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## GLITTERING GENERALITIES

A Washington correspondent of the Associated Press says Governor Cox of Ohio missed church on Sunday, in order to talk on the south portico of the White House with President Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt, and to eat lunch with President and Mrs. Wilson and the Democratic candidate for Vice President—

And the inference is aimed to be left that the missing of church was a disappointment to the Democratic candidate for President.

After lunch, all three of the men who talked on the south portico and took lunch together issued statements, each aimed to assure the American public that Mr. Wilson is very well indeed and has a sound single track mind, and that Mr. Cox and Mr. Wilson are "in complete accord" on the League of Nations and on all things contained in the San Francisco platform, and in the proposed conduct of the forthcoming campaign.

Mr. Cox said in his statement given out to the public:

> "From every viewpoint the meeting was delightful. The President was at his best, recalling any detail inquired about as bearing upon the international situation and enlivening the whole conference with humorous anecdotes now and then in his old-time characteristic way. We are agreed as to the meaning and sufficiency of the Democratic platform and the duty of the party in the face of threatened bad faith to the world in the name of America. His thought is still of the war and the pledges we gave to those who sacrificed."

All of which suggests a string of glittering generalities.

The public statements may mean anything or nothing.

Mr. Harding, the Republican candidate from President calls in a broadside for specific statements.

He wants to know exactly how Mr. Cox stands on Article X;
And on the mandate for Armenia—
And on the Fiume matter—
And on joining Thrace to Bulgaria instead of Greece—
And on the Wilson demand for a great navy and a great army.

Definite answers to the above would make a very fair start—and Mr. Harding says the American people have a right to know how Mr. Cox stands on those matters; in plain words, and right down to brass tacks.

Perhaps, after these questions are all answered, Mr. Harding will have a few more. How about light beer and wines for the tummies of Tammany and all the other thirsty hosts? And how about the enforcement of the bone dry legislation? And does a tariff for revenue only mean free trade?

An American school boy could think of a very great extension of the list. If Mr. Cox tries to explain all the things he ought to explain, he would have a very busy summer. But his safest refuge is in glittering generalities.

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The third party (or rather the fifth) platform cries for more freedom. So does Debs.

"Uprising in China against the president," so runs a current headline. Same over here.

The Salem Beautiful slogan issue of The Statesman, on Thursday, will be worth while, in every sense.

If you have something good on Salem Beautiful, please hold up your hand. The Statesman will need it for the Thursday slogan issue.

Political parties are becoming more charitable every year. Now each is willing to give the other all the credit for the high cost of living. It is a generous indication. There is yet a lot of love in this old-fashioned world.

The president of the National Italian American league, composed of more than 500,000 voters, writes Senator Harding that the organization will be unanimous for him. The action of President Wilson on the Fiume situation has alienated them against the Democratic nominee.

## EUGENIE AS A WORLD FIGURE.

The lady who has just passed away at the advanced age of 94 was at one time the leading feminine figure in the civilized world. Exactly 50 years ago, in the fateful month of July, the Emperor Napoleon's power was apparently at its zenith. In most things, French ideas and fashions led the world. As a military nation the French were supposed to be in the forefront. So good a critic as Matthew Arnold had declared (in 1866) that, of course, in real fighting ability, one Frenchman was worth three Germans. In architecture—witness all our buildings of that period in this country—in costumes, in manners we copied the French. But this era passed away with the overthrow at Sedan, and France entered upon a long period of purgation and semi-effacement. The whole process has been brilliantly and succinctly told in "The Pentecost of Calamity," by Owen Wister, one of the bright literary products of the great war.

