

35 Million to Wage War on Styles

Consumers' Union, Comprised of Women, to Battle Against High Cost of Living

The Consumers' union, 35,000,000 members strong, will soon be in action, according to a Washington correspondent.

It will call nation-wide strikes. One of the first will be against styles. Every one of the 35,000,000 women belonging to the union will pledge herself to wear last year's hats and last year's gowns.

"Of course they will do it," said Miss Edith S. Strauss, appointed by Attorney General Palmer as a marshal of the army of women to be mobilized by the government in a gigantic offensive against the high cost of living. "Every woman is willing to wear last year's hat if she knows every other woman is doing it. I've already gone on a strike against high prices. I have taken a vow to buy no more clothes until those I am wearing can be no longer clothes."

"Everyone is organizing in America except the poor consumer. Until the consumers unite and stand solidly behind the government in an intensive campaign against high prices we might as well sit with folded arms and watch the profiteer flourish."

"The women must carry on about nine-tenths of this warfare against high prices and with 35,000,000 of them organized and working as a solid unit with the government, in six months we can get the cost of living back to normal levels."

"In every city and village there must be a league of consumers who pledge themselves to do without rather than pay excessive prices. When milk is raised to a price beyond reason, like against the people of New York, they will call a milk strike and on certain days of the week do without milk until the law of supply and demand forces a cut in the price."

"One of the reasons for excessive prices is that the American public is drunk with money; people have more money than ever before and they are spending it recklessly."

"One of the first things we must do is to cut out senseless luxuries, another is to increase production."

Miss Strauss is a pretty, energetic, wholly confident young woman. Her official title is director of woman's activities: High cost of living, department of justice.

"Do you know that there are 16,000 men and women earning their living by traveling through the country telling people how unhappy they should be and how they should go out from under and overthrow existing conditions?" she concluded.

PIGS CAUSED WORLD WAR

Quarrel Between Austria and Serbia Taced to Difficulty Over Swine

Pigs—just pigs—brought on the war, according to a statement accredited to Count Carl Soltens, formerly confidential adviser to the erstwhile Emperor Charles at Vienna. Frederick H. Mead of Troy, N. Y., a member of the Red Cross convoy taking food supplies to Budapest, reports the count as saying:

"Fifteen years before the war Serbia was shipping great numbers of pigs into Hungary, successfully competing with the Hungarian farmers. The Hungarians protested but the border was left open. Finally the Austro-Hungarian government on the pretext that all Serbian pigs were diseased placed an embargo on them."

"Up to that time the two governments had more or less of a friendly understanding. Political leaders in Serbia seized upon the pig incident. Austro-Hungarian diplomats took up the question. Misunderstandings arose over it. When it grew too old for political propaganda, other questions were built out of it and thus the world war was brought on."

"See, there is no doubt, pigs caused the war."

Ticket Stamper's Accident Led to Discovery of Art of Printing From Stone

An odd accident led to the discovery of lithography.

In 1796 a ticket stamper, employed at a Munich theater, carelessly left his salary check on a table in the room where he worked. A gust of wind suddenly blew the check off the table into a basin of water on the floor. He dried the check as best he could, and, to straighten the paper out, he placed it underneath the whetstone, which had been resting on his printing stamp, and left it lying there throughout the night.

The following morning, on taking the stone off the check, he was surprised to see that the imprint from the stone was transferred to the check, and the thought struck him that by means of a large stone he could "print" programs and songs. He made experiments, and finally discovered—through this accident—the art of printing from stone.

This was the first lithographer.

"The World War," Official Name for Great Conflict

The war is still so close to modern times that all sorts of names have been used to distinguish it from other wars. The war department through the secretary of war, has decided to call it "The World War."

An official order to that effect was made public recently, declaring that "the war against the central powers of Europe, in which the United States has taken part, will hereafter be designated in all official communications and publications as 'The World War.'"

Japanese Produce Dwarf Trees Through Training in Reverse to Nature

There is a general impression that the method of producing dwarf trees is a secret that the Japanese have never divulged; but the course to be pursued is really simple. The whole system of culture may be summed up as the reverse of nature's method. It really consists, not in the survival of the fittest, but rather in the survival of the unfittest. A poor, weak seed is usually chosen and planted. As soon as it has attained some growth the leading shoot is trimmed off. The little plant then grows two other shoots, and these are carefully watched. When one of these exhibits a strength and vitality greater than its fellow it is at once cut off and the weaker shoot is untouched in order to form the future dwarf tree's main stem or trunk. This system of trimming and cutting is followed punctiliously. Water is seldom used—only in very small quantities to keep the little plant actually alive.

