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Washington Letter
By Our Own Correspondent.

JANUARY 19.
Lionel Johnson, of California, led the "irreconcilables" in the Senate on Saturday afternoon, when he introduced a resolution calling on the State Department to prepare the text of the agreement signed by Ambassadors Kellogg and Herrick and Col. James A. Logan at the Reparations Conference just held in Paris. Johnson contended upon the floor that his perusal of newspaper despatches describing the proceedings of the conference that the country's representatives had bound the country to a compact utterly opposed to the aims and wishes of Congress. In a word, Johnson's conclusion was that agents of the State Department had been responsible for an agreement under which the United States was to obtain a share of the German reparations payments and to give up the right to sue Germany for the purpose of assuming responsibility for the enforcement of Germany's debts. The senator hinted at the possibility of Congress taking action which would have been done at the conference. The Johnson resolution was referred to the Foreign Relations Committee of which Senator Borah is the head and as Borah is one of the leading "irreconcilables" it is expected that the resolution will be favorably reported on Wednesday. When the text of the conference proceedings is forthcoming it will, it is expected, be the cause of a violent debate covering the phases of American adventures in diplomacy during recent months.

The American stage has become so common that even American newspapers are beginning to utter faint protests against the fifth which is being disseminated through this channel for the cause of "realism". Apparently it has become a fixed idea in this country, and not without warrant, that murder can be "got away with" if it can be shown to be an act of some sort or another. Every play that makes its appearance on the American stage has less of the essentials of decency than its predecessors and now people who think only once in a while are just beginning to what lengths this outgrowth of art is being permitted to go. It is stamped out. It seems almost a limit of irony that these modern productions are being launched upon the New York stage for runs varying from one to two years, the idea being

that if they meet with the approval of the Capital audiences their success in the larger city is assured. Yet Washington sees, hears and, if it thinks it the proper thing to do, approves, and so these filthy and vulgar shows begin their real work with the seal of general approval set upon them. The theatrical companies are giving the public something "realistic" in the modern play is the defence offered on their behalf, but as one paper has remarked, so is the mud on the street realistic yet no sensible person would deliberately lie down and wallow in it. Only a week ago Lionel Barrymore, the famous stage and screen star appeared in Washington in a play which is now running in New York under the title of "The Piker," and the language which the world-famed Lionel was compelled to use in order to be realistic in the title role would make the blood of the proverbial trooper run cold. No less than a dozen times in the course of this play is the name of Jesus uttered in blasphemy and fastidious and fashionable Washington, whose criticism makes or breaks a stage production, applauded and commented on the wonderful realism of it all.

Ray Stannard Baker, of Amherst, Mass., has been chosen by the widow of Woodrow Wilson to write the life story of the late President. It is mainly because of promises made to Mr. Stannard by President Wilson himself that the important commission is now being entrusted to him with the accompanying privilege of untrammelled access to the papers, letters and memoranda of the deceased chief executive of the American Republic. The work of writing the story of Wilson's life and especially that phase of it beginning with the outbreak of the world war is one of major moment for it involves the disclosing of many incidents connected with America's belated participation in the conflict which have hitherto remained hidden from the public gaze.

The national capital has at least one centenarian. Ambrose Hines, whose father was a Revolutionary War soldier and who himself saw America grow up from her infancy, today celebrates his one hundredth anniversary. Newspaper men prepared for a big story on the rules and regulations of living by means of which Mr. Hines has managed to keep " hale and hearty" throughout a whole century of ups and downs, but the results of their interview with the centenarian were somewhat disappointing. To the multifarious queries prepared for him by the enthusiastic pressmen as to what marvels of proper living he attributed his prolonged sojourn in this Vale of Tears, the old gentleman made the unexpected reply, "Rum and Tobacco".

