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American commerce is virtually unharmed.

The Earl of Derby is still talking through it. He predicts a war crisis within a few months.

The professional pacifists should show some slight regard for the protection of the Pacific.

Leopold Stokowski, who was made a doctor of music by the University today, wore his academic gown as gracefully as he wields the baton.

It can be proved in "black and white" that rapid transit has already come to Philadelphia—in the new taxi service.

Judging by the size of the breakfast rolls left by the bakers these mornings they are trying us out with the Greek ration of seven-eighths of an ounce of bread per day.

Syracuse University's football coach controversy has been ended by the summary discharge of "Bill" Hollenback after a contract with him for next season had been signed.

If Madame de Stael were alive today she would certainly revise her verdict that there are only two kinds of people in the world—men and women. She would surely open another class for the pacifists.

The average housewife is not intensely interested in the news that cabbages are selling at \$160 a ton. She does not buy them that way. But she does understand the situation better when she finds that this time a year ago cabbages sold for \$11 a ton.

The British embassy's statement that less than one ship was sunk in the first two weeks of February for every hundred ships that arrived at or left British ports in that time seems to prove that the submarine is doomed to become as ineffectual as the Zeppelin in the way of terrorizing England.

Senator Chamberlain's universal military service bill will fall of passage at the present session of Congress, but let us all hope that no conditions may arise after March 4 which will make such compulsory military service necessary as had to be resorted to during the Civil War.

Frederick Funston rose to high rank in the army because he had the natural equipment of a soldier. He was one of the men who could take a message to Garcia. Yet it sometimes happens that a youth will study the external of a successful man's career and attempt to duplicate them in his own case in the hope that he may have similar success.

A committee of one Senator and three Assemblymen of the New York Legislature, appointed to investigate narcotic drug evils, has come to the same conclusions as those of the committee of Philadelphia citizens who, in their initiative, prepared legislation to combat the "dope" scourge.

An increase in the appropriation of two years ago is imperative if the system is to be continued. There were 2500 applications for relief in this city, but there was money enough for only 164 cases.

WASHINGTON, THE LIBERAL

FEBRUARY 12 and February 22 are the birthday anniversaries of two great Liberals, though that fact is often obscured by some who cannot transmute the politics of a past age into the terms of the present.

To believe in American nationalism in 1776 was to be as much of a Liberal as any Irish Nationalist of today, and George Washington was that kind of a Liberal.

No one who was not a Liberal could have wished that our Constitution should survive as devoutly as Washington wished it. Europe had, as he said, a set of interests with a very remote relation to ours.

RIOTING WON'T HELP

IT IS suspected that the food riots are not spontaneous protests against the increasing cost of living, but that they are organized by professional agitators.

THE REASON FOR MOTHERS' PENSIONS

IT COSTS \$5.85 a month to maintain a young child in his mother's home. It costs at least \$15 a month to maintain the same child in a public institution.

The only objection worthy of respect that can be raised to the mothers' pension system is that there is liable to be grave abuse in the distribution of the funds.

FINDING MR. DANIELS OUT President Wilson is not the first one to have visited the office of the Secretary of the Navy only to make the discovery that

CO-OPERATION CUTS DOWN PRICES

Danish Farmers Can Compete in English Markets Because of Their Economical Methods

THE chairman of the special commission appointed by Governor Whitman, of New York, to investigate the high cost of living, in an address before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, said that so far the results of their work had shown that competitive methods among farmers must give way to co-operative methods.

There is no question that co-operation among farmers, if properly conducted, would solve the question, not only so far as the farmers themselves are concerned, but also for the consumers.

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Who Said "Damn the Torpedoes"?—Relation of Prayer to America's Position in the War

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FEBRUARY 22 MADE US THINK OF IT



THE GERMAN-IRISH

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—It is a safe bet that nowadays when we read a pro-German or anti-English or peace advocate letter and come to the signature we will find either a German or Irish name.

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S QUIZ

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- 1. George Washington's father was Augustine Washington, a landed proprietor of Westmoreland County, Va. He married twice and had ten children. George's mother, Mary Ball, was his father's second wife. 2. England obtains most of its oil from Mexico, where there are large British interests. 3. A martyrium is a chapel or shrine erected in honor of a martyr. 4. "The Lion of the North" was Gustavus Adolphus, King of Sweden, 1611-32, also called Götterman II. 5. Presidents Monroe and Tyler are buried in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Va. 6. A millimeter is one-thousandth of a meter (0.003937 of an inch), the smallest unit of the metric system in use. 7. A millimeter is one-thousandth of a meter (0.003937 of an inch), the smallest unit of the metric system in use. 8. An archipelago is an island group, or a seaboard interspersed with islands. 9. The morning stars now are Venus (January 24), Mars (February 1), and Mercury (January 29). 10. Ymer was a Spanish prince, "The Golden," meaning a wealthy country.

