

Doubting A Government's Word.

If the German Government's statement that the Hesperian could not have been destroyed by a submarine because no submarine was near at the time is not instantly accepted, the German Government alone is at fault. Time was when an official assurance of that kind from Berlin would have been conclusive, but that was before the desperation of submarine warfare and diplomatic justification thereof brought the word of Germany everywhere into question.

The fact that this explanation will have to be supported by outside testimony is only another proof that, as The World said long ago, the Tirpitz savagery is more damaging to the nation responsible for it than to the enemy against which it is directed. By the operation of every submersible that has sent life and treasure to the bottom in defiance of law and humanity, there has been sunk also the honor of a great people. It would be much easier to believe Berlin's declaration that no submarine was near the Hesperian if from the same quarter we did not have glorification of the submarine which we know was near the Arabic-N. Y. World.

In The Name of Peace

When the last of the soldiers has fallen and the cannons lie twisted aside, When the last of all homes has been ruined, and the heart of the youngest girl bride, We shall wake from our terrible madness, and pause for an eon or two, Till the Master of all the good soldiers shall call us to battle anew.

Then those that were brave shall be brave—they shall love with a love more fair; They shall hear, o'er a world-wide battlefield, the Voice of their God in the air;

They shall have the real saints for their comrades—Magdalene, Peter and Paul; They shall fight unbattered, and never again shall be weary at all.

And only the Master shall praise us, for only the Master shall lead; And no one shall fight for his country, and none for his honor or creed; But each for the Master Who loves him, and Teuton and Briton and all Shall fight, each the cause of the other, for the God of the Love of us all!

—Lavinia V. Whitney, in N. Y. Times

Jasper Cole Dead

Jasper Cole, aged ten, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cole, died Thursday at the home of his parents in East Durham. The little boy had been sick only a short time, and his death came as a blow to his family and to his many young associates. His remains were shipped on the westbound train to Mebane where interment took place.—Durham Her. Id.

Applying Varnish With Air Spray.

The application of varnish by means of an air spray has heretofore been attended with considerable difficulty on account of the tendency of the varnish to stiffen and turn white when it struck the surface being coated. This has apparently been overcome by the simple expedient of putting an electric heater in the pipe that furnishes the compressed air for forming the spray. With the air heated in this way the varnish flows freely through the orifices of the air brush, and dries quickly and smoothly.

Paid for the Shutter.

A tradesman in a certain town put a box outside his shop one day, labeled "For the Blind." Most of his customers dropped in pennies, and complimented him on his charity. A few weeks afterward the box disappeared. "Hallo! What's happened to your box for the blind?" he was asked. "Oh, I got enough money," he replied. "And," pointing upward to the new canvas blind that sheltered his shop window, "there's the blind. Not bad, is it?"—London Answers.

Stomach Overworked.

Eating between meals is a habit usually left over from childhood. Growing things need nourishing in small and frequent doses. Grown-ups merely require to repair the waste of the body—and the stomach is a comparatively small organ. Undoubtedly many bodies it is kept stretched in the same condition of an abused piece of rubber. How can it do its work?

Riches on Pacific Island.

An island in the Pacific of which a French company has obtained control is believed to contain 10,000,000 tons of high-grade phosphates and many more million tons of inferior quality.

Make Cheap Barometer.

A weather man described the other day a cheap, homemade barometer. He said it was only necessary to take a piece of string about fifteen inches long and to soak it several hours in a strong solution of salt and water. After being dried the string should have a light weight tied to one end and hung up against a wall, a mark being made to show where the weight reaches. The barometer is now complete. It is as accurate as a \$100 instrument. The weight rises for wet weather and falls for fine.

The Ways of a Man.

Nothing pleases a man better than to be misunderstood by someone so that he can tell you about it. He may talk about his future, his prospects, his interests, his family, or his business, but when he speaks of himself he is in earnest.

Ashamed of Her Father

Yesterday evening, a young lady, handsomely dressed, and in company with her escort, appeared on Main street on her way to the theatre. In an opposite direction came her father, going home from his work and attired in his soiled working clothes. He approached his daughter and his face lit up with a smile. Excepting for a little frown of annoyance, the young lady gave no sign of recognizing him. She easily went on talking to the young man with her. We could not help but notice the careworn and sad expression which spread over the father's face after he had passed.

The young lady was ashamed of her father—afraid that her escort might look down upon her for being the daughter of a man in such dirty attire. She was "in society" and it would never do for her friends to see her recognize such a plebeian person.—Decidedly not.

