

Why That Lame Back?

Morning lameness, sharp twinges when bending, or an all-day back-ache; each is cause enough to suspect kidney trouble. Get after the cause. Help the kidneys. We Americans go it too hard. We overdo, overeat and neglect our sleep and exercise and so we are fast becoming a nation of kidney sufferers. 25% more deaths than in 1890 is the 1910 census story. Use Doan's Kidney Pills. Thousands recommend them.

A Pennsylvania Case

D. R. Pringle, 813 Oak St., Indiana, Pa., says: "I suffered acutely from pain across the small of my back. The kidney secretions passed too frequently, especially at night and I was miserable. Two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills did me. The kidney ache and regulated the action of my kidneys. The cure has lasted and my kidneys are now in good shape."

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PATENTS. Watson E. Coleman, Washington, D.C. Books Free. High-Grade. Rough on Rats. See How. Die out. Die out. Die out.

Retributive Rebuke. "My wife has a bad habit of buying such ugly chairs." "Then why don't you sit on it?"

GIVE "SYRUP OF FIGS" TO CONSTIPATED CHILD

Delicious "Fruit Laxative" can't harm tender little stomach, liver and bowels.

Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, your little one's stomach, liver and bowels need cleansing at once. When peevish, cross, listless, doesn't sleep, eat or act naturally, or is feverish, stomach sour, breath bad, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, indigested food and sour bile gently moves out of its little bowels without griping, and you have a well, playful child again. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which contains full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups.—Adv.

Wolf's Up Against It.

First Wolf—Hard times. Second Wolf—Yes, sheep's clothing is going up.—Life.

Only One "BROMO QUININE". To get the genuine call for full name LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. See signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a Cold in One Day. 25c.

To Seek a "Pure Gem" Law.

An officer of the American Jewelers' Protective Association recently had an interesting talk with a gem expert of the United States geological survey. As a result of this talk, according to the New York Times, a movement is to be started in the jewelry trade that will have for its object the passing of a law which will govern the interstate shipment of reconstructed, synthetic or scientific gems. The principal object of the proposed measure will be to prohibit the interstate shipment of these "gems," in addition to Japanese culture and other manufactured pearls, except under conditions analogous to the restrictions of the pure food law. Such legislation is required, it is contended, for the protection of the public.

War's Effects on Toymaking.

In the last peace year Germany's toy trade amounted to \$25,000,000, of which more than \$20,000,000 was exported business, mostly to the United States. Since the war this figure has dropped nearly two-thirds. Before the war 100,000 Germans were employed in toymaking. In 1913 exports of toys to the United States amounted to \$10,000,000, the volume has now declined to less than \$2,500,000. Allies are making toys and 1,500 kinds of German toys are now being manufactured in England, while one factory in France has manufactured \$1,000,000 worth of dolls. Japanese competition, too, in the American market is expected.—Indianapolis News.

Why Wait

Mr. Coffee Drinker, let heart, nerves, or stomach "give way?"

The sure, easy way to keep out of coffee troubles is to use the pure food-drink—

POSTUM

Better quit coffee now, while you are feeling good, and try Postum, the popular American beverage.

"There's a Reason"

SEVEN FARM LOAN BANKS GO TO WEST

New System May Be in Operation in Sixty Days.

BORROWERS TO SUBSCRIBE

Five Temporary Directors Will Be Named—Only Two Banks For New England and Middle Atlantic States.

Washington.—Twelve cities in which are to be located the Federal farm loan banks were announced by the Farm Loan Board, and it is expected that within 60 days the new system will be in operation, ready to make the loans for which applications already are pouring in from every section of the country.

The banks will be set up in Springfield, Mass.; Baltimore, Md.; Columbia, S. C.; New Orleans, La.; Houston, Tex.; St. Louis, Mo.; Louisville, Ky.; St. Paul, Minn.; Omaha, Neb.; Wichita, Kas.; Spokane, Wash., and Berkeley, Cal.