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Some Christmas Love Superstitions, Customs and Practices in the Old World

Money Collected and Presented in a Way So as Not to Offend Girls—Flowers Used in Proposals by Shy Young Natives of Alps.

Good St. Thomas, serve me right And send me my true love tonight. That I may gaze upon his face, Then him in my fond arms embrace.

After placing a piece of holly under her pillow, many a girl, in the north of England especially, repeats these lines to herself before retiring to rest on Christmas eve, according to a writer in London Tit-Bits.

Cupid plays an important part in many of the superstitions and customs that are still extant at this season.

Another queer custom in the north, although it is not now so prevalent as it was, is that of gathering maidens' purses. The money for these purses is collected some weeks before Christmas from the inhabitants of the mining towns, and they are given as marriage portions to the poorest among those girls who are soon to be married.

On Christmas eve a full purse is quietly thrown in at the girl's window, so that her feelings shall not be wounded by an ostentatious distribution.

A Christmas practice among superstitious girls who wish to dream about their future lovers is that of abstaining from food or drink or speech during the whole of Christmas eve. Then, after all the family have retired, they make a cake of flour, salt and water, called a "dumb cake." This they eat just before retiring to bed, in the belief that their somewhat indigestible supper will cause them to dream of their future husbands.

In the Alps there exist several charming Yuletide customs of proposing marriage by the language of flowers. If a girl accepts a bouquet of Edelweiss from a man during the period from Christmas day to New Year's eve the flower before New Year's she accepts him as her future husband.

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In Sardinia Christmas wooing is far more complicated. If a Sardinian father has a marriageable daughter, he would be apt to apply to him for permission to speak to her by means of a species of telephone that has been in use for the purpose for centuries of Christians.

It is a long string with a wooden knob at each end. The girl drops one knob out of her window and, the shutters being closed, places the other knob to her ear. Down below her would-be lover pours words of undying devotion into his knob!

On every New Year's day in Roumania a fair of marriageable girls is held. The girls are all drawn up in one line and the men in another, with the parents of both behind them. If a young man likes the look of any particular girl he steps out of his line, goes up to her and enters into conversation. If he is favorably received by the girl, his parents and her parents compare notes as to the marriage settlement and similar practical matters.

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NOTICE OF Special Election!

Notice is hereby given that a special election has been ordered by the Board of Commissioners of the town of Graham, North Carolina, to be held on Tuesday, January 20, 1920, at the usual voting place in the northwest room of the court house in said town, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the said town of Graham for their approval or rejection the following ordinances:

Be It Ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Graham, North Carolina:

Section 1. That pursuant to the provisions of the Public Law of North Carolina, known as "A General Act Relating to Municipal Finance" as provided in Chapter 138 Public Laws of 1917, and Chapter 178 of Public Laws of 1919, and the several amendments thereto, that the town of Graham, North Carolina, issue and sell its bonds for the purpose of erecting and equipping new school buildings for the public schools in the town of Graham by building additions to, and remodeling the present public school building for the white race, and equipping the same in a modern and up-to-date manner, and by acquiring a new site and erecting a new building for the public school for the colored race; the said buildings to be constructed and remodeled to be non-fire proof buildings, as defined in said law, the outer walls to be hard, incombustible materials, and the probable period of usefulness of the said buildings, for the erection of which the said bonds are to be issued, is declared to be thirty years.

Sec. 2. That the maximum, aggregate, principal amount of the said bonds be Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00). All details as to issuance of said bonds to be fixed by resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the town of Graham, as provided by said law.

Sec. 3. That a tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest of the said bonds shall be annually levied and collected by the proper authorities of the town of Graham.

Sec. 4. That a statement of the debt of the town of Graham has been filed with the Clerk of said town pursuant to said Municipal Finance Act, and is open to public inspection.

Sec. 5. The average assessed valuation of property subject to taxation by the said town of Graham for the three fiscal years in which taxes were last levied, as shown by said statement, is \$1,612,377.00.

Sec. 6. The amount of the net debt of the said town of Graham outstanding, authorized, or to be authorized, as shown by said statement, including the proposed issue of \$50,000.00 school bonds is \$201,148.33.

Sec. 7. That the foregoing ordinance shall take effect when approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the town of Graham, North Carolina, at a special election to be held in said town for said purpose, as provided by law, on Tuesday, January 20, 1920.

Be It Ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Graham, North Carolina:

Section 1. That pursuant to the provisions of the Public Law of North Carolina known as "A General Act Relating to Municipal Finance," as provided in Chapter 138 Public Laws of 1917, and Chapter 178 of Public Laws of 1919, and the several amendments thereto, that the town of Graham, North Carolina, issue and sell its bonds for the purpose of laying out, locating, constructing, building, and equipping, a sanitary sewer system for the town of Graham, North Carolina, and acquiring all property rights and property, and paying for same, together with all labor and equipment necessary to construct such a system, all of which is hereby deemed and declared to be a necessary expense for the said town.

