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VANISHING TYPHOID.

A city of more than 100,000 inhabitants reports not one death from typhoid during the past year. Another city about the same size has had only one death. Chicago, with a population of over two and a half million, has had only 31 typhoid deaths in the same period. Statistics like these encourage writers in the medical journals to predict that before many years have passed, typhoid, one of the most dreaded and fatal of diseases, will be abolished. Certainly such an objective is worth working for.

In most cities the prevention of typhoid and the stamping out of incipient epidemics in general is fairly well in hand. It is the rural districts which must now bring their records up. Water and milk supplies are the chief things to be watched in any campaign against typhoid, and in addition to insuring purity in both of these essentials, inoculation against the disease must have its full share of respect. Undoubtedly the inoculation of the millions of boys who entered military service has been a prime factor in reducing typhoid figures the nation over.

The season of greatest activity in the country is at hand, and also the season of greatest danger, if precautions are not observed. Why not a 100 percent typhoid report for this summer everywhere? It is perfectly possible, and certainly desirable.

UNCLE SAM INVITES YOU.

The problem of where to spend the precious vacation period is upon the minds of all those lucky enough to have vacations to plan for.

Those who allow Uncle Sam to be their host are above all other vacationers blessed, for the playgrounds belonging to him—and through him, to you, set aside for your own enjoyment, health and happiness—are among the most beautiful parts of the country.

There is the Yellowstone, for instance, which comes to mind first of all. Last year automobiles were admitted there, and naturally the park, vast and well-commensured as it is, found its equipment inadequate to handle the crowds of motorists who thronged into it. This year the arrangements will be better, and hungry tourists will not have to be turned away from hotels sold out to the last cracker and cake of chocolate.

But there are many others. In California there are the Yosemite, Sequoia and Gen. Grant National Parks. In the last two are to be seen the giant redwoods. In themselves worth a transcontinental journey. There is also the recently established Lassen Volcanic Park.

In Oregon there is Crater Lake. Montana has Glacier Park. Washington has Mt. Ranier—or Tacoma, if you prefer. Then there is Wind Cave in South Dakota, Sully Hill in North Dakota, Platt National Park at Sulphur, Okla.

Hot Springs, Ark., has a national reservation. Colorado has Mesa Verde and Rocky Mountain National Parks. There is also White River National Forest in that state, a paradise for the hunter and fisherman.

This does not complete the list of Uncle's playgrounds—there are some in the east, too. But it is enough to indicate the number and extent of beauty spots which are all your own.

PREPARING FOR AIR COMMERCE.

A British airplane manufacturer, speaking recently before the Chicago Association of Commerce, made this statement:

"The last thing you want in an air service is an airplane. You must put in the ground organization right. You must have wireless communications. You must have meteorological forecasting. You must have the repair shops and everything else before you start your flying."

It sounds like a large order, but it is one which must be filled if commercial flying is to prosper in this country as it is already prospering abroad. So far government and private individuals have done comparatively little to improve flying conditions in the United States.

There are docks and charts and nautical almanacs to insure regular ocean traffic. Railroad trains run by night as well as by day. If the airplane is to supplement the work of the ship on the sea and the steam engine on land, it must be given as thorough preparation. The chief value of the airplane lies in its ability to transport mail or goods or passengers more quickly than either of the older means of transportation. If it is to beat the railroad train, there must be adequate provision and safety measures for night flying with an aerial white way of light towers.

In England any airplane may alight at a government aerodrome and, by paying a very small sum, may have his machine safely housed for the night. This sum covers the service of a man to start the propeller in the morning, as well as full weather reports.

It will be strange indeed if Americans show themselves content to let these aids to successful commercial air service go undeveloped until the rest of the world has perfected its air transportation. Surely citizens and government have equal interest

in this work and are willing to put the necessary funds and effort into it.

DO WE NEED IMMIGRANTS?

