

AMBASSADOR TELLS HUMAN INCIDENT

ABOUT OLD SCHOOLMA'AM

Hon. James R. Sheffield Relates How Article in Magazine Brought Letter From Former Mentor

The Honorable James R. Sheffield may be ambassador to Mexico in the minds of most of us but to one woman he is "Jamie" Sheffield in a velvet suit.

In the January Scribner's Magazine, Ambassador Sheffield tells about receiving a letter from a former teacher who had lost track of him and the story of it is this: A few months ago William Lyon Phelps in his "As I Like It" department in Scribner's Magazine referred to a "hush league team" in Dubuque, Iowa. In the September number he printed a letter from Ambassador Sheffield rebuking him for "using your brilliant talents to injure the good name and fame of the greatest town in our middle west—the one that has been big enough to outlive the fact that I was born there."

Dr. Phelps stated that he would sin no more but that he was glad he had this once.

In the current number, Dr. Phelps prints another letter from the ambassador as follows:

Ambassador's Letter
Embassy of the United States of America, Mexico, October 17, 1925.

Your September Scribner's reference to me has brought me one more letter—but this a rare and choice one, like a bit of Dresden china almost forgotten on the top shelf.

A dear old lady, for she must be very rich in years, writes to know if I am the Jamie Sheffield she taught as a little boy in a children's school in Dubuque—and also if I am the original of a photograph she enclosed of said Jamie, in a velvet suit, taken with a little girl "whose first name was Bessie." The extraordinary thing is that I am. The photograph must have been taken at least 55 years ago—(My mother kept one on her table) and this dear old school teacher, reading your "As I Like It," recalls those far off yesterdays of some old man's boyhood, searches her cherished store of memorabilia, and sends it to me here in the Embassy at Mexico for confirmation. . . . She has not lived in Dubuque, for many years living in Waterloo, Iowa. As I read her letter memory got very busy. Of course, I recalled her school—the little girl was Bessie Moore—almost a half-century forgotten. Who can say just what part of our character and usefulness, if we have any, is due to the kindly guidance, when little children, of a teacher who cared enough for her tiny scholars to keep such a memento through more than fifty years. . . . The work of the Embassy halted and the letter of Miss Mary Page Edgerton had first place in the answering correspondence of the American Ambassador.

Fairies? Of Course!

Of course there are fairies. I believe in them. Some come in our day dreams, some in our dreams at night, some hover about us at Christmas or birthdays, some come only when we travel back through the years to events that couldn't have been with the fairies left out.

FAST WORKERS MORE EFFICIENT IS CLAIM

Recent Investigation by Expert Statisticians Indicates This Is True

The old adages of "slow but sure" and "more haste less speed" are all wrong, according to Jesse Grant Chapline, president of LaSalle Extension university, in an address before a conference of efficiency engineers. Recent exhaustive intelligence tests showed fast workers two to five times more efficient than slow workers, he said.

A large body of slow workers and an equal number of fast workers classified according to their production records over a long period, were given a test of questions on problems used every day in their regular work," said President Chapline. "It took the slow group 110 minutes to answer 200 questions correctly. The fast group answered these in 20 minutes. While answering the 200 items correctly the slow group at the same time gave incorrect answers to 352 questions. The rapid group gave only 50 incorrect answers.

"In terms of production, the rapid group could turn out five and one-half times as much work in a given time as the slow group.

"In another test given a large body of average workers, an increase of 50 per cent in the time allowance raised the average percentage of accuracy only 5 per cent.

"All this shows that the man who knows how, knows it right away, and does not have to labor long to answer simple questions in his line of work. Trained workers are fast workers and also easy workers. That is why they are highly paid and there is never enough of them. The brightest mind is a slow working mind if it is not specially educated for its task."

EXPORTS INCREASING DESPITE THE TARIFF

Fact Refutes Opinion of Those Who Think Europe Unable To Pay Debts

Those who believe that the United States can receive nothing on the European debts until our tariffs are lowered will be interested to know that during the first nine months of the year just passed imports into the United States were greater than in any whole year previous to 1919. This is in itself a pretty good answer to the charge that the protective tariff is stifling foreign trade. The figures disclosing the above interesting fact are given out by the foreign-trade department of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

That exports are booming, too, is indicated by the fact that the average monthly value of exports was \$398,000,000 which is an increase of twelve per cent over 1924 and another proof that our foreign trade is not suffering because of the Fordney-McCubbin tariff law. The total for the nine months is three and a half billions and when the exact fig-

WOMAN IS KILLED IN AUTO COLLISION

Mrs. Emilie Kramer, 50 years old, of Chicago, was killed and seven were injured, one seriously, in collision of two automobiles, which turned over after the crash, on Route 21, east of Grayslake, at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

James Anderson, 3315 Fullerton avenue, about 60 years, was the most seriously injured of those surviving the accident. He received a deep cut in the forehead and was rushed in an ambulance to a hospital in Chicago where it is believed that he has sustained a fracture of the skull.

ures for the last three months of the year are added it is expected that the total will be around five billion dollars as the value of our 1925 exports.

Shipments of raw cotton from January to September reached 2,500,000 pounds, close to the figure for 1912, the year of the second greatest crop in the United States. Automobile exports included 218,471 cars and chassis, worth \$162,090,000, a new high record. Gasoline, naphtha, etc.,

GLENCOE LIBRARY CLUB TO SELL SHOP

At a meeting of the Woman's Library club held Thursday of last week at Glencoe, it was decided to sell out the Gift Shop operated by the club on Park avenue. In a resolution passed at the meeting it was said that the phenomenal success of the Thrift Shop, which is quartered in the rear, and is also operated by the club, has made larger quarters a necessity. It was decided to place the goods of the Gift Shop on sale at reduced prices for two weeks. The Thrift Shop will then occupy the entire building, and will be able to store many more articles than formerly. Members of the club said that the Gift Shop had not made a sufficient margin of profit to justify its continuance.

also set a new mark, with shipments of 937,000,000 gallons.

Refined copper exports amounted to 789,000,000 pounds, only 200 tons less than the record shipments of 1917. Nearly every other important group of exports showed gains of from 2.4 to 35 per cent. Lumber fell off 1 per cent and iron and steel shipments 2.6 per cent.

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