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THE NEW gas rate is another incentive to accept dinner invitations.

WHAT HAS become of all the suffering that was to follow the coal mine strike?

POLICEMEN are not to be allowed to "bum" ice cream, but nothing has been said about cigars.

ALL GOOD men are not dead. From the suits filed, motorists are running across some good ones.

## The U. S. and Europe

Secretary of State Hughes' hasty declination to permit the United States to participate in the next European conference at The Hague at least was consistent with the Administration policy determined when the original invitation to sit at Genoa was rejected. The latest note was scarcely less candid than was the allied invitation, which made no pretense of disguising the fact that the Genoa conference had failed because Russia demanded credits and the European nations had none to extend, therefore, Uncle Sam, hoarding the gold reserves of the universe, must be asked.

According to news dispatches from Europe, the allies—minus France, which has joined us in our refusal—desperate at seeing the Russian tangle still unsolved after weeks of parleying, are preparing another and more urgent request for the United States to join them at the council table in Holland and, presumably, unless more cogent reasons are set forth than heretofore, the Administration will remain adamant in its refusal to compromise its foreign relations by purely "European entanglements."

Thoughtful observers are wondering what the effect of the persistent refusal of the United States to participate in old world politics will have on the four-power treaties, the "monumental achievement of the Harding Administration."

None of the nations signatory to the Washington pacts, save the United States and China, has ratified the treaties. Manifestly, they will not be binding until sanctioned by the governing bodies of the nations represented at Washington.

Should the European and Asiatic diplomats who have been seeking to establish a new era in the old world come to the conclusion that the fruits of their endeavors have been dissipated by the aloofness of the United States, there is a possibility that the Washington treaties may never be ratified. Such a procedure would be in the nature of reprisals for the failure of the Harding Administration to recognize the desperate plight Europe sees itself in with a militant Russia in its midst.

With the Genoa conference wrecked, the Washington treaties beached, the world would revert to a status quo, with the League of Nations, of which the United States is not a member, as the single barrier against the prewar ententes, alliances and secret pacts that breed wars and disorders. It is not a pleasant outlook to contemplate.

## After the War Grafters

Those who stinted and saved and those who served during the war are hopeful that Congressman Madden's bombastic boast that some men "who think they have power in the Nation today will find themselves behind the bars," uttered when the House appropriated \$500,000 to prosecute war fraud cases, will come true. Whether the attorney general's department has the ability to pursue "an unrelenting prosecution of war grafters" years after the emergency has passed, and whether it dare proceed impartially, remains to be seen, but there is one thing almost certain, and that is that the special fund will all be spent if it passes the Senate.

Attorney General Daugherty has not covered himself with any special glory in the moves leading up to the voting of this fund. Although he has been in office more than a year, it required a resolution and denunciation of his dilatoriness by Congressmen Johnson and Woodruff, Republicans, to move him to action. As a result of the spirited condemnation of the attorney general's office in the House, Mr. Daugherty, only a few days ago, asked for speedy action on the appropriation measure.

"Mr. Daugherty," said Congressman Moore, "seems to hold Congress accountable for his inaction in some, at least, of the war fraud cases. The material question now is why was not Congress advised in April of the situation set forth in the letter of the attorney general which so quickly followed the introduction of the Woodruff-Johnson resolution?"

The apparent reluctance of Mr. Daugherty to proceed with an investigation, which, if properly pursued, may lead into many important places, has not acted to inspire public confidence in him. In truth, Mr. Daugherty's motives will be viewed with considerable suspicion until he demonstrates a determination to actually go to the bottom of the ugly charges that have been bruited about ever since war was declared that influential individuals so far forgot their birthright as to insist upon growing rich out of the war.

## A Two-Fisted Skipper

That the hard, two-fisted seafaring life of the times of Sir Francis Drake and the Jolly Rogers of the Spanish Main has not entirely disappeared from the routes of commerce was shown recently when a Yankee skipper brought his ship into New York after a voyage as picturesque and fraught with difficulties as any ever portrayed by Robert Louis Stevenson or Jack London.

The captain, John Bergsten, was of the old school in which marlin spikes and capstan bars and pistols were frequently resorted to in order to insure discipline among the crews. Sailing with a ruffian crew recruited from the Philadelphia water front gangs the skipper had no more than cleared on his way to the Black Sea when fights broke out among the men and frequently the captain was forced to enter the ring and conquer the combatants before peace could be restored.

In the Black Sea, the controversies arose to the point of mutiny and Captain Bergsten and his officers used revolvers to quell the disorders. Even the sailors from a United States destroyer had to board the steamer to subdue the mutineers.

The captain, by main physical force, brought his ship home, fighting battles with the elements that would have disheartened the most hardened soul.

Colliding with a derelict in mid-ocean the crew tried to abandon ship, but again the pistol in the hands of the skipper put all hands to work and saved the ship.

