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**FRENCH WARS AND FRENCH MOTHERS**

FRANCE has the Ruhr by the throat. With the largest army in the world, she presses her claim for reparations with a persistency that amounts almost to national stubbornness. Poincare, with the French assembly united behind him, insists that any international loan to Germany could not, with French consent, go for purposes of building up German economic stability, thus helping France in the future more or less indirectly. He demands that any international loan be made only with the agreement that reparations payments be made within three years.

This is the latest international attempt to bring order out of Germanic chaos frustrated by what many believe to be a new imperialistic dream of France.

It is easy for anyone who has seen the vast devastated area of France to understand why French statesmen insist on the payment of reparations. But it is not so easy to understand why the adamant Poincare refuses to allow the nations to help Germany so that France may be benefited in the future—unless, of course, one accepts the theory of French plans for a new European imperialism.

IF France is plotting for the construction of a new super-state based on military strength, there is new significance to the action of the Quay D'Orsay in decorating with the Cross of the Legion of Honor twelve mothers of large French families.

If France plans empire she must have soldiers. Women must bear the sons who will make the imperial state possible. For statesmen only plan super-states. They are actually constructed of the blood and bones of sons of women.

To provide cannon-fodder France must increase the birth rate. Hence the medals for mothers.

Every mother deserves a decoration for bravery. No question about that.

But do mothers, even European mothers, wish to go down to the gates of death to bring back sons who later on will be sent into the withering fire of doom-spitting cannon?

IT seems that the women of France are already taking a hand in this future war business. They are not raising as many children since the war.

Is it possible that they have wearied of bringing sons into the world to be killed in legalized wholesale murder? Perhaps.

And perhaps, again, the mothers of the world will eventually stand on their rights as mothers and end all wars. What good will those medals do these French mothers if the sons they reared are killed in battle?

Beware of your women, France, if you dream of war empire.

The spirit of Jean d'Arc sleeps in the souls of your mothers.

Courage is easily changed to wrath.

**BABIES, WOMEN AND THE DAY'S NEWS**

WHEN you read the newspapers thoroughly and think about what you read you will entertain yourself with some very interesting conjectures and conclusions.

Consider the news of last Monday, for example. A girl baby swallowed a tack in St. Louis. She was rushed by fast train to Philadelphia, where a noted surgeon inserted a lighted tube into her lung, removing the tack with a pair of forceps. No anaesthetic was given.

On the same day hundreds of Mexican federal troops crossed American territory under permission from Washington.

On the same day France threw a monkey-wrench into the reparations proceedings by declaring any loan made to put Germany on her economic feet would have to be applied on the reparations due France.

ON the same day congressional committees were struggling with the details of the Mellon tax reduction program, and farm relief.

On the same day President Coolidge was in serious conference with Secretary of State Hughes over the Mexican situation and a strong contingent of the Atlantic fleet was steaming fast for Vera Cruz.

On the same day London financiers were sending millions of dollars for investment in the United States, fearing the ascendancy to power of the British labor party. All big news and enough to satisfy the craving of the most incurable lover of international excitement.

But the neighbor women, ours and yours, were talking about that baby with the tack in her lung.

FIRST thought on hearing them: With the world pressed in every quarter by difficult problems, women waste their time talking about one child with a tack in her lung, an unimportant event in a world of seriousness.

Second thought on hearing them: Women's chief interest is in babies. They may have side interests in clubs, politics, housekeeping, and welfare work. But their primary interest lies in the work for which God fitted them in body and soul, the rearing of the young. So news of one wonderful operation that saved one baby's life is of more interest to them than all the international problems of the world. It is better thus. Supplant women's interest in babies and you strike at the root of human progress. Deny that women's chief interest is in children and you deny the future of the race.

And so we spend more for chewing gum than for books. Well, well; it's so much easier to exercise the chin than the mind.—Woooster (O.) Daily Record.

The French persistently refuse to agree to any plan suggested by the Germans for evading payment of reparations. Such stubbornness!—Washington Post.

**NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR ROCK SCREENINGS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance will receive bids for the furnishing and delivering f.o.b. cars city of Torrance from three hundred to five hundred tons of hard rock screenings that will pass a one half inch screen and from which the dust has been removed.

A twenty five pound sample of the material proposed to be furnished shall be delivered to the City Engineer previous to the filing of the bid and the material delivered in case of award shall be equal to the sample furnished.

All bids shall be sealed and filed with the City Clerk at his office in the City Hall on or before 7:25 p.m. February 5th, 1924, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids. By order of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance, California. A. H. BARTLETT, City Clerk.

**NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR ONE GASOLINE ROAD ROLLER**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance, California, will receive bids for furnishing and delivering one road roller for the city of Torrance.

Said roller shall weigh not less than four (4) tons, shall have three wheels and be driven by means of a four (4) cylinder gas engine. The engine shall have selective type of transmission and at least three speeds forward and one reverse.

All bids must be sealed and filed with the City Clerk at his office in the City Hall on or before 7:30 p.m. on February 5th, 1924, at which time and place said bids will be opened and read.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids. By order of the Board of Trustees of the city of Torrance, California. A. H. BARTLETT, City Clerk.

**NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR DECOMPOSED ROCK**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance will receive bids for furnishing and delivering from one thousand to two thousand tons of decomposed rock suitable for road surfacing.

A twenty-five pound sample of the material proposed to be furnished shall be delivered to the City Engineer previous to the filing of the bid and the material delivered in case of award shall be equal to the sample.

The bids shall be made upon the basis of delivering the material within the city of Torrance and dumping the

same upon the grade as required by the City Engineer.

All bids must be sealed and filed with the City Clerk at his office in the City Hall on or before 7:15 p.m. February 5th, 1924, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids. By order of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance, California. A. H. BARTLETT, City Clerk.

**NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR ROAD OIL**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance will receive bids for furnishing and delivering within said city from three hundred to five hundred barrels of road oil and distributing the same upon the street as required by the Superintendent of Streets.

The Road oil shall have an asphaltic content of approximately 95 per cent. The road oil shall be delivered upon the street at a temperature of at least three hundred degrees Fahrenheit, and shall be spread in a uniform layer at the rate required per square yard by means of pressure distributing equipment.

All bids shall be sealed and filed with the city clerk at his office in the City Hall on or before 7:50 p.m. February 5th, 1924, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids. By order of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance, California. A. H. BARTLETT, City Clerk.

**Seelig Co. Opens Two New Stores**

The Sam Seelig company, with local stores at Torrance and Lomita, announces the opening this week of stores No. 200 and No. 201. This chain of grocery stores has grown from one store in 1913 to its present size.

At the same time the 200 mark is reached the new six-story warehouse at 1225 East Vernon avenue, Los Angeles, is being thrown open to the public with a big reception and housewarming January 30, to which everyone is invited.

Luncheon will be served and many interesting things in the food line will be shown. The warehouse will be entirely at the disposal of the visitors all day Wednesday, the 30th, and the people of Torrance and Lomita are cordially invited to come in and see the largest grocery warehouse in the country.

Nearly any result can be accomplished by persistent use of the classified ads.

**Torrance Theatre**

Auditorium Bldg. Sartori at Marcelina  
 Admission: Adults, 25c; Children 10c  
 Matinee Saturday and Sunday

7:30—Last Time Tonight—8:30

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Saturday

7:30—6:30—8:30

**"SOUL OF THE BEAST"**

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Robert's Petite Review—Song and Dance Hits  
 Vaudeville's Biggest Little Act Alsop's Fables

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Picture

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