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Decreasing Number of Federal Employees

There are now approximately 78,000 govern-
ment workers employed in Washington. At one

time during the war, 118,000 government em-
ployees were located in Washington. Before the

war the normal number of government workers in Washington was about 40,000. But it is gen-
erally admitted, the government cannot reduce that figure at this time without crippling the
service. In fact, many believe that the govern-
ment is now at its Washington payroll minimum.

The reductions since the war ended have
gradual. On Armistice day, Nov. 11, 1918, the
government force in Washington, as officially
recorded, was 117,760. It arose a little, to about
118,000, before the reductions began. In the

next seven months there was considerable shrink-
age. During 1920 government employees in
Washington were reduced from 102,000 to 86,450
on Dec. 31, 1920.

During the current year small reductions
have been made each month, until on Aug. 1
there were 78,151 on the payroll. Since that
time there has been a very large reduction of
employees in the census bureau because that bu-
reau has virtually completed all the details con-
nected with the taking of last year's census.
Probably there are no more than 75,000 on the
payroll at the present time.

What reductions, if any, will result from the
operation of the budget system and the proposed
departmental reorganization plan is problemati-
cal at this time.

Despite every effort at economy, its is now
realized by most members of congress, as well as
by department officials, that unless the govern-
ment goes out of business in certain lines it
cannot cut down its force far below its present
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lieve that the only way to make a large economy
in the government payroll is to scrap entire bu-
reaus; and, it is has been said, there are quite a
few of these bureaus which could be dispensed
with and never missed.

Answers to Questions

(Any reader can get the answers to
any question by writing The Palladium
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nor undertake exhaustive research
on any subject. Write your question
plainly and briefly. Give full name and
address and enclose two cents in
stamps for return postage. All replies
are sent direct to the inquirer.)

Editor's Note:—A Richmond reader,
signing "Thank you," but giving no
name or address has asked a number of
questions which are answered be-
low:

Louis XIV was called "Le Grand
Monarque."

"The Thinker" was modeled by Au-
guste Rodin.

Many painters have interpreted
"The Last Supper," but Leonardo da
Vinci painted the one which is the
most famous. "The Night Watch" (correctly called "The Sorts of the
City Guard"), was painted by Rem-
brandt; "The Horse Fair," Rosa Bon-
heur; "Breaking Home Ties," Thomas
Hovenden; "Baby Stuart," by Van
Dyke.

To clean fur do not use soap and
water. Get some clean, common whit-
ing—powdered, and plenty of it—put
it in a damp place for a day or so, but
on no account let it get wet; rub it
into the fur with the hand, and don't
be afraid to rub it. Let the whitening
stay in till next day, give the fur another
good rubbing, then shake out all the
whitening you can, and give it a
good brushing with a clothes brush.
It will now be pretty clean except the
skin at the bottom of the furs. To
remove the dirt from this put the fur
over the back of a chair, and use the
point of the clothes brush very briskly,
at the same time giving a short puff of
wind every time you give a stroke
with the brush. With a little practice
you will remove every trace of whit-
ing, grease or dirt. Lastly, pour alcohol
on a plate, dip the point of the
brush in this, and lightly pass it over
the fur: move the brush the same way
as the fur runs.

Q. Is it true that giants obtain their
growth as a result of a disease?—
L. D. B.

A. Gigantism is a rare disease sup-
posed to be associated with changes in
the pituitary body. The abnormal
growth is usually in the bones of the
face, arms and legs. Most giants seen
in circuses have this disease, or de-
velop it in time.

Q. Please give a recipe for fresh
mint jelly?—A. M. K.

A. Pour boiling water over 1 cup of
clean mint leaves and allow to steep
one hour. Press the juice from the
leaves and add 2 tablespoonsfuls of this
extract to 1 cup of apple juice and 2
cup of sugar. Boil until jelly test is
obtained. Pour into glasses.

Q. Does aspirin contain a habit-
forming drug?—F. A.

A. The bureau of chemistry says
that aspirin is acetyl salicylic acid.
This is not recognized as a habit-
forming drug.

Q. What weight should a horse carry
being 14½ hands high and weigh-
ing 25 pounds?—M. A.

A. The bureau of animal industry says
that it would be impossible to say
exactly what weight a horse weighing
25 pounds and standing 14½ hands
high could bear without injury. Such
horse would be considered under-
weight and underfed for army pur-
poses. In any case 150 pounds would
be the extreme weight which a young
horse of this size should carry for any
length of time.

Q. What month of the year are
maple trees tapped for sugar?—J. K.

A. The customary time in the spring
or tapping maple trees is when the
weather has reached that stage when
it freezes at night and thaws in the
day time. The first indication of the
sugaring sap in the trees is the signal for
tapping. The season may begin any-
where from early February until the
first of April, depending upon the par-
ticular conditions each year. Some-
times the season is very early and
again it may be exceedingly late.

Lessons in Correct English

DON'T SAY:

I do not REMEMBER OF seeing him.
He found her purse, and restored

THE SAME to her.

United States took part in the World
War.

