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"Can" The Diplomacy! Say WHEN!

EVERY trick of diplomacy is being used to insure delay in the paying of the French loan to American. We are now disappointingly and unofficially advised that France is willing to pay—which is considerable—if a moratorium of ten years be allowed and eighty years of time given to meet the obligation, Uncle Sam meantime to draw the munificent interest of about one-half per cent. We wonder if the French bankers will lend money to Americans; even backed by our best securities, at such a rate of interest?

As we learn of this generous offer there reaches us the announcement that "Shylock is no longer in Venice." We are told he is in Washington, and that his name is Senator. This insulting bit of propaganda comes with poor grace from a nation that, on its knees, begged America for salvation. It comes with poorer grace from a country that charged America full toll for every foot of French soil over-run in our effort to save the land for the French people, and it comes with poorest grace of all from the country that actually made America pay for the graves in which to bury her dead soldiers whose lives were given fighting for the French republic.

France owes America between four and five billions of dollars. One billion of this gigantic sum was lent after the war had ended. These billions came from the pockets of the American people, now grinding under high living costs and abnormal taxation. Let there be a definite date set for repayment and a reasonable interest charge fixed and paid yearly. Either French taxpayers must repay this debt or the American taxpayers pay it. The French taxpayers should be compelled to pay it and to do so promptly. France today is the richest country in the world per capita. Her bankruptcy seems to be only in the missing asset of gratitude.

The American who has the interest of his country at heart will waste no time in writing to the President and plainly telling him the people expect him to stand firm for the rapid payment of the French debt.

Men are becoming handsomer, says an English surgeon. Now won't the women folks be jealous about that?

The Congressional Jam

THE present session of congress started as if it might upset precedent by transacting the business at hand in an orderly, business-like manner.

But unhappy day, it is human, like its predecessors have been and the well-known congressional jam is back on the job.

The Muscle Shoals bill and the postal pay increase measure have received most attention, to the exclusion of other proposed legislation.

They are not the yoke on the congressional neck, however. The biggest battle of the session centers around the Howell-Barkley bill to abolish the railroad labor board.

Unless either side retires from its position, a mass of legislation of national scope and sectional interest will die with the fall of speaker Gillett's gavel March 4.

The railroad bill, due to its peculiar parliamentary status, can come before the house only on the first and third Mondays of each month, the same days designated for consideration of calendar bills.

The announced determination of opponents of the bill to use every existing parliamentary maneuver to defeat its passage, makes it very plain that remaining bills on the calendar will not be reached this session.

Thus another congress has gone astray—one that gave promise of polishing up the congressional scutcheon has sunk in the same old mire.

Confidence

SOME periods of business depression in this country have been called "purely psychological." And there have been occasions when boom times have been termed a "psychological" condition.

Whether "psychological" or whatnot, when business is good people have confidence in the future and are willing to take risks that they would not otherwise take.

Confidence is the very heart of American business, down to the smallest transaction.

When people deposit money in a bank, they have confidence in the institution and believe that it will be able to pay whenever the money is demanded.

When one man accepts a check from another, he has confidence in the man with whom he is dealing. With confidence gone, the whole business structure of the country crashes to earth.

Confidence moves mountains; drives away pessimism; enlarges the vision of the future. It is the first ingredient of progress.

The Hiccough Myth

THE old myth about frightening away the hiccoughs, or taking nine sips of water to be free of them, has been dispelled.

Scientists have announced that hiccoughs is a disease caused by a little round germ which throws off a poison that acts on the nervous system.

The trouble maker has been tracked to its lair, finger-printed and made an orderly citizen, just as cores of his brothers have before him.

Gradually superstition is being routed by science, which is proving that there is a reason for almost everything.

Sooner or later we may be convinced that it is not bad luck to walk under a ladder, or for a black cat to cross our path.

But that will be one occasion when the lowly germ will not be made responsible.

Most young speeders would not be so speedy if they had to pay the garage bills.

Saving The Birds

THE suggestion that people feed birds during the extremely cold weather, especially when the snow covers the ground, is exceptionally timely. The wild feathered life is a friend of man, and he would be unappreciative indeed if he permitted birds to die, when a little time and effort would save their lives.

The most important factors in the conservation of quail and other birds are shelter and food of the right sort in winter. When the ground is blanketed with an icy mantle they are truly up against a losing game and will starve unless mankind helps.

Quail and other birds that stay north all winter can withstand almost any degree of cold, but when their food is suddenly cut off, then an appalling decimation is brot about and their ranks are terribly thinned.

In past winters farmers, protective associations, sportsmen, individuals and many school children saved thousands of birds by feeding them during short periods when they were helpless to care for themselves.

