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HOMES VERSUS REVOLUTION

This country has a great deal of radical material that would be swept along in any wave of revolution that might come along.

There is one element that forever blocks the danger of movements of this character—the small home and land owners are in majority.

He who owns his home and sits under his own vine and fig tree is owned by the home influences that are against revolutions.

The millions of little homes, bungalows, gardens and acre tracts and owners of suburban improvements are the safeguard of the nation.

The man who owns a little home, or rural tract or small farm is owned by that property and is not an easy mark or the red flag.

Legislators, bankers, employers of labor and government generally should to all possible to make it easy to own and keep homes.

BUDDY AND DADDY

The other evening we visited the "old swimmin' hole" on the edge of the bay where the foot bridge crosses from the city to the big mill on the opposite side.

It was great sport just to stand on the bridge and watch the antics of the bathers.

There were boys and girls, a few men and a lady or two, enjoying the healthful sport.

Particularly we noticed a father with his little boy. The youngster could not swim, but he took daddy's hand and trustingly followed him into the water.

What was there to fear if daddy was there and held his hand? True, he was a little timid and gasped when the water came up around his neck—but he was brave with complete faith in his guide.

When his father stood him up and stepped back a few inches, he told the little fellow how to use his hands and feet and then made him "swim to me." He tried it, but his head went under. Only for a moment. A strong hand caught him and lifted him out, sputtering and pitting and strangling—but smiling.

It won't be long until that boy will be able to care for himself in the water, and he will dive from his daddy's shoulders and go under and grab his feet.

As they came out of the water after their swim, a lady patted the little fellow on the shoulder and said: "You did fine. It won't be long until you are an accomplished swimmer."

He gripped his father's finger a bit tighter and replied: "You and I, mother, will go with daddy."

It seems to us that many a father and son who do their swimming together at the best times of their lives. Subsequently they would naturally come to their mother and father a little more. Got acquainted with you, didn't you?

LIGHT BENT'S FULL TROUBLE The two men are dead in Lincoln County. Three men who have been very successful in business, a sheriff and a moonshiner.

Cause of death—moonshine. It was the indirect cause of the

death of these three men but there is a cause still back of that, farther removed perhaps but just as direct in its effect.

It is the custom of most county courts to deal very gently with the manufacturers of moonshine whisky. In fact, the fines imposed are a cheap license, so cheap that any man who cares to disregard his moral obligation to the law, is willing to take a chance making white mule, for his will be less than he would otherwise be charged for a license to run if not against the law.

The moonshiners and the prospective moonshiners of the country know just how the courts are acting and they say to themselves "Let's take a chance—If we are caught it will mean a fine of a hundred dollars and if we can run off a couple of batches of hooch and dispose of it before we are caught, we will be ahead of the game."

They are right. Financially they will be able to beat the game with the established price of \$100 for getting caught. The result is that hundreds are making the poison stuff and peddling it over the country.

Who is responsible for the moonshiner? The judges who impose \$100 fines on the convicted shiners.

Who is responsible for the death of Kendall, Healy and West? The judges over the country who have imposed \$100 fines.

This is no way to break up moonshining and every judge in the state knows it. Every judge knows that if this brand of criminality is to be done away with, there will have to be terms of imprisonment attached as well as heavy fines.

If the fine is made great enough to confiscate the property where the moonshiners are working and then the moonshiner is placed in jail for not less than three years, there will be fewer chances taken. If it is to be, let's make it unanimous and let everyone hop to it but let us remember at the time that when deaths occur because of the damnable stuff that we are all to blame for making the plan workable.

One hundred dollars, not much money considering the chances to make a lot more, and then a tragedy like Linn County's. Will the judges of the country never waken to their duty to society? Will they continue to milk and kid glove the law breakers while death stalks after the white mule?

Tell your judge what you think. He ought to know.—Corvallis Courier.

AMERICA'S SHAME FOR MAY Texas has led in the May lynchings, in the number of victims and the ferocity with which they were dispatched. Several were roasted alive, and the bodies of others burned after death had brought release by other means.

No masks were worn. The performances seemed entirely safe so far as all observers were concerned. The lynchings acted as if entirely certain of the approval of their neighbors and the local guardians of the law.

No arrests have been made. The governor of the state, importuned to do something, has responded with an expression of regret at the outbreaks.

