WASHINGTON GOSSIP

Uncle Sam Manufactures Some Expensive Toys

WASHINGTON—In the midst of the ponderous national duties which constantly beset him, Uncle Sam finds time to indulge in the occupation of toymaker, an occupation which makes him believed by children and admired by grown-ups. He may never hope to see the mighty originals of the wonderful toys.

Three rooms in a tiny brick building, tucked away in a secluded corner of the Washington navy yard, where the thunder of giant machinery making mighty guns is shut out and the everlasting creaking of metal is faint and dim, constitute the toy shop for things enormous.

Six of Uncle Sam's most able assistants, all experts in their line are employed here steadily turning out the expensive playthings. There is one workman, however, threading wire into a long cage. Here is another slowly operating with small instruments many pieces of wood that dovetail perfectly once their jigsaw individuality has been united in a whole. There is another with a tiny brazier melting small pieces of metal with anxious care, and far in a shadowy corner another is streaking his paint.

A room in the building of the army signal corps in the home of the secretary, the tiny field gun, the mule team with animals complete, all less than three feet long, the miniature field hospital and a horde of other things.

Children going through the war and navy departments cry out in delight when they first learn what a wonderful Santa Claus Uncle Sam can be if he puts his hand to it. One millionaire gravely offered a secretary of the navy $25,000 for a single toy and was refused because Uncle Sam desires that his playthings be enjoyed by all alike.

Hardy plainsmen, visiting fairs in their home towns, stare open-mouthed at Uncle Sam's toys and chuckle with pride at the strength which he has shown them in miniature.

Uncle Sam's toyshop at the navy yard is wonderful. Here exact models from a one-thousandth part of an inch to one foot—of the mighty fighting craft of the nation are built. Tools no larger than a surgeon's lancet are used to cut and shape the hull, for every thing in the miniature dread-nought is made according to the plans of the original. A mistake of one-one hundredth of an inch would be fatal.

Jackson Monument Guns Are Bronze Smoothbores

WITHIN the circular fence which guards the green mound on which the Jackson monument stands in Lafayette square are four old field guns pointing outward from the corners of the white stone pedestal. They are slightly depressed.

The guns are bronze, muzzle-loading smoothbores, with a caliber of about two inches. They are mounted with the gray green which comes to carriages with age and lends charm to antique ordnance.

The carriages have been freshly painted, the wood gray and the iron parts black. The carriages are well preserved. It becomes impossible that they can be the original carriages of these guns. The wheels have wooden hubs as big as beer kegs, with fourteen spokes and seven felloes. The lynch pin through the spindle is of a pattern that was superseded several years ago by the new artillery hub cap fastening. The elevating screws, square wooden axles, square timber trails, the brackets for trail handspike, the slings for rammer staffs and the trunnion bands and fastenings seem to mark these gun carriages as of the Civil war type of field artillery.

Two of the guns, those at the southeast and the northwest corners

of the pedestal, have the ornamented base moldings common to seventeenth and eighteenth century French and Spanish siege guns and fortress artillery. The guns at the southwest and northeast angles of the monument are without these handles. The guns are mounted on trails which are of the barrel.

The writer asked Col. Spencer Cosby, engineer corps, United States army, officer in charge of public buildings and grounds in the District of Columbia, about these guns. Colonel Cosby said:

"Some years ago the office made an effort to ascertain the history of the guns around the monument at the base of the Jackson statue in Lafayette square, but was unable to learn anything definite either from our own records or from those of the war department."

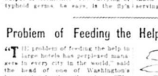
Says Failure to Kill Flies Is Blot Upon Civilization

THAT the failure to destroy house flies is a blot on civilization is a belief entertained by all who have studied the methods of life in the open. Dr. L. O. Howard, chief of the bureau of entomology of the United States department of agriculture, has probably has made a more exhaustive study of insect life than any other scientist in America.

Doctor Howard is watching with interest the campaign started this year and believes that the preventive methods there urged constitute the only feasible means of eradicating this source of danger to mankind.

The conclusions reached by the department of agriculture's expert is that the fly acts as a freight train for the spread of disease. The carriage of typhoid germs, he says, is the fly's serving as fly hatcheries

Problem of Feeding the Help in Large Hotels



THE problem of feeding the help in the large hotels is regarded seriously even in every city in the world, said the head of one of Philadelphia's largest hotels the other day. "The proprietor is being considered by many of the large hotels in this country, whether it is cheaper to raise the salary of the employes and not to furnish them meals or to provide a regular meals for them.