Imperial France of the sixties had her vision of world dominance. It was a Frenchman, De Lesseps, who launched the project of the Suez canal and brought the scheme to glorious completion. In November, 1869, the hand of Eugenie, as empress of the French, turned the handle that united the waters of the European Mediterranean sea and the Asiatic Red sea. The empire had at that time a mercantile marine that in many ways competed with the British. The ocean liners of the Messageries Maratimes, with headquarters at Marseilles, sailed on every one of the seven seas, and were admirably run and furnished. During the seventies, indeed, they were more popular with Englishmen going to and from Japan than the British Peninsula and Oriental—Kipling's "P. & O." France was also determined to found an eastern empire in Siam. In every way she was the world rival of Great Britain, and in some lines of activity peculiarly British she seemed to be distancing her rival.

This rivalry ceased with the supreme disaster of Sedan and German world activities replaced it. Within less than 30 years German liners, excellently equipped, were forming a network over the whole globe, where in the time of the French empire only the French tricolor was to be seen by the side of the Union Jack. The importance of the Messageries Maratimes waned and France finally became the friend and intimate associate of her quondam bitter opponent. Eugenie herself found a quiet haven of refuge in England, and her only son, the prince imperial, became an officer in the British army. His tragic death at the early age of 23, out in South Africa, fighting the Zulus, closed the future of Napoleonism. In the prince of Wales, afterwards Edward VII, she had a warm friend and admirer who knew and loved France almost like a Frenchman; a genial and very practical answer to his mother's somewhat too emphatic Germanism.

Many of the projects brought to fruition by the alert Frenchmen of the empire inured to the benefit of Britain. One of these was the Suez canal. The friction that resulted from the disappointment to Frenchmen was astutely used for her own purposes by Berlin, and the Fashoda incident of 1898 almost resulted in a Franco-British war. But happily the crisis passed and, with the succession to the throne of Edward VII, three years later, France and England began to understand one another as never before in history. Eugenie welcomed the change; and it has been her lot to see France again resume the hegemony of Europe. The British empire, for which her loved son gave up his life, and the French republic are today controlling the destinies of mankind; at least outside of the western continents.

## FUTURE DATES

July 5 to 24—Summer school for rural pastors at Willamette university.
July 6 to 20—Annual encampment of Oregon national Guard, infantry and engineers at Camp Lewis, artillery at Fort Stevens.
July 19, 20 and 21—Willamette valley tennis tournament, state hospital courts.
July 22, 23 and 24—baseball, Salem vs. Vancouver, Oxford park.
July 22, 23 and 24—State Elks convention in Salem.
August 9 to 14—Buyers' week convention in Portland.
September 27 to October 2—Oregon state fair.
September 4, 5, and 6—State convention of Artesan lodges, Salem.
September 6, Monday—Labor day.

## AN APPEAL FOR THE HUNGRY NESTORIAN CHILDREN.

People here have heard very little about the suffering of the Christian people in Persia or about the country of Persia itself. I am not making any success in Salem. In one way I do not blame them. The reason may be that they have heard so much about Belgium, Roumania, Poland and Palestine. I know for sure that America has made a rich sacrifice for those people, and that is the one reason that they have not heard about Persia. I do not think there are any who have suffered as the Nestorians are suffering now.

Persia is a country between Russia and Turkey. Turkey declared war on the allies six months after the allies were in the war. Persia was a neutral country and could not protect herself from Russia and Turkey who were fighting in her country.

In Persia the religion is the Turkish religion and not Christian. All the Nestorian Christians took the side of Russia to protect their lives from the non-Christian people. When Russia withdrew from the fight she left the Nestorians alone to fight the Turks and they were surrounded by the Turks. They were not in communication with anyone except one airplane which came from the Persian gulf, which told them that the British would come to their aid, but the British did not have force enough to relieve them. Rather than be massacred by the Turks they thought it best to start for Mesopotamia, the British base. The number starting was 85,000. Many thousands were not able to go with the rest. Their route led through 100,000 villages of the Turks.

This walk to the south was intensely cruel and many saw their brothers hanging by the wayside exhausted and left to die. They walked over the mountain passes in the glare of the sun, parched with thirst and footsore. Their shoes were torn to shreds and they walked with bare feet, wrapped around with rags torn from their petticoats. They camped at night, but did not get much sleep, being overtired.

