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CURRENT EVENTS

By POLITICUS

Canada too seems to be having a flag controversy. Strangely enough, English immigrants demand a distinctly Canadian emblem while the native-born are either apathetic or else perfectly satisfied with the present British Union Jack.

England is trying to find means of preventing her own Fascists from wearing black shirts without, at the same time, depriving the Boy Scouts and the Salvation Army of their own uniforms. Clothes may not make the man, but they do make Fascists.

The barbarous methods which Dollfus employed to suppress the Austrian Socialists, the chief bulwark of democracy, will succeed only in srengthening the Nazis, his avowed enemies. And another republic will have been replaced by a dictatorship.

That the German Nazis have adopted the discredited Nordic theory is revealed by Dr. Alfred Rosenberg, head of Hitler's brain trust. Any churchman who tries to preach the brotherhood of all mankind will soon find himself repenting on his ways in a concentration camp.

This week Henry Pu Yi, the Japanese puppet, will ascend the throne of Manchukuo which has not as yet been formally recognized by any other Meanwhile the danger of a Russo-Japanese war over Asiatic supremacy grows greater.

The exposure of corruption in air mail contracts continues at Washing-The Hoover regime and rugged individualism both emerge from the tigation greatly deflated, Meanwhile the regrettable deaths of army fliers are used as propaganda by the exponents of private operation.

Incidentally, rugged individualism receives another black eye from the Russell Sage Foundation. After a fifteen-year survey of the coal industry, the Foundation states that private ownership and the capitalist system have failed and it favors government ownership of the mines and all other natural resources.

That all is not well in the Republican camp was shown at the notable dinner opening their Congressional campaign. Three insurgent Senators, Johnson, La Follette and Cutting were conspicuous by their absence. They have too much in common with Roosevelt and the new deal.

Members of the New York Stock Exchange are bitterly opposed to the Fletcher-Rayburn bill which would require 60% margins in all stock speculation. After all, there's no fun in gambling unless you can use someone else's money.

"The Home of Tomorrow," a \$1,000, eight-room house, erected in Mansfield, Ohio, by the Westinghouse company, is equipped with electrical conveniences to do the work of 864 servants at a cost of \$45 monthly. This should solve the servant problem for those lucky rich who have servant problems to be solved.

LINES TO JERMINE

If words were not but symbols for thoughts,

I could write an endless string of them To say naught, more than naught. .

What profit is there then, to add line After line to express one simple, Yet thought divine to one whose heart

flames With, "Jermine, won't you be always mine?"

----(0) AFTERMATH

When you have read my line Do not please tell me, 'Its music's very fine Or the thought sublime.'

I have not sat to write For such tidings as, "It looks and sounds alright; My prospects seem bright.'

My whole, just one design writing this line Is to hear you declare, "I cannot decline."

SARKIS

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By ANNIE HATCH BOORNAZIAN

We dedicate this paper to the flame Of Youth whose light shall lead us on, and to The generations past who bore the shame Of violence, and yet remained as true To freedom's cause as on the day of birth. To Kings, and Priests, and armored men—to those Who suckled from an empty breast—the worth Of ponderous tomes. The love of good which flows Throughout the human heart shall fill a pool Whose source is found in mountain solitude. We do these things lest fires of Youth may cool Before the link of life's short interlude Is fast. So shall we bind ourselves to hold The sacred memory of martyred men, Forgetting shame in song whose words are bold,
And building with the power of a pen.

HUGE DASHNAK MASS MEETINGS

THOUSANDS LISTEN TO A. R. F. SPEAKERS IN NEW YORK, UNION CITY (N. J.), WORCESTER AND LOS ANGELES

Hundreds Join the Ranks of the A. R. F.

Last Sunday, according to special telegrams to Hairenik Daily, huge A. R. F. mass-meetings were held in the cities of New York, Union City (N. J.) and Worcester, Mass. The meeting of Los Angeles was held under the auspices of the Armenian Relief Corps, which is an affiliated organization.

According to the N. Y. Times and the Herald-Tribune the New York meeting was attended by 3,000 people. It was presided by Mr. A. Der Manuelian, and addressed by Mr. Z. Matigian, Mr. A. Mikaelian, Mr. C. Tanderjian, Mr. M. Popper, Mrs. Annie Hatch Boornazian and Mr. Joab H. Banton, former District Attorney of N. Y., and counsel for the youths imprisoned for Archbishop Tourian's murder. Mr. Banton said the Dashnak youths were victims of a frame-up. He said he was sure that the Dashnaks had no part in the murder and "deplored it more than any one else. At the appropriate time, which will be at the bar of justice, I hope to show that the charges against the men now held in prison are based on, perjury or else unfounded."

The meeting at WORCESTER was attended by 2,000 people. Mr. Hovhannes Der Hovhannesian presided. The Speakers were Y. Kamar, Mrs. Desdegule, James Mandalian, Setrak Minas, V. Kermoyan, Vardges Aharonian and Marshal Richelieu.

In Union City, N. J. over 500 Armenians attended the meeting held in the Armenia Hall. Mr. Aram Proudian presided. The speakers were Mr. Aram Der Manuelian and Mr. Copernic Tan-

After the meeting 31 men joined the Dashnak Committee and 20 women joined the A. R. Corps.

The meeting of LOS ANGELES, Calif., was held under the auspices of the A. R. C. branch to mark the 24th anniversary of the foundation of the Armenian Relief Corps. It was attended by over 1700 people and presided by Mr. H. Mangassarian. The main speaker was Nejteh. After the meeting 41 women joined the A.R.C. and 39 men joined the A.R.F. Committee.

Within the last month about 400 new members have joined the ranks of Dashnaktzootune, and several new branches have been organized in the various parts of the country.

The N. Y. Times and N. Y. Herald Tribune devoted each a whole column to the meeting held in New York.

