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FIRE THE SHERIFF OR WARDEN AND END LYNCHINGS!

Some statesman suggests that if we had laws giving damages to be paid by the localities in which lynchings occur to the estates of the persons lynched, this penalty would be a deterrent to mob action.

It is pointed out that in many states the state or locality is liable for damages done to property by mobs. Why not make the public pay for damage to human life as well, it is asked.

The answer is that such a mob, for instance, as that which lynched Leo Frank would never be deterred by fear of a judgment in damages against the state or county. There is no reason for believing that the officers whose remissness or collusion allowed the thing to be done would have given a thought to legal proceedings to collect damages on the part of Frank's wife or mother.

But if by the very act of opening the doors of the penitentiary or allowing them to be opened, if the mere fact that Frank was taken from the prison, with or without blame on the part of the warden, superintendent or guards, all their jobs had been forfeited without power of reappointment, Frank would be alive and in prison today.

These mobs know beforehand that all they have to do is to make a sufficient show of force to give the men "overcome" a chance to say they were obliged to yield to "irresistible force." It is in nine cases out of ten a fake defense. The criminal has no force back of him of which these job-holding politicians need to be afraid. The mob has votes. There are Tom Watsons and Joe Browns whose esteem will not be forfeited, and there are thousands who will applaud or forget. Therefore the sheriff, or the warden, or the deputy sheriff, or the guard yields, and the helpless prisoner is lynched.

Let the law take from them the jobs of such men instantly and forever when they give up their prisoner. Let them be disqualified from holding public office for five years thereafter, and forever barred from the place they forfeited or any similar place. If the prisoner suffers, let the officers from whose custody, actual or legal, he was taken, suffer with him. An officer who gives up a prisoner should be conclusively presumed to be incompetent. If he wants to hold his office, let him fight off the mob. Let his friends outside be interested in going into the blood-thirsty crowd and saying, "Here, I'm just as strong for lynching this fellow as you are; but you can't lynch him without lynching the sheriff, too."

The officers of the law in such cases will take a different view as to the amount of force which is "irresistible."

Let no man be eligible to hold such an office after he has had a prisoner taken from him. Let no explanations save him. Let his official head fall when he proves himself unable to protect his prisoner. It is the only way out of the lynching evil.

With the public continuing a demand for more improvements and less taxes, the city official still has his troubles.

Last year's geography class may have to begin all over again before this term is three weeks old.

Sunday and church time used to come but once a week—but that was before Billy was born.

The man with a pull isn't always a success. There's many a poor struggling dentist.

THE BALKAN TURMOIL.

Never since the outbreak of the war were the eyes of European statesmen turned so anxiously on the Balkans as they are at present. The multitude of the dispatches, statements and deals that are sent out from every political center of Europe with regard to the policies of the Balkan peoples at the present juncture make it quite clear that on these policies may depend the outcome of the European war. Russia needs badly free passage for her exports and imports through the Dardanelles. In spite of the many sacrifices on the part of the allies and in spite of the courage displayed by the French and English troops fighting against the Turks on the Gallipoli Peninsula, they have been unable to penetrate the Turkish lines. It became quite clear to the western allies that without additional aid of the Balkan peoples they will not succeed in crushing the Turks.

The Italian declaration of war against Turkey must of course influence the Balkan nations regarding the attitude of the allies. London has become very hopeful, and an Italian newspaper has been able to report the concentration of 150,000 Bulgars against the Turks.

It is a very difficult task to unite the Balkan nations. One need only think of the efforts of the late Von Hartwig, Russian minister in Belgrade, in this direction. One must further think of the distinct antagonism of interests even now existing between Italy and Serbia in order to recognize the difficult task of uniting the Balkan nations. The Balkans are not a Slavonic territory, but they are inhabited by a non-Slavonic majority, though the Roumanians claim that they are not a Balkan people at all. From the racial point of view it is very difficult for the Greeks and Roumanians to join a Balkan league, the master of which will be Russia. Besides, the petty quarrels and strifes lasting for centuries between the semi-savage peoples of the Balkans can not be turned suddenly into mutual friendships, not even with the help and under the pressure of great powers. Thus indeed it is very difficult to understand how the allies are going to surmount these tremendous obstacles.

