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SPITTING ON A FIRE TO PUT IT OUT.

Ever since last December this newspaper has pointed out that if Wilson would devote his study to internal problems instead of foreign questions it would be a great deal better for America. It has repeatedly predicted the crisis that confronts this country at present.

Wilson now throws a little water on a conflagration which he could have easily put out when it was but a smudge. His advice to the railroad shippers and to industry in general is good, but it is belated. Next week he is to start out on his tour of the country in a spirit of wanderlust and tell the people that he wants Congress to accept his ideas. He is going to ask for the surrender of American independence. Shantung for the Japs and a lot of other things, most of which do not concern the people at this moment.

What the people want Wilson to do is to reduce the high cost of living. When he does that they will listen to him and not before.

LET'S CONTINUE SHIP BUILDING.

It is probable that the United States will continue to be the premier ship builder of the world. Having attracted the attention of the other nations with its marvelous record in building ships during the war, in the future they are going to look to the shipbuilding yards of this country to supply them with vessels for their water commerce.

The French government is taking the lead by making tentative contracts for the building of a number of ships by American yards to cost approximately two hundred million dollars, and Grecian, Swedish, Belgian and other foreign interests have placed contracts for many large ships.

All this demand for ships from our yards is in addition to the demand from domestic interests.

For a number of years there is likely to be an extraordinary demand for ships to replace the heavy losses sustained during the war and to meet the expanding demands of world commerce. The United States has the raw material of both wood and metal for shipbuilding, and it has also the capital and the supply of labor skilled in the construction of ships to make shipbuilding one of the most important of American industries of the future.

MERRY ENGLAND.

Mr. Lloyd George gave to Parliament last week a somewhat gloomy picture of the condition of the United Kingdom. Perhaps some of it can be discounted as the natural inclination of a Prime Minister to magnify the obstacles that confront the Government, in order that the Government may gain the more credit from surmounting them; yet there can be no doubt that to a considerable extent his speech gave an accurate picture of conditions existing today.

But he did not tell all. Perhaps he told all that

seemed worth telling, but a different point of view seized upon certain other facts in contemporary English life, facts which may escape the notice of Englishmen through their very commonplaceness, but seem wonderful enough to Americans. For example, a certain Oxford college sends out to its old members invitations to the annual dinner, the "gaudy," an institution which should live worthily up to its name now that the war is over and there is something to rejoice about, and the invitation concludes with the information that "unfortunately champagne is not procurable, but white wines, claret, beer and part will be provided at an inclusive charge of three shillings and sixpence."

Three shillings and sixpence! Eighty-five cents! To the citizens of a country where eighty-five cents will no longer buy anything much except postage stamps, and where white wines, claret, beer and port are abhorrent and prohibited fluids, desirable only to be turpitudinous and obtainable only by the criminal, this commonplace of English domestic life comes as evidence of the historic continuity between the England of today and the land Sir John Falstaff and Mr. Samuel Pickwick. Despite the war and the labor agitators, the old realm still has something of its ancient savor. The free American citizen, as he leans up against a bar covered with white oilcloth and puts down his eighty-five cents or thereabouts for a seidel of buttermilk, muses upon the conservative steadfastness of the British temperament and feels a certain wistful pleasure at the realization that Merry England is merry still.—New York Times.

SOME DRIVING FOOLS.

Those drivers of automobiles who neither stop, look nor listen as they approach street corners are a menace not only to themselves but to more careful drivers and even to innocent pedestrians in the vicinity. A little more observance of the laws of sanity and reason on their part is not only advisable but necessary, and the police and the city court judges before whom cases of outstanding negligence are brought should see to it that these men—and women—are brought to their senses. Some of them have as much regard for other people and other people's property as they have for the man in the moon. They are driving fools and nothing but that. They fear neither God nor man.

NEATNESS IN DRESS.

There was a time when political leaders affected carelessness in dress, seeking in this way to give evidence of democratic thought. The fashion has not altogether died, for we have in America—and in certain European chancelleries as well—men who disdain the ordinary niceties of dress. But if they hope to gain long by this display they may be disappointed. We have the assurance of no less keen an observer than Senator Capper that Woodrow Wilson is our best-dressed president. After an interview with the president, the senator remarked: "Next to the president's amiability I was most impressed with his dress. It recalled an old saying of my boyhood. He looked as if he might have 'just jumped out of a bandbox'."

It is an old saw that clothes do not make the man. But they reveal them. Man's apparel is restricted by the nature of his work. It would be wanton extravagance for a coal heaver to wear to work a suit for a business man. And the clerk would not long hold his position if he appeared attired in a coal heaver's regalia. But when the man who works with his hands is at leisure there is no reason why he should be less neatly dressed than any of his fellows.

Neatness is not a matter of elegance. The neatest dress is the simplest. Neatness is essentially a matter of pride. And the man who does not have pride in himself cannot expect to command respect of others.

Mr. Wilson is setting a good example in observing the niceties of personal appearance, even amid the rush of domestic and international business. Like many other men, he may find that he can think more clearly, act more confidently when buoyed by the self-reliance which well-kept clothes give to men.

PROHIBITION doesn't seem to reduce the levitation acts frequently performed by pop bottles at baseball games.

