

1-Yankee doughboy bidding his German sweetheart farewell as first detachment of army of occupation was leaving Coblenz for home. 2-Prince of Wales replying to municipal address at Bombay, India. 3-Dirigible Roma, purchased from Italy, arriving at Bolling Field, Washington.



A friend is he who sets his heart upon us, is happy with us and delights in us; and does for us what we want, is willing and fully engaged to do all he can for us, on whom we can rely in all cases.—Channing.

MORE GOOD THINGS

Everybody likes apple dumplings, but the following is one a little more elaborate than the everyday affair and very good: Baked Apple Dumplings.—Select tart apples that do not lose their shape in cooking. Pare evenly after removing the cores, put the apples into water enough to float them; add a cupful of sugar and cook until almost done. Remove with the skimmer and cook the strip until thick. Place each apple on a square of pastry; fill the cores with butter, lemon juice and sugar and drop the strip over the apples. Moisten the tips of the pastry and press together over the top of the apple. Put on a baking tin and bake a nice brown. Serve with cream just sour enough to become thick. Into which has been stirred powdered sugar or marshmallow sauce.

Economical Plum Pudding.—Mix in the order given, one cupful of fine sifted crumbs, one and one-half cupfuls of flour, two tablespoonfuls of baking powder, one teaspoonful of salt, one cupful of finely chopped suet, one-half cupful each of raisins seeded and chopped, one of well-washed currants. A few slices of citron may be added if desired. Beat one egg with the juice and grated rind of one lemon and two teaspoonfuls of all-spice; add one cupful of molasses and mix with the dry ingredients. Add milk or water to make a thick batter. Pour into a large ring mold or two cylindrical-shaped molds and steam two hours.

Vinegar Candy.—Stir three cupfuls of sugar into one and one-half cupfuls of pure white vinegar. Cook until a spoonful dropped in water makes a soft ball. Pour on a flat dish or a slightly greased slab and as soon as possible begin to pull—pulling while it is soft and warm gives it its light and porous texture. Continue to pull as long as the candy is flexible.

Cottage Cheese and Nut Salad.—To two cupfuls of seasoned cottage cheese add one-half cupful of thinly sliced Brazil nuts. Mix with boiled dressing and serve on endive or head lettuce.

We can never replace a friend. When a man is fortunate enough to have several, he finds them all different. No man has a double friendship.—Schiller.

TEMPTING DISHES

Pistachio nuts are so rich in food value and so tasty that they make a most delicious addition to any dish. The pretty green is also a valuable asset to any combination.



Apple, Celery, and Pistachio Salad.—Quarter three bright skinned apples without removing the peeling. Cut into thin slices. Cut one bunch of celery into small pieces and place in cold water with a little lemon juice. Prepare French dressing, chill all the ingredients, adding enough paprika to the dressing to give it color. Mix one cupful of blanched pistachio nuts with the other ingredients and serve on lettuce. The combination of the white of the celery, the red of the apple and the green of the nuts making a very pretty combination.

Arrowroot Jelly.—Beat one cupful of any good flavored fruit juice, like raspberry, strawberry or any other well liked, to the boiling point, add one cupful of water and enough sugar to sweeten. To four tablespoonfuls of arrowroot add a little cold water and when mixed stir into the hot fruit juice. Stir and cook for twenty minutes. Remove from the heat and pour into molds. Serve cold with whipped sweetened cream.

Rice Snow.—Place a cupful of rice and a teaspoonful of salt in a clean salt bag, tie at the top to allow plenty of room for the rice to swell. Drop the bag into boiling water and keep boiling for an hour. Then empty into a serving dish. A hot chocolate sauce is enjoyed by those who are fond of chocolate. Serve with the sauce as a dessert or with butter as a vegetable.

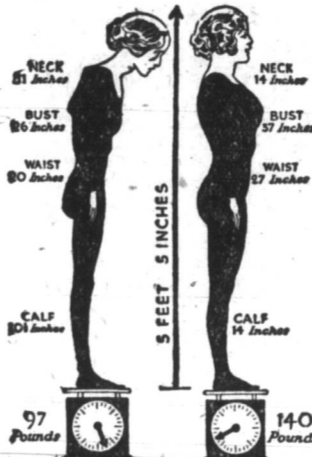
Carrot Pudding.—Take one cupful each of finely minced suet, grated raw potato, grated raw carrot, granulated sugar, seedless raisins and currants. Add allspice to flavor and enough flour to make a soft dough. Place in a buttered pudding dish, then in a steamer and steam two and one-half to three hours. This pudding takes the place of plum pudding.

Beef Tea.—Put a pound of thick round steak in a hot frying pan for five to ten minutes. Remove, cut in bits, squeeze through a fruit press. Season the juice and serve hot. Heat by standing over hot water.