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Tom Daly's Column

LEETLA GIORGIO WASHEENTON You know 'at for ees school keep out Dees holiday, my son? 'Wal, den, I gonna tal you 'bout Dees Giorgio Washeenton.

'Wal, Giorgio was leetla keed. Ees leetla long time ago, An' he gon' school for learn to read An' write hees nam, you know. He moocha like for gona school An' learn hard all day, Baycause he no gat time for fool Weeth bada keeds an' play. 'Wal, scan cold day 'en Giorgio Ees steell so vera small, He start from home, but he ees no Show up een school at all! Oh, my! hees pop ees gatta mad An' so he tal hees wife: 'Som' leetla boy ees gon' feel bad Today, you hat my life!' An' den he grab a bigga steek An' gon' out een da snow An' lookin' all aroun' for seek Da leetla Giorgio, Ha! 'at you think? Firs' theeng he see Where leetla boy he stan', All tangla up een cherry tree, 'Weeth hatchet een hees han', 'Ha! 'at you do?' hees pop he say, 'Wat for you busta rule An' stay away like dees for play Eenstead for gon' to school!' Da boy ees say: 'I no can lie, An' so I speaka true. I stay away from school for try An' gat som' wood for you. I theenka deetsa cherry tree Ees gooda size for chop, An' so I cut heem down, you see, For justa help my pop.' Hees Pop he no can gatta mad, 'But looka please' an' say: 'My leetla boy, I am so glad You taka holiday.'

Ees good for leetla boy, you see, For he so bright an' try For help hees pop; so den he he a granda matra bimbeby. So now you gona holiday An' eet ees good, you know, For you gon' da da sama tay Like leetla Giorgio. Don't play so mooch, but justa stop, Eef you want be som' good, An' justa help your poor old pop By carry home some wood; An' mebbe so like Giorgio You grow for be so great You poqa he da President Of dese Unita States.

This is the way these things usually come about: "Mehercie!" cries the columnist, lacing his shoes in the morning, "would that I had a poem fit to grace the column's apex." "Le's see," says Uxor Amica in her customary helpful way, "what day is it?" "Tis the 15th of February and then some—in fact, the bromides—Washington's Birthday no less. Jove! there's that Italian thing of mine from 'Canzon.' " "Well, dear, why not republish that?" So the columnist runs it, marked "reprinted by request."

CANNED OPENERS

Predigested Preludes Prepared for Postprandial Prattlers Let us—after locking the door—assume that one of our pupils is to speak, some Friday evening in Lent, at the annual banquet of the Men's Sodality of St. Columbkille's Church. He will arise, when called, and at once begin to win the favor of his audience, speaking as follows:

My friends: I must at the outset congratulate you upon your sobriety. I have in my home several pictures of Jolly monks in a wine cellar, and I rather expected—by the way, speaking of wine cellars, there was a priest in Ireland who called in a man from the village to clean house for him. But before I tell that, did you hear about Chief Murphy, of the Fire Department? (One of my nieces remarked to another with great admiration: "Chief Murphy's a fine-lookin' little man, ain't he?" "Well," said the other, "You might say that, but you know he's with his left foot, he's a Protestant." "Ah! you don't tell me," said the other. "Well, come to think of it, ye can see it stickin' out all over his jib, can't ye?" But to go on with the other story. The priest was amazed at the number of wine and whisky bottles the man had spread out on the lawn. "Well, Michael," said his reverence, "there are a lot of dead soldiers there." "Aye," said Michael, "but let ye not bother yer head about them: sure ivery wan' of them had the priest before he died."

SAILOR'S CHANTY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Howard A. Banks, of North Carolina, who has been private secretary to Secretary Daniels since March 4, 1913, has resigned that office to accept the position of associate editor of the Sunday School Times, of Philadelphia. —News dispatch.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Tuneful music and lovely stage pictures at the Metropolitan on Tuesday night, but the story ("Francesca da Rimini") sent us into the night with a bad taste in the mouth. The notion of one brother ogling on a second to kill a third is too unbelievable to stir human sympathy and—next to Shelley's "Cenci"—is our idea of absolute impossibility as a warmer of opera bosoms.

ADD FAMOUS TRIPLETS

Fair, fat and forty. Breezy, butter and coffee. Three rings (count 'em). Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. S. E. P., L. H. J. and C. G. —Three cheers.

ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

CHARLIE CHAPLIN handed the bank cashier a United States banknote and said: "Please break this into 'small-time' change. Give me some ones, twice as many twos, five times as many fives as twos, ten times as many tens as fives and the balance in twenties." Now, what is the smallest United States banknote that Charlie could have furnished to pay for that change? Answer to Yesterday's Puzzle FOUR cents would buy nine pennies.