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Editorials

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Newspaper Talk

(Lonia County News)

When one reads an unusual news story about somebody who proposes to perform an unheard-of feat, the item is often viewed with skepticism, and dismissed with a shrug of the shoulders as being "only newspaper talk." And more often than not that is all it amounts to.

Files of daily newspapers of February 5, 1927 contain such an item, which it is interesting to read again in view of what really happened later. It is an Associated Press dispatch from St. Louis in part as follows:

"A St. Louis-to-Paris airplane flight for the \$25,000 Orphee prize is under contemplation by Captain Charles A. Lindbergh, chief pilot on the St. Louis-Chicago air mail route. Captain Lindbergh proposes to go alone, using a small plane. The flight to New York would be made in one day. The second leg of the trip, 3,200 miles, Lindbergh believes he can make in 32 hours.

Three and a half months later that dispatch was verified except that it took the flyer an hour and a half longer than he had estimated. This made more "newspaper talk," and Lindy is still making it.

War Guilt

(Sault Ste. Marie News)

Did one nation cause the World War? The Versailles Treaty laid the war guilt wholly on Germany, and that nation has been crying out ever since that the accusation is unjust. It is a question that has come up again and again; in many groups and many discussions in recent years with many leaders of thought outside of Germany surprisingly taking German side. As a matter of history, the point probably cannot be finally decided for many years.

This problem, like a good many other about which human beings dispute, doubtless needs further and clearer definition. Many causes must have led up to the World War, even if one sudden act precipitated actual hostilities. That seemed to be the opinion of a level-headed, clear thinking British economist, who spoke at the recent Y. M. C. A. World Conference in Cleveland.

"The truth is that all nations were in a sense guilty," he said, "all had pursued a policy of economic imperialism, all tried to grab empty and backward areas of the earth, all tried to establish monopolies and assure themselves markets, all built up armaments and in that sense created condition which made war possible.

"Who struck the match which fired the magazines is of very little consequence to day."

What is of consequence or should be of consequence, is the fact that those same policies are still in force, making other wars possible. What ails the civilized nations that they should go on behaving so?

Universal Dissress

(Dearborn Press)

Probably it would be a mistake to expect too much of the agreement recently concluded at London, by which Germany is given extended credits. In the very nature of things it can be little credit than a breathing space. The crisis has been postponed, certainly, but it is too early to say with assurance that it has been averted entirely.

To say this is not to minimize the importance of the work that was done. If Germany got only a breathing space, she needed that breathing space imperatively. It

is not pleasant to think what might have happened if it had not been forthcoming. But the danger is not over.

The most important underlying fact seems to be that a new era of international co-operation must begin very soon if the world is to be saved. The London conference was only a first step. There must be other steps to follow and they must be small ones.

For at London the great powers were compelled to face the fact that no nation can live by itself alone any more. The distress of one is the distress of all. Co-operation must take the place of rivalry.

It isn't hard to see some of the things that follow from this. First and most important of all is next year's disarmament conference. Something really effective must be done. To talk of international co-operation and go on to a world wide competitive armament race does not make sense. A sharp reduction all around in armies and navies seems to be in order.

With that the ordinary man must get a new mental attitude. The old habit of looking on other nations with distrust must end. National pride needs to be tempered slightly with common sense and usefulness.

Of course, no one need expect that an era of universal brotherhood is going to begin next week. We have a long, weary way to go, and we shall undoubtedly do a great deal of backsliding. But it's time we got started, and it's up to us to realize it.

Not From Factories

(Huron Co. Tribune)

Nearly thirty years ago, when the famous Mayor Pingree of Detroit became governor of Michigan, he made this statement: "You can't have any prosperity in this country, so long as the farmers are burdened with taxes and everything else. All prosperity must come from the soil, and the better off the farmers are the better off everybody will be."

Very little attention was paid to that kind of doctrine in Pingree's time. Now it is an acknowledged fact. We have found out at much cost that great factories and vast industrial organizations do not make and keep the country prosperous, but they do seem to elevate the tax burdens.

A Forgivable Racket

(Sault Ste. Marie News)

At Budapest appeared an advertisement for a book entitled "What Every Young Girl Should Know Before Marriage." To the book's publisher came many a order. In answer to the orders out went many a copy of the book. Soon there was reaction. Enraged purchasers claim of misrepresentation, pointed out that the book was nothing more than a cook book. Some of the purchasers, banded together, insisted the book-seller into court, there demanded a penalty for the person who would so trifle with human emotions. Said the judge: "Cooking is precisely what the young girl should know before marriage."

SEPTEMBER 1 IS DEADLINE

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Rev. Paul Graubner, Pastor

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Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Rev. James A. Cahalan
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Daily mass at 8:00.

Evangelical Church
Rev. A. A. Schoez, Pastor
Sunday school 9:30.
English Worship 10:30.
Ladies Aid Wednesday afternoon.
Evangelical League Wednesday evening.

Methodist Church
Rev. F. C. Johnson, Pastor

"Motives of Men and Fools" is the theme of next Sunday morning's sermon which will be delivered by Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson. Don't forget our evening preaching service at 7:30. We also cordially invite you to join our Sunday school. You will find a class for every age.

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Sunday Morning
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Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:30 Morning Service.
11:45 Bible School, Glasses for all.
6:30 Young People's Hour.
7:30 Open Air Service in Town Hall Park.