After losing the game, the team
MADE ANOTHER TRY.

I had just arrived TILL he came.

SAY:

I do not REMEMBER seeing him.
He found her purse, and restored IT
to her.

THE United States took part in the World
War.

After losing the game, the team
TRIED AGAIN.

I had just arrived WHEN he came.

Rheuma for Rheumatism

Rheuma has relieved the agonizing
pains of thousands who thought
nothing would give relief. It should
do as much for you—it seldom fails.
Quigley Drug Stores will supply you
on the no-cure, no-pay basis. Adver-
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TODAY'S TALK

By George Matthew Adams, Author of "You Can", "Take It", "Up"

THE ROCKY WAY

There is no more important task in this world for you than the
education of your will.

And there is no method better or sounder than to realize early in
life that the easy way is the most destructive way—always.

A muscle must have opposition if it would be strong and fit. The
prize fighters engage other prize fighters to give him hard knocks
in training so that he will be prepared to face what may be no soft
job in the ring.

We must all face the distasteful and the painful quite often if we
would be ready for the emergency that may try our very souls.

He who treads the "soft snap" himself is sure to snap very early
in the game—for the game won't last but a little while for him.

Roosevelt preached—and practiced—the "strenuous life." It is
the only life that wraps happiness within its arms.

The trouble with the present day educational systems is largely
due to the ease in which they turn out students. The laboring man
wants easy hours and the ordinary employee wants to know first
what he is going to get out of the job in money.

But the exceptional man is interested primarily in doing the thing
at hand better than it has ever been done before.

The rocky way is the way over which the god of success leads the
conqueror!

The living of the simple life, with plain, nourishing food, and the
will to go the route necessary to win, is what assures the winner—all
in advance.

I wonder how many Lincoln and Webster boys there are today
who would walk ten miles to get a book to read!

Builders of nations know the rocky way.

Who's Who in the Day's News

LORD CAVAN

Gen. Lord Cavan, tenth earl of his
line, and a representative peer of Ire-
land in parliament at Westminster, is

officially announced as
designated to come to America with
Premier Lloyd George and the British
delegation to the disarmament conference held at
Washington as its military expert ad-
viser. He is now in chief command of the great permanent military camp at Aldershot, the
headquarters of that all important group of divisions of the
army which, training up to the last notch of efficiency,
is held at all times in permanent
readiness to be dispatched to the point of
great danger at a few hours' notice.

Lord Cavan is looked upon as one of
the most successful of British gen-
erals in the great war. For a time he
was commander in chief of the
British forces in Italy, and contributed
no small share to the victory on the
Piave.

President Harding playing golf.

A United States senator looks just
the same as anybody else when he is
in the washroom of a sleeper with his
collar off.

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OUR FAVORITE NEWS REEL
(The one we always see.)

Ski jumping in suburbs of Copen-
hagen.

Battleship passing under Brooklyn
bridge.

Our fleet at target practice (heavy
firing by trap drummer).

Prince Jagovitch arrived from Rou-
mania.

Silkworms at play.

Fire in corset factory at Biloxi.

Cabinet members taking oath of
office.

General Pershing going somewhere.

Raid on illicit still in New York
City.

President Harding playing golf.

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the same as anybody else when he is
in the washroom of a sleeper with his
collar off.

A man invented a taxi meter with a
conscience, but died in the poorhouse.

Nobody would buy one.

The lie is off in England and now
it is indeed the tight little isle.

"It beats my time," said grandma,
as she reflectively puffed her cigaret.

SAGE TEA TURNS GRAY HAIR DARK

It's Grandmother's Recipe to
Bring Back Color and
Lustre to Hair.

That beautiful, even shade of dark,
glossy hair can only be had by brew-
ing a mixture of Sage Tea and Sul-
phur. Your hair is your charm. It
makes or mars the face. When it
does, turns gray or streaked, just an
application or two of Sage and Sul-
phur enhances its appearance a hun-
dred fold.

Don't bother to prepare the mixture;
you can get this famous old recipe im-
proved by the addition of other in-
gredients at a small cost, all ready for
use. It is called Wyeth's Sage and
Sulphur Compound. This can always
be depended upon to bring back the
natural color and lustre of your hair.

Everybody uses "Wyeth's" Sage and
Sulphur Compound, now because it
darkens so naturally and evenly that
nobody can tell it has been applied.

You simply dampen a sponge or soft
brush with it and draw this through the
hair, taking one small strand at a
time; by morning the gray hair has
disappeared, and after another applica-
tion it becomes beautifully dark and
appears glossy and lustrous.—Adver-
tisement.

Memories of Old Days

In This Paper Ten Years Ago Today

King Alfred had Guthrum, the Dan-
ish leader, baptized in battle.

Harmless Means

of Reducing Fat

Many fat people fear ordinary means
for reducing their weight. Here is an
extraordinary method. Extraordinary
because while perfectly harmless no
dying or exercise are necessary.

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famous Marmola Prescription. You
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Fayette county boy to die in action in
the World war were held at the Central
Christian church with Rev. W. D.<br