In these days when palatial greyhounds fit across the ocean and every modern convenience is supplied for the benefit of the sailors, it is like tearing a page out of history to read of an account like that entered in Captain Bergsten's log.

## Amuck on Wheels

An intoxicated man driving an automobile is about as dangerous as an armed maniac. As for that brain-befuddled creature who loaded up his motor car with dynamite and drove through the business section of the city, his wanton recklessness beggars description. He deserves nothing less than a term in prison, for his conduct places him in the category of criminal irresponsibles who are never safe at large.

When the native of Borneo or Sumatra runs amuck he slashes and cuts with his keen-bladed knife all who are so unfortunate as to get in his frenzied and hurried way. As speedily as possible he is captured and confined in a cage, where he can do no further harm to the community.

No civilized community would permit its citizens to run amuck with a gun or knife, maiming and slaying all who crossed their path, but what difference is there between the maddened Malay and the drunken automobile driver, particularly one who goes so far as to load up his vehicle with a high explosive?

The motor car driven recklessly at a high rate of speed is an even more destructive weapon in the unsteady hands of an intoxicated man than is the knife of the Malay. Prison is the only cure for drivers who endanger life by their recklessness.—Lafayette Journal-Courier.

GRIFFITH MOVIE TO FINISH  
Lengthy Engagement Saturday Night at Ohio

One of the most dramatic parts played by radio telegraphy came with the sinking of the ship. Titanic ten years ago. It so happened that I was then a wireless operator assigned to the Weathermaker station in New York. On the roof of the building a large plant had been installed for the purpose of sending messages between Philadelphia and New York, and also between other points.

It will be recalled that for a long time it was impossible to get definite information of what had happened on the ill-fated liner. On those days of "dead" "dead speakers" or days of the refinement of apparatus of the present day. Radio operators were required to wear headphones with telephones clamped over the ears, in which the faint buzz of the dots and dashes were heard. For three days and three nights, on a continuous stretch of seventy-two hours, I sat with the headphones clamped on my head, straining to hear a word or a detail that might come through the air.

When the ship had gone down, I received the first details of the disaster, the fact that the Titanic had sunk; that the Olympic had taken off a number of passengers. I immediately gave the news to the press. Then hellam broke loose. Reporters and relatives and friends of passengers on the doomed liner hung breathlessly over my shoulder while I copied the names of those who had been saved, scanning every letter as I placed it on paper and hoping that the next word would spell the name of a loved one.

"Having played these two unhappy women in an appreciation of their own personal qualities," concluded Miss Terry, referring to her recent marriage to Fox Ingram, who directed Miss Terry in both "The Four Horsemen" and "The Prisoner of Zenda."

ALICE TERRY LIKES  
PLAYING PRINCESS ROLE.

Impersonating the Princess Flavia, the leading role in "The Prisoner of Zenda," is to Alice Terry the most interesting work she has ever done.

She has played a number of interesting types of women during my motion picture career, none of them has appealed to my imagination so much as the Princess Flavia in "The Prisoner of Zenda," said Alice Terry when asked what was her favorite role.

Ye TOWNE GOSSIP

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By K. C. B.

## YEARS AGO.

WHEN HE was a boy...

HE HAD his home...

IN A tenement...

AND HE played his games...

ON THE city streets...

WITH OTHER boys...

AND HE grew up there...

IN HIS school days age...

AND FINALLY...

THERE CAME a day...

AND HE went away...

AND FOUND the West...

AND THERE he worked...

AND LITTLE by little...

ON EVERY year...

HIS WEALTH increased...

UNTIL AT last...

THEY CALLED him rich...

AND OLD age came...

AND MEMORIES...

OF BOYHOOD days...

THEN LURED him East...

TO HIS city streets...

AND the tenement...

WHERE HE had lived...

HAD LONG since gone...

AND HE searched about...

FOR BOYHOOD friends...

AND OF all he'd known...

HE FOUND but one...

A GRAY haired woman...

IN POVERTY...

IN A couple of rooms...

IN THE very same street...

WHERE SHE had played...

AND HE had played...

AND FOR month...

HE CALLED each day...

IN THE afternoon...

AND VISITED...

AND IN that month...

OLD THINGS were moved...

AND NEW things bought...

AND AT its end...

HE WENT away...

BACK TO his West...

AND LEFT her there...

IN COMFORT...

AND WITH ample means...

AND SO it is...

THAT TWO old folks...

IN THEIR twilight days...

FOUND HAPPINESS...

I THANK you...

## BRINGING UP FATHER.

GRIFFITH MOVIE TO FINISH  
Lengthy Engagement Saturday Night at Ohio

## DAILY RADIO FEATURES

Titanic Disaster Proved Value  
of Wireless Process.

By DAVID SARNOFF,  
General Manager, Radio Corporation of  
America.

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