The manifestations of the lynching spirit have not been confined to Texas. In several other states human bodies have been deep to death by acts acting with the savagery of wild Indians in the days when Indians were truly wild. But the Indians have discarded the torch and the stake, the tomahawk and the scalping knife—passed them over to their conquerors and civilizers.

Burnings are quite in the fashion now. The rope and the pistol have become tame and unpicturesque. They no longer afford a thrill; and the gallery demands a thrill—something hot and stirring.

The galleries are growing in size.

Everybody turns out to see the show, and a good time seems to be had by all.

In this way, by these means, America is held up to the scorn and wonder of the world. Nothing like it is found elsewhere. Had the law-abiding element in America become powerless? If not, how soon may it be expected to assert itself?—Washington (D. C.) Star.

BY ITS FRUITS

The country is much less interested in the pronouncements of the Civil Service Reform League than it is in the manner in which the public business is conducted. If the Harding administration continues to cut expenses and reduce government payrolls, the taxpayers will merely laugh at the fulminations of protestants who never successfully conducted a business of their own but pose as authorities on how a large government establishment should be conducted. By its fruits the Harding administration will be judged. It is our guess, that it won't be repudiated by a 7,000,000 plurality.—South Bend (Ind.) Tribune.

ALWAYS ON THE GO

Emma Goldman has been deported from the United States, from Russia, and from Sweden. She seems to have found out how to see the world without paying traveling expenses.

Fortunately no payroll envelopes have to be filled by Emma Goldman on Saturday night.

She can tell workmen how to overthrow "capitalism" and how to raise hell generally, but she has not yet been able to tell a single workman how to earn a dollar or support a family.

She had a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate her ability to help the workmen of Russia where her doctrines have put "capitalism" completely out of business and left leaders like Goldman in control.

But she fell down completely and got out of Russia as soon as she could—she didn't care to stay in a country where the carrying out of her doctrines had caused starvation among the people.

NOT "DISONORABLE," BUT SENSIBLE It is instructive and interesting, but not surprising, to read that out of 169 towns in Connecticut, 100 have failed to pay for the Wilson fund the amount set down by the collecting workers as their portion of what the state ought to contribute.

While the workers denounce the 100 towns as making a "dishonor" bill, The Courant resents any such description. Who but the man himself would have the gall to proclaim as dishonorable any one who declines to contribute to his glorification?

The people of Connecticut give liberally. They give when they see need. They have missionary causes almost innumerable; they have schools and colleges to assist. They have the Armenians, the starving Russians, the education of the blacks in the South, the circulation of the Bible, the poor among them, and countless other causes, all in need of help, and to set them down as "dishonorable" because they prefer to do good as they see it rather than contributing to a fund designed to reimburse Woodrow Wilson is to insult the state.—Hartford (Conn.) Courant.

A number of business colleges are advertising they teach the "touch system." I have met a number of their graduates.

WHO ARE THE DEMOCRATS We hear a lot about what the manifestations of Beveridge in Indiana and Pinchot in Pennsylvania mean. But few people outside these two states know even the names of the Democrats running against them.—National Republican.

Senator Pat Harrison, undoubtedly thought he was paying Mr. Wilson the highest possible compliment when he declared that the former president was the greatest pilot that ever guided the ship of state. But pilots don't operate outside the three-mile limit, it must be remembered.—Kansas City Journal.

UNCLE TED'S BED-TIME STORIES TACKLING THE BIG DEBT—FOREIGN DEBT COMMISSION HARD AT WORK

"Believe me, eleven billion dollars or more is SOME money," said Jack as he and Ruth were talking about the money owed the United States by foreign nations. "Have you any idea how much it is?"

"I can't think of it," answered Ruth. "It's too much for me. Ten dollars is more than I can see at one time."

"Well, anyway that's the amount the foreign nations owe us for money loaned them," said Jack.

"Hello, kiddies," said Uncle Ted. "What are you two up to now?"

"I just read," answered Jack, "where the foreign countries owe the United States more than eleven billion dollars and we were trying to think just how much that is. I remember you telling us a long time ago, something about this money."