The guest speaker at both the morning and evening service will be F. J. Watts of Bronson, Michigan "Jack" Watts, as he is commonly called, is no stranger to Farmington audiences. A great spiritual feast is in store for all who hear him either service.

TO DISTRIBUTE VOLUMNS

Lansing, Mich.—Bound volumes of the Public Acts of 1931 will be ready for distribution by Department of State about Sept. 15. The effective date of acts enacted by the 1931 legislature and not given immediate is Sept. 18.

What with the Germany's new vest pocket cruiser, what we will need in the next war instead of admirals and all that sort of thing is a good pickpocket squad.—New York Post.

The automobile title division of the Department of State, within a few weeks, is to change the form of automobile titles in order to give greater security to the purchaser, and the holder of the mortgage.

Chief Operator Retires After Notable Career



MISS EMMA LANDON

Four years after becoming a telephone operator in the Main central office in Chicago, in 1887, Miss Landon was made Chief Operator in the Central exchange. In 1892 she was transferred to the Randolph office in the same capacity, where she served until 1926. Then, at the charge of the Dearborn central office, with its 275 operators and daily average of 140,000 calls. Now she has retired, after 39 years in charge of some of Chicago's busiest telephone exchanges.

Walking-Sticks Put to Many and Varied Uses

The first walking-sticks were elaborate affairs, and were fashioned with an indented head on which to rest the hand, writes a columnist in the Manchester (Eng.) Guardian. Later they were made with a round and hollow top to hold nutmeg or ginger to warm the stomach of the valetudinarian, and sometimes sign-candy for the arithmetic. When snuff came into general use the cavity was used as a snuff box, and the meeting of two canes was followed, after the first greetings, by the unscrewing of the tops of their walking-sticks for a pinch, as a later generation tapped the tip of its snuff boxes. Another variety of walking-stick is represented by the cane crowned with a hollow knob of gold, silver, or ivory, containing aromatic balsam to keep off contagion, which every eighteenth-century physician carried with him when making his calls. In the heyday of its fashion the walking-stick was a thoroughly democratic article of wear, but it has never been recognized in England as a weapon of offense, except occasionally in the hands of some unusually elderly and peppy person.

Worth-While Inventions

Fruit of Woman's Brain

There are a great many more patents granted to men than to women. For instance, during the first 98 years of the patent system, from 1790 to 1888, only 2,455 patents were granted to women; altogether 15,000 patents have been granted to women. The fifteen-thousandth one was granted to Ross Shulman of Brooklyn for an ice bag. The first successful application under the patent law by a woman was recorded in 1869, when Mary Kies took out a patent for a method of weaving straw with silk or thread. In 1789 Miss Betsy Metcalf hit upon an invention for plating and braiding meadow grass into bonnets. Miss Lucy Johnson in 1834 was the first woman to invent the safety razor. Hannah Montague invented the detachable shirt collar. The modern paper bag is the invention of Miss M. E. Knight. Mrs. Martha J. Costin invented the wire light used for lighting our Coast guard and mariners at over the world. The first ice cream freezer was invented by Nancy M. Johnson.

Scheme Never Worked Out

When you are taking that ocean trip and your stomach is defying the law of gravitation, ponder over the Henry Bessemer's plan to put an end to seasickness. Seventy years ago he proposed a vessel equipped with a saloon suspended from an axis fixed in the ship's center. He planned to affix counterweights to the bottom of the saloon, so that the floor of the saloon would always remain quiet and horizontal, despite the tumbling about of the vessel itself, says the Age. Why he never gave the idea a fair trial is not reported. Perhaps he bought stock in shipping lines and figured that the expense caused by the increase in food consumption per passenger, owing to elimination of seasickness, would cut heavily into profits.

Royal St. Cloud

To the little town of St. Cloud, as it is called today, there once came all the grandeur of royalty. With the destruction of its celebrated chateau, built by Louis XIV in 1668, it lost a favorite royal residence. Here the Regent d'Orleans received Peter the Great in 1717. In 1735 it was sold for 600,000 francs to Queen Marie Antoinette, and here she resided during the early days of the revolution. Here the coup d'etat occurred which made Napoleon first consul and later Emperor. He was baptized in 1808 in the presence of Napoleon and Josephine. Here Bonaparte married Marie Louise, and here on October 13, 1870, it went up, in flames in connection with the siege of Paris.

Care of the Piano

Do not shut your piano off in a cold room, as this will cause all metal parts to frost, and then when the room is heated to sweat and rust. As a rule, when a piano has rusted, this is what has caused it. If it must be left in a cold room or house, throw over it several blankets, quilts or anything to keep out the cold. Excessive dampness will cause veneer checks, so will excessive heat or cold, and then the best remedy is re-felting. However, extreme heat is even more injurious. The temperature of the room containing a piano should be kept its normal and as even as possible all the year round.—Washington Star.

Exhausted Bees Die

Forty milligrams, or about one-half the weight of the bee is the usual load of nectar. It is noted that drowning is a common fatality among bees, the cause being that the insects become so tired while at work that they fall into lakes or rivers. Ungraceful landings at the apilary, when the honey gatherer bumps into the hive or drops to the ground in front of it, may cause a severe case of exhaustion. Many bees after developing routes on which to carry nectar are intelligent enough to rest on the journey back to the hive.

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