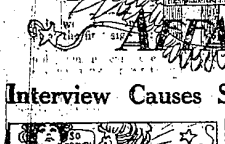
NATION'S CAPITAL NOTES

Interview Causes Stir in Washington



WASHINGTON.—Capital society has had nothing that has made it sit up and take notice in a good while. But it sure got a slap that wakened it, with a jump the other day when there appeared in a New York newspaper an alleged interview with Baroness Hengelmuller von Hengervar, the "deanness" of the diplomatic corps, or, to put it properly, the doyenne, her husband, Baron Hengelmuller von Hengervar, being the dean. The baroness, who has been in New York city, permitted herself to be interviewed by a very sprightly young lady reporter in New York, who on two or three previous occasions has shown herself to be rather long on imagination and short on facts. She directly quotes the baroness as follows:

"Washington is dull and stupid. Society there is provincial. To get to New York is heaven to me, for there is so much to do besides paying and receiving calls and callers and drinking tea and going through the drier round of formal and uninteresting social events. We have lived in Washington 16 years. I have done each year the same things with practically the same people. Here in New York formal calling and tea taking are practically eliminated, because there are so many other more interesting things to do. Even the shops make a difference. Here it is a positive pleasure to shop. Then, your theaters, opera and concerts are so wonderful. In fact, New York is one of the most fascinating cities in the world. It is all life and color and impulse.

"Logically, of course, Washington should be the social center of the country. It never will be, however, for no city can take the honors away from New York. The atmosphere is different, and a social climate is as hard to change as any other kind."

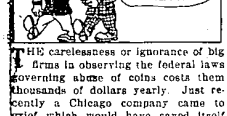
It is stated that Baroness Hengelmuller nearly fell down dead when she saw this interview in the New York papers and then saw it copied into the Washington papers. Baroness Hengelmuller is nothing if not conventional. She lives by form and rote, and to do anything out of the regular is in her opinion to commit a crime.

She came back home in a state of nervous collapse, declared she never said a word of it and that Washington is perfectly lovely.

Baroness Hengelmuller wears that title in her own right, and both she and the baron belong to the stern Austrian court circles; that is, the baron does now. She was born into that world of convention and rules, where you could sit by the fireplace and turn up before the servant next to you would make an attempt to save you unless that was his particular court function.

The baroness was a widow when she married Mr. Ladislaus Hengelmuller von Hengervar, and it never pleased her at all that he was a plain "Mr." She was never quite happy until she secured her husband the embassadorship from Austro-Hungary, and then a few years ago she got him created a baron.

Violate Law Covering Abuse of Coins



THE carelessness or ignorance of big firms in observing the federal laws governing abuse of coins costs them thousands of dollars yearly. Just recently a Chicago company came to grief which would have saved itself and the government much trouble and expense if it had read the following law:

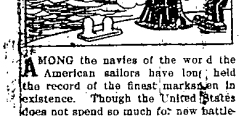
"Whoever fraudulently, by any act, way or means shall deface, mutilate, impair, diminish, falsify or lighten . . . the coin of silver coins which have been or which may hereafter be coined in the mint of the United States . . . shall be fined not more than $2,000 and imprisonment of not more than five years."

Some clever advertiser conceived the idea of an "ad." of metal just the size of a dime, with the wording and printing placed in such a way that at first glance it would appear as a dime. The idea was cleverly executed. A fair imitation of the head of Liberty was on one side and the advertisement on the other. The number was placed where the date on a dime is and, the first glance certainly impressed one as the real coin. The other side had a sheaf of wheat and in the center the words "On Time."

The firm had no desire to defraud the public. But unscrupulous people who had access to them did. Several firms and persons lost money by accepting the advertisement for real money, chewing gum machines were filled with them, and at last the secret service learned how matters were and began an investigation. There were 150,000 of the metals confiscated. Some stray ones, however, were in circulation and it took almost a year to "hunt them down."

Jewelers are guilty every day of committing a criminal offense. According to the ordinance, to mutilate money is an offense in the eyes of the law.

