

HIDDEN PICTURE PUZZLE.



"Will-yum! Will-yum! Where is that boy William?"

MINORITY FEARS SUBSIDY SCHEME

Democrats Declare There Is No Need of Investigating Merchant Marine.

SAY NOTHING CAN BE LEARNED

Issue Matter of Subsidizing Vessels Has Been Fully Gone into During the Past Thirty Years and That Plan is Not Feasible.

Washington dispatch: Representative Lucking (Dem., Mich.), a member of the committee on merchant marine and fisheries of the House, has prepared a report setting forth the views of the minority on the Gardner bill to appoint a committee to inquire into the condition of the American merchant marine and report to the House what is necessary for its development. The committee has favorably reported the bill.

The minority report is signed by all of the Democrats of the committee. It declares that the bill means ultimately the subsidy scheme, and that, therefore, the opponents of subsidy should meet it at the threshold. The minority criticizes the plan of having a commission of members of the Senate and House investigate the subject as a violation of the theory and practice of the complete separation of the two houses, and further declares that there is nothing new to be learned on the question. They declare that such commissions have always been failures, and that the \$20,000 which the measure appropriates would be a waste of the people's money.

Has Been Investigated. "The subject," say the minority, "has been investigated and reported on for thirty years. The real objects are two: "1. To educate the country and prepare its mind for a subsidy; and "Second, to carry the question over the elections." They assert that the bounty plan is wrong in principle and ineffective in practice, without virtue as a remedy, and is demoralizing to the political conscience of the country.

The minority quote at length from a report made by the present speaker of the House to the Fifty-fifth Congress opposing a ship subsidy measure, and then say: "If we adopt the subsidy plan it must be done under a false cloak, in order to make it constitutional. We must pretend that it is for carrying the mails, or building a navy, else it is obnoxious to constitutional principles."

History of Subsidies. The report then goes on to give a brief history of subsidies in other countries, all of which are declared to have been failures. The plan of discriminating duties is then elaborated, and the minority declare that this is the proper method of upbuilding the American merchant marine. In support of this plan they quote the Republican national platform of 1896 and McKinley's letter of acceptance. Where discriminating duties would conflict with existing treaties they favor the abrogation of these treaties, which they declare can be done with six months' or one year's notice.

To Discuss Panama. The senate this week will continue to discuss the Panama question.

Run on Russian Banks. Warsaw special: Owing to strong but baseless rumors that the Russian government was about to use all the deposits and savings in banking institutions, there has been a great rush of people to withdraw their money.

En Route to Philippines. San Francisco special: Eight Rev. T. A. Hendricks, one of the four newly appointed American Catholic bishops in the Philippines, has arrived here on his way to the islands.

Speeches will be made by Senator Fairbanks (Republican) and Senators Clark (Arkansas) and Clay (Democrats), all in support of the treaty. A temporary cessation may be expected later in the week, as there is a disposition on the part of many Democratic senators to postpone further discussion until responses to the resolutions of inquiry shall be received from the executive.

The present plan is to continue the discussion in open session. It is now certain that the solid vote of the Republican side of the chamber in favor of the treaty will be augmented by many Democratic votes.

DEFEAT ECONOMY.

House Members Vote Against Consolidation of Customs Districts.

Washington special: Because it interfered with their prerogatives and some of their political patronage, members of the house have defeated an attempt on the part of the treasury department at economy in the collection of customs. Secretary Shaw and Assistant Secretary Armstrong appeared before the house committee on appropriations and urged a consolidation of small collection districts where the business was light and where the cost to make small customs collections was unreasonable. The authorization was given in the urgent deficiency bill as reported by the committee, but on motion of Representative Powers of Maine it was stricken out. At Galena, Ill., last year it cost \$450.07 to collect \$1 of customs taxes. The cost in other small places for the collection of \$1 was: New London, Conn., \$3.84; Pamlico, N. C., \$4.44; Plymouth, Mass., \$1.85; Rock Island, Ill., \$35.10; Saco, Me., \$5.52; St. Marys, Ga., \$228.48; Coos Bay, Oregon, \$130.89; Tieho, La., \$17.80; Vicksburg, Miss., \$20.89; York, Me., \$45.47; Crisfield, Md., \$381.64; Beaufort, S. C., \$136.44.

Mail Clerks Ask Increase. Washington dispatch: Interesting developments are expected in the hearing to be given members of the Letter Carriers' association and the Association of Railway Mail Clerks, before the house committee on post-offices and post roads. These men, considered by many the poorest paid and hardest worked employees in the government service, will make an effort to influence the committee to increase their salaries. The railway mail service is in a particularly bad way because of the lack of an adequate force said to be due to the failure of the postoffice department to make reasonable estimates to the appropriations committee of the house.

