

RATE HOUSEKEEPERS RAP GARBAGE MAN Empty Vials of Just Wrath on Head of Neglectful Collector NOT A "COLLEGE GRAD" The List of Complaints From Dwellers in Neighborhood of "Nelly's Alleys"

A tall, lanky individual, black as to color and ungainly as to temperament, came down the alley...

He had not appeared since the previous week. The specifications call for four Monday.

SHARP FEMINE ATTACK This particular garbage collector began to empty the cans leisurely.

"Well," demanded one irate housekeeper in a dangerously even tone, "have you been on a vacation?"

"No," mocked another of Hoover's. "You naturally too lazy to walk a hundred yards?"

"Report of you want," he answered impudently. "The boss won't do nothing to me."

He had refused to take garbage from 1431 for a whole week.

The housekeeper then threatened him with the Hall's name and the name of Hicks Hicks is the chief of the Street Cleaning Bureau.

They are wondering these housekeepers, whether they may have the energy to return tomorrow.

BIG LIST OF COMPLAINTS Virtually the entire block on both streets has sent complaints to various departments in City Hall.

Depressions in the alley have caused pools of stagnant water to form. A lamp-post put in by the U. G. I. seven years ago has also made a depression in the alley.

There are two houses that need underdrains in the alley in the rear of 2008 Chestnut street.

Both the Bureau of Highways and the Division of Housing have taken up this complaint. Property owners will be notified to put in proper plumbing.

UNDERTAKE EDUCATIONAL WORK The Civic Club has agreed to take up the educational work in twenty of the city's wards.

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SWISS PLEADS WITH U. S. FOR STARVING PEOPLE Prof. Claperade, of Geneva, Writes Prof. Baldwin to Intercede for American Food NEUTRALITY UNBROKEN Avers Not a Single Particle of Foodstuff Destined to Allied Prisoners Was Kept in Switzerland

By HENRY BAZIN Staff Correspondent in France of Evening Ledger

PARIS, June 26.—Prof. J. Mark Baldwin, president of the Paris section of the American Slavery League and one of the most prominent members of the Paris-American colony, who, with his wife and daughter, survived the torpedoing of the Sussex, has sent your correspondent a letter received today from Prof. Edouard Claperade, an internationally known psychologist of the University of Geneva, Switzerland.

I quote the substance of the letter in verbatim translation, preceded by a personal comment. It is to me a matter of personal knowledge, derived not only from public prints and documents, but from conversations with refugees and French officers who have been exchanged within the last six months, that all the crops and every pound of supplies possible that could be sent from north Switzerland since 1912, inclusive, have crossed the frontier to Germany destined for German consumption.

PLEADS FOR SWITZERLAND "I wish it were possible to have you plead with the United States through an influential American correspondent in Paris the cause of our little Switzerland, and, so far as possible, make clear her true status. We are frankly accused, save in word, by the American senate, of feeding Germany. This is far from true fact. Switzerland has not been receiving enough imports to feed herself. We are under rigorous war measures. We have made restricting consumption of sugar and milk; we have two

meatless and two cakeless days a week. Many meetings have occurred among our people in which increased ration has been demanded. In several instances these meetings were violent and approached open revolt against the Government.

"We have always kept strictly to our obligations as a nation. We have taken the position nationally as a neutral, and we have kept faith from any perspective that can be visioned.

JUSTIFIERS GREATER IMPORTS "It is true our imports from the United States have greatly increased since 1915, but this increase is entirely due to the fact that importations from other sources of supplies have entirely ceased. In 1915 we imported 25,000 tons of wheat from the United States, and in 1916 540,000 tons. But during that year we did not receive a bushel from Russia, that had sent us 202,000 tons in 1915; nor Rumania, that had sent us 150,000 tons; nor Canada, that had sent us 55,000 tons; nor Germany, Australia and Argentina, who had sent us a total of 210,000 tons between them.

"The same condition applies to oats. We imported four times more oats in 1916 from the United States than we had in 1915, but we did not get a handful from any other source, and our yearly total in bushels in 1916 was 8000 tons less than in 1915 from five sources. In flour, the condition is identical, our total imports being less in 1916 by 7000 barrels than in 1915. Our main dependencies previous to the war for cereals were Russia and Rumania, who have sent us nothing in nearly three years.

"The United States has always sponsored the cause of little nations. Switzerland is the only neutral in the world that has really suffered through the war in the sense of being seemingly at war. Our entire army has been mobilized for thirty months, and must remain so until hostilities cease. Our taxes are enormous. In my personal case they are increased 150 per cent for 1916 over 1915.

"Upon the face of fact as I here outline it, and not upon the compared importations from the United States before and since the war, should our little land be judged. We cannot believe the United States will abandon us in this crisis, and in so doing place not only our life as a nation in possible jeopardy, but the lives of the many thousands of French and English prisoners in Germany who can be fed but through Switzerland. We are sending these prisoners constant supplies that are being denied our own people. We have never kept a piece of chocolate, not a grain of dried vegetable, nor anything else destined for them. All of our people, those who speak Italian or French or German, have been true only to Switzerland and Switzerland's neutrality.

SWITZERLAND'S CLAIM ON U. S. "I feel Switzerland has no small claim upon the United States. We have been a free people since 1291, and it is our democracy that has outlined the democracies of the world. We were pioneers in reform, in the liberty of speech, in the ideals that

FARMER SMITH'S COLUMN

WATER

My Dear—Summer is here and with it comes the bathing season. I hope you will learn to take a bath in your washbasin when you cannot go into the ocean or a river.

