

BURGESS

Bedtime Stories

Blacky Watches a Queer Performance

By Thornton W. Burgess

This much to me is very clear: A thing not understood is queer.

BLACKY THE CROW may be right. Again, he may not be. If he is right, it will account for a lot of the queer people in the world. They are not understood and so they are queer. At least that is what other people say, and never once think that perhaps they are the queer ones for not understanding.

But Blacky isn't like those people who are satisfied not to understand and to think other people and things queer. He does his best to understand. He waits and watches and uses those sharp eyes of his and those quick wits of his until at last usually he does understand.

The day of his discovery of Old Mother Nature's signs that the coming winter would be long, hard and cold Blacky paid a visit to the Big River. Long ago he discovered that many things are to be seen on or beside the Big River, things not to be seen elsewhere. So there are few days in which he does not get over there.

As he drew near the Big River he was very watchful and careful, was Blacky, for this was the season when hunters with their guns were abroad and he had discovered that they were likely to be hiding along the Big River hoping to shoot Mr. or Mrs. Quack or some of their relatives. So he was very watchful as he drew near the Big River, for he had learned that it was dangerous to pass too near a hunter with a terrible gun. More than once he had been shot at. But Blacky has learned from these experiences. Oh, yes, Blacky had learned. For one thing, he had learned to know a gun when he saw it. For another thing, he had learned that a man or boy far away one of those dreadful guns could hurt the one it was pointed at and always to keep just a little farther away. Also he had learned that a man or boy without a terrible gun was quite harmless. And he had learned that hunters with terrible guns are tricky and sometimes hide from those they seek to kill, so that in the dreadful hunting season it is best to look sharply before approaching any place.

On this afternoon as he drew near the Big River he saw a man who seemed to be very busy on the shore of the Big River at a place where wild rice and rushes grew for some distance out into the water, for just there it was shallow far out from the shore. Blacky looked sharply for a terrible gun but the man had none with him and therefore was not to be feared. Blacky boldly drew near until he was able to see what the man was doing.

Then Blacky's eyes stretched their widest and he almost caved right out with surprise. The man was taking wild rice from a bag, a handful at a time, and throwing it out into the wa-

ter. Yes, sir, that is what he was doing, scattering nice yellow corn among the rushes and wild rice in the water!

"That's a queer performance," muttered Blacky as he watched. "What is he throwing perfectly good corn into the water for? He isn't planting it, for this isn't planting season. Besides, it wouldn't grow in the water anyway. It is a shame to waste nice corn like that. What is he doing it for?"



"That's a queer performance," muttered Blacky as he watched.

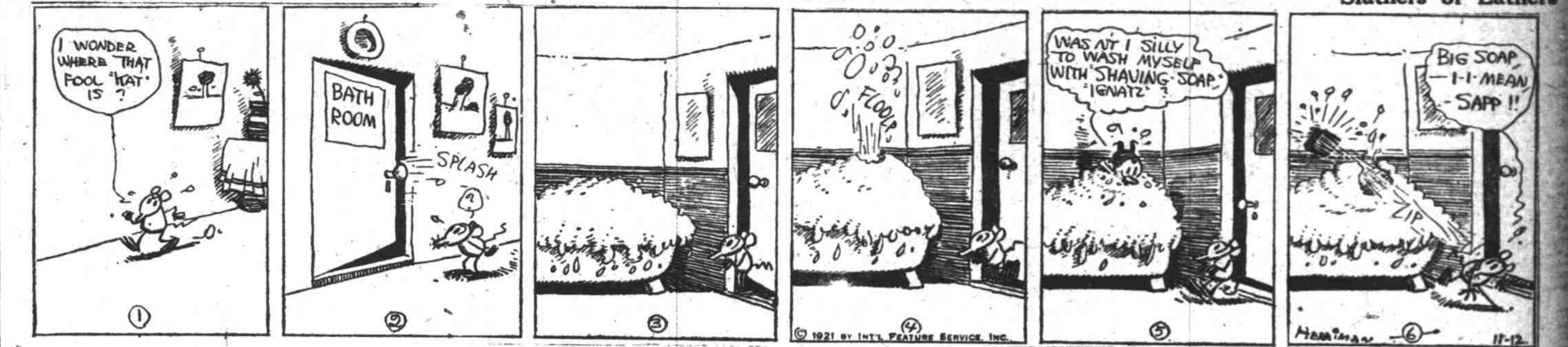
Blacky flew over to a tree some distance away and alighted in the top of it to watch that queer performance. You know Blacky has very keen eyes and he can see a long distance. For a while the man continued to scatter corn and Blacky continued to wonder what he was doing it for. At last the man went away in a boat. Blacky watched until he was out of sight. Then he spread his wings and slowly flew back and forth just above the rushes and wild rice at the place where the man had been scattering the corn. He could see some of the yellow grains on the bottom. Presently he saw something else! "Ha!" exclaimed Blacky.

