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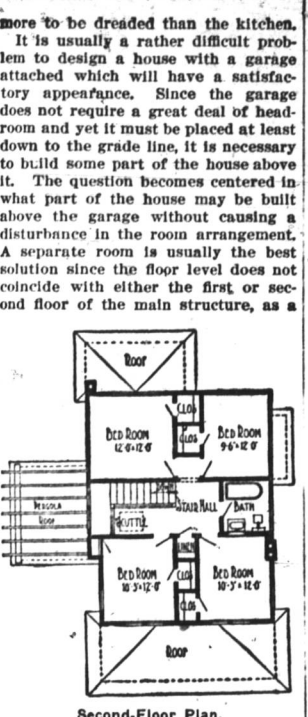
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Now that the automobile is becoming more and more a necessity rather than a luxury, the question of providing a garage is receiving more attention than it was given during the early days of the "horseless carriage." The man who has spent a considerable amount of money on an automobile does not feel satisfied with placing it in an old barn or shed. If the lot on which his house is built will allow enough space it is easy to build a garage which will harmonize with the design of the house. The man who uses the automobile usually has his architect include a garage design in the plans for his new home.

Although the detached garage has many advantages, there are also several reasons why a garage which is built as a part of the house may have



GOOD RELATIONS EXISTS WITH U. S.

GERMANY IMPRESSES CORDIALITY OF RELATIONS BETWEEN U. S. AND GERMANY.

CERARD GUEST AT DINNER

American Ambassador is Entertained at Dinner in Berlin and Likened to the Dove of Peace That Was Sent Out From Noah's Ark.

Berlin, via Cayville.—A large number of the leading personages of Germany, says the Overseas News Agency, were present at the dinner given in honor of James W. Gerard, the American Ambassador to Germany, by the American Association of Trade and Commerce of Berlin. The dinner was addressed by Ambassador Gerard, by Vice Chancellor Seiffert, by Foreign Secretary Zimmermann and by Arthur von Gwinner, the director of the Deutsche Bank and in all the speeches the cordial relationships existing between the governments of the United States and Germany were emphasized.

Ambassador Gerard, who was likened to the dove of Noah's Ark, is quoted by the Overseas News Agency as saying that "never since the beginning of the war have relations between Germany and the United States been so cordial" and that he had "brought back an olive branch from President Wilson."

Vice Chancellor Seiffert said he was pleased to know that Ambassador Gerard had visited the United States "where he had an opportunity of describing the real state of affairs in Germany," and Foreign Minister Zimmermann declared he felt sure the friendly and true future relations between both countries as enunciated by Mr. Gerard will continue.

A telegram expressing the "sincerest wishes" of the association "in this crucial time" was sent to President Wilson, and another message was forwarded to Emperor Wilhelm.

Doctor Hefferich, in his speech as quoted by the Overseas News Agency, called attention to the increase in commerce between Germany and the United States.

SENATE APPROVES REQUEST FOR PEACE

INDORSE PRESIDENT WILSON'S REQUEST FOR A STATEMENT OF PEACE TERMS.

Washington.—Approval of President Wilson's request for a statement of peace terms from the European belligerents was voted by the senate at the conclusion of three days' stirring debate. Action came with dramatic suddenness when Democratic leaders decided to accept a form of resolution that would not commit the senate to endorsement of the whole of the President's note, and 10 Republicans of the Progressive group joined the majority in making the vote 48 to 17.

Senator Martineau of New York was the only Democrat to vote in the negative.

Discussion of the subject had reached a climax during the day with a sensational declaration by Senator Lewis, chief spokesman for the Democrats replying to Republican criticism of the President's course. Without referring directly to the submarine controversy the Senator said the United States could not keep out of the war if it continued and that America would not again accept misconception of orders or zeal of an officer as an excuse for an injury to a citizen or property.

The chief objection urged against the original resolution offered by Senator Hitchcock was that it would endorse the President's offer to join in a movement to guarantee world peace and his declaration of the interest of the United States in small nations.