The New York Times .- The meeting had been called by the federation, or Dashnak, to mark the thirteenth anniversary of the expulsion of the Bolsheviki from Armenia, to denounce the activities of the Cheka and to deny having had any part in the assassination of Archbishop Leon Tourian here, on Dec. 24.

Eight members of the Dashnak now are in the Tombs awaiting trial for

At 2 o'clock, half an hour before the meeting was scheduled to begin, about 200 of the Soviet group met north of Madison Square and began parading around the Metropolitan building de-

nouncing the Dashnak. A few patrolmen managed to split the marchers and they headed eastward to Fourth

Waylay Tashnag Adherents

Posting themeslves near the subway kiosks there, groups of ten or more attacked those emerging from the station whom they knew to be Dashnak adherents.

The raiders fled when the police arrived, but re-formed their ranks and again attempted to parade around the building. They offered no resistence when the patrolmen and detectives drove them away, contenting themselves with flinging Armenian insults at the police and Dashnaks. The epi-

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TWO FUNDAMENTAL ATTITUDES AND AN INDEPENDENT OPINION

By V. CALANTAR NALBANDIAN

AHARONIAN BETTER: GETS FELICITATIONS

MARSEILLES, (France). - Avedis Aharonian, famous Armenian writer and the president of the Armenian Diplomatic Delegation to the Peace Conference of Versaille, is recovering from the cerebral shock which occured to him while addressing a mass meeting here.

A few years ago Aharonian received the first shock almost under similar circumstances. He was addressing an international group helping the Armenian refugees in Armenia proper as well as those in several hospitable countries. Then he almost lost his sight, but thanks to expert medical care he recovered and continued his literary and public activities.

We sincerely wish and hope that the great man of letters and the patriot will soon be able to resume his activities which are so greatly needed by our people.

His retirement from public life as well as from literary activities will be an irreparable loss to the Armenian people.

The A. R. F. Aharonian Students' Society of Boston, Mass., on receiving the shocking news, sent the following cable to Aharonian, care of Haratch of Paris.-The Avedis Aharonian Students Society wishes your speedy re-

PRISONERS RELEASED FOUND NOT GUILTY

SALONIKA, GREECE (Horizon) .-Manouk Manoukian, a teacher, held for five months for the murder of Sarhis Kuyujian, was released from the Singroo prison at Athens when the jury found him not guilty. Young Khachig Garabedian accused complice was also released.

MEETING AT FRESNO NEW A. R. F. MEMBERS

FRESNO, CALIF.—Nejteh and Amadooni addressed a huge mass meeting here, attended by 2000 persons. 53 new members joined the ranks of Dashnaktzootune.

ARMENIAN CHURCH HONORS SANASARIAN

ISTANBUL, Turkey.-The Armenian Church at Galatia held a special requiem mass in memory of the Armenian philanthropist Megerdich Sanasarian, the founder of Sanasarian College of Erzeroom. Archbishop Kevork Arslanian, who officiated on this occasion, praised the memory of the man who lived in poverty and dedicated his riches to the nation.

MUSIC

ERIVAN, Armenia.—The Sbendiarian School of Music, established in 1930, has created such interest in music that yearly 200-300 students apply for entrance, but 30-40 are admitted each year due to lack of accommodations.

MUSICIAN DIES

Erivan, Armenia-Stepan Dimoorian collector of Armenian folk songs died on January 13.

The recent controversy over the Tricolor, the symbol of Armenian national sovereignty with its climax, the sensational assassination of a high dignitary of the National Church, has brought to the fore two attitudes of the Armenian mind.

It is futile as well as unfair and undignified for both sides to shout treason and murder and what not, and instigate mutual scorn and hatred. This was and is a clash of two mental and temperamental attitudes and should be viewed and dealt with as such. To be sure, politics of the most sordid variety is involved in the battle over the national flag in this country and the whole Armenian diaspora. The motives of an individual, of a party, or of a nation are always more or less mixed, seldom ideally pure and unselfish. It is nevertheless true that Armenian politics and politicians as a whole are, and have always been most idealistic in nature. It is therefore in ideas and ideals that we should seek the primary source of the bitter conflict.

Let us then assume that the average Dashnaktsakan, Com-munist, Ramkavar, Hunchakian and Ankousaktsakan (nonpartisan or independent) has the interests of our people equally at heart and is equally animated by a sincere desire to serve them. Of course love is judged by deeds and sacrifices, rather than by sentiment, and wishes and plans. What each faction has actually done for Armenia and at what cost to itself and to its individual members, is the supreme test. Those who have sacrificed less and accomplished less can not claim an equal rating with those who have given their all to their country and

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EDUCATION IN ARMENIA ILLITERACY DECREASING

Erivan, Armenia.-A. Khanchian in an address before the Armenian Communist party gave the following information: In 1930-'31, 90,679 persons learned how to read and write; 1931-1932, 185,000, and 1932-1933, 105,000. Total number of illiterates in Armenia today is 68,997.

In the past year 40 model schools have been established in Armenia, 6 of these being Turkish schools. 1928-'29 there were 9,607 Turkish students in Armenian schools; 1932-1933 the number reached 18,362.

TITLES OF FILMS SHOWING IN ARMENIA

Erivan, Armenia. - The following films are to be made in Armenia this year:

1. "Bebo."

2. 'Without Fatherland" - depicting the lives of Armenian workmen, who immigrated to Armenia from Greece. 3. "Tragedy on Alakyaz"-depicting the scientific studies of Communist youth.

"On the 60th Horizon"-lives of Persian workmen in copper mines.

5. "The highest Limit."6. "Unfailing"—workers in the field.

"Young Torrent."

8. "Two Iligs"-depicts the work of orphans in Leningrad.

