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tious individual items on the railway menu give to commonplace articles the cast of luxury. The ordinary restaurant keeper has much to answer for...

IS HELGOLAND A SYMBOL OF THE NEW GERMAN MIND?

The Grief at Weimar and Its Relation to the Unapproachable Outpost of Devilism in the North Sea.

TO BE a good winner, to know triumph and yet escape the paralyzing affliction of vanity is not easy. To be a good loser is far more difficult.

Germany has failed both ways. The pride that can help a man to be a chivalrous victor or a philosopher in defeat isn't in the leaders of Germany.

The burghers at Weimar, who are told, listened "in agonized silence" while Erzberger read the nation's military power.

Doubleless there was agonized silence on torpedoed passenger ships, and today there is agonized silence among the drifting refugees who have to seek the remnants of their homes in a wilderness of ruin and desolation.

Yet in none of these instances was there a cry so bitter as that which the German assembly has raised at the prospect of economic pressure and enforced disarmament.

There does not seem to be anywhere in the Germany of today a realization that even the worst that the Allied diplomats might do by means of dictation or economic pressure must appear generous, charitable and humane when it is considered in the light of the last four years.

It would be interesting to hear those Congressmen who scorn the plan of moral obligations not to fight square their demands for free will with conduct which leaves the nation insufficiently supported to assert it.

BARS THAT CHEER

LET the bars from which you quaff your cocktails be musical and, according to John Philip Sousa, you can go the limit. Even to excess there is no depressing aftermath.

It is odd that the Weimar delegates should be bursting into tears of anger at the moment when the British naval authorities were publishing the first reports of the investigations made at Helgoland.

Nowadays the collective mind of official Germany is almost wretchedly suggestive of Helgoland. It is a thing existing apart from civilization, impenetrable and menacing.

"Intoxicating melodies" are announced daily from "Tin Pan Alley." Operatic enthusiasts have been described as "drunk with ecstasy." "Jazz jazz" are not uncommon.

DINING-CAR REFORM

MODIFIED rapture" is inspired by the announcement that the railroad administration has removed the ban from a carte menu.

Almost immediately after Mr. McAdoo had conjured up the pleasing picture of twenty-five-cent meals, the dollar-and-a-quarter schedule went into effect.

in patience the burdens that they have brought upon the world about them. Yet that is what they will have to do. It is inconceivable that Germany, having escaped with all her productive organization intact, should be permitted to compete unrestricted with the nations she has crippled.

So, even in a time when all mankind is longing for reason and logic and reconciliation between peoples, there must be a general sense of reassurance in the fact that the Allied governments are taking no chances with the Germans.

Mr. Barnes is an educational expert and we must accept as true that which he says. His statement provokes wonder at the precocity of the American child intellect.

WHEN IS A MAN?

EARL BARNES, sometime professor of education in the Leland Stanford, Jr., University, has told an audience in the Girls' Normal School that the collective intellect of the people of this city is that of a child ten years old.

Some of us, in the light of this revelation, will be curious to know when a man becomes a man, and how many men there are in the United States who measure up to the pedagogical standards of intellectual maturity.

We are told on the highest authority that unless a man becomes as a little child certain spiritual things are beyond his comprehension, and that if he be wise in his own conceit he is irrevocably damned.

Now, if it has taken three hundred years for Americans to achieve the mind of a thirteen-year-old child, when shall we grow up and what is the mental age of a German? These are not merely rhetorical questions.

Ethics and Politics

Philadelphia "hold-ups" its reputation almost nightly. The federal tax bill is at once utterly unsentimental and extremely "touching."

What the Senate is Exploiting

While the Senate is exploding, it is up to the general public to indorse the league of patience.

Georges Clemenceau's Pseudonym

As the British have received 5000 German cannon as their share there will be enough to give one to every considerable British town which wants a trophy.

The League of Nations Covenant

The only man in the Senate diplomatic gallery who heard Senator Poindexter's invectives against the league of nations was one who must have taken great delight in the attack—the Bulgarian minister.

In Making Directly for New England

Mr. Hoover says that his "own instinct" is against the federal ownership of the meat-packing business. A case where instinct is better than all the reasons for.

