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THE COMMERCIAL CLUB.

The fact that fifty-five members of the Commercial Club met at luncheon yesterday and decided with enthusiasm to have fortnightly luncheons hereafter, at which the club's work would be discussed and the interests of the members kept alive, shows that this organization retains the confidence of its members, who see in it an agency for valuable community service.

TUBERCULOSIS

The tuberculosis case-finding campaign in this city revealed 70 positive and 178 suspected cases, of which 30 will probably turn out to be positive, making 100 in all. Many cases of disease other than tuberculosis were discovered. The campaign was well worth while, and has shown the great need of a health centre in this city.

THE POOR MAN'S SOLOQUY.

I have no coin to speak of and no fame, And I've decided, too, that is the game. Nobody forges my name on a check, Nor tries to sell me mine shared by the pack.

LIGHTER VEIN.

A young Australian reporter was left in charge of the news room one evening. Suddenly he was confronted with, to him, an inexplicable cable from England. It ran: "Lincoln, 8.30. Dean Swift's 'Ode to the Great God Pan' was, in fact, the result of a race which had been run in 1799."

Knowing nothing about racing, and feeling bound to justify his existence, the inventive youth had the following inspired paragraph inserted in the paper next morning: "We regret to announce the death at Lincoln at 8.30 yesterday afternoon of the Very Reverend Dean Swift, the author of the well-known hymn, 'The Rosetate Hus of Early Dawn'."

BRIDELESS STUDENT APPEALS TO COURT

Married on Thursday, He is Unable to Find Her, Husband Tells Magistrate.

Bertrand Harold Ross, twenty-one years old student at Columbia University and writer for The Spectator, son of a patrolman attached to the Fifth street station, and Miss Dorothy Ruth Lincoln, nineteen years old, high school graduate, daughter of L. A. Lincoln of 888 West Forty-fourth street, wealthy cigar manufacturer, were married on Thursday in the Post home at 112 East Eighty-fourth street by Rabbi Samuel Schulman, and yesterday afternoon Ross went to the West Side court, brideless, with a pathetic story.

He told Magistrate Thomas F. McAndrews that after the wedding the young couple had gone to the bride's home for the night, and the next morning, when he awoke, he found the bride missing. He had searched for her in vain, and he had been kept in her parents' home. He wanted his wife back again and he had come to the West Side court to get a summons that would get her for him.

Poss told the magistrate that he had courted his bride for six months. Her parents had offered no serious objections, and he had presumed everything would be all right in the end. He had explained to his father-in-law that he had planned to go on going into partnership with his brother, Charles S. Ross, in the electrical contracting business, and when the father-in-law failed to entice over to this plan he had offered to go to work for his father-in-law, but the latter liked this idea less.

Yesterday morning Poss called up the Lincoln home in the hope of being allowed to speak with his wife, he said, but an aunt of the girl's answered the telephone and not only refused to let Dorothy to the phone, but declared that Dorothy was "hysterical, in no condition to talk to him, and anyway had gone to Atlantic City." And he is sure, he said, that Dorothy is in the Eighty-fourth street home. Magistrate McAndrews counseled: "Go back and see your father-in-law again. If he will let you see your daughter without going to court, wait until the next magistrate comes to sit here in West Side court. Come back next Friday." Magistrate McAndrews at first suggested that Poss go to the supreme court and get a writ of habeas corpus, then he reconsidered and advised him to take his time.

LARGER EXPORTS; IMPORTS LESS

Our index number of wholesale prices in Canada for April shows a recovery in the case of exports, together with a continued fall in that of imports. The export number for mid-April is 151.74 as against 148.97 for the previous month; the import number is 142.50 as against 144.93, and the number for exports and imports combined is 147.12 as against 146.60. The only export to fall in price is copper; the remainder have either risen sharply, as in the case of wheat, barley, cattle, beef and hogs, or have remained firm, as in the case of manufactured cereals and steel commodities unaffected by seasonal fluctuations. Among the imports, corn, wool, and rubber show a decline, while iron and steel are steady, but the steep fall of sugar to the level of 1915 and lesser declines in pork, raw cotton and linseed oil show that deflation in many lines has not yet run its course.

GERMAN TREATY ON PATENTS REVIVED

Hughes Instructs Houghton to Notify Berlin That Pre-War Convention is Continued.

Washington, May 10.—Announcement was made by the State Department that Secretary Hughes has sent instructions to Ambassador Houghton at Berlin to notify the German government that the terms of the patent convention entered into with Germany in 1909 will be revived.

Under the terms of the separate treaty of peace with Germany it was stipulated that any of the commercial treaties with Germany that were in effect upon the declaration of war against Germany might be revived within six weeks after the signing of the separate peace treaty. The time limit for serving such notice of revival would have expired on May 11.

The administration asked the senate for its assent to the revival of the pre-war patent treaty with Germany, and that consent has been given, but delay in sending instructions to the American ambassador to formally notify the German government resulted from the opposition of Secretary Weeks and the War Department to such a revival until after the enactment of the Stanley Patent bill for the correction of certain abuses growing out of German acquisition of patents in this country.

Secretary Hughes informed the senate committee on foreign relations last week that it was apparent the Stanley bill, or similar legislation, could not be enacted by May 11, and that the revival of the pre-war patent treaty could not be held up pending action on the Stanley bill.

Secretary Hughes explained last week that the demand for the revival of the pre-war patent treaty had been largely from American business men affected by the curtailment of German rights in Germany and in the United States. The opposition of the War Department was based largely on the fact that a number of patents have been issued, or applications for such filed by German citizens, many of which related particularly to articles pertinent to national defense.

"Two years prior to the entry of the United States into the war," Secretary Weeks explained in an official statement of the attitude of the War Department in favor of enactment of renewal legislation before revival of the pre-war patent treaty of 1910, "a number of industries with serious difficulties in establishing the production of numerous materials which had theretofore been imported from Germany, but which were then shut off by reason of the British blockade of German ports, turned to the United States for their production in the United States that was growing out of the great number of German-owned and controlled United States patents which were unlicensed and unworked in this country."

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