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## AMERICAN GENIUS LEADS.

In a recent address in London, Sir George Paish related with considerable pride that British merchant ships had made great progress in the substitution of fuel oil for coal. Although he did not state so directly, the manner in which he presented the facts left the inference that the use of oil as a fuel on ships was a movement in which British ship owners had taken the initiative. As a matter of fact the use of fuel oil has made greatest progress on American ships, a Pacific steamship company having been the pioneer.

American genius has taken the lead in shipping almost ever since the colonies were established. The schooner was an American invention, as also was the clipper, which for many years was the most efficient merchant vessel. Because of the repeal of favorable legislation, the American merchant marine was given a setback about the time the manufacture of steel ships began, and Great Britain, as a result, rapidly took the lead. Given equality of opportunity so far as governmental policies are concerned, American ship builders and American ship operators will undoubtedly take care of themselves.

The substitution of oil for coal as a fuel for ships will mean increased efficiency so far as speed is concerned, increased carrying capacity due to the saving of fuel space, decreased expenditure for wages, and a more attractive means of employment for American labor. The American workmen who refuse to go down into the hold of a ship to shovel coal will have no objection to operating the burners of a ship using oil as fuel. Great Britain was not slow in adopting the fuel oil policy of American ship owners. America's principal task now is to place America's shipping on an equality with the shipping of Great Britain, Japan and other nations.

## SIGNALING TO MARS.

The planet Mars makes one of its nearest approaches to the earth this month, when the distance between us will be about 55,000,000 miles. Taking advantage of this reduction of the intervening space, a college professor has figured it out that by ascending a balloon to a height of 50,000 feet the dwellers on Mars, if there be any, will notice his signals from the balloon, and act accordingly.

Judging by what the professor is quoted as saying, he takes himself seriously in taking this venture so far overhead that it will require a powerful telescope to see him—if he means what he says and tries to ascend to the height he has in his mind. To the average individual, however, the ordinary person who relies chiefly upon common sense, the professor's project is simply ridiculous. Comparing 50,000 feet with 55,000,000 miles, the ordinary person thinks the professor might as well send his signals from the surface of the earth, or even from the bottom of a well, where, it is said, a good view of stars can be obtained even in the middle of the day.

But we have enough troubles of our own. In the rather fervid circumstances which keep up grapping we should seek no messages from a planetary neighbor whose name shrieks of war. Ordinary politeness, moreover, should suggest we hesitate until we can feel assured whether the Martians, possibly observing a confusing of earthly conditions which seems to be disconcerting, if not disheartening, are perturbed by any desire whatever to recognize or communicate with us.

## THE POOR OLD WORLD.

The proneness of some individuals to interpret every "mysterious sign" as forecasting the end of the world is shown again by a woman in Michigan and a number of her neighbors. The woman in question claims that one of her hens laid an egg on which was the inscription: "The End Will Come After Five Days." Instantly it was assumed by the owner of the hen that the latter was giving warning that the end of the world was at hand.

While it is contended by some that the inscription looks to be the work of some joker clever with a knife, suppose that the egg were so marked when laid. Why jump to the conclusion that the inscription, if it means anything, refers to the world? Think of the countless other things to which it might refer! Why was it not assumed that the message had something to do with the hen herself? Maybe, disgruntled with her inability to bring down the high cost of living by industrious laying she has made up her mind to lay off work and let things go to the bow-wow, if nothing else will do. Again, the inscription might forecast the blowing up of another campaign boom. Indeed, this puzzle of the egg is as nothing to the perplexities given to some of the politicians by the Michigan primaries.

It all recalls the "mysterious letters" a farm laborer claimed to have seen one hot summer day. He reported to his employer that "G. P. C." had risen suddenly before him. His interpretation was "Go French Christ." But his employer ruled that it meant nothing of the kind. "Go plow corn" was his version, and he sent the hired man scurrying to obey the

sign. So let the Michigan woman read something sensible into the inscription that is bothering her.

## IF CITIES HAD THE MONEY.

A newspaper that asked the heads of several cities what they would do if they had the money received a set of replies that are illuminating as regards municipal aspirations.

One mayor wrote: "We'd pave and repave city streets, construct sewers, build bridges and schools, install a new fire-alarm system, eliminate grade crossings, provide better collection of garbage and rubbish, increase the pay of city employees and school teachers, construct a new city hall, provide better bathing places, build driveways along the river, establish several public comfort stations and buy land that can be bought cheaply now for future parks and playgrounds."

