

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT IT? A WOMAN with two stomachs is discovered by the X-ray in Allentown, Pa. She is Miss Annie Moore. The two stomachs, each almost normal in size, are joined together by Dr. Engleth. That's something you never heard of before—probably never will again. For nature is great on standardization. While she makes our faces so different that no two are exactly alike in the whole world, we're all about the same when the surgeon begins exploring our interiors.

You read about Miss Moore of the two stomachs, and say to yourself, "Thank goodness, I have only one stomach. Enough indigestion as it is, without having two."

How do you know you have a stomach at all?
Did you ever see it?
Did any one else ever see it?
Of course not. You take it for granted that you have a stomach.

Maybe you have two stomachs, maybe none.
At least nine-tenths of what we think we know is hearsay—second-hand knowledge. You believe that there's a country, China. But were you ever there to find out for yourself?

The only proof some of our soldiers had that they were in Europe was the word of their officers. Without accepting second-hand proof, for all they knew they might have been in Africa.

A favorite line of Big Talk makes much of the advisability of careful investigation—such as "Don't believe it unless you see it with your own eyes."

Alas, there's so much to be seen, and life's so short, that we have to accept rumors as authentic when a sufficient number of persons verify the rumors.

In the last analysis, how do you know that the stuff you use to run your auto is gasoline instead of water with a peculiar odor? Did you ever analyze it to make certain? Even if you tried, how can you be certain that the method is correct?

With most knowledge based on hearsay evidence—rumor—small wonder that the world is cluttered with misinformation. Back of this is a definite peril: Certain groups are forever conspiring to make the public accept faked hearsay as established fact.

BORAH'S LITTLE MOVE SENATOR Borah, Republican of Idaho, has done the country and the world a great service.

His resolution calling on the President to act to restore this country to normal by getting at the seat of the trouble, which is in Europe, has been withdrawn, but not before it got in its work.

For one thing the camouflage concealing the Administration's foreign policy has been sadly rent, if not entirely sundered. The "isolation" idea is an admitted failure and the "no entanglements" abroad doctrine a proven myth.

We now know that the campaign slogan of "To hades with the rest of the world," hasn't worked, and that the Administration has at last waked up to the damage the practice of it has done American business and the ruin it has helped bring upon the American farmer.

We now know, too, that the Administration is actually at this moment negotiating with foreign capitals with a view to changing all this if a way can be found. And, parenthetically, we know these negotiations, quite honorable in themselves, were kept secret only because the political leaders of the party could not stomach the idea of publicly confessing their "isolation" stuff had been just plain campaign bunk.

Having reluctantly admitted as much on the floor of the United States Senate, and given their open promise that the President would soon act, Administration leaders secured the withdrawal of the Borah resolution.

But the resolution was not killed. Far from it. Today it hangs like a club over the Administration's head and may be brought down with a bang any time the situation might seem to require.

And now that the fog has been lifted a little, let it be kept lifted. Let the Administration forget the hokus-pokus of its campaign promises. Let it admit it was mistaken in saying America is not a part of the world, and then practice a little of that open and responsible diplomacy we hear so much about but so seldom see.

Then there'll be no more Borah resolutions to hurt the feelings of a sensitive chief executive.

COUE'S COMING VISIT E MILE COUE will arrive in our country Jan. 10, for a visit of two weeks. He will make speeches in New York, Washington and Cleveland. Coue is the French auto-suggestionist who preaches that many who "enjoy poor health" can cure themselves by repeating his formula, "Every day, in every way, I get better and better."

Europe's favorite indoor sport is "panning the tar" out of us. But as soon as a European gets a good "act," he buys a ticket for America. The U. S. A. seems to be an international magnet. Be glad you're here.

Battle of Saratoga Was Most Important of Revolutionary War

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to the Indianapolis Times, Washington Bureau, 1222 New York Ave., Washington, D. C., enclosing 2 cents in stamps. Medical, legal and love and marriage advice cannot be given. Unsigned letters cannot be answered, but all letters are confidential, and receive personal replies. Although the bureau does not require it, it will assure prompt replies if readers will confine questions to a single subject, writing more than one letter if answers on various subjects are desired. EDITOR.

What was the most important battle of the Revolutionary War? Most authorities consider the battle of Saratoga the most important, as after that victory, France formed her alliance with the United States.

How old is William Farnum? Forty-six.

Of what church is Billy Sunday a minister? He is a Presbyterian.

On what day of the week did Sept. 3, 1907, come? Tuesday.

Where, in the United States, is there the most snow? In the Sierra Nevada and Cascade Mountain ranges in the Pacific coast States, where at some places from thirty to more than forty feet of snow falls during the winter season. At Summit, Cal., which has an elevation of about 7,000 feet, nearly sixty feet of snow has been recorded in a single

season and about twenty-five feet in a single month.

What does "Creole" mean?

