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Just Folks by Edgar A. Guest

PA'S INSTRUCTIONS

If it's a dinner or a dance, a wedding or a small affair,
Ma tells Pa what to say an' do an' how to act when they get there;
She wouldn't think of starting out to mingle with the social swim
Unless she'd taken Pa aside an' properly instructed him.

"Remember please," she says to him, "the hostess has some claims on you,
Do not stay in the smoking room the way you very often do,
An' oh, I hope for goodness' sake tonight you will not start to tell those very old an' silly jokes you somehow seem to like so well.

"If Mrs. Ponsoby is there, I hope to her you will be nice,
Pay her some slight attention please, although it is a sacrifice,
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NO PROSPERITY BARRIER WANTED

THE desire of the country is for completion of the readjustment process. In this farming region as elsewhere the wish of all is for stability. That calls for cost reductions and for markets that can be depended upon. The biggest menace along this line at present is the Fordney tariff bill. That sounds strange. It sounds like political talk, but stranger than ever is the fact that the objection to the tariff this year is not based on politics.

The situation is thus reviewed with considerable fairness by the New York World:

Outside of the republican majority in congress and a small circle of expectant beneficiaries the Fordney tariff is without friends.

For the most part the great business interests do not want it and regard it as a grave menace to the foreign trade of the country. Labor shows no enthusiasm for it. The financial interests are hostile to it and believe it is wholly mischievous. Republican newspapers have been no less vigorous than democratic newspapers in attacking its provisions. Opposition would be still stronger but for the general belief that the senate will promptly lay aside Mr. Fordney's masterpiece and take up the pressing question of tax revision.

Taking it as a whole, the Fordney bill is the worst piece of tariff legislation that ever commanded the support of the house of representatives. Other tariff bills have been bad in spots, but this bill was drafted in utter disregard of the economic condition of the country, and even its defensible schedules are obscured by the vicious provision for American valuation which will impose a tariff upon a tariff and make it impossible for any importer to know in advance what duties he will have to pay. A more ingenious method of stifling trade and promoting extortion has never been devised.

The issue that is raised by the Fordney tariff is not one between protection and a tariff for revenue but between national protection and indefensible protection. Ever since the armistice the country has been struggling to destroy inflation, liquidate war prices and get back to a reasonable basis in costs. Along comes Mr. Fordney, who frames a tariff for the especial benefit of profiteers, undertakes to increase the cost of living again, gives the control of duties into the hands of price-manipulators, menaces the foreign trade of the country, lavies reprisals from countries which are the best customers of the United States and tells the American people that the way to be prosperous is to erect insuperable barriers to prosperity.

It is doubtful if even the supposed beneficiaries will profit as they think they will, should the bill pass. In most lines of business the first requisite for success is a prosperous condition throughout the country as a whole. High tariff or no tariff no sheepman ever made money out of wool when the nation as a whole was depressed because there is then no buying power. When the country is prosperous the wool business is likely to be good, tariff or no tariff, because there is buying power. Doubtless the same facts apply equally well in other lines. If so then the goal to work for is the prosperity of the people as a whole. Yet it is being freely predicted that we will get no such results if the Fordney bill passes. If the objections to the bill came merely from democratic politicians their arguments might be subject to discount but the critics are by no means confined to democrats. The chief objections in fact are raised by financial men who ask how we can restore world stability by acting like we were a debtor nation when in reality we have become the world's greatest creditor nation. Europe now owes the United States in interest alone an annual payment that exceeds the amount we formerly paid Europe for all purposes. The facts are the very reverse of what they were in prewar days and these facts must be recognized.

It is no time to worry however because the consensus of opinion is that the senate will take most of the sting out of the Fordney bill.

NORMALCY VS. OBLIGATION

"THE duty of the nation, to its defenders, will remain a burden on the public conscience until that duty is fulfilled," says an editorial in the current issue of the American Legion Weekly anent the recent action of congress in recommitting the adjusted compensation bill at behest of President Harding.

But for the opposition of President Harding, the editorial says, "the compensation bill undoubtedly would have become a law at this session. The consequences of the president's action cannot now be foretold. Nothing is settled until it is settled right. Therefore the question of equalizing the economic disadvantages suffered by the men who served their country is not settled.

"In the meantime the United States stands as a country which has refused to meet an obligation, and the most ungrateful of nations. Great Britain, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, France, Belgium, Italy—all have adopted compensation measures. Only America can not afford assistance to its soldiers. Only America has not regarded the economic rehabilitation of its ex-service men as a primary step in national stabilization. Only America has forgotten.

"The American Legion must believe that it will become apparent to the American people that President Harding in his remarkable message set forth no reason whatsoever to justify the senate in delaying action on a bill so vital alike to the well-being of the men who served their country and the country itself, it must express the fear, too, that normalcy cannot be attained by ignoring obligation."

The Union Oil Company will soon have its Pendleton plant in operation and there are rumors other oil companies may soon enter the city; come on, gentlemen, the more the better.

Testifying in "Black Sox" Case



Here is Bill Burns on the stand at the trial in Chicago of White Sox ball players charged with throwing the 1919 World Series to the Cincinnati Reds. Burns said that he had acted as "go-between" for the ball players and a clique of gamblers.

FROM THE PEOPLE

"BETTER THAN PITCH."
MEACHAM, Or., July 29.