Illinois Has Most Inventors. Washington dispatch: The report of the commissioner of patents shows that during 1903 one out of every 1,715 people in Illinois secured a patent, the number granted citizens of the state being 2,811. During the same period 738 patents were granted Indians, or one for every 3,193 persons in the state; to Iowa, 627 patents, or at the ratio of one for each 3,559; to Michiganders, 560 patents, or one for each 2,548; to Minnesotans, 501, or one for every 3,495, and to the people of Wisconsin, 619 patents, or one for every 3,342 inhabitants.

Maneuvering Grounds.

Washington dispatch: Lieut. Gen. Chaffee, chief of staff, U. S. A., has recommended to Secretary Root that congress be asked to appropriate \$2,000,000 to be expended for the purchase of land in various parts of the United States for use as maneuvering ground by the army.

Suspect is Released.

Louisville, Ky., dispatch: Harry Behr, arrested as a suspect in connection with the murder of Miss Schaefer, upon assurance from the chief of police of Memphis that Behr knew nothing of the crime, was released.

Heads Union Manufacturers.

New York dispatch: The Union-made Garment Manufacturers of America have closed their annual convention after electing President H. J. Peters of Dover, N. J.

Were Her Friends.

The way of the society promoter is hard. One who recently organized a ball for some persons who thought that her friends might be an addition to their own list, sent out the invitations and left out one family that her employer had sent in to her. The hostess asked her a few days afterward how it happened that these names were omitted, and there were traces of agitation in her manner. "They are not people that anybody knows especially," answered the promoter, "and they can't be of the least good to you. So I just left them out altogether."

"I know," answered the hostess, endeavoring to be as calm as possible. "It is quite true that they may not be of any social advantage to us. But, on the other hand, they have been for twenty years my most intimate friends, and it is a little—just a little—embarrassing to me to have them left out when I give a party."

"Oh, in that case," answered the social promoter with obvious contempt for any such blending of business and sentiment, "I am perfectly willing to send them my invitations."

Best in the World.

Estherville, Ia., Feb. 1st.—Mr. George J. Barber of this place says: "Dodd's Kidney Pills are the best medicine in the world. There is nothing as good. I had been sick for over 15 years with Kidney Disease which finally turned into Bright's Disease. I was treated by Doctors in Chicago but they didn't do me any good. The best Doctor in Estherville treated me for five years with no better success. I heard of Dodd's Kidney Pills and made up my mind to give them a trial. "I am very thankful to be able to say that they cured me completely and I think they are the best medicine in the world."

The honest, earnest, straightforward experiences of real living men and women are the only material used in advertising Dodd's Kidney Pills. One such testimony is worth more than a thousand unsupported claims. The people who have used Dodd's Kidney Pills are those whose evidence is worth consideration and surely nothing can be more convincing than a statement like Mr. Barber's. There are thousands of others just as strong.

Johnnie's First School Lesson.

It was Johnnie's first day in school. He did not know the letter A from a saw horse, but this deficiency was more than balanced by his assurance. The teacher called him up alone. The old method of teaching reading was then in vogue. "Can you read?" said the teacher. "Yes ma'am," replied Johnnie. "Well, now we shall see," said the teacher. "You read over after me. Be sure to read just what I do."

So she began slowly, running her finger along under the words: "Did—you—over—see—a—donkey?" And Johnnie in the same deliberate singsong voice, running his finger along the page, replied: "No—ma'am—I—never—did."

Full of His Subject. Edward Jewett Wheeler, editor of the Literary Digest, in addition to his numerous office duties, found time to deliver several speeches for the Citizen's Union during the last campaign. At the breakfast table on the morning following one of his particularly arduous efforts, all heads were bowed for the customary grace before meat when Mr. Wheeler started his family by starting off in a loud voice with: "Mr. Chairman."

The burst of laughter that followed caused the blessing to be deferred to a later and less hilarious occasion, though breakfast was eaten as usual, and with no apparently injurious effects.—New York Times.

DIDN'T BELIEVE

That Coffee Was the Real Trouble.

Some people flounder around and take everything that's recommended to them but finally find out that coffee is the real cause of their troubles. An Oregon man says:

"For 25 years I was troubled with my stomach. I was a steady coffee drinker but didn't suspect that as the cause. I doctored with good doctors and got no help, then I took almost anything which someone else had been cured with but to no good. I was very bad last summer and could not work at times. "On December 2, 1902, I was taken so bad the Doctor said I could not live over twenty-four hours at the most and I made all preparations to die. I could hardly eat anything, everything distressed me and I was weak and sick all over. When in that condition coffee was abandoned and I was put on Postum, the change in my feelings came quickly after the drink that was poisoning me was removed. "The pain and sickness fell away from me and I began to get well day by day so I stuck to it until now I am well and strong again, can eat heartily with no headache, heart trouble or the awful sickness of the old coffee days. I drink all I wish of Postum without any harm and enjoy it immensely. "This seems like a wonderfully strong story but I would refer you to the First National Bank, The Trust Banking Co., or any merchant of Grant's Pass, Ore., in regard to my standing and I will send a sworn statement of this if you wish. You can also use my name." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Still there are many who persistently fool themselves by saying "Coffee don't hurt me." A ten days' trial of Postum in its place will tell the truth and many times save life.