HAIRENIK WEEKLY

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EDITORIAL

HAIRENIK WEEKLY

Thirty-five years ago a very small group of young Armenians, newly arrived on the coast of the Atlantic, laid the foundation of the Hairenik Pub. Co.—now known as The Hairenik Association -having the publication of an Armenian weekly paper as the center of their activity. The first issue of their weekly which they named "HAIRENIK" (Fatherland) appeared on the first of May, 1899. The purpose of this small weekly was to serve as an organic link between the Armenians of the Homeland and those who were forced by political or economic reasons to emigrate to the United States, and thus keep the love for Armenia alive in their hearts and concentrate their thoughts and efforts upon the liberation of Armenia and the Armenians suffering for six centuries under the unspeakable rule of the Turks.

The simple test of the soundness of the ideals of this pioneer group, organized under the banner of Dashnaktzootune or A. R. F., and the firmness of the ground they chose to build their structure upon, is found in the achievements of their creation—The Hairenik Association—in its thirty-five years of existence.

These achievements, envied by many similar Armenian organizations in this country, and attained by none so far, are not to be found in the economic field, as pecuniary considerations never entered into the aims of the Armenian Revolutionary Federation and the Hairenik Association from the very first day of their foundations. They were sought and are found in the field of politics, revolutionary activities, whose sole aim was the liberation of Armenia and the Armenian people.

In spite of many difficulties and almost insurmountable obstacles the A. R. F. and its tributary organizations, never evaded any new duty that presented itself to them in the course of time.

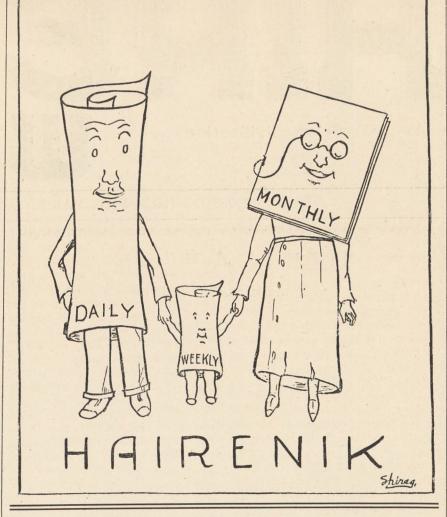
In 1915, when all channels of information extending from Armenia were shut off on account of the World War and the Armenian-Americans wanted more news and information not only about the conditions of Armenia but also of the War, The Hairenik Association with a bold effort undertook the publication of the first Armenian Daily in the United States, instead of a Tri-weekly to which the weekly of 1899 had already grown. Incidentally, The Hairenik Daily is not only the oldest and largest Armenian newspaper of the United States but also of the World, as most of those newspapers published in Turkey or Russia died with the World War.

In 1922, when because of the Soviet Regime in Armenia the intellectual contact between Armenia and the Armenians abroad was indefinitely interrupted, the Hairenik Association assumed a heavier responsibility by undertaking the publication of the Hairenik Monthly, which in its size, content, regularity and circulation, remains unprecedented in Armenian history.

These achievements become more striking when we bear in mind the fact that none of these undertakings were backed up by any ready treasury or any promises on the part of some Croesus or Maecenas to come to their help in time of need. The only support given to The Hairenik Association in all its undertakings has been in the form of reward to its services on the part of the great mass of the Armenian people whom it has served faithfully, unflinchingly and unselfishly since its foundation. Its faith in the Armenian masses and in their appreciation of its services has been the only solid foundation upon which both the Daily and the Monthly firmly stand today, and upon the same faith we lay today the foundation of our English Weekly which is primarily intended for our English-speaking generation.

The need of an English publication was felt years ago and in fact resolutions were passed in this regard. Certain reasons however deferred the execution of these resolutions. The greatest of these reasons, perhaps, was the fear that the intended publication would not find in the young generation the minimum response that was expected for the success of the undertaking, as the opinion was prevalent that the younger gentration was not sufficiently interested in Armenian life and would not take pains to learn more about it. It was the unknown and ignored part of our very life. Our interest in them did not cross the family ties and the personal acquaintances.

Over eighteen months ago, to be exact, on the fourth of June, 1932, Hairenik published a questionaire, as a feeler, to test the interest of this generation in matters Armenian. The response was greater than expected. Hairenik was flooded by answers from all parts of the country, as if a dam had given way to waters held back for many years. They kept on coming for many months, loaded with sincere and deep interest in our national as well as community affairs and activities, and pleading for the establish-



THE EDITOR LETERS TO

Editor, Hairenik Weekly,

It was with keen pleasure that I read the announcement of the new Hairenik Weekly. As a non-partisan, I am anxious to see your new publication counteract the extremes to which politics is carrying us. Any fair judgment requires that both sides of a case be heard.

In addition, I trust your Weekly will acquaint us with a little past history, preferably modern. This is quite necessary, for the weeklies already in existence seem so busy making history, they haven't time to review any. The result, as we all know, has been not history, but hysterics.

With great anticipation I await the arrival of your first issue.

Yours truly, 'CACHO" BOYAJIAN

Providence, R. I. Feb. 22, 1934

To the Editor, Hairenik,

It was with the keenest delight that I read of the recent announcement of a new English Hairenik Weekly, which will be presented to the Public on March first. We, the Younger Generation, have been in dire need of having paper which would present to us the History, Literature, and Arts of Armenian Race, which our so called Armenian English Papers have failed give us. But knowing the high standards upon which the Hairenik Association has followed in its policies, I am sure that the Hairenik Feb. 21, 1934

Weekly will follow in its footsteps.

I wish you success and prospertiy for this great enterprise, and hope that the Hairenik Weekly will be just widely distributed and just popular among the Armenians as are its predecessors the Hairenik Daily and the Hairenik Monthly.

Yours sincerely, BEATRICE PAMBOOKJIAN Belmont. Mass.

Dear Editor:

There is no doubt in my mind as to success which the new Hairenik Weekly will meet with for the simple reason that the Hairenik Association is backing it.