The immigration problem, which many people lately considered settled, has bobbed up again. Instead of a deluge of immigrants, there is such a dearth of them that some industrial authorities estimate the labor shortage in this country at 5,000,000 men. A big employers' association is therefore demanding that the immigration bars be lowered somewhat, particularly the literacy test, which is keeping large numbers of workmen out of the country.

Unquestionably this test sometimes operates disadvantageously. There are many men and women who would make good citizens and would help alleviate our critical labor shortage at the present time. But as a general proposition, do Americans want to let down the bars once more to a foreign horde, even in such an emergency? Can we assimilate any more of the kind of immigrants Europe has been sending us for the past dozen years? Is it not a fact that we have not yet assimilated those we already have with us? The war proved that, if, indeed, it did not prove that many classes of Europeans can never be fully assimilated or Americanized.

As for the shortage of labor, possibly there is another way out. Are we quite sure that this shortage is real? Suppose everybody should suddenly reform overnight, and decide to work the way Americans used to work. Would there still be a shortage? If everybody really worked, and nobody, in factory or mine or office, "soldiered," would not production leap forward to an extent that would make up for the lack of millions of hands?

THE TRUTH OF MOTHER GOOSE.

Observance of the 255th anniversary of the birth of Elizabeth Goose—"Mother Goose"—has called attention to the conflicting claims of Boston and Charlestown, Mass., as the place of nativity of this celebrity, and to rather insistent French protestation that credit for the melodies goes far back to the mother of the mighty Charlemagne, the festival of whom as the patron of children is celebrated to this day.

But whether Elizabeth, the second wife of Isaac Goose, or Vergoosse, the stepmother of 10 children and mother of six, really "had so many children she didn't know what to do" and whether other experiences immortalized in rhyme were fabled or real, original or retold, is in truth comparatively unimportant. The rank and file of young folk and of elders alike will willingly give her full credit and lay a wreath at her tomb, in spirit at least. There is no surer measure of the vigor of the race than the fine, pure imagination of its children.

MONEY STILL COMES HIGH.

The advance in the minimum discount rate of the Bank of England to seven percent is an interesting commentary on the great demand for money and the higher prices which borrowers must pay in order to obtain accommodation. At the same time the effect of this increase was almost negligible. Even in England it had no effect on the stock market, for dealings in London were described as "active and broad," with large trading in oils, steels, sugars, equipments and motors.

In this country there was no such effect as an advance in the British rate to seven percent would have produced in years gone by, when the financial supremacy of the world was lodged in London. There have been times when such a rise in the London rate of discount would have produced semipanic results, and the whole financial fabric would have shuddered, but such times are over and gone.

Anybody might suppose, from the popular interest in the matter, that the zodiac signs revolving when movie stars get married.

What worries the small boy in his print paper shortage is fear that it may restrict the activities of the circus bill poster.

When a man talks in whispers about his private stock these days he is probably referring to canned corn and beans.

When you find a cheerful man these days you may know he's an incurable optimist. More power to him.

Cities can't lie much longer about their population, and get away with it.

Other Editors Than Ours

CONGRESSIONAL JOY RIDE.

(Buffalo Courier.)
Some hundred or more members of congress are preparing for a prolonged joy ride. Starting sometime in July, traveling in a government transport, they plan to visit Hawaii, the Philippines, China and Japan, for the purpose of "studying Oriental problems." Just what "Oriental problems" require first-hand study on the part of the stalwart statesmen of congress is not quite clear, nevertheless a few weeks spent riding the ocean waves with a few pleasant evenings on the moonlit beaches of Hawaii and the Orient will be far more pleasant than if they were spent in Washington wrestling with the vexing problems of reconstruction which congress was elected to solve. Besides, many of these problems are like the two-edged sword, they cut two ways, and for political reasons may better be left unsolved until the national election is over.

Each congressman will be required to pay \$1.25 per day toward the expenses of the joy ride—the federal treasury footing the remainder of the bill, which, of course, is quite in line with the republican party's widely proclaimed policy of economy.

REDUCING THE DEBT.