They had to buy off their lives day after day until they had nothing left; even their clothes were taken from them, and many were left naked. The younger women were carried off by brigands, and their screams were heartrending to their mothers and sisters, but nothing could be done. On the way they passed babies clinging to the breasts of their dead mothers.

Day by day the women fell, unable to go further, though the Turks tried to flog them up. They died of exhaustion. The Turks did not kill the women as they had slaughtered the men; they only drove them until they died. From hundreds of villages in Persia they were driven like this.

Now, it seems impossible to believe, but it is a proven fact that 50,000 of these people, together with their children, are homeless and wanderers, stricken by famine and wasted by disease. The fathers and mothers are only asking of humanity that their innocent children shall be saved. Surely they have the right to expect that much from those who are more fortunately situated.

Any one having sympathy with the poor Nestorians has an opportunity to prove his Christianity. I have a local committee for this work, composed of the Rev. Anderson, Presbyterian minister, and the Rev. Charles H. Powell of the Episcopal church, who are responsible for your money. All the money that I receive, whether in small amounts or large, to be made by check to Rev. Powell for the relief of the Nestorians, to be forwarded to my address given below. Also, I want to state that if any minister or individual should wish to assist me in makng a success of my work, I would appreciate it very much.

—K. MICHAEL,
1132 Center St., Salem, Or.

## LONGEVITc AND SENILITY.

Half or more of the senility in the world may be traced to unresisting yielding to a fiction that years are the measure of age; half of the aged men and women in the world could be impeached for bringing upon themselves by consent the infirmities which set upon them the marks of decline. Instead of dodging the scythe of Time they stand resignedly in the grim old reaper's path. He cannot be blamed for cutting them down.

The sound constitution is not as essential as the courageous mind. Many men and women of weak constitutions have lived to advanced age, the mind dominating and sustaining the body. Calm temperament is the greatest factor in longevity. The person who regards himself a borrower (of time) must worry over an indebtedness which does not exist, which could not be established in any court of law; and everyone who has signed such a bond ought to repudiate it and win the commendation of all courageous souls.

Here are a few facts which are commended to the consideration of all those who measure life in years: Sir Isaac Newton lived to the age of 83 and gave proof of his intellectual vigor to his dying day. Walter Savage Landor wrote his "Imaginary Conversations" at 85 and lived seven years after. John Wesley swayed multitudes with his eloquence up to the age of 88; Washington Irving worked at his "Life of Washington" in his 79th year; Browning was nearly 80 before he ceased to write; Tennyson composed "Crossing the Bar" at 83; Victor Hugo did much of his work after he was 75; when he was 83 Voltaire composed his tragedy, "Irene."—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

## THE MERRY-GO-ROUND.

They are indulging in another little revolution down in Bolivia. In that country the most exciting sport is guessing at the nation's boundary line and the man who comes nearest has the right to start the next revolution. Bolivia is an inland republic, entirely surrounded by grafters. She is bounded on the north and east by Brazil; south by Paraguay and Argentina and west by Chile and Peru. When she flirts with Peru in the hope of gaining an outlet to the Pacific the pro-Chilean crowd start a revolution and ousts the government. Whenever they have a revolution in Peru or Chile the successful warriors will go forth and cave in the Bolivian boundary another rod or two. When the Bolivians have a revolution they go out and press it back. What Bolivia needs is a rubber band for a boundary line. Then it could stretch to satisfy the conditions of the moment. This would enable each revolution to retain its prestige until the next sun-up. Map-makers in Bolivia have to be ambidextrous. They must be able to work with both hands to keep up with the revolutions. The size of the country fluctuates like the thermometer. In one year the area has shrunk from 703,633 to 515,156 square miles and then back to 640,226 square miles. Bolivia is not exactly a country. It's a merry-go-round. However, there is one advantage. Bolivia doesn't have to spend a billion dollars for a navy. She can give it all to the army. Bolivia once had a battleship, but having no place to put it, the ship was finally sold to somebody who wanted to use it in the fish business. But if Bolivia gets a seaport she will want her navy back.

