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WHY MAKE UNCLE SAM THE GOAT?

THE shoulders of Uncle Sam are broad and his digestion is magnificent, but we assumed that the day had passed long ago when a Hercules was expected to hold the world on his shoulders. We view with some alarm the hysterical calls from every quarter of the country for the United States to step in and seize this or that industry. If there is a local case anywhere Uncle Sam is expected to produce a poultice. He has his hands full attending to his own business just now without being required to act the part of hero in the one-act farce entitled "Let George Do It."

MAN THE SHIPYARDS

CHARLES PIEZ, general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, yesterday issued a statement that does much to clarify a situation heretofore extremely obscure. We quote:
The Shipping Board now has 716 ships; 292 are for wooden ships and 414 are for steel construction. The yards in which they are established are only working one eight-hour shift per day, six days a week. This is insufficient. If we are to keep ahead of the submarine we must run three shifts per day, fifty-two weeks in the year.

TEN TO FOUR ON THE GODDESS

THE great goddess who will rise in front of City Hall inviting us to drive Liberty spikes into the base of her statue differs from the gigantic wooden Hindenburg in Berlin in this respect, that the money she will take in will be worth 100 cents to the dollar, while the wooden god into which the Berliners drive their slavery spikes gets money worth about forty cents on the dollar, so low has the value of the German mark fallen. Our goddess pays 4 per cent. The German god has only four chances in ten of paying back so much as the capital invested in him.

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INCIDENTS IN A GOVERNOR'S LIFE
Pennypacker Relates How Rush of Events Produced Many Interesting Episodes
PENNYPACKER AUTOBIOGRAPHY—No. 20
Under the influence of Durham and others an act was passed taking away from the Mayor the appointment of certain heads of departments and vesting it in the City Councils. It is extremely unlikely that Durham so acted out of regard for the principles of government, and altogether probable that he was trying to get ahead of Weaver and to provide against his conduct on the part of the Mayor.

THE TUSCANIA

EARLY reports of appalling loss of life on the Tuscania were succeeded during the night by more comforting dispatches. Instead of a calamity comparable in its magnitude to the tragedy of the Lusitania, a splendid record of efficient rescue work is shown. Nearly nineteen of the officers and men have been landed in Ireland and there is a probability of further survivors. We undertook a costly premium of blood when we cast the die in April. We expect to pay the price without murmur or complaint. The Hun has struck a blow which will cause our people to clench their teeth and tighten their armor. This is the sort of warfare that forced us into war and it is the kind of warfare that will keep us there until the Hun drops to his knees.

CONTROVERSY WITH MR. "DAVE" LANE

WE PUBLISH elsewhere an interview with Mr. "Dave" Lane, who is irritated by an editorial which recently appeared in this newspaper. The object of that editorial was not particularly to demand the overthrow of present Republican leaders, as Mr. Lane imagines, but to point out to business men everywhere that Republicanism is a system of economics, not simply a maze of theories, and that it is essential to the well-being of the nation, in the great trade revival after the war, new policies should be formulated in accordance with Republican principles and not Democratic theories.

ARMY SLANG

THE following vocabulary of army slang has been compiled by The Wadsworth Gas & Oil Co. and is published for the interest of our readers:
Beans—The commissary sergeant.
Bean-Shooter—A commissary officer.
Black-Strap—Liquid coffee.
Blimp—Sentenced by court-martial to forfeiture of rank and pay.
Bob-Tail—A dishonorable discharge or a discharge without honor.
Bone—to study or, a mistake.
Bobby—the provost sergeant.
Boy-Locks—Cavalryman.
Bug-Private—a term sometimes used in referring to a private.
Buck-O'—A term used by privates and accountants extra cleaning so as to compete for orders.
Bunkie—a soldier who shares the shelter of a comrade.
Bust—to reduce a noncommissioned officer to the grade of private.
Butcher—the company barber.
Canned Horse—Canned beef.
Chief—Name by which the chief musician of the band is usually called by the enlisted men.
C.O.—A civilian.
C.O.—Commanding officer.
Coffee Cooler—one who seeks a "soft" detail.
C.O.—To admonish.
Doughboy—Infantryman.
Duff—Any sweet edible.
Fogy—Ten per cent increase of officer's pay for service.
Found—to be deficient or wanting in anything, especially an exam.
Gold Fish—Salmon.
Grip—Junior officer in post, regiment, etc.
Goaty—Awkward, ignorant.
Guard House Lawyer—a soldier with a smattering knowledge of regulations and military law; quite courteous and liberal with advice and counsel to men in the guard-house or other trouble.
Hive—to discover, to catch.
Holy Joe—the chaplain.
I. C.—Is condemned by an inspector.
Jaw-Bone—Credit to get things on "jaw-bone" or to buy things on credit.
Jump—to admonish.
Major—Name by which the sergeant major is usually called by the enlisted men.
Mule Skinner—a teamster.
O. O.—Officer of the day; or, olive drab.
On Official Terms—not to be on speaking terms except officially.

