

## Mrs. Wilson Appeals to Nation's Women to Economise



Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, Mrs. Thes. R. Marshall, wife of the Vice-President, and the wives of Cabinet members have agreed to reduce their scale of living to the simplest possible form as an example to other women of the country, according to dispatches from

Washington. They have also issued a general appeal to the women of America to economize as far as possible in order to prevent the danger of suffering later on. Thus far the responses from prominent women of the country are entirely in sympathy with the steps they have taken.

### SEW IN CHINESE STREETS.

Women Who Mend Clothes Right There While You Wait.

In many towns of China one may have his garments mended on the street and "while he waits." Native sewing women are to be seen on low stools, perhaps on the sidewalks, mending articles of masculine attire.

The accomplishments of these street seamstresses are somewhat limited, their efforts with the needle being for the most part confined to "running." Other branches of needlework are practically unknown to them. As a consequence their efforts are better appreciated by native workmen than by foreign travelers.

They are never short of patrons among the former, for these are often natives of other districts and, having come to the city to engage in business,

have no one to mend a rent for them. Their wives being left at home, they are glad to avail themselves of the services of the street needlewoman. For this class of customers the skill of the itinerant sewing woman answers every purpose.

Generally speaking, these women are wives of boatmen and laborers who live in the houseboats which line the creeks of many Chinese cities and towns, and their needles are a great help toward the solution of the problem of maintenance in a crowded city or town.

#### Some Resemblance.

"Lightning rods in one respect are like waiters."

"What's that?"

"They won't give good service unless they are well tipped."—Baltimore American.

## Caruso, Generous King of Tenors, Who Will Sing In Pittsburgh



CARUSO AS DON JOSE IN "CARMEN."

NO one who knows Caruso ever accused him of ingratitude. His memory is equally good for his operatic roles and his old friends. While a young boy in Naples his chief recreation was bathing on the beach and frequently entertaining his companions with a popular song. On one occasion Edoardo Missiano, son of a wealthy family, approached and asked him who he studied singing with.

"Study with!" exclaimed Caruso. "Why, how do you expect a poor devil like me to have a singing teacher?"

Missiano offered to take him to his teacher the following day, and Caruso, overwhelmed with Missiano's attention, gladly accepted the invitation. After a second hearing he was accepted as a pupil, the collection of the tuition postponed until the young tenor would be able to get an engagement. Years passed. Caruso's and Missiano's careers led them in different directions

until they met again six years ago in Milan. Caruso had gone from glory to glory; Missiano was reduced in circumstances and was looking for an engagement. Caruso took his old benefactor to his tailor and later secured a place for him as a minor member of the Metropolitan. Missiano remained the faithful shadow of the great tenor, and his sudden death was a great blow to Caruso, who sat up all night with the body, took full charge of the funeral, saw that the body was sent back to Italy, paid all the expenses of the funeral both here and there, and made a handsome present to the widow.

In this connection it may be noted that another old retired opera singer who loaned Caruso his costumes for his debut is now proprietor of a prosperous little cafe in Naples, thanks to the generous and grateful King of Tenors, whose coming to Pittsburgh to sing at Shriners' Mosque on Saturday evening, May 5th, is an event of great musical importance.

## A Florentine Episode

By ELINOR MARSH

Arthur Hemstreet, a rich young American, before settling down to a career, concluded to spend a season in Europe. He sailed from New York to Naples, thence proceeded to Rome and later to Florence.

It is supposed by persons who have not been in Italy that one sees everywhere relics of the ancient Romans. There are comparatively few such relics, but there are many of mediaeval Italy. The most costly dwellings are "palazzos," built several centuries ago. Hemstreet, took a fancy to Florence and concluded to spend some time there, so he rented a palazzo, or, rather, half a one, and, hiring servants, settled himself down, as it were, in the middle of the sixteenth century.

The building had been divided into two parts, the part that Hemstreet did not occupy being occupied for a small family hotel, or rather what in Europe is called a pension, which is midway between a hotel and a boarding house.