Stock subscription books of the banks will be opened within the next 10 days, to remain open for 30 days. It is expected, however, that the government will have to supply most of the \$9,000,000 capital, under that section of the law, which empowers the Secretary of the Treasury to make up the unsubscribed stock.

Temporary Directors.

Temporary directors, five to each bank, will be named probably within the next three weeks by the board. As soon as the banks have been organized and borrowers have subscribed to \$200,000 of the stock of each bank, the temporary directors will surrender their authority to boards of nine directors each, six of whom will be named by the farmer borrowers and three by the farm loan board. The permanent directors will serve three years and receive per diem compensation in the case of Federal reserve bank directors.

Each borrower must subscribe to stock in the bank which he borrows to the extent of 5 per cent. of his loan and the original subscribers to the capital stock are required to surrender their holdings as they may be needed to meet this situation.

In designating locations for the banks, the board was guided chiefly by the needs of rural sections. This has resulted in placing only two of the 12 banks in New England and Middle Atlantic States, the chief centers of population. Three go to the South, five to the farming States of the Middle West and West and two to the Pacific Coast.

Twelve Districts.

The 12 districts into which the country is divided were announced by the Farm Loan Board, as follows:

- District No. 1—Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey.
District No. 2—Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.
District No. 3—North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.
District No. 4—Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee.
District No. 5—Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.
District No. 6—Illinois, Missouri and Arkansas.
District No. 7—Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota.
District No. 8—Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming.
District No. 9—Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico.
District No. 10—Texas.
District No. 11—California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona.
District No. 12—Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho.

EXPORTS FALL OFF.

Eleven-Month Total Shows Decline. Last Month An Increase.

Washington.—Exports of breadstuffs totaled \$45,838,549 in November, against \$29,492,529 in November, 1915. The Department of Commerce announced. Meat and dairy product exports totaled \$25,513,770, against \$18,210,669 a year ago. Wheat exports totaled \$27,297,222, against \$15,633,309 in November a year ago. Flour exports totaled \$7,977,979, against \$6,780,550 a year ago.

During the 11 months ended with November breadstuffs exports totaled \$404,260,496, against \$477,423,790 for the corresponding period in 1915. Meat and dairy produce totaled \$245,673,268, against \$226,008,558 a year ago. Wheat exports during the period totaled \$199,745,773, against \$266,595,823 a year ago. Flour exports totaled \$76,695,412, against \$85,204,168 a year ago.

FAMOUS MONASTERY BURNS.

Building Of Trappist Monks At Oka, Quebec, Prey Of Flames.

Montreal, Que.—The famous monastery of the Trappist monks at Oka, Quebec, was burned to the ground. The loss is estimated at about a quarter of a million dollars. There was no loss of life. The cheese factory and agricultural and experimental farm buildings operated by the monks were saved.

