

New Century; Same Problem

SOME in this day say to themselves: "It is hardly safe to have England owe this country, publicly and privately, nearly ten thousand million dollars. It might be cheaper to FIGHT the United States than to PAY the United States." After they have said that to themselves they say, "However, while England probably might LIKE to do something in this direction, it is not likely that she would undertake anything with the worry of IRELAND on her hands."

Some Irishmen, some not Irish, do not realize how big a part Ireland has played in limiting and hampering England.

It will interest them to read an extract from a letter that General George Washington wrote to Jacob Read on August 11, 1784. Read served as major in the South Carolina Volunteers in the Revolutionary War.

"It is undoubted that the British cabinet wish to recover the United States to a dependency on that government. . . .

"The affairs of Ireland are in too turbulent a state to suffer Great Britain to enter very soon into another war with America, even if her finances were on a more respectable footing than I believe them to be, and her prospect of success must diminish as our population increases and the Government becomes more consistent—without the last of which indeed everything may be apprehended."

This letter was written eight years after the Declaration of Independence, and, as you will notice, Washington believed that the British cabinet was still planning to get back these colonies, but could not because "affairs of Ireland were too turbulent."

This shows how persistently the Irish have kept up the effort to obtain independence, not only for 136 years, as Washington's letter shows, but for SEVEN HUNDRED YEARS.

Soon we shall be celebrating George Washington's birthday. How many realize what Washington was to this country? Do we feel as intensely about him, for instance, as they did in the days of Daniel Webster? Webster, who was born in this week, 139 years ago, made a famous speech on Washington's birthday. Here is a part of it, worth reading, and every word still true—although as time passes we forget what we owe to our FEW REALLY GREAT MEN.

Webster, this nation's greatest orator, said:

"Inspiring auspices, this day, surround us and cheer us. It is the anniversary of the birth of Washington. We should know this, even if we had lost our calendars, for we should be reminded of it by the shouts of joy and gladness. The whole atmosphere is redolent of his name; hills and forests, rocks and rivers, echo and re-echo his praises. All the good, whether learned or unlearned, high or low, rich or poor, feel, this day, that there is one treasure common to them all, and that is the fame and character of Washington. They recount his deeds, ponder over his principles and teachings, and resolve to be more and more guided by them in the future."

"To the old and the young, to all born in the land, and to all whose love of liberty has brought them from foreign shores to make this the home of their adoption, the name of Washington is this day an exhilarating theme. Americans by birth are proud of his character, and exiles from foreign shores are eager to participate in admiration of him; and it is true that he is, this day, here, everywhere, all the world over, more an object of love and regard than on any day since his birth."

Legal Murder in Washington

IN Washington, the Capital of the greatest nation in the world, sentence has been passed upon an eighteen-year-old boy, condemning him to die by hanging.

Proponents of capital punishment declare that this boy must be sacrificed that his example may serve as a deterrent to others. Does the "legal" murder of a person who has committed a crime deter others from commission of that crime? Read what the Anti-Capital Punishment Society says:

"It is an axiom with penologists that there will always be a certain number of murders in every year, and those who commit these murders can never be prevented from the commission of their insane crime—for every homicide seems to argue a certain insanity in the perpetrator."

"If capital punishment were really deterrent, how happens it that in the times when capital punishment was applied for more than 200 crimes, the gallows were not only at their busiest, but the number of crimes reached their highest record? Proof that capital punishment is not deterrent may be secured by a reference to the experience of the states and countries which have abolished it."

"It has been abolished in Italy, Portugal, Switzerland (in fifteen of its twenty-two cantons), Holland, Rumania, Russia (except for treason), in Belgium, and in ten states of the German empire."

"It has been abolished in Venezuela, Ecuador, Costa Rica and Brazil. It is now abolished in ten States of our Union. It is the consensus of statements that the abolition of capital punishment has not only decreased the proportionate number of homicides but in most instances, after the lapse of a definite number of years, it has been discovered that the abolition of capital punishment has led to a considerable decrease in the actual number of homicides."

"Thus, Belgium abolished the death penalty in 1863. The decade before the abolition it had 921 murders, in the decade after the abolition it had 703 murders, an actual DECREASE of 24 per cent, in spite of the fact that the population followed the normal progressive increase."