"Yes, Jack," said Uncle Ted, "there is probably no bigger or more important problem facing our government today than this huge debt, the money for which was raised by the various Liberty bond drives and through other sources, which I will tell you of later. About a year ago Secretary of the Treasury Mellon talked over with President Harding how this money could be best refunded. President Harding went into the matter at once with Congress and both these big men pointed out that it would be a fine way to have these debts put into the form of bonds, carrying a certain amount of interest and with a set date when they should be paid. A bill was finally passed by Congress creating what is known as the World War Foreign Debt Commission. Secretary Mellon is chairman of the commission and the other members are: Secretary Hughes of the State Department, Secretary of Com-

SLAT'S DIARY

By Ross Farquhar Friday—Jane give a party tonite for a cuzzen of hern witch is a visitting gert at her house & I went erly and tuk her a bokay of flours and roses. While I was a waiting for her to come down from up staires I looked round the room and when I heard her coming I set down real sudden and I happend to set on the chait witch I had parked the bokay of flours on. The rest of the evning was very sensitive to me and I cant figger out the sense of roses Wearing thorns on the outside of them.

Saturday—Ma was reading of a Divorce case where the lady of the opposing sex swore that her Husband beat her up evry day. She ast pa what he thot about that and he replied and sed he thot that was intirely to offen.

Sunday—Ted was at are house for dinner today and we had beef stake. Ma ast him cud he manige to cut it and he hup and says Sure I can wot enen have meat tufter yet than this is.

Monday—Pa is not very musikal in his tastes and when I ast him today what was fonograts made out of he said they was made out of pure ceasedness and nothing More nor Less.

Tuesday—Ma had a cuzzen up north witch got a lot of money gave to him by a Rich relation and he bought a car and had the steering wheel in his hand about 8 teen hrs, a day. But he let loose of it for a 2nd one day and now he has a Harp in his hand in sted of the steering wheel.

Wednesday—Pa was sick today s. ma experiminted on him by Tryng sun of bar remedys witch she herd of a book she bought. She find up sum stuff and told him to take . drops evry hr. Pa sed will this cure me or make me wiser. She told him she woodent n' till he tried it a whille—Jimmy up at cellens sat on today where her lap went when she stood up.

Thursday—We found out that pa had fed his medicine to are big Rooster. Pa is well anyhow. The Rooster looks pritty bad though. I gess ma is going to get a veterinary. For the Rooster.

merce Hoover, Senator Smoot of Utah and Representative Burton of Ohio. The headquarters of the commission are located in the Treasury Department buildings and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Elliott Wadsworth has been selected secretary.

Where to start on this big work is no small matter. The commission is, first of all, making a deep study of the conditions existing in all the countries whose debts to us must be paid. Some nations will be able to pay sooner than others and this will guide the commission in its final plan. In gathering this information the State Department, Treasury, and Department of Commerce will be able to give a great deal of information which will prove of help, particularly in view of the fact that the heads of these three departments are members of the commission.

You kids, as well as many citizens of the United States, have forgotten from whence all the money came that was loaned abroad. First of all, there was loaned under the various Liberty loan drives \$9,434,774,829. When the war was over the Secretaries of War and Navy said on credit a lot of left over war material for \$54,673,716. From the American Relief Commission came supplies worth \$84,684,963. The United States Grain Corporation provided \$55,258,802 worth of foodstuffs. This made a total of \$10,158,491,365.49. In addition to this the interest due and unpaid on those debts amounts to \$1,178,879,925.88.

There are eleven countries obligated for money advanced under the liberty loan acts. These countries are Belgium, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Italy, France, Great Britain, Greece, Liberia, Rumania, Russia, and Serbia. Most of these same countries are debtors for surplus war materials as are also Latvia, Estonia, Poland, and Lithuania. Credit sales from the United States Grain Corporation and the American Relief Commission add Armenia, Austria, Finland and Hungary to the list of debtors.

This means that the commission has a total of nineteen countries to deal with in this matter. Everybody knows that practically every one of these countries is unable to pay either the principal or interest on its debts at this time or even in the immediate future. For this reason the plan is to refund the debts by having the countries issue bonds to the United States. These bonds, as provided by the law creating the Commission, shall carry a rate of interest not lower than 4 1/2 per cent and they must mature not later than June 15, 1947. As soon as this refunding plan has been worked out and is in operation, the law provides that the commission shall have no further control in the matter.

After these bonds have been issued they may be sold or held by the United States government. This will be determined later, so that whatever is best for the United States can be done. Of course, after a while, when the commission has gone deeper into a study of these countries and their debts more laws may be necessary, and many changes may have to be made in the present plans. But the main point is that President Harding and his able advisors are going carefully into this important matter so that the very best can be done for the United States.

The commission has already invited negotiations with all the debtor nations and before long we hope to see the entire debt adjusted so that it can be paid with as little trouble as possible considering the huge amounts due and the condition of many of the debtors.

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