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# Briefly Told

Rabbi Henry Kerkowitz, of Philadelphia, declares that the United States is bordering on "educational bankruptcy," and urges the "back to school and stay in school" slogan, which the war disturbed.

The largest cities in the world? Here they are in the order named: London, New York, Paris, Tokio, Chicago, Berlin, Vienna, Petrograd, Philadelphia, Moscow, Canton, Osaka, Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, Calcutta, Peking and Detroit. Russia, China and Brazil have two large cities each; the United States has four.

"If our people would consent to wear good and durable clothes made of coarser wool, clothing could be purchased at considerably lower prices. Too many Americans want the best, when material not so excellent would serve their purpose as well, and this is a good deal of the cause of the high prices of suits."—President of the American Woolen Company.

Less than two bushels of apples, one-third of a bushel of peaches, and one-tenth bushel of pears per capita were grown in the United States in 1918.

The money exchange situation is creating temptations for American capitalists to buy up controlling interests in vital industries of Italy, Germany and other countries, and alarm is felt in Europe over the matter. An authoritative economist stated in Washington recently that he was alarmed over the conditions which might lead the United States into a position of economic imperialism.

Daylight saving will be inaugurated in France for the purpose of conserving fuel.

"It is too agitating," was Maurice Maeterlinck's first remark regarding his impression of New York City.

Tobacco growing is being encouraged by the government of Australia. Loans are provided for the purchase of essentials for tobacco raising and culture.

Fig trees have been planted and are flourishing alongside the wall of the National Galleries in Trafalgar Square, London.

A gas that could be used in the rooms of persons ill of influenza, and which would have a curative and preventive action, has been discovered by the British Medical Research Committee.

The highest prices in history are being paid for choice teas in London.

In a New Year's card sent out by Mr. Ernest Cooper, of Birkenhead, this sentiment occurs: "Each of us as he goes through life is the center of an ever-moving circle of disturbance. In some cases the circle is wide, in others—the majority—it is comparatively narrow; but it is always wide enough to involve many lives besides our own . . . . Affecting some profoundly, others only slightly, but touching many, and influencing in some degree all that it touches."

A \$40,000,000 enterprise to amalgamate North and South London tramway systems is being promoted in England.

The goat is the healthiest of animals. Of 500,000 goats examined at the Kansas City stock yards by the Federal Meat Inspectors, none were found with diseases that could be communicated to human beings.

One hundred and thirty-two buffaloes were recently killed in the West to supply Christmas meat. Buffalo flesh is an honored and traditional dish in Western states.

Because a great number of glass manufacturing plants were destroyed, France is suffering from a marked scarcity of window glass. Windows are being filled this winter by oiled paper.

Revenue collections in the United States leaped to \$3,850,150,078 for 1919 from \$809,393,640 in 1917.

Stories of attacks made on American tars in Ireland are highly exaggerated, says the Lord Mayor of Cork. Fifty per cent of American sailors are Irish, he continues, and the trouble in ordinary times would not even be noticed.

Chinese students are not permitted to work for pay in the United States. To do so would violate the law prohibiting the immigration of Chinese workmen.

There is less alloy in Canadian silver than in the United States coins, but the American silver pieces consist of a purer and finer quality of silver.

"The Radical does not favor radical treatment for himself," says a South Carolina newspaper.

The greatest floods in thirty-eight years are covering the country along the Rhine.

Many householders in Wyoming and Nevada have escaped worry over the coal shortage; they found heat and hot water in the bubbling geysers near their homes.

Statements from Ottawa indicate that Canada has transacted more business in the last eight months than she did during the entire year of 1914 which was a record year in Canadian commercial annals.

"My Lords and Members of the House of Commons," has replaced "My Lords and Gentlemen of the House of Commons." The King of England used the new form when he convened Parliament after Lady Astor had taken her seat.

Teeth are filed to the jawbone in the natives of Sumatra. It is considered a mark of adornment in either sex.

A sugar beet harvesting machine has been invented which digs, frees the beets from clinging soil and places them in a conveyance in a remarkable time.

Lincoln's words, "With malice toward none," etc., form the eleven-line slogan at the head of the editorial columns of a Toronto, Canada, newspaper.

Sea fish to the value of \$2,138,513 were taken by Canadian fisheries during the month of November.

Bears killed more than 50 sheep last month in the vicinity of Dover, Vermont.

Most perfumes are chemical productions, but the most rare and expensive are obtained by pressing the oils from the blossoms themselves.

"When the Pilgrim Fathers found they disagreed with the form of government in Holland, they did not try to overthrow it, but left."—Julius Hyman.

