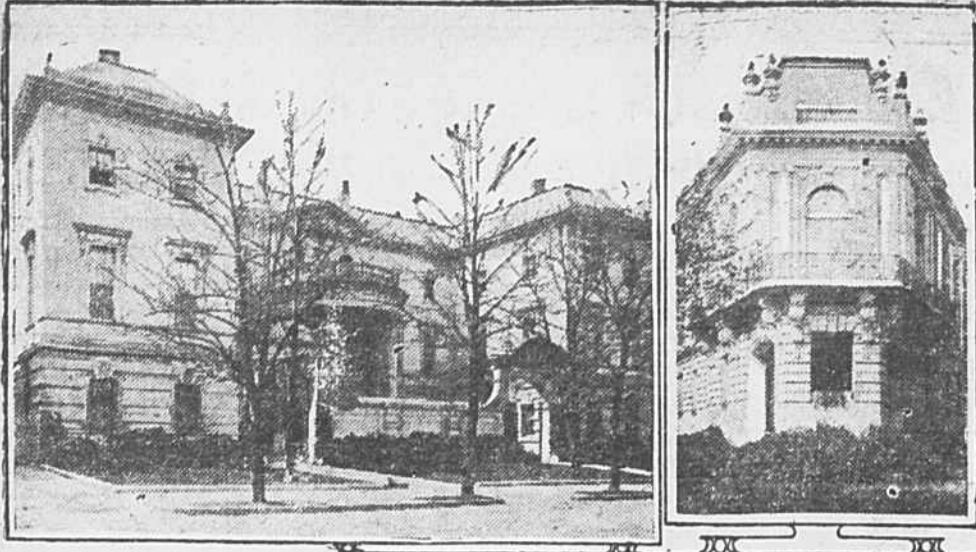


WE HAVE NO PALACES TO HOUSE OUR GUESTS; SO THEY FIND REST IN MILLIONAIRES' MANSIONS



BY MILTON BRONNER.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14—When a distinguished mission is expected in a European capital, especially where the countries are or were monarchies, the question of housing them is simple.

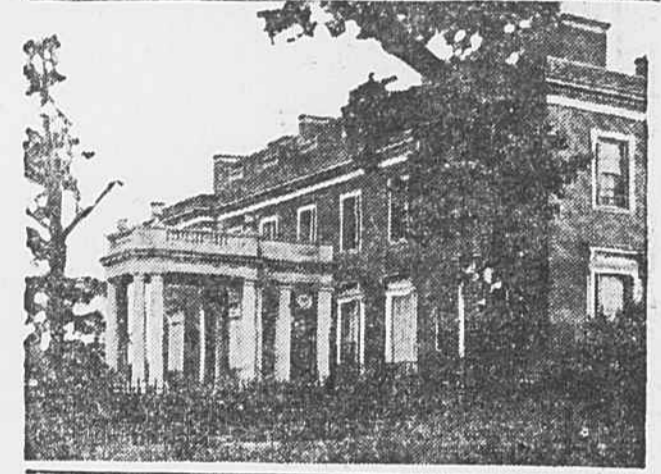
"Some executive in the department for foreign affairs presses a button, summons a functionary, yawns wearily and says: "Which palaces are unoccupied?"

He gets the list, picks one and says: "Prepare this one for use by the mission next week."

And the thing is settled—no worry, no flurry—a nice old palace, with traditions and spooks and secret chambers, all ready for occupancy.

But it's different here. We do not own palaces. We give our president a nice white colonial house in a modest park, compared to what our millionaires own. And we say to our vice president and cabinet officers: "Go chase yourselves. We pay you \$12,000 a year. Find your own home and furnish it."

So, when we went into this war and a flood of missions came to our shores, the problem of how to house them was a serious one. But it was solved, thanks to the fact that Washington in the past few years has become a favorite dwelling place of the rich. Their stone palaces are scattered all over the burg. And many palace owners volunteered to turn them over—house,



Top, left, home of Larz Anderson where the Belgian mission stopped; right, the Belmont house, stopping place for the Japanese; below, the White house which housed Joffre and Viviani.

pantry, wine cellar, servants and all for Uncle Sam's guests.

Marshal Joffre and party were housed in the residence of Henry White. It was natural they should be as White had once been ambassador to France.

Halford and his party were housed in the home of Breckenridge Long, third assistant secretary of state. The

Prince of Udine and the rest of the Italian mission enjoyed the hospitality of Joseph Leiter, and the Russians that of Hennen Jennings. The Belgian mission went to the home of Larz Anderson, formerly American minister to Belgium.

The Japanese mission under Viscount Ishii, is comfortably housed in the mansion of Perry Belmont.