Sec. 2. That the maximum, aggregate principal amount of the said bonds be One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00). All details as to issuance of said bonds to be fixed by resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the town of Graham, as provided by said law.

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Sec. 7. That the governing body of the town of Graham deeming it advisable to obtain the assent of the voters of the said town before issuing the said bonds, the said ordinance shall take effect when approved by the majority of the voters of the town of Graham, North Carolina, at a special election to be held in said town as provided for in said Municipal

FINANCE ACT, on Tuesday, January 20, 1920.

A new registration of the voters of the town of Graham is ordered for the said election, and all persons desiring to vote therein are hereby notified to register.

E. E. McAdams is appointed Registrar, and Sam T. Johnston and A. P. Williams are appointed poll-holders for said election.

The Registration book will be open for the registration of voters each day (Sundays excepted) at the store of Crawford & McAdams on the court house square, from Monday, December 23rd, 1919, until Saturday, January 17, 1920, and will close on Saturday, January 17, 1920, at 9 o'clock p. m.

This December 10, 1919. R. L. HOLMES, Mayor. P. A. HOLT, Town Clerk.

CHICKENS NEED HEAT AND LIGHT

Fowls that are wintered in cold parts of the country, where the temperature runs below freezing to 20 degrees or more below zero, need considerable protection. When the cold is so intense that the fowl is uncomfortable, a certain part of the heat and energy from the foot eaten is used to combat this low temperature and the food which is required for that purpose cannot, of course, be used to manufacture eggs. Therefore, the construction of the house varies with the temperature or part of country in which it is to be used. A thin and partly open house is best for warmer climates, but must have reasonably thick walls and be capable of being closed tightly on severe nights in cold sections. It is comparatively cheap to make a house warm by using several thicknesses of inexpensive tar paper, and if a better looking structure is wanted, other methods can be employed. In any event, the house must be comfortable.

A dark poultry house is unhealthy and uncomfortable. There should be plenty of windows to let in light so that the house is bright and airy should be kept clean so that the sun can shine in to warm and brighten the interior. The direct rays of the sun will kill every germ of disease that it touches and in itself is important. Too much glass is a disadvantage, because the house warms up too much in the daytime when the fowls are busy and cools down too rapidly at night when they are on the roosts. Windows should have both upper and lower sash so that they can be lowered and raised to let in little or much air according to the outside temperature. If there is too much window space reduce it; if there is too little increase it.

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SAYINGS OF NOTABLES

Napoleon Bonaparte: How doth the little busy B improve each shining hour!
Eve: A little knowledge is a dangerous thing.
Darwin: I could talk all night!
Lillian Russell: A thing of beauty is a joy forever!
Achilles: Don't put your foot in it!
Samson: The most unkindest cut of all!
Tiffany: There are sermons in stones!
Grimaldi: Laugh and the world laughs with you!

LIFT CORNS OR CALLUSES OFF

Doesn't hurt! Lift any corn or callus off with fingers



Don't suffer! A tiny bottle of Freezout costs but a few cents at any drug store. Apply a few drops on the corn, callus and "hard skin" on bottom of feet and bend them off.

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Summons by Publication.

NORTH CAROLINA, Alamance County. In the Superior Court.

Daisy Shoffner, Plaintiff, against A. L. Shoffner, Defendant.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action, entitled as above, has been commenced in the Superior Court of Alamance county to obtain absolute divorce; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court for the county of Alamance, at his office at the court house in Graham, North Carolina, on the 12th day of January, 1920, and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff, which will be deposited in the office of the said Clerk of the Superior Court of said county on or before the return day of this summons, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

D. J. WALKER, C. S. C. This 9th day of Dec., 1919. E. S. W. Dameron, Atty. 11dec4

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Summons by Publication.

North Carolina—Alamance County. In the Superior Court. January Term, 1920.

Hugh Keck, Plaintiff, vs. Meter Keck, Defendant.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action, entitled as above, has been commenced in the Superior Court of Alamance county for the dissolution of the bonds of matrimony between the plaintiff and the defendant for statutory grounds, and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the term of the Superior Court of Alamance county to be held on the sixth Monday before the first Monday in March, 1920, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This 25th day of Nov., 1919. D. J. WALKER, C. S. C. W. H. Carroll, Atty. 4dec4

Summons by Publication

North Carolina—Alamance County. In the Superior Court. January Term, 1920.

Minnie Adkins McKinney, Plaintiff, vs. Charles McKinney, Defendant.

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This 15th day of November, 1919. D. J. WALKER, C. S. C. LONG & LONG, Atty. 5dec4