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Don't look for flaws as you go through life.

And even though you find them

Be wise and kind and somewhat blind,

And look for virtues behind them.

—ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

PUTTING OUT A FEELER?

SECRETARY OF STATE LANSING gave out a brief interview yesterday relating to a possible embargo on the shipment of certain kinds of food stuffs from the United States to foreign countries which has some of the earmarks of a "feeler."

The secretary casually remarks that he doesn't suppose any foreign nation would raise objection to an embargo on provisions placed by this country and artlessly adds that the subject is "domestic, not international," and that he has, therefore, given it no attention.

Just the same, an embargo on goods from America would become a great international issue the moment it was announced. Europe is living off America. It would go hard with England and France if we cut off our shipments of provisions. The effect would be to some degree, at least, similar to the "Iron Ring" England has been attempting, with more or less success, to draw about Germany and Austria.

The people in this country are crying for relief. New York authorities estimate that we in America are paying five to eight cents more a dozen for eggs and five to seven cents more a pound for butter because of the immense shipments of those two products to England, and the orders placed for more. Doubtless the same is true of every other line of provisions originating here and figuring in international trade. An embargo is being urged. That Secretary Lansing has seen fit to comment upon the proposal only illustrates to what degree the thought has been discussed and how seriously it is taken by those in authority.

Perhaps it is just as well to put out such a "feeler" as Secretary Lansing gave to the press yesterday. England and France may in the same round-about diplomatic way let us know how they would entertain such a proposal. It is almost certain that they would protest vehemently and it will be interesting to observe the attitude of Germany, which all along has held that we have been favoring the allies at the expense of the central powers. A food embargo declared by Washington would be a big card for Germany, no doubt.

"Football Fatal." Why not let the type stand?

FRENCH INDUSTRY RUINED

FRANCE appears to hold Verdun with one hand and the American market with the other, notwithstanding the assertions of Secretary McAdoo that France is bled as white as her own fleur de lis.

The official figures of the Department of Commerce for the nine months ended September of the current year show that our imports from that country, compared with the same period last year, increased 47 per cent, or from \$53,000,000 to \$82,000,000, the latter figure marking a return to the record of the first nine months of 1914. In the meantime our exports to France reached the astonishing total of \$620,000,000, or about \$540,000,000 above normal, due to the huge drafts which France has made on us for war material.

But with the cessation of war these colossal shipments of goods made in America will stop, while the products sent by France to us will continue to increase, if the present 9 per cent. tariff law is continued.

Emperor Charles announces that he will push the war to a successful end. The new Emperor isn't bashful about taking on big contracts.

LONDON AND BARLEYCORN

NO more pitiful picture has been presented in the news recently than that of Jack London, the brilliant young writer, lying cold in death at an age when his once vigorous body and mind should be at the very zenith of his power; and the more so because it was all so unnecessary. London met John Barleycorn, and was vanquished.

The writer's story of that name, published in a popular magazine recently, was admittedly his own experience with drink. He recited the horrors of the habit with all the graphic power of his virile pen. The

wreck of body and soul on the rock of intemperance has never been painted in such vivid colors as London depicted it from his own lurid experiences. And in the end he summed up all the damning evidence he himself had given as a witness against old John Barleycorn—and then decided that for him drink was supreme, that he preferred the "short life and the merry" with whisky to cheer the way, to the drab side of existence without the stimulus of drink.

The result is in full accord with his own prognostications, but it is most pitiful, for all that.

Denmark is to issue iron money. If the price of paper keeps going up maybe Uncle Sam will find it cheaper to let Charlie Schwab make a few dollars for him; the aforesaid Mr. Schwab already having quite a little reputation as a dollar maker.

AN ABLE RULER

THE declaration of Emperor Charles, successor to Francis Joseph on the throne of Austria-Hungary, that he intends to conduct the war to a successful conclusion, is based on more than the heroics of an archduke called suddenly to imperial duties. Charles has conducted himself with distinguished honor and marked ability in the field since the very beginning of the great war in which he now finds himself so conspicuous a figure, and he speaks from deeds rather than from the mere desire to do.

The new Emperor has had a brilliant military career and is now the only member of the Austrian imperial family known to be holding a high command in the field. The world learned with surprise last May that the Austrian heir-apparent was in command of the Austrian army which penetrated farthest into northern Italy in the dramatic drive which was brought to an abrupt close by the Russian counter-offensive in Volhynia and Galicia.

