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Decreasing Number of Federal Employees

There are now approximately 78,000 government workers employed in Washington. At one time during the war, 118,000 government employees were located in Washington. Before the war the normal number of government workers in Washington was about 40,000. But it is generally admitted, the government cannot reduce that figure at this time without crippling the service. In fact, many believe that the government is now at its Washington payroll minimum. The reductions since the war ended have been gradual. On Armistic 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 shrinkage. 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 bureau has virtually completed all the details connected 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 problematical at this time.

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

Answers to Questions

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

Louis XIV was called "Le Grand Monarque."

"The Thinker" was modeled by Auguste 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 Sort of the Civic Guard"), was painted by Rembrandt; "The Horse Fair," Rosa Bonheur; "Breaking Home Ties," Thomas Henden; "Baby Stuart," by Van Dyke.

To clean fur do not use soap and water. Get some clean, common whitening—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 give a short puff of wind every time you give a stroke with the brush. With a little practice you will remove every trace of whitening, 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?—I. D. B.

A. Gigantism is a rare disease supposed 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 develop 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 tablespoons of this extract to 1 cup of apple juice and 3/4 cup of sugar. Boil until jelly test is obtained. Pour into hot 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 14 1/2 hands high and weighing 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 14 1/2 hands high could bear without injury. Such a horse would be considered underweight and underfed for army purposes. 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 rising sap in the trees is the signal for tapping. The season may begin anywhere from early February until the first of April, depending upon the particular conditions each year. Sometimes 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.

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 fighter engages 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 snags" 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 Ireland 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 adviser. 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, trained 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 generals in the world. 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.

Lord Cavan is no stranger to the United States, for he often came south of the Dominion line when he was chief of the staff of the late Lord Derby during that peer's term of office of governor general at Ottawa.

Not very tall, with a complexion which was fair, Lord Cavan has shone in many departments of sport. He has been master of the hounds in Hertfordshire where he had his country seat at Wheatthampstead House, has won all sorts of military foot races, has excelled as a steeplechaser, winning many events, notably the memorable Grenadier and Coldstream Guards point to point race at Wing, near Leighton, in 1911. He is one of the most expert deer stalkers in the country, and is a crack at billiards; while as a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron naturally has his papers as sailing master and sails his own boat.

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Musings for the Evening

They say dice shakers live long, because there is rhythm in the rattle of the bones. But, it depends a good deal on how they run, at that.

Women's hats are classed as luxuries in Germany. But we have seen some over here that looked more like necessities.

Paris midnights have defied the dressmakers and refuse to wear long skirts, but who is going to worry about that?

OUR FAVORITE NEWS REEL
(The one we always see.)
Ski jumping in suburbs of Copenhagen.

Battleship passing under Brooklyn bridge.

Our fleet at target practice (heavy firing by trap drummers from Roumania).

Prince Jagovitch arrived from Roumania.

Silkworms at play.

Fire in corset factory at Biloxi, Miss.

Cabinet members taking oath of office.

General Pershing going somewhere.

Raid on illicit still in New York City.

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.

A man invented a taxi meter with a conscience, but died in the poorhouse. Nobody would buy one.

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

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

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"how people are becoming so settled in unsettled ways."

Many a man has a strong will, but his won't is stronger.

Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason

PLEASANT READING

Seated by my flaring candle, I digest the daily news, and it treats of crime and scandal, and of dope and smuggled booze. Foolishly I keep inquiring, "Is the whole world staring mad? Aren't people ever tiring of the greswome and the bad? Oh, this era of abasement! All our bulwarks seem a wreck!" and some buckshot, through the casement, comes and hits me in the neck. All the boys are busy gunning, and they care not who they plug, and the cops are tired of running grisly slayers to the jug. With my humble rushlight burning I peruse the tales of crime, longing for the swift returning of the olden, peaceful time; when in safety one might travel up the highway, far and near, and no shot, when charged with gravel, with his jaunty would interfere. Motor bandits were unheard of in those days serene and bright; it was seldom we had word of gunmen who would shoot at sight. In the streets, where men assemble, I'm the victim of a scare, and at home I sweat and tremble lest the gunmen find me there; on retiring I am fearful that they'll slay me while I snooze, and on waking I am fearful, lest I perish in my shoes. For the boys are busy slaying, and the bullets whiz and whine; oh, that all of us were maying, as in days of auld lang syne!

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The lady raised her lorgnette and, used to regarding everything as a craze, she replied: "Dreadful! I had no idea—but isn't it rather overdone?"

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"How was that?"

"Well, every time she had an engagement to motor with some other man he would pray for rain."

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After Dinner Stories

The company record was being prepared. Swallow Tail Smith was obtaining the biography of Private Murphy.

"Are you married, Murphy?" he asked.

"Yes," replied the recruit with a sigh.

"Any children?"

"Yes, two sons, both boys," was Murphy's quick reply.

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Masonic Calendar

Monday Oct. 24—Richmond Commandery, No. 8 K. T.—Special convocation. Dress rehearsal for inspection. Opening in full form. Conferring Order of the Temple.

Tuesday, Oct. 25—Richmond Lodge No. 196, F. & A. M. Called meeting work in Master Mason degree. This is Past Masters' night. Refreshments following the work.

Wednesday, Oct. 26—Webb Lodge, No. 24, F. & A. M. Called meeting, work in Entered Apprentice degree. Beginning at 7 o'clock.

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