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TO CORRESPONDENTS

The Semi-Weekly Journal's appeal, made a few weeks ago for more news from country correspondents, had a noticeable effect as we immediately received a number of most interesting letters.

We regard the letters from our country correspondents as one of the means the Journal has of being of service to the section of country through which it circulates.

President-elect Wilson announces that he will hold no more "conferences". He has probably found out that it is possible to do a lot of conferring without getting anywhere.

On the subject of cabinet positions, Governor Wilson states that he is "trying" to keep his mind open. That sounds as if he leans so strongly to certain possibilities that it is an undertaking for him to consider other possibilities.

It is pretty hard to understand those English suffragettes, but the trouble with them may be that they are crazy. As a general thing folks don't lose their minds in groups, but such a thing is of course not impossible.

General Sickles may have been a good soldier, but in the opinion of the Attorney General of New York State that does not excuse him for making way with the funds of the Monument Commission and that seems to be the logic of the situation.

The anti-tipping bill if it becomes law (it has passed the House but not the Senate) will be a saving to a few people and that is about all that can be said for it. It probably resulted in part from somebody's desire to have a law connected with his name.

Secrecy about fees paid to officials makes the people suspicious of over-pay, says the Wilmington Star. It is an unfeeling sign to the people if they would stop to think. How it is that communities will in these times of enlightenment continue to stick to the fee-system of remunerating their public officials is a mystery.

The next Senate will be Democratic by a very close margin. With four contests to be determined, there are now forty-nine Democrats ready to take their seat as members of the body.

Rocky Mount appears a little topology in its baseball ideas. Perhaps that town is planning to break into one of the major leagues.

Indications are that the absence of the bill in connection with the inauguration will be more than made up for by the suffrage parade.

Pessimism is said to prevail in Germany over the Balkan war situation. That is a pretty good sign that Germany is getting ready to get into the game.

The attention as to Thorpe seems to indicate that both he and the Fayetteville baseball club will get some attention from the cashier of the New York Nationals.

Whether the Legislature provides for a dinner, twenty or twenty-four judges we see a good chance for the person who reads a paper, or a pair of shoes or a hat or any other article that he happens to crave, to get what he needs.

After Long Suffering

Women Are Constantly Being Restored to Health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"Worth mountains of gold," says one woman. Another says, "I would not give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for all the other medicines for women in the world."

We could fill a newspaper ten times the size of this with quotations taken from the letters we have received from grateful women whose health has been restored, and suffering banished by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Why has Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound accomplished such a universal success? Why has it lived and thrived and kept on doing its glorious work among the sick women of the world for more than 30 years?

Simply and surely because of its sterling worth. The reason no other medicine has ever approached its success is plainly and simply because there is no other medicine so good for women's ills.

Here are two letters that just came to the writer's desk—only two of thousands, but both tell a comforting story to every suffering woman who will read them—and be guided by them.

FROM MRS. D. H. BROWN.

Iola, Kansas.—"During the Change of Life I was sick for two years. Before I took your medicine I could not bear the weight of my clothes and was bloated very badly. I doctored with three doctors but they did me no good. They said nature must have its way. My sister advised me to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I purchased a bottle. Before it was gone the bloating left me and I was not so sore. I continued taking it until I had taken 12 bottles. Now I am stronger than I have been for years and can do all my work, even the washing. Your medicine is worth its weight in gold. I cannot praise it enough. If more women would take your medicine there would be more healthy women. You may use this letter for the good of others."—Mrs. D. H. Brown, 809 North Walnut Street, Iola, Kan.

MRS. WILLIAMS SAYS:

Elkhart, Ind.—"I suffered for 14 years from organic inflammation, female weakness, pain and irregularities. The pains in my sides were increased by walking or standing on my feet and I had such awful bearing down feelings, was depressed in spirits and became thin and pale with dull, heavy eyes. I had six doctors from whom I received only temporary relief. I decided to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a fair trial and also the Sanative Wash. I have now used the remedies for four months and cannot express my thanks for what they have done for me."—Mrs. SADIE WILLIAMS, 455 James Street, Elkhart, Indiana.