## HOW WE DO IT.

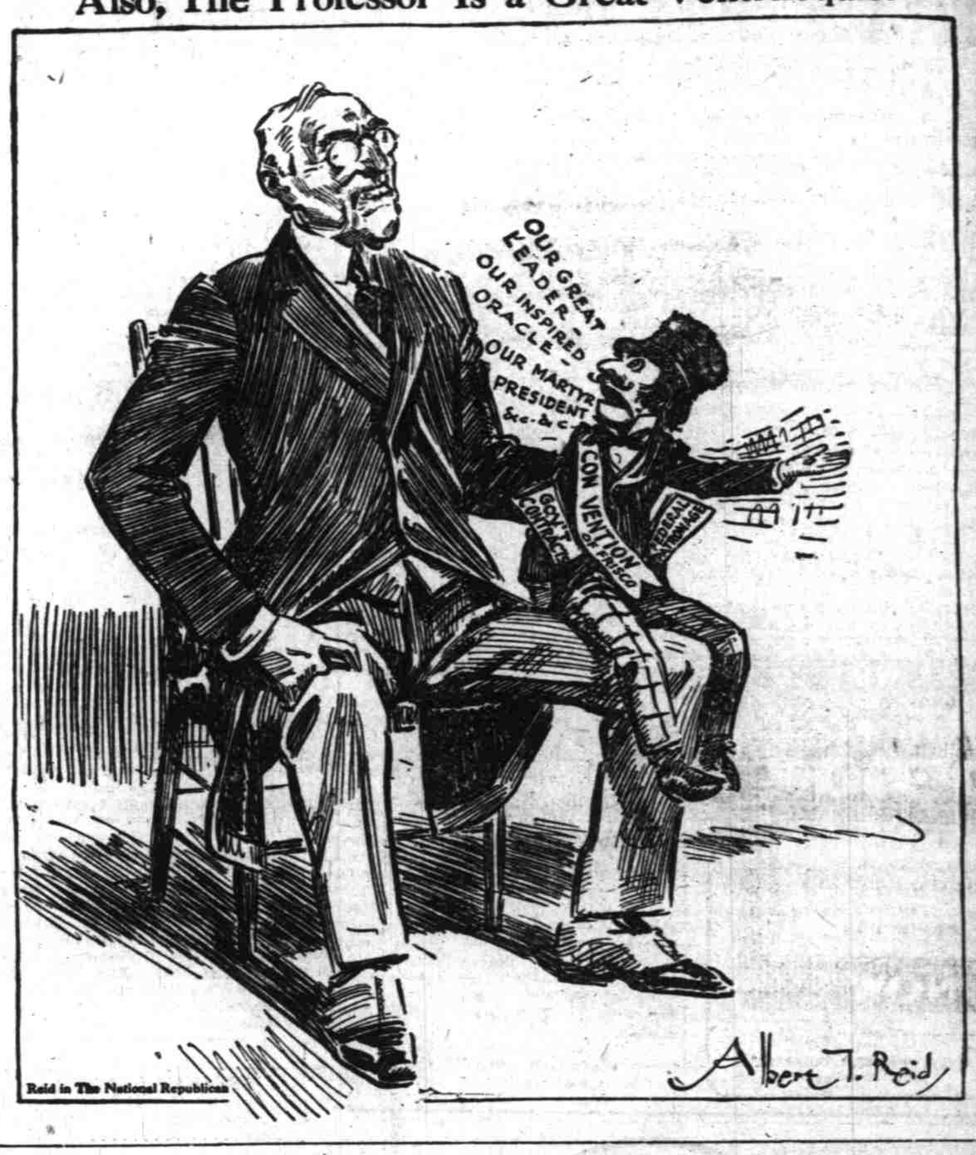
According to the excellent Associated Press report of the San Francisco convention Saturday, "it roared and pranced and hopped and cavorted and reeled and crawled and wiggled and screamed and shouted and hooted and looked for all the world as if it had gone mad."

