

# Behind the Scenes

STUART CHASE, perhaps the best known of liberal economists, got his first general fame from "Your Money's Worth." His book "Mexico" was widely read last year.

JAMES BOYD, whose novels "Drums" and "Marching On" have been so popular, is at work on a new one. He is now spending his winters in California.

CHRISTIAN GAUSS is dean of the College at Princeton.

EMMETT GOWEN'S new book "Mountain Born" was a fall success. He is best known for these tales of his Tennessee home. He now lives in New York City.

THOMAS BEER still lives in the old homestead at Yonkers, N. Y., casting his sharp eye over the contemporary riot and commenting upon it with his usual incisiveness.

EDWARD STRAVE is a young American writer who lived abroad but is now engaged in government work in Washington.

ETHEL HEPBURN is a member of the highly promising Northwestern school of writers which is centred about St. Paul. She lives in Mound, Minn.

ELLIOTT MERRICK, unable to bear city life any more than usual, is now living on a farm on Lake Champlain, in Vermont.

WILLIAM C. WHITE, since his return from Russia, where he was one of the first American students at a Soviet university, has written extensively about the country. He is living in New York.

HOLMES ALEXANDER lives near Baltimore and is a member of the Maryland legislature. After leaving Princeton, he spent a year at Cambridge, and lately has devoted himself to writing.

ROBERT CARSON lives in California, where he is now among the unemployed, having ceased being a railroad clerk at the request of the railroad.

WILLIAM H. WELLS is a member of the firm of Denhard, Pfeiffer & Wells, whose principal activity is handling book publishers' advertising.

We are indebted to Will Franklin Griffin, of *The Wauwatosa* (Wis.) *News* for the following correction in Walter Liggett's article on the crime of the cities:

Sir:

In Walter W. Liggett's article in your August number, "The Cities Reap the Whirlwind," there is an error, unintentional on Mr. Liggett's part, of course. He states that during the hectic days of graft and misrule immediately following the earthquake and fire in San Francisco "a prosecuting attorney was assassinated in a court room." The fact is this: Mr. Francis J. Heney, then prosecuting attorney, called to the witness stand a man who had served a term in prison. He had been a saloon

keeper and after his release he gave up that business, settled down, married, and by his wife had children. They knew nothing of his past record. Mr. Heney, for reasons best known to himself, secured a photograph of the witness and exhibited it in the courtroom. Later the wife of the witness managed to get a single-shot pistol to her husband in his cell which he secreted in his shoe. While in the courtroom he shot Mr. Heney, inflicting a slight face wound. But he was not assassinated. I presume Mr. Liggett had this in mind. At the time I was a reporter on *The San Francisco Chronicle*, was in the courtroom at the time, and later "covered" the trial of Abe Ruef. The witness had lived down his saloon record, but the picture of him, in prison garb, practically ruined his career, at least for a considerable time.

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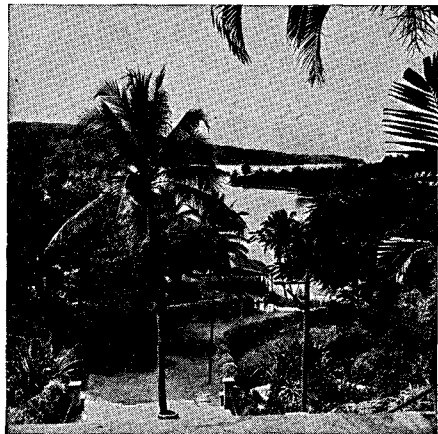
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abroad. When it is impossible to pay even for cheap goods, who shall say that inefficient production at home is actually costly? A getting together is plainly needed, but it is not at all certain that a mere slashing of tariffs would produce the desired results.

Currencies are perhaps the most complex problem of all. Every variation in value, in terms of foreign money, affects exports and imports. A general return to the gold basis has been urged as the way out, but prior to that it must be carefully determined what the value of the new currency unit must be, if it is to maintain itself solidly on gold. England went back to gold at the pre-war value of the pound, and slipped off again because the pound, as time went on, proved to be valued too high.

One of the features of the recent political campaign was the demand, hurled at this or that candidate, that he should produce a "plan" for reviving agriculture or general business. Nothing could be more absurd. It is like requiring a doctor to produce a plan for curing a disease which the doctor knows can only yield to slow and varying treatment over a long period of time. Mr. Montagu Norman concluded that it was extremely difficult to persuade nations to co-operate, and most observers will agree with him; hence the difficulty of planning. A more hopeful way to begin would be for each small community to make sure that its local government was living within its income, that jobs were provided as far as possible for local people out of work, that local debtors and creditors work out realistic compromises. When the smaller units are once more on a sound basis the advantages of broader intercourse with other units will be self evident.

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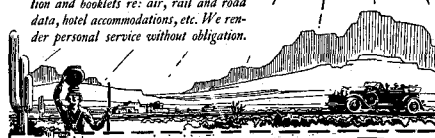
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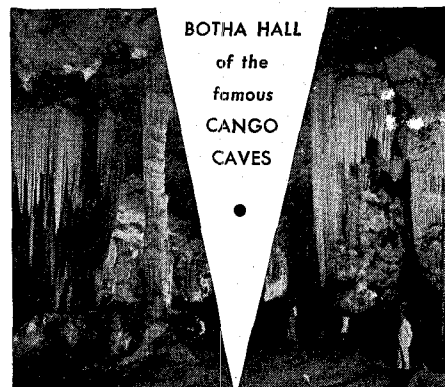
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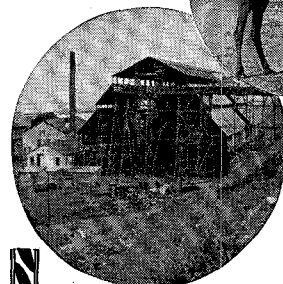
said George Bernard Shaw — in South Africa, a land of enchantment, rich with memories of Kruger, Rhodes, and the hardy "Voortrekkers"; of Rider Haggard and Olive Schreiner: Alp-like mountains and weird, fascinating plains — majestic waterfalls — stalactited caverns — exotic flowers — world-renowned gold and diamond mines — rock paintings of ancient Bushmen — the great game-filled Kruger National Park — modern cities and beautiful homes and gardens, contrasting with the mysterious Ruins of Zimbabwe and the primitive kraals and tribal customs of the Bantu.

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