Evening Chat

William Jennings Bryan received \$990.98 as his share of a "Bryan Day" affair at a chataqua at Merom, Ind. There were 12,000 people present. This is Bryan's biggest receipts for a Chataqua engagement and he has never received so much for a speech but on one previous occasion when he was given \$1,000.

A wealthy lady out in California purchased Chataqua tickets for all of her servants this summer. When relating her experience a friend asked her—"What is a Chataqua." "I really can't say" she replied, "but I think it is some kind of a Methodist cabaret."

Guy Brothers Minstrels are on the road again this season. The company is managed by A. F. Borway. In the roster appear the names of George K. Guy and Charles Guy. Guy Brothers were a favorite minstrel attraction in Fairmont in the days of the old rink. Two of the original Guy Brothers were charter members of the Fairmont lodge of Elks.

Fairmont is not the only town that has been switched "off the map," as far as legitimate theatrical attractions go. Al G. Field is said to be unable to get into theaters in Texas this season

because of vaudeville and pictures crowding out touring companies so it is announced that he will make Texas cities under canvas.

Fair business throughout the country is phenomenal in spite of cool evenings in the Middle West, rainy weather at some points and the war bugaboo. The country people are taking their amusement as usual in spite of the fact that the United States is in the war, and to date there has been no reason for fair men to complain as to attendance. The biggest fairs are just starting off, but there is no sign of their being hurt by the preparations to send soldiers to France. The railroads are so crowded with movements relating to military matters and what is styled "necessities" that the fair attractions are having a hard time to reach their destinations. Movements had to be made by freight this week, exhibits moving from town in box cars.

Elks Practice Charity.

President Wilson has not received a delegation of visitors since the war was declared against Germany, save one. He received a delegation from the Elks. These men called to assure him of the hearty co-operation of the entire order and to announce to him the contribution of a million dollars from the Elks for the establishment of base hospitals behind the firing line which will aid and alleviate the suffering of the wounded. Some-

lines in France and for the necessary times the Elks write charity in letters that are broad and large and bright.—Temple (Texas) Telegram.

These rhymes were submitted to the Food Administration by Dora H. Stockman, of Lansing, Mich.

CAN-A-DAY.

Can a day, can a day,
Everybody can;
Boys, girls and women,
Sometimes a man,
Peas, beans and berries.
A can for each day,
Will save all the waste,
For our U. S. A.

LITTLE MAID, CAN YOU CAN.
There was a little man
And he wooed a little maid,
And he said, "Little maid, can you
can, can, can?"
I have little more to say
Than can you, yea or nay?
For if you can't you cannot get a
man, man, man."

The little maid replied,
(Some people say she cried,
For she wanted, oh so very much, a
man, man, man.
"I don't know sir, but I'll try.
If you'll come back by and bye,
For such a man as you, sir, I can
can, can, can."

LITTLE MISS MUFFITT.
Little Miss Muffitt
Sat on a tuffitt
Eating her curds and whey;

She said to the spider
Who sat down beside her,
"This is better than meat any day."
SAVE THE WASTE.
Slice of bread, slice of bread
Saved every day,
Will help feed our Allies
And for our U. S. A.

EMPTY PATRIOTIC PLATES.
Uncle Sam would eat no fat;
And Columbia would eat no lean;
So they wasted not a bit,
For they licked the platter clean

HEALTH QUESTIONS ANSWERED.
W. E.—"Please tell me what to do for hyperacidity?"
Have a careful analysis of your stomach contents made. Treatment depends on the conditions revealed.

Towboat Burns In Little Kanawha

PARKERSBURG, Sept. 14.—The towboat C. S. Pearey, formerly the W. R. Markle, burned here yesterday in the Little Kanawha where she was being loaded with ties. She was owned by the Little Kanawha Tie and Log company and operated from this port to Pittsburgh. She was valued at \$35,000 and is almost a complete loss. Fire started in the coal bunk and was caused it is believed by a steam pipe. She was insured for about \$20,000. All members of the crew who were on the boat escaped.

MANY WANTON ACTS OF CRUELTY CHARGED

Accusations of Barbarous Treatment Not Lacking In Proof

Since the outbreak of hostilities, in Europe much has been printed relative to acts of barbaric hate, especially during the initial weeks of the struggle, and it is authoritatively stated that such acts did occur, despite denial.

In one instance where a wounded soldier was discovered baked to death in a huge oven on the premises, bakers discovered on the premises were taken in recompense. The hatred which flamed so violently in all wars at first, diminished somewhat with the progress of the strife.

However, that the truth may be known to all, this important phase of the European conflict is treated with the seriousness it deserves in Willis J. Abbott's greatest work, "The Nations at War," which is being offered to readers of this newspaper who wish to learn the true situation on the continent.

