

PEOPLE OF THE DAY

The New French Premier.

Aristide Briand, the new French premier, is a brilliant scholar, orator, avowed Socialist and was the author of the final chapters of the separation law that divided church and state in France. Before his recent elevation M. Briand was minister of justice and worship in the Clemenceau cabinet.

M. Briand was born in Nantes on March 28, 1862, attended school in that city and finally became a lawyer. He was elected to represent the Loire in the chamber of deputies. Five years ago he was known only among his own party, the Socialists.

He was appointed reporter of the church and state separation bill and soon became recognized as a high au-



ARISTIDE BRIAND.

thority on the subject. He aimed to draw up a bill broadly liberal in spirit, but devoid of fanaticism and designed to assure freedom of worship and conscience. For his work on that bill he was elevated to the post of minister of public instruction and worship.

During the church and state trouble he acted with firmness and moderation, and after the death of M. Guyot-Dessaigne on Dec. 31, 1907, he was appointed minister of justice, retaining also the ministry of worship.

The Can Opener.

Speaker Cannon at Valley Forge defended the milder forms of profanity wittily.

"These not irreverent cuss words," said he, "act as a safety valve. A man but for them might do shocking things—smash the piano, scissor the portieres."

Speaker Cannon lighted a fresh cigar.

"So many things in the home," he said, "incite a man to—er—let off steam. There's opening cans, for instance—opening these newfangled cans with patent openers that are always getting lost."

"A Danville man was letting off steam terribly the other day as he opened one of these patent cans. His wife, tired of the noise, called from the next room:

"What are you opening that can with, dear?"

"The can opener, of course," he replied.

"Oh," said she, "I thought you were opening it with prayer."

A Master of Aviation.

Orville Wright, who recently remained in the air at Fort Myer, Va., seventy-two minutes and forty seconds, carrying Lieutenant Lahm of the signal corps as a passenger, tacked a new record to his long string of aerial performances. The best previous record was made by Wilbur Wright last year at Le Mans, France, when he carried a passenger for 1 hour 9 minutes 31 seconds. Incidentally Orville more than met the government requirements for carrying power and in a later effort for speed in straightaway flight.

Before his record breaking achievement the best that Orville Wright had been able to accomplish with a passenger aboard was 9 minutes 6 1-3 seconds. This was during a trial flight made over the Fort Myer drill ground



ORVILLE WRIGHT.

on Sept. 12, 1908, when he circled the field for a distance of 5.88 miles with Major George O. Squire of the army as his passenger.

It was in attempting to better this flight that he met with the accident on Sept. 17, 1908, which resulted in the death of Lieutenant Thomas E. Selfridge of the signal corps and in serious injury to himself.

On this occasion the machine, after completing two circuits of the drill ground, was dashed to earth from a height of seventy-five feet by the breaking of one of the propeller blades.

OUR SCRAP BOOK COLUMN

DEPARTMENT DEVOTED TO THE HOME.

TURN BACKWARD.

Backward, turn backward, O, time in your flight
And make me her sweetheart just for tonight—
Make me the knight that bent low at her feet,
Ready to die for her (ah, those days were sweet).

Backward, turn backward just for an hour,
Back to the time when one little flower
Plucked by her hand and pinned fast on her breast
Where it rested in peace as a bird in the nest,
Meant all that was holy and sacred and best,
To the knight who'd have died for a single caress.

Backward, turn backward, O, time in your flight,
Give me her love again just for tonight.

FOR STUDENTS OF SCRIPTURE.

The Apocrypha has verses, 7,081.
The Apocrypha has chapters, 183.
The books of the Old Testament, 39
The Apocrypha has words, 152,185
Verses in the Old Testament, 28,241.

Books in the New Testament, 27.
Verses in the New Testament, 7,959.

Words in the Old Testament, 592,430.
Words in the New Testament, 181,253.

The chapters in the Old Testament, 929.

Letters in the New Testament, 838,380.
Letters in the Old Testament, 2,728,100.

Chapters in the New Testament, 260.

The word "Jehovah" occurs 6,865 times.

The middle book of the Old Testament is Proverbs.