At the present time you publish a monthly of 176 pages and a Daily of four pages. Both of these publications not only surpass most of our Armenian journalistic endeavors but also compare favorably with many English dailiies and monthlies.

If the new Weekly is half as good as the older papers it will be a wow! Of course we shall expect it to be better and I don't think we will be disappointed.

I hope you are going to have a Forum column for the expression of opinions. I'd like to send something in a little later.

Remember we're with you on the new paper. Success to you and lots

> Sincerely. B. M. KACHADOURIAN

Brockton, Mass.

ment of a paper through which they would get in direct contact with Armenian life and express themselves on many questions that they might confront in their social and public activities. They complained that they had no medium of intercourse with the general body of the Armenian people and that they were left ignorant of Armenian history, literature, customs and social life. They could speak the language of their parents but could not read the written word. All past efforts, individual or collective, had failed for various reasons, social, economic, geographical etc.

"Hairenik" was forced to leave this column open to the young generation in spite of the many complaints on the part of their elders who considered themselves robbed of three-four columns of reading matter. The young generation sustained our English column for over eighteen months without any serious efforts on our part.

Soon, however, we noticed the inadequacy of our English column. The young generation wanted more than we could give through that column. They wanted to know more about Armenian history, literature, art and politics to satisfy their intellectual hunger and spiritual thirst.

A deaf ear to these rightful claims would amount to a betrayal of our sacred duty, serving only the aims of the enemies of the Armenian people, and to the throwing away of the greatest investment the Armenian people have made in the United States, as we believe that our young generation is destined to play a great role, serving as a bridge between American and Armenian civilizations if they are properly educated by the older generation in the history, literature, politics and social behavior of our people.

Dedicated to this purpose Hairenik Weekly will sponsor cooperation among the young generation in their social as well as economic activities; will encourage their active participation in Armenian as well as American public life; and will enlist their services for the cause of Armenia without trespassing their loyalty to the great Republic under whose colors they were born.

PRESS

THE ARMENIAN TRICOLOR

(The Araz of Bucharest)

The Araz of Bucharest, Rumania, commenting upon the recent Encyclical of the Catholicos of Etchmiadzin says in its editorial column:

The interpretation given Armenian Tricolor by the Catholicos of All Armenians in his recent Encyclical (Nov. 12) is destined to be a classic expression. Because it comes to appraise the value of the Armenian Flag at such a time when the Armenian colonies divided in themselves tear up one another using the same Flag as a pretext.

"The Armenian Tricolor is respectable for us as a symbol—as "A MEMO-RIAL OF HISTORIC EVENTS AND GLORIES," in the words of Catholicos

We know well that the regime to which our Fatherland is subjected at present, does not recognize that Flag, and the satellites and the heralds of the same regime, abroad, are scared of its colors. We also know that the Tricolor at the present time is not the official flag of a state, extant.

"Nevertheless, we know also that the Armenian Tricolor has not ceased and will not cease from being a symbol for the Armenian people, not only as Memorial of Historic Events and Glories," but also as the symbol of the will of the Armenian people to live and to endure.

"First of all it symbolizes the martyrdom of the Armenian people, and the suffering of the generation who gave their blood crying for liberty and who held fast to the faith of their forbears in their souls. The catastrophe planned to exterminate the Armenians was unable to extinguish the yearning for liberty in those who were dying. And they will ever live with us and within ourselves lives

"It symbolizes also that desperate struggle that the Armenian race waged against its enemy of centuries to win its independence. . . bolizes the blood shed upon the highlands by the legions of heroes; the fight for a free Fatherland; the heroic struggle that the race demonstrated in Vasbourakan and Shabin-Karahisar, in Ourfa and Swedia and the victory that was won on a brilliant day by the Armenian heroism in Karakilisse, Sardarabad and Bash-Abaran, posting the will to live of the race against the enemy.

"Finally it symbolizes the oath of freedom that protects the race against all temptations and disasters, and renders it strong and virile to survive all passing regimes.

"The Armenian Tricolor is the pride of the race as well as its will, the legacy that comes through the centuries and the faith for coming days. Memorial of Glories!

'Father Alishan had built a small garden in the monastery of St. Lazar as a symbol of Armenia. Therein he would retire to gratify his yearning for Armenia and thus to enable himself to wait for the morrow.

"Now, it is the Armenian Flag that gratifies the yearning that burns our souls and keeps the fire of liberty burning among the masses that now live far away from the Fatherland."

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DICTATORSHIP AND DEMOCRACY Dr. Edouard Benes

Dr. Edouard Benes, co-founder of

the State of Czechoslovakia with President Thomas Masaryk, declared in an interview with Mr. Knickerbocker of the I. N. S .-

'But after all it is my feeling that the forms of government in Europe are more important than people think for the problem of war or peace. Dictatorships are always very susceptible to the questions of prestige, of honor, and of success. Dictatorships are very unstable. They rock back and forth in the wind. We are Democrats. Democratic statesmen are right down on the ground, with the people. They know what is going on. The ground under them is stable, without surprises.

"In dictatorships you cannot tell what the people think, you cannot tell what is really going on until the dictatorship has passed. That is why dictatorships are always strong until the last five minutes.'

"I believe that democracy will once more be dominant. Dictatorships as neighbors always strengthen democracies in those countries where economic political conditions are healthy. in Czechoslovakia have been strengthened. In spite of the present condition of Europe, I am confident of the ultimate victory of democracy.

THE GREEN HAT

When Michael Arlen sent the first copy off the press of his "The Green Hat" to Ben Ali Haji, he autoto Ben Ali Haji, he graphed this on the fly leaf:-This is the only known instance of a gift, if any, of any real value given to a terrible Turk from an even more terrible

Progress of Sience

HEREDITY AND EVOLUTION Undoubtedly, foremost in the scientific study of human behavior is the consideration of inheritance. Heredity

determines in a large part the characteristics of an individual whether characteristics be physical or psychical. Hand in hand with the study of heredity goes the study of evolution, I shall from time to time discuss these topics in their more interesting and practical aspects.