The term Creole is the name used in the Southern United States and in Latin America to designate the pure-blooded descendants of the French, Spanish and Portuguese stock.

Uncle Sam Plays "Joke" in Opening of Oklahoma Land

By Times Special OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 2.—This is supposed to be the off-season for April fool jokes, but Uncle Sam appears to be playing them ahead of the game. Amid reams of publicity and grandiose statements, the Department of the Interior at Washington a short time ago announced that 185,000 acres, more or less, in Alfalfa County, Oklahoma, would be opened to settlement. The tract bore the rather puzzling name of Salt Plains. Preference rights, it was stated, would be given to ex-soldiers and ex-servicemen. So far, so good—but you haven't heard the half of it, yet. Inquiries from ex-servicemen in all parts of the United States and its possessions began to flood the land office at Guthrie.

Employer Who Turns Business Over to Workers Advises Other Firm Heads to Follow His Example

Act Entails Sacrifice of Son's Birthright to Prospering Establishment.

By BOB DORMAN, NEA Staff Correspondent NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Henry A. Dix, 73-year-old enlightened employer, who cut his own salary from \$45,000 to 50 cents and turned over his \$1,000,000-a-year business to his employees, hopes that other employers will follow his lead. His sacrifice entailed the passing up of his son's birthright to the prospering dress manufactory. But Mark Dix, 42, was willing. "Happiness," he says, "is not what you have, but what you do." So father and son worked out all the details of the transfer of the business which was thirty years in



LEFT TO RIGHT: ELIZABETH BLUMENTHAL, HENRY A. DIX, NELLIE BRENNAN, FLORENCE FRANCE AND MARK H. DIX.

take a job with the new concern. My dad will act in an advisory capacity.

"But first we hope to preach the gospel of fairness to all employers.

"They will find that it pays to be just.

"At the end of the year it is the usual thing for the business man to fill out a two-page sheet—on one side are assets, on the other liabilities.

Bettering Conditions

"If the record shows a large volume of business and a correspondingly greater volume of profits, the board of directors or the individual owner is well satisfied. "But suppose that at the same time a third sheet were placed before them—a sheet devoted to a record of what the firm had done toward the betterment and progress of its workers.

"In how many firms would that sheet be a blank?

"But if such sheet were to become as customary as the assets and liabilities record, employers would soon see that it would not be blank.

"That is what we want to preach."

A Tip to Other Employers

By HENRY A. DIX

Because I have turned over to our employees our prosperous and profitable business, some people in fact nearly everybody, seem to call my action radical or an experiment. To us it is neither radical nor an experiment, but the natural outcome and climax of a policy pursued during many years.

We have been "feeling" our way toward this step for a long time and in many ways and we have found from actual experience that the policy paid. It paid in the loyalty and interest and cooperative spirit of our group of workers. It paid in the good will and esteem often expressed by buyers and merchants. It paid in creating a spirit, without which no business can be truthfully called successful.

We found that the more we gave, the shorter hours we adopted, the more liberal our general policy became—the richer we grew. We found that the workers were highly appreciative, not alone of the various innovations and actual deeds, but also appreciative of our attitude toward them.

No business can succeed without a good organization and yet—in place of a hearty cooperation between employers and employees—there is generally antagonism and strife; in place of a co-partnership there is enmity; in place of team work and unity there is division of interest and of aim.



HENRY A. DIX

Does the Woman Pay? If So, How?

The old question, "Does the woman pay?" has been put to some of the leading literary men and women of the country, and the result is a series of interesting new answers, of which the following is the first.

By MARIAN HALE

"The woman of yesterday paid her natural enemy, man, with a vengeance for everything she got. The modern woman is using men as they used her in the past—and she's having a good time doing it."

So said Anita Loos, scenario writer, film director, and one of the highest paid women in the country. "But, mark you," she adds, "I say nothing about fair man having changed. I don't believe he has. I see men of today as selfish individuals, who never do anything for any woman without getting something in return—something in the way of satisfaction—if only a thrill.

Not in Malice

"Do not think I talk in malice. Frankly, I don't think I have ever paid, as far as my relationship with men has gone. You see, I was born wise!"

"Poor women—the ones who have not had their awakening—still feel that sacrifice is a glorifying, noble indoor sport—especially if they can sacrifice for some man! To me, sacrifice is a negative virtue, a low trait, not to be boasted over, because, after all, it is handed to one at birth, like the color of one's hair!"

"The woman of Tibet has it on us. There, each woman can have four husbands at once, and believe me when I say that it would take four men to equal any one woman in devotion and thoughtfulness.

"But, even feeling about men as I do, they are not the only ones who have made women pay."

"Some day," a naughty, humorous glimmer came into her alert eyes, "when I am rich, I intend creating a charity to finance girls to run away from home!"

"Indeed, I believe, more mothers, with their old-fashioned ideas and attitudes, have ruined girls than have men."