The resolution adopted was proposed by Senator Jones, Republican of Washington, and was accepted by Senator Hitchcock as a substitute for his own. It resolves:

"That the senate approves and strongly endorses the request by the President in the diplomatic notes of December 18 to the nations now at war in the world, and that the terms upon which peace might be discussed."

OFFICIALS OF PROMINENCE MENTIONED IN LEAK PROBE.

Wood Tells Information Implicating Secretary Tumulty as Benefactor in Stock Mart.

Washington.—Sensational rumors of a "leak" to Wall Street in advance of President Wilson's peace note sent the House Rules Committee by Representative Wood of Indiana in support of his resolution for an inquiry. He prefaced his testimony with the statement that he had nothing but hearsay evidence to offer and vainly protested against an open session of the committee.

Names and rumored details of the alleged "leak" came thick and fast when Mr. Wood began his story. He mentioned Joseph P. Tumulty, Secretary to President Wilson; R. W. Bolling, a brother-in-law of the President; Bernard Baruch of New York, various brokerage houses, crediting most of his information to a letter received from "A. Curtis" of New York. This letter, produced later, was written on plain paper, without the writer's address. Kenneth Romney, deputy sergeant-at-arms of the house, is in New York searching for A. Curtis, but has been unable to find any trace of him. Statements were issued after the committee meeting by Secretary Tumulty and Mr. Bolling flatly denying the reports regarding them, and Mr. Tumulty demanded that Representative Wood publicly apologize for mentioning his name. Mr. Wood followed with a statement pointing out that he had desired to testify in private, but that those whose names were the subject of rumor should court the fullest investigation. The committee probably will hear Representative Gardner, who declared on the floor of the house recently there was a "leak."

BANDIT CHIEF LOSES 1,500 IN BATTLE WITH FEDERALISTS.

Chihuahua City, Mexico.—Villa was defeated at Jimenez by Gen. Francisco Murguía, who led a large rebel detachment, wounded and captured. Martin Lopez, a rebel leader, and another Villa general were among the slain according to an official report from the Carranza commander. Villa is said to be fleeing toward El Valle. General Murguía's forces have captured and pushed back Villa's troops five miles after coming into contact.

By not attempting to call any of the Eastern front towns by name the British Premier was able to make that pronouncement as scheduled.

TO DETERMINE HIGH COST

ATTORNEY GENERAL GREGORY WILL BEGIN INQUIRY AS TO WHETHER THERE IS TRUST.

For Several Weeks Department of Justice Has Been in Frequent Consultation With the Trade Commission—A Mass of Complaints.

Washington.—Attorney General Gregory took over the yield of the Federal Trade Commission's inquiry into the printing paper market with a view to determining whether there is a paper trust, and to institute civil and criminal proceedings against manufacturers or others who may have violated the anti-trust laws.

President Wilson is actively interested in recent disclosures of practices pursued in the production and distribution of printing paper and is understood to be following the inquiry closely. A mass of complaints and testimony and a large number of secret reports from the commission's investigators have been placed in the Attorney General's hands.

For several weeks department of justice officials have been in frequent consultation with the trade commission and are understood to have under serious consideration the early institution of grand jury proceedings at which indictments charging violation of the criminal section of the law will be asked.

ELLEN DEAD AS TORNADO WRECKS SCHOOL BUILDING

Muskogee, Okla.—Eleven school children were killed, four seriously injured and eight seriously injured in a half dozen other farm houses, and a half dozen other farm houses were lifted from their foundations by the storm, which swept a narrow path for a distance of six miles.

The storm struck first at Richville, seven miles southwest of Vireville, but did not further damage until within a quarter of a mile of the school building.