A limited allotment of this invaluable work was secured and is distributed by The West Virginian at a big discount from its regular \$3 price as explained in the Cash Discount Voucher printed in these columns daily, which about covers the author's royalty and chancing charges. It is a large book, handsomely bound, illustrated by nearly 600 actual photographs, many in color, with maps, charts, chronology and 428 pages of actual truth.

Although the lot secured was comparatively large, it was limited, and the heavy demand has reduced the number materially. After the last book is handed out, no more can be obtained for less than the full price, \$3.00.

GEORGETOWN

Miss Susan Thorne of Fairmont, spent a few days last week visiting her uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thorne and also Miss Morgan of Fairmont was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thorne a few days last week.

Hugh Trickett sold his buggy to James Newbraugh for ten dollars.

Mrs. Fisher spent Tuesday afternoon with Miss Isa Clark.

Miss Florence Thorne of Lowesville is spending a few days with Mrs. Cora Arnett.

Miss Belle Morgan was shopping at Fairmont Tuesday.

Miss Laura Toothman of Viropa was visiting Mrs. Jessie Arnett a few days last week.

Miss Belle Morgan was calling on her aunt Mrs. Hattie Kincaid at Fairmont Tuesday.

Miss Opal Fisher has returned to her home at Rivesville after spending a week with her grand father N. E. Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hood and family moved from Mt. Hood in with Mrs. Hood's father, Sylvester Arnett last week.

Mrs. Emily Page moved from Sylvester Arnett's residence into Mr. Smith Straight's house last week.

Miss Wy Incoff of Viropa was visiting Mrs. Cora Arnett last week and also was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thorne at Lowesville.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hill and family of Fairmont moved into Mrs. Hill's mother's house at Osgood last week.

W. M. Raiphsnyder was a business caller at Fairmont one day last week.

Dr. Ephraim Doolittle of near Forksburg was employed a few days last week doing some dentist work for Mrs. Mary Morgan.

WASHINGTON NEWS GOSSIP By CHARLES BROOKS SMITH.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 14.—The appointment of a District Attorney for the Southern district of West Virginia is still held up and the individual who is holding it up is Congressman Adam B. Littlepage.

All the Democratic party's powers that be, or was, in West Virginia endorsed George I. Neal, of Huntington, to the appointment many weeks ago—all of the powers that be save one except one power, the same being Mr. Littlepage. As many weeks ago he endorsed A. M. Belcher, of Charleston, for the appointment many weeks ago, situation with reference to that appointment as it has been deadlocked since last July.

There aren't any signs here that the deadlock will be broken within next week at any rate. Neither the President nor Attorney General Gregory is in the city, and neither is expected back for a week. It was rumored that ex-Senator Chilton, Mr. Neal and others would be here this week for a conference on the appointment, but at this hour they hadn't shown up. Mr. Littlepage has just arrived from Charleston where, if he is the object of their reported coming here, he could have been conferred with with less trouble and expense.

Mr. Littlepage's position in the matter is that he either should have the privilege of saying how the federal patronage shall be bestowed in the southern part of the State, or else 39 ones should be appointed to a federal office in that region who is not satisfactory to him. Mr. Neal is not satisfactory to Mr. Littlepage, and that is the obstacle which has stood in the way of the appointment of Neal. With all the endorsements he has, including that of Messrs. Watson and Chilton, his appointments would doubtless have been made weeks ago but for the objection to it raised by Congressman Littlepage.

The latter's attitude as explained to the appointive powers here is that it would be most humiliating to him to have a man appointed to office over his vigorous objection, which is the case in the present instance; doubly so, in view of his steadfast support of the Administration in everything, and in view of the fact that he is the only candidate on the national ticket of his party who was able to win in the great expanse of West Virginia territory lying south of the Little Kanawha.

The party fight has embarrassed the highups of the Administration who must take a hand in settling it, if the contestants cannot get together and agree. They do not want to alienate either Congressman Littlepage on one side, or National Committeeman Watson and ex-Senator Chilton on the other, to say nothing of Mr. Neal whose claim for reward for valuable party services performed is not denied.

Out of this deadlock are sticking up several lightning rods hoisted by several other men, or their friends for

them, in the hope that it will become absolutely necessary to discard both Neal and Belcher and lift on a compromise. These are reported to be D. F. French, of Bluefield; J. F. Bouchette, of Charleston; and Lon Kelly, of Sutton, who is an assistant district attorney in the district where a vacancy has existed ever since the expiration of W. G. Barnhart's commission in August.

HEALTH HINTS

Thousands of lives are needlessly sacrificed to cancer. Many of those afflicted could be saved. It is largely a question of getting early medical and surgical attention. Any sore that refuses to heal should be seen by a physician.

Lives now needlessly sacrificed could be saved if the patient would go to the surgeon promptly as does the person attacked by appendicitis.