Lamarck, the father of biological psychology, in 1809 first published his famous theory of descent which he based on the observation that use of an organ of the body strengthens that organ. The classic example presented is that of the giraffe. If we imagine a primeval time of great drought then in our mind's eye we see giraffes stretching their necks to reach higher leaves because of a scarcity of lower vegetation. Those which are most successful would have the best chance of survival and of preserving the species. The offspring would inherit something of this neck-stretching ability and in turn would transmit it, until at last a neck will have been evolved of that extraordinary length as we see it today. Here we have had direct adaptation to environment.

Darwin in the middle of the nineteenth century published his theory of natural selection, which supposses that in the struggle for existence there would be in our example giraffes with slightly longer necks and therefore with a better chance of survival in a drought. Thus, in each generation the progeny would be produced through the longer-necked giraffes. Here neckstretching was not transmitted but in each generation those with longest necks survived and so a long neck was evolved, not transmitted.

With the general acceptance of Darwin's theory Lamarck's doctrine fell almost into disrepute although a few biologists have tenaciously clung to it, having before them convincing results obtained from extensive investigation of many generations of rats.

Extensive experimentation has produced results which at times seems to support Lamarck's theory which, yet, at other times seems to prove Darwin's theory.

MISSING LINK IN PLANTS

Ever since the theories of evolution were advanced, artists have searched for the "missing link" to carry over the hypothesis from the highest of animals to man.

Evolution, of course, applies also to the vegetable kingdom and the search has been on for the botanical missing link to tie together in common ancesthe seed-bearing and non-seedbearing plants.

Evidence that some 325,000,000 years ago this "missing link" existed is reported by Dr. Arnold, curator fo University of Michigan Museum, upon examination of several well-preserved seeds found last summer in Pennsyl-

Seeds of this form have also been found in Ireland. Their characteristics are such that they evidently form a cross between the two categories of plants and consequently perhaps they were common ancestors.

CAUSES OF PRISON EVILS

The recent disclosures of corrupt prison conditions at Welfare Island by the new Commissioner of Correction, A. H. MacCormick of N. Y., has brought about a declaration by psychologists and criminologists as to the causes of the existing prison evils.

The gist of the criticism is: "Take the prison out of politics."

The fundamental mistake in prison building has been the assumption that all prisoners must be kept in strongholds to insure safe custody; whereas, this type of housing is needed for less than 50 percent of typical prisons and reforming population.

The modern code of punishment is

nothing more than the ancient code guised in the modern cloak of big buildings and quantity production, and it has not changed or progressed fundamentally with a changing mental attitude of people.

FUNDAMENTAL ATTITUDES

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created the only foothold we possess in the international arena. But I feel, being an independent myself, that we should not be so exacting. If each party has done its best for our people and with utmost faith in the ways and means chosen, that is all that is required.

United as they are in their devotion to their people and their ambition to direct its destinies, the Armenian political parties and the non-partisan patriots are divided in two distinct groups, two fighting camps -those who believe in Armenia, and those who do not.

This article is not intended as a study of Armenian politics and political parties. I will not therefore analyze the social make-up, the creeds and policies of the several parties or classify them according to their relative importance in our national life. I will only point to the two general trends of political thought, the two fundamental attitudes mentioned above.

One attitude, shared alike by the conservative Ramkavar and the radical Bolshevik (the Hunchakians and the non-partisans are divided equally between the two camps), and rooted in the very depths of their being, is best described by the selfdeprecatory exclamation often used by them when speaking of the Armenian people: "Who are we?" These are the very words with which our God-fearing and Turk-fearing elders of two generations ago used to phrase their expostulations against the feeble cry for "Reforms" of the infant Revolution: "Who are we to brave the wrath of the formidable Sultan?" Today the same people or the heirs to their tradition and temperament say: 'Who are we to measure ourselves against the 'Colossus of the North,' the formidable So-

A suspension of six centuries in a nation's political life and that under the most ruthless of political masters, the Turk, could be fatal to any people. It was a genuine miracle that we came out of that period still alive and with the renewed desire to live as a free nation. It is only natural that such a past should have left in the majority of our people the feeling of being small, weak, of no importance. It is the dignity and courage revealed by some of the sons of Armenia, the nerve displayed by a small faction that is the thing to be wondered at, not the existence of the cautious many.

It should be mentioned here that many Ramkavars (former Hunchakians) and conserva-tives of today have been in the past involved in the "Armenian Question." Some of them are revolutionary pioneers even, not

only in the conservative sense of having publicly protested against Ottoman misrule and atrocities, but in the true sense of the word—they have actually taken arms against the oppressor. To this day the party has not relinquished its claim to be a revolutionary party and boasts of its scant heroes and heroic episodes whenever it is fashionable to glorify the Armenian Revolution. But here is the characteristic difference that marks Ramkavars as belonging to the group that does not believe in Armenia. As long as the Western Powers were or seemed to be behind this project of "Reforms" or a "Free Armenia" these wise men of ours believed in it and did their best to further it. As soon as the "treacherous" Powers dropped the various "Notes" and "Treaties" into the wastebasket with the Turk, our "revolutionaries" uttered a little discouraged sigh and decided that the thing was too good to be true. And that was

the end of it. As to the Russian, we never had regarding him even that shred of "superiority complex," inspired by the religious and cultural inferiority of the Turk and the relative weakness of the Ottoman Empire, we possessed about the Turk. Since we came in contact with that Christian nation, superior out of all proportion to the Armenian in every particular—numbers, military power, political position, culture—we have acted and are still acting as adolescent heroworshippers. I dare declare that not a single Armenian, not even the most rabid Anti-Soviet politician is quite emancipated from the unbounded admiration "the Great Russian People" and its "Culture" arouses in him. Even and especially so if he is a Russian Armenian.