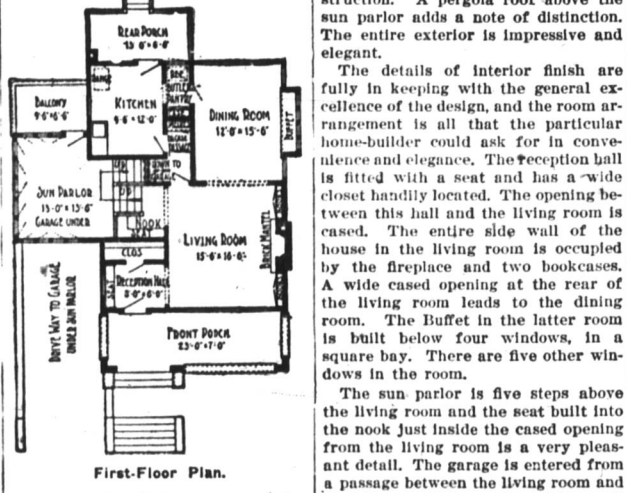
Tearing up the valley for nearly a mile the storm then ripped the school building from its foundation and hurled the children down the hillside and across the ravine, some of them being picked up a hundred yards from the site of the building.

DOBRUDJA TAKEN BY TEUTONS AFTER A BITTER STRUGGLE.

Except for a narrow strip of land projecting into the Danube marshes toward the Moldavian town of Galatz, the Dobrudja has been cleared by the Teutonic Allies of Russian and Rumanian troops. After the fall of Matchin and Jijila, the defenders became a retreat across the Danube to Buzia, and according to Berlin, a force of Russian rear guards on the peninsula projected toward Galatz, the only Entente troops now in Rumania between the Danube River and the Black Sea. In Moldavia



special advantages in some cases. Since such a garage may be entered from the house it is a very handy place to have the automobile located. This feature is of special importance during rainy or cold weather, when the car is dry and warm when it is needed. There is greater safety in keeping this expensive machine in a part of the house than can be had if it is housed in a detached building. If an electric vehicle is used and the garage contains battery recharging equipment, it is much easier to keep the batteries in good condition at all times, if it is not necessary to go out of the house to attend to it. The added equipment is also property which should be given protection from theft. It might be imagined that a garage built as a part of the house would greatly increase the fire risk. There is undoubtedly a possibility of fire around highly combustible material such as is used as fuel for the gasoline or steam car and the electric wiring required for the electric vehicle sometimes is responsible for fires. Most fires caused from these sources may be traced directly to carelessness and there are numerous ways of safeguarding the building. Gasoline stored in an underground tank cannot cause a fire, and this method of storing the fuel is the most sensible from every viewpoint. Carefully installed electric wiring, safeguarded by fuses against excess current and insulated physically and electrically from the building cannot cause a fire. The garage may, in addition, be made fire-resisting by carrying up the walls in concrete and covering all woodwork with cement plaster. The garage, properly built, is really no



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TAUSIG ACCEPTS PLACE ON TARIFF COMMISSION

Washington.—Prof. Frank W. Tausig of Harvard accepted a place on the tariff commission and probably will be made chairman. The other four members will be announced later.

Professor Tausig is a teacher of political economy and has written extensively on the tariff. It is understood the administration had difficulty in persuading him to accept.

HONOLULU EXEMPTED FROM COAL EMBARGO

Honolulu.—That the British admiralty has exempted Honolulu from the recent coal shipment embargo was indicated when notification was given that the motorship City of Portland was on its way here from Australia with 2000 tons of coal. Representatives to the British government that British trans-Pacific shipping would suffer if the supply of bunker coal here failed, were believed to be responsible for its modification.

Iceland is not bragging much about its climate, but the island is entitled to some congratulation on its probable immunity from any perils of the European war.

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TEUTONS GET POSSESSION OF ANOTHER RUMANIAN FORT.

Another of Rumania's fortresses has fallen into the hands of the Teutonic Allies. Keeping up their intensive forward movement into Moldavia, Field Marshal von Mackensen's troops have taken Fokshani and with it nearly 4000 prisoners and some cannon and machine guns. At last reports, the invaders were pursuing the defeated Rumanians, the troops of Archduke Joseph of Austria were pressing back the Rumanians eastward.

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WEBB-KENYON PROHIBITION BILL HELD CONSTITUTIONAL.

Victory is Most Sweeping Ever Won in Fight Against Liquor.

Washington.—In the most sweeping of all decisions upholding prohibition laws, the Supreme Court upheld as constitutional and valid the Webb-Kenyon law prohibiting shipment of liquor from "wet" to "dry" states. It also sustained West Virginia's recent amendment to her law prohibiting importation in interstate commerce of liquor for personal use.