And that is the way we make our presidents, in a land where "the voice of the people is the voice of God."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## PREACH OR PRACTICE.

In the trials of Communists under the Illinois sedition law the attorneys for the Socialists urge that it is no offense to preach and advocate anarchy and revolution as long as no actual violence is committed. In other words, it would be perfectly proper to conduct a school for burglary and arson or to permit a paper describing various ways of committing murder. Only the captured burglar or the convicted murderer could be punished. The head and inspiration for the crime would go free. If this is law it doesn't seem like good law. What it is desired to reach is the source, the inspiration, and it should not be suffered to hide behind any fictitious bulwark of free speech. In civil proceedings a man may be held responsible for what he says. Why shouldn't he always expect to be held responsible for his utterances?

## Also, The Professor Is a Great Ventriloquist




## RAINBOW OF PROMISE.

Members of the Rainbow division at their big reunion in Alabama declined positively to dabble in politics or to take any action on matters not vitally concerning themselves.

For this they will command the respect of thinking men and women and even of those who would have used them to their ends.

It is so easy to persuade any group of men to indorse some cause or measure which carries merit, and after that it is so easy to twist that indorsement into a service for something of doubtful or questioned merit. The gathering tabled resolutions calling upon congress to exclude the Japanese from this country and to extend woman suffrage to the District of Columbia. Doubtless the members might be strongly in favor of both, but they have no place in the affairs of a body of American soldiers assembled in fratrenal reunion. The Rainbow division came from forty states and was America's most representative contribution to the world war. But if it should become the clearinghouse of America's committees on resolutions it would cease to be representative of itself.

## CRIMES OF LONG AGO.

Laws that were placed on clay tablets at Nippur over 5000 years ago have been disclosed by archeologists. There were penalties for robbing fig orchards, even in those times. Maybe, after all, Eve's fig leaf was from the forbidden fruit and the original sin was shop lifting.

## NEW ISSUES.

The English papers are printing arguments over the immortality of the microbe. This ought to be an indication that the big war is really over. A people who can make a burning issue out of a germ twenty million years old found in a flake of amber are all right.

## BITS FOR BREAKFAST

The Chautauqua's the thing.

The big tent is well filled.

All Oregon Elkdom will be in Salem Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

What about the work on the Salem hospital? What is the delay?

The order against the parking of trucks on Salem streets is rather drastic. Salem is getting to be a real city, however, and there will be more and more crowding and necessary regulation of traffic, even on our wide streets.

Mr. Cox, after his interview on Sunday with President Wilson, was at pains to tell the country of the jokes cracked by the chief executive and the alertness of the mind of Mr. Wilson concerning our foreign relations, etc. Mr. Cox protests too much, like the wife of a Roman ruler.

But that is ersatz and camouflage and by-play and monkey-business—

And springes to catch gudgeons.

What the people of the United States want to know is what is in the single-track mind of Mr. Cox; and in his heart, and in his hip-pocket.

If President Wilson's term is not to expire March 4th next, a whole lot of anxious people in this country want to know it.

It is reported that Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer is about to be given the boot by President Wilson.

What has become of the old-fashioned man who was driven to drink by his troubles, real and assumed?

The folks who have been paying as high as $25 a quart for whiskey are now kicking on the advance in the price of milk.

Cat furs are becoming commercially valuable, according to furrier papers. Of course when dyed and made up they are billed as genuine Alaska seal.

Governor Smith of New York says that the fight against the high cost of living has failed. Why does Al insist on telling us something we already know

It is now predicted that the end of the world will come this year. That was another reason why the friends of William Jennings Bryan wanted him to make one more race for the presidency.

High prices have stimulated new enterprises. The latest are establishments for the repair of shirts. We presume the work is done as mother used to do it—by taking the material needed out of the tail.—Exchange.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