In many large hotels there is a class of help which is fed by the house, while other employes have special dining rooms. The chambermaids, bellboys, porters, switchboard and all night and day shift workers are fed usually from the help's kitchen. One of the leading hotels of Chicago allows the first officers $50 per month for their meals, and they order from the regular menu. As this is the most exclusive hotel in the city, the prices are almost prohibitive, this amount is not too much to give any officer who is good meal. Two other hotels at 20 the best proprietors allow the first officers 50 cents for breakfast, 75 cents for luncheon and $1 for dinner. They bill at fare prepared especially for the officers, the price being about 25 cent less than a regular card. Both of these hotels have private dining rooms, also especially prepared, give the best in variety of fish, our reasonable, tea or coffee and a dessert of several New York hotels have put their officers on a basis the same as the proprietors—luncheon and supper they are almost prohibitive, this amount is not too much to give any officer who is good meal. Two other hotels at 20 the best proprietors allow the first of

Insidious Humor

A building and loan was unable to encourage into honor sent a party around to the editor of a daily paper. Not finding it printed within a reasonable time or hearing from the editorial department he wrote about the matter. I sent you a joke about two Irish men. I have heard nothing regarding its early receipt, and should be glad to hear whether you have seen it." The editor reply was as follows: "Your joke arrived safely, but up to the present we have not seen it."

Horrible English Words.

One would suppose that to Viscount Hugh's list of horrible English words, "dividend," for instance, is an adjective that sets the teeth on edge, and "assessment" used as an adjective is another word that only a second rate person would select. "Emerge" and "transpire" are both repulsive to one and any breakfast is always spoiled when a correspondent "thanks him in anticipation," or a tailor asks him to come and try on his "esteemed favor"— meaning trousers.

WEEK'S NEWS IN PARAGRAPHS

ITEMS GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

EVENTS HERE AND ABROAD

Epitome of a Week's Happenings Condensed for the Perusal of the Busy Man, and Arranged in Classified Form.

Washington

The administration currency bill, which further amended in important particulars, emerged from the Democratic caucus of the house banking and currency committee at Washington at the end of a lively session, to which the Democratic objectors promised to carry their fight to the floor of the house, the climax bill was approved by a vote of 11 to 3.

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From the house site of the National Association of Manufacturers came the details of legislative activities of the association's members of congress throughout the country to the White House and the capitol.

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Sweeping reductions in express rates, to become effective October 15, in all sections of the country, were ordered by the interstate commerce commission at Washington. The reductions in rates range from 10 to 60 per cent.

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Chairman Overman of the senate judiciary investigating committee, in a letter from former Representative Adolph J. Sabath, of Chicago, declined to appear before the committee at Washington.

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Further to emphasize the parcel post system, Postmaster General Burleson announced at Washington that after August 1 the weight limit on parcels sent to Canada will be 70 pounds, and that a sharp reduction in charges for transportation of books and printed matter is also that on the same date the "blocking in" feature would be introduced in the postal savings system.

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Senator John Sharp Williams at Washington has received a letter on the war department reconstructing the assistant secretary of war, the assistant secretary of the interior, and representatives of the army's engineering corps in charge of operations for army officers.

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The proposed reconstructive for Nicaragua embraced in a treaty suggested by secretary Knox probably will be submitted to the senate foreign relations committee at Washington.

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Keen interest is being aroused in official circles at Washington by a report reaching the state department, that Great Britain is contemplating the establishment of great naval base in the Bermuda islands.

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Although the forest service does not encourage the planting of forests, it does not discourage the planting of trees, its field men during the last year distributed nearly 12 new species of plants

Domestic

After eluding a policeman wanting to arrest him for some trouble with his wife, Harry G. Elliott, a lithographer, was run down by an automobile driven by Miss Ellen Sibley, thirty years old, went to a point in Manchuria, Russia, and then to Mukden, China, and New York. There he killed his companion and then took his own life by shooting.

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Fire destroyed the S. Flory Manufacturing company's plants, a furniture store and four residences at Bangor, Pa.

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The mail car on the fast Louisville & Nashville passenger train, en route from New Orleans, was robbed near Hattiesburg, Miss., by bandits, who left while men who held up the mail clerk. All the registered mail was taken.

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Dr. F. K. Presley of Anderson, Ky., secretary of the board of missions of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, has received a message from the secretary of state Bryan, announcing that all missionaries of the church are safe in Mexico City.

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William Lewis of New York, a young man of whom the police know little except that he comes from a respectable family and who has a brother who is a process server attached to the district attorney's office, is held in $1,000 bail charged with assault in the first degree upon Miss Helen Mar Shall, murder case that came a year ago.