From that time he was hailed as the rising military genius of the House of Austria and while Archduke Frederick, titular commander-in-chief of the Austro-Hungarian forces, went into mysterious seclusion along with his brothers when Von Hindenburg was made generalissimo in the east, Charles Francis was soon called to divide honors with Hindenburg himself. The official German bulletins in recent months have referred only to the front of Von Hindenburg and his successor, Prince Leopold of Bavaria, and of Archduke Charles.

Recently his command was extended to include not only the region from the Dniester to Bukovina, but, nominally at least, the entire Rumanian frontier. So far as official statements reveal, even General von Falkenhayn, former German Chief of Staff, was outranked by Charles Francis.

It is not conceivable that Austria will permit her ruler longer to remain in the field at the head of an army corps, much as his services there may be desirable, but what the Central Powers will lose by his call to higher duties will be amply repaid by the intelligent service he will be able to render as head of the nation when military genius is its sorest need.

A Southern bandit stole \$40,000 the other day from an express company. Probably he wanted the money to express a few Christmas packages.

SHOOTING IN WILDWOOD

THE following extract from a somewhat lengthy letter to the editor of the Telegraph is only another illustration of the slipshod manner in which the City Park Department has been run by Commissioner Gross:

I would also like to draw your attention to the fact that my children dare no longer spend their Saturdays in Wildwood Park, where they used to take their lunches and fish or hunt for nuts. Gunners are everywhere. Not an officer is left in the park. I don't believe there has been one there since the hunting season opened. Last Saturday, when I told one he had no business there, he told me to "go to the devil." If I had not been so afraid I would have had to face a charge of breaking a park rule for disorderly conduct. It is a shame that we cannot use our only up-town park for fear of being shot by men and boys who will murder an rabbit and a squirrel while the Park Commissioner looks on and smiles.

This letter is from a well-known West End woman, the mother of three boys. Her name is withheld at her own request. It is a shameful fact, as this correspondent says, that Commissioner Gross should have withdrawn all of his police officers at the very time they were most needed in Wildwood. Always there will be some violations of the gunning law in the park. But in former years offenders have been dealt with so vigorously that few have dared to take the risk and the park has been comparatively safe.

There is another regrettable side to this reckless "shooting up" of Wildwood. Ever since its purchase park authorities have been endeavoring to make the tract, which is ideally suited for the purpose, a great game preserve. Water fowl, quail, opossum, squirrels and rabbits have found refuge there and have multiplied under the protection of the park officers. All this good work has been undone by the neglect of the present administration.

Commissioner Gross' only excuse for withdrawing the police is that he has no money and that Council will not give him any. This is in large part his own fault. In order to attempt a grandstand showing he deliberately took less than Council would have given him when the budget was made up last year. Council is also to be criticised in not coming to the rescue of the Park Department at a time when it is in sore need of assistance. The public is aware of these things and it is not likely to forget, even though for the moment it is to some extent helpless.

Chicago women are having a contest to find who can dress most quickly. We hope this fashion comes East.

KELLY—LAST BALL, UNPOPULAR PLAYER'S SHOT, ALIVE, A SET-UP AND BIGGEST POT . By BRIGGS



Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Friends of Representative Richard J. Baldwin declared in Philadelphia to-day that the Delaware county man was in the race for the speakership to the finish and that none knew it better than the men who were opposed to him but who had not been as yet able to concentrate upon anyone to oppose him. It is said that in the event of the Vore-Brumbaugh-Magee forces not being able to count enough noses to defeat the man from Chadd's Ford, they would try for a compromise candidate, falling which they would offer the olive branch and unite with the Penrose forces for a harmonious session. This will be entirely agreeable to the senior senator, who has not been hunting a fight, but will contest if forced to do so.

The Baldwin backers say that their man has strength in districts claimed by the other side and that even in Philadelphia he has a pretty good following. If the opponents of Baldwin cannot swing the delegations from the two big counties, the Delaware man will have easy sailing.

Mr. Baldwin in discussing his boom declared that he was in the race to the finish line. "I have started and I am not going to stop," said he. "I stood aside for harmony two years ago. This time it's my turn, and that's why I am going to run. I feel confident of the outcome and will be in Harrisburg to open headquarters right after Christmas."