While it is very difficult to unite the Balkan peoples, it is much easier to divide them, and therefore the opinion prevails in well-informed political circles that the Teutonic allies will be more successful in their efforts to divide the Balkan peoples than the allies in their efforts to unite them. In proof of this allegation the fact is mentioned that Bulgaria has accepted the Turkish offer with regard to the Dedegatsch railway, thus granting Bulgaria an outlet on the Aegean Sea. Sofia and Constantinople declare officially it has been agreed upon that Bulgaria should as a compensation observe at least a benevolent neutrality. If Bulgaria does not come in on the side of the allies, Greece and Roumania will consider it well before they decide to join the new crusade.

There is, of course, no reason to believe that Bulgaria is led in her actions by ethical reasons. She has only her own egotistical interests in view; she has been striving for the last two years to make good what she lost in the second Balkan war. The allies were unable to induce Greece and Serbia to make concessions to Bulgaria, thus compelling Bulgaria to turn to the other group of powers.

The Germans are striving to connect Turkey with Hungary by the way of Serbia and Bulgaria. Only if this connection is established the Germans will be in a position to materialize their colonization plans in Asia Minor and thus utilize the Baghdad railway in a proper sense. But paradoxical as it may sound, it is nevertheless true that even Serbia would profit by the realization of these huge Teutonic plans, because they will help Serbia in becoming a powerful competitor of Italy on the Adriatic.

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GREEN CORN—HOW TO EAT IT.

The world is able to classify a man by two things—his table manners and the style of his hand baggage. For instance, if, in your travels, you encounter an individual at a hotel who can cover his knife with mashed potatoes to the hilt and then get them all off without injury to his tonsils, you immediately have this man's social number. On the other hand, if he carries a canvas telescope or "knee knocker" reinforced by a part of his wife's clothesline, then you are also able to classify him properly.

You may have an inkling of a man's "bringing up" by the tools he chooses in eating his pie, or by the manner in which he muffles his exhaust in eating soup. Yet when it comes to green corn, every known rule is violated.

Some ways for eating certain things are planned for economic reasons. Thus the country hotel keeper serves his olives in a bottle and expects you to get them out with your fingers. He also furnishes you with possibly a grape fruit or orange in the morning and expects you to keep your ears clean with a paper napkin. There are recognized ways of taking soup into the system and these ways all call for a limit to the noise zone.

But when folks, even the most refined folks—folks that won't even permit a poodle to sleep with them—start in on their boiled corn part of the menu, past precedence is thrown to the winds. The book of rules is consigned with all other etiquette to a warmer place and every man is content to get his corn off the cob in the fastest and most convenient way in which he is able to operate.

No, neighbor, we shall never have to worry about any styles relative to denuding the cob of its succulent kernels. We may have worried whether it is proper to remove jelly from the nose with a fork or a napkin, and it may have annoyed us a few times to remember whether it is better form to sneeze under or over the table, but we shall never have to tax our brain on new rules for eating green corn from the cob. It is a catch-as-catch-can proposition and the hair-lipped farm hand is just as refined and just as mannerly at this delectable pursuit as the guy who learned his table manners from a young woman's seminary.

MEDICAL OPINION OF "BOOZE."

Every day makes it more difficult for "booze" to masquerade as a medicine. The notion that it is a "stimulant," a "tonic" or a "rejuvenator" is contradicted by the best and practically by all medical authorities. No one will question the high standing of Dr. S. S. Goldwater, commissioner of health for the city of New York, who has just issued an official bulletin in which he says:

"A diminution in the consumption of alcohol by the community, according to those who are in a position to know and to judge, would mean less tuberculosis, less poverty, less dependency, and less pressure on our hospitals, asylums and jails.

