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Life is not strife for gold
Nor meddled fame,
In years in joys are told—
The hearth fire's flame,
The roses nodding in the sun,
The children's happy feet,
Some little duty done,
A pleasure fleet.

Life is the joy of friends
And birds and trees,
The notes the loveliest send,
Old memories,
Neighbors and sunny skies,
And little trips to make,
Tears when a loved one dies
And hearts that ache.

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Just Folks

By Edgar A. Guest

LIFE IS NOT STRIFE FOR GOLD

Life is a sum of things,
Laughter and cheery days,
Hope which the morning brings,
The future's rosier ways,
Faith when the clouds are gray,
Grief when the shadows fall;
So we must go our way
Knowing them all.

Life is no narrow span,
Flung 'twixt a goal,
It is a mighty plan,
Shaping the soul;
All that the eye can see,
All that the heart can feel,
All that can ever be,
Turns on life's wheel.

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DEVELOPMENT OR POLITICS?

It will be very interesting to see what congress does regarding Henry Ford's offer to take over the uncompleted Muscle Shoals power plant and fertilizer plant on the Tennessee river. This project was started during the war in order to make sure of a nitrate supply for war purposes. Money was voted by congress but not enough for completion of the project. In the last congress an appropriation for the project passed the senate but was killed in the house.

The following statement as to the Ford offer is from a bulletin by the department of commerce, headed by Herbert Hoover: The secretary of commerce today transmitted to Secretary Weeks a proposal of Mr. Henry Ford for the utilization of Muscle Shoals. The discussion leading up to this offer was conducted by Assistant Secretary of Commerce

with the approval of the secretary of war. The negotiations grew out of representations made to the department of commerce by the Mississippi Valley Association, the Tennessee Valley Association, and the American Farm Bureau Federation, all of whom are earnestly interested in seeing that the great uncompleted project upon which the government has already expended \$29,000,000 should not disintegrate altogether and that the improvement to transportation on the Tennessee river should not be lost.

The principal points in Mr. Ford's offer are:

1. He will take a 100 years lease upon the Wilson Dam and No. 2 dam and electric installation when completed. This work is estimated to cost \$28,000,000. After a short preliminary period, Mr. Ford proposes to pay interest at the rate of 4 per cent on the sum of \$28,000,000 and to amortize not only this sum but the entire cost of both dams over a period of 100 years.
2. To purchase all the nitrate plant and equipment, lands, steam plant, etc., for \$5,000,000.
3. To convert and operate the large nitrate plant (No. 2) for the production of fertilizer compounds and as a standby for government explosives in case of war and to keep it up to date in both arts.
4. To limit the profits of the fertilizer plant to 8 per cent, an independent board embodying representatives of the American Farm Bureau and the National Grange and the Farmers' Union to certify to this maximum.

The completion of these works makes the Tennessee navigable to Chattanooga, and there are undertakings by Mr. Ford for maintaining the locks, etc. The power developed will ultimately greatly exceed the requirements of the fertilizer plant, and Mr. Ford proposes to use it in his own business. In order to meet the annual payments proposed to use a very large use of power must be made outside the fertilizer works.

Secretary of Commerce Hoover stated "that the acceptance of the offer was entirely for decision by congress, and that body would not be guided by Secretary Weeks' views in the matter. Mr. Ford has made a genuine proposal. It shows courage to agree to pay out \$5,000,000 to spend further sums upon large works, and besides to take an annual obligation for about \$1,500,000 for 100 years and to agree to maintain a nitrate plant in reserve for the government for that period. Whatever may be the result, Mr. Ford's offer does prove what the public associations have contended—that the completion of this project has a commercial value."

If congress wishes to favor development of unused resources and save an \$80,000,000 investment it will accept the Ford offer, unless a better one appears, or it will complete the project through an appropriation. If congress thinks more of petty politics and spite work than of national prosperity or if it wishes to serve private electrical interests it will reject the offer and let the project go unfinished.

Will the coming disarmament conference be an open affair or held behind closed doors? After all the turmoil raised over secret negotiations at Versailles it seems incredible that secrecy should mark the disarmament conference but it is the supposition at present that secrecy will prevail. From the standpoint of the Pacific coast it would be preferable to have an open meeting, especially insofar as the Pacific question is involved. There has been too much closed door diplomacy with Japan.