Uncle Sam's Gunners Are Unequaled



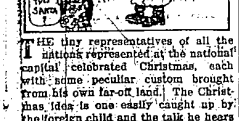
AMONG the navies of the world the American sailors have long held the record of the finest marksmen in existence. Though the United States does not spend so much for new battleships as other countries, it lays more emphasis on marksmanship than does any other nation and for that reason, combined with the American sailor's infinite patience, our men have gained their world-wide reputation of champions. More time and ammunition are expended in the American navy in target practice than is realized generally. America spends ten times the sum for this purpose as does England.

All world's records for gunnery were broken by the crew of the battleship Idaho in the recent big gun target shooting held off Cape Henry. During the practice in which she won her championship the sailors of the Idaho shattered targets at 10,000 yards distance. Had the little vessel been in battle she would have shattered in five minutes a battleship at a distance of five miles, had she shot with the same accuracy.

The gunner begins in the ordnance shops at Washington, where he is instructed in the rudiments of the art. He is kept at his studies six days a week from eight o'clock in the morning until four in the afternoon. Before he is detailed to a ship the apprentice is given three months' instruction in the handling of high explosives and taught the workings of the submarine mine.

Then he is turned over to a battleship, where he is given the position of gun pointer in charge of an instructor who knows the business from top to bottom, and at this gun he stays until his superiors think him eminently trustworthy, when he is allowed to participate in maneuvers. Finally he handles a gun in real war.

Christmas Among Capital's Asiatics



THE tiny representatives of all the nations represented at the national capital celebrated Christmas, each with some peculiar custom brought from his own far-off land. The Christmas idea is one easily caught up by the foreign child and the talk he hears for weeks before the happy festival is just as eagerly listened to by the little Oriental as by the child to whom it has always been familiar.

Although the Christian significance of the Saviour's birth is absent from the Oriental celebration of Christmas, yet the festival spirit of the season appeals no less to the boys and girls from far-off China and Japan than to their little American playmates. The Chinese embassy was the scene of much gaiety during the holiday weeks. For the eldest of the ambassador's daughters, Miss Alice Chang, is only twelve years old and still retains many childish tastes. This year the mouth-old daughter of the couple, tiny Meisen or Mildred Chang, was the youngest member of the legation who came in for Christmas presents.

Santa Claus did not neglect Akira and Sada Matsui, the tiny son and daughter of the counsellor of the Japanese embassy. Kofchiro Matsui. Akira and Sada have been used all their little lives to hearing of the good old Saint Nick, and were happily pleased at his bounty.

Among the legation youngsters who this year spent their first Christmas in Washington are the children of the newly arrived Norwegian minister, H. H. Bryn. There were high doings at the legation, too, for the Christmas tree is a native of Norway and old Santa Claus thrives best of all in the climate of ice and snow, to which the Bryn children were born.

PARDON BOARD SHAKEUP

Gov. Osborn Demands Resignation of Men Who Released Ascher.

Governor Osborn threw his first big thunderbolt when he formally demanded the resignations of Attorney Howland Conlon, of Saginaw, and Dr. James F. Rumer, of Davison, as members of the state pardon board for their action in combining with ex-Gov. Warner, to bring about the release of Edward Ascher and Frank Hayes, who were life prisoners in Jackson for murder. Both officials were given 48 hours in which to tender their resignations, and unless they comply, charges will be made against them.

Former State Senator Blakeslee, of Galien, who is the third member of the board, was not included in the executive demand, for the reason that the record of the pardon board shows that he voted against granting clemency to the men who were freed.

December Wheat Has Not Suffered.

In answer to the question, "Has wheat during December suffered injury from any cause?" seven correspondents in the state answer "yes" and 558 "no," and in answer to the question, "Has the ground been well covered with snow during December?" 570 correspondents answered "yes" and nine "no."

The total number of bushels of wheat marketed by farmers in December at 106 flouring mills was 266,302, and at 114 elevators and 10 grain dealers 253,933, or a total of 520,236 bushels. Of this amount 345,768 bushels were marketed in the southern four tiers of counties, 129,575 in the central counties and 44,893 in the northern counties and the upper peninsula.