There's nothing like Postum. Look for the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in each package.



Lounging or Steamer Gown.

The necessity for a lounging gown that means perfect rest and relaxation is apparent to every woman whether she travels or remains at home. This one is eminently simple and practical and serves its purpose well, being adapted both to home and steamer wear. As shown it is made of French flannel, blue and white, but Scotch flannel, flannellette and all similar materials are equally appropriate for the warmer gowns, washable fabrics for those of warm weather wear.

The gown is made with fronts and back all of which are tucked to yoke depth and stitched with corticelli silk. At the neck is a turn-over collar and the sleeves are full and wide, gathered straight cuffs. Below the tucks the gown is comfortably full. The fronts are finished with hems and lapped one over the other, the closing being made with buttons and buttonholes.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is 6 1/2 yards 27 inches wide, 6 yards 32 inches wide or 4 1/4 yards 44 inches wide.

The pattern 4631 is cut in sizes for a 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inch bust measure.

Lounging or Steamer Gown, 34 to 44 bust.

Evening Coat. Long, loose wraps are necessary for evening wear and are seen in cloth, serge and silk, in white and all colors. This one is essentially smart as well as absolutely satisfactory to the wearer and is adapted to all the materials in vogue, although shown in white cloth with collar and frills of lace, trimming of ermine and stitched bands. The shaped collar with its long stole ends and the wide, full sleeves with turn-over cuffs, are new as well as handsome, and give a distinct air of elegance to the wrap.

The coat consists of fronts and back the former loose, and the latter laid in an inverted plait, and is fitted by means of shoulder and under-arm seams. The sleeves are generously wide and gathered into bands that, in turn, are covered with the cuffs. The collar is carefully shaped and fitted and is arranged over the shoulders, the stole ends finishing the fronts.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is 10 1/4 yards 21 inches wide, 5 yards 44 inches wide, or 4 1/4 yards 52 inches wide, with 1 1/2

Evening Coat, 32 to 48 bust.

yards all-over lace, 6 yards fur and 6 1/2 yards of lace to trim as illustrated.

The pattern 4623 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.

Velvets covered with delicate tracery in chenille in same tone are a novelty.

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Mrs. Hughson, of Chicago, whose letter follows, is another woman in high position who owes her health to the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I suffered for several years with general weakness and bearing-down pains, caused by womb trouble. My appetite was fitful, and I would lie awake for hours, and could not sleep, until I seemed more weary in the morning than when I retired. After reading one of your advertisements I decided to try the merits of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and I am so glad I did. No one can describe the good it did me. I took three bottles faithfully, and besides building up my general health, it drove all disease and poison out of my body, and made me feel as spry and active as a young girl. Mrs. Pinkham's medicines are certainly all they are claimed to be."—Mrs. M. E. HUGHSON, 347 East Ohio St., Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Pinkham Tells How Ordinary Tasks Produce Displacements. Apparently trifling incidents in woman's daily life frequently produce displacements of the womb. A slip on the stairs, lifting during menstruation, standing at a counter, running a sewing machine, or attending to the most ordinary tasks may result in displacement, and a train of serious evils is started. The first indication of such trouble should be the signal for quick action. Don't let the condition become chronic through neglect or a mistaken idea that you can overcome it by exercise or leaving it alone. More than a million women have regained health by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

If the slightest trouble appears which you do not understand write to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., for her advice, and a few timely words from her will show you the right thing to do. This advice costs you nothing, but it may mean life or happiness or both.

Mrs. Leah Stowell, 177 Wellington St., Kingston, Ont., writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—You are indeed a godsend to women, and if they all knew what you could do for them, there would be no need of their dragging out miserable lives in agony. "I suffered for years with bearing-down pains, womb trouble, nervousness, and excruciating headache, but a few bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound made life look new and promising to me. I am light and happy, and I do not know what sickness is, and I now enjoy the best of health."

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound can always be relied upon to restore health to women who thus suffer. It is a sovereign cure for the worst forms of female complaints,—that bearing-down feeling, weak back, falling and displacement of the womb, inflammation of the ovaries, and all troubles of the uterus or womb. It dissolves and expels tumors from the uterus in the early stage of development, and checks any tendency to cancerous humors. It subdues excitability, nervous prostration, and tones up the entire female system. Its record of cures is the greatest in the world, and should be relied upon with confidence.

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