



A German shoe manufacturer visited this man's plant. The German makes a shoe which retails at 18 marks—\$4.50. He pays his work-men six marks, \$1.50 a day. A man has to work half a week to earn a pair of shoes.

"Our country and the rest of Europe will never get ahead until we learn that the workers must be our chief consumers, and must earn enough to buy the goods they make," said the German.

He had discovered the secret of American prosperity.

TITLES

Former members of the Russian nobility are scattered over the world. Some stand the test of poverty, many wilt under it, proving nothing except that people are much alike, titled or not.

In New York a grand duke or two live without working by selling "Imperial Orders" to gullible Americans. The buyer gets the right to wear a red ribbon across his shirt-front and pretend to be somebody. Harmless enough, but silly.

Much more entitled to respect is a Russian princess who works in a fashionable dress shop in New York. Her title is genuine, she is beautiful, many men want to marry her. She prefers independence on \$50 a week and complains about nothing except that her feet get pretty tired by 5 o'clock.

Husband: You accuse me of reckless extravagance. When did I ever make a useless purchase?

Wife: What about that fire extinguisher you bought a year ago? We've never used it once.

Broker: I have bought you 500 shares of common stock, madam.

Mrs. Fitzwalter: Well, I don't want them. What on earth would my friends say if they knew I'd got anything common?

Radio Equipment on Kansas Motor Busses

A huge motor bus roaring along in the dead of night at a speed of 40 miles an hour, with strains of dance music issuing from an enormous loud speaker mounted on the top of the machine, is becoming a familiar sight in southern Kansas. W. E. Titus, president of the Radio Corporation of Kansas, has equipped several busses with radio sets for the entertainment of passengers.

In his latest experiment, Titus did not use a battery set, but installed a 41-S screen grid receiver of the same construction as that sold for use in electrically equipped homes. A small aerial was mounted on top of the bus and without a ground. The dynamo used was a 32-volt DC motor driving a 110-volt 60-cycle AC dynamo. Six special resistors, or suppressors, connected to the spark plugs of the bus motor, successfully eliminated interference from the engine's ignition system. Passengers report that broadcast programs from stations as far distant as Memphis, Tenn., can be heard plainly even when the bus is traveling at top speed.

George B. Hart Estate Estimated at \$150,000

Recent proceeding in probate court are reported as follows:

George B. Hart, Highland Park. Petition for probate of will filed and set for hearing January 20. Heirship

proved. Estimated value of estate \$130,000 personal and \$20,000 real estate.

Fritz Wachter, Highland Park. Hearing on petition for probate of will filed by Ida M. Rudd continued to January 20. Hearing on petition for probate of will filed by Mary Olsen set for hearing January 20.

George Francis Redmond, Deerfield. Hearing on final report continued to January 16.

But for the League of Nations, Americans might not have discovered that divorce is easy in Geneva. Thus is the world made pleasant for the mismatched.—Boston Transcript.

The movement to reform the calendar by making the year into thirteen months of 28 days each with an extra holiday thrown in between Christmas and New Years is making headway.

The principal objections are on religious grounds. There is nothing sacred about the calendar, but to change it would mean changing the date of Easter and some saints' days. The Pope must consent before the Catholic nations will accept those changes. Orthodox Jews object to the eight-day interval between Sabbath once a year.

Sooner or later we shall have a new system of reckoning time, the third since Julius Caesar established the foundation of the present calendar in 8 B. C.

LEISURE

For the first time in history a nation is so prosperous that there is no serious problem of what to do for the poor. In the United States philanthropists and economists are considering instead how to help the highly-paid wage-earners to get more genuine value out of the leisure which the shortened working day gives them.

George Eastman has given tens of millions to further musical education and the appreciation of good music. He says, rightly, that the man or woman who gets his highest pleasure from producing or listening to music is a much happier as well as a much more useful citizen than the one who does not know what to do with his spare time.

DRINK

Sir Philip Gibbs, most capable of British journalists, reports that drinking is becoming unfashionable in good society in England and diminishing among the working class.

England has no prohibition law. We had no national prohibition law in America before the war, yet it was noticeable that drinking was falling off everywhere. After prohibition was enacted it became fashionable to patronize bootleggers as a gesture of defiance.

Now these defiant ones are not getting the kick out of their attitude which they got at first, and drinking seems definitely on the wane again. Good society no longer looks tolerantly on drunkenness. Flask-toting is rightly regarded as childish.

SHOES

A nationally-distributed brand of shoes sells for \$4 a pair. The man at the head of the business failed in 1921. He started up again on the modern plan of quantity production, low overhead and high wages. His lowest-paid worker gets \$5 a day, enough to buy a pair of the shoes he helps make and have a dollar left over.

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