IN OHIO they have found chickens in storage twenty-one months. Anything in storage that long is not chicken.

THE trail of the boss hoarder, as developments disclose, leads from Chicago to various storage concerns throughout the country—north, south, east and west.

THE joke is on those who thought this crusade against high prices would be another "flash in the pan."

But he did not tell all. Perhaps he told all that

Fashion's Forecast

By Annabel Worthington

GIRL'S DRESS.

Just a simple little blouse dress, but the trick of cutting the front of the waist in the form of a short panel which hangs over the girdle gives an air of distinction. The collar, of contrasting material, is rounded at the front but square at the back. The sleeves may be long or short. The two piece skirt is gathered all around and a sash is worn.

The girl's dress No. 9383 is cut in sizes 6 to 14 years. The 8-year size requires 2 1/4 yards 36-inch material, with 5/8 yard 36-inch contrasting material. Price, 10 cents.



FRENCH WRITER DENOUNCES JAPAN

Calls Japs Menace to World Peace and Criticizes China.

WILSON TRIP TO START ON SEPT. THIRD

Indianapolis to be a Speech Stop on the Long Itinerary.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—Vigorous denunciation of Japan's aims and commercial ambitions in China is contained in an article written by Henri Corder, French expert on Far Eastern questions.

"America realizes more than Europe the menace to world peace in Japan's ambitions," said M. Corder. "A satisfactory Shantung settlement is necessary to insure world peace, because, in addition to the United States, England and France are directly interested in the problem."

M. Corder then went on to criticize China for the laxness of her administration and the weakness in her defense and the presentation of her case to the peace conference. He added:

"But China is now awake. Every where Japanese goods are being boycotted and Japanese shipping magnates, who also control trade, are becoming alarmed over this economic war."

M. Corder charges that while the war was in progress, Japan cunningly encircled China, menacing her independence and her economic life.

It was learned that cities where set speeches are planned included Denver, St. Louis, Oklahoma City.

TERRE HAUTE.—The biggest attendance in the history of the fraternity is expected at the twenty-sixth annual convention of the Beta Phi Sigma fraternity which opened here for a four-days session. With the return of many Great letter men from service the convention is of the nature of a reunion. Boat trips, dances, theatre parties and motor tours are features of the program.

LAPORTE.—Race events and an address in favor of the league of nations by Judge Orbison of Indianapolis chief features of the LaPorte codify fair here. Race purses aggregate \$4,000.

SEYMOUR.—Hundreds of prominent farmers from Southern Indiana were expected here for the convention of the Twelfth district of the Indiana Federation of Farmers' Associations, which comprises a dozen counties. Lewis Taylor, secretary, will be the principal speaker.

KIDDIE KAPERS By BILL BAILEY



You musn't waste your time," says Pa.
Just do your best, and learn,
But as I'll live a hundred years,
You see, I've time to burn.

BILL BAILEY

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By KEN KLING

ASSORTED NUTS



LEND ME TEN, WILL YE!

THE NUT WHO MEETS HIS OLD PAL AND BRACES TO HIM ABOUT ALL THE MONEY HE'S MAKING—

HANK and PETE

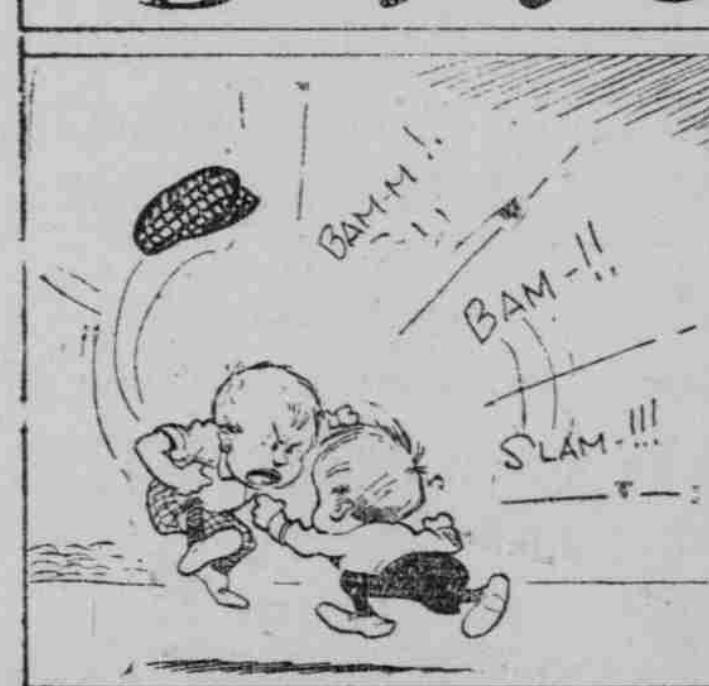
HES AS STUPID AS HE IS SLOW



By KEN KLING

Bringing Up Bill -- WHY SPOIL A GOOD BEGINNING?

-- A Task



Splinters



PEOPLE WE DON'T CARE TO MEET --
HAW HAW -- RIGHT ON HIS HEAD -- THAT'S RICH --
THE SIMP WHO CAN LAUGH AT ANYTHING FROM A BROKEN NECK TO A FUNERAL