Senator Poindexter Objects to the Regulation of American Affairs by Foreigners

but what does he think of regulating affairs of foreigners by Americans in the interests of world peace?

THE GOWNSMAN

Shall We Standardize Our Religion? THE GOWNSMAN is no churchman, by which he does not mean to disclaim the state of a bishop or that of a canon of even smaller caliber.

At home the Gownsmen argues not that single devotion, which is a kind of single blessedness, is not the best. If a man have a wife, let him cleave unto her alone.

YET in this age, when so many strange voices are crying, it seems antiquated to some merely to go where our fathers have gone, however that may be the safest way to follow them to that goal of reward whither they are departed.

DESPITE all these competing lines and all this diversity there is a movement on foot to standardize, so to speak, our religious parts. Men, at least, do not wander far in dress from the accepted blacks and browns and grays.

THE Gownsmen once knew an excellent woman who lived in a custom-made religion in great security and content. She used to be visited by serious doubts as to the probable salvation of many of her fellowmen.

LET us return to the standardization of our religious parts. We are broken into a great many of them. Not to speak of lesser fragments, there are at least eleven universal churches extant in the world.

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THE CHAFFING DISH

Social Chat IN SPITE of the fact that he has not yet returned our copy of "Walking Stick Papers," we have lent Dr. A. Edward Newton another book.

After I have recited for the Monday club (adds the indefatigable Vachel) "it is a perfectly natural thing to include the women's club, 3:30 to 4:30 p. m. These clubs are apt to be trained by the shy men that have preceded me on recital tours in the wrong way for the present plan.

"BETWEEN recitals" (asserts Vachel) "I want to have absolute rest in my hotel or the house of my host. But in the automobile and after the last recital I want to learn all about the town's boasts and graces. The last recital is apt to be 8:15 to 9:15 p. m., though I have no objection to a short program at a dinner in between, if it is a different audience."

We learn that a young man in New York who had been rejected by the army bribed a naval examiner to admit him into the service by giving him a de luxe set of O. Henry's complete works.

We wish to repeat that gifts for Socrates must NOT be left in care of the elevator boy.

H. T. C. sent us hustling to the dictionary by asserting that he is a librocultuarist. We find, after some study, that it merely means one who reads in bed.

Speaking of poets, the next time you pass the corner of Sixteenth and South streets say howdy to Mr. S. M. Francis, the colored poet laureate who has a stand there. Mr. Francis has the right idea: he admits that he writes no dialect or slipshod stuff, only "classic verses," and he sells them at ten cents each.

Mr. Francis's footprints on the sands of rhyme have brought him letters of commendation from Josephus Daniels, the secretaries of King Albert, "Lord George," General Pershing and other poetry lovers.

That White House Table d'Hôte But suppose Senator Borah had NOT been invited to that dinner party at the White House?

We feel sure that Mr. Borah's refusal of the invitation was not due to mere apprehension that he might be convinced against his will. Probably he has succumbed to that delicious advertising of a certain restaurant syndicate and is taking all his meals in those spotless halls.

The Road That Knows No End

"PUT on the light," the shades of death are falling. Over the eyes that shall wail to earth no more. And he hears in his dreams the great Companions calling.

"Put on the light," as down through death's dark canyon. Bound ere the break of day on the endless quest. The great Companions ride with their great Companion.

Behind their track all earthly lights are failing. And stars and stars shall dim and dimmer shine. But o'er their distant path shall gleam unfading the lamps of God divine.

Others may walk beside still waters flowing. Through pastures green and fields of endless calm. But these forever hear the bugles blowing. And crave the victor's palm.

We catch the gleam of knightly pennons glancing. Or faintly hear their mystic bugles blow. Or seem to see their ghostly charges prancing. On that far way they go.

What Do You Know?

- 1. Who is President of Cuba? 2. Who is called "If the nose of Cleopatra had been shorter the whole face of the earth would have been changed?" 3. When does the present Congress expire? 4. How long did the "Reign of Terror" last in the French Revolution? 5. What was an orend in classical mythology? 6. What is the meaning of the abbreviation "Ph.D."? 7. On what date does Good Friday fall this year? 8. How many gallons make a barrel in light measure? 9. What kind of fruit is a pearmain? 10. What flag, used by the weather bureau, indicates a cold wave?