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Ripping Rhymes.

A YEAR OF PEACE

We've had a year of balmy peace, since captains said, "Let firing cease," (where weary armies stood). It's been a year since cannon roared, and soldiers waved the flaming sword, and do we find peace good? I have a beef-steak on my eye; a neighbor let a derrick fly, and made the blinded thing black; and in a scarp down by the mill my hat was flattened with a rail, my coat split up the back. My sideboards now are floored with gore, my battered head is always sore, from many wounds and bluffs; we have a riot every day, and when we've hauled the wreck away I help to plant the stiffs. Some fellows robbed me of my wreath, and broke in half a dozen teeth, and I'm a sight to see; I can't enjoy my morning walks, for some one's always throwing rocks, wherever I may be. I cannot warble peace time hymns, I'm picking birdshot from my limbs, and have no time to spare; and every time I take my lyce and burble like a house afire, some fellow pulls my hair. The quiet of old days is gone; wherever I turn I gaze upon a lot of scuffling men; the air is full of fur all day, so take the Boon of Peace away, and give me war again.

Odds and Ends

New York—Right to hang out the family wash is inalienable—even if it defaces an apartment court. Magistrate Sweetser ruled when Sam Ginsburg complained the superintendent three times removed the clothes line.

East St. Louis, Ill.—A goat saw his reflection in a mirror in a show case here, and decided to "get the other fellow." Damages to the building \$300.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Frank Dankovich was the first man charged with drunkenness since war prohibition went into effect. "I smoked a five-cent cigar and it made me dizzy," he pleaded.

San Francisco—Fifty six years of married life are enough, according to Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, who is suing Amos Parker Johnson, Belmont capitalist, for divorce. They were married in 1893.

San Francisco—Hotel keepers petitioned Internal Revenue collector Wardell to sanction frozen cognacs and Roman punch for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Frozen or decaffeinated liquor is liquor, he ruled.

San Francisco—Bob Wildhorse, full blooded Indian, gassed and wounded in France, sits at recruiting headquarters daily at 11 a. m., asking for reenlistment, but he is physically unfit.

Sugar Situation Will Be Normal By End Next Week

New York, Nov. 7.—The sugar situation will probably be normal by the end of next week, according to Arthur Williams, federal food administrator. To achieve this result, he warned the people they must economize.

Henry F. Costello, of the sugar count station board said 125,000,000 pounds are being unloaded from ships in New York and Philadelphia and that about 13,450,000 pounds will be released to consumers next week.

Abe Martin



Mrs. Joe Lark says prohibition has made her husband so thoughtful that she doesn't even have to get the coffee for a can of 'niggers'. Of all the sides of the coin strike, the fire side is the most important.

A BEACON LIGHT.

IN A speech in Kansas City recently, William Allen White, author and journalist declared that President Wilson's illness was the result of his passionate consecration to the big tasks urging themselves upon the presidency, which has become too great a burden for even a superman to carry.

Describing the president's achievements at Paris, Mr. White said: "He had to go alone amidst the play of great forces." Speaking of the peace treaty, he remarked: "The league of nations covenant is only 70 per cent perfect; sometimes I think it is much less than that, but it is the big thing of the peace conference, the most significant thing west of the Ganges since the crucifixion, and it is all Wilson's work. If it were only 10 per cent perfect it would still be a step in the right direction."

Ray Stanard Baker, the publisher, who like Mr. White, reported the peace conference at Paris, in writing the story of that historic event says: "The president, never upon any occasion, no matter how difficult, failed to represent America and the American people with distinction. He never represented what was cheap or crude in American life, but unfailingly what was highest and best." And Mr. Baker graphically describes the gallant and victorious fight waged against old world diplomacy in behalf of new world democracy by the president.

We are too close to the event to be blinded by prejudice and politics to grasp its full significance or to realize what a truly great work has been accomplished by Woodrow Wilson and what a really great world leader America has developed, but in the clear perspective of the future, the event and the man will shine as a beacon light in the history of humanity.