"Italy, the home of the vendetta, abolished the death penalty in 1889; in 1910 representatives from Italy in the great International Prison Congress held in Chicago (according to the authorized publication of the proceedings) declared in behalf of the Italian people, that the results of the abolition of the death penalty were excellent."

Votes for Washington

Congressman Cordell Hull, of Tennessee, member of the Ways and Means Committee of the House, favors the local suffrage plan of the National Committee for D. C. Suffrage as set forth in the Zihlman bill.

"I desire to further inform myself on the suffrage matter," Judge Hull said, "and as I am much interested I shall carefully read the statements that will be made by the residents of Washington at all Congressional hearings that may be held."



CONGRESSMAN
CORDELL HULL.

"I feel sure that when the District of Columbia was created the statesmen who had a hand in that proceeding did not have in their vision the present magnificent city of Washington with its vast business interests, but rather an official area to be peopled by those engaged in governmental activities."

The Washington Times

GOING HOME WITH MARTENS



HUMANISMS

BY
William A. Du Puy

I once asked Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, for an interview. He said he would be delighted to see me. Would I come Thursday night at 1 o'clock.

After making discreet inquiries I found that this was quite the custom of this bush-bearded, venerable Scotch-American. In fact, it was a compliment to be asked to call late at night.

This was the time when he was at his best. He worked all night and slept by day. After midnight he attended to matters in which he was particularly interested.

On this night Dr. Bell gave me an insight into the manner of things with which the inventive mind entertains itself. It was early in the summer, but the rest of his family had already gone to their country place in Nova Scotia. The venerable scientist was occupying the house alone.

It had happened that an unusually hot spell had settled down over the city. There seemed no escape from it. The mind of the inventor, I found, had been seeking a way out. In fact, Dr. Bell had found relief in the world around him.

He told me that architects the world around had given little thought to the problem of keeping houses cool. A multitude of precautions were taken to keep out the cold in winter, but the scientific principles back of keeping out the heat in summer were ignored. He, however, had just worked out the principle. He would show me.

We started for the basement of the house. As we went along he told me of an ancient swimming tank that had not been used for years. There was no water in it. It would hold cold air.

So Dr. Bell had arranged a large icebox with a pipe running from it to the bottom of the swimming tank. He had placed a fan in this pipe that would draw the air through the ice box. He could press a button which would start the fan. It would pour the cold air in.

In the bottom of the swimming tank Dr. Bell had arranged his desk and about it were the books and implements with which he worked.

He told me that he had a thermometer which registered 65, ideal body heat.

"Not long ago," he said, "a man at our station at Arlington talked by wireless telephone with another man in Paris and a third man in Honolulu listened in."

"I thought that no greater wonder could be conceived than that it should be possible for this statement to be truthfully made."

Sea Wall.

The extension of the great sea wall at Galveston, which recently saved the city from another of its great storm disasters, will be completed the coming summer, according to the engineers in charge of the work. More than 9,000 feet already have been constructed and 1,500 feet more remain to be built. The cost of \$1,500,000 will be borne by the Government. After the terrible storm of 1900, in which hundreds of lives were lost and damage to the extent of millions of dollars was done, the original seawall was built at a cost of \$2,000,000. The new extension is expected to strengthen greatly the seaport, which is an island with only a sand foundation. After the great storm, in one of the greatest engineering feats on record, the entire city was raised twenty feet above its previous level.

Some Reason.

He (after the quarrel)—Then what did you marry me for?

She—Mother figured it up at the time, and said it was for about a million and a half, I think.

Scared to Death.

Fear kills more than the knife. 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 fifty years.

Mr. B. Baer

WHY HOSSES WEAR
BLINKERS.

At the last sad festival of the Prohibitionists' Sorority the Committee on Foreign Affairs gave a vote of distrust to the ladies.

The lady of America is accused of everything but being a lady. The old moss-backed scouts claim that she chews tobacco in public, looks upon the wine when it is wood alcohol and jumps on the back of ice wagons.

One thing that the gloom merchants are right about. That's the way women aren't dressing this year. Every dainty Amazon seems determined to be known as the most beautifully uncouth gal in town. They don't wear enough clothes to clog a keyhole.

May be the result of the war. Our ladies gave up their socks to the soldiers, donated their linen, for bandages and said we will win this war if we have to go naked.