It is clear, however, that a different attitude toward cancer prevails and is the cause of many deaths. The almost superstitious dread of the disease and unwillingness to admit its existence or to seek medical advice in time are well known and difficult obstacles to progress in its control.

Proof of this fatal neglect is found in the experience of a prominent surgeon who recently studied his case records in order to obtain definite information as to the delay in the average case.

Of 65 recent patients, 25 were men and 30 were women. Further study of these 65 cases showed that after the first discovery of suspicious symptoms the men had waited an average of 12.2 months before consulting the doctor and the women had waited, on the average, 11.9 months or practically a year's delay in all cases.

Winter of Konigsberg the pioneer in the education of the public in regard to cancer, examined the records of 107 operable cases and showed that 97 per cent of them could and should have applied for treatment much earlier, when they would have had a far higher chance of recovery than was actually the case.

Warts or moles which are rubbed and irritated by clothing or from any other cause frequently develop into cancer. Men frequently get cancer of the lip or mouth through chronic irritation caused by overuse of a pipe.

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Always bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson*

When the Skin Seems Ablaze With Itching and Burning

There's just one thing to do. If your skin seems ablaze with the fiery burning and itching of Eczema, red and itching relief can only come from treatment that goes below the surface—that reaches down to the very source of the trouble. So-called skin-diseases come from a disordered condition of the blood, and the proper treatment is through the blood.

Search far and near, and you can-

not find a blood remedy that approaches S. S. S. for real efficiency. It has been on the market for fifty years, during which time it has been giving uniform satisfaction for all manner of blood disorders. If you want prompt and lasting relief, you can rely upon S. S. S. For expert advice as to the treatment of your own individual case, write to-day to Chief Medical Adviser, Swift Specific Co., Dept. C Atlanta, Ga.

GRAND OPENING SALE

At the very beginning of the season we will launch one of the biggest sales of new Fall clothing the city of Fairmont ever had. We want to start the new fall season with a rush and to do so we must sacrifice our profits but we are willing to do so knowing that a great many people of Fairmont will take advantage of this sale thereby serving us in that they will talk about us to their friends.

This is a plain advertising idea, but it is also an economy idea, and in these times it is best to buy at the store where you get the biggest and best bargains. The feature of our easy payment plan will be in effect as usual even though a sale. Don't delay, buy now while assortments are large, styles the best that high price designers can produce. And remember if you don't want to pay cash your credit is good.



Suit Values up to \$45.00

Complete selections of the newest styles of the season, new cloths, new colors, suits of velours, borella cloth, broadcloth in taupe, burgandy, green, blue and black. Lined with satin peadeu cyne and other materials. Skirts are shirred in the black and a small belt.

OPENING SALE PRICES FROM **\$18.90 up**

COATS
Special Prices to Rush the Season

Coats of broadcloth, plush, velour, trimmed with fur, others plain, plain flare coats smart large collars, in the new military effect. At prices considerably lower than their stores ask for coats of similar quality.

OPENING SALE PRICES FROM **\$12.90 up**

Dresses, Values up to \$40.00

Style critics say that this season will see more dresses worn than ever before. The styles are without a doubt the prettiest we have ever seen for many a day.

The most popular is serge trimmed in various smart ways, with braid, satin and self materials. Satin dresses in pretty combinations are also very popular, also crepe de chine, taffeta, and georgette.

Special opening price to introduce these pretty dresses **\$11.90 up**



Waist Values up to \$7.90

Every imaginable material such as silk, voiles, crepe de chine, georgette satin in pretty styles, embroidered with silk and steel beads, large collars embroidered or plain.

Opening Prices from **\$2.48 up**

Millinery

A real department in itself, hats for dress, street wear and sport; hats for children in a great variety of styles in various up-to-date colors.

Opening Price from **\$3.98 up**

Skirts Values to \$10.50

Large assortment of silk in various combination of colors, poplins and men's wear serge, new models, shirred belts, slash pockets, all colors and sizes.

Opening Prices from **\$4.98 up**



Girl's Coats Values up to \$14.90

The justly famous "Sorban" Coats for the little girl, pretty styles for the little miss, made of plush, broadcloth mixtures, all lined, some quilted lined.

Opening Prices from **\$6.90 up**

Boys' Suits Values up to \$10.90

Cassimeres, worsted in pretty mixtures and solid colors, brown, gray, blue, plaids, etc., made in the newest style; belted models; slash pockets.

Opening Prices from **\$4.90 up**

MEN'S SUITS

With the present advanced price of woolsens they represent greater value this season than ever before. Due to the fact that we placed our orders for the present season nearly a year ago, we are able to maintain our usual standard of quality.

Suits of the newest style, belted effects, slash pockets, double breasted effects for the young man. Conservative models for the man who is young but does not want the extra trimmings.

All colors, all sizes—Opening Prices from **\$16.50 up**



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