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WHO SHALL ENTER?—Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.—Matthew 7:21.

Slow Traffic for Fast Curves

In his Industrial Review of April 7th, Thomas McCusker, secretary of the Manufacturers' and Merchants' Association of Oregon, gives the following advice on "re-inflation":

"There is every indication that the country is running wild on the theory that we are just entering into the valley of prosperity. However, we very much resemble the typhoid fever patient who, on the eve of convalescence, is possessed of a fierce appetite, and as a result gorges himself—frequently with fatal results. We are nearing the danger zone of inflation, and financiers of experience are sending out warnings to be careful and go slow.

"Already conservative industrial leaders are trimming their sails (as well as their sales and purchases) to meet the impending storm, which, it is figured, may strike us about November, but, in any event, not later than early spring.

"It may be remembered that the peak in the cost of living was reached in June 1920, and that by reason of the abnormally high cost of living, this country enjoyed what was euphonically termed a buyers strike in 1921, at which time the bottom dropped out of the industrial basket. Already there are rumblings of another such demonstration, and it will come with the same suddenness but will be more disastrous, for the reason that we will not be prepared for it and cannot blame it on the war. There has been a marked increase in the cost of practically all of the so-called raw products that enter into the manufacturing and wholesale end of business, which will not be reflected in its entirety on the retail line until fall, and then the firework will begin. By reason of the increasing cost of building, rents are advancing, and they are already unreasonably high. With the exception of clothing, which is steadily advancing, due to the increased cost of wool, which in turn is due in great part to the excessive tariff of 31 cents per pound, sided and abetted by our own Senators (even though but 60 per cent. of the wool used in this country is grown here), there has been very little increase in the cost of living during the year.

"However, this will unquestionably change, since there is a constant increase in wages paid in many industries, and this will of necessity have to be absorbed in the price of the commodities to the consumer with the result that it will be the old story of price-cycle all over again. Higher prices, higher wages, higher living costs. There has never been a time when it is so important as now for both industry and labor to give some heed to the danger signals."

Islands Oppose Annexation

If there were no other obstacles in the way of the proposal that France and Great Britain repay in part their debt to the United States by ceding some of their island possessions in the West Indies, a serious one will be found in the fact that the inhabitants of the islands apparently are unwilling to change their allegiance.

A prominent Frenchman who recently visited one of his nation's colonies under discussion found the people much concerned over the possibility of their being transferred to the United States. France, he assured them, was not in the habit of parting with her children. Now Viscount Burham, owner of the London "Daily Telegraph," who has just arrived in New York after a tour of the British West Indies, reports that the people of these island are also opposed to annexation.

That should settle the matter. It is not as though these French and British colonials were uncivilized people, incapable of self-government and lacking in fine sensibilities. It is not as though they were so few in number that their wishes might be neglected for the sake of the good of the great nations concerned. Transfer of Jamaica to the United States would not be quite the same as the transfer of Alaska or the Virgin Islands.

The wishes of the people must be consulted. To transfer them to American sovereignty against their will would be contrary to American principles.

Better That They Stay at Home

The Moscow soviet failed and neglected to issue an official invitation to a congressional party to make a tour of Russia, so a trip projected by Senator Ladd of North Dakota for a company of senators and representatives has been abandoned. This will cause no public mourning. Rather, there will be general satisfaction. The plan that failed was ill-advised. Had it been carried through it could have done no good and might have been harmful. These will be strictly limited, as they should be, until Russia has a government that ours can recognize. Congressional tourists, though they fare forth as private citizens, cannot divest themselves of their legislative character and in Russia misconceptions with respect to them could not be avoided.

It has been demonstrated to the public satisfaction that nothing of value is to be learned from "inspection" in Russia. Congressmen touring under the tutelage of the soviet government would be shown what the communists wished them to see, and no more. They would have no liberty to investigate where it was not desired that they should investigate. They would be deceived and their trust betrayed. They would return home with misconceptions that probably would lead them to make proposals wholly at variance with American interests.

The truth about Russia will not be told by the men who brought about Russia's ruin, and members of the party of Senator Ladd hoped to lead to that unhappy land would have been nothing but dupes of the soviet. They will be better off at home and it will be better for the country that they stay at home.

The constitution gives a man the right to pursue happiness, but it gives no guarantee that he will overtake it.

COMFORT FOR SMOKERS

Nashville Banner: Devotees of tobacco in various forms are accustomed to have the life passed nearly out of them about three times a day on the average by direful stories of what will happen to them unless they stop the use of the weed. It does come to pass that most of them stop from time to time for a few days and then return to pipe or chair as soon as their "fix" wears off. The other side and a crumb of comfort is presented to them in recent reports emanating from an eminent French scientist.

Taking ten grams of tobacco, Dr. E. P. Roger extracted by the most approved chemical processes all the nicotine it contained and got enough of the poison to kill a dog weighing sixty pounds. With a similar quantity of the same sort of tobacco, burned under conditions like those obtaining when the average smoker puffs a pipe at his meershaum or briny or shag, Dr. Roger got a fluid which contained not only nicotine, but also all the other chemicals present in a pipe. This liquid did not have the slightest effect on a dog and did not kill a guinea pig weighing two pounds.

Dr. Roger concludes that nicotine is largely transformed by incineration into chemicals which are not dangerous, though somewhat irritating. He even claims that they prevent the incubation of certain germs which thrive on oxygen. He mentions the fact that pathological meningitis is rarely attacked by a smoker. Astor's smoking, in his opinion, may even be beneficial.

