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NECESSITIES VERSUS LUXURIES.

Thoughtful persons are beginning to consider how much the element of personal extravagance enters into their money difficulties, and more than one has discovered that the principal reason why the cost of living has bothered him is that he was giving an excellent illustration of the truth of that old proverb about the fool and his money.

The following week he tried eating at less fashionable places, but appetizing, nourishing food for each meal. The second week's total was \$11. In other words, he found that during the first week he had added to the cost of wholesome food nearly 100 percent for jazz, fancy decorations and head waiters. He could doubtless do still better if he kept on.

There is no inherent sin in jazz and head waiters. Anybody who likes such luxuries and can afford them is entitled to enjoy them. But the man who finds himself hard pressed to meet his expenses might well take an inventory and see how much of his hard-earned coin is going for things which may add to the pleasure of life but are, in no sense essential to its needs or even to its comfort.

What applies in the choice of places for dining can well be applied to all other expenditures. How much goes for the wholesome necessities? How much for the non-essentials, having to do only with extravagance and display? If extravagance and display are worth what they cost, all right, but the man who demands them must not complain of the cost of necessities. He is dealing in luxuries.

AT THE HALL OF STATES.

The Hall of States which was located in old Trinity parish house in New York city during the war and operated as a branch of the War Camp Community Service, is to be moved to the corner of Thirty-ninth st. and Madison av., and carry on its activities as The Hall of States and Strangers club.

In its new service the object of the organization was to give to the boys from every state a bit of local atmosphere which should make them feel that they were not only friends but among home folks. Some part of the rooms was assigned to each state. There hung welcoming banners with state mottoes or greetings. There were pictures and photographs of familiar places, the big papers of the state and its leading magazines. The place was immensely popular and successful.

The same idea is to be carried out in the new quarters, but its hospitality is to extend to any stranger coming to New York. The people having the club in charge are getting into touch with organizations such as the chambers of commerce in the various states, and asking for cooperation. Fourteen states already have arranged for desk room.

The club aims to be a home spot to the stranger, a bureau of information for his needs and a point of contact for the safe forming of acquaintance and friendship, a thing sorely needed in every town.

"Meet me at the Hall of States" will be the slogan for the visitor to New York, and it is to be hoped that the idea of some such welcoming places for strangers may spread to other cities.

FLYING YET IN INFANCY.

The long list of fatalities in the trans-continental aerial race is gruesome and convincing proof that transportation in heavier-than-air machines has not yet been developed to the point of safety demanded for general adoption to commercial and personal use. The deaths of nine experienced army aviators flying the staunchest and most powerful machines in the service, with inspection of equipment every few score miles at control stops, have brought bitter realization that flying is yet in its infancy.

On the other hand, the spectacularly consistent performances of a half dozen flyers are evidence that if flying is in its infancy, it is a husky, promising youngster. Crossing the continent in approximately 25 hours actual driving time is an amazing achievement when it is remembered that less than 16 years ago the Wrights made the first successful sustained flight in the world, covering 852 feet, and that less than 10 years ago Paulhan broke the world's record for altitude, attaining 910 feet, a mark far below that at which ordinary flying is now done.

It is very likely that the trans-continental race is not a fair test of the reliability of the aeroplane, de-

Campaign Fruit Proving Scarce.

Whether from senate retaliation for the house's disposition to criticize that "upper" body for its indecision, and lack of dispatch in disposing of its work, or whether from lack of satisfactory results, leaders of the majority, both in the senate and out, including the republican national chairman, have permitted the word to reach house republicans that about all the time has been wasted on "investigations into the conduct of the war" that seems at all sensible.

Something has slipped a cog somewhere. The word is that "probe" committees are to devote their time to other forms of inquiry if any at all are made.

The war conduct question has been found to produce no fruit for the next presidential campaign. About the only thing it has produced has been an opportunity for the republicans to fight among themselves.