One rainy afternoon Hemstreet, who had spent most of the day in the picture galleries for which Florence is noted, came to his palazzo. It was so dark that his servants had lighted the lamps, and, going upstairs, as he entered the hall on which his bedroom was located, he was astonished to see that the hall was double the length he had supposed it to be. At any rate, he saw double the lights, but they were dim, as were the objects they lighted.

Hemstreet was very much puzzled. Going into his room he threw off his wet overcoat and rubber shoes, then went out with the intention of exploring the hall. He was surprised to see that it ended as he had understood it to end with a picture.

Hemstreet was frightened. Surely something had broken loose in his brain. He went to the picture, examined it, saw that it was what he had supposed it was and went away resolved to watch himself closely for other symptoms of a disordered mind. But he felt as well as he had ever felt, and after awhile he ceased to worry about any supposed disorder.

However, he never went upstairs to his room without looking as soon as he turned into the hallway to see if it had been doubled as before. But the figures of the picture were always there, and the hallway was of its usual length.

One night when Hemstreet was in bed he heard, or fancied he heard, a giggle in the hall. There were no women in the house except a couple of housemaids who knew their place and were in bed when Hemstreet had come in. Curious to know what the sound meant, he arose and, cautiously opening his door enough to see through the aperture, saw a sight that amazed him more than his previous unexplained one. A young girl stood in the hall

facing the picture, laughing and beckoning. She was all aquiver with excitement, though she did not speak except in pantomime.

Thunderstruck, Hemstreet turned from the door, felt in a closet for a dressing gown, then hunted for a pair of slippers beside his bed, for he dare not strike a light for fear of scaring the apparition without, then returned to the door, threw it open and went out intending, if it were flesh and blood, to capture it.

The hall was empty. He looked to the end toward which the girl had beckoned. There was the picture, its figures immovable as ever.

Hemstreet went back to bed in wonder. Somehow it did not seem to him that he had seen a ghost. He felt no terror, though he began to worry as he lay there, as a hitch in his brain. He lay awake most of the night trying to solve the problem, but finally went to sleep thinking of it.

He arose the next morning shortly before time for luncheon and stood looking out on to the street. A cab drove up to the pension, next door, and a party alighted, which included several girls. Hemstreet was thunderstruck to recognize in one of these girls the one who had stood in his hallway the night before.

It was now evident that the apparition was flesh and blood and doubtless on a lark. Hemstreet went next door and asked if there was any passage-way between the pension and his domicile, but the landlady answered him that the two wings had been thoroughly cut off from each other. She had a motive in this since she suspected that Hemstreet had lost property, which would be laid to some one in her wing.

Hemstreet kept an eye out for the apparition in the galleries and finally came upon her. She was an American with a party of Americans. After securing an introduction to her he accused her of having trespassed on his premises. She colored and after some hesitation confessed.

A hallway extending from one end to the other of the original palazzo had been cut in two parts by a door swinging on a central pivot. On one side of the door was a mural painting, on the other a mirror. A party of tourist girls in the pension had discovered this secret and one night, led by the girl Hemstreet had discovered, made a foray into his hallway. Only the girl in question entered, the rest hanging back. She was beckoning them to come when Hemstreet discovered her. While he had been hunting for his gown she had beaten a retreat and swung the door back to its original place.

#### Absence of Mind.

An old man was leading two lively calves out to early pasture in the morning. When he came to the field he tied one of the calves to one of his boot straps and the other to the opposite boot strap while he opened the rickety gate. The calves ran away. When he was picked up his wife asked him:

"Didn't you know any better than to do a foolish trick like that?"

"Yes," he answered. "I hadn't been dragged four rods before I saw my mistake."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