And yet—this man was working like a slave; doing without many little comforts in order that his daughter might be clothed according to her wishes. He had sent her to school in order that she might have a good education. He had denied himself in many things scrimped in many ways, that his daughter might have a good time.

And this is his reward.—Washington News.

Some have too much, yet still do crave; I little have, and seek no more; They are but poor, though much they have, And I am rich with little store; They poor, I rich; they beg, I give; They lack, I have; they pine, I live: —Edward Dyer.

Whom Should You Marry?

Everything, as an alumn of song and a song, of love for humanity, is not given to advising people in their love affairs. We might make a mistake, if our advice is taken. But we like to be accommodating. A correspondent wants to know—

Whom should you marry? Why, the one you love! Happiness is the greatest thing to be attained in this life—and future happiness consists, finally, in being mated to the one who is one's real mate. Science cuts a poor figure in this "Whom Should I Marry" problem.

Eugenics, property, caste, education, looks, social connections, physical condition—all these considerations may enter in a way, but the one great final reason why one person should marry another person is the fact of mutual love—confidence and respect.

Remember it, that when you have married a person you are likely to have to eat with, talk with, travel with, associate with, think with, work with, laugh with, sorrow with, play with, worship with that person for the rest of your natural life—and that is all the time you have here on this earth.

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A Conspiracy against the Farmer.

Of breadstuffs, cattle, meat, dairy products, cotton and mineral and cottonseed oils we have exported in one complete year of war \$1,400,000,000 worth. In the seven months of 1915 alone the total was \$373,000,000 above 1914; even cotton exports ran \$36,000,000, higher. As elsewhere stated, exports of all kinds in thirteen months of war exceeded three billions and gained \$600,000,000.

Paying for war munitions is purely a problem for the allies. These things they have to have. If necessary, they could and would pay gold for every dollar's worth. Our own exchange problem is to remove obstacles from the pathway of commerce in exports for peaceful use which, without counting manufactured articles, have risen toward a billion and a half a year.

Pro-German, pacifist or plain crank, whoever seeks by threatening bank-run conspiracies or by any other means to prevent, or to render partial and imperfect, the pending operations for balancing foreign exchange, is endeavoring to inflict upon American commerce and industry, and especially upon the American farmer, a money loss of gigantic proportions and an irreparable injustice.—N. Y. World.

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OUR PUBLIC FORUM
Ralph Peters
On Railway Mail Pay
A controversy has been raging in the columns of the press between the railroads and the Federal Post Office Department over the question of proper compensation for handling the United States mails. Mr. Ralph Peters, Chairman of the Railway Mail Committee, when asked to state the railroad side of the controversy to the American farmer, said in part:
"The railway mail pay question will be settled—and settled permanently and with justice to all concerned—as soon as the American people realize that the whole subject, while seemingly complicated and technical, boils down to a few simple points of fair business dealing which no one need be a rate expert to understand.
"The first is that the Post Office Department weighs the mails, and adjusts the pay of the railroads, only once in four years. This compels the railroads to carry the increase in the mail tonnage during the intervening years without pay—manifestly an injustice in the case of a rapidly growing business. One consequence has been that last year the railroads carried fully half the parcel post for nothing.
"A second point is this: In addition to carrying the mails, the railroads are required to operate many traveling post offices for sorting and distributing the mails while in transit. But the Post Office Department pays for such post offices only where they occupy whole cars, and pays nothing in the many cases in which it merely requires the use of post office apartments in combination cars, although such apartments differ from the full railway post office cars only in size. More than 4,500 apartments of this character have been fitted up, and are maintained for the exclusive use of the Post Office Department. Failure to pay for them has been an especial hardship to the smaller roads on which the Department does not find it necessary to utilize whole cars.
"One last point: In thousands of instances (though not in all) the Post Office Department requires the railroads to carry the mails back and forth between railroad stations and post offices, but pays them nothing for this extra service beyond the rates covering the rail transportation. The railroads have no choice but to perform this additional service gratis, or refuse to carry the mails at all.
"Now for the remedies the railroads ask: They do not ask to have the mails weighed daily, or to have each shipment weighed and paid for separately, as is done in the case of private shippers. They merely ask to have the mails weighed, and the pay of the railroads adjusted, at least once a year, instead of once in four years. They also ask that apartment post office cars be paid for, at reasonable rates, according to size. Lastly, they ask that the Post Office Department cease to require of them free messenger service between stations and post offices, and either relieve them of this service or pay fairly for it. These are the reforms the railroads ask of Congress. They gladly lay these reforms before the public, confident that they will appeal to the common sense and fairness of American voters."

At the Churches.

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