A VALENTINE FOR HINDY

HINDY's 225th birthday will be in Paris by April. Hindy, of the armored fist: May the humble columnist: Chief name by which our proud design? We will be your Valentine?
For you, Hindy, we'll concoct
Rhymes such as our teacher shocked
When she found them on her desk,
Vulgar, pointed and grotesque.
Like those coarse and common jeers,
Valentines of yesteryear,
We will tell you, you Big Bug,
When to Shut Your Ugly Mug!
And Paris? Well, when we get at you
We will nail upon your statue
This for you and Bill, your tool:
Hindy, Hindy, you're Fool!

NO WOMEN MAIL CARRIERS

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—A persistent but unfounded report has been circulated by the Philadelphia newspapers that women will be employed as carriers by the postmaster. It is not known, but in spite of repeated denials by the postoffice authorities and by this office, it keeps in floating its way into newspaper columns, possibly on account of its sensational news value.
An examination to secure eligibles for the positions of clerks and carrier in the Philadelphia postoffice has been announced by this office. It is plainly stated that women applicants are only desired for the position of clerk.
It has not been necessary up to this time to resort to women mail carriers in the city of Philadelphia, nor is such action, to my knowledge, contemplated at present.
District Secretary, Third United States Philadelphia, February 5.

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PASSING THE BUCK IN WASHINGTON

Responsibility for Lack of Airship Timber Shifted by Officials. Where the Fault Lies

By OSWALD WEST
Former Governor of Oregon
WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.
THE aviation feature of America's war program will fall flat unless the aircraft production board secures vastly improved methods from those it has been pursuing to obtain spruce timber from the forests of Oregon and Washington.

Only an average of 2,000,000 feet a month have been produced from the Oregon forests as compared with the estimates of the aircraft board that 12,000,000 feet a month were needed to keep pace with the airship production program.

Colonel Disque, a retired army officer, was put in charge of the production in Oregon, and George W. Long, the manager of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company, the biggest timber concern in the world, was put in Washington to have supervision over Disque. If Long had given longer the proper cooperation all would have been different. But Long did not know the logging game in Oregon and Washington, and did not give the proper attention to requests and demands made by Colonel Disque, and that was where production was curtailed.

WOMEN SMOKERS DISGRACE TO SEX

Scene in Hotel Denounced—Post-office Here Not to Employ Women Mail-Carriers

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—The writer was one of a number who dined at one of the largest hotels in the city last Thursday afternoon after listening to a recital given in the Academy of Music by Jascha Heifetz. Seated at one of the tables in the ladies' grill room were three women smoking cigarettes with all the sangfroid of typical men of the world. They were clad in the regulation khaki uniforms of the U. S. Army, and seemed perfectly oblivious to the glances of disapproval that were cast in their direction by other guests in the room.

WOMEN MAIL CARRIERS

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—In connection with the proposed new dam in the Schuylkill River to provide a supply of water for the city, the city engineers seem to think it would be necessary to have a supplementary steam plant to generate power during the period of low water in the river, a period extending over about five months every summer.

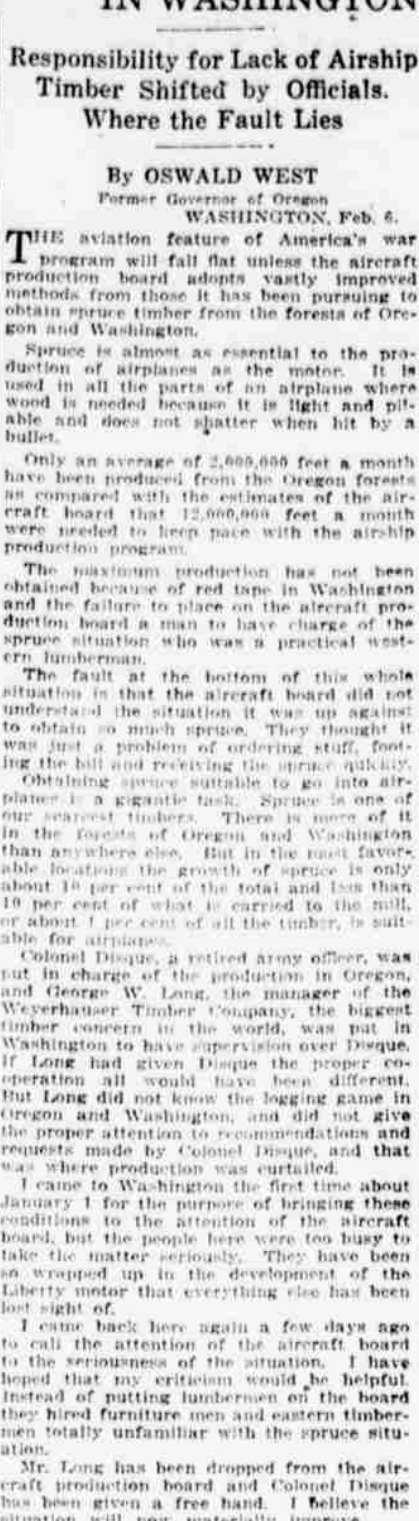
FRUIT ANIMAL OR MINERAL?

