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IF THE railroad strike comes, how will aviators get back home?

IN UTAH, murderers may be either hanged or shot. In Chicago they may be neither.

A CONGRESSMAN wants the daisy for our national flower. Politicians suggest the forget-me-not.

EVEN the weather man can't convince a lot of people that summer didn't arrive about three weeks ago.

THE BOARD of safety believes the traffic officers should be comfortable. It is going to allow them to take off their shirts—but not their coats.

BABE RUTH would please the fans more if he would devote himself to slugging out home runs instead of wrangling with the umpires.

THOSE city employees arrested for selling street department oil are not the first political appointees to get in bad as the result of oil deals.

## A False Economy

When the city administration boasts that it will have \$20,000 from the recreational appropriation by cutting down the number of playgrounds and playground instructors, and at the same time the mayor offers a \$5 prize for a slogan that will keep children from playing in the streets, it would seem that the height of false municipal economy had been reached.

The budget provides \$117,000 for the recreation department, and of this amount \$30,000 will be spent on the construction and maintenance of open air theaters in Brookside and Garfield Parks; \$21,000 will go for playgrounds, and the officials hope that \$20,000 will be saved as a nest egg for the public to gaze upon when the "point-with-pride" campaign days roll around again.

Municipal economy usually is something rare, and when city officials evince a disposition to retrench it should be encouraged—provided the retrenchment is effected in the proper manner.

Those of us who believe that plenty of playgrounds, supervised by well trained instructors, will do more than all the slogans in the world to keep children off the streets, and thus out of the paths of automobiles, cannot help seeing this streak of economy would show to better advantage if directed in other channels. There was no talk about the city hall of saving when jobs had to be provided for precinct committeemen in order to influence the selection of a county chairman friendly to administration interests; in fact, apprehension over increased costs is the exception, rather than the rule, in official discussions nowadays.

The opening of the playgrounds has been delayed a week after the close of school because the administration is desirous of saving, and in the meantime a little boy, playing in the street, was run down and killed by an automobile. There seems to be no good reason why the recreation centers could not have opened coincident with the end of school.

Playgrounds will not completely clear the streets of potential victims, but if the city opens enough of them throughout Indianapolis and places over them competent supervisors it will have taken a proper step toward conserving lives and will have demonstrated that it is keenly alive to the fact that childish minds can be better guided by trained observers than if left to the uncertain vagaries of the streets.

Thirty-three playgrounds, which the city proposes to maintain, are not enough in the face of a boast that the administration is going to save \$20,000 by denying these youngsters a thing they have a right to expect and demand.

## Head in the Sand

The wise man learns from his enemies. The late occupant of the German throne has written his memoirs and has offered them for sale in the international literary market. French newspapers have unanimously resolved to boycott the Hohenzollern story. They will refuse to publish a line about the memoirs and will not even publish the news that they have declared a boycott. The French public, therefore, is to be left in the dark concerning Wilhelm's defense.

That is bad strategy. Another war involving France may not be far off. Certainly the German people will plot revenge until either they have or are convinced the outlook is hopeless. France needs all her wits to keep disaster away. France must study German psychology as a means to self-defense. It is a bad sign that the French newspapers have refused to permit their readers to study the workings of the mind of William Hohenzollern. It is comparable to the ostrich which sticks its head under the sand.

Explicable, of course, is the decision of the newspapers. France has suffered cruelly because of the war, not only financially and in human losses, but also by the curtailment of her nationalistic ambitions. For the French people to hate the Germans as they do is quite natural.

But hatred can become self-destructive. Blind hatred is always a danger, no less to the hater than to the hated one. It produces violent prejudices and misconceptions, and, worst of all, it prevents an impartial study of the enemy.

If Clemenceau were to write his memoirs, you can just bet they would find avid German readers.

