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## An American as Pope

Dispatches from Rome telling of the existence of a strong current favoring the election of an American cardinal as pope are of surpassing interest to all Americans irrespective of their religious affiliation. His election as supreme pontiff would be a great compliment to the Catholics of this country and to the nation as a whole.

Ground for the possibility of such action, correspondents say, lies in the pressure which has been brought to bear upon cardinals to support certain men who might be favorable to certain European countries.

The effort of the nations to win victory for their own candidates has become so strong that one cardinal is quoted as saying:

"The only salvation is the choice of an American cardinal, born and bred on the Washington doctrine of non-interference."

Another cardinal is quoted in this morning's dispatches as follows:

"The election of an American cardinal seems to be the only happy solution. An American

would represent to the world the same admirable and serene justice which characterizes American history."

In pointing to America as the only disinterested country in the elevation of a new pope, the cardinal quoted above is authority for ascribing the following motives to European countries for their interest:

Great Britain wants a pope to placate Ireland. France wants one who will uphold her in her stand against Germany.

Italy wants a pope to wipe out the old feud between the Vatican and the government. Germany seeks a church head to help her escape reparations payments.

Austria wants a pope to help her regain her old prestige.

The correspondents of the various news organizations and the Rome papers themselves that are discussing this phase of the forthcoming conclave may have magnified an issue or they may be badly misinformed. After the first expressions of sentiment, the participants of the conclave probably will forget all political considerations and select a candidate who is adequately trained and fitted for the high spiritual post he is to occupy, irrespective of his political leaning.

In any event, however, the selection of an American cardinal as pope, because he is possessed of eminent qualifications for the spiritual leadership of the hierarchy and secondarily is not interested in the European political situation, would be warmly received in this country. It would be the first time that an American cardinal

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## Musings for the Evening

## THE SOB SISTER

I knew a young woman, And wasn't it QUAIN'T? She spent a week's wages For powder and PAINT. But 'twasn't so silly As scoffers SUPPOSE For her face make-up She added fine CLOTHES. She landed a gink With a good COPPER MINE, Who figures his fortune In numerals NINE. So here is my moral: Use plenty of PAINT, And hoot some old geezer By beauty that AINT.

A doctor says it is all right to wear silk stockings in the winter, but the trouble with us is that they don't keep that kind at the five-and-ten-cent stores.

The best thing to do when syphura are discovered in the drinking water is to catch them with a net and train them. They make kind and affectionate household pets.

An army surgeon says he can give the inside facts of certain casualties in the army. If anybody knows the inside facts, a surgeon should.

Quick, Watson, the Dictionary!

Dear Roy—An undertaking establishment on George street, New Haven, Conn., displays the sign "Mortuarian." Question: If an embalmer is a mortician, is an anti-prohibitionist a quidlibetarian?—Mervin L. Lane.

The nations have tabooed poison gas, but this will have no effect on those Moscow speeches, for Russia doesn't belong.

Count Lascelles, who is going to be married to Princess Mary, is to be made a peer, and this probably will be about the last we will hear of him.

Answers to Questions

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Q. Under what department of the government is St. Elizabeth's hospital?—J. A. N.

A. The federal hospital for the insane, known as St. Elizabeth's, is administered under the department of the interior.

Q. Do ants keep little cows?—A. P.

A. The reference to ants keeping cows is to the insect known as the aphid which feeds on plant juice and converts it in honey. The ants make prisoners of the aphides and take the honey from them.

Q. Do all the judges of the supreme court sit for all cases?—L. H.

A. The clerk of the supreme court says it is customary for all of the members of the supreme court to sit in every session unless disqualified by having had previous connection with the particular case that is brought up for discussion. The law requires that a quorum (two-thirds of the members) be present.

Q. Can a person direct that a letter going abroad should go by a certain steamer?—H. G. B.

A. The post office department says that it is their practice in handling foreign mails to follow directions in dispatch of mail when especially addressed, that is, mail addressed to a particular steamer is held for dispatch by such steamer.

Q. Where is the heaviest growth of timber in the United States, and has the tract ever been glaciated?—D. C. B.

A. The forest service says that the heaviest growth of timber in the United States is on the Olympic peninsula in the state of Washington. This area has been glaciated at several periods.

Q. What is the religion of the Egyptians?—C. A. W.

A. More than nine-tenths of the inhabitants of Egypt are of the Sunnite Mohammedan faith. In the remaining one-tenth are Copts, Jews, and Christians of various denominations.

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## TODAY'S TALK

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

## LETTERS

An Italian gentleman wrote me a very beautiful letter. I have been carrying it around in my pocket for days. I have read and re-read it. He said he hesitated to write me because he didn't use very good language—that he had worked with his hands for so long his mental education had been neglected.

But this is what I thought as I read the letter—that his heart-education had been enriched every day of his life. And he has passed some of that richness on to me.

He came to America when but a boy of 15—all alone, and not knowing a word of English. Yet his letter was beautifully worded and penned with great neatness. What impressed me among so many things, however, was his sincerity and thoughtfulness.