The estimated total number of bushels of wheat marketed in the five months, August-December, was 5,700,000.

Fifty-four mills, elevators and grain dealers report no wheat marketed in December.

The average condition of livestock in the state is reported as follows comparison being with stock in good, healthy and thrifty condition: Horses, sheep and swine 97, cattle 96.

The average price of wheat per bushel is 89 cents; rye, 72 cents; shelled corn, 54 cents, and oats, 24 cents. The average price of hay per ton $13.51. The average price of fat cattle is $4.54 per cwt.; of fat hogs $7.39 per cwt. and of dressed pork $9.29 per cwt.

Road Board Men Protest Changes.

Commissioner Ely and Deputy Highway Commissioner Rogers both strenuously take issue with the good roads recommendation made by Gov. Osborn in his message, at the same time favoring his recommendation for the use of state convicts in constructing roads.

The points at issue are the governor's favoring state supervision of roads and the construction of trunk lines touching each of the county seats. Both of the highway officials declare that the county road system should continue and also that it is far better to construct roads leading to the important market places than it is to have them lead to the county seats.

Fire originating from spontaneous combustion among rags in East Northfield, Mass., destroyed Crossley hall, one of the oldest dormitories of the Mount Hermon School for Boys. The total loss is estimated at $100,000.

Three bags of registered Christmas mail with contents valued at $50,000 have been stolen during the last few days in San Francisco on the journey across the harbor to Oakland, according to the Call.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit.—Cattle: Best steers and heifers, $4; good to choice butcher steers, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs., $3.50@3.75; light to good butcher steers and heifers, 700 to 900 lbs., $2.75@3.25; mixed butcher's fat cows, $2.50@4.50; canners, $2.50@2.75; common bulls, $3.75@4.50; good shipper's bulls, $4.75; common feeders, $4@4.50; good well-bred feeders, $4.75@5; stockers, $3.50@4.50.

Veal calves—Best grades, $9@9.50; others, $4@8.50.

Milch cows and springers, $25@55.

Sheep and lambs—Best lambs, $6.25; fair to good lambs, $5.50@6; light to common lambs, $4.50@5; fair to good butcher sheep, $3.75@4.25; culls and common, $2.50@3.50.

Range of prices: Light to good butchers, $9.15; pigs, $9.15; light yorkers, $9.15; stags, one-third off.

East Buffalo, N. Y.—Cattle—Three cars, slow. Hogs—50 cars, steady; heavy, $8.40@8.50; yorkers, $8.50@8.60; pigs, $8.75. Sheep—60 cars, lower; top lambs, $6.65@6.75; fair to good, $6.50@6.60; seconds, $5@5.50; wethers, $4.25@4.50; ewes, $3.50@4.10. Calves—$5@17.

Grain, Etc.

WHEAT—Cash No. 2 red, 97 1-2c asked; May opened without change at $1.01 1-2 and advanced to $1.02 1-2, July opened at $1.— and advanced to 85c. No. 1 white, 95 1-2c.

CORN—Cash No. 3, 41 1-2c. No. 3 yellow, 42 cars at 48 1-2c.

OATS—Standard, 1 car at 34c, 2 cars at 34 1-2c; No. 2 mixed, 1 car at 32 1-2c; No. 3 white, 34c.

RYE—Cash No. 1, 65 1-2c; No. 2, $4 1-2c.

BEANS—Cash, $2.05; March, $2.10.

CLOVERSEED—Prime, spot, $9.10; March, $9.15; sample, 17 bags at $9.50; 18 at $8.25, 24 at $8, 40 at $7.50, 9 at $7.25; prime alsike, $9.10; sample alsike, 12 bags at $8.25; 3 at $7.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime spot, $4.55; nominal.

FEED—In 100-lb sacks, jobbing lots: Bran, $25; coarse middlings, $26; fine middlings, $28; cracked corn and coarse cornmeal, $33; corn and oat chop, $31 per ton.

FLOUR—Best Michigan patent, $5.20; ordinary patent, $4.75; straight, $4.65; clear, $4.35; pure rye, $4.50; spring patent, $5.75 per bbl in wood.

