NOW AND THEN

THE UMBRELLA MAN

Coming dwon the street today,
Same old smiling, happy way,
As he comes from May to May;
Same old cane and same old pack
Slinging on his bending back;
Strong his cry, nor vigor lack,
"Um-bre-ellas! to mend!"

Stooped his shoulders, grey his hair,
(Where they once were sturdy, fair);
From years walking, mending ware,
Comes in Winter's cold and sleet,
Comes in Summer's dust and heat,
Singing gaily on his beat,
"Um-bre-ellas! to mend!"

Dumps his pack bseides one's door,
Mends umbrellas by the score;
Each man's friend, altho' he's poor.
Never wears a mitt or glove,
But I think the God above
Hears his cry, in pitying love,
"Um-bre-ellas! to mend!"

If he passes by your way,
Give him coffee; 'tis a ray
Of solace on a trying day.
He will thank you in his heart
For an apple, sandwich, tart,
Helps him sing his chosen part,
"Um-bre-ellas! to mend!"

When his busy days are past,
Weary feet resting at last;
No more stormy, icy blast
Cutting to his very bone;
Nevermore need he intone
In God's Heaven, his last Home.
"Um-bre-ellas! to mend!"

Do we remember him, old Jim, the umbrella man? Certainly most of us do. In the cold, in sleet, and snow, or in pouring rain, his voice could be heard. "Umbre-elers to mend." He would trek from towkn to town calling out hte same thing in a cheery voice. Jmi was an Irishman, and had all of that country's love of jokes and a good story. Many a time he would entertain his listeners by his adventures.

He loved a strong cup of coffee and would spend a long time sipping it as he mended his umbrelas. His voice is no longer heard, for he has gone to the great beyond. The above was written by Miss Matilda Eareckson, who has just published a book of poems and has given us permission to copy this one.

KING ZOG TO MARRY

King Zog, the king of Albania is a bachelor. He has reached the age of 42, but he has never found a European princess who was willing to marry him as he is a Moslem in faith.

It is rumored that he fell in love with the daughter of one of his enemies, and her father killed her, for fear she would marry the King— a veritable Romeo and Juliet affair with the Capulets and Montogues. But recently he has found a princess, Countess Geraldine Appoyi of Hungary, who is willing to marry him. She is a Roman Catholic, but it is suspected that Mussolini played the cupid there, as he is anxious to keep all of his allies friendly to each other. When she marries King Zog she will be queen of the smallest country in Europe.

The wedding is to take place in April, however, and there may be complication to arise before then especially as the Pope is not favorable to the marriag.e

FOUR SISTERS TO THE SISTERHOOD

Jerry McRae has had a very popular Show for the last eight years. This is largely due to the music of the Rangerettes. Four sisters, Dorothy, Evelyn, Hazel and Gladys Jones have always been the shining light, but in spite of playing in the night club, they always attend their church, sometimes going in their evening dresses, for they are devote Catholics.

Last week to the dismay of all concerned in the night club, the four sisters announced their intention of going into a sisterhood, all four of them.

Their mother, is very much pleased for she feels that her daughters will be safer, clad in their veils and simple black dresses than in the gaudy finery of the night club.

MINISTERS TO RUN A NIGHT CLUB

In Milwaukee, Wis., the ministers have banded together, and are planning to run a night club, and blaze a new trail in after dark entertainments. They have placed it in the hand of an ice cream man of good repute. Here instead of a 50c cocktail, they pay 10c for a cup of tea, or coffee and they have chaperones instead of hostesses, and hope to make it a popular and model night club.

ANTHONY EDEN RESIGNS

Anthony Eden has resigned his position as foreign Secretary, much to the regret of his party, and those who admire him.

He has given so much of his time, and intense energy for his country. His wife, often says that she is a diplomatic widow, for her husband has so little time to spend with her. She and her two boys live quietly in their country home.

Mr. Eden is a very handsome man, and is one of the best dressed men in his country.

His resignation will cause a great furore among the members of parliament.

FEBRUARY 22, WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

First in War, first in peace and first in the hearts of his Countryman:

Washington In War

One early spring day after the bitter winter at Valley Forge, General Washington sat with Lafayette in the old stone house which was his headquarters and discussed the campaign against Lord Howe, which would soon begin.

Over a simple repast they reflected how their enemy had spent the winter comfortably in Philadelphia, relieving the tedium of waiting with hunting trips into the near-by forests, while their own men had shivered and starved in the bitter cold at Valley Forge. They remarked that Lord Howe would doubtless regret the coming of warm weather, as it would mean the end of his pleasant diversion and the beginning of new warfare.

