

OLD AGE PAY PLAN IN FRANCE

Scheme Proposed in Which Employer, Employee and State Will Help Foot Bills

BENEFITS FOR WAGE EARNERS

A Well Known Statistician Reckons That in Twenty-five Years the Nation Will Have 1,500,000 of These Pensioners—Insurance for 12,000,000.

A committee of the French Senate under the presidency of M. Cuvinat has formulated a scheme for old age and workmen's pensions with which it is understood the Government is in almost complete agreement.

The first benefit is an annual grant of \$24 which is to be made to all wage earners when they reach the age of 65.

The funds from which this is to be paid are to be raised by a tax levied on the employers and a complementary contribution by the State.

Employers are to pay for each of their employees over 15, a sum of \$1.80 a year and 90 cents for each under 15.

It is calculated that for the first year this scheme is at work there will be 120,000 grants, needing \$2,880,000.

A well known statistician, Edouard Fuster, reckons that by the twenty-fifth year France will have 1,500,000 of these pensioners whose grants will be paid, \$20,000,000 by the employers and \$14,200,000 by the State.

The second part of the Senatorial commission's scheme is an old age pension established by payments made by those interested and by grants from the State.

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Mr. de Quoux modestly declined to challenge invidious comparisons with the mighty men of the past.

Sir J. Crichton Browne indorsed what Dr. Hollander had said about big heads not monopolizing intellect.

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The insured will effect their payments by placing stamps on an annual card which each will receive, thereby avoiding the necessity of having the employer deduct the payment from the employee's wages.

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CRANIAL FLUCTUATION.

Size of the Heads of Well-Known Men Compared by Punch.

In an illuminating interview which appears in Cassell's Saturday Journal, Dr. Fernard Hollander maintains that heads generally are increasing in size, "the reason being that the intellect and the emotions are more freely exercised than they were. With increase of mental exercise there is a corresponding enlargement of heads, though, of course, in the case of those who merely vegetate there is no growth of brain."

One of the strangest cranial coincidences on record is the fact that the two famous interviewers, Mr. Raymond Blathble and Mr. Harold Begthwayt take exactly the same size in hats, 7 1/8. Here, however, the resemblance ends, for while Mr. Blathble is a man of gigantic stature, Mr. Begthwayt only scales 154 pounds.

Sir Oliver Lodge's wonderful dome-shaped head, which has so striking a resemblance to that of Pericles, has been growing steadily since he went to live at Birmingham. His anthropometric measurements are indeed remarkable, for while he is only forty inches round the chest he is just on forty-eight round the head.

Mr. Harry de Quoux, the famous Arctic explorer, diplomatist and novelist, in the course of a recent interview with a representative of the Hatter and Capper gave some astonishing interesting details as to the strange fluctuations in size of his own cranium, according to the nature of the company he kept.

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NEW YORK BROKERS AT PLAY

Jokesmiths of Produce Exchange Manufacture a Few Gold and Silver Coins for Others to Find.

New York City.—Even if trading was not very brisk on the Produce Exchange last week several of the members made money. They made it in large quantities and without the risk of speculating for it.

One broker purchased a cigar which was wrapped in tinfoil. After he lighted the cigar he used the tinfoil in the manufacture of currency. He pressed a little disk of the tinfoil over a twenty-five cent piece and rubbed it until



it took the impression of the quarter. Then he carefully placed the "quarter" on the floor. In a moment a dignified, gray haired member sauntered along, saw the new coin and picked it up.

Other brokers followed the example of the first, and soon the floor was liberally sprinkled with quarters, halves and silver dollars.

Many a man stooped with a smile of satisfaction to arise with a frown of disgust, while the jokesmiths "gave him the laugh."

PLAYGROUNDS ARE FIRST IN MAKING GOOD CITIZENS.

Supt. Jenkins, of the Children's Society of New York declares the greatest aids to the work of "saving" children from evil tendencies and surroundings and making them useful citizens are:

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"Boys' Clubs where good clean athletics are encouraged, and the boys coached along on the honor plan.

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"Vigorous enforcement of the adult responsibility law.

"Keeping children under sixteen out of places where liquors are sold; out of pool rooms, roller skating rinks and moving picture shows.

"The unrelenting enforcement of the Compulsory Education law."

LANDS ON BEAR'S BACK.

Bear as Much Scared as Parks, Who Fell from Window.

Port Jervis, N. Y.—E. L. Parks, a publisher of Twenty-fifth street and Fourth avenue, New York City, is occupying a bungalow on top of the World Mountain, the highest in Pike County, Penn.

Mr. Parks leaped out of the window with a .22 calibre revolver, lost his balance, and fell upon the bear. His revolver went off and it was a question which was the more frightened, bear or man.

The bear uttered a roar of fright and ran toward the woods. H. Herman, son of ex-Sheriff Herman of Orange County, and a fellow-camper of Parks, was awakened by the noise and ran out with a shotgun.

Mr. Parks was uninjured. So was the bear.

Passenger Mustn't Change His Mind. Rochester, N. Y.—A decision of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court makes it apparent that a passenger asking for a transfer of a street railway conductor must state his destination when asking for the transfer and must not change his mind.

Wins Prize for Shaving Husband. Chicago.—Shaving her husband every other day for a month netted Mrs. W. O. Smith a \$1 contribution for the missionary cause and a gold pin.

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The novelette for August is "The Cult and the Catamount," by Dorothy Canfield. It is a sparkling tale, with a clever plot.

The short stories are a rare lot. "The Contaminating of Augustus," a boy story, by Grace MacGowan Cooke and Caroline Wood Morrison, is as delightful as it is original.

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