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The annual convention of the American Osteopathic association was opened at Kirksville, Mo., where it is continue throughout the week. About 2,000 delegates from all parts of the country attended.

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A newly discovered tablet now at the museum of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, comes from Babylon, gives what is now believed to be the first very true account of the world and a wonderful account of civilization as it existed thousands of years before the Christian era.

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District Attorney Shanwell and two deputy sheriffs of Yuba county, California, were shot and killed and six others, among them two women, when a city garage was destroyed by a bomb of hop pickers' riot at Doreta hop field in Wheatland. The governor has been asked to send troops to the scene.

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Farm Dog Leads Way To Bodies—A Great Hole Torn in Ground Told Story.

Western Newspaper Union News Bureau. Grand Rapids, Mich.—John Hannah, 42 years old; Peter Schultz, 82, and Raymond Lutz, 19, perished instantly, living about 17 miles from this city, were blown to pieces by a dynamite explosion. They had gone into a field to blast stumps and, it is thought, some of the men dropped a box containing the explosive. There were not will known as the accident. The bodies were not found until Mrs. Herman, wife of one of the dead men, returned from a visit. When she drove into the yard, the farm dog jumped about the buggy barking, and then ran off in the field. After looking around and repeated this performance several times Mrs. Herman followed and discovered the mutilated bodies. Pieces of clothing, hair and small shreds of flesh were scattered over a wide area. A great hole torn in the earth told the story of the explosion, which killed the three men.

LIND NOT WELCOME.

Mexico City—John Lind, special representative of President Wilson, of the United States, now on his way to Vera Cruz, will be persona non grata to the constitutionalist unless he brings with him a formal recognition, together with recognition of the government of Gen. Carranza, it was declared officially by the constitutionalist.

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An attractive design for a six-roomed house of one and a half stories, comprising many attractive features, is shown in the accompanying perspective sketch. The first story floor, but fortunately, small low-cost houses often have attractive exteriors over larger ones. Three of these advantages are light, shadow, and air. In a small house, opposite windows are necessarily near together and the light from one often crosses that of another, although they may be in different rooms. Sunshine, of course, carries light, and it carries life-giving properties besides. Light and air are almost always healthful and cheerful in crowded cities, however often with recognition of the government of the United States, in this country will not be desirable.

Second Floor Plan.

WOMAN SCARED TO DEATH.

Lexington, Ky.—Mrs John Traile, aged 71, was frightened to death this morning when she saw a bunch of boy bees which she saw a strange man trying to get into her home. She died before relatives could arrive.

STREETS ARE FLOODED.

Peekskill, N. Y.—A cloudburst left the streets of Peekskill and the Hudson river docks under from two to three feet of water. The New York Central tracks were buried under the flood in many places and the trains were stalled until the storm was over.

CINCINNATI MARKETS

Wheat—No. 2 red $7@$7.05; No. 3 red $5@$6.98; No. 4 red $5@$6.98; No. 2 hard $7@$7.05; No. 3 hard $5@$6.98; No. 4 hard $5@$6.98; No. 2 white 72@73c; No. 3 white 72@73c; No. 4 white 72@73c; No. 2 mixed 72@73c; No. 3 mixed 72@73c; No. 4 mixed 72@73c; No. 2 yellow 70@71c; No. 3 yellow 70@71c; No. 4 yellow 70@71c; mixed 70@71c.

Oats—No 2 white 47@48c; standard white 47@48c; No. 3 white 45½@47c; No. 4 white 44@45c; No. 2 mixed 45½@47c; No. 3 mixed 44@45c; No. 4 mixed 43@44½c.

Rye—No. 1 $1.07; No. 2 $1.06; No. 3 $1.05; standard timothy $14.50@17; No. 2 timothy $13.50@14.50; No. 3 timothy $12@13; No. 1 clover mixed $14.50@15; No. 1 clover $14.50@15; No. 2 clover $13; No. 3 clover $11.

Lard—Prime steam 19½c; leaf 16c; ordinary fresh 15c, seconds 15c.

Bulk meats—Clear rib sides 15½@15¾c; clear sides 15½@15¾c; short clear backs 14½@14¾c; short rib sides 15½@15¾c; short clear sides 15½@15¾c.

Bacon—Clear backs 17@17½c; clear rib sides 17@17½c; clear sides 17@17½c; short clear backs 17@17½c; short rib sides 17@17½c; short clear sides 17@17½c.

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