LABOR UNREST IN MERRIE ENGLAND.

THE I. W. W. of today had his counterpart in the troubled days of the 14th century in "Merrie England" when British laboring classes were in stubborn revolt against a feudal system which chained them as serfs to the land owners and aristocracy, and bound the small farmer or villein to the noble.

Victorious campaigns of the Black Prince in France had been followed by humiliating disasters. The black plague had decimated the land. Oppressive taxation by a profligate king had pauperized the realm. The drafts of the prolonged war had made labor scarce and the employers bid against each other for toilers. Despite severe penalties and restriction laws, serfs fled from their masters to find lucrative work elsewhere, or roam the forests as free booters.

The fugitive serf enjoyed a prosperity above that of the toiler bound to slave on the estate of his birth, a prosperity hitherto unknown to the laborer. His desertion horrified the nobility who saw in free labor the ruin of society. His prosperity improved the lot of the free laborer as well, so that men who had "no land to live on but their hands, disdained to live on penny ale or bacon and called for fresh flesh or fish, fried or baked, and that hot and hotter for chilling of their maw."

England was seething with political and social unrest produced by misgovernment, injustice and slavery and the run-away serf became a wandering apostle of discontent. He is described in the chronicles of the time as the "waster that will not work but wander about, that will eat no bread but the finest wheat, nor drink but of the best and brownest ale. He grieveth him against God and grudgeth against reason, and then curseth he the king and all his council after such a law to allow laborers to grieve."

That the miserable serf of Merrie England had good grounds to grieve is revealed in the preaching of John Ball, dubbed "the mad priest of Kent", against the system of social injustice which until then had passed as the divine order. Ball was the first Englishman to assert the natural rights and equality of man, as follows:

"Good people, by what right are they whom we called lords greater folk than we? On what grounds have they deserved it? Why do they hold us in serfage? If we all came from Adam and Eve, how can they say or prove they are better than we, if it be not that they make us gain for them by our toil what they spend in their pride? They are clothed in velvet and wear in furs and their ermines, while we are covered with rags. They have wine and spices and fair bread; and we eat cake and straw, and water to drink. They have leisure and fine houses; we have pain and labor, the rain and the wind in the fields. And yet it is of us and of our toil that these men hold their state."

The peasant revolt in England, culminated in Wat Tyler's rebellion, when hordes of people marched upon London burning and sacking the palaces of nobility on their way, and then quietly dispersed when the boy King Richard II. promised them freedom and amnesty. They soon learned how worthless a king's word was, for their charters of freedom were cancelled and over 7000 of their leaders adorned gibbets, ghastly monuments of a monarch's perfidy. But terrible as were the measures of repression and violent as the reaction among land owners, serfage was a thing of the past. Fear of another rebellion caused it to die a lingering death, and the work of freeing the serfs went quietly forward.

The I. W. W. of Merrie England were the product of unjustifiable economic and political conditions. They had no rights under the law. Man's inhumanity to man made them little more than beasts of the field. But the I. W. W. of today whose rights are constitutionally secured, who receives high pay for short hours, wars upon society because he has to work at all—and would elevate brawn by the simple expedient of delapidating brains, seeking thereby to secure the luxury and leisure of the good-for-nothing idle rich whose profligate existence is as worthless to society as his own.

LOVE and MARRIED LIFE by the noted author Idah McGlone Gibson

IS BOBBY HELEN'S LOVER?

"There was more earnestness in this observation than Helen would have me think, and I went over and put my arms about her, saying: 'Helen, you surely must know that I

would do anything possible for you or any other friend who was in trouble.' 'Come on, girls,' interrupted John. 'Remember, you are beautiful to us without any dotting up. It may not be a romantic confession for a newly married man, but I don't mind telling

you that I am starving.' 'Besides,' said Helen, 'I want to hear the story Kate has promised to tell.'

"Can't she tell it to us?" asked Bob. "Yes," I answered, "but wait till we are at luncheon."