It now develops that the chief reason why republican editors in Washington have attacked Governor Hart for alleged extravagance is that he has refused to oust a democrat from the state printer's office. How impossible a governor does become when he refuses to listen to the spoils hunters.

Did you think yesterday that perhaps the family had better get ready for the mountains or the coast and if so, how do you feel about it today?

Meanwhile President Harding has been out on a picnic with Henry Ford.



Mrs. Sheehy Skeffington is credited with having played a big part in bringing about the Irish-English peace conference. She was sent to London by De Valera to ascertain public opinion and held conversations with influential Englishmen shortly before the call for a peace meeting.

CAFES OF MONTMARTRE AMUCK WITH COCAINE USERS; MANY AMERICAN WOMEN ARE VICTIMS

Traffic in Deadly Drug Assumes Alarming Proportions, Aided by Secret Organizations.

By Newton C. Parke, International News Service Staff Correspondent.

PARIS, July 25.—A veritable secret society of cocaine users, growing daily in membership, is baffling the French police in their efforts to stamp out the drug evil.

The secret organization has code names for known purveyors of the drug and a variety of code names for the drug itself. It is feared that it includes in its membership a large number of police agents whose duty is to suppress the traffic and also of customs officials who make it easy to bring cocaine into the country.

The increase in the number of "cokes" users has become so great that the French Academy of Medicine is calling for the enactment of drastic laws to curb the evil. The Academy is being supported by a number of newspapers in its demand that long terms of imprisonment be meted out to cocaine-sellers and users instead of fines, which often do not exceed \$10.

One big cafe, a stone's throw from the Paris Opera, is one of the biggest centers of cocaine traffic. Most of the drug that reaches Paris comes in from Germany. It is alleged that French and American soldiers from the armies of occupation bring in the largest share. They make \$500 per cent on their investment and easily escape discovery because they wear the uniform. Their supplies are turned over to a regular "cocaine" syndicate, whose agents gather in the big cafeterias in the heart of the city to receive their shares of "cokes" to be peddled all over Paris.

Half a dozen demit-mones, who are well known to the syndicate, operate in this one cafe alone. They are well known to the regular drug users and they know their clientele. A stranger who applies to one of them for a "bouquet of flowers," a name commonly applied to the white powder by its victims, is indignantly turned down. A regular user has no difficulty at all.

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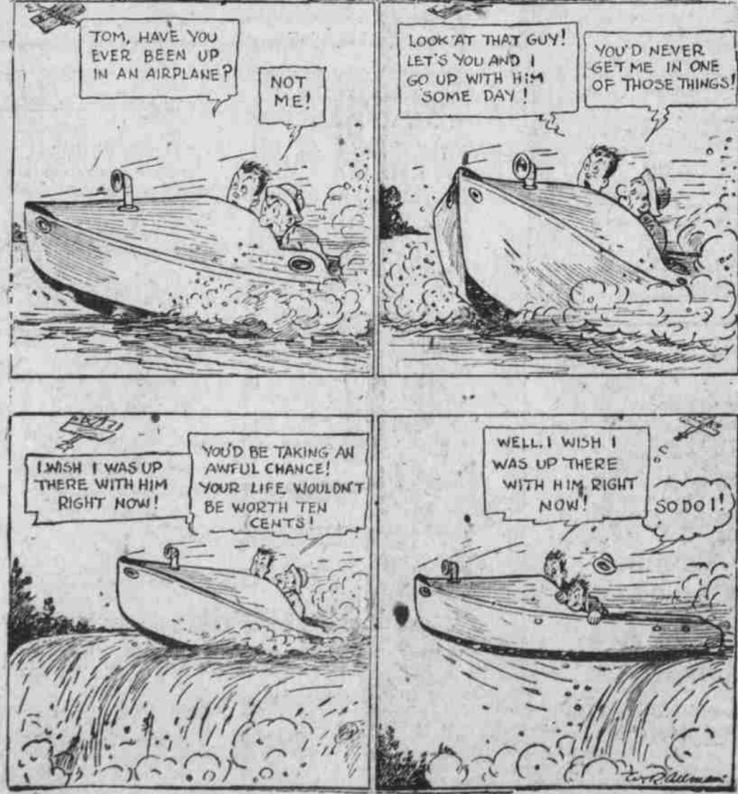
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