(Denver Post.)
During March the treasury department accomplished a reduction of nearly three-quarters of a billion dollars in the national debt. During six months ending with March, the nation's indebtedness was reduced more than a billion and a half dollars, enough to effect a saving on interest to the taxpayers of the country of approximately \$65,000,000 per annum.

This record is so splendid as to bring forth praise even from the republican floor leader in the house, Rep. Mondell, who admits that the treasury officials have "handled a trying situation most admirably," but warns that "they cannot avert a disaster unless we keep expenditures within our income."

Mr. Mondell, of course, knows that no money is expended that is not appropriated by congress, and that responsibility for wise economy rests with congress, where the republicans are in control.

The republican leaders in that body have been talking about economy ever since they came into power, almost a year ago. While they have been talking economy, the government departments have been practicing it.

The Tower of Babel

By BILL ARMSTRONG

THE TOWER OF BABEL—GUESS WHAT HE WOULD SAY. We will offer as a prize any single copy of The News-Times for the past two weeks to the person sending in the best answer to the following question:

WHAT WOULD ABE LIVINGSTON SAY IF ONE OF HIS CLERKS CAME TO WORK IN OVERALLS?

PA PERKINS

SEZ.

Jim Thumb

was held up and

robbed last night

of two pounds of

granulated by a

highwayman, he

mistook for a

member of an

overall club.



OFFICER MAKES STATEMENT.

Ex-First Lieut. Earl E. Reeder, the widely known and affable advertising man, characterizes the move in congress to eliminate former army officers from receiving a bonus, as the greatest blow against personal liberty and human rights since Eve banished Adam out of the Garden of Eden.

Mr. Reeder, in an exclusive statement to The Tower, said:

"My friend, this reported action on the part of congress, is the rankiest injustice, the most crying, despicable wrong ever inflicted on the flower of the young manhood of our great and peaceful democracy. It is a dastardly outrage, and should bring down on the heads of our representatives at Washington the ever lasting wrath of thousands, yes millions, of stout hearted, God fearing second lieutenants. By the way, how do you feel in regard to the matter, corporal?"

He replied as follows:

"I shall never know the possibilities and ramifications of the ecstasy

and delight of the human heart until our great and brainy congress passes this law, cutting the officer out of his bonus. On the day that this legislation becomes a law of our great nation, I shall take a big chew of tobacco, comb my hair carefully, and lay myself down calmly in front of a Chapin et. car, and say: 'My only regret is that I have but one life to give to the Northern Indiana railway. I die happy, at peace with everybody, even Bob Jones.'"

The former lieutenant, after borrowing a match and a Fatima, departed angrily, gnashing his teeth.

The volume of national advertising in newspapers for last year amounted to \$150,000,000, and The News-Times carried its share, according to the statement of our expert checkers, not within our organization.

Banging the door shut behind him, a gent the other day called on Adam Beebler, the florist. He walked up to the counter and proceeded to glare at Adam.

"I noticed your sign, 'Say It With Flowers,' out in front and I thought I would give you a trial order," the customer said.

"Well we have roses, carnations, hyacinths and most anything you desire. Now what—," suggested Adam as the customer interrupted with a growl:

"Nothing like it. What I want is a couple of skunk cabbages or some garlic roots to send to my landlord; he's raised my rent again."

THEY MIGHT BET A LITTLE TOO. Jake Heckaman sez all his barbers have gotten religious since Bob Jones came to town, but he would hate to trust any of them if someone dropped into the job and offered them a drink or two of Bourbon.

TIMES WHICH TRY MEN'S SOULS.

For instance, Sam Adler steps into his bank, the Union Trust Co., and finds all of the employees attired in overalls!

Willelmus Richardson and his wife Christina who had a family of 18 children and became so destitute for names for this extraordinary brood that they had two Johannes, two Willelmus' two Christinas, and three Janets. Strange to relate, this was not an unusual custom of duplications in those days.

Genilda was an old Frankish form of Janet which was exceedingly popular, indeed it is thought to be so direct a forerunner as to be conclusive proof that Janet sprang from it and from Genilda—not from any form of John. Genilda is another early form that appears in old Frankish chronicles. Undoubtedly Janet was left behind in France and became confused with Jean, hence erroneous modern belief that the two names are interchangeable. Like its offspring Jessie, Janet means "grace of the Lord."