The total taxable income of the American people, personal and corporation, amounted in 1922 to \$28,300,023,673, and on this amount the Federal Government collected taxes of \$1,644,823,576. These figures, made public to-day by the Bureau of Internal Revenue, showed that 6,787,441 individuals and 332,883 corporations filed income tax returns in 1922, the records for which have just become complete. The aggregate net or taxable income as reported in the individual returns was \$21,336,212,580 with an increase of 125,305 in the number of returns and of \$1,759,000,002 in net income reported over 1921. Individual income taxes netted the Government \$861,057,308 in 1922, an increase of \$141,670,202 for the year. Corporation returns showed that 212,535 firms realized net income on their 1922 business, earning a taxable profit of \$6,963,311,143 from which the Government received \$783,776,268.

MACDONALD HOMEWARD BOUND.
KINGSTON, Ja., Jan 27.
J. Ramsay MacDonald, former British Premier, and the British Parliamentary delegates who have been visiting Central America, after stopping off at Kingston for a few days, sailed for England to-day.

Gent's good English Spats, at SMALLWOOD'S.—Jan 23, 1925.

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1087 THE PROPHET

Arctic Explorer on Great Quest
Donald MacMillan To Hunt For First White Settlers.

CHICAGO—Clues to the fate of 10,000 men, women and children, the first white settlers in the western hemisphere, who perished mysteriously in northern Greenland a thousand years ago, will be sought by Donald MacMillan, when he sails north again next summer.

Eighty miles up a lonely Greenland fjord north of Gothaab, under the Arctic Circle, fringed by grim ice mountains and lit on winter nights by the frozen fires of the Aurora Borealis, lie the ruins of the homes of one of the group, according to the stories told by Eskimos. There are 120 farmhouses, of enduring stone, and 24 churches, roofless below the Arctic sky. Here, possibly in graves hewn out of the frozen soil, MacMillan hopes to find the record of the lost nation of 10,000 Norsemen, recounted in old sagas.

In an hotel room above the roar of Michigan Boulevard, wearing an everyday sack suit, starch collar and entirely conventional tie-looking in fact, like almost any business man, who likes outdoor sports—the explorer told of his new Arctic plans.

On the earlier trips to the Far North, he has sought trace of the lost nation. He read of these people first in the Norse sagas, that told how emigrants from Iceland braved the western seas, found a land of green valleys and settled there. From study of the sagas, he discards the theory that this land was Cape Cod. "A land of trees—then a land of flat stones"—the sagas run. Newfoundland and Labrador, were these lands, he believes.

Before Columbus.

There are records that the colony in north Greenland held communication with England hundreds of years before the voyage of Columbus. But in 1585, when the British explorer, John Davis, visited the colony, the stone houses were empty. The entire nation had disappeared.

Myths of the white man prevail. MacMillan says, on the Labrador coast. Eskimos there told how the last white men were surrounded on a

lonely off-shore island, and killed by the natives. There are caves there in which it is said the white men lived. MacMillan will visit these caves with his exploring ship, the Bowdoin.

While in the north, he plans to search for the party of four explorers which, under Commodore William Washburn Nutting, disappeared last fall when bound from Greenland to Labrador. He believes that their ship was caught in drift ice off Cape Farewell.

Ask Grandma — She knows.
Jan 14, 1925.

Notes on Votes

"Woman's influence!" A term that is calculated to make every woman curl up with self-satisfaction! How much does it mean? We are told that if laws are unjust they can be corrected by woman's indirect influence. Possibly, but the indirect way is needlessly long and hard. If women were forbidden to travel from Halifax to Vancouver by rail and complained of the injustice, it would be no answer to tell them that it is possible to get to Vancouver round by the Panama Canal or Cape Horn! The slowness with which some of the most ineffectual in the laws are corrected shows how unsatisfactory is the indirect way, besides which it is demoralizing. There is often reason to believe that some fine project for public good has been gained or lost by the appearance or personality of the depute. It is tragic to think that women inspired with a passion for service in some greatly needed reform should plead in vain because of such things as these! It is often said that men will give women all the political protection they need, and women therefore do not need the vote. Centuries of manly protection have not brought good housing for the women who have most to suffer from bad housing conditions, have not brought safe streets, nor sufficiently hygienic conditions, nor many other things in which women are vitally interested.

Furthermore, protection does not bring development to the protected, but undermines self-reliance. The best educationalists to-day introduce self-government into schools to teach children responsibility and set them on the right road to good citizenship. Do the mothers need self-reliance less?

