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Just Folks by Edgar A. Guest

BILL PATS A CALL

Bill dropped in with his "Howdy-do?" An' he gave the baby a kiss or two, An' he hugged the girls all 'round th' they Had cheeks as pink as the buds of May. Then he went to Mother an' shook her hand An' bowed to her with a sweep most grand. An' her face lit up with a merry smile As she joked with Bill for a little while.

He saluted the youngster on his knee An' told him a tale of the rolling sea. He sprawled full length on the parlor floor An' made us laugh till our sides were sore. Then the girls came in from the kitchen where They'd been doin' the dishes, an' Bill said: "There, Now the work's all done, it is time for play. Let us get to our singing right away."

Bill dropped in for a little call, An' he brought in gladness for us all; Old and young, when he passed the door, Seemed happier folks than they were before. An' there wasn't a care we had known that day, But seemed to leave us an' fade away. Till he suddenly said: "Oh me, oh my! It's ten o'clock, how time does fly!"

Isn't so much to a tale like this, Unless you are one who is rich an' miss The friendliness an' the warmth an' all The joys of havin' folks come to call; Oh, we're richer than millionaires by far. An' happier, too, than the great men are. For with all their pomp an' their pride an' fuss, Bill passes 'em by to call on us.

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FESTIVAL OF NEW LIFE

(By Dr. William E. Barton.)

NO MAN, however skeptical or obtuse, can wholly escape the spirit of Easter. He may hold his peace, but the very stones cry out. The cold, dead earth wakes to new life, and the spirit of the resurrection is in every blade of grass and every song of bird.

Let us not trouble ourselves too carefully concerning the precise form of the wonder that occurred 1900 years ago. The question is not, Did Jesus rise? but, Is Jesus Living?

On that first Easter the world's hope rose from the dead. The hopes of the disciples lay in a tomb, and a great stone was at the door. For 1900 years that stone has been removed, and an angel has been sitting upon it, proclaiming to men that the Lord of life lives.

It is not simply the dogma of a sect; it is part and parcel of the birthright of humanity—the hope that springs anew at Easter.

Robert G. Ingersoll stood at his brother's grave, and asked the centuries' old question, "If a man die, shall he live again?" He had to answer, "Reason says, Perhaps; and Love whispers, Yes.

Let no man scoff at the faith of the great apostle of doubt for that answer.

It is not so wonderful that life should exist after death as it is that we should believe that it exists. God might have a million wondrous things in store for us which we could not possibly understand. We live in a world where death surrounds us on every side. How can we possibly think of life after death? The wonder is not that it should exist, but that we should believe that it exists. The fact is less wonderful than the faith. Yet there is hardly a tribe on earth so low in the social or spiritual scale that it does not believe in life after death.

FEAR OREGON WILL SUFFER

THE Salem Capital Journal takes the view of Senator Eberhart of this joint district that the legislature of Oregon made a mistake in not passing the anti-Japanese bill at the last session.

This vitriolic criticism of the senate recently appeared as an editorial in the Salem paper:

Thanks to the cowardice of the Oregon senate, Oregon is now threatened with a real Japanese invasion. California passed an anti-alien land law at the last general election. The Washington legislature has followed suit, and Japan, barred from acquiring property in California and Washington is turning to Oregon.

Senator McNary is probably to blame for leaving Oregon the open-door for alien invasion. He wired the legislature the opinion that such action by Oregon would gravely embarrass the national administration in its treaty making with Japan. How could it? California, fooled for 20 years by the national government, had already acted, and it was impossible for Oregon to add further complications.

While Oregon was still debating the alien land law, Texas passed it. And Washington has now followed with a similar law. But the pleas of Lodge and McNary and the commercialism of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, which does not hesitate to sacrifice the future for present gain, prevailed.

There is one way in which the anti-Jap bill can be put on the statutes—and that is by initiative at the next general election. The American Legion sponsored the bill in the legislature. Let the American Legion initiate the measure. It has all the machinery for securing signatures. That is what the initiative was designed for—to secure laws when the legislature failed to act. Meanwhile we lose two years in order to "prevent embarrassment of the administration."

The above language may be a trifle immoderate but with California, Washington and Texas in line on the subject it looks like our legislature overlooked something.

HOW GERMANY CAN PAY

THERE seems to be a big difference of opinion as to whether or not Germany can pay the huge indemnity levied against her by the allies.

Without giving consideration to Germany's own complaints on the subject, some authorities contend that it will be impossible for the people of that nation to meet the demands of the victors and that to require them to try to do so would be folly.

The New York Evening Post, however, is one that opposes this view and presents some very reasonable argument in defense of the German ability to pay. This paper calls attention to "the enormous saving enforced upon Germany by the reduction of her army and the virtual disappearance of her navy."

"In 1913 the German military and naval budget was almost exactly \$500,000,000," it goes on to say. "The army then numbered 800,000 men. The naval strength was nearly 75,000 men. The army now numbers 100,000 men. In other words, on the armament budget alone Germany ought to save perhaps as much as \$400,000,000 a year, which is almost the annual installment for the first two years. But beyond that there is the important consideration that German disarmament means the release of 750,000 men from the barracks and war-fleet for productive purposes. In 1913 Helfferich estimated the annual income of the German people at \$10,000,000,000. For a nation of 25,000,000 workers, speaking in rough approximation this

Tall, Fat and Tiny



Ernest Tolhims, 18, German boy, has brought his 570 pounds to America for exhibition in side shows. Ludwig Schuider is 7 feet 4 inches, and still growing. Miss Jennie Lindsey is only 3 feet 2 inches, but she is 23 years old. They're to appear in circuses, too.

means an individual productivity of \$400 a year. With 750,000 men turned from military idleness to productive labor, this should mean an additional national income of \$300,000,000. Add this to the actual saving of military expenditure and we have much more than the first two annual instalments demanded, and almost exactly the annual instalments of \$,000,000,000 marks stipulated for the years 1923 to 1925."

If Germany can make this saving through compulsory disarmament, it is a mighty good argument for disarmament and the allies sought to adopt voluntarily the thing they are enforcing upon their late enemy.

The tenor of the German replies on the indemnity question are far from satisfactory to those who feel Germany should pay for the damage wrought; the German purpose is to escape any just reparation payment and the bill collector may have to use rather strenuous methods.

GUARD RAILS NEEDED ON NEW ECHO HIGHWAY

In a letter to the county court F. T. George, Echo merchant, calls attention to the need of guard rails and danger signs on the new highway between Pendleton and Echo. Mr. George's letter is as follows:

County Judge, Echo, March 23, 1921.

Pendleton, Ore.

My Dear Sir:—

Please pardon the liberty I assume in addressing you thus but I can't resist asking if our County Court of the State Highway Commission is responsible for the up-keep of the highway between Echo and Pendleton. The reason I ask is the many discussions which come to me from the various people who travel it and who express surprise that there are no guard rails or danger signs anywhere along the way and there must be at least twenty places between here and Pendleton that are exceedingly dangerous—and there is apt to be, with the motoring season right on hand, a great many accidents if the proper precautions are not taken to avoid them. It does seem to the writer that it's a matter of grave importance that should be taken care of at once, in order to avoid a heavy damage suit that somebody may be liable for. With proper guard rails and danger signals along the many dangerous curves and narrow places might have quite a tendency to eliminate accidents and bring people to the full realization of the situation and perhaps check up some of the speed kings who are a regular menace to the common travel. I trust that you will accept this in the spirit intended and not in any sense of criticism, but I do think it's a matter for the proper authorities to give immediate attention.

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