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REMEMBER 2 AND 6

MOST memory systems have the dubious virtue of making an easy thing hard, but even the citizen with no head for figures should be able to accommodate the two numbers which identify the registration days, August 26 is the first date. The others are September 2 and 6. The mnemonics involved are thus extremely simple. A two and a six compose the necessary mental furniture.

LANE ON THE PRESIDENCY

"UNCLE DAVE" LANE sometimes nods. In that respect, if in no other, he resembles Homer. He was nodding badly when he said that any man with ultimate designs on the presidency must go to the Senate as a matter of course. He was talking of Governor Sprout and his senatorial prospects.

PITTMAN'S FAUX PAS

SENATOR PITTMAN ought to have known better than to offer his resolution setting forth the conditions on which the Senate would ratify the peace treaty. He is a Democrat. The Senate is controlled by the Republicans. The resolution to be finally adopted will be drafted by the Republicans. This is in accordance with precedent.

"PROTECTING" PERSIA

GREAT BRITAIN signs an agreement guaranteeing the territorial integrity and independence of Persia and the shah then departs for Switzerland—haven of deposited potatoes.

Governor Sprout on War

The war, as Governor Sprout sees it, cost us altogether too much.

Acid Ejaculation

Every man for himself, and the devil take the foremost.

Missing on the Field of Battle

De Valera. Garabed. The Camden Bridge. The Philippine sun-hat.

Our Silent Friends

While eating half a dozen doughnuts in a Broad street lunchroom at one o'clock in the morning, we mused happily about our friends all tucked away in bed, sound asleep.

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terms are executed. It is an improvement, at least, on the transparently selfish triple agreement whereby Russia and Britain each acquired "spheres of influence" and Persia was ignominiously squeezed in the midst of their rivalries.

WANTED: A NEW USE FOR WORLD'S EIGHTH WONDER

Hog Island, Which Might Be Made One of the Greatest Marine Terminals in Existence, May Vanish in a Year

PEOPLE who go only far enough to sea to bathe used to be the most enthusiastic critics of Hog Island. They knew! You could take it from them that ships built, so to speak, in a flash could never be any good.

Yet the other day they tied down all the big and little whistles at the vast shipyard after some one high up on the ways happened to look outward at the river. There were three vessels, almost liner-size, in a stately procession, deep in the water with heavy cargoes, making for the sea. A year ago they were blueprints at Hog Island.

One was the Salvation Lass, named in honor of obscure workers in France who know how to triumph in humility. Another was the Nedama. That is the name of Camden, spelled backward. The third was the Casper. All three dipped their flags to the cradles that they left only a few months ago and made down the river as gravely as men-of-war.

Thirty-eight ships of the forty-nine launched since last August are now out upon the seven seas. They didn't exist a year ago. Yet they have traveled over 250,000 nautical miles. They stood the mauling of a North sea winter. And they have already transported approximately 425,000 tons of American products to all the important ports of the world. None of them failed to function perfectly. The vessels launched more recently are now being fitted out. Each ship carries the name of Philadelphia, her home port, on her stern.

Sixteen of the Hog Island vessels now at sea—ships that existed a year ago only in the minds of American engineers—have already carried more than 100,000 tons of American cargo to Europe. More significant were the three vessels that went down the river in a row. Their clearance papers showed that they were taking American goods to various South American ports—to markets which, once virtually closed to us, now offer immeasurable opportunities to Americans who know how to deal ably, intelligently and without delay with a new situation.

Aladdin could have done better than the men who made Hog Island. No one else could. About September, 1920, the contracts existing between the builders and the government will be terminated. The future of Hog Island is uncertain, though now the yards employ about thirty thousand workers and have a payroll of a million dollars a week.

THE AIRPLANE AS A FIRE EXTINGUISHER

Mastery of the air has in no instance proved more beneficial to man than in the prevention of fires; and the fact has been demonstrated by the aerial forest fire patrol in California and Oregon, which, since its inauguration seven weeks ago, has discovered ninety-one fires and been able to extinguish most of them before they gained any headway.

TEMPERAMENT

His nerves are tuned to such a gentle key the wife he wed was sorry ever after. He has an ear so sensitive that he cannot abide the noise of children's laughter. His better-half must keep the house so still you'd think his soul had gone to its creator. And here's the sequel—doubt if you will: He is a jazz band tin-shop operator.

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port facilities of some of the newer German cities which the German kaiser built when he planned to get control of the world's trade. There may not be enough loose money in this city for the ultimate purchase of Hog Island. But Philadelphia capital certainly should dominate in any syndicate organized for the future control and development of the property.

THREE SIDES OF THE QUESTION

NOW that Thomas De Witt Cuyler, chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, has submitted to Congress the plan of his association for the restoration of the railroads to their owners, we have the plans of the three groups directly interested in the operation of the roads. The employees and the security holders announced their plans some time ago.

The plan of the employees is the Plumb plan, which provides for turning the roads over to the men who operate them as a sort of free gift by the government, which is to issue bonds to buy the railroad securities. Any surplus above the cost of operation would be divided among the employees.

The plan of the security holders, formulated by S. Davis Warfield, of Baltimore, provides for a government guarantee of not less than 6 per cent return on the property investment of the companies by fixing rates which would insure such earnings. It is admitted that the rates would yield more than 6 per cent for some roads and less for others. The surplus above 6 per cent earned by any road is to be divided into three parts, one-third to be retained by the company, one-third to be set apart as an insurance fund for the benefit of the employees of all the railroads and the other third to be used for the benefit of the roads which had not earned 6 per cent.