Write to LYDIA E. PINKHAM MEDICINE CO. (CONFIDENTIAL) LYNN, MASS., for advice. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.

THE THREATENED EUROPEAN WAR.

By cable to the New York Times from London comes the text of a part of an editorial published by the London Times on the Balkan War and the greater conflict which the difficulties between Turkey and the Allies threaten to bring on.

The editorial is regarded as one of the most powerful appeals for peace ever printed in a newspaper and is being widely copied in Europe, partly, no doubt, because of its intrinsic merit as a compelling editorial utterance and partly because of its possible effect in reducing the danger of a general European war.

The portions of the editorial printed in the New York Times are: "Is there no means of avoiding war? The question is being asked with some bewilderment by millions of men in this country who want to know what difficulties there are in the present situation which should threaten Europe with a general war."

"There are no irresistible waves of popular feeling, no gusts of angry passion, such as sweep whole peoples into war before they are well aware of what they are doing. There is no great nation in Europe which to-day has the least desire that millions of men should be torn from their homes and flung headlong to destruction at the bidding of vain ambitions."

"In England men will learn with amazement and incredulity that war is possible over the question of a Serbian port, or even over the larger issues which are said to lie behind it. Yet that is whether the nations are blindly drifting. Who, then, makes war?"

"The answer is to be found in the Chancelleries of Europe, among the men who have too long played with human lives as pawns in a game of chess, who have become so enmeshed in formulas and the jargon of diplomacy that they have ceased to be conscious of the poignant realities with which they trifle."

"And thus will war continue to be made until the great masses who are the sport of professional schemers and dreamers say the word which shall bring not eternal peace, for that is impossible, but a determination that wars shall be fought only in a just and righteous and vital cause."

The Times would have done its readers a great service if it had secured the whole of this great editorial from its London namesake.

Another thought that is suggested on reading the portions of the editorial that have been printed in this country is that this great London newspaper—"The Thunderer" as it is often referred to—takes a different view of government from that entertained by the Texas Senator who some time ago went into political seclusion.

Senator Bailey argued that the people should allow a few men of learning and special equipment to manage their affairs for them. The Times shows where such a policy leads. It leads to conditions such as described by the London paper as existing in Europe where human beings are pawns in a game played by "experts"—the type of men who, according to Senator Bailey should be entrusted with the control of affairs.

And referendums. If that political reform had been achieved there, "the great masses" would not be "the sport of professional schemers and dreamers."

BEEES BY MAIL UNPOPULAR.

Several parcels post delivery men are smarting to-day. They are nursing bee stings as the result of their experience with a hive of bees.

The hive was mailed from Oak-Lane, Pa., by Mary Austin to a friend here. The bees apparently had been securely fastened in their hive but it was necessary to make arrangements for them to yet sufficient air. When the package arrived here it was regarded with great curiosity by delivery men, who gathered in the assorting room.

One man's curiosity became so great he picked up the hive. At that moment a husky young bee, who thought summer must be here because of the warm weather, made his way out of the hive.

That bee was followed by another. In a few minutes several dozen bees were playing around in the assorting room. They alighted on several delivery men and proved their stingers, after a winter's rest, were in splendid condition.

In the confusion, however, there was one man who knew what to do. He walked bravely to the hive and fastened the opening so that no more bees could get out. He was elected unanimously as the person to deliver the package.—Camden, N. J., dispatch to New York Press.

WOMEN

Women of the highest type, women of superior education and refinement, whose discernment and judgment give weight and force to their opinions, highly praise the wonderful corrective and curative properties of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets.

One of the saddest thoughts to oppress in days like these is the certainty that several thousand Democrats die daily without even having a chance at a postoffice.

MOTHERS CAN SAFELY BUY.