Most of the other mayors presented less comprehensive programs. Nearly all of them, however, agreed in wanting more and better homes, schools, paving, water supply and parks, and agreed that if they were out of debt, the first thing they would do would be to get into debt again for these purposes.

A city, like a family, can always find imperative uses for its money. And it is well to look ahead in this way and decide what money ought to be spent for, even when it is not available. Sooner or later, the dreams will be realized, if plans are clearly conceived and kept well in mind.

It may also be said, despite small-minded ideas of "extravagance," that there is little possibility of a city spending too much money on itself, if the money is spent for the important things, and the authorities see that every dollar buys a dollar's worth of improvement. For the community, as for the family, wise and farsighted spending is more profitable than parsimony.

## INLAND LINERS.

Ports on the Great Lakes and on the Mississippi and its navigable tributaries are at last attaining the dignity of foreign seaports.

With the opening of lake navigation a big fleet of "inland liners" is being put into operation. It consists, to begin with, of 57 cargo-carriers, including 16 steamers and 47 capacious barges, with headquarters at New York. They enter the Lakes by way of the New York Barge canal from the Hudson to Buffalo. Thence they have access to the commerce of the whole middle west and much of the northwest. Similar carriers are expected soon to utilize the Mississippi system. There is water communication already between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi, and it will not be long until they are joined by a canal accommodating the largest lake vessels.

The steamships and barges embraced in the fleet mentioned above will have their foreign-bound cargoes transferred to ocean liners at New York. There are many ships entering the Lakes, however, that are genuine liners, and merely make their Lake trip one leg of their Atlantic voyage.

It is a promising development, not only for our foreign trade but for the domestic trade between our interior and the eastern seaboard, which is steadily gaining in volume, cost and difficulty. These water carriers offer welcome relief to the crippled railroads, and at the same time offer relief to the public. By their means heavy freight bound east or west can move more freely and at lower cost. At a time when railroad rates, already burdensome, are scheduled for another big increase, there is unusual incentive to realize the possibilities of this water traffic. Thus the very necessity which occasions it may prove to have been a blessing.

## ADIEU! SALT HORSE!

Salt pork, commonly known to the men of army and navy as "salt horse," is no longer to have a place on navy bills of fare. An order has been sent out from headquarters that no more salt pork shall be bought, but bacon and ham substituted instead.

Anyone who has heard returned soldiers or sailors discourse on the subject of their meals will rejoice that this ancient and, as Kipling puts it, "more or less honorable" article of diet has been supplanted by something that the boys will like better.

Great progress has been made in the last few years in preparing meats and other foods so that they may be kept and transported with little difficulty. Surely the boys who go far by land and sea in defense of their country deserve to reap the benefit of this improvement.

When the new methods of food preservation now being perfected in Washington are satisfactorily completed, there will be no need for salted foods to take so large a place in the diet of the traveler or explorer. This will be of direct benefit from a health standpoint as well as from that of palatability. If, in spite of wishes and prayers, there must still be more fighting before this world knows final peace, it is at least a comfort to know that the warrior's bill of fare will be better than it used to be.

## Other Editors Than Ours

## A MAXLESS NAVY COMING?

(Columbus Journal.)

That there is a deep cause in what may be termed "radical" actions of men under conditions which it is not difficult to measure is shown with startling clarity in the deserts from the United States navy during 1919 and the few months of the current year. Last year there were approximately 5,000 desertions, and this year the ratio is still higher, with no indication that the end is in sight. Whether this means that within a comparatively short time the naval vessels will be manless is something those closer to the facts must answer.

Added to the desertions of enlisted men is the more striking fact that a large proportion of the naval officers are about to resign. From the navy department the only explanation is in one word, "pay." The enlisted men who are volunteers through sheer patriotism and enthusiasm for the maintenance of American naval traditions cannot be placed among those condemned offhand as lacking in American motives. Nor can this charge well be sent against the officers who find themselves thrust away from their chosen life vocations by circumstances which they cannot influence, much less direct.

Put in the raw, this means that when the economic pressure becomes strong enough all other considerations, all ideals, fall away. And these are not the men to be accused of disloyalty. And yet they not only choose to leave the duty they voluntarily assumed, but do so in a manner which subjects them to humiliation, stigma and severe punishment as a finale. When men dare all this there can be no doubt that something is amiss in our scheme of things, whatever our purposes and intentions.