A few handfuls of grain should be scattered about places where they are known to seek sanctuary. Location of wild bird life in winter is not difficult and probably every farmer of Andover who has quail on his land knows exactly the location of their winter quarters. Crumbs from the table are fine for this use, and, if tied down or placed under a wire or small mesh to prevent animals from carrying it off, makes an admirable winter diet for birds. The birds also should have grit to help them digest their food; also water occasionally. Place small piles of gravel near the feeding stations.

Few, if any, living things are so useful and interesting to civilized man as are birds, yet their importance is thotlessly underestimated.

If prevented from starving this winter, they will be unpaid laborers next spring in preying on insect pests, scales and weed seeds that retard successful agriculture.

Albert J. Beveridge says most of our presidents have been pretty small potatoes and few in a hill. And doubtless he believes he could raise the standard.

The French Debt

THE statement of the French finance minister, Clementel, that allied debts must be pooled and reduced, created such a furor that the French government quickly changed front and presented a plan to the American ambassador, suggesting a basis for settlement of the debt and making a ten-year moratorium.

A leading member of the United States debt funding commission said that the United States will insist on full payment of the \$4,000,000,000 debt.

When negotiations were going forward to fund the debt on easy terms, the attitude of the French government expressed by omission of the debt from its budget, was a great surprise in this country.

The United States has never been in the position of demanding its "pound of flesh," but popular opinion has been behind the government in insisting that foreign war debts shall not be cancelled.

In an effort to make a case, the French leader says that inasmuch as the "choice" of French soil saved the allies much blood and treasure, there should be some concessions in favor of France.

There was no "choice" of French soil. The Germans invaded France and the war was principally fought out there.

If the United States were merely a creditor, there might be some weight to the argument, but she played a much more vital part as an ally.

America sent 2,000,000 men to France's aid and 3,000,000 more were ready when the armistice was signed.

Besides this evidence of friendship, millions of American money has been poured into France to rehabilitate devastated regions. It was given from a full heart without any thot of duty or obligation.

It ill becomes France to mention reduction of war debts. The four billion dollars which we loaned came from not only the rich, but from people in modest circumstances who denied themselves of necessities to support the government and thus enable it to finance our allies.

England has recognized the validity of her debt to the United States by agreeing to pay. France made a grave mistake by even suggesting any other course.

There is no imminent danger of the ice age, we are assured by scientists, even tho you may think so when you meet some of your Frisco friends.

Music in jail is proposed as a means of reducing the crime wave. "Home Sweet Home" might be a good number.

An optimist is a man who does not care what happens so long as it doesn't happen to him.

Slick streets are dangerous and combined with speed, they are sometimes fatal.

Another crying need of the times is an automobile that is afraid of the trains.

Many a true word is spoken between false teeth.

Be sure that you are right, then ask your wife.

A Straight Tip

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The Curse of Adam

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Tidbits From Our School



The substitutions were: Dawson for Hann; Robinson for Holmes, O'Connell; Stives for Martin.

Regents examinations will be held in the High School building next week, according to the following schedule: Monday a. m.: Int. Algebra; El. representation. Monday p. m.: El. English; English 3; English 4. Tuesday a. m.: Arithmetic; Span-

ish 2; English grammar; History C. Tuesday p. m.: Spelling; Latin 2; 3; Biology. Wednesday a. m.: Geography; El. Algebra; Pl. Geometry. Wednesday p. m.: El. U. S. History; History A.; History B. Thursday a. m.: Chemistry. Thursday p. m.: Civics; French 2. Midyear tests will be given Monday p. m.; Tuesday a. m.; Thursday a. m. and Friday a. m.

"And Home Came Ted"

A comedy in three acts, will be presented by the Seniors (with some assistance), at the Auditorium, Thursday, Jan. 22, 1925. Reserved seats at the Sugar Bowl, Wednesday, Jan. 21.

CHARACTERS (In the order of their appearance) Skeet Kelly, the Clerk... Wallace Cummings Diana Garwood, the Heiress... Mary McFetridge Miss Loganberry, the Spinster... Gertrude Beebe Ira Stone, the Villain... Warner Palmer Aunt Jubilee, the Cook... Ella Edwards Mr. Man, the Mystery... Wayland Livermore Jim Ryker, the Lawyer... Kenneth Alvord Mollie Macklin, the Housekeeper... Louise Wilsman Henrietta Darby, the Widow... Lenford Horton Ted, the Groom... Ellen Casey Elsie, the Bride... Another Mystery The Old Man, a Stranger... Arthur Downer Senator M'Corke, Elsie's Father... SCENE—Office and reception room of the Rip Van Winkle Inn in the Catskill Mountains. ACT. I.—An afternoon in April. Ted arrives and Ryker leaves. ACT. II.—That evening. Who robbed the safe? ACT. III.—Next morning.