

GERMAN TOWN NOTED IN MAKING JEWELRY

PFORZHEIM IS CELEBRATED Annual Fair is Amazing Display of Products of Craft; City Also Entrance to Black Forest

It is generally known that Pforzheim is the town which produces and exports more jewelry than any other place in Germany and probably in the world.

Should Visit Fair The stranger will not be able to penetrate into the factories, but if he wants to see what Pforzheim produces he can visit the "Permanent Jewelry Fair"

The visitor may well be astonished at what he sees at the fair. It is a real exhibition of jewelry, stretching through a whole house full of many high and airy rooms.

Large Exports Germany is no great market for jewelry at present, but a lot is exported especially to South America

Two small exhibitions, opened in the spring, show how well Pforzheim trains the young gold and silversmiths.

Entrance to Black Forest But Pforzheim is not only celebrated for its jewelry. It is also the entrance-gate to the Black Forest, the porta hercyniae, as its name reveals to the scholar even today.

URGES DECREASE IN TAXES; TELLS REASON

Counsel of Manufacturers Says State and Local Government Levies Too Great

A decrease in state and local government cost was urged by James A. Emery, counsel to the American Association of Manufacturers, in an address before the semi-annual conference of the National Industrial Council now being held at the Waldorf.

Mr. Emery called attention to the fact that while the Federal government had decreased the national debt by approximately \$6,750,000,000 between 1919 and 1926, the state and local subdivisions had increased their total debt by more than \$6,000,000,000 during the same period.

"During those years," Mr. Emery said, "Federal taxation fell from \$42.86 to \$27.36 per capita, while the total of the state and local taxation climbed from \$28.24 per capita in 1919 to \$45.18 in 1926."

"This means that from New Year's until March 1 the production and services of the nation are absorbed by its governments. It means that for every 11 wage earners there is one recipient of government compensation. It means an annual expenditure for and by American government in all its forms of a sum equal to the value in 1925 of all the crops raised on 6,500,000 American farms, embracing more than 340,000,000 acres of land."

Other speakers were William H. Thompson, formerly an officer of the National Grange; Henry H. Lewis, executive director of Better Understanding Between Agriculture and Industry, Washington, D. C.; George F. Kull, secretary of the Wisconsin Manufacturers' association, and Benjamin F. Gleaves, executive secretary of the Associated Industries of Maine.

FOUR LANGUAGES IN CAIRO PHONE USE

Cairo, Egypt, is one of the most polyglot of places on the globe, and this is well illustrated in the city's telephone system.

While it is true that the majority of Britons who have lived for some time in the east have acquired speaking acquaintance with several languages, there is a general practice, when calling up a telephone number in Cairo, to make the request in Italian, then change over to Arabic when the call comes through, then exchange a few words with the secretary in French, and finally when the man they want is obtained, to converse in English.

NAMES FOUND IN NEW YORK TELEPHONE LIST

In New York City's telephone directory the Cohens outnumber the Smiths twenty-six columns to twenty-five columns in the list for Manhattan and the Bronx. In Brooklyn, however, the Smiths outnumber the Cohens by twenty-two columns to twenty.

Only three George Washingtons appear in the Manhattan book and one in the volume for Brooklyn. There is a half column of Jeffersons in the former volume, but only two of them bear the name of Thomas Jefferson. In two columns of Lincoln, there is not a single one who bears the name of Abraham. The name Coolidge is listed nine times in Manhattan's directory and twice in Brooklyn's.

AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE PROMISING, REPORT

OFFICIAL IS OPTIMISTIC Minister of Customs of That Commonwealth Says He Has Great Faith in His Country

The Minister for Customs, H. E. Pratten, has unbounded confidence in the future of Australia. Addressing members of the Constitutional club in this city, he declared that, governed by wisdom and prudence, the Commonwealth, in the not distant future, will stage a drama of social and material development that will surprise the world.

The Minister, chose for his subject: "Tariff and Some Economic Problems." The duties of his office made him familiar with the developments of the State of Queensland. He had had something to do with sugar, cotton, maize, meat, butter, bananas, canned fruits, and peanuts, all of which were affected by the Commonwealth government's policy of preferential trade treaties.

