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WEREN'T THERE other recommendations than those concerning the jail ignored by county officials?

THE DAYS are coming when it will be necessary to decide whether to get a new one or make the old car run another season!

IT IS BECOMING more apparent how thoroughly the present State administration dislikes centralization of power—in another's hands.

THE MAN who called the present assembly a "ten-million-dollar Legislature" only missed it about ten million dollars. At the present rate of appropriation the treasurer will have to obtain another adding machine.

THERE MAY BE 125 species of trees in Indiana as the State forester asserts, but to the average citizen it's all wood, hard or soft. As a boy little suspicion existed that there were that many kinds of switches.

A SCIENTIST has carefully computed mathematically that the original paradise was on the north bank of the Ohio River. Mathematically he may be correct, but some are inclined to believe it was farther south, where Bourbon was manufactured.

AT LAST the United States Senate committee considering the Calder coal regulation bill has discovered that the poor coal companies made, in some cases, only 200 per cent on their capital last year. Some only cleared 100 per cent. Better dismiss all suits against coal companies and go to something worth while. What is 100 or 200 per cent among coal men?

A Great Emerald

It is announced that an uncut emerald of 630 carats weight, said to be the largest mined since the days of Cortez, recently arrived in New York from Colombia.

Extra police should be employed and the emerald securely placed in the coal bin for safety.

Emeralds are near in price to diamonds, so this one, two and five-eights inches long and twice that depth, must be very valuable, although it will be cut in small gems as there is no demand for such a large stone.

The largest emerald weighs a thousand carats and is in Bogota, Colombia.

"It is regretted that the old axiom cannot apply, for if a small emerald is nice as an ornament, certainly a larger one would be nicer and indeed should not this be the envy of every wealthy woman in the land? To hang such a stone by an appropriate chain around the neck and wear it on state occasions would be an event in the mind of every debutant and matron of America. The weight and inconvenience would be nothing compared with the value and novelty.

The emerald is not as hard as the diamond and a perfect one is seldom found, so it seems a shame to cut up this large stone for the purposes of making smaller ones of more ready commercial value, but such is to be the fate of the green bauble.

Surplus War Material

The testimony of E. C. Morse, former sales director of the Government, and his waiving of all immunity is refreshing. The latter move confirms the belief that his action as head of sales of the immense war supplies on hand is worthy of commendation.

The fact developed is that the disposal of the Government surplus war supplies and properties yielded 56 per cent of their cost. The sale included everything from needles to steel plants. The property disposed of was regarded as worth \$1,175,000,000, not including material valued at \$150,000,000 transferred to other departments of the Government.

It should be borne in mind that it was indirectly this property which won the war. Our soldiers did it directly; they were sufficiently backed with stores, while Germany was not. The morale of the Germans might have been better had they possessed supplies in such abundance.

When it is considered that these goods were hastily gathered with dispatch and possession more important than price and that the cost of everything was high, the showing is indeed good. Most of the stores were sold on a declining market and often were regarded as used, although the quality was good. Part of them, too, were only wanted in war times.

The waiving of immunity indicates that the officer had nothing to avoid. It is the act of a clear conscience and should convince the congressional investigating committee that the man performed his duty in the most satisfactory manner.

Hoover's Gift

Herbert Hoover has announced something at home which, standing alone, is calculated to keep his memory alive for years. He has presented to Stanford University in California \$75,000 volumes of European secret war documents, including the greatest collection of secret Bolshevik literature.

Some of these he obtained for a mere song, but he has had over 1,000 agents throughout Europe gathering them for this university. He was one of its first graduates. The documents are in twelve languages, and already are attracting students.

When the translations are made and the war is finally understood and fully written, the thanks of the Nation will be given to Hoover for his foresight in getting these while the getting is good.

It is a great thing to possess vision, but to act and still to dream dreams is most remarkable. Hoover's work in conducting relief in war-torn Europe would make him famous, even if he had ceased when the fighting stopped. His follow-up plans and his vision are the only factors which could raise immense sums of money for the charity he headed.

The securing of data for use in study and presenting of it to his Alma Mater were indeed commendable and illustrate the capacity of the man. Perhaps no one in the world is more capable of obtaining this gift for America from its many troubled sources, and certainly there is no one in all Europe for whom all people would gratefully unite in carrying out such a project.

Safeguarding Liberty

The action of Congress in reducing the Army standing over the veto of the President calls to front one of the great constitutional rights of the American people. It shows, after a century and more, the wisdom of the writers of the American Constitution, but so little has been thought of the provisions and its safeguards that it is possibly forgotten by the electors of the Nation.

