States Government is 7 per cent of the present expenditures. The other 93 per cent goes for the payment of recent and previous wars.

More than 380 profit-sharing schemes have been started in England since 1829. There are now 182 schemes in operation, 29 of which are less than a year old.

Because of the paper shortage 300 daily papers and 1,200 weeklies have suspended publication in this country during the last three months.

Dungeness crabs, large crustaceans, very similar in appearance and taste to the lobster, are being caught along the North Pacific Coast and are used as a substitute for the latter.

Nearly one hundred fliers disappeared in the war of whom no trace was ever found, and whose planes were never heard of again.

The Lost Baggage Department of the A. E. F. has returned 105,000 articles to their owners, and still has 132,000 articles unclaimed.

Seldom does a navy chaplain attain the rank of rear admiral, but this was the case with Donald McLaren, a Presbyterian minister, who was appointed by Abraham Lincoln, retired 1896, made rear admiral 1906, and died last month.

The slums of Dundee, Scotland, said by some to be nearly the worst in the world, occupy the best site in the city, on a broad hillside, in full view of the river, with pure air in abundance.

The bees produced in the United States last year 250,000,000 pounds of honey, on which the financial buzzards have placed a money tax of \$50,000,000. Suppose the bees had to pay the tax on their production! Suppose, even, that the bees received the money for their labor!

The strong anti-Semitic sentiment in Germany restrained even the Social Democrats from putting up Jewish candidates.

The astonishing report comes from Nickerson, Kansas, that when the telephone company suggested an increased rate, the subscribers held a mass meeting and ratified the proposal.

The actual cost of the Republican Convention—that is, of the show as it was confined within the walls of the Coliseum—was about \$150,000.

Nicholas Longworth jocularly proposed a plank in the Republican platform recommending the abolition of the political handshake.

A boy was washed through 300 feet of sewer into the sea at Redondo Beach, Los Angeles, and came through dazed but uninjured.

The common rat is not a native of this country but immigrated with transoceanic vessels. The native rat is a comparatively harmless creature.

Letter boxes for the reception of aerial mail have been established at Los Angeles.

The universe, according to Dr. Curtis, of the Lick Observatory, is "relatively small," being only 30,000 light years in length and 3,000 light years in thickness. You may determine a light year by finding the number of seconds in a year and multiplying them by 186,000, the speed at which light travels a second.

Chicago's population is now 2,701,212.

The "work or jail" system is being used in some of the larger cities to clean out the crowds of young fellows that infest the pool rooms.

A Turkish woman who left her home and walked on the street without her veil was shot dead by one of her male relatives. Yet, adventurous as the lady was, it is extremely doubtful if love or money could have induced her to appear even indoors in a fashionable American costume.

Theodore Roosevelt's sister was one of the hits at Chicago, by reason of her speech seconding General Wood's candidacy.

A St. Louis bookseller has proved to his own satisfaction that his city represents a higher literary culture than does Boston. In Boston 43 per cent of the book buyers choose fiction, while in St. Louis the fiction buyers comprise only 23 per cent of the whole.

A. Conan Doyle was not able to abandon his medical practice and live on the earnings of his pen until 1902.

Warren Gamaliel Harding, the Senator from Ohio who has just become the candidate from Chicago, is rated as a considerable orator, which is ominous, for able orators have not been conspicuously favored for executive positions.

Human nature is finding many champions these days in defense against the charge that it has gone jazzy. The instigation to extravagance and recklessness, it is said, does not come from the people themselves, but from outer influences that lead them on.

An autopsy revealed that David Carey, of London, England, who died of anxiety because a doctor told him he had heart disease, had a healthier heart than most men and might have lived for 50 years.

"I don't want to be a vampire," says Theda Bara; "I am not an ogress; I'm just an inoffensive Jewish girl."

Bolshévism has met the only formidable foe that has ever risen against it—a revival of the religious consciousness of the Russians. Because it rises within the Russian people and is irresistible the Red Government fears it more than opposing armies and dares not attack it.

"Americans should go after oil wherever oil is to be had—Americans, not the United States."—New York Commercial.

The heaviest criticism made on political utterances these days is that they are crystal clear and full of force on matters like private ownership of railroads, the danger of being too severe on the profiteers, and so on, but muddy, hesitant and ambiguous on any matter having a human element. Money is still able to talk with exceptional clearness.

Tremendous thunderstorms and numerous cloud-bursts have caused serious floods in Lincolnshire and Wales.

President Deschanel, of France, is in ill health. Pre-occupation with the duties of his office, coupled with disappointment to discover that he is more or less a figurehead are given as the chief causes of his condition.

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