Within a short time, the elaborate preparations to startle the nation concerning the expenditures of money during the war will be at an end. The expensive press agent and the expensive organization which the republicans had prepared for the purposes of crying to the four winds about these extravagances will be forgotten as quickly as possible.

The facts are that every "investigation" made has produced only evidence which was open to debate on every side. In the very beginning, even some of the republicans urged that the "investigations" be not made as they feared it would be shown as it was shown that through the very expenditures of money, the war was hastened to a conclusion and thousands of lives of American boys were saved.

Certain of the "investigators" then found themselves contending in effect at least, that money should have been spared even though saving a dollar would have cost a life.

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After dodging this danger for a few months, the "investigators" plunged into their work. Their press agent struck off masses of "copy," their members indulged in great predictions of what would be found. To support these promises and prophecies, the republicans heard many accusations but never the replies of those accused.

To summarize some of these reports: It was alleged by republican leaders that John D. Ryan had a special railroad built for his private organization while he was in control of aircraft production and immediately it was shown that the railroad spur was a necessity as a means of having airplanes built for the boys at the front, and that it was projected long before Ryan was called upon to sacrifice his time in the government service.

It was charged that airplanes were sold at a great loss to private companies but immediately it was shown the planes sold were in an inferior condition through wear, and that no financial loss was sustained.

It was charged that war materials were sold to the French government at a great sacrifice and then it was found that instead the United States war department had driven a wonderful bargain with the French and had saved hundreds of thousands of dollars.

It was charged foodstuffs were withheld from the public, but it was found the foodstuffs were withheld just long enough to insure that the boys at the front would not go hungry, and then were sold.

It was charged that Bernard Baruch had not accounted for funds given to war boards and then it was found that he had accounted for all public funds but had not taken credit for an expenditure of some \$80,000 of his own money in behalf of the government in addition to his services.

Every argument adduced by the "knockers" was answered.

Finally Rep. Graham of Illinois, in a last endeavor to bolster up his case, offered a long speech in the house and it attracted just sufficient interest among his colleagues to fill a few rows of seats. And the speech itself refuted almost everything he had hoped to prove.

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When this record was laid before the men higher up in the party, the order went out to forget war conduct questions as a future political issue and to dig for something else.

Rep. Bland and his campaign manager who went to Europe at the government's expense evidently had their excursion and junket just in time. If they had waited a few weeks longer, there would have been no trip. Other members of the committee who journeyed into the far west and enjoyed the scenery while they "investigated" and were denounced even by republican newspapers, evidently had little their trip in time.

The junkets are at an end unless some other reason for them than investigation into war finances can be found. Rep. Bland will not have much more to say about war extravagances.

spite the elaborate safeguards taken by the war department. The exhibition of contest leads men to take unwarranted chances with themselves and their machines. It is probable that some of the deaths and wrecks of the coast-to-coast effort would not have occurred in ordinary flying, where there was no incentive to spur pilots to maximum effort and risk.

Thus, while the race cannot be said to have demonstrated that the aeroplane has made its place for ordinary commercial pursuits and pleasure uses, it likewise may not be said that it has proved its usefulness. What has been demonstrated is chiefly what has been known before—that the age of flying is in the near future.

The adventure of a national weekly in photographing typewritten copy suggests that this process, applied to the average newspaper copy, after the "desk" gets through with it, would produce a result that for legibility would closely rival the footprints of our pet hen.

Naturally enough cobblers sit up and take notice on coming to the news item that shoe prices will begin to decline next April. For it's winter that tries men's soles as well as their souls.

Uncle Sam's share of the receipts in the world series is said to be more than \$73,000. And he didn't make even a scratch single!

Now, isn't it absurd that you can't buy enough sugar for your coffee or your canning, but you can buy all the candy you want?

What's the cost of living compared with the cost of playing? Base ball fans paid \$722,660 to see those championship games.

"Scientists Join to Hunt Flu Germ"—headline. Strange, isn't it, that such an undesirable should be so avidly sought?