One of the interesting things about the State Society dinner last night was that Mr. Baldwin sat at a table with Speaker Ambler, of the last House, and Representative Herman L. Hecht, of Philadelphia, who was to be Speaker.

Members Pro Tem of the Senate E. E. Betlemann met most of the members of the next Senate in Philadelphia last night and was assured of their support for re-election as the presiding officer of the Senate. The senator was guest at the Clover Club and also at the State Society dinner. He will not be opposed in the Republican caucus.

Resolutions of the legislative board of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, in session in this city, opposing Richard J. Baldwin, of Delaware county, for Speaker of the House, occasioned little surprise last evening. Representative Baldwin was sponsor for the full crew repealer which passed the Legislature by a vote that was distinctly nonpartisan but which failed to become a law because of the veto of Governor Brumbaugh.

The resolutions also set forth that "it is in the interest of this organization that the hands of the Government be upheld in the next session" and ask members throughout the State to so petition the legislators of their respective districts.

While a large number of legislative matters were considered by the legislative board at its sessions yesterday, members said at the meeting the only decision reached was that the trainmen would again exert every effort in their power to oppose in the session of 1917 the repeal of the full crew law of 1911.

MAN IS LIKE MOTOR CAR

SAYS HEALTH EVANGELIST

THE three danger periods of human life formed the subject of a talk by W. Earl Flynn, health evangelist.

Idolmy, Mr. Flynn said, was the first danger period. "You talk about preparedness," said the lecturer. "Can anyone tell me anything people should prepare more carefully for than the bringing of a new life into the world?"

In discussing the next danger period—between 13 and 16—Mr. Flynn compared the human body to a motor car.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MY KINGDOM FOR A TURKEY

I have a new 1917 model automobile that I would like to exchange for a turkey. Is there anybody you can suggest who might be induced to make the trade?

Where Big Men Serve

There would be a lot of things which can't be done—if it wasn't that somebody is always doing them. It is well known that cities can't be governed without a mayor and two houses of a council—only cities are governed without them and governed much better than with them.

Gold Coins Disappear

Bankers and pay officers of the army are puzzled over the rapid disappearance of new gold coins and their replacement by old and worn gold coins.

Great Opportunity

Speaking in Philadelphia Myron T. Herrick expressed the wish that the President Wilson might see fit to appoint a committee of leading Americans to raise a fund of a billion dollars for relief work in the belligerent countries.

Courtesy Saved Life

"Courtesy to gray hair, which he has always tried to respect, saved my boy's life," said Mrs. Mary Fox of Woburn, mother of William Fox, a passenger on the car that plunged into the Fort Point Channel a few days ago.

WELL POSTED

Housewife—Will you please tell me where I can see the candleabra?

THE USUAL WOMAN.

Does she speak as she thinks? Oh yes—often than that.

NEW CLERK

All canned goods are on the next floor.

INDIFFERENCE

Which do you prefer, summer or winter? I've no preference; it is equally depressing to me whether I put in a large portion of my time reading about the hottest day ever, or the coldest day ever.

A Writer's Ups and Downs

A writer does his very best to make his paper as good as he can. To charm the critics one and all he strains his brain like everything.

POOR PERFORMANCE.

Miss Sweet—She has a good ear for music. Maybe so, but she doesn't sing with her ear.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

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Somehow or other people never get tired looking at a fire and Saturday a good many people found much of interest watching flames sweep along the First Mountain above Enola. The fire got started on Friday night and in the afternoon spread rapidly. The battle between the men engaged in fighting it and the flames swept by a high wind was extremely interesting and as the fire was high up the ebb and flow of the fire could be plainly seen.

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What do you think of the President's speeches? I don't like them. Have you read them? No, when I disagree with a man's politics I don't have to read his speeches to know that I don't like them.

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When where his thrilling masterpiece shall be so conspicuously advertised. Of anything from his free pen there's not the slightest hint. He sees the busy Editor glance quickly at his script. And down into the waste box, then, it takes its final trip.

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"I'd just as well stop trying, for I do not have the gift." Then, down the stream of Pessimism, ten to one, he'll drift. Until someday, while looking through the paper, he finds his thrilling masterpiece; it make him feel so queer.

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And then to him, just as to an afflicted Israelite. The very thing that poisoned once becomes a healing salve. Ashamed because he didn't have the confidence to write. Quite modestly, he mutters when his friends congratulate.

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