Protectionist Policy "The principle of protection of primary and secondary industries is the accepted policy of the great majority of the electors of the Commonwealth and it is the deliberate policy of the National Government," he declared. "The unanimous feeling of the people of Australia is that that policy shall be tempered with imperial preference—a preference to bona fide British goods, irrespective of Britain's fiscal policy. The value of tariff preferences to Great Britain today is nearly \$9,000,000 annually, or an average of 12 per cent on the whole of the trade with the motherland."

Australia First Mr. Pratten explained that the fiscal policy of the Commonwealth was molded, first of all, to give preference to their own people, and their own production; secondly, to give preference to British goods. The last tariff had proved a triumph; it had created many thousands of additional jobs; it had given a wonderful stimulus to the textile industry.

Since the duties had been increased 52 woolen mills had been established, mostly in the country, and considerable sums were being invested in new industries as a result of the government's "Made in Australia" policy. In cotton manufacture alone \$2,000,000 was invested. Australian manufacturers would be able to take the whole of Queensland's cotton crop this year. Woolen manufacturers were developing so rapidly that this year they would need more than 200,000 bales of wool.

Tariff Results Nineteen million pounds was collected upon luxuries and goods that, with the further development of Australian industries, could be made here. From narcotics and stimulants \$6,000,000 was collected and excise duties amounted to \$11,000,000. The total value of goods imported during the fiscal year 1924-25, was \$157,000,000; the value of free goods imported during the same period was \$48,000,000.



STATE PRIMARY LAW AGAIN HELD INVALID

SUPREME COURT DECISION Upholds Opinion of Lower Court and Measure Is Doomed; New Bill in Legislature This Session

After seventeen years of operation in Illinois, the state primary law is held unconstitutional in a decision handed down by the State Supreme court. Justice Dunn delivered the opinion, Chief Justice Heard and Justice Stone dissenting.

Among politicians the decision comes without particular surprise. With the legislature in session during the time the appeal was before the upper court, steps were immediately taken to remedy such defects as might be found in the law by the court. A new primary law, correcting such errors as are pointed out by the court, is already well on the way to passage, and it is expected will be enacted into law before adjournment of the legislature.

Dixon Case Is Test The test of the law was brought to the Supreme court from Lee county. Wm. J. McAlpine brought action to enjoin the county clerk of that county from drawing warrants on the treasurer in payment to any person serving as judge or clerk of the primary election of April 13, 1926. It was also sought to enjoin payments for all other expenses incurred in connection with the election.

With the three judges of the circuit sitting en banc the demurrer of the county clerk to the decision of the circuit court was overruled and the

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case was then carried to the Supreme court. Attack was made on the law giving precinct committeemen a certain number of votes for governor, this provision being discriminatory, it was alleged, if the precincts were subsequently changed. It was held under this course there is no way of determining how many votes each committeeman would command in the organization of the county convention. In handing down its decision the Supreme court also held unconstitutional the provision enabling a voter to absent himself from his place of employment on primary election day, without a deduction in wages, although holding this law in itself was not sufficient to invalidate the entire act.

TRUCK PRODUCTION The wholesale value of the 530,000 motor trucks produced in the United States last year, reports the Chicago Motor club, was \$434,500,000.

GET SAFETY HABIT Safety in motoring is a habit that should be developed, according to the accident prevention department of the Chicago Motor club. All drivers should practice safety until the fundamental acts of good driving become automatic.

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Testing Times

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worked from sunrise to sunset, often waist-deep in swamp water, to string fifteen miles of line to this isolated outpost.

Over a telephone, housed in a wooden box nailed to a tree, an engineer was talking to headquarters—reporting on the progress of the work, asking for reinforcements and additional material, receiving Weather Bureau forecasts which would be vitally important to him in planning the strategy of this grim battle for lives and property.

Such is telephone service in an emergency—service in which telephone men and women do very much the same things they do every day of their lives, but do them under conditions that give vivid emphasis to the import of their efficiency, devotion, and fidelity to public interests.

The telephone had been put in service but a few minutes before, after a construction crew had

In such crises, when even the most commonplace of calls may become a matter of life or death, the public realizes its day-by-day dependence upon the telephone and upon the men and women who make of it an instrumentality of human service.

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