Our heroic but unequal struggle with the Turk from which we emerged as a sovereign nation but diminished numerically, in territory and in wealth, did not make matters better for those of us who had faint hearts. The abandonment of Armenia by the Allies made even the stout-hearted pause to think that our situation, created by our enemies and "friends" alike, was indeed hopeless. The "sovietization" of Armenia,

NEWS CRACKS By Three Whys Man

1. Why is the President so concerned with Warm Springs when what the country really needs is warm winters? 2. Why peg the dollar? Keep it in

circulation.
3. Why is it we've never been able to buy chains in a chain store?

A prominent banker says that the end of the depression is in sight. Which end?

A science report says 400 sq. miles of Death Valley lies below sea level. That's nothing, so does our six acres of Florida real estate.

A radio poll shows the unpopularity of comedians who laugh at their own jokes. Their own nothing, some of those jokes are a hundred years old.

Her press agent claims Mae West enjoys gardening. Evidently, she must ask her seeds to come up some time.

Scientists claim the use of fertilizer was known to some Indian tribes before the coming of Europeans. Yes, but not before the coming of the horse.

A policeman recently reported a dog that died chasing its tail. The poor animal must have been disappointed in the end.

A quarter was found recently in a hen's egg. Rival poultrymen have complained to the N. R. A. against unfair trade practices.

Modern Proervb-Half a loaf is better than no loafiin at all.

which really amounted to a reoccupation of our country by Russia, was therefore accepted by many of us as the best or at least the only way out. Naturally the meek and sick went one better - they applauded the downfall of the short-lived Armenian independence and hailed the Soviets as saviors.

The label "Soviet" means everything to us, argue our conservatives. It means military protection against the Turk, our arch enemy, and against all comers. It means economic security: Our land is poor, our arid mountains will never be able to support us. We have no oil in our soil, no rich mineral deposits, no seaports or other means of communication. To be an integral part of a huge economic system like the Soviet Union means life. Russian rule means order and administration: We are an undisciplined, discord-loving people. We will never be able to govern ourselves. Our leaders are no good. An Armenian will never obey an Armenian leader anyway. Finally Russian rule means civilization-the science, art, literature of a great country brought to our doors. We are an ignorant people, but this at least can be said of us: we love to learn, to work, to get ahead. This we will be able to do under the protecting wing of the Eagle . . . pardon, the Hammer and the Sickle. (Conservatives do not know or care much about the difference between the two Russian Empires.)

(To be continued)

Letter To Uncle Bozo

30 Subscriptions Enclosed

New York City February 27, 1934

Uncle Bozo, "Hairenik Weekly," Boston, Mass.

Dear Uncle Bozo:

We, your young nephews and grand nephews, wish to tell you how much we admire you for your superior wisdom and knowledge, so leniently reflected through the pages of "Haire-

Although we are scattered from New York to far away California, we are united in spirit. Thanks to your frequent expressions of good will and

We all feel that we have a birthday in common, to wit, Sept. 1, 1928, and are united in purpose.

We are grateful to you for your untiring efforts to assist us in achieving the aims we are pledged to accomplish and which, with your continued help and by the grace of Almighty God, we shall accomplish.

As a token of our good will and esteem we are sending herewith 30 subscriptions for "Hairenik Weekly" and promise you more to come.

Sincerely yours "HAIORTIK CENTRAL COM. (Sec. Ed. Tokajian, Pres. V. Karaglian)

Facts And Fancies with UNCLE BOZO

DAILY THOUGHT

It is the peculiar quality of a fool to perceive the faults of others and to forget his own.—Cicero

WELCOME TO ALL

As your Uncle Bozo it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the pages of cur new Hairenik Weekly. We hope you will like it.

From now on you may consider your Uncle as your "confidante" and adviser. (Strictest confidence guaranteed on all personal communications.) Whatever your grief, whatever your sorrow, before jumping in the lake get your Uncle Bozo's advice. (Perhaps you can convince him to jump in with you.) Furthermore, if you have troubles or need help, write and receive the benefits of good, sane (illogical) advice. Your problem will be solved.— However, consider yourself warned, if you are in love, you are probably beyond help of any kind.

WORD OF EXPLANATION

There is one thing that I wish every reader to understand well. This paper is published with the idea of filling a very urgent need among the younger Armenians. It is intended as a guiding spirit and educational beacon for those who are actually interested in Armenia and Armenians. If at any time you see things that can be improved or think other features ought to be added, I can assure you that the editors would greatly appreciate hearing from you. Remember, it's your paper -take an active interest in it, support it, and when you criticize, do so constructively.

HE FOOLED 'EM

A particular young lawyer was termed unwise because he opened up his own office instead of going in with "Greek" as another "wise" young Armenian did. Now that our certain lawyer is parking his brief case in an especially advantageous place-he can laugh in their faces, as he slaps down his aces. (Like the rhyme?)

TODAY'S LOVE STORY

Vahan:-How about a date, sweetheart? I just got me a swell job as a guide.

Agnes.-You may be a guide, but you can't show me anything.

WILL IT?

One thing that ought to discourage war in Europe is that Uncle Sam is not in a position to finance a real good

"GOTTA TELL YA"

I might as well tell you now, in this first issue, that your Uncle Bozo is very unreliable and undependable due largely to a poor memory and absentmindedness. So, don't be surprised at what you find in this column; for one moment I may be telling you that there's many a slip between the knee and the lip-and, then go on to explain, in a short dissertation, the James Lange theory or the quantum * * *

FREE PARKING

While riding out in the country one day last week, we came across this interesting notice in the form of a sign at the entrance to a chicken

ANYBODY FOUND AROUND MY CHICKEN HOUSE IN THE NIGHT-WILL BE FOUND NEXT MORNING.