The next story — "Blacky Becomes Very Suspicious."

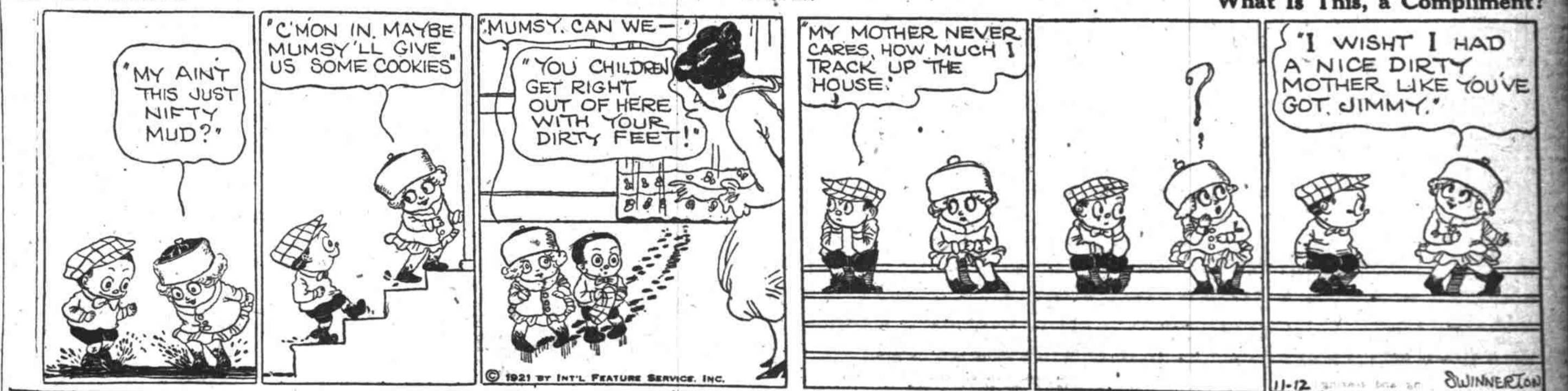
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US BOYS



China's Delegation Divided on Entering Disarmament Meet

By Harry L. Rogers

Washington, Nov. 12.—(I. N. S.)—With her fate in the balance, China's delegation entered the conference here today with dissension in its ranks, unable to agree upon a plan for prosecuting the fight to preserve her national sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Not only is the so-called Republic of South China unrepresented, but it is stated on high authority that the North China representatives making up the delegation are divided among themselves and the delegation is without a responsible head with authority to direct its policies.

This situation took an important turn today when it became known that Dr. Alfred Sze, Chinese minister to the United States, and one of the three senior delegates, had despatched an emissary to Peking with detailed instructions and a private code for communicating with Sze.

Enthusiastic indorsement of the 1925 exposition is contained in a letter received by P. E. Beach from E. Quackenbush of Sherwood, a former resident of the Portland Y. M. C. A. Quackenbush is past 80 years of age and still takes an active interest in business and civic affairs. He was for several years manager of the Ladd & Tilton bank, during the early history of that institution.

Quackenbush advocated the filling of Guilds lake with dredgings from Swan Island, as a site for the exposition. "Some historical reminders of the event should be preserved," he stated, "and there is nothing more appropriate for this purpose than substantial buildings, adaptable to civic or commercial uses."

E. Quackenbush Is Firm Believer That Fair Should Be Held

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