## The Tower of Babel

By BILL ARMSTRONG

PA PERKINS

SEZ.

Tom Hill, a

prominent show

actor, has abandoned the over-

all campaign, be-

cause it got him

in the limelight.



Hartford City lost one percent of its population in the last 10 years. That must have been occasioned by Ralph Hutchinson moving his flock to South Bend.

After careful thought, General Wrangle has been elected to take high command of the anti-bolshevik forces in Russia, on account of his name.

Advertisin' is goin' right ahead—George Washington's old family church has just launched a campaign to help fill up the pews on Sunday.

It is just about agreed by now that the wooden shoe is the proper footwear to accompany the overall, but it is a little hard to get on what kind of a hat is to be worn. Our judgment would be that a three gallon crock is the proper thing, but this may prove the least bit impractical because of the prevailing high cost of crocks due to the home brewing epidemic.

## HI KEPT FISHIN'.

Hi Somers was the durndest cuss. Fer ketchin' fish—he sure was great! He never used to make no fuss. About the kind of pole or bait, Er weather, neither; he'd just say, "I got to ketch a mess today." An' toward the creek you'd see him

side. A-whistlin' soft and walkin' wide. I says one day to Hi, says I, "How do you always ketch 'em, Hi?" He gives his bait another swish in An' chucklin', says, "I jest keep fishin'."

Hi took to reading law at night. An' pretty soon, the first he knowed, He had a lawsuit, won his fight. An' was a lawyer! I'll be blowed! He knowed more law than Squire McKenay.

An' tho' he had no gift of gab, To brag about, somehow he made A sober sort of talk that played; The mischief with the other side, One day when someone asked if Hi'd Explain how he got in condishin' He laughed an' said, "I jest kept fishin'!"

Well, Hi is G'nor Somers now. A big man 'round the state, you bet!

To me the same old Hi somehow, The same old champeen fisher yet. It wa'n't so much the bait er pole, It wa'n't so much the fishin' hole, That won for Hi his big success; 'Twas jest his fishin' on, I guess. A cheerful, stiddy, hopeful kind Of keepin' at it—don't you mind? An' that is why I can't help wishin' That more of us would jest keep fishin'!

RED KILLS J. P. MORGAN'S DOCTOR—headlines all the Monday morning papers. Now that is one of the advantages of being our doctor; when he is shot down he is not subject to a lot of needless notoriety like Morgan's doctor.

Hi Johnson is out with the announcement that he will not be "the hitching post" in the coming republican convention, meaning he will accept the presidential nomination or nothing. Our view of Hi is, that he will be durned lucky if he gets into the livery stable at all.

tended the royal ladies who bore this name, while the Jesses, the masculine counterparts, have had more suspicious careers. Twice, a Giovanni, or Jessica, reigned in Naples in disgrace and misery and her Spanish counterpart, Juana la Loca of Castille, went through a royal seige of melancholy madness. Two heroines were called; Jeanne of Flanders, or Jannedek, at Flamm, as the Bretons called her, and the heroine of Henbonne, and the much more noble Jeanne d'Arcelle of Orleans. Two saints gave Jessie and her derivatives, a flavor of sanctity—Jeanne de Valois, daughter of Louis XI and discarded wife of Louis XII and foundress of the Annonciades, and Jeanne Francoise de Chantal, the disciple of St. Francis de Sales.

Whether Shakespeare's lovely heroine of "The Merchant of Venice" was an improvement on Jessie as short for Janet, or was really the feminine of Jesse, the father of David, is open to conjecture. However it may be, Jessie signifies "grace of the Lord." Her talismanic gem is the amethyst which preserves its wearer from contagion and protects soldiers from harm in battle. It has a sobering effect upon one of light or frivolous mind. Saturday is Jessie's lucky day and 4 her lucky number. The primrose is her flower.

Jessie has always been a favorite name with the poets, especially the Scotch poets. Robert Burns contributed one of the most charming of lyrics written to her: "Oh for the rose in the gay dewy morning, And sweet is the lily at evening close; But in the fair presence o' lovely young Jessie, Unseen is the lily, unheeded the rose." (Copyright, 1919.)

## The Horoscope

TUESDAY, APRIL 20.