ARMENIANS WERE FIRST

Pres. Roosevelt with his N.R.A., C.W.A., R.F.C., P.W.A., F.E.R.A, etc, has nothing on the Armenians with their ARF, ARC, ARF-SS, ADL, ASA

OUR OWN VAUDEVILLE

Mariam: - Honest, now, do you like

Nuvart:-Well, she's got a good heart and she means well, but-Mariam:-Neither do I.



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in the world but they do think it is a start towards a bigger

and better "voice of the young people."

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WRESTLING HOLDS

By JOHN "CASEY" KAZANJIAN

My good friend Armen Bardizian of the Editorial Staff of this paper has requested me to contribute weekly articles on wrestling and wrestlers.

If the series of articles to appear help in anyway to benefit the Armeniian youth who come in contact with them, the writer will feel well repaid for his efforts.

It will be the purpose of this column to acquaint the Armenian wrestling fans, and more especially potential wrestlers with the more technical phases of the science of professional wrestling. To make this column of greater service all questions relative the subject, that merit an answer, will be answered.

There are some score or more types of wrestling. In European countries the Greco-Roman type is practiced, while in Japan the Jiu-Jitsu type of wrestling prevails. In Alaska, India, China and other places other distinct types exist. In this column we will restrict ourselves to the American, or

Catch-as-catch-can type of wrestling. As the name implies you are privileged to catch your opponent any way you please and either pin his two shoulders to the mat for three seconds or make him give up by a painful hold. However you are not at perfect liberty to use any and all unsportsmanlike tactics that you may choose. The American Wrestling Association dictates the rules to govern in wrestling matches. This governing body has prohibited certain practices such as strangling, choking, butting with clinched fists, hair pulling, gouging of eyes, kicking or kneeing, twisting or grasping a single finger or single toe. scratching, tramping on opponent's toes and biting.

It is best here to bring to your attention the difference between ama-Catch-as-catch-can wrestling Professiional Catch-as-catch-can wrestling.

In the professional field all holds and tactics aside from the above listed prohibitions are allowed and practiced; but in the amateur sport any and all holds which may cause serious injury are prohibited. For example toe holds, hammer locks, full inclosure, and such dangerous holds come under the amateur ban.

In the following series we will take up the professional holds and explain them as clearly as possible, so that boys of 12 years and over can easily understand them and practice them.

One word of caution to the youth who follow these articles and intend to practice the holds outlined. Most of the holds can and will cause serious injury unless one is familiar with the counters or defenses against them and unless one is in physical condition to withstand the strain on the muscles and bones. So to guard against any needless injury it would be wise for their parents to instruct them to try the holds in a friendly experimental spirit. Trying to secure the holds properly without attempting to cause injury to the opponent, until they become familiar with the holds and come to know the seriousness of each hold. Then if they learn the proper defense

The Encyclopedia Corner

AUNTIES HATTIE AND KATE --«O»--

> Venimus, vidimus, vincebimus. -A la Caesar

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Aunties Hattie and Kate fling their

gauntlets at Uncle Bozo's feet.

Let us see if Uncle will be man enough to get off his lofty perch and accept their challenge.-Well, Uncle, it seems that you will have to accept their declaration of war or you will be beheaded by popular vote.

Look to your laurels, Uncle!

Sirelly Zavagnernis:

Pavagan jamanag er vor yeridasartootian vijage mez hangist cher toghoor. Verchabes menk khoretsank vor lav gella vete menk veridasartootian hed haghortaktsootian kank, yev menk tsezi tooyle dank vor tser tsavere, sirayin, kaghakagan, keghetsgootian yev ail hartser oonek, mezi berek yev mer portsarootenen okdevik. Ge menank tser harkely Auntiner,

HATTIE yev KATE

Well it seems that if the weather keeps on being so cold there won't be any more street fights.

PSYCHOLOGY CORNER

A noted artist, Henry Clive, says that to know a woman's soul we must study her lips. We think it would be a wise plan if some of our Armenian artists should try to analyze the Ramgag women by studying their lips.

RATTLE BOX

Araxi:-And is your daughter happily married?

Mrs. Aroosyag:-Oh, yes! Her husband is scared to death of her. * * *

Dear children:

We're trying to do something but we don't know just what we are doing. So come on and help your Aunties.

It is much easier to be wise in matters that affect others, than in one's own affairs.-La Rochefoucauld

BITS OF FUN

By VIRGINE AVAKIAN

Aram (to Waiter): - What's the name of that selection the orchestra is play-

Waiter:-You're gonna lose your

Aram: -Aw, go jump in the lake. I asked you a civil question.

Teacher: - With a single stroke of the brush, an artist could change a smiling face to a crying one.

Souren:-So can my father. Did you hear about the Scotchman who blew out four tires the first time he used the free air?

against each hold, they can reduce the chances of serious injury.

HUGE DASHNAK MASS MEETINGS

(Cont. from page 1)

thets were beyond the ken of the patrolmen and the Dashnaks pretended to ignore them.

3,000 Attend Meeting

ing Armenia.

meeting proceeded without interruption, attended further about 3,000 men, women and children. The speakers extolled the revolutionary movement as the only hope of liberat-

Joab H. Banton, former District Attorney and counsel for the Dashnak youths imprisoned for the Archbishop's murder, said they were victims of a frame-up and perjured testimony. He said he was sure the Dashnak had no part in the murder and "deplored it more than any one else.'

Other speakers were Aram Der Manuelian, Mrs. Annie Hatch Boornazian, Arsen Michaelian, Kopernik Tanderjian, Zadig Matigian and Martin Popper. The meeting ended at 5 P.M. and the hall was cleared quickly and without disorder.

The New York Herald Tribune.-Mr. J. Banton was cheered when he said, "At the appropriate time, which will be at the bar of justice, I hope to show that the charges against the men now held in prison are based on per-jury or else unfounded."