"Intemperate drinking cuts into the support of the family. The drinking of parents weakens the vitality of children. Drinking mothers lose twice as many babies as do sober mothers. More alcoholism is found in the parents of feeble-minded children than in the parents of normal children.

"The children of drinkers develop more slowly and do poorer school work than do the children of abstainers. Alcohol impairs the tone of the muscles, lessens the products of laborers, depreciates the skill and endurance of artisans, impairs memory, multiplies industrial accidents, causes chronic diseases of the heart, liver, stomach and kidneys, increases the death rate from pneumonia, and lessens natural immunity to infectious diseases."

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passed for the promotion of the general welfare. Would it not promote the general welfare to remove the cause of as many evils as Dr. Goldwater mentions?

NO BOHEMIAN HYPHENS.

Hail to the Bohemians of America!

They have knocked out their hyphen. They are Bohemian-Americans no more. They are simply Americans now.

This action has just been taken by the Bohemian National Alliance, in its convention at Chicago, and the announcement was made by the alliance in a memorial of allegiance to the United States, which the convention sent to President Wilson. There are a million or more people of Bohemian birth or descent in the United States. As emigrants they were regarded as among the very highest class coming to our shores; as American citizens they have been recognized as above par. We quote some of the paragraphs from their memorial to the president:

"We emphatically deny the assumption that the export of munitions of war violates in any way the neutrality of the United States."

"As loyal American citizens and residents, we indorse the principle of free export of all our products, agricultural and industrial, including the munitions of war, a principle long recognized by international law."

"We express our complete confidence in the government of this republic for its careful and correct attitude as the one great neutral power."

"We desire to say that we are not making this declaration as hyphenated Americans. There are no Bohemian-Americans. We owe no divided allegiance and we stand as a unit in our desire to see America as prosperous and as peaceful as possible."

WHAT ONE LITTLE GIRL DID.

Everybody longs for a home of their own.

Every girl, especially, has that longing.

And here is what one girl did: She built a house for herself—a real, honest and truly house, and she's only 17 years old.

She is Miss Blanche Crawford of Morgantown, Ind., and is a student at Franklin College.

Ever since a child she has had fun making furniture. As she grew older she turned out real fine furniture from the well-equipped workshop her father fitted up for her—library tables, rocking chairs, writing desks and bookcases.

Then she built "her house." Built it in Morgantown during her summer vacation. It is a five-room bungalow and she did every bit of it herself excepting the heavy lifting, which was done by a man.

It took her three months, and be-

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sides being artistic it has many conveniences, including a large fireplace in the living room, every brick of which she put in place herself. The house that Blanche built also includes an open stairway leading to two bedrooms upstairs.

Her father is a blacksmith and she can also shoe a horse. She makes artistic jewelry, can play the violin and for exercise likes to play baseball.

This is just what one girl can do for herself.

Think it over—you people who are always kicking because you can't have the things you'd like to have.

There is a very widespread campaign under way at present against municipal ownership. Cities all over the country that either have their own light plants or are discussing the building of such plants are being flooded with pamphlets put out by some electric light and power organization, the purpose of which seems to be to misrepresent the real facts as they exist in cities where municipal plants have been most successful. In this connection it is well to take statements coming from what is alleged to be the "Bureau of Municipal Research" with more than a grain of salt. The bureau seems to

be maintained to spread fiction rather than facts.

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We are showing now all the new weaves and unusual color effects in all the newest materials.

We have done our buying in the right time so that we can offer the lowest prices.

NEW SILKS

Not in many years have silks occupied as strong a position in dress circles as this fall—among them are Wasp Printed Taffetas, Dainty Flowered Silks, Crepe de Chines, Poplins, Faille and

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