The middle chapter of the Old Testament is Job 29.

The middle verse of the New Testament is Acts, xvii, 17.

The shortest verse in the New Testament is John, xi, 35.

Chapter 19 of II. Kings and chapter 37 of Isaiah are alike.

The longest verse in the Old Testament is Esther, viii, 9.

The middle book of the New Testament is II. Thessalonians.

The word "and" occurs in the New Testament 10,604 times.

The middle chapter and shortest in the Bible is Psalm, cxvii.

The word "and" occurs in the Old Testament 36,543 times.

The shortest verse in the Old Testament is I. Chronicles, i, 25.

The middle verse in the Old Testament is II. Chronicles, xxi, 17.

The middle chapters of the New Testament are Romans, xiii and XIV.

Verse 22, chapter 7 of Ezra, has all the alphabet except "j."

SENATOR BOB TAYLOR.

Do you sometimes forget and wound the hearts of your children with frowns and dagger of cruel words, and sometimes with a blow? Do you sometimes in your peevishness and your own meanness, wish yourselves away from their fretful cries and noisy sports? Then think that tomorrow may ripen that very wicked wish; tomorrow Death may lay its icy hand upon a little fluttering heart, and it will be stilled forever. 'Tis then you will miss the sunbeam and the sweet little flower that reflected heaven upon the soul. Then cherish the little ones; be tender with the babes; make the home beautiful. All that remains to us of paradise lost clings about the home. Its purity, its innocence, its virtue are there, untainted by guile, unclouded by sin. There woman shines scarcely dimmed by the fall, reflecting the love of Eden's first wife and mother, still glorify home.

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A BEAUTIFUL THOUGHT.

I would rather be a tiller of the soil, an humble worshiper at Nature's shrine, with my cheeks and hands all tanned by sunshine and my heart as light as the wing of a bird; I would rather think and dream where God has curtained the earth with blade and leaf and flower and festooned the winding streams with spreading trees and tangled vines, and while away the summer evenings listening to laughter of happy children and music of the fiddle and the bow, than to search for happiness in the mighty city, where the ceaseless strife of men chill the heart and make it cold and indifferent to the pure and beautiful sentiments of life.

TRUTH IS MIGHTY AT ALL TIMES.

Truth is mighty at all times, but no where does it count for more than in the business world. Watch the boy starting in life who tells the truth, whether he tramps his own toes or not, and whose ideals are above deception and lying, and in the end he will outstrip those who are ready to evade the question or are trying to deceive. The moment we flatter ourselves that we are deceiving others without their knowledge, that moment do we begin to deceive ourselves. That good old adage, "Tell the truth and shame the devil," holds as good today as when it did when the soothsayers first suggested the thought.

THE HEART, NOT EYES.

"Eyes may be blue or brown or grey, The heart that's behind, every thought will betray."

And how very true it is. Did you ever notice the expression in the eyes of girls—how it changes as they grow up and with their character and according to how the character develops? Well, if you haven't you have missed an interesting study and one that will lead you along funny trails sometimes. When it comes to the expressive eyes of girlhood, or womanhood for that matter, look out, for she who seems to be always trying to look back of your eyes for what lies behind—the girl with sharp, keen eyes in which lingers the shrewd, worldly expression. She is the girl whose character hasn't, nine times out of ten, developed altogether along wholesome lines. She is the girl who can't always say out loud what she thinks. Her eyes may be brown or blue or any old color but it isn't the color that tells—its the expression and expression comes only from the line of thought that is most constantly behind those orbs. Evil speaketh louder than a thousand tongues and there is no truer indicator of the soul of a girl than the "light that lies in woman's eyes and lies and lies and lies."

BRAIN LEAKS.

The worry bug causes a lot of unnecessary trouble.

One of the hardest things in the world to do is nothing.

It is often harder to do right than it is to refrain from doing wrong.

A baby's cry is the surest way of causing a pause in the world's rush.

There is something wrong about a man when it is necessary to make him good by law.

If some successful business men were as crooked in their business as they are in their politics they would soon land in jail.