Mixed Chicken.—Finely mince the breast of a chicken, add a tablespoonful of cream, the yolk of an egg and a little salt. Heat in a buttered dish and serve accompanied with toast well buttered.

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A Big Reduction. A certain young man, who was ambitious to shine in the newspaper world, didn't last very long on the paper in a Western town that gave him his chance.

He was assigned to "cover" a fire in a group of ice houses near town. After telling how they went up in flames, he inserted this statement in story: "Accordingly twelve hundred tons of ice were reduced to ashes."

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NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

France's Excessive Demands for 'Submarines Block Agreement on That Topic.

MR. BALFOUR'S PLAIN TALK

Use of Submersibles Against Commerce May Be Forbidden—Irish People Urge Ratification of Peace Treaty—Longer Occupation of Haiti Considered Necessary.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

FRANCE'S conception of her needs in the way of a defensive navy and the firmness with which her delegates upheld their position brought about a complete deadlock in the Washington conference last week and made it almost certain that no agreement will be reached by the present gathering concerning the reduction and limitation of submarines and auxiliary naval tonnage. The other powers participating in the conference were willing to concede the fairness of the French position concerning the reduction of her land armament, but they feel that in this naval matter France is demanding too much.

Albert Sarraut, having received fresh instructions from Paris, told the naval committee that France accepted the allowance of 175,000 tons of capital ships, contingent upon permission to begin replacement building in 1927 instead of 1931, but insisted that she be allowed 90,000 tons of submarines and 330,000 tons of auxiliary ships. The submarine tonnage he asked is equal to the maximum proposed by Mr. Hughes for Great Britain and the United States and three times what France now has.

Mr. Balfour, in language as plain as diplomatic usage permits, retorted that France could want such a submarine fleet for no other purpose than illegal use against commerce, that the plan was a direct threat against Great Britain, and that in the circumstances the British would agree to no limitation in the building of cruisers, destroyers and other anti-submarine vessels. To M. Sarraut's assertion that British fears of French aggression were baseless since Britain was allowed a capital ship tonnage greater than that of France and Italy combined, Mr. Balfour replied that in the event of war between Great Britain and France, England, having no large army, could not strike at the heart of France, but France, employing a great navy of submarines against commerce, could destroy the "very existence" of Britain. To the layman it would seem that Mr. Balfour had the best of the debate, but M. Sarraut was unyielding. Therefore Mr. Hughes, deploring the attitude of the French, announced with regret that an agreement on the reduction and limitation of submarine and auxiliary tonnage appeared impossible.

DESPITE this, the naval committee reached other agreements of great importance which it was assumed the conference would confirm in its next plenary session. One of these limits the caliber of capital ship guns to 16 inches. Another was that the use of submarines against commerce be barred. The latter, in the form of a resolution drafted by Ethel Root as an established part of international law, is as follows: "The signatory powers, desiring to make more effective the rules adopted by civilized nations for the protection of the lives of neutrals and non-combatants at sea in time of war, declare that among those rules the following are to be deemed an established part of international law: "1. A merchant vessel must be ordered to stop for visit and search to determine its character before it can be captured. "2. A merchant vessel must not be attacked unless it refuses to stop for visit and search after warning. "3. A merchant vessel must not be de-

stroyed unless the crew and passengers have been first placed in safety. "2. Belligerent submarines are not, under any circumstances, exempt from the universal rules above stated; and if a submarine cannot capture a merchant vessel in conformity with these rules the existing law of nations requires it to desist from attack and from capture and to permit the merchant vessel to proceed unmolested." President Harding is not disheartened by the failure to reach an agreement on submarines, but hopes that if necessary the conference will arrange for another parley at an early date to further consider that and other questions of armament limitation and that all nations maintaining navies will be invited to participate. He regards it as unfitting that five nations should set out to legislate for the whole world.

CONSIDERABLE progress was made in settling the Chinese puzzles. Mr. Underwood's compromise plan for the Chinese tariff was accepted by all the powers. This provides for an immediate increase in tariff of 5 per cent ad valorem, a future increase to 7½ per cent, and an increase to 12½ per cent when the provincial tariff is abolished. It may be three or five years before the increase to 7½ per cent goes into effect, since Japan and India require time to adjust their industries.

Apparently the deadlock between China and Japan concerning Shantung was complete, and it was said there would be American and British offers of mediation this week. But from Tokyo came the assertion by "high officials" that Japan had gained her main point and the whole dispute probably would be settled soon. When China agreed to negotiate with Japan for the purchase of the railway, it was asserted, she acknowledged Japan's right in the road won from Germany. China's offer of treasury notes in payment for the railway does not suit Tokyo as China has been unable to pay similar notes outstanding. Japan wants payment by a bond issue, which would prolong her control of the railway until cash for the bonds could be gathered by the Chinese.