The President's second Industrial Conference prepared a tentative report which says: "Our modern industrial organization, if it is not to become a failure, must yield to the individual a larger satisfaction with life . . . . Not only must the theory that labor is a commodity be abandoned, but the concept of leadership must be substituted for that of mastery . . . . Human fellowship in industry must either be an empty phrase or a living fact."

The longest battleship, 900 feet over all, is soon to be launched by Great Britain. The United States Navy has designs for six battle cruisers, each 875 feet long.

It is said that the liquor interests of the United States offered Charles E. Hughes \$150,000 to become their legal representative. He refused. A blank check was then presented to William H. Taft and he was invited to fill in his own price. He declined. The amount of the retainer Elihu Root accepted is not known.

Mr. Bonar Law is a modest man. When an orator in his presence stated that he was a great man Mr. Law said, "If I am a great man then all the great men of history were frauds."

Children benefited from the sugar shortage, declares Dr. George Keifer Brelsford of Dayton, Ohio, who says, "The general health of everybody would be better if there were always sugar restrictions."

Latest figures: U. S. imports, \$3,750,000,000; exports, \$6,800,000,000.

A piece of the heart of an unhatched chicken cut from the egg in 1912 by Albert H. Ebeling of the Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research, has been kept alive ever since, and has increased in size.

The coal miners of South Wales ask the government to exempt incomes up to 250 pounds.

The American Legion now numbers 6,561 posts. Thirteen are in foreign countries. They are to be found in Hawaii, Philippines, Cuba, England, France, Alaska and Canada.

A society has been formed in France to keep always before the people the memory of the misconduct and acts of disgrace committed by the enemy in that country.

To promote a reorganization of French exports to Canada, a complete train, displaying French products of every nature, will tour the Dominion from coast to coast, making many smaller towns as well as the cities. Canadian imports of French goods decreased more than 30 per cent during the war.

"The Merchant of Venice" was taken from the school curriculum of Newark, N. J., by order of the board of education on the ground that it gives offense to the Jews. The Scotch war veterans of that city have petitioned that "Macbeth" be removed from the curriculum on the ground that it misrepresents the Scotch character. On the same ground probably nearly every nationality might request withdrawal of some great work of art, for all villains have nationality.

Canadian farmers are gradually increasing their production. Although the most important Canadian product, wheat, was subnormal this year, the total value of the entire crops was \$1,452,000,000, a hundred million dollar increase over last year, and a three hundred million dollar increase over 1917. The average value of crop per farm for the Dominion is \$2,174.

Besides purchasing the American war material left in that country, France is purchasing the British war material also. France will be some arsenal!

The real cause for the cost of good eggs being \$1 a dozen in the United States is a shortage of 100,000,000 laying hens, says A. F. Cooper, president of the American Poultry Association.

The Lincoln Memorial in Washington is rapidly nearing completion. Congress recently appropriated \$175,000 for a large artificial lake close to the site of the memorial. No fountains will play in the lake; the water will be kept placid to reflect the beauty of the memorial as much as possible.

"The War Graves Map" is now a popular publication in Europe. In its larger form it shows 2,000 military cemeteries, and in the more detailed editions it shows the numbered graves.

The cost of the "human touch," that is, a human method of applying the official regulations governing British war pensions, is about 10 per cent. This does not mean the cost of hiring people to give the "human touch"; it means the extent to which the regulations must be exceeded. In other words, the tendency of blanket legislation is to fall 10 per cent below the standard which would give every person a feeling of personal appreciation. To gain the "personal response" would seem to be worth 10 per cent.

President Wilson declined the Christmas gift of two high-bred Chinese "chow" dogs, presented by P. L. Barnum, grandson of the circus owner, because no dogs are allowed in the White House.

"L'Europe Nouvelle" thus comments editorially on the departure of the American peace mission from Paris and the condition of the League proposal: "They have slain him, the generous-hearted Wilson. He has gone down under the stroke of a deception the more heavy because of his magnificent ideal. Sleep content. —(the name of an American correspondent, who opposed the President); thou, the hired servant of the men of Wall Street, whose poisoned telegrams come over the ocean pretending to combat the cloudy dreams of the great President but really to serve the interests of the egoism of the great bankers of Wall Street. And you—(the name of a French editor) who covered with your authority and talent those treacheries, are you content now?"

The whole feeling of France just now is that she has thrown away a great opportunity by hearkening to the enemies of President Wilson. A common street question is whether, in the event of another German invasion, France would be justified in expecting America to intervene.

Canada is without a head, the Premier, Sir Robert Borden, having taken indefinite leave of absence because of failing health. There is no prospect of a suitable successor for some time.

In the pension lists of Britain as a result of the war, there are 189,487 widows, 1,038,990 children, and 333,500 other dependents.

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