Presently an unusual visitor slipped past the sentry and paused at the open door. He was a large English hunting dog, and he appeared extremely hungry and tired. Washington loved dogs, so he held out a large bone invitingly; and in a soft, pleasant tone bade the dog come forward. Soon the animal was satisfying his hunger with a generous meal. When Washington began to stroke the dog's back he discovered that the creature wore a collar; and strange was his expression when he saw that it bore the name of "Lord Howe." The hunting dog of his enemy had wandered into his house!

In the hours that followed, the dog displayed a growing affection for his new-found friend, and Washington reflected what cheer his continued presence might bring to the bleak old house. But this, he knew, could never be. Though the dog belonged to his enemy, he must be returned. The next day ,under a flag of truce, the animal was sent to Lord Howe's residence.

And a few days later Washington received, also under a flag of truce, a letter of grateful thanks from his enemy.

Washington Birthday Celebrated

As Thursday came on the 24th of February the usual Convocation which is always held to celebrate Washington's birthday was held on that day at the usual hour 11 a. m.

The exercises were most interesting. After the usual opening exercises, and singing of patriotic songs. Dr. Mead told the story of Gen. Cadawalder, who lies buried in the Shrewbury Church yard. Besides being an able general, he was a warm personal friend of Gen. Washington, and it was through him, that the Conway Cabal, a conspiracy to displace Washington as head of the army, was discovered and foiled.

Gen. Cadawalder had a duel with Conway the head of the conspiracy and wounded him so severely that he left the country and retired to France.

Dr. Roberts Kent Greenfield, a native of Chestertown, was the principal speaker, the subject of his address being Italy. He spoke of that country's past, and of her present alliance with England.

As he has studied much and written of that country, he was well versed in his subject.

Dr. Greenfield now occupies the chair of History at John Hopkins, after teaching at Yale University a number of years.

REVIEW OF SOME OF THE BEST SELLERS

The following review of "Assignment In Utopia", by Lyons and published by Harcourt, Brace was sent in by one of our readers, Mr. H. B. Messenger, of Federalsburg, Md.

The book "Assignment in Utopia" is the most informative on conditions in Russia that I have found. In fact the whole situation in that country has been a mystery to me until I read the book. It is impossbile to tell that the writer lacks information, or that he gives out false information. From the very nature of things it seems certain that he is telling things as he saw them, and that he saw them from a ringside seat.

The nautual bent of this mans mind was to see the best possible side of the question, and to give Bolshevism the benefit if every doubt. The series of articles in the Saturday Evening Post, written by and American engineer are also informative, but he saw hte workings of Sovietism from the business side, while Mr. Lyons took another view being educated an enthusiasts in Socialism and Communism. Each week is of intense interest.

World conditions today are such that is necessary that every one, political leaders as well as the people governued should know something of these various "isms".

Here is a list of books selected for the Garnett-Putman Central American Expedition which sailed on the Yacht Athene early in January, as the twelve best books to be taken to a desert island. The selection was made by a dozen experts and is as follows: North to the Orient. Vanity Fair. Treasure Island. David Copperfield. Three Musketeers. Huckleberry Finn. Kim. A Farewell to Arms. Lord Jim. The Bounty Trilogy. Complete Works of O. Henry. The Complete Sherlock Holmes.

Action At Aquilla, by Hervey Allen, the author of Anthony Adverse, is annuonced to be published early in March. It is said to be the outstanding fiction event of the season.

"The Citadel" passes the two Hundred Thousand mark in the United States. It is still the best seller heading both the list here as well as in England. The publishers expect it to duplicate its 1937 sales.

Two of the "Top Notchers" in the mystery field are "Death on the Nile" by Agatha Cristie which a appeared serially. Hercule Poirot, on a vacation cruise up the Nile, felt that there was disaster ahead, and a revolver shot heard in the stillness of the night proved his instinct correct. To me there are many detective story writers who are easier to read than Miss Cristle. Her plots are well laid but the numerous rather unimportant details sort of clutter up the works at times. However lots of people like her as the sales of her stories well prove.

"Warrant for X", is the February selection of the Crime Club. In it Colonel Anthony Gethrun, well known criminologist and with returns to action. He has been working in Hollywood doing none-crime stuff. However he found the lure of an odd bit of dialogue and the cryptic message LIO-5 AIO-11, irresistible and entered the most startling case of his career. It contains Mr. MacDonald's most effective plot. It's an extremely tricky, delicate affair, but a wow in the long run, says the Tribune critic.

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