## Voter's Catechism.

D. Have you read the Constitution of the United States?

R. Yes.

D. What form of Government is this?

R. Republic.

D. What is the Constitution of the United States?

R. It is the fundamental law of this country.

D. Who makes the laws of the United States?

R. The Congress.

D. What does Congress consist of?

R. Senate and House of Representatives.

D. Who is our State Senator?

R. Wilbur P. Graff.

D. Who is the chief executive of the United States?

R. President.

D. For how long is the President of the United States elected?

R. Four years.

D. Who takes the place of the President in case he dies?

R. The Vice President.

D. What is his name?

R. Thomas R. Marshall.

D. By whom is the President of the United States elected?

R. By the electors.

D. By whom are the electors chosen?

R. By the people.

D. Who makes the laws for the State of Pennsylvania?

R. The Legislature.

D. What does the Legislature consist of?

R. Senate and Assembly.

D. Who is our Assemblyman?

R. Wilmer H. Wood.

D. How many States in the union?

R. Forty-eight.

D. When was the Declaration of Independence signed?

R. July 4, 1776.

D. By whom was it written?

R. Thomas Jefferson.

D. Which is the capital of the United States?

R. Washington.

D. Which is the capital of the State of Pennsylvania?

R. Harrisburg.

D. How many Senators has each state in the United States?

R. Two.

D. Who are our U. S. Senators?

R. Boise Penrose and George T. Oliver.

D. By whom are they elected?

R. By the people.

D. For how long?

R. Six years.

D. How many representatives are there?

R. 435. According to the population one to every 211,000, (the ratio fixed by Congress after each decennial census.)

D. For how long are they elected?

R. Two years.

D. Who is our Congressman?

R. Nathan L. Strong.

D. How many electoral votes has the state of Pennsylvania?

R. Thirty-eight.

D. Who is the chief executive of the state of Pennsylvania?

R. The Governor.

D. For how long is he elected?

R. 4 years.

D. Who is the Governor?

R. Martin G. Brumbaugh.

D. Do you believe in organized government?

R. Yes.

D. Are you opposed to organized government?

R. No.

D. Are you an anarchist?

R. No.

D. What is an anarchist?

R. A person who does not believe in organized government.

D. Are you a bigamist or polygamist?

R. No.

D. What is a bigamist or polygamist?

R. One who believes in having more than one wife.

D. Do you belong to any secret society who teaches to disbelieve in organized government?

R. No.

D. Have you ever violated any laws of the United States?

R. No.

D. Who makes the ordinances for the City?

R. The board of aldermen.

D. Do you intend to remain permanently in the U. S.?

R. Yes.

### SIR EDWARD HOLDEN.

Says Allies Have Contributed a Billion in Gold to America.

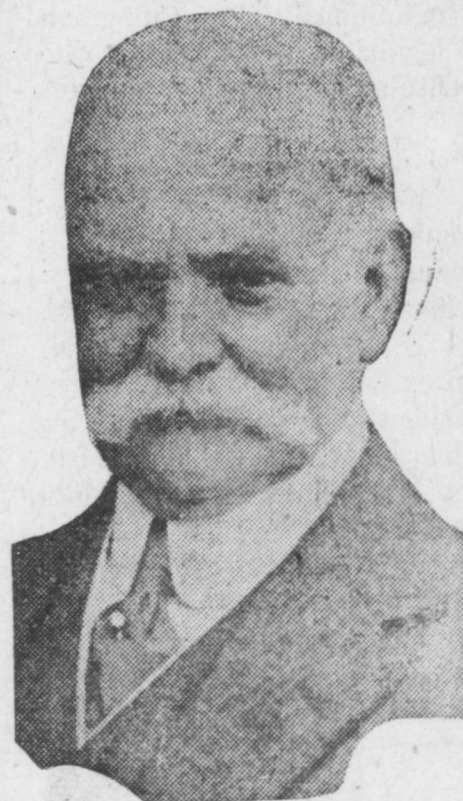


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Speaking at the annual meeting of the London City and Midland bank, Sir Edward Holden, managing director of the bank, said that of £232,000,000 (\$1,160,000,000) of gold which had flowed into America up to the end of 1916 about £212,000,000 (\$1,060,000,000) represented the amount contributed by the entente allies to form the basis of loans.

### PLINY FISK.

New York Banker Denied Advance Knowledge of Peace Note.



Photo by American Press Association.

Pliny Fisk, the banker who Mr. Lawson said he had heard was engaged in stock transactions in association with Secretary of the Treasury William Gibbs McAdoo and a senator whose name began with the letter "O," denied this statement flatly and said he thought Mr. Lawson should almost be put behind the bars for perjury.

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