Subscriptions amounting to $5,250 were pledged by the team workers themselves as a start for the first day of the ten-day race for $50,000 to be raised among the negroes for the new Y. M. C. A. building on the south side of Chicago. Two hundred representative negroes are doing team work in interviewing 11,000 employed men of their own race for subscriptions during the next ten days.

David C. McCurtain has been appointed by President Taft as principal chief of the Choctaw Nation in Oklahoma. The new appointee succeeds his father, who died recently.

MICHIGAN BREVITIES

Hastings.—At the annual meeting of the members of the Michigan Mutual Tornado, Windstorm and Cyclone Co. held here, William E. Hale, of Eaton Rapids, was elected president; J. W. Ewing, of Grand Ledge, vice-president; directors, George S. Woolsey, Marshall; Stephen A. Benedict, Nashville, Norman B. Herbert, Yale; J. W. Dann, Lansing; George A. Perry, Charlotte. Treasurer Coleman's report showed that disbursements during the last year were $24,215.04; receipts, $96,445.20; cash on hand, $12,230.16. Secretary Roger's report showed the total insurance of the company as $86,000,000, an increase during the last year being over $5,000,000. The annual meeting day was changed to the second Tuesday in January.

Battle Creek.—The Woman's league has added charity to its literary labors and has installed a visiting nurse system. One nurse has been employed and others will be secured as needed. A wheel chair will be at the disposal of patients who need one and are unable to provide it for themselves. The league is nonsectarian and composed of the leading women of the city.

Owosso.—Because of lack of evidence, Prosecutor Collins has ordered the charge preferred against Mrs. Harriet Ketchum by Mrs. James Neal, of Byron, withdrawn, and the case was discontinued when the woman's examination was resumed before Justice Patchel at Durand. The charge of larceny of $2,000 preferred by Neal is now pending against Mrs. Ketchum. The Owosso Motor Co., which went into the receiver's hands, will, it is expected, soon ask for the discharge of the receiver, as a new model of a light delivery truck is believed to be more salable than the old design.

Owosso.—On Jan. 1 the Union Telephone Co. raised rates on farm lines from $12 to $15 yearly and farmers will hold a meeting in Corunna on Jan. 11 to discuss the matter and probably make a united protest.

Owosso.—A committee from the Owosso Improvement association visited the state railway commission at Lansing and learned that the G. and Trunk and Michgan Central road intended erecting a union depot on the site near the present junction building, costing not to exceed $30,000. The committee is somewhat dissatisfied with the prospect, inasmuch as the site is not considered a desirable one and the members think more money should be put in a depot for a city of Owosso's size.

Cadillac.—Scores of boys of Wexford county schools are searching for the body of Emerson Sanford, the crippled mute who disappeared two weeks ago and is thought to have perished in snow drifts near Lake Mitchell.

Bessemer.—Andrew Emerson, for many years the leading lumberman in this section of the state, and with large lumber interests in Wisconsin, has made an assignment for creditors whose claims total about $100,000. There are only about $50,000 worth of assets. The closing of the Emerson mills will be a hard blow to Morenisco township, as they are the only manufacturing industry in the township.

Flint.—Mrs. Thomas Murphy, twenty-three, a bride of three months, died of lockjaw, which resulted from an operation for tonsilitis three weeks ago. Abraham Stoner, a fireman employed by the Pere Marquette railroad, who has been working on a switch engine in the local yards, is under arrest charged with stealing coal from the company. Detectives say he dumped off the coal near his home, and then carried it there after he was off duty.

Lansing.—Despite the fact that he had shaven off his beard and had taken every precaution to hide his identity, George O. Davis, residing on Summit street, was arrested by Detective Rowell of the Lansing police force, as the man wanted by the police for forging several checks on local merchants. The man confessed when brought to police headquarters. He has a wife and two small children.