When Gladstone, the famous Victorian statesman, was introduced to the agricultural labourer of England, he was told by his opponents in the House of Commons that the said labourer did not want it. "Don't want it!" Victoria's great Prime Minister replied, "What has that to do with it? They need it for their development!" Let the tedious, uncertain, and demoralizing method of woman's influence in public life be cast aside and let women, unhampered, bring about their own development and their country's greater welfare through the direct power of the vote!

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MUTT AND JEFF
MUTT HAD VISIONS OF A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS.

JEFF, LET'S KICK OFF AND ENJOY IT ALL! CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST HERE AND WE'RE BROKE! LOOK! A LETTER!

QUITE SO!

IT'S FOR YOU—AND THERE'S A CHECK IN IT! ONLY YOU MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

YOU READ IT, MUTT!

IT'S FROM YOUR UNCLE JIMMIE! HE SAYS—DEAR NEPHEW—ENCLOSED IS A LITTLE XMAS GIFT FOR YOU—A CHECK FOR FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS! USE IT, AS YOU SEE FIT!

THAT'S WHAT I'M DOING! LOOK!

YOU FOOL! ARE YOU CRAZY?

NO! BUT UNCLE IS!

HE'S IN A NUT HOUSE AND IMAGINES HE'S ROCKEFELLER!! HARMLESS BUT NUTTY!

Big Attraction AT THE NICKEL TO-DAY

WARNER BROS. present John Barrymore in Beau Brummel

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THURSDAY—"TRUE AS STEEL," Rupert Hughes' Great Story.

SOON--Myron Selznick's Master Picture "THE COMMON LAW," by Robert W. Chambers.

Veterans of the Sea

"It is now some forty or fifty years ago that the steamship effectually displaced the sailing vessel, and lately many persons have discovered an interest in these vanished or vanishing masterpieces of shipbuilding," says the Morning Post.

"Sail, of course, survives. There are French and American five-masted sailing ships plying to-day, and in the carrying of lumber from the Pacific Coast of America to Australia there are many large barquentines and schooners regularly employed. Of the famous steel sailing ships built since the clipper epoch, the most have been broken up, or are employed as hulks, and a few are still at sea. In the pleasant little book, More Survivors of a Glorious Era, just published by the Syren and Shipping Company, an excellent account of some of the old ships is numerously illustrated with photographs.

"Most of these have passed to foreign ownership: Scandinavian, Portuguese, Spanish, Italian, South American. British shipowners part with their old ships when the expense of employing them becomes unprofitable. The reason why foreign shipowners can afford to buy and to sail old British vessels is that they work them at a cheaper rate. The foreign shipowner buys a vessel at a low price, and appoints his son or his son-in-law to be master, who probably has a share in the ship, and collects other relatives for the rest of the officers and crew, so that the

ship becomes a sort of family investment, much like the arrangement which prevailed in this country eighty or a hundred years ago.

"There is, for instance, the *Matro*, a four-masted barque, sailing under a South American flag, once the *Sir Robert Fernie*, owned in Liverpool. She did much business in the war. The *Melanope* was launched in 1876, employed in the Oregon trade between Alaska and Tacoma, and has now fallen to the duties of a coal barge out Vancouver way. There are sailing ship masters alive to-day—and commanding steamships—who served their apprenticeship in a small barque, and went on to full-rigged ships in which they sailed to every quarter of the globe.

"One such captain commanded a barque in which, by order of her owners, a Bible was served out to each member of the crew. 'Fasted on the inside of the cover was a printed note asking the receiver to make a practice of reading one chapter daily.' And a very good practice too. Another master served with the famous Captain Starkey of the Black Ball Line, of which it was said that no ship had ever hove-to in a gale. It is recorded that in 1901 the *Lock Carron*, a four-masted barque, accomplished the passage from Glasgow to Adelaide in 76 days, a performance recalling the records of the clipper ships. It is perhaps not impossible that one day the sailing ship will return and, in the meantime, all the records and models of the old vessels should be carefully preserved."

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