While the astral forces are not in powerful operation according to the astrological interpretation, yet the day may be one of trifling cares and annoyances, both in the business world and in the domestic, social and affectional circles. The principal menace in this direction will be found in the parallel position of Sol and Saturn tending to thwart, chill, delay, disappoint and make sullen, morose and despondent. The reaction from this astral influence may be found in a low physical condition, consequently the health should be of the first consideration. Peculiar domestic conditions rule under an adversely placed Venus-Uranus aspect.

Those whose birthday it is may have a year of small cares and worries. They should pay particular attention to their health. A child born on this day should be trained in optimism and good nature.

SOUTH BEND MOVIES. The Orpheum will give a special showing of the South Bend Movies Wednesday afternoon. These moving pictures were taken on the Orpheum stage in March, 1919. Many South Bend young people were in them. Wednesday matinee only. 2803-21—Advt.

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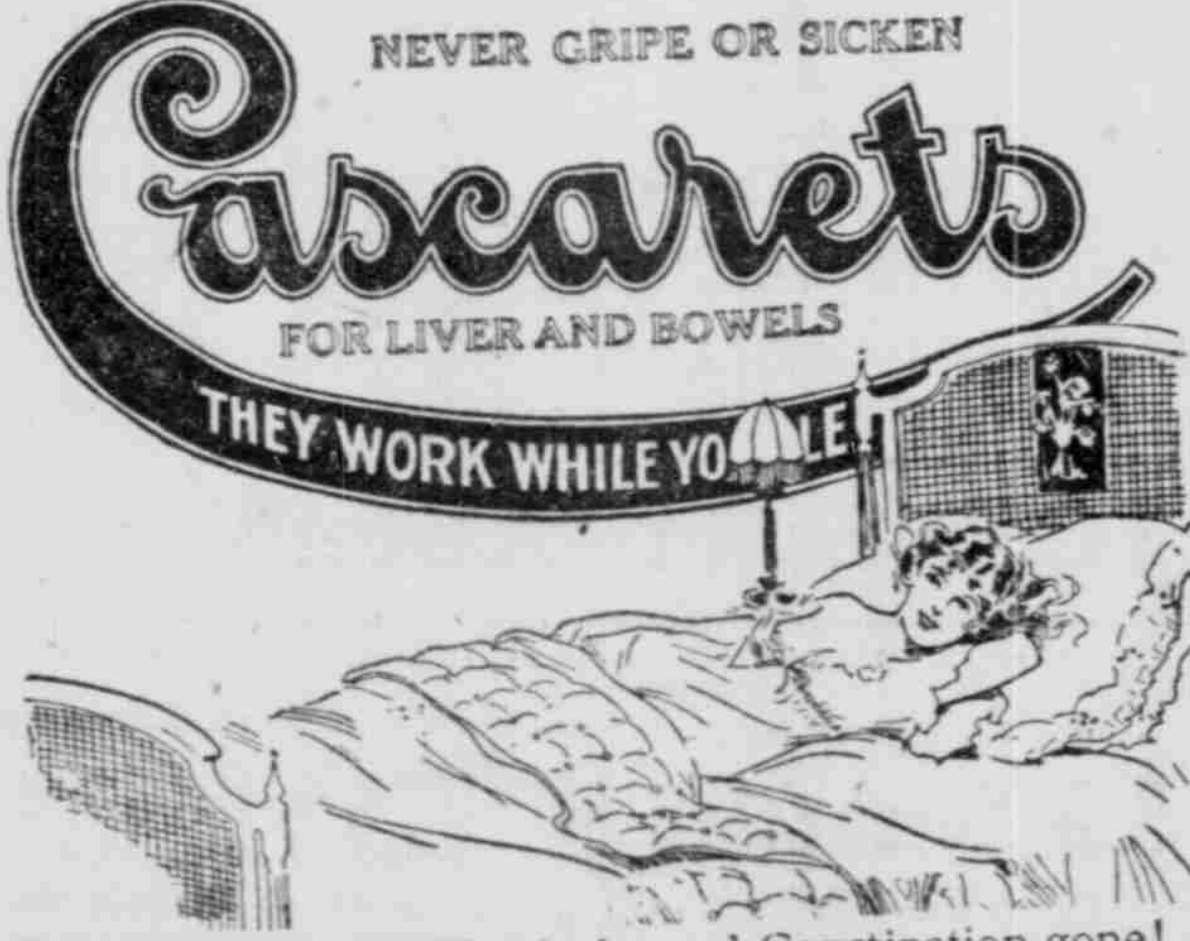
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