"My message—were I asked for one—to the woman who is trying to forge ahead, would be, 'Women, use your men and get everything you can, without giving one iota in return!'"

Yet They're Liable

"You see, I figure our ancestors have paid enough in the past for us



ANITA LOOS

to go scot-free for generations to come.

"Yes," said Anita Loos, who, as

every one knows, is happily married to John Emerson, also a famous scenario writer, "yes, most men are everything I think them, and worse, but—but I like them awfully!"

Standard Oil Is Piker on Profits by Comparison

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Those Standard Oil Companies of New Jersey, New York and elsewhere are "pikers" when it comes to declaring stock dividends, according to figures on stock dividends of some concerns gathered by Senator Brookhart of Iowa.

Here's a sample from the list which the Senator will read into the Record to show Senators how stock dividends are being declared to evade income taxes:

Davis, Brown Wooden Company, 2300 per cent; Moore Drop Forging Company, 1630 per cent; Whitin Machine Works, 1400 per cent; Strathmore Paper Company, 500 per cent; Victor Talking Machine Company, 600 per cent; Oakdale Worsted Company, 800 per cent.

Clothes are the big money-maker, these figures show. Pikes don't pay so well, though the Exchange Buffet Corporation, a quick lunch concern of New York, just declared a 300 per cent stock dividend.

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MAN ABANDONS MACHINE AFTER DEMOLISHING IT

Police Believe Wrecked Car Was Stolen.

An unidentified man wrecked an automobile reported to have been stolen last night when he drove it over the sidewalk, tore down a fence and wedged it between two trees. "The accident happened in the 700 block on N. Ketchum St. According to witnesses, the driver ran from the wrecked car. Lieutenant Kynes said he thought the car belonged to Lloyd Turpin of the Indiana Girls' School, and was stolen from Alabama and Ohio Sts. yesterday morning.

TOM SIMS SAYS:

NEAR Pittsburgh, Pa., bandits got \$20,000 from a coal dealer. Bandits know where the money is.



They had a \$350,000 fire in the Los Angeles movie section, which was already a pretty warm place.

Better make a resolution to keep your resolutions.

With forty million other things to hope for, some still insist on hoping the ex-kaiser's wife beats him.

A traveler tells us he can't sleep at home unless they rock the bed and throw cinders in his face.

The question of the hour is, "Is that blame clock right?"

This world seems worse than it is because you never hear much about the bad things that don't happen.

Stand on your own rights and you can't be told where to get off.

The best nation in the world is explanation.

Just to be the first for 1923 we say, "Shop Early."

Immigrants and Parasites

BY HERBERT QUICK

Why do so many millions of foreigners want to come to America, even when times are hard here? Read Kenneth L. Roberts' book, "Why Europe Leaves Home," and you'll know.

You will know that the sort of people who are crazy to come can't live here while the average American starves. You will know that the standard of living of these people is so low that their coming here means the destruction of our old America.

You will know that the pleas of great employers for the admission of these peoples is a plea for a club with which to beat down wages, to enlist an army of wage-slaves, and to smash American ideals—for profit.

We are not getting our old British, Scandinavian, and German immigrants. Most of our immigrants are of a kind which cannot work with us on our common job of citizenship. Their coming divides us into camps of mutual misunderstanding.

And it is only by mutual understanding that democracy can live.

The immigration to our shores of a race of demigods would destroy our republic. It would fail because the demigods would be so much above us that we could not work with them as fellow citizens.

But our new knockers for admission are not demigods. They are a dirty, lousy lot. I mean lousy, literally. All of them have to be put through delousing plants before they leave Europe. Their hair and beards are speckled with lice and nits. Roberts tells about this in his book.

I propose that the immigration laws be so changed as to exclude all prospective immigrants who have lice. It is a good test of civilization. No

people who have not risen above the house line are fit to come to America. That is a good test to add to others.

"A Saving Wage" Is New Book by Secretary Davis

By W. H. PORTERFIELD.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Secretary of Labor Davis is about to bring out another book, to which he has given the intriguing title of "A Saving Wage."

The phenomenal success which attended his first venture in authorship, "The Iron Puddler," has resulted in a Nation-wide contest among publishers for this second book.

But the secretary does not feel that he should accept any of the profits from this book while he is on Uncle Sam's payroll.

"Therefore," he says, "I want the public to give me some ideas on worthy charities or other causes to which I can devote the profits of 'A Saving Wage' for I shall not bring out the book until that question is decided."

If you know of causes worth aiding, sit down and write to "Jim" Davis, Secretary of Labor, Washington, D. C.

FORMER HOOSIER DIES

Friends in Indianapolis have been notified of the death of Henry A. Thompson, 74, at his home in Leechburg, Pa., Dec. 27. Mr. Thompson for several years was a resident of Vincennes, Ind. He is survived by one son, Jessie Roy Thompson, whose whereabouts are unknown.

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