Some of these days we'll be rich enough to have an old-fashioned rag carpet on the floor of a room that is our very own.

Marriage is not a failure in the case of the man who isn't afraid to take a friend home for dinner without first notifying his wife.

It makes us mad to see some lazy, well-fed animal trainer bow and smile when we applaud the intelligent efforts of the animal.

Your shadow is always behind you when you face the sun. Your troubles will be behind you if you turn your face to the future.—Will M. Maupin in Commoner.

WEST VIRGINIA HOME-COMING WEEK

Celebration of the 1st Battle of the Revolution

THE BATTLE of POINT PLEASANT OCTOBER 10, 1774

Unveiling of the Monument and Memorial Service

Entertainment for the people. A meeting of old friends. A renewal of old acquaintances. The re-union of loved ones.

An Occasion of History Making in West Virginia.

The Government will be represented by officials to be named by President Taft. The State will be represented by Governor W E Glasscock and his staff. State Troops and Distinguished Citizens from all over the State and descendants of the men who participated in the Battle of Point Pleasant. West Virginians, wherever they are, are invited to Come Home.

The Masonic Grand Lodge of the State and Subordinate Lodges of the State will participate in the Unveiling Exercises.

Our neighboring States will be invited to send State Representatives and the Citizens of those who share with us the blessings of the Revolutionary struggle are invited to come and celebrate with us the 1st Battle of the Revolution

Congress delayed the duty of the Recognition of the Battle's Statue but at last has stamped it, as it was, the First Battle of the Revolution

Point Pleasant Swings Wide her Doors and is preparing to take care of the big crowd that will be here.

Receptions, Balls, Banquets, Speech Making, Steamboat Excursions, Ball Games, the Unveiling of the Monument.

The Ceremonies Incident of the Marking of Cornstalk's Grave and the Grave of Ann Bailey will be features of interest, while the Sunday services will include Addresses by the most Eminent Divines who will come back home to West Virginia for the occasion.

If you want further details and are coming back to West Virginia write the Mayor of Point Pleasant, Judge John L. Whitten, or Mr. E. J. Somerville.

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THE REGISTER.

ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

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EVERYBODY READS IT.

Will Always be Found Pulling for the Best That is Good for our Town, County and State.

HE GROWS FAT

ISAAC YATES, DOOMED TO DIE, TAKES ON WEIGHT ON PRISON GRUB.

Moundsville, W. Va., August 8.—With a death sentence hanging over you, don't you think that you'd worry yourself into a semblance of a living skeleton? Perhaps. That there is a doubt about it, the example of Isaac Yates, who is confined in the state penitentiary, condemned to die next month may be cited. Upon his arrival at the state penitentiary, Yates weighed 117 pounds. Today he tips the scales at exactly 171 pounds. The fact that he is soon to give up his life for a crime he has committed does not seem to have any effect on either the physical or mental condition of the man.

He is always apparently happy and contented and seems to worry not at all over the fact that he is to be hanged. The fact that a man may gain fifty-four pounds in about three months, while living in the shadow of the gallows is almost an unprecedented occurrence. The reason for Yates' calmness and apparent happiness lies in the fact that he is expecting a reprieve from the governor of the state, but even at that, how many men out of a hundred would not be worn to a mere shadow from the suspense and worry incident to the trial and conviction through which this man has passed?

That Yates has either got supreme control over his worrying apparatus or else his mentality is such that he is incapable of worrying, would naturally be the general conclusion of the majority of people, for even if a lighter sentence than that of death were certain instead of a possibility there are very few men who could gain weight while waiting for death on the gallows.

DEMOCRATS UNITED

AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT CHAMP CLARK SAYS.

Washington, D. C., August 7.—In reply to what he terms "the misrepresentations of democrats in the papers," Champ Clark, leader of the minority in the house of representatives today gave out a statement regarding the course of the democratic members of the house in connection with the consideration of the Payne tariff bill. Clark is angry because some papers of his own party have stated that the democrats were not united, and that had they stuck together they could have defeated the conference report. He says the democrats in congress are more united than ever before. He claims that the tariff bill is not a revision downward and that the average rates are 2 per cent higher.

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