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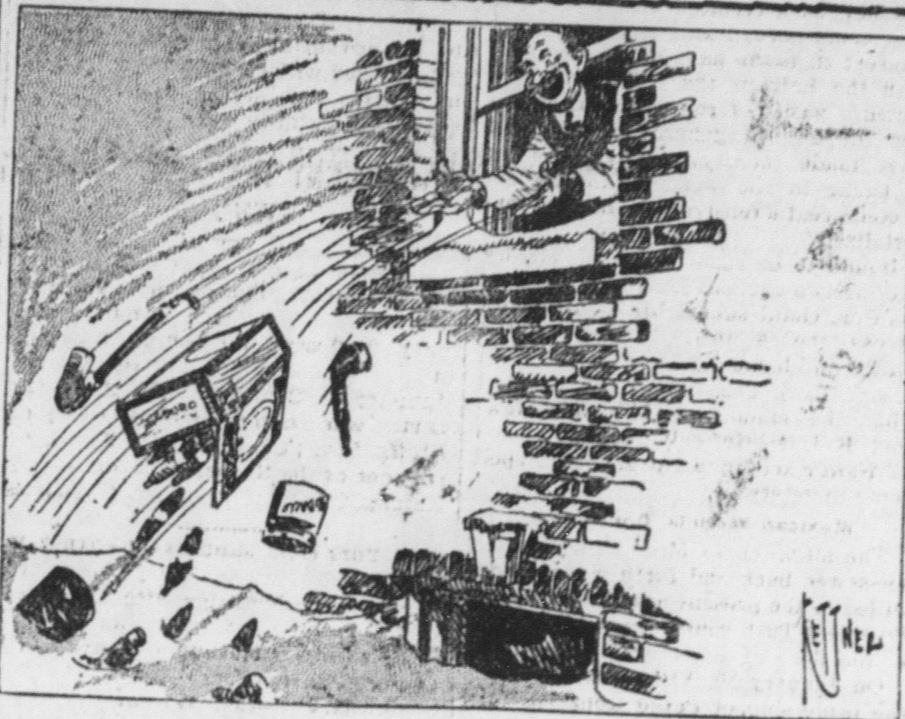
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I'M THROUGH



CHIEF CARRANZA MAY YIELD TO U. S.

Noncommittal Note Received Inspires Hope.

SECRETARY LANE IS SILENT

Contents Of Message Will Not Be Divulged Until They Are Presented To American Commissioners.

Washington.—One more appeal for modification of the protocol providing for the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico is made by General Carranza in a message delivered to Secretary Lane by Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican members of the Joint Commission. The Mexican First Chief replied to the insistent American demand that the protocol signed by his spokesmen at Atlantic City be ratified, with an 800-word document in which he failed to accede to the demand, but refrained from writing anything that could be construed as a flat repudiation.

The latest suggestions for changes in the agreement now will be considered by the three American representatives—Secretary Lane, J. R. Mott and Judge George Gray. Secretary Lane advised his colleagues of the character of the reply and asked them to meet him here as soon as they conveniently could. This week a joint session of the Mexican-American Commission will be held, at which the Americans will give the Mexicans their answer and on its nature depends the future course of the commissioners, who were directed more than four months ago to effect, if possible, the adjustment of questions at issue between the two countries.

ALL LIABLE TO CALL TO ARMS.

Drafting Ordered In the Event Of War.

Washington.—Every able-bodied male citizen of the United States between the ages of 18 and 45 years is held liable for service in the National Guard in war time, without further act of Congress, by War Department regulations for the government of the guard issued under the National Defense Act. In a circular prepared nearly two months ago, but just made public, the Militia Bureau directs that where a National Guard regiment is called out for war service a reserve training battalion to fill vacancies at the front shall be organized out of the National Guard reserve and by voluntary enlistment.

For Full Strength.

"If, for any reason," the order continues, "there shall not be enough reservists or enough military enlistments to organize or to keep the reserve battalion at prescribed strength, a sufficient number of the unorganized militia shall be drafted by the President to maintain such battery to the described strength."

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ALLIES CERTAIN TO REJECT FOE'S PLAN

Washington Sees Probable Danger For U. S.

IF THE WAR CONTINUES

Break Over U-Boats Likely, It Is Said. Wilson Note and Lansing Statement As Warning To Germany.

London.—Sweden has joined with America and Switzerland in peace suggestions. According to information, a Swedish note identical in terminology with the Swiss peace statement has been presented to the belligerents.

Washington.—Despite a general feeling of hopelessness among Government heads over prospects for peace, in the light of Germany's latest communication, men closest to President Wilson believe he will strive to the utmost to prevent the situation getting beyond his grasp. Two reasons, they said, will actuate him—namely: A desire to end the war. And a desire, if possible, to avoid having to put through his Sussex note threat to break relations with Germany should she overstep her submarine pledges.

Pessimism Apparent.