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## Who's Who in the Day's News

## GOV. WILLIAM C. SPROUL

William Cameron Sprout, governor of Pennsylvania, has fallen heir to the political power held in his lifetime by the late Senator Boies Penrose. No other Republican in the Keystone state has qualities of leadership equal to Sprout's. Now Sprout is already being called Pennsylvania's new boss.

Gov. Sprout has been in active political life in his state for 22 years. He began as a newspaper man. Born in Lancaster county, where the tobacco is raised, he was graduated from Swarthmore in 1891. His people owned a farm in the Pennsylvania Dutch way, and the governor likes to call himself a farmer. He is the owner of the Chester "Times" and the "Morning Republican" of Chester.

His political career has had Harrisburg as its center. He went there in 1892 as a state senator, and was a part and parcel of the machine that dominates the state and plays such a wide part in the national situation. Five times he was re-elected to the upper house of the legislature.

In the meantime he branched out in big business. He organized the Seaboard Steel Casting company, which eventually went into the American Locomotive company. He was the organizer and president of the General Refractories company, controlling 10 big plants. Banks, mining, traction and other lines of industry claimed his attention. In all of his ventures he was successful, and the new boss of the big state brings a large amount of personal ability to his job.

He is the man who has been industriously laughing my head off at every chestnut and feeble gag pulled by the officers of this association in the hope that I would carry favor with them and they would call on me for a speech. But I wore myself out before I bought their favor, and I am now too exhausted to talk. Thank you." And he sat down. The plotters were dumbfounded. In fact, Chepson's long laughter had been sincere. But he was witty enough to foresee that they were loaded for him and that he must spike their guns.

A small fish with a large head, which is found round the British Isles, and is known as the bullhead, has the power of barking to frighten off its enemies.

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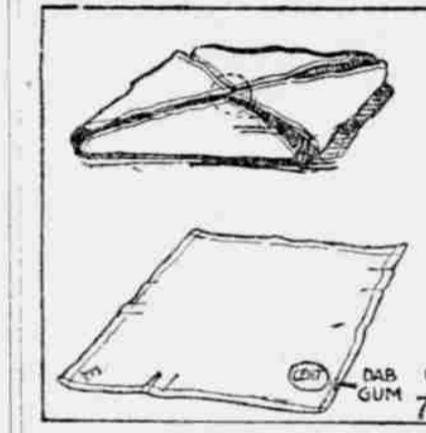
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## After Dinner Tricks



No. 77—The Vanished Penny

A coin disappears from the center of a handkerchief by fixing a dab of chewing gum underneath one corner of the handkerchief. The cloth is spread out on the table, and the coin placed in the center. Then the gummed corner is folded in and pressed against the coin, and the other corners are folded in on top.

The corners are opened out rather quickly, the coin comes out with the chewing gum, and lies concealed beneath the corner of the handkerchief.

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## Memories of Old Days

In This Paper Ten Years Ago Today

The names of the students of the county schools making the highest averages for the term which had just ended were filed in the office of C. O. Williams, county superintendent of schools. Edna Voris of Webster, led the county in high average with the percent of 98.8, and Mary Harrison led in attendance records.

Charles W. Jordan, and his army of 100 business men, won victory for the third consecutive time, when they clashed at the campaign luncheon, his men vying with E. M. Haas' fighters to see which could report the largest number of contributions to the \$50,000 Y. M. C. A. fund. Jordan's men had solicited the largest amount for the campaign at that time.

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In a typewritten statement to the newspaper correspondents he said today that the purported inventor offered to demonstrate his process for making synthetic gold, but that for some unexplained reason Prof. Fisher did not accept it.

Submits Samples of Gold.

The alleged inventor submitted samples of gold to President Havenstein of the Reichsbank, which he alleged he had made.

This gold was found to be 99 per cent pure, but Herr Havenstein was without proof that the gold had been made artificially. This occurred in 1917, but why President Havenstein did not investigate further Prof. Fisher does not explain in his statement. After recounting his investigations, Prof. Fisher says:

"But a distinguished German scientist has just told me that the man (the supposed inventor of synthetic gold) is a fraud and has a prison record. My friend, who gave me the original information, said he had known the man for years and assured me that the one thing he was sure of was that the man was not a fraud, however mistaken he might be about his supposed invention. I am now disposed to believe that he was misled."

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## Movie of a Man Trying to Shoot Little Joe



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(By Associated Press)

BERLIN, Jan. 25.—The search of Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale university for "moonshine" gold came to an abrupt end today, when he was informed by an unidentified scientist that the German who had claimed the discovery of a synthetic gold process was a fraud and had a prison record.

Dr. Fisher will leave tomorrow for home. He came to Berlin primarily to study the German currency problem. His investigation into synthetic gold was incidental.

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Friends here have been informed in a telegram from Arthur C. Jackson, chairman of the central committee of the Seven Yearly Meetings of Liberal Friends in America that the next sessions of the biennial conference, which has been meeting in recent years at Cape May, N. J., would be held at Richmond, Aug. 26 to Sept. 1, inclusive.

The committee was then in session in Philadelphia and the telegram added: "All resolved to make this conference the best ever."

Indiana Friends have been hoping for this decision for some time. Options have been obtained upon the ac-

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