## Farmers Turn to Machinery

Farmers are coming more and more to rely upon machinery to perform the work that once belonged solely to themselves and their horses. Statistics gleaned from the 1920 census indicate, says the Trade Record of the National City Bank of New York, that the automobile and telephone are now big factors in farm life, not merely as a comfort or convenience, but as actual aids in business. The number of telephones, by which the farmer may communicate with his local trade center or with the great cities in which the prices and market for his products are determined, is officially stated at 2,498,493 in 1920, while another authority puts the total number of phones in all the United States "without regard to ownership" at the end of 1920 at 13,411,379, which suggests that nearly one-fifth of the phones in the United States are now in the farm home and farm business service; while 38 per cent of the reporting farms were equipped with telephone service in 1920.

The automobile statistics show the number of automobiles on farms in 1920 at 2,146,362, while figures compiled by Automotive Industries put the total of automobiles in use in all the United States in 1920 at 7,944,000, suggesting that the farmers owned in that year considerably more than one-fourth of the automobiles of the country, to say nothing of the 139,000 motor trucks and 246,000 farm tractors reported in operation on the farms in 1920. Over 30 per cent of the reporting farms in 1920 utilized automobiles.

Still another evidence of the disposition of the farmer to utilize machinery in increasing his business activities is found in the fact that the value of his "farm implements and machinery" reported in 1920 was nearly three times as much as in 1910, five times as much as in 1900 and seven times as much as in 1890. The official valuation of farm implements and machinery in 1920 is \$3,195,000,000 against \$1,265,000,000 in 1910, \$750,000,000 in 1900 and \$494,000,000 in 1890.

It is not surprising then, in view of the increasing use by the farmer of these time and labor-saving devices, the telephone, the automobile, the motor truck and the farm tractor, coupled with the enormous increase in his farm implements and machinery, to find that the census reports the value of horses on farms in 1920 only \$1,782,000,000 against \$2,084,000,000 in 1910, a decrease of 14 per cent in value of horses, while all other classes of farm animals increased in value in the same period, the increase in value of sheep being 70 per cent, poultry 141 per cent, cattle 143 per cent, swine 148 per cent and goats 184 per cent.

## Laurette Taylor to Make Screen Debut for Metro

Laurette Taylor will make her debut in a Metro production of "Peg O' My Heart," her greatest stage success, and one of the most popular plays ever to be presented on the English-speaking stage.

This was learned this week from the home offices of the Metro Company in New York, after the closing of a contract between the motion picture company and J. L. Manners, author of "Peg O' My Heart."

The picture will go into production in Los Angeles about July 5. No director has as yet been chosen; it is understood, nor is it known to whom will fall the task of preparing the scenario. Mr. Manners will be at the Metro studios in the West during the making of "Peg O' My Heart." He has volunteered to act in any part he may be required to appear in pictures of his tremendous popular play. This arrangement is comparable in a measure to the assistance lent the Metro production staff by Vicente Blasco Ibanez, prior to the screening by Rex Ingram of Senor Ibanez's novel, "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse."

Miss Taylor's entrance into motion picture work is in itself a sort of big news, for it is the first time that one of the great American actresses never to have given an impersonation before the cameras. Maude Adams is the only other of that rank whose name, upon brief reflection, comes to mind as having withheld her art from the screen. Whether Laurette Taylor will continue to appear in pictures is problematical; it may be that her enactment of the title role of "Peg O' My Heart" is sufficient to account for her present success and for assurance that the character of the beloved Little Irish girl shall be as in the original play.

Whatever the motives, it is certain that "Peg O' My Heart" will be one of the biggest screen attractions ever presented. The name of the play is a byword throughout the English-speaking world, and the popularity of it no

## HE JUGGLES



Harry Tsuda, Jap Juggler, who is one of the entertainers features on the current bill at the Lyric.

Added to this is the eagerness of those who do not happen to live in New York or the other big cities of the country, to see Miss Taylor, and in her most shining characterization.

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## ON VIEW TODAY

The following attractions are on view today: "My Lady's Dress," at the Lyric and vaudeville, and at the Lyric and B. F. Keith's; musical comedy and the dramatic opera, "The Merchant of Venice," at the Lyric; "The Call of the Woods," at the municipal theater at Brookside Park; "The Barricade," at Loew's State; "Grand Larceny," at the Ohio; "The Good Provider," at the Apollo, and "Headin' West," at the Isis.