We won the war. All invitations to Fifth Avenue social affairs are marked either formal or informal.

Formal means that you've got to wear something.

The next war is going to be tough on the slacker who hides behind a woman's skirts. He will look like an elephant trying to play hide and seek behind a picket fence.

The guy who cuts out the patterns for ladies' frocks must be using cigarette papers. The old-time drummers for ladies' dresses used to carry fourteen fat trunks with sprained hinges and bust the lock trying to close 'em. He had to hire two rooms in a big hotel and pay a boy \$8 a day to wheel the stuff around town. Now his sample room is a telephone booth. He shoots back his cuffs, shows the back of his hand to the caller and asks him what he thinks of his samples. The other guy tells him his skin is a little rough.

The old-time flappers used to outgrow their dresses, but now they can't outgrow 'em. The sentimental lady who saved her first baby clothes is a wise bird. She won't have to buy herself a new troussseau this season.

Ye TOWNE GOSSIP

Registered U. S. Patent Office.

By K. C. B.

I'VE ALWAYS known.

THAT SOME time.

SOME HOW.

SOMETHING WOULD

happen.

TO LONG Beach.

AND IT has.

THEY DIDN'T count

'em.

WHEN THEY took

the census.

AND I'M glad.

AND I said it would.

AND I was down there.

JUST TO go bathing.

AND IN the morning.

I HADN'T shaved.

AND I looked around.

FOR A barber shop.

AND I found one.

IN THE Nassau Hotel.

AND REMOVED my

coat.

AND REMOVED my

collar.

AND SAT down in the

barber's chair.

AND SAID to him.

"A SHAVE, please."

AND HE shaved me.

AND WHEN he'd finished.

HE SAID to me.

"A HOT towel?"

AND I said yes.

AND AFTER that.

HE SAID to me.

I THANK you.

AND HE'S an outcast.

AND A missing per-

son.

AND ON the same day.

A KIND-FACED

woman.

CHARGED ME \$3.50.

FOR A beach chair.

AND SHE'S missing

too.

AND SHE'S missing

too.

AND SHE'S missing

too.

AND SHE'S missing

too.

AND SHE'S missing

too.

AND SHE'S missing

too.

Mountains in United States.

Many persons believe that Mt. Washington, in New Hampshire, is the highest mountain in the eastern part of the United States. Mt. Washington stands 6,293 feet above sea level, according to the United States geological survey, department of the interior, but many peaks in the southern Appalachians are several hundred feet higher than New Hampshire's famous mountain. The highest mountain in the Appalachian system—the highest point in the United States east of the Rockies—is Mt. Mitchell, in North Carolina, which stands at an elevation of 6,711 feet. The highest mountain in Tennessee, Mt. Guyot, stands 6,535 feet above the sea level.

So It Seems.

Women jump at conclusions and frequently hit men reason things out logically and usually miss.

Practical Estimate.

"Did you say Bliggins is a good loser?" "Yes." "Why even when his luck is worst he never loses more than two or three dollars." "That's what I call a good loser."

Washington Car-Stops Hard to Find at Night

By BILL PRICE.

There is merit in the complaints of many Washingtonians and strangers that car-stop signs on our streets are difficult to find at night in portions of the city not too well lighted. Their location is, of course, known to residents living near them, but citizens of one part of Washington going to other parts in the evening often become confused as to just where to find car stops. If the weather is bad the inconvenience is considerable. The suggestion is made that the measly little signs should be illuminated or enlarged in some manner where street lights are poor and far apart. Street railway and Public Utilities officials might take this suggestion into consideration, inasmuch as the time is here when street car patrons should begin to have some thought given to their convenience.

The inauguration period will bring to Washington thousands of strangers who will have a fine time locating car stops in some parts of the city in the evenings, particularly on suburban lines where the cars run many minutes apart and there are few people on the streets to give information.

HEARD AND SEEN

SONG WITHOUT WORDS.

O G U C I
M A U R T
I C U R A
Q U Q R
Q U Q R

Sing with the fingers to get lots of feeling.

"CARITA" imparts the information that MILO H has been taking Limburger cheese sandwiches to the office for luncheon and tries to get his friends to join him in the repeat.

TRYING HIS LATIN.

First year Latin student, ordering coca-cola—Give me a check for two coca-cola.