There isn't really very much excuse for smoking, except that those who smoke very much enjoy it, but perhaps there is not much use in looking for the reason why some men continue to smoke. It is a big question and one that is debated constantly and with a good deal of bitterness in countless ways in numberless houses.

HAS CONSTANTINE SEEN IT

Cincinnati Times Star: The sky-writing by Capt. Shepperson above Cincinnati proved how science has outdone the supernatural. "Circumnavigate a legend of smoke written across the sky. And it was no vision of sudden appearance. The act of inscription occurred, and to make it all the more supernatural, the airplane that was the smoke-wielding pen was hardly visible. It could not be described by the best of eyes.

What wonders Capt. Shepperson could have performed, what destinies could he have changed, if he and his smoke-writer had been present upon certain momentous occasions in history. "Mene, mene, tekel, ugarin," those terrible letters of fire that foretold the fall of Babylon were but a convention electric sign compared with Capt. Shepperson's vision. And that "cross" which is said to have appeared in the sky with the legend, "By this conquer," seems no more wonderful than Capt. Shepperson's certain communication to smoke a certain brand of tobacco. So it makes one wonder what terror what inspiration the aviator could have imparted to "all" his hearers in other worlds. He could have kept Alexander, the world conquerer, put up in St. Louis, could have cured Alexander from an inherited throe with just a simple operation written in Greek characters across Greek skies. He could have kept Columbus from crossing the Rubicon, but caused him to scamp, his hat on end, up into the barbarian wilds far from the people—and republican dangers. The effect of Capt. Shepperson and his airplane on the untold mind of "barbarism" is difficult to measure. About the only article had received a bit of celestial advice from Capt. Shepperson he doubtless would have remained one of the simple folk of Corsica.

TWO WORDS ENOUGH

St. Louis Globe Democrat: A man whose entire English vocabulary consisted of the words "all right" made it serve all necessary purposes in traveling from New York to Sheboygan, Wis. This man gives an account of his experiences in a letter to the New York Sun. On landing in New York as an immigrant, he says he knew only the word "all right." "I heard it 999 times a day on the steamer that brought me to America," he declared. "As soon as I had set my foot on American soil and an official examined me and my pocketbook, I asked him respectfully, 'All right?' He said smilingly, 'All right.' "I walked out of the hall, saw several 'trains' waiting, showed my ticket to a man. He inspected it carefully, pointed out the direction. I said thankfully, 'All right.' "And from there to Sheboygan, Wis., 'all right' proved to be the "open sesame" for the immigrant. The Sun, considering the practical value of this single expression on the lips of an alien, comments on the predicament of those born in the English language, who must puzzle over 200,000 words it contains. It is no wonder, to be sure, that some of us are staggered by the manifold perplexities in meaning, spelling and pronunciation of these 200,000 words, and cling desperately to a few favorite expressions that have been tested and found to serve their purpose. "All right," for instance, is a vocabulary in itself, and one that



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ILLUSTRATORS IN THE REAM OF "TUNK"

Des Moines Herald: Ask an 8-year-old child to draw a picture of a man, a boy, or a dog, and he will produce something that will hark back to the art of 2,000 or 4,000 years ago. Invariably the young artist will draw a side view of his subject—amateurs always find side views easier. He will place in the profiled head an eye facing directly toward the person looking at the picture. If both shoulders show, they will be of equal height, in fine disregard for the rules of proportion. Both feet will be flat on the ground. The arm, if it is raised at all will be in the same plane as the body.

All this will have a familiar look. As a matter of fact, the child has drawn his picture exactly as the painter and sculptors of old Egypt drew theirs ten or fifteen centuries before Christ. It is an interesting example of the tendency of children to do what child races did. The perversity of the Egyptian hieroglyph artists in putting frontal position eyes in the sides of heads raised

an interesting question. They must have known that eyes seen from the side didn't appear that way. Perhaps they did not know any other way of representing them, but the chances are that they did, but didn't care.

THE GREETING CARD CRAZE

Boston Herald: Are bustling Americans, traditional scoffers at the little social amenities of effete European peoples, actually putting themselves out, more than they used to, to be nice and polite when they really do not have to? Glimpses at the shop windows, with their colorful Easter cards. It would not be astonishing to read an official postoffice notice: Do your Easter mailing early. The postman, trudging along next Saturday and Monday, with bulging bag and giving a half-respectful tug or jab at the door bell, may ask himself if people are going to carry this card thing any further. It looks so. The card-makers are

leading the public on. Carelessly printed, of poor stock, Easter cards were neglected. Engraved or printed with care, and of paper that feels, looks and is good, they are hard to resist. Done in colors, there is nothing to it. And when they are sold at so low a price that you can mail them broadcast to everybody you know, or once knew, the hand goes to purse or pocket automatically. The Easter card mania is spreading, and will continue to go on long as the makers of the cards with their clever pictures and apt verses, appeal properly to that little lion in everybody to be liked and to shove others to like, to know and to be known, to greet and to be greeted.

Now we have not only Christmas and Easter cards, but graduation cards, New Year's cards, first-tooth

cards, Hallowe'en cards, Thanksgiving cards. Who knows? Perhaps in time we shall have Fourth of July cards, Labor day cards, Washington's Birthday cards, Armistice day cards. The custom, as it is at present, is almost too good not to be abused.

The situation in America is improving gradually. Fewer people now say "You tell 'em."

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