An organization of non-Bolshevik Russians has appealed to the conference to consider the situation in eastern Siberia before adjourning. In the brief submitted Japan is accused of political and strategic aims in Siberia.

DAIL EIREANN during its recent session has been hearing from many Sinn Fein clubs and other organizations of southern Ireland, and in every instance, so far as known, has been urged to ratify the Irish peace treaty. Investigators report that fully 90 per cent of the people in the island—excepting Ulster—are in favor of accepting the pact. The English press is confident it will be ratified, and the British authorities at Whitehall are busily working out the details of plans for the immediate handing over of the government of the island to the new Irish provisional government.

Just to prod those members of the Dail who still oppose the treaty, Premier Lloyd George last week issued a statement to the effect that the British government had gone to the utmost limit, and that not only the rejection of the treaty, but even its alteration by the Dail would render it null and void. "To reopen the discussion," said he, "which has been closed only after the most exhaustive consideration of every point, would be a fruitless proceeding and is impossible."

GREAT BRITAIN'S two other familiar foes—in India and Egypt—are quieting down somewhat, though the conditions are bad in both countries. Numerous arrests and the influence of Mahatma Gandhi are serving to diminish the rioting in India, where the prince of Wales goes on his festive way little disturbed. In the Indian nationalist congress at Ahmedabad an effort was made to force the adoption of a motion that complete independence from the British empire should be attained by "possible and proper means," but Gandhi and his supporters frustrated this and the wording "legitimate and peaceful means" was adopted.

It is interesting to learn that a Christmas message to the Indian na-

tionists, in the form of a poster displayed in many cities, pledged American aid for the campaign to overthrow British rule in India. This precious document was signed by 44 Americans, among them Senators Norris of Nebraska and Walsh of Massachusetts, Congressman Burke of Pennsylvania, Mayor Hoan of Milwaukee and former Governor Danne of Illinois.

Rioting in various parts of Egypt, including Cairo, Port Said, Alexandria and Suez, followed the forcible removal of Said Zouglou Pasha, nationalist leader, and others from Cairo to Suez, whence they may be taken to Ceylon. A number of the natives were killed and wounded by troops and hundreds of arrests were made. Nominally, of course, this Egyptian revolt is against the sultan's government, but actually it is against the British, for the sultan does always what the British high commission advises.

ONE wonders whether President Harding is not already repenting his Christmas mercy in freeing Eugene Debs from prison. From the moment of his release the Socialist leader has been emitting a steady stream of sentimental hum, disgusting to all save those who believe, like Debs, that all prisons should be abolished, that lawbreakers should be petted instead of punished, and that the proletariat can do no wrong. With the expressed intention of starting out to obtain from every man, woman and child in the world a pledge never to take up arms, he yet gives extravagant praise to the Russian revolutionists, who have slain hundreds of thousands.

SENATOR MCCORMICK and his associates of the committee which congress sent to investigate conditions in Haiti will recommend occupation of the island by American marines as necessary to the peace and development of the island. It will also ask the appointment of an American high commissioner to co-ordinate and supervise the work of the American administrators created by the treaty of 1915, and expedition in making the proposed new loan so that the debt held in Europe may be discharged on advantageous terms and the claims of Haitians against their government satisfied. One of the greatest needs of the island, says Senator McCormick, is good roads. This includes the republic of Santo Domingo, where also the committee holds the American occupation must be continued for the present.

CHILE last week accepted Peru's proposal that the two governments send plenipotentiaries to Washington to continue negotiations for a settlement of their disputes, and Peru then suggested that each nation first cable to Secretary Hughes asking the consent of the United States for holding the negotiations in Washington, and also asking that President Harding act as final arbitrator of all differences between the two countries, no appeal from his decisions being allowed. Bolivia is insisting that Chile give her an outlet to the Pacific, and Peru offers her help in settling that question. So the war cloud that has been hanging over the west coast of South America is getting thinner daily.

SENATOR LA FOLLETTE of Wisconsin has come out with the remarkable statement that a secret conference was held in Washington December 9 by representatives of the railroads and of the coal, steel and lumber interests, and that they attempted to obtain from farm organization leaders, and did obtain from some such leaders, adherence to an agreement not to push legislation to repeal the guaranty section of the transportation act and to restore state control of state transportation rates. "If the farmers of the country alide with the agreement entered into by a few of their representatives," said Senator La Follette, "the railroad interests will defeat the united demand of farmers in every section of the country for relief from the present extortionate railroad rates."

James R. Howard, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, one of those named by the senator, denies that there was "anything secret or unholy" about the conference.

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