If you will start now, there will be no difficulty in taking a cold bath when winter comes. A little water used now will get you acquainted with a cold bath and you will not mind it.

I want you to learn to get along without drinking such a lot of water. Do you know there are times when the more you drink the more you want to drink? Soldiers are taught to GARGLE THEIR THROATS before they drink. Many times when they do this, they do not need to drink—thus saving a lot of water. Try to see how little water you can drink. Imagine yourself a soldier on a desert with a canteen filled with water and a long journey to go.

There has been an much rain this spring that I would not be surprised to see a drought this summer. Look out for the hot days to come. Learn how to get along with as little water as possible. WE MUST BE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING. Your loving editor, FARMER SMITH

STRANGE ADVENTURES OF BILLY BUMPUS

By Farmer Smith

It was a bright moonlight night and Billy Bumpus lay on the grass with nothing to do but look around and admire the shadows made by the moonlight.

"Those shadows remind me of things," Billy was saying to himself. Suddenly he got up and started away. A rope held him back. "Oh, you dear little rope!" exclaimed Billy. "To think some one tied me with a rope."

He began to chew and soon the rope was apart so that Billy could trot off in the direction of Sambo's house. Sambo, was the cook at the general's house where Billy Bumpus made his home while in the artillery.

Billy trotted all round the house looking for something to do, when suddenly he walked up the steps and on to the porch. "Oh, goodie!" exclaimed Billy. "There is a nice ball of salt. I wonder what they mean by putting that salt beside the door like that? Carelessness, that's all!"

Billy went up and took a nibble out of the salt—but it wasn't salt at all. Ting-a-ling!

Billy stopped to listen. "What on earth is that bell ringing in Sambo's house?"

Billy listened again, but as the bell did not ring again, he started to eat the cake of salt. "My, this does not taste like salt!"

Ting-a-ling! "There goes that bell once more. I wonder what on earth it can be ringing for this time of night." Billy stopped eating as a voice from above said:

"Who am I?"

Billy knew it was the voice of Sambo, so he laughed softly to himself. "I must have rung the door bell," thought the knob was salt. Excuse me, little door bell."

Ting-a-ling! "Who am I?"

The voice from the window over the porch was very loud and angry, so Billy trotted off the porch and back to where he had been tied and lay down.

"Well, people have no business putting

GROWTH OF DEPARTMENT STORE SHOWN IN BOOKLET

Six Philadelphia Organizations Do Annual Trade of \$100,000,000 and Employ 25,000 Persons

The six largest department stores in Philadelphia do an annual business of approximately \$100,000,000 and have about 25,000 employees, according to the latest pamphlet issued by the educational committee of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce.

It is an interesting history of department-store development in the last fifty years, the pamphlet explains that the carrying on of the business on the large scale of today virtually would be impossible except for the many inventions of the last forty years.

Among the interesting sidelights of this pamphlet are the following:

Nearly all of the city department stores started originally with one line of merchandise. Now their limit is almost numberless.

Only since the early seventies has the one-price rule been enforced. Before that time haggling in prices was prevalent.

It is only in the last two decades that the "change" has been buried. Before that time it required unusual courage to walk into a store "just to look around."

"It is an record," the pamphlet reads, "that one storekeeper barred the door of his establishment to prevent a young woman from leaving after she had changed her mind about a purchase. The woman escaped by jumping from a rear window."

The department-store business is said to present a greater field for advancement as a reward for efficiency and ambitious effort than any other of the present day.

C. T. A. U. to Aid Soldier Members Societies of the Philadelphia Archbishop-Catholic Total Abstinence Union have agreed to release all members who enlist from payment of dues and to pay funeral benefits in case of death.

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What to Buy, What Not, in City's Produce Market

ABUNDANT

Peas, spring beans, beets, carrots, kale, spinach, rhubarb, scallions, radishes, onions, cabbage, cantaloupes, lettuce.

Potatoes are more abundant on the market now, and although there is a strong demand, the price is a little more reasonable. They are selling at \$4 to \$4.75 a barrel for the No. 1 quality and \$1.50 to \$2.25 for the second grade.

SCARCE

Bananas, lima beans, tomatoes, strawberries, watermelons, pineapples, blackberries, grapefruit.

Early harvest apples are just beginning to arrive on the market. Later they may be expected in larger quantities.

NORMAL

Asparagus, cauliflower, cucumbers, celery, eggplants, garlic, okra, parsley, romaine, peppers, squash, gooseberries, oranges, lemons.

Green corn is now in the normal supply column. It comes entirely from North and South Carolina. Green corn will not be cheap until it arrives on the market from nearby points.

Raspberries and huckleberries are now in normal supply. The raspberries are arriving from New Jersey and the huckleberries from the Pennsylvania mountains and also from New Jersey.

Peaches continue normal. The Georgia Elberta, which is always in much demand because of its fine quality and good size, will begin to arrive toward the end of this week and the beginning of next.

J. RUSSELL SMITH, Chairman Food Commission, Mayor's Home Defense Com.

COMPO BOARD

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HOWARD KETCHAM SOLE AGENT See this board before buying any other. This suggestion is to your advantage.

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Command, with data as to their circumstances, the amount of their income and the number of servants that they employ.

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