Editor East Oregonian:
I read a couple of accounts in your paper a few days ago that I just couldn't help writing you about. Now I am a poor writer and a worse speaker, so being sorter short on this education thing. But when I am reading I can't help thinkin' Now the first account I spoke of was something about a big moonshine still the Sheriff had just brought out of McKie Creek in the mts near Meacham. It also states that they found a lot of good drinking licker along with the still, and I did not see any mention of it in your lost and found column either. But the next day you had a little something in your editorial about where the U. S. gov wasnt doing the right thing by leaving it up to the individual states to pay for the services of the boys that had just successfully started a big sham battle over in Europe. It goes on further to state that it was the gov not the states that they were fightin' for. And after reading this second account I couldn't help thinkin' what might happen to the U. S. gov if it was to declare war and all the states remained neutral. And I also wondered if it wouldnt be easier to pay the bonus of what few soldiers that would come from a thinly populated west than to pay taxes to the gov for a bonus of a thickly populated east. Then I tried to guess what would happen to a state like Cal if it were to declare war on Japan and the U. S. gov remained neutral. Of course it would be different in Oregon as the native Oregonians and us naturalized Mousourians could probably lick them any way. So after reading both accounts one following the other I concluded that probly the editor must have been one of the posse that had brought in the still and being a mollet American wouldnt want any praise for his services and forgot to say he was along. Now as I never write any of these omnibus letters I am sinnin you my name at the bottom of this so you can have some idea who it is from. But being as I am a subscriber of yours I ask you to do me a favor and take it of as soon as your done readin this. Because while I got a good enough name I know you wouldnt want some erlits to hitch it

along side yours in friendly correspondance. I said I was a subscriber of your paper, I am but I have only been one two weeks. But I have been reading the E. O. for about ten years but never subscribed for it before owing to the fact that I have always been where someone else took it. And I did not want to waste any good money on news, see'n as I had chewed tobacco and overalls to buy and I'd maby get stuck for a game of seven up ever two or tree weeks. And anyway I was always willin to let the fellow that took it read it first, as they want much in it anyway and sometimes he would tell me what the news was and save me doing a lot of difficult readin. But since I am up here in the mts and no one seems to take any papers I thought it might be a good idea to subscribe as I believe a fellow ought to know a little somthin thats going on for the sake of argument. Then it kinda pays to be posted now and then. Chances is if them moonshiners had read the E. O. they would have known the Sheriff was comen up and could have hotealed out and not got pinched. And probly if Grant Co. had a paper like the E. O. they wouldnt be waitin for Umatilla to build em a road. Do I like your paper? Sure I do. It is the best little sheet this side of the Mousur river and is a heap better'n pitch to start firin' with. I will close now wishin you luck and trustin you will epente these few remarks I hope to remain a subscriber of the E. O.

P. S.—If this is any good to you use it but withhold name.
Resp. Yours
(Name Withheld.)

28 YEARS AGO

(From the Daily East Oregonian, July 29, 1892.)
Misses Anna and Nancy Cameron entertained friends with a lawn party Friday evening at their home across the river. About thirty young guests were present and "danced by the light of the moon" until the hour for dispersal came.
A party of pleasure seekers enjoyed a day's outing Friday, at Thorn Hollow, where they picnicked, and fished for the finny trout. The expedition started on the early morning's train and returned in the evening. In the party were Mrs. J. P. Bushie, Mrs. W.

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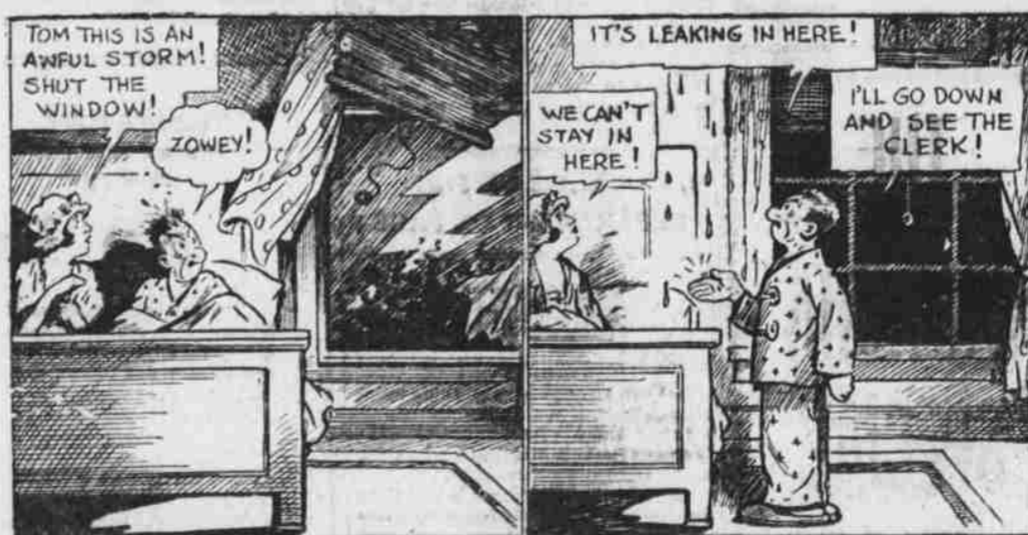
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