After having been vetoed by President Taft, who held it unconstitutional, and having been re-passed by Congress over his veto, the law was sustained by the Supreme Court by a vote of 7 to 2. Leaders of the prohibition movement declare it is their fight-second only in importance to the proposed constitutional amendment.

Lawyers for liquor interests who heard the decision admitted it upheld and applied the law "in its fullest sense."

"BUFFALO BILL" FACES DEATH AS CALMLY AS ON THE PLAINS.

Denver, Col.—Col. William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) dying in Denver, faced death in the same manner that he has faced it many times on the plains of the West in conflicts that made his name famous.

The Colonel was warned of the approach of the end of his life by Dr. J. H. East, his physician and friend. He had summoned the physician to the home of his sister, where he is spending his last hours. When Doctor East walked into his room, Colonel Cody said:

"Sit down, doctor, there is something I want to ask you. I want you to answer me honestly. What are my chances?"

Doctor East turned to the scout: "There is a time, Colonel," said he, "when every honest physician must commend his patient to a higher power."

Colonel Cody's head sank. "How long?" he asked simply.

"I can answer that," said the physician, "only by telling you your life is like the hour glass. The sand is slipping gradually, slowly—but soon the sand will all be gone. The end is not far away."

Colonel Cody turned to his sister, Mrs. May Decker:

"May," said he, "let the Elks and Masons take charge of the funeral." Then the man who made history in the West when it was young began methodically to arrange his affairs.

Villa and Carranza.

El Paso, Texas.—Francisco Flores now occupy Jimenez. Santa Rosalia and Parral, while Villa and his staff have fled to the State of Durango, over the branch railroad from Parral to El Arco.

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There must have been a knowing of Him in some sense before the baptism, for when He came to John to be baptized that day John said to Him, and others that to me. So there must have been some increased revelation of Him to John after the baptism, when the heavens were opened, the Spirit descended like a dove and lighted upon Him, and the Father said from heaven, 'This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased' (Matt. iii, 13-17). What a contrast between John who bare record 'This is the Son of God' and the devil who said so soon afterward 'If thou be the Son of God' (Matt. iv, 17; 16: 3). When we are well pleased with Him in whom the Father is well pleased then the Father is pleased with us, but if we do not receive Him as Son of God we cannot be saved.

11 NAVAL CAPTAINS PROMOTED TO RANK OF REAR ADMIRALS.

Washington.—The first Navy promotions of the new selecting system of advancement were announced when President Wilson approved recommendations of the selection board that 11 captains be made rear admirals as follows: Captains Henry S. Knapp, William L. Rogers, Harry M. P. Huse, George W. McElroy, Robert S. Griffin, George E. Burd, James H. Oliver, John Hood, William S. Sims, Hugh Rodman and Henry B. Wilson.

WANTS TO ENLARGE PROJECTILE PLANTS

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There must have been a knowing of Him in some sense before the baptism, for when He came to John to be baptized that day John said to Him, and others that to me. So there must have been some increased revelation of Him to John after the baptism, when the heavens were opened, the Spirit descended like a dove and lighted upon Him, and the Father said from heaven, 'This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased' (Matt. iii, 13-17). What a contrast between John who bare record 'This is the Son of God' and the devil who said so soon afterward 'If thou be the Son of God' (Matt. iv, 17; 16: 3). When we are well pleased with Him in whom the Father is well pleased then the Father is pleased with us, but if we do not receive Him as Son of God we cannot be saved.

11 NAVAL CAPTAINS PROMOTED TO RANK OF REAR ADMIRALS.

Washington.—The first Navy promotions of the new selecting system of advancement were announced when President Wilson approved recommendations of the selection board that 11 captains be made rear admirals as follows: Captains Henry S. Knapp, William L. Rogers, Harry M. P. Huse, George W. McElroy, Robert S. Griffin, George E. Burd, James H. Oliver, John Hood, William S. Sims, Hugh Rodman and Henry B. Wilson.

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