Officials made no secret of their pessimism over the probable allied rejection of the German proposal for a round-table conference. This was the more emphatic because Germany does not propose now to link the idea of a world peace guaranty with the round-table session, apparently. And the Allies want such a theme included. However, men in touch with the President said the "door is not closed," and that while the Allies may throw down the German conference idea had Wilson still can move again, especially with the backing of neutrals.

Break May Come If Peace Falls.

And, while the idea of obtaining peace is uppermost in Administration minds, there is among the inner circle a profound idea that a break with Germany is inevitable if present peace proposals fall utterly. In fact, one of the highest officials declared that present plans call for no more note-writing to Germany. And, he added, if the Marins, Arabia, and other cases develop clear-cut violation of German pledges in the Sussex case, or if Germany starts a new submarine campaign in case peace fails, then a break in relations can be the only answer.

Warning To Germany.

He declared that President Wilson's "peace" note and Secretary Lansing's subsequent "verge-of-war" statement were in a measure educational, so that the country would not wonder what it was all about in event matters came to the breaking point.

FOR NATIONAL 8-HOUR DAY.

Plans Being Made To Introduce Legislation In Many States.

Cincinnati.—Plans for a big fight to get the eight-hour day and health insurance legislation passed in every Legislature meeting in the United States next month will be drawn by the American Labor Legislation Association, which meets here. State commissions in Massachusetts and California now are investigating these two things.

CENTRAL POWERS REPLY TO WILSON

Teutons Propose Conference of the Belligerents.

THEY WANT EARLY ACTION

Joint Note Handed Ambassador Gerard—Willing To Join In Effort To Prevent Future Wars.

Berlin.—Germany and her allies—Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey—presented James W. Gerard, the American Ambassador, their reply to the note of President Wilson in which he asked that the belligerent nations state the aims for which they were fighting.

The proposal is made by the Central Powers that a conference of delegates of all the belligerents be held immediately in a neutral city. The task of preventing future wars, the official statement says, can be begun only after the end of the present struggle.

Text Of Reply.

The answer, which also contains the reply of Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey, says:

"The high-minded suggestion made by the President of the United States of America in order to create a basis for the establishment of a lasting peace has been received and considered by the Imperial Government in the friendly spirit which was expressed in the President's communication.

"The President points out that which he has at heart and leaves open the choice of road.

"To the Imperial Government an immediate exchange of views seems to be the most appropriate road in order to reach the desired result.

"It begs, therefore, in the sense of the declaration made on December 12, which offered a hand for peace negotiations, to propose an immediate meeting of delegates of the belligerent states at a neutral place.

"The Imperial Government is also of the opinion that the great work of preventing future wars can be begun only after the end of the present struggle of the nations.

"It will, when this moment shall have come, be ready with pleasure to collaborate entirely with the United States in this exalted task.

The answer of the Central Powers concludes with the usual diplomatic terms of politeness.

No Comment By Bernstorff.

New York.—Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, declined on his arrival here from Washington to comment in any way on the text of Germany's answer to President Wilson's note.

The Ambassador said he had left Washington a few minutes before the text of the reply had been received there, but that he read a copy of it on the trip to New York.

"BOMB CIGARS" IN MAILS.

Postmasters Warned To Be On Look-out—Five Recipients Hurt.

Los Angeles.—Postmasters throughout the United States were notified by postal authorities to be on the watch for 25 "bomb cigars" mailed December 22 at Goffs, Cal. The packages containing them are tubular in form, the warning said. Five men, recipients of the cigars, have been sent to hospitals with mutilated faces. Nicholas Harris, of San Francisco, handed the cigar he received to the police. In the end they found a two-inch cap filled with enough fulminate of mercury to have blown off his head had he lighted the cigar.

IN INDEPENDENCE HALL.

Will Be Offered To Belligerents If Peace Conference Is Called.