Mr. Banton asserted that the Armenian Revolutionary Federation, founded in 1890 to establish an Armenian republic, was being made the goat of international intrigue. He contended that the Soviet, having failed to destroy the Dashnak in one way, was trying to do so in another. The situation as Mr. Banton revealed it became the more complicaed when it was remembered that the Archbishop was a Communist and in sympathy

with the Soviet Union.
"Communists," Mr. Banton said,
"are pointing out Armenians and having them brought to police stations and into Communist clubs by the police of New York." The reference was believed to be to the many Armenians who have been questioned by the police about the murder of the Archbishop. "If a police officer asks any one of you to go to a police station," he continued, "refuse to do so. He has no legal right to make that request. If a police officer forces you to go, report the matter to me at once.

"I am determined that this browbeating on the part of the Communists, acting through the police, must cease. If a police officer asks you any question you have the constitutional right to refuse. Already more than 500 men and women have been humiliated by being dragged to police stations. You fled from the atrocity of the Turk to be met by the brutality of the Communists in America.'

* * * Restaurant Manager (to new cook): -You say you served in France? New Cook:—Yes sir. Officer's Cook

for two years and wounded twice. R. Manager:-Your'e lucky, man. It's a wonder they didn't kill you.

An Ad seen in the local paper: Bulldog for sale, will eat most any-thing, very fond of children.

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WHIRLING THROUGH SPORTS

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"CASEY" TOSSES ALLAIRE

Using his famous hammer throw, Casey Kazanjian of Stanford, Armenian wrestling idol, pinned to the mat one Louis Allaire of Worcester in 8 m. 42 s. at the Boston Garden last Wednesday.

LYNN ENGLISH LEADS

The Lynn English five continues to the pace in the Essex County Basketball League. In what proved to be a rough and tumble contest they managed to top the hard fighting Salem High team last week to the of 25-18. Bagdasarian, first stringing right forward, has been an important factor in the success of the Lynn team. He was the second-high scorer in the Salem game with 6 points.

HARVARD JAYVEES WIN

Playing a superior brand of ball the Harvard J. V. five had little trouble in downing the less experienced M.I.T. Junior Varsity Quintette 45-13 last Wednesday at Harvard's indoor athletic court. Johnny Adzigian, who was held scoreless in the Bridgewater Teachers College encounter the previous week, blossomed out to lead his team in the scoring with seven twin-

STATUE OF THE "BAMBINO"

Reuben Nakian of New York has made a ten-foot statue of the homerun sluggiing outfielder of the Yankees, Babe Ruth. It is reported that Nakian hopes to sell his work, now being displayed in an art gallery, to Col. Ruppert for a permanent place in the lobby of the Yankee Stadium.

Different writers have characterized it as a "mud-pie effigy" with "twinoak legs" and looks like a "confectioner's image cast in milk chocolate." Lake of the American says it looks more like Shanty Hogan of the Boston Braves than Babe Ruth.

SARKISIAN IN MILE RELAY

The First Annual State Relay Carnival was held in the Boston Garden on Feb. 21. In the Class B mile relay the Lexington High tracksters with P. Sarkisian cleared the boards in 3m. 56 and one-fifth s. to win over Milton, Methuen, and Winthrop.

MANOOGIAN LOSES

Solly Friedman of New York threw Charles Manoogian of Chicago in the semi-finals of the grappling matches last Friday at the Jamaica Arena in New York.

LEAGUE LEAD AT STAKE

Whether or not Bagdasarian plays in the M. I. T. Court Tourney depends upon how Lynn English comes out in its battle with Classical tomorrow night. Both of these teams are tied the Essex County Basketball League lead and the winner of the league title gets the M. I. T. Tourney invitation.

SLEEPS DURING GAME

While his team mates on the Rockland A. A. five were playing the St. of East Bridgewater at the High School, Shalgian was peacefully "snoozing" at home. It was not until the last quarter that he woke and rushed down to the game to help pile up the winning score of 62-43. Shalgian's forward mate, Najarian scored five baskets for the victorious Seconds.

Both of these boys are in high school and with Shalgian at left forward and Najarian at left guard, the Rockland Hight quintette defeated a fast Hingham High team 24-19.

ANOTHER WIN

Sevougian's defensive play featured the Bridgewater High 29-25 win over the Coyle Memoriial High School basketball team of Taunton.

WITH ANOTHER TEAM

Richard "Art Shires" Anmahian, former Brockton high school three letter man, playing with the Dogberries in the local Y.M.C.A. Berry League found pickings easy as he sunk field goals and one foul shot for

eleven points to win for his team. Anmahian, recent guest of Al Wilbur at a banquet with other semipro-athletes, has been playing basketball, baseball, and football with many Brockton teams.

JEREMIAH WINS BY A NOSE

Eddie Jeremiah, former Dartmouth hockey star and now the regular wing for the Philadelphia Arrows, was presented a beautiful radio for coming out on top in the Canadian-American Hockey League "Schnozzle" contest. 'Deacon' White, another player, pushed Eddie to the limit to get the committee's decision by a nose.

EVEN IN WINSTON MATCH

Over in Lynn Saturday, Casey Kazanjian and Winston Unknown fought a fifteen-minute time-limit match to

BACK ON THE ICE

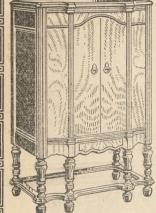
Mike Hovenian, first string player on last year's Harvard freshman hockey outfit, was ineligible up to mid-years. This Cambridge boy has noticeably strengthened the Harvard sextette by his return to the ice. Right now he is playing second for that condition. He'll show plenty of fight and will in all probability land a regular berth. He has two seasons besides the current one to go.

WHITINSVILLE DESIRES GAMES

The Whitinsville Racial Patriots basketball team, just organized, desires to play with teams of other Armenian organizations. Games are especially desired with Worcester, Watertown, Pawtucket, and Providence.

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