"Wait a minute," said Bob Gaylord, as we reached the first floor. "I just remember that Ruth said something about her mother coming to our house today for luncheon and that I told her I would try and be there. Ruth's mother rather makes it a point of seeing me on her more or less frequent visits. Excuse me a moment till I phone Ruth."

"I wonder," said John, innocently, as Robert left, "if it is a case of too much mother-in-law between Bob and Ruth?"

"I should say," I answered, "that it is a case of too much children." "I wouldn't blame him there," said John, quickly, for to tell the truth I have never had an great desire for a household of children. One or two, perhaps, but more must be a great nuisance."

Helen said nothing, but I noticed the color slowly flood her face and then recede. For a moment I wonder. Then I took myself to task for being suspicious.

"Why, John," I said, more to take his attention from her apparent confusion than for any other reason, "I am sure no husband and wife want to go through life without children."

"Certain not," he answered, "but Ruth Gaylord has been more of a mother than a wife ever since her first baby came, and now that they have three, she has absolutely deteriorated into a governess and nurse maid. We were talking about it at the club the other night and Fred Smith said—you know Fred is one of Bob's greatest friends—that he never went there any more because, although he loves children, he does not care to spend the entire evening listening to their ills and their smart sayings."

"It is a sad state of affairs, don't you think so, Helen?" "For a moment Helen was quiet, and then she said:

"Yes, I think Ruth is making a mistake. But you know, John, some women make me to be mothers and some wives only. I think Ruth is perfectly happy with her children."

"But what about Bobby?" I asked,

curiously dazed by the turn the conversation had taken.

"Oh, Bobby can take care of himself, I guess," said John with a grin, as though he had some inner information that he did not tell us.

Again I was surprised at Helen. She looked at John with a flash of angry concern and seemed about to speak, but she evidently thought better of it and compressed her lips tightly.

"Surely you don't think that Bobby Gaylord is the kind of a man who would neglect his wife, do you, John? Why, he—"

"I don't think Bobby Gaylord could be really neglectful," interrupted Helen quickly, "but I have been there quite a little lately and I must say that Bob seems to be an unnecessary appendage to the household."

To my relief Bob returned at that moment. His arrival ended a conversation that was rapidly drifting into embarrassing depths.

"It's all right," he said. "Ruth thinks Bobby Junior is coming down with the chickenpox and Grandmother Graham and she will be too busy in the nursery to think of me or luncheon or anything until the doctor comes."

"Wait until you get to be an old married man, Jack, and you'll see of how little importance you are about your own household upon the occasions when both your mother-in-law and your children are on the scene," said Bob, fretfully.

"Don't be edgy, Bobby," I interrupted. "Listen to my story. I have been wanting to tell it to John all the morning. It shows that there are men besides my John who forget their wives."

"It seems that once upon a time—" "Hold on, hold on, Kate," put in John, "let's order the luncheon first, I'm starving. Everybody can have exactly what they want, but I'm going to have a beefsteak, French fried potatoes, combination salad and a piece of pie."

"Nice, healthy appetite for a lover," laughed Helen.

"Your observation, young woman," said Bob, with renewed good humor, "does not keep me from duplicating that order."

"But you're not a lover," she said quickly, glancing up. I caught the look which passed from Robert to Helen, and it said as plainly as though he had spoken: "I am your lover."

(Continued Monday.)

When you buy Your Car

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FRAMES AND FENDERS—4 1/2-inch extra heavy channel steel. Single drop—no weakening offsets. Frame narrows toward front to give short-turning radius. Heavy steel bevel-border fenders—entirely new type—beautiful in appearance.

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Every indication points to an unexampled Holiday buying this year. This buying, if it should follow the precedent of other years, would be largely concentrated to the weeks just preceding the Holiday. But it will be very unwise to delay Holiday shopping this year. Conditions are abnormal. Merchandise of the right kind is not as easy to obtain and will be less easy later on. Then why not look up and secure the desired article now when selections are at their best.

A number of sensible articles are mentioned below:

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CHINA CLOSET

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