Dr. King's New Discovery and give it to the little ones when ailing or suffering with colds, coughs, throat or lung troubles, tastes nice, harmless, one used always used. Mrs. Bruce Crawford, Niagara, Mo. writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery changed our boy from a pale weak sick boy to the picture of health." Always helps. Buy it at all dealers.

Can our stout friend, the President stand another month of farewell dinners.

ARE YOU A GOLD SUFFERER?

Take Dr. King's New Discovery. The Best Cough, Cold, Throat and Lung medicine made. Money refunded if it fails to cure you. Do not hesitate—take it at our risk. First dose helps. J. R. Wells, Floydada, Texas, writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery cured my terrible cough and cold. I gained 15 pounds." Buy it at all dealers (Adv.)

Governor Wilson is evidently eager to pose in history as the man who took the "T. R." out of trusts.

DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY

Soothes irritated throat and lungs, stops chronic and hacking cough, relieves tickling throat, tastes nice. Take no other, once used, always used. Buy it at all dealers. (Adv.)

In reply to the claim for \$23,000 General Sickles offers evidence that he won the battle of Gettysburg.

NO NEED TO STOP WORK

When the doctor orders you to stop work is staggers you. I can't you say. You know you are weak, run down and failing in health day by day, but you must work as long as you can stand. What you need is Electric Bitters to give tone, strength and vigor to your system, to prevent break down and build you up. Don't be weak, sickly or ailing when Electric Bitters will benefit you from the first dose.

The batter in some buckwheat cakes never scores a hit.

SURPRISE YOUR FRIENDS

For four weeks regularly use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They stimulate the liver, improve digestion, remove blood impurities, pimples and eruptions disappear from your face and body and you feel better. Begin at once. Buy at all dealers. (Adv.)

One-half the world awaits an opportunity to do up the other half.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

QUICK RELIEF FOR RHEUMATISM.

George W. Koons, Lawton, Mich., says: "Dr. Detcheon's Relief for Rheumatism has given my wife wonderful benefit for rheumatism. She could not lift hand or foot, and had to be lifted for two months. She began the use of the remedy and improved rapidly. On Monday she could not move and on Wednesday she got up, dressed herself and walked out for breakfast." Sold by Bradham Drug Co. (Adv.)

A girl's air castle falls to earth when she realizes that the man she married is just an ordinary mortal like her father or brother.

REASON ENTHRONED.

Because meats are so tasty they are consumed in great excess. This leads to stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation. Revise your diet, let reason and not a pampered appetite control, then take a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets and you will soon be well again. Try it. For sale by all dealers. (Adv.)

It is said that some insects reach maturity within 30 minutes after birth, but some specimens of mankind do not mature in 30 years.

FOR THAT TERRIBLE ITCHING.

Eczema, tetter and salt rheum keep their victims in perpetual torment. The application of Chamberlain's Salve will instantly allay this itching, and many cases have been cured by its use. For sale by all dealers. (Adv.)

The one way a man can make his money last is to make it first.

This is the season of the year when mothers feel very much concerned over the frequent colds contracted by their children, and have abundant reason for it as every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality and paves the way for the more serious diseases that so often follow. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers. (Adv.)

It takes a smart man to land on his feet when he falls in a hole.

Do you know that more real danger lurks in a common cold than in any other of the minor ailments? The safe way is to take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, a thoroughly reliable preparation, and rid yourself of the cold as quickly as possible. This remedy is for sale by all dealers. (Adv.)

A lot of men strive for fame because of the money that goes with it.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

BREAKS INTO SONG

Improvements Here Cause Mr. Simpson to Tune His Lyre.

In writing of the improvements which have taken place in New Bern during the past few months, Charles C. Simpson of Riverdale feels the influence of approaching Spring and becomes poetical. In the following Mr. Simpson, in rhyme, tells what he saw on a recent visit to the city:

New Bern is coming, She has started a fair For the pleasure seekers Who would go elsewhere.