Fur prices are advancing. How fortunate for the young women that winter is approaching when they don't need them.

If any of that canned fruit should "turn," beware of letting it turn more than one-half of one percent.

D'Annunzio seems to have an exaggerated idea of peptic license as a justification for his acts.

"Prince Leopold also carries a valet," declares a news report. The prince, a mighty man was he!

The man who can't afford one opines that the \$25 hat usually covers a 10-cent head.

If there is no klick in 2-75, just where does the man who drinks it get his?

R. M. Hutchinson—"Capture 200

More Truth Than Poetry

By James J. Montague

THE MOVIE CHILD.

Poor Si, not meaning any harm Sells hay he hasn't got; The sheriff comes to take the farm Which saddles him a lot. But look! the little movie child By one, sweet tearful glance The stern faced sheriff has beguiled To give her pa a chance. The sheriff smiles and drives away Pop goes to town that night. And banks the money for the hay, And everything's all right.

The villain, with a black moustache Whose speech is one long curse Persuades dear sister, fondly rash To swipe her mother's purse. But ah! the movie child comes in And says in accents sad: "Oh sister, stealing is a sin And mother would be mad." And then dear sister sees a light And cries in bitter tones: "To steal that purse would not be right I scorn you, Egbert Jones."

They lash the hero to the track And when the seven-five Shall pass the spot in coming back, He will not be alive. But see! the movie child is here! She nimble cuts the ropes And for a promising career The hero once more hopes! The fiend who tied him to the rail (Despite his evil sneers) Is subsequently sent to jail For sixteen bitter years.

I've never seen a movie child Excepting on the screen. But I'm completely reconciled. If you know what I mean!

Crafty Crowd, Those Hohenzollerns. In order to get a better sale for his new book the former German crown prince has got the German government to suppress it.

The Road to Fame. The only way for a king to gain distinction nowadays is for him to announce that he is not going to the United States.

Nothing to Worry About. Most of the striking steel workers needed a few days to clip coupons and take their cars to the garage for an overhauling, anyway. (Copyright, 1919.)

DOPED. A darkey one day bought a horse, which he afterward found would not go. He took it to a veterinary surgeon, who injected morphine into the animal. The horse bolted down the street, while the astonished negro turned to the surgeon and asked what the charge was. "Ten cents," said he. "Then," said the darkey, "I want you to put 50 cents worth of that stuff in my arm." "Why?" asked the surgeon. "Cause," said the darkey, "Ise got to ketch dat hoss."

The Tower of Babel

BY BILL ARMSTRONG

THIS HAPPENED TO DR. KEEGAN.

A customer entered the drug store. He handed the dapper clerk a paper containing some sort of white powder and said:

"What do you think this is? Taste it, please, and tell me your opinion."

The clerk in question smiled, then, pouring some into the palm of his hand, he touched it to his tongue, and said:

"I should say it is soda." "That's just what I say," was the customer's reply, "but my wife insisted it was rat poison."

THE DODO'S COMPANIONS.

The dodo has as his companions: The grocer who put sand in his sugar.

The butcher who weighed his hand with each steak. The dry goods man who was a yard-stick juggler and could sell you 34-inch yards while you were looking at him.

The humorist who used to get paid for writing about those things.

PA PERKINS

SEZ.

The lack of it

seems to make

sugar sweeter

than ever.

NOW HERE'S SOME SENSE.

Pretty soon we'll be turning the clock back an hour. Why not turn it ahead 24 hours every morning, and call it a day's work?—Findlay, O., Republican.

MORE ABOUT THE BIG SCOOP.

On all sides The Tower of Babel is being congratulated for its remarkable newspaper scoop. "What South Bend Gents Want for Christmas" Others have been interviewed and unhesitatingly order old Santa as follows:

Neal Welch—"Tell Santa Claus to give us California weather the year around, so my Buick won't freeze up."

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