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WIFE DEFENDS "RED"



CHICAGO—Mrs. Wm. Bros Lloyd is standing loyally by her husband, millionaire member of the Communist party, who is on trial here charged with crime syndicalism and conspiring to overthrow the government.

THE OYSTER FEAST.

(By Frank L. Stanton.)

"Dock," he gave a oyster feast down that at his store.
 An' fast as we could eat 'em up he'd holler: "Fetch 'em more!"
 Jim Johnson—"Tore he blundered,
 Eat 'bout eleven hundred,
 An' whilst the people wondered,
 Dock hollered: "Fetch him more!"

But Johnson was but human, an' 'lowed he'd had his fill;
 When a tall Kentucky Captain said he guessed he'd fill the bill;
 An' he set the pace to hummin',
 Like a regiment a-drummin',
 As he hollered: "Keep 'em comin',
 And I'll fix 'em—so I will!"

Well, sir, he eat two bushels in the twinklin' of a eye!
 He made them oysters vanish like the lightning from the sky!
 An' says "Dock," with many a shiver:
 "I don't own the sea, or river!
 May the good Lord now deliver!
 Take a recess now on Pie!"

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THE TAXPAYERS PAY THE INTEREST

AT a time when most everyone is complaining of high taxes it sounds strange to hear anyone criticising the federal reserve board or Mr. McAdoo because a higher rate of interest was not paid on liberty bonds.

The interest on the liberty bonds—every dollar of it—is paid by the taxpayers of the United States. Umatilla county people along with others are paying their share as the records of the collector of internal revenue show. The interest on liberty bonds and victory bonds runs up to a billion dollars a year or more.

Naturally a higher rate of interest on the bonds would call for that much more taxes. If Mr. McAdoo was responsible for holding down the interest rate on the bonds he accomplished a wonderful service for the taxpayers. He has saved them millions and millions of dollars in taxes.

The theory that the low rate of interest on our war bonds is responsible for tight money sounds illogical. Credits are being restricted because under the present inflated conditions there is not enough money to go around and banks all over the world are trying to deflate. Now if our government had to pay more than it does in interest on liberty bonds would not the stringency be made greater rather than less? It seems reasonable. It is certain that taxes would be higher.

Several hundred middle west newspapers have been put out of business by the high price of newsprint and other increased costs of publishing. The situation seems due to a world shortage of paper when they do not even manufacture enough for this country's own needs.

The voting will be comparatively light today but the ballot is sufficiently long to give the election boards an ample workout when it comes to counting.

NOTED LECTURERS TO COME TO CHAUTAUQUA

The first announcement of the 1920 Chautauqua program indicates that the attractions to be presented are of the same high standard which has characterized Ellison-White programs in the past. Music, lecture and entertainment lovers apparently have much in store for them during the week of the Chautauqua.

Lecturers of prominence are: Judge George D. Alden of Massachusetts; Judge Fred G. Dale of Ohio; Carlton Chamberlayne, prominent editor of New York; Julius Caesar Nayphe, a brilliant young Athenian with a spectacular costumed lecture on the Orient; G. Whitfield Ray, F. R. G. S. for fourteen years on exploration work in South America, and E. B. Fish, the famed foe of agitators in the Northwest.

A feature attraction which varies from the regular line of Chautauqua events is the production of the big New York Dramatic success, "Kindling," by the Maurice Browne Players on the fifth night. After several years of band concerts this undoubtedly will be a welcome change to most Chautauqua "fans."

The music gives promise of an interesting week. Mary Adel Hays the New York soprano whom Ellison-White brought to the South and West in 1912, is to return again. This year she comes as soloist with Paul Pereira, the Portuguese violinist and his string quartet. An outstanding musical event rests in the announcement of the Royal Welsh Lady Singers of Wales, Great Britain. This company has toured the world and is a sterling

singing organization.

On the second day a native Alaskan girl who has set the musical world talking, is presented in the person of Lona Laska, a member of the Alaska Duo. The Farnells is another musical company coming with fine recommendations from the East.

The closing attraction of the week is a double program known as "An Evening in the South Seas," featuring a group of native Maori Singers, the only organization of its kind in America, with a lecture on New Zealand by Lella Blomfield, writer and lec-

urer of that country, illustrated with official government views.

Prices Tumbling Helter Skelter

CHICAGO, May 21.—Prices tumbled helter skelter here today on the board of trade. All grain provisions joined in the drip. Corn and pork underwent extreme breaks; corn dropping seven and three eighths cents a bushel and pork \$2.05 a barrel. July delivery corn is touching \$1.54. July pork is \$34.75.

Cattle Market Is Steady in Portland.

(By Associated Press.)
 PORTLAND, May 21.—Cattle are steady, choice steers are \$11.50 and \$12.25; hogs are steady, prime mixed are \$14.50 and \$15; sheep are weak, lambs are \$11 and \$15. Butcher is steady, cubes, extras, are 48.5 cents and 49.

GRAIN FUTURES SLIDE

(By United Press.)
 CHICAGO, May 21.—Grain futures struck a toboggan on the board of trade today. The continued spread of

price reductions, increased receipts favorable weather and more cars for grain shipments caused a drop from 3 to 11 cents in all grains.

VILLA HOLDS BRITISHER

(By Associated Press.)
 WASHINGTON, May 21.—George Miller, Britisher, is being held by Villa for \$50,000 ransom, according to official advices to the state department today from Chihuahua.

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