Cashier—I'll give you two black-eyes without any check.

PHIDEKS.

A woman is like an angel, because she's always up in the air; always harping on something, and "never has an earthly thing to wear."

MARTY.

Regarding the inquiry of "Brown Eyegs" as to the popularity of bow-legged girls, I wish to say that no matter how healthy a bow-legged girl may be she's always in bad shape.

NEBRASKA.

HER ONLY FAULT.

Oh, Mamma, she was snifty.

A beauty thought and tough; Her eyes, her teeth so pearly.

Her lips her figure, her hair, She used to dress divinely.

And her name was Dottie Peck, But she seldom washed her neck.

SHE SELDOM WASHED HER NECK. LESTER B.

In each perusal of H and S there is a South American.

What's her name? H. SMITH.

SAFETY FIRST HINTS.

ONE TOOT—Throw a quick hand-spring for the sidewalk.

TWO TOOTS—Lie over the car.

THREE TOOTS—Lie down calmly; it is too late to escape; but we will go as easily as possible if you keep very still.

ONE LONG TOOT—Throw yourself forward and we will save both your arms.

ONE SHORT AND TWO LONG TOOTS—Throw yourself backward and one leg will be saved.

WHOLE TOOTS—All up with you, but we promise to notify your family.

J. A. M.

CONTENTS OF THE BIBLE.

It may be interesting to readers to know that the Bible contains 3,566,480 letters; 810,697 words; 31,175 verses; 1,189 chapters, and 66 books.

The longest chapter is the 19th Psalm, the shortest and middle chapter is the 117th Psalm.

The longest name is in the 8th chapter of Isaiah. The word "and" occurs 46,627 times.

The word "LORD" occurs 1,858 times. The 37th chapter of Isaiah and the 19th chapter of 2d book of Kings are alike.

The longest verse is 9th of the 8th chapter of Esther; the shortest verse is the 35th of the 11th chapter of John.

In the first verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra is the alphabet. The finest piece of reading is the 26th chapter of Acts.

FATTY.

As Jiggs would say—"rolling-pin" gathers no moss, when it's making sixty "knots" an hour.

There's lots of QUARTZ in the country yet, but what is ROCK without the RYAN?

HARPER'S FERRY.

Try this in the G. O. C.: Extract of a letter from overseas soldier to his mother: "Am writing this in the Y. M. C. A., with the piano playing in my uniform." F. D. Q.

The car I was riding on in New York was packed with ladies. I was the only man in it. Looking up I saw this sign: "Everybody in this car wears Seigel & Cooper's pants."

IVA PAIN.

A FAN'S CONGRATULATIONS.

I want to congratulate you, not only on keeping H and S in fine shape, but on being surrounded by a host of loyal contributors never growing disgruntled at non-appearance of their donations. It really is commendable. I hope they will always be of good cheer.

What do the fans think of the editor's personal photo plays publicly portrayed, presenting prepossessed physiognomy?

HENRY SMITH.

The latest news to cheer all the sons of Adam is that New England benefactor has invented ladies' shoes with watches set in the tops of the shoes. Already the Eves are asked frequently: "Will you give me the correct time, please?"

JOE CONKLIN.

A friend is a link in a golden chain. If the friend be false it's your gain.

If the friend be false it's your loss, just another nail in Life's great cross.

M. V. H.

I wish I was a little rock, Aashin to a hill; Adorned with all day long. But just asettin' still. I wouldn't eat, nor even drink, Nor would I even wash. All I'd want would be H. and S. Ain't that snuff, by god? MOTHER.

IN ARREARS.

Bertha—My fate gives me \$1 every birthday, and I have \$17 now.

Little—How much does he owe you?

J. W.

Mother to child—Look hear, Rosalie, how many moan times mus' I tell yuh not to set on dat gold stone. 'Ef yuh mus' set down stan' up.

TOM CULHANE.

Here I sit in a beauty parlor, Alas! I'm broken-hearted—Paid 50 cents for a pompadour. It's done gone and varied.

SLO N. EEZI.

Hubby—The papers say that millions of children are starving in Europe.

Wifie—That reminds me. I forgot to feed Fido his chop, and he must be just starved.

L. L. F.

Another "O'SULLIVAN" writes from the Waldorf-Astoria, in New York, "congratulations on the wonderful little column you are conducting."

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