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## Washington Briefs

WASHINGTON, June 22—Organization victories in Maine and Minnesota having been taken for granted, probably Washington finds its chief interest in the nomination of Mrs. Anna D. Lee, the Democratic nominee.

Senator R. B. Kehler, Mrs. Olsen is widely known in the capital. She burst into the real limelight at the Jackson Day dinner of 1920, at which President Wilson and William J. Bryan parted over the League of Nations issue. Next she was found in the front ranks of those fighting for the League of Nations. William G. McAdoo and her seconding speech was one of the outstanding events of the San Francisco convention.

When the Tammany-Nugent-Brennan forces brought about the nomination of Governor James M. Cox, Mrs. Olsen was so chagrined she blurted out the comment:

"We have buried our party in a beer keg."

Mrs. Olsen is thirty-six years old and has a daughter fourteen years old. Slender, with sharp eyes and black hair, she rises to emotional heights when discussing political questions close to her heart. Washington will watch with interest her fight for a Senate seat in an overwhelmingly Republican state.

As to convincing skeptical Washington the recurrent rumors of setbacks in his physical condition are without foundation. Woodrow Wilson has been seen riding with the chamberlain of the government's day, his automobile during his almost daily spins about the streets of the Capital.

Attorney General Daugherty is finding Administration of the Department of Justice very much like running a three-ring circus with a dozen acts in full blast. He began the cost of living investigation last fall, which he expected to complete within a month. When he got started on it he found it a man-size job, and has since been compelled to extend the time for completion. All the data collected by the investigators are now at hand, but Mr. Daugherty is hard put to find the time to write his report.

"If I like what I have written when I read it over," he said, "the report is just half done. If I don't like it, the report has not been started. I have just discovered that there are more figures in the world than I ever dreamed."

The element which grows sad at any suggestion of a possible restoration of full diplomatic relations between the United States and Mexico, has found some relief in the news that the White House snub Adolfo De La Huerta, the Obregon minister of finance, who is having undoubted success with American bankers and investors in New York. Something akin to panic prevailed in the ranks of the Mexican baiters when it was whispered De La Huerta might come to Washington and seek an interview with President Harding. In the White House disclosed no appointment had been sought for the Mexican leader, but it was added, the President of the United States always is glad to receive citizens of friendly nations and that a personal call by De La Huerta would not complicate the recognition problem.

Without seeking to bring into question the policies of either man, comment is growing over the contrast in publicity methods of John T. Adams, chairman of the Republican national committee, with those of his predecessor, Will H. Hays. Every time Mr. Hays came to town the news bureaus learned of it through telephone calls from the committee's headquarters. Mr. Adams has been in the capital for several weeks engaged in important political affairs, yet the correspondents are obliged to seek him when they wish to get his views.

## Highways and By-Ways of Lil' Ol' New York

By RAYMOND CARROLL

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NEW YORK, June 22—Today is a personal anniversary—the second anniversary of this syndicated six-day-a-week New York letter; something that already has had to be thought out, written and sent to the telegraph wire upon 644 different previous occasions.

There have been times when its making as well as the publication of a letter, but the particular one of ten years ago, telling of people and things in this whale town of the Western world, has been a genuine delight and by long odds the most enjoyable assignment of a quarter century of newspaper go-getting. And we know we have tried hard enough to make it worth at least the fancy tolls, particularly for those newspapers located far away as the "Daily Mirror."

"One would think you'd reached the second anniversary of a prison sentence at Leavenworth," said our chief when I hinted that the call of the robin was on the ear, and the smell of new mown hay was in the nostrils.

Then it was suggested: "for an anniversary function you might tell of the life of a man in New York, past and present—the host of writers, the many a page, many a column and many a theater with accounts of life in the dear old place now peopled by every race on earth, the Provincials in death—east side, west side and all around the town." The latest invasion is now *Manhattan*.

Miss Rose Whytock's fifteen two-reel drama, which the *Advertiser* has been giving in all phases of life in the big city. The director, William L. Burt, and his cast are to be found working down in the slums on one day and on the next they are "shooting" Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn Bridge and the people who cross it. The *Advertiser* has come in the last decade to bring the price of German exports closer to the price prevailing in the country importing German goods.

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