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GERMANS WIN FAVOR

Germany appears to have made particularly happy choices of recent ambassadors to the United States, according to information from Washington.

The late Baron Ago von Moltzen, who was killed in an airplane accident while on a visit to his home in Germany a few months ago, was one of the most popular among the high diplomats accredited to this country, and his charming wife was a favorite in official social circles.

The new ambassador, von Prittwitz, is apparently winning equal favor, and his accomplished wife is likewise acclaimed as a most delightful woman, of aristocratic birth, but of democratic tendencies.

She was Countess von Strachwitz, of a former Prussian family, and was orphaned by the World War. She opened a hat shop in Berlin, which she managed with much success, and being without a suitable home for her wedding she had the ceremony performed in her shop, to which her customers, as well as her distinguished friends, were invited. The wedding breakfast was served in the workshop.

Her husband now having risen to the rank of ambassador, she doesn't trim hats for customers any more, but she relates many amusing anecdotes concerning her business experience. She is fond of athletics and a famous skater, having won several prizes in Berlin for her proficiency in that sport.

The favorable impression created by these German representatives has already exerted an important influence in restoring good will between the two countries.

POT AND KETTLE

Just now there is going up a terrible wall about lobbies at Washington, which would indicate that our Senators and Congressmen are being "influenced" against their will by designing persons who would mould them to their heads' desire.

This is a lot of bunk. In the first place, if a member of Congress has not sense enough or courage enough to form his own opinions and act upon them, he ought to resign and go home. Besides, there is no reason to fear lobbyists for one class and command lobbyists for another class. Every important group in the nation has its lobbyists in Washington.

The farmers have their lobby, so have the labor unions, the veterans, the prohibitionists, the blue law advocates, the various industries, the women's clubs, the church, etc., either constantly or at intervals, representing Congress to do or not do, this or that.

As intimated above, if Congressmen are fit to be Congressmen there is little harm in the long run in having representatives of various groups at Washington to present their views and give information respecting them.

There is little sincerity in lobbyists of one group denouncing lobbyists of an opposing group. It is a case of the pot calling the kettle black.

ADVANCE OF MEDICINE

Dr. Charles H. May, world-renowned surgeon of Rochester, Minn., is quoted as saying that medical knowledge of the underlying causes of disease has advanced more during the last 25 years than in the preceding 25 centuries.

This is a strong statement, but if the doctor had gone back a few years farther to include the discoveries of Walter Reed and others in connection with infectious diseases might be accepted as literally true.

Reputation in this field has been more remarkable than in medicine, and have been tremendously aided by the X-ray, improved anesthetics and more effective means for the prevention of infection.

There are still many diseases which have not yet been conquered, but the efforts in the light of the knowledge of the past, the recent past it is reasonable to hope that, these, too, may ultimately yield to human science and skill.

HIS CROWING DAYS ARE OVER

Gasoline is a dangerous article to play with. The owner of the rooster left his automobile standing in the rear of his house while he went inside to get tools with which to repair a leak in the gasoline line of the car. Along came the rooster and decided to scratch for gravel in the roadway. It didn't mean anything to him that gasoline was dripping down beside him—he didn't know, he might better have been scratching on dynamite! Evidently his claws struck off a spark, for the next instant the air was full of tins, caskets, twisted metal and with leghorn feathers! That rooster will crow no more.

While gasoline is about the most dangerous, all petroleum products should be handled with care. The National Board of Fire Underwriters report that in 1926, \$14,978,599 was the amount of wasted wealth that went up in smoke.

TOO MUCH NOISE

In many cities the ever increasing volume of noise produced by industrial machinery has become a source of great annoyance, both day and night, and engineers are now engaged upon the problem of reducing disturbing sounds by scientific means.

At a recent conference held in Hartford, Conn., this problem was discussed and hopes for at least a partial solution were expressed. An industrial silencer, invented by Hiriam P. Maxim, who devised the Maxim silencer for Gruenauer, is said to give great promise of successful application in the desired direction.

It is believed that the Maxim principle can be applied to steam locomotives, gasoline and Diesel engines, air compressors, riveting machines and other producers of loud and disagreeable noises.

The inventor himself believes that "one by one the nuisances will be eliminated."

A SINGER'S GIFT

In memory of her two sons who were killed in the World War, one fighting for Germany and the other for America, Madame Sophie Scherzer, a famous soprano singer, has given her \$200,000 estate at Grosseigne, Cal., to disabled veterans of the war as a rest home.

A native of Austria, Madame Scherzer has spent most of her mature years in America as an operatic and concert singer, and has been married twice. Two years ago she made her re-appearance with the Metropolitan Opera Company at the age of 64. She was loyal to America during the war and became an American citizen.

No singer of her time has been more highly esteemed, not only for her consummate artistry, but also for her splendid character and charitable disposition, which is well illustrated by her recent magnificence gift.

No community is so poor that it may not have some outstanding product of which to boast. One citizen voiced his pride in this, according to the Columbus, Miss., Commercial-Dispatch, by praising the moonshine liquor made in his neighborhood, declaring that it was good stuff, with "not a coffin in a carload."

The newest political movement has popped up in Denver. Two new incorporation papers have been filed for the "American Marriage Political Party," whose object is to promote legislation to legalize trial marriage. Cynics may suggest that most marriages involve trial enough already.

Healthcare should be avoided when the moon is full, according to a London astrologer, who declares that hair, like other vegetation, contains more "sap" at the time. It should be cut just before the new moon, he says, in preference because the sap is then, in the pre- and not in the hair.

Small of the Atlantic Constitution, himself a staunch Democrat, was unimpressed with the political depths of his fellow Southerners. He refers to the South as "the backbone, the bresstone and the bonehead of the Democratic party."

Ruth Elder says she would like to go to the stage, but that she can neither sing nor dance. We admire her for being so courageous. Many have not allowed little handicaps like that to interfere with their ambitions.

Songs of Plain Folks

By James Lewis Hays

The Ocean

The ocean's a great singer;
She sings to them and rocks them

And everyone behaves.

But, night, when tides turn,
She drops up and down.

Their mother out to teach;

Sometimes she's a swat them;

If it makes a baby wear

A wet diaper.

One night, I waked and looked out;

The waves were in our hands,

Running over the beach,

And crashing on their hands.

They were laughing at the sea

Waves caps with foamy tassels,

And crashing on the beach.

Knocked away all the castles!

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