And when the Spring comes You'll feel gay as a lark; Go out, stop the cars, Take a ride to the park.

A fine new building With red brick walls, Where was once an old shack, And a depot now called.

Then a handsome new structure, Of fine masonry work Where the sign used to be; "Line up, T. Burk."

A little further on down, As we pass it by, Another fine building And its five stories high.

We had almost forgotten Of a little more news, A new department store That is run by the Jews.

Then coming on down town, Just the next door, In the Bynum's old place, Now a real nice drug store.

Further on down the street, Then turn to your left hand Former days you would find Stewart's old stand.

Still it is in gay attire, With modern rigs to hire And it you want a bay or roan Why see J. A. Jones

Well, I must say, The town, it has won An up-to-date store; Of S. Coplon & Son.

Well, she was a corker, When named Chattawka; Later years have won fame When it changed its name.

Now it is the Gaston, And is all to the merry Like some fountain drinks Is better with a Cherry

And the wife says to me When I went home last night; Tomorrow you will go down To the store of Basnight

For this old ordered stove Thought would last for a while, Now it is no more good Only for the scrap pile.

Well, it looks natural In the last part of the city, You find that same sign; The store of Mr. Whitty.

At Lucas & Lewis' corner, You should go slow And think for a moment; It was once Robber's Row.

Then on the opposite corner, Improvements will be made A man with much money, Like Mr. J. B. Blades.

The big, fat man J. B. Says he is in the ring Ahead of them all As fish and oyster king.

When you approach Should not get alarmed, When you find that Jake Is down on the farm.

Then comes B. Swert One of the best butchers in town, Here is the porterhouse steak, Or you get it in the roan.

I will hold up just now, And all take a rest; Wait until next week And I'll give you my best

So I think it will be better To wait a little while, You may think I reel poetry Off by the mile.

There is no better medicine made for colds than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It acts on nature's plan, relieves the lungs, opens the secretions, aids expectorating; and restores the system to a healthy condition. For sale by all dealers. (Adv.)

Fortunately a man seldom marries the woman he fell in love with at first sight.

Here is a message of hope and good cheer from Mrs. C. J. Martin, Boone Hill, Va., who is the mother of eighteen children. Mrs. Martin was cured of stomach trouble and constipation by Chamberlain's Tablets after five years of suffering, and now recommends these tablets to the public. Sold by all dealers. (Adv.)

A man who wants to put you next to a money-making plan is usually looking out for himself.

For a sprain you will find Chamberlain's Liniment excellent. It allays the pain, removes the swelling, and soon restores the parts to a healthy condition. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by all dealers. (Adv.)

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of J. A. HITCHCOCK. In Use For Over Thirty Years CASTORIA. THE CERTAIN COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

Bellair Stock and Fruit Farm.

G. T. RICHARDSON, Proprietor. I have Full Blood Angus Bulls and Heifers for sale immune from Texas fever, also full blood Berkshire Hogs. You are cordially invited to visit farm and see stock.

G. T. RICHARDSON

New Bern, N. C., R. F. D., No. 2. Phone, Bellair line, 4 rings.

Don't Forget The Farmers' Union Department Store FARRIS NASSEF, Proprietor

66-68-7 Middle St. NEW BERN

To Tax Payers

The Tax Books were not given to the Sheriff until December, so for two months you were not bothered.

The State needs money, the County needs money, and both must have it.

'Tis said that the State is \$750,000 behind, and intends raising property values to make up the deficit. We don't need any increase in Craven in property values, they are high enough. Pay up promptly and ward off this action.

Pay up, before costs and penalties are added.

R. B. LANE, Sheriff.

MEADOWS MEAL. CORN HOMINY. Horse Feed Cotton Seed Meal. Cow Feed Cotton Seed Hulls. Wheat Bran Wheat Short. White Mixed Rust Proof. OATS. NO. 1 TIMOTHY HAY. J. A. MEADOWS.