Mr. Cuyler's plan differs from both of these in that it does not take the earnings of profitable roads to cover deficits of unprofitable lines, and in that it allows the owners of the roads to continue to own them. As to earnings, Mr. Cuyler would have the Interstate Commerce Commission empowered to approve rates "which will enable the railroads to be self-sustaining." He fixes no rate of income to be earned, but is content with saying that a fair return on the money invested should be provided for, sufficient to maintain the credit of the companies and to attract the capital necessary for extensions and improvements.

There are thirty other plans before the interstates commerce committee of the Senate, all different. The Warfield and the Cuyler plans are alike in that they suggest that the railroads be consolidated in groups in several districts and that each district be considered in the matter of rates separate from every other district. The Warfield plan has been criticized on the ground that it would take the earnings of the profitable roads and turn them over to the unprofitable roads, the securities of which are largely held by speculators who have secured them for little or nothing. The Cuyler plan is not open to this objection.

There is no likelihood that the bill which the Senate committee is drafting will contain any of the provisions of the Plumb plan; but it is likely that the committee will give serious consideration to the suggestions made by Mr. Warfield and Mr. Cuyler.

FEAR OF IMPERIALISM

Greeks, Italians and Armenians are pronouncing on the boundaries of Albania, according to a cable sent to the United States Senate by the Albanian delegation to the Peace Conference in Paris. The Albanians ask for protection. As if the Senate hadn't already more than it can handle without bothering with Balkan countries! But the appeal may serve as ammunition for the reservationists.

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His eighth birthday in the quiet of his home at Bradford on the 14th of this month. He will sail for Peru in a few days, where he expects to remain for a year. Lewis Emery occupies a peculiar niche in Pennsylvania history. In 1906 he was candidate for Governor against Edwin S. Stuart. Ex-Mayor Stuart, as was not unusual, had the endorsement of two parties, the Regular Republican and Citizens' party.

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Lew Emery saw Stuart and went him three better, for in addition to the Democratic endorsement through Emery was an Independent Republican. He also had the Commonwealth, Lincoln, Referendum and Union Labor party endorsements. Emery is a born fighter. He is now fighting the hand of time, for in spite of his eighty years he is up to his eyes in business.

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He has large mining interests in Peru. His primal object in returning from Peru to this country last June was to give some information to the authorities in Washington on the proposed tariff on chemicals. In addition to his interests in Peru he has a beautiful residence on the island of Jamaica. When the altitude of Peru gets on his nerves he runs down to the coast and takes steamer for the Spanish Main and his island home.

WHEN T. R. WAS TIRED

Ennis, of Swarthmore, '11, Back From the Tropics, Tells How Roosevelt Story; Lewis Emery, Occasional, Is a Wonder in the Business World

BY GEORGE NOX MCCAIN

H. E. ENNIS, of Swarthmore, '11, is a repatriated Philadelphian. For more than a year now he has been in business in this city, after an absence of seven years in the tropics.

During these years he visited every island in the Spanish main. He spent three or four years in British Guiana, lived for a time on the Isle of Trinidad and voyaged up the Orinoco river to the interior of Venezuela. He was then field agent for the West India Oil Company.

All this I learned, and more, too. He was a friend of Robert Henderson, one of the two solitary Americans I met up the Orinoco, of whom I wrote recently. Moreover, Mr. Ennis told me that Venezuela, during at least the beginning of our war, was pro-German to a marked degree. Although he did not say so, I am sure; this was largely due to the preponderance of Germans over other nationalities in Venezuela.

In Ciudad Bolivar he was compelled to move his company's big gasoline magazine five times until he finally located it permanently two miles outside the little city. In every instance he detected the German influence in the attempt to annoy and harass him in his business.

MR. ENNIS tells a new Theodore Roosevelt story. It occurred during the ex-President's visit to Georgetown, the capital of British Guiana.

Mr. Roosevelt formed a warm attachment for the attorney general of the colony. The pair made many trips through the neighborhood together. One of the sights of that part of the world is the great waterfall, 800 feet high, the highest for its volume in the world. The people are very proud of this natural wonder. "How do you like it?" is the invariable question, says Mr. Ennis.

The night on which Mr. Roosevelt returned from his trip up the river to visit the cataract he was the guest of honor at a dinner at Government House. He made a short address and then begged to be excused from further oratory.

The guests would have none of it. The applause and cheers continued so long that the ex-President was compelled to respond. He said: "I thank you for this evidence of your esteem. I am very glad to be present and I am delighted to testify to the beauty of your city and the grandeur of your great cataract, which I have just visited. My position tonight, however, is akin to that of the American sailor in Sydney. It was when the American fleet visited those great island possessions of your mother country. The reception accorded the officers and men of the fleet by the people of Sydney was sincere and enthusiastic.

"After two days of feasting and sight-seeing, night fell, and found this particular sailor stretched out on a park bench sound asleep. Before lying down, however, he had written upon a piece of paper, which he pinned to his sleeve, these words: "Yes, I like Sydney."

"Yes, I think you have a remarkably fine harbor."

"But oh, I am so tired. For heavens sake let me get some sleep!" "For a moment or two after he sat down the Englishmen failed to catch one point. When they did the answer, said Mr. Ennis, was present at the banquet, was electrifying. In the midst of it his friend, the attorney general, and other high officials gathered round and led the wearied ex-President off to his hotel mid the laughter and applause of the entire company.

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YOURS started yet?

"Yes, I always begin on the nineteenth." "The seventeenth's my date. But I don't get a really good fit until about the twenty-fifth." "I was three days late this year. I thought maybe I'd outgrown it." "I've been fooled that way, too." "Bother you at night?" "You ought to see me. I sit at the window in pants."

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Harold Bell Wright has published a new novel, and we beg to contradict the rumor that he has called it "Mush Ado About Nothing."

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