The Congress makes appropriations from year to year for the Army—a naval program may extend over a larger period. When the provision was adopted into the fundamental law of the land, the occasion was the fear some President would turn a despot and seize the reins of government with a great army.

It is known this is not the aim of President Wilson, whose policy favored more soldiers, but just as a matter of safety, every year the size of the Army goes to the people, through their Congressmen. Thus, it is made impossible to maintain a large military force against the wishes of the voters. This prevents any tyrant from wresting away the liberty of the American people.

It causes a smile when mentioned in connection with President Wilson, to whom liberty is dear.

Just a few years past the personal popularity of Theodore Roosevelt was such that he might have seized the government—as they do in Mexico and other South and Central American countries, if he had possessed a large army. Probably no such thought ever arose in his mind, and in his day there certainly was not a sufficiently large Army to garrison even the larger cities, so there was no danger. However, with his popularity and ability and following, a "machine" could have been built if the constitutional provision for a year's support at a time had not been present.

We are not a military nation and do not foster traditions such as Europe developed. As a result, the United States and Canada have dwelt side by side over a hundred years with nothing but a constable and a policeman, figuratively speaking, to preserve the peace.

Then when the occasion arose to have a big army and to fight, we had supreme satisfaction of being an ally with our neighbor, the Lady of North, and the Army by slow degrees was forthcoming.

WHEN A GIRL MARRIES
A New Serial of Young Married Life

By Ann Lisle

CHAPTER CXXXVII (Continued.) Virginia stiffened and stared at me. I saw our delicate new friendship wavering in the balance. Her voice was cool—the Virginia I had always known and feared answered me:

"You may wait for morning, Anne. But if Betty is at Greyfriars Hall, I'm going down to see her at once. Will you go with me, Tony?"

"Virginia, we both love Betty. We're her new friends, but her best friends for all of that, I'm sure. The mall comes earlier downtown here than up at your place, but I'm sure you'll have a letter from Betty, too, today."

Virginia flushed, but not with anger, as she interrupted abruptly. "I don't think I'm so pretty or jealous as to mind that you've heard from her and I haven't." I'm proving how I feel by wanting to go straight down to her, while you romance along and want to wait till tomorrow."

"Will you call Greyfriars while we decide what to do?" I asked Anthony Norreys.

At once he turned his back on us and

PUSS IN BOOTS JR.

By David Cory.

Now, one day as Puss Junior rode upon his wonderful white horse, that same white horse who walked upon the wires of the drawbridges in the last story, you remember, he came across an old man sitting by the roadside. He had a large basket near him covered with a black cloth.

"Good day, my little traveler," said the man, looking up at Puss, who had drawn rein.

"May I ask you what is in the basket?" inquired Puss with a grin, for like every traveler he was curious.

"That is a secret," replied the old man. "But if you will come with me to my humble cottage you shall see."

So Puss followed the old man and by and by they came to a small cottage near the edge of the wood.

As soon as the old man had closed the door, he took off the white cloth and lifted the lid of the basket, and out jumped a small white goose.

"Lar, lar," said the old man, and immediately the great white goose laid a golden egg.

"Take this egg," said the little old man, "and if at any time you are in trouble, crack the shell." And then he opened the door and led the goose to the brook which flowed near by.

Now, of course, Puss was puzzled, because he had no idea what the old man should give him this wonderful egg. But nevertheless he placed it carefully in his pocket and then remounted his white horse and rode away. And by and by, after a while, he came to the ocean. So he sat a while on his great horse and looked across the water. And then, all of a sudden, he heard a sweet voice singing:

"Under the ocean's restless tide,

Is the merman's kingdom far and wide,

Where the coral grow on beautiful trees

And the sea moss waves like the forest leaves,

And the sea shells sing the same soft tune

As they rest on the hilly sandy dune.

For I love my kingdom under the foam."

And after that a pretty mermaid swam up to the shore and smiled at Puss. "Don't you want to come with me to my beautiful kingdom under the sea?"

"What shall I do with my horse?" asked Puss.

"Oh, I'll wait in the meadow yonder," said the obliging animal, and as soon as Puss had dismounted, he trotted away.

"Can you swim?" asked the mermaid, and she looked doubtfully at Puss Junior. And then all of a sudden he thought of the golden egg. So he took it out of his pocket and broke the shell, and inside was a little boat which as soon as placed in the water increased in size until it was large enough to hold him. "Jump in," cried the mermaid, "and I will pull this boat for you."

And pretty soon Puss was sailing away over the ocean's sparkling spray, and in the next story I'll tell you what he did in the kingdom under the sea. Copyright, 1921.

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