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Will you kindly answer me in your weekly paper (if you know) whether fruit products belong to the vegetable kingdom? Philadelphia, February 2. J. J. C.
(There are three kingdoms, animal, vegetable and mineral. By the process of exclusion it is easy to find out to what kingdom fruit products belong.—Editor EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER.)

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

QUIZ
1. Where is St. Michel and what brings it into the news?
2. Who is Francis T. Bowles?
3. What President was born in New Hampshire?
4. What was the Chief-Deputer Treaty?
5. What is the meaning of f. o. b.?
6. Who wrote "The Deerslayer"?
7. Identify Mark Twain.
8. What city was called the "Mistress of the Adriatic"?
9. What is a clearing house?
10. Name the Muse of History.

"BUT THEY SHALL PAY AS IF THEY WERE TEN THOUSAND!"



Little Polly's Pome

VALENTINES
It is the time when Valentines
Are greatly in demand
And also they're the surest signs
That Spring is now at hand.

For it is in the Spring you know
A young man's fancy turns
To thoughts of love and tries to show
How his devotion burns.

Once on a time when nights were still
A man would seek his maid
And stand beneath her windowill
And sing a serenade.

It must have sounded soft and sweet
Beneath the moon and stars
But now at night the noisy street
Is full of trolley cars.

And she would have an awful time
And hear her lover aloft
In accents mild and soft.

And there might be more ears than hers
To hear his tender tale
So nowdays the man prefers
To make his love by mail.

All lovers now use Valentines
Which are of many choice designs
For use of both the sexes
TOM DALY.

ACORNS

WHEN we start hunting for the sort of acorns we need for analysis in this laboratory our first step is to go to the direction of Girard College. The specimen we have before us at this moment was known as "Sammy" in that institution, of which he is a member of the class of '15, and immediately landed a little job for himself in the passenger department of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He became at once an assistant to the chief, R. W. Downing, because every good office boy is an assistant to his boss, and Sammy was a good office boy. Do you remember the handle of the big front door on Fourth street? Well, Sammy didn't polish that up, but he did his own work so well and quickly that he had time before quitting time to do a little thinking for himself. The result of this thinking was a determination to break into the treasury department where the money was. He applied for the job of office-boy there and got it on a Dutch main. Robert W. Smith, the treasurer, offered him \$20 per month. He had been getting \$25, so he "went down to go up." For that was the important sprout of the acorn, and the twig was bent in the direction of success. It wasn't long before he was in charge of the dividends and the new stock allotments, and in 1902 he was sent to London to deliver to subscribers there \$10,000,000 worth of bonds of the \$50,000,000 issue of that year. He performed that little trick acceptably and coming back settled down into the routine again. All this time he was specializing in the general investment end of the railroad business and quietly storing under his hat much valuable information. This required such constant application that he is not now the expert golfer he should be, or even that he thinks he is (See handicap list, Whitmarsh Country and Cape May Golf Club). It is safe to say that better authority than the gossip of some of his opponents on the links, that certain financiers observing him at play, in the year 1913, leaped to the conclusion that he might be good for something else. So, ladies and gentlemen, we present Samuel J. Steele, treasurer of the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Company, of this city. T. A. D.

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW

The eastern Siberians should not be encouraged in their demand for purchase of the United States. We have enough Siberian weather already.—New York Evening Post.

The ultimate consumer was permitted to make arrangements to dig his own potatoes, but unfortunate circumstances forbade his taking the same course with reference to coal.—Washington Star.

Jerusalem, Bagdad and Mecca—the three holy cities of Islam—are all in the hands of the Allies. This is the Entente's answer to the holy war that Germany sought to foment in the Mohammedan possession of Great Britain and France.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.