Lapeer.—Between smiles at joy over his son's prospective freedom and tears over what he believes was his part in the tragedy which resulted in Clarence Benjamin being confined to Jackson prison on a life sentence for the slaying of his wife, Armsa Benjamin, father of the man whose sentence was recently commuted to 30 years, with a probable parole in 1913, talked of the fondest hope of his life, that of living long enough to see his boy out of prison. "I have always felt that I was in a great measure to blame," the old man said. "On that night of November 21, 1898, when my son shot and killed his wife, while practically insane with jealousy, I had a revolver in my room. If I was with this gun he did the shooting. If I hadn't left it in sight the affair would never have occurred."

Lansing.—Because her children had been without food for more than a day, a woman living on Hammond street tried to sell her beautiful head of hair to buy them something to eat. The highest offer in the neighborhood was 50 cents and the tresses are worth at least $10 at market price.

Anchorville.—Fishing through the ice here has never been better. Edward Chartier, Genie Hamlin and Theodore Beauvais got a bushel of perch in a few minutes. At Fair Haven fishing through the ice is the popular sport, large catches are plentiful and fishing shanties are numerous.

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Father of the Man.

Miss Amelia Austin listened with breathless attention to Mrs. Amasa Hunting's radiant account of the doings of James Hunting, her husband's younger brother, who had left Woobrook-in-the-Hills in his youth and had become a millionaire.

"Where is Jim this summer?" Miss Amelia inquired, at the end of the recital.

"He has gone abroad for baths," replied Mrs. Hunting.

"I ain't one mite surprised to hear that," Miss Amelia said. "His mother never could make him wash his neck."—Youth's Companion.

STUBBORN ECZEMA ON HANDS

"Some nine years ago I noticed small pimples breaking out on the back of my hands. They became very irritating, and gradually became worse, so that I could not sleep at night. I consulted a physician who treated me a long time, but it got worse, and I could not put my hands in water. I was treated at the hospital, and it was just the same. I was told that it was a very bad case of eczema. Well, I just kept on using everything that I could for nearly eight years until I was advised to try Cuticura Ointment. I did so, and I found after a few applications and by bandaging my hands well up that the burning sensations were disappearing. I could sleep well, and did not have any itching during the night. I began after a while to use Cuticura Soap for a wash for them, and I think by using the Soap and Ointment I was much benefited. I stuck to the Cuticura treatment, and thought if I could use other remedies for over seven years with no result, and after only having a few applications and finding ease from Cuticura Ointment, I thought it deserved a fair trial with a severe and stubborn case. I used the Ointment and Soap for nearly six months, and I am glad to say that I have hands as clear as anyone.

"It is my wish that you publish this letter to all the world, and if anyone doubts it, let them write me and I will give them the name of my physician, also the hospital I was treated at." (Signed) Miss Mary A. Bentley, 93 University St., Montreal, Que., Sept. 14, 1910.

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Daughter of the House—I'm just going up to watch Marie do mother's hair.

Caller—Oh, dear! Then I'm afraid we shan't be able to see your mother.

Daughter of the House—Oh, yes; you'll find her down there in the drawing room.

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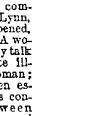
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Weak Heart

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The ingredients, as attested under oath, are Stone root (Collinsonia Canadensis), Bloodroot (Sanguinaria Canadensis), Golden Seal root (Hydrastis Canadensis), Queen's root (Stillingia Sylvatica), Black Cherry bark (Prunus Virginiana), Mandrake root (Podophyllum Peltatum), with triple refined glycerine, prepared in a scientific laboratory, in a way that no drugist could imitate.

This tonic contains no alcohol to shrink up the red blood corpuscles; but, on the other hand, it increases their number and they become round and healthy. It helps the human system in the constant manufacture of rich, red blood. It helps the stomach to assimilate or take up the proper elements from the food, thereby helping digestion and curing dyspepsia, heart-burn and many uncomfortable symptoms, stops excessive tissue waste in consumptive cases, and for the run-down, anemic, thin-blooded people, the "Discovery" is refreshing and vitalizing. Stick to this safe and sane remedy, and refuse all "just as good" medicines offered by the druggist who is looking for a larger profit. Nothing but Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will do you full as much good.