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Fashions A Government Concern

Many signs point to the breaking down of the differences that have long existed between the urban and the rural districts. The rural telephone has put the people of the farm on an equal footing with those of the city and the town, so far as relation with the market and communication between friends and neighbors are concerned. The rural free delivery has brought the daily newspaper to the farmer's doorstep as it is brought to the home of the resident of the city, and the general adoption of the automobile by the rural population has eliminated the distance between the farm dweller and the attractions of the nearest center, for purpose of industrial and commercial exchange, as well as for the enjoyment of the superior educational advantages of the town or city and, what is of really greater moment to the young people of the farm, for the possession of whatever opportunities for amusement is enjoyed by the people of the nearby town or city.

Now the government of the United States is taking up another phase of the rural problem, a purely feminine problem this time, for it is presenting through the extension department of the state universities under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture pamphlets upon the always absorbing topic of the fashions.

In the country, under the old regime of isolation, the catalogue of the city mail order house was given a place second only to that enjoyed by the Holy Scriptures on the family living room table, and as a general thing this great book gave evidence of far more frequent use than the more sacred volume. Today the government is taking a hand in the molding of the taste of the farming population through the introduction of such fundamental subjects as "Artistic Dress" and "Fashion, Its Use and Abuse," in which there is instruction to be had upon the matter of the effect of correct and incorrect lines in dress.

It was only a very few weeks after the United States entered the war that the American public began to realize the important part that the rural population played in the national life. Urban dependence upon the industries centered about the farm there must always be, but, when things are running the normal course, there is a general failure to recognize this important fact. There is nothing more essential to the well being of a nation than a contented and prosperous rural population. Whatever tends to contribute to this state of affairs is, then, important to people everywhere, and the extension course in fashions comes under this head.

The Dash Over Seas

The non-stop trip in a heavier than air machine has been achieved and the possibility of crossing the Atlantic in a single dash has been established.

The perils of the trip have not been overcome, however, and it will probably be some time before the air becomes the chosen route to the British Isles.

The main gain of the flight of the heavier than air machines from the western to the eastern shore of the Atlantic is in the demonstration of the difficulties that must be overcome before the traffic may become anything but a sporting adventure.

It is not feasible for a transportation service to have to wait, ready for the start, until weather conditions are just right. There can be no regularity of schedule in such a service and the element of saving time, frequently the most important consideration in the choice of the means of transportation over seas, is entirely left out of the case. If there is a future for the heavier than air machine for overseas transportation there will have to be found some means of meeting any weather conditions that may arise.

Strained Relations

It would be a most deplorable situation if there should result from the friction that has developed between President Wilson and the Congress a strained relation between this country and Great Britain. One advantage, and almost the only one beyond the holding of our own self-respect, that this country has secured from participation in the World War has been the establishment of more cordial relations between us and our cousins across the waters. During the century of peace that has existed between the mother country and the rebellious daughter there has persisted a critical and prejudiced state of mind in each regarding the other. England has quite frankly labeled us a nation of dollar chasers, remarked upon our lack of culture and refinement, laughed a little at our queer ways. The American has not failed to note and to mention with a fine disregard as to who might happen to hear the general satisfaction that the Britisher feels with all thing British, failing to see in the diffidence of the Englishman fine self-restraint and desire to live up to whatever he considers the requirements of the situation. We have in general mistaken this for smugness and a silent criticism of other nations and ways not British.

The United States did a really fine thing in entering the war. We went in in splendid spirit and there is none today who would seek to win any material benefit from the part that we have played. It was a necessary step to take, with us as with other

nations engaged, and we might with them claim some territorial advantage with as good right. It is to our national credit that we have refrained and the good opinion that we have won from the other nations has been well earned. It is the greater pity, then, that there should be any question raised as to the willingness of the United States to accept in good faith the uprightness of the representatives of the other nations at the peace conference, at least until such time as we shall have some evidence to the contrary.

The sad part of the situation is that we are utterly at a loss to know just how much there is of fact in the rumors of disaffection towards the United States in England. News has so consistently been confused with propaganda in the reports of happenings in Europe since the beginning of the sessions of the peace conference that it is impossible to know what is written for the effect that it will have upon public opinion in America and what has for its sole purpose the acquainting of the American public with what is going forward in Paris. However, there is enough upon our conscience in the situation between England and America to lend color to a report of a general disposition in England to reconsider the good opinion that had been developed.

"SECRET SERVICE" AT HOYBURN NEXT MONDAY

"Secret Service," a special Artercraft production will open the week's program at the Hoyburn theater, Evanston, Monday and Tuesday, June 23 and 24.

William S. Hart is scheduled for Wednesday in "Square Deal Sanderson." There will also be an episode of the Craig Kennedy Serial, "The Carter Case."

Thursday's headliner will be Dorothy Phillips in "Destiny" characterized as "the picture with a different finish."

Wallace Reid is the attraction for Friday in what is considered one of his greatest film efforts, "You're Fired."

Lila Lee in "A Daughter of the Wolf" will be seen on Saturday.

A coming attraction at the Hoyburn will be "The Avalanche," starring Elsie Ferguson. The film is scheduled to appear on Monday and Tuesday, June 30 and July 1.

PAUL BRADLEY BACK FROM WAR GOES TO UNIVERSITY

Paul Bradley, 1104 Forest avenue, who returned last Wednesday from service with the French army in Germany, left Monday to resume his studies at Washington and Jefferson college, where he was a senior when he enlisted in the army in June, 1917.

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