Her talismanic stone is onyx, which unless it has some mystic significance for the wearer as in this instance, should be avoided, since it cools the ardor of love, provokes discord and separates lovers. Worn by one who has a mystic right to it, a happy marriage is promised. Monday is Janet's lucky day and 6 her lucky number.

An unforgettable poem was written by an early poet to 'Janette': "Your eyes had a swimming glory, Janette, Revealing the old dear story—my pet. They were grey, with that chastened tinge of the sky, When the trout leaps quickest seek the fly, And they match with your golden hair—my pet." (Copyright, 1920.)

The Horoscope

THURSDAY, APRIL 22.

While the Lunar transits for this day are rather weak the prospect is for interesting experiences in affairs of the mind, particularly as they relate to metaphysics, occultism, aeronautes, electricity or any of the manifestations of nature's finer forces. Research and experiment along these lines are encouraged under the friendly mutuality between Mercury and Uranus—its higher octave. Otherwise there is presage of anxiety and inharmonious with the danger of accident still imminent. Mondays should not be hazarded. Those whose birthday it is should devote themselves to study or to research as business will be found to hold annoyances and disappointments. A child born on this day will be prone to trouble and should be trained to be particularly careful to avoid accident.

The kitchen of one of the big hotels in New York is an acre in extent.

Cuticura Soap

SHAVES

Without Mug

Cuticura Soap is the favorite for a razor shaving.

WELL-KNOWN
SOUTH BEND MEN
who own
South Bend Watches

38—GEORGE M. PLATNER, Sec'y.
Treas. Geo. M. Platner Company;
Pres. Bingham Elec. Co.; Member
of Elks, K. of P., Knife and Fork
Club, Kiwanis, Y. M. C. A., and
Advertising Club.

Every South Bend Booster should carry a South Bend Watch

GEORGE WYMAN & CO.

Store hours: Open 8:30 a. m. Close 5:30 p. m.
except Saturday when store closes at 9:30 P. M.

Rugs - Carpets

—First Essentials
in Home Furnishing

As all home decorators know, the decorative scheme of a room begins with the rug on the floor—then the furniture and its upholstery—the wall paper—the ceiling—and back to the window hangings. Thus the rug or carpet on the floor is the foundation upon which the room furnishings are planned, and must necessarily be artistic and well chosen to insure the success of the room.

Types and sizes of rooms vary and require different scheme of things—it is evident, then, that from a large assortment of rugs one can choose most fittingly the foundation for their room.

We have this assortment of rug patterns and rug sizes that we speak of, and bought them with the idea of having them represented in every home in Greater South Bend and vicinity—bought them when prices were lower and secured first choice of patterns.

These benefits we are passing down to you—now, in the height of the carpet and rug season.

Let Wyman's furnish your new home with Opaque Window Shades the right way!

A Growing Rug and Drapery Department for a Growing City

Find Out About Our
Budget Plan

It literally "finds" the money with which to pay for your New Edison. It is our response to the need for good music in every home. As Mr. Edison so truly says, good music is a necessity—not a luxury.

Come in. Learn how the Budget Plan works,—how it can be applied in your case.

Every family should have a monthly budget for living expenses. This budget should include an item for home entertainment and culture. This item will provide you with your New

Edison and a selection of new RE-CREATIONS each month.

Some people do not buy their New Edisons until they have saved up the full price out of their spare cash. This makes music a luxury. Mr. Edison says it is a necessity. Practically all other authorities agree that good music is necessary to make "your house a cultured home where you love to dwell."

There is only one phonograph which is capable of sustaining the test of direct comparison with living artists. It is

The NEW EDISON

"The Phonograph with a Soul"

Let us send you your instrument today. Make up your budget and pay accordingly. Come into our store—write or telephone.

Let us show you what a common-sense thing this Budget Plan is,—how it brings your New Edison a thousand times nearer.



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