Philadelphia.—If the belligerent nations of Europe agree to meet in a peace conference they will be offered the use of Independence Hall by the government of Philadelphia. Mayor Thomas B. Smith has announced that he will urge President Wilson to use his influence to bring the diplomats here. The Mayor will not act, however, until he is convinced there is a chance of success in bringing about the proposed conference.

GOLD IMPORTS \$639,000,000.

\$8,000,000 More Received From Canada For J. P. Morgan & Co.

New York.—Gold to the amount of \$8,000,000 has arrived at the assay offices here from Canada for J. P. Morgan & Co. This makes a total of \$639,300,000 imports since January 1, 1916, from all sources.

ADMIRAL DEWEY 79 YEARS OLD.

Daniels Reads From Diary To Show Old Navy Was Not "Dry."

Washington.—Admiral Dewey was 79 years old Tuesday and Secretary Daniels and his council and most of the high ranking officers of the navy made their congratulations in person at his office. Secretary Daniels read to the Admiral part of a diary kept by an officer of the United States steamship Colorado dated December 26, 1866.

An Attack of Grip Always Leaves Kidneys In Weakened Condition

Doctors in all parts of the country have been kept busy with the epidemic of grip which has visited so many homes. The symptoms of grip this year are often very distressing and leave the system in a run down condition, particularly the kidneys which seem to suffer most, as almost every victim complains of lame back and urinary troubles which should not be neglected, as these danger signals often lead to dangerous kidney troubles. Druggists report a large sale on Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root which so many people say soon heals and strengthens the kidneys after an attack of grip. Swamp-Root is a great kidney, liver and bladder remedy, and, being an herbal compound, has a gentle healing effect on the kidneys, which is almost immediately noticed in most cases by those who try it. Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., offer to send a sample size bottle of Swamp-Root, on receipt of ten cents, to every sufferer who requests it. A trial will convince any one who may be in need of it. Regular size bottles 50 cts. and \$1.00. For sale at all druggists. Be sure to mention this paper. Adv.

Moved to Tears.

"Pardon my emotion," said the sympathetic man. "I have just listened to an affecting story." "Tell me about it." "I overheard a woman on a trolley car telling another woman about having worn the same hat for three years. The tones of her voice were heart-rending. I haven't been so deeply moved since starvation was first reported among the Belgians."

THICK, GLOSSY HAIR FREE FROM DANDRUFF

Girls! Try It! Hair gets soft, fluffy and beautiful—Get a 25 cent bottle of Danderine.

If you care for heavy hair that glistens with beauty and is radiant with life; has an incomparable softness and is fluffy and lustrous, try Danderine. Just one application doubles the beauty of your hair, besides it immediately dissolves every particle of dandruff. You can not have nice heavy, healthy hair if you have dandruff. Its destructive scurf robs the hair of its lustre, its strength and its very life, and if not overcome it produces a feverishness and itching of the scalp; the hair roots fashish, loosen and die; then the hair falls out fast. Surely get a 25-cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store and just try it.—Adv.

Making It Hard to Get.

"This doctor gives some directions for deal copulating a person who has been pickled for years." "What is the first step?" "A series of vapor baths." "And then?" "Enforced residence in a prohibition town where he doesn't know a soul."

Garfield Tea was your Grandmother's Remedy for every stomach and intestinal ill. This good old-fashioned herb home remedy for constipation, stomach ills and other derangements of the system so prevalent these days is in even greater favor as a family medicine than in your grandmother's day.—Adv.

Window Screens in Georgia.

In the city of Athens, Ga., a housing survey made recently revealed that of 736 living rooms occupied by negroes only 39 had doors and windows screened. Yet malaria is very prevalent among the southern negroes.

Looking Ahead.

"We are advised to do away with the rear collar button." "What do you think of that scheme?" "I suspect it's a deep-laid plot to revive the sports shirt next summer."



Think better—Nearly all the ladies in our show ride here look like you. Don't they get cold here in such exposure?

If you are exposed to rain or snow you should take two or three doses of

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