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## Germany Is Almost Disarmed

Berlin, Nov. 3.—Germany dis-  
armament, so far as weapons of  
war are concerned, is practically  
completed, according to the Inter-  
national Control Commission. Artil-  
lery, small arms, airplanes and  
fortifications have mostly been de-  
stroyed. A few small fortresses  
on the Baltic Sea, erected as pro-  
tection from Russia, are now be-  
ing dismantled.

Although no formal announce-  
ment has been made in Berlin, the  
International News Service is in-  
formed that recommendations have  
been made by General Nollet, the  
senior officer of the Interallied  
Commission, which will cut down  
the size of the control commission.  
The reduction in personnel will  
come this spring.

The principal attention of the  
International Commission is being  
given to the organization of the  
German police to prevent Ger-  
many from organizing a secret  
reserve army under the guise of  
police. At the present time the  
Sicherheits Polizei or "green po-  
lice," live in barracks and go  
through much of the drill form-  
erly done by regulars on the drill  
ground.

**Watch the Police**  
General Nollet's mission has  
several times had occasion to send  
notes to the German government  
protesting that the Allies can't  
permit the police of the various  
cities to be organized into one  
large controlling unit, with a cen-  
tral staff. The police consists of  
former non-commissioned officers  
in the army.

The Allies are giving much at-  
tention to the organization of a  
system of control which will make  
it impossible for Germany to man-  
ufacture any military supplies.  
Army wagons, field kitchens, sig-  
nal equipment and army supply  
department material are either be-  
ing destroyed or rendered unus-  
able for military purposes.

Scarcely a week passes but what  
reports are brought in of hidden  
supplies of arms or munitions. The  
Allies offer a reward for informa-  
tion of this sort. Many of the  
reports prove to be false, but fre-  
quently the investigating officers  
discover several hundred rifles or  
machine guns buried in the  
woods, where no one can be in-  
culated if they are found. The  
weapons, however, are often hid-  
den for use in possible civil war  
between radicals and reactionaries  
and are connected up with at-  
tempts to organize illicit home  
guards against the Reds, or a work-  
man's army connected with a rad-  
ical organization.

## Two Bottles of Booze Cost Boy 5 Years' Liberty

Fairmont, W. Va., Nov. 3.—The  
draconic operation of the West Vir-  
ginia State prohibition laws is  
shown by the penalty imposed upon  
Claude Metz, a young man, by  
Judge E. M. Showalter, of the  
Marion county criminal court,  
here. Metz was sentenced to serve  
five years in the State peniten-  
tiary, at Moundsville, for having  
two bottles of whiskey on his hip.  
That seems rather severe, but the  
State law provides that a second  
conviction for violation of the  
prohibition law is a felony punish-  
able with penitentiary confine-  
ment, and the prosecution showed  
that Metz had once before served  
a jail term for violating the pro-  
hibition laws. In passing sentence,  
the judge said, in passing sentence,  
Metz had been arrested numerous  
times for bootlegging.

## Craig's Presence at Conference Now Necessary

London, Nov. 3.—Negotiations  
relative to peace in Ireland have  
progressed to a point which makes  
necessary the presence in London  
of Sir James Craig, the premier of  
Ulster. It was declared here this  
morning.

The absence of any definite  
prospect of an immediate settle-  
ment in the Irish negotiations  
would obviously lessen the chance  
of Prime Minister Lloyd George  
sailing Saturday for the United  
States, according to some news-  
papers.

## The Coal Strike

A general strike of coal miners threatens the country as the result of the injunction granted by Federal Judge Anderson at Indianapolis Monday enjoining as a violation of the anti-trust law, coal operators from carrying out the "check-off" system, whereby union dues were deducted by the operators from the payroll and paid in a lump sum to the union.

It is by means of the check-off system that the solidarity of the unions is maintained and the closed shop is enforced. It is one of the provisions in the contract between the operators and the union. It prevents the workman from becoming delinquent with the union and being expelled, and it shuts the door on the employment of non-union men.

Under the contract with the union, the wage scale and conditions of labor are determined. The union agrees to supply men for definite periods at agreed upon wages, thus eliminating the strike menace. Disputes are adjusted by joint conciliation boards and any strike in violation of the agreement is declared "illegal" by the union and the participants expelled.

Operators now can not deduct union dues without violating the courts order, altho under their contract they are obliged to. Union leaders claim that such action violates their contract, and leaves them without protection, and threaten strike. Probably the case will be appealed and the strike averted until the supreme court adjudicates the right of employers and employes to employ and work without coercion and compulsion.

The injunction is the result of the warfare raging between closed-shop and open-shop operators, but it is intolerable that such a dispute should be allowed to demoralize industry and create the widespread suffering that a fuel famine in winter will bring. As in the railroad strike, the public will be the chief sufferer and it is up to the government to find a way to avert the strike. If unions and operators are acting without the law, their agreements must be made within the law.

## Exposition Fallacy

One of the claims made by promoters of the 1925 Portland exposition is that it will bring a great increase in population, not only to Portland but to all parts of Oregon.

If it does, it will be unique among expositions, for exposition cities have always increased in population slower than other cities in the same part of the country in the same period.

The St. Louis exposition was held in 1904. In the decade of 1900-1910, St. Louis gained 19.4 percent in population, while cities without expositions gained as follows: Kansas City 51.7 percent; Minneapolis 48.7 percent, and St. Paul 31.7 percent.

The Buffalo exposition was held in 1901. In the decade following, Buffalo gained 20.2 percent in population, while the non-exposition cities of Cleveland gained 46.9 percent and Detroit 63 percent.

The Omaha exposition was held in 1905. In the decade, Omaha gained 21 percent in population, while Des Moines gained 39 percent and Denver 59.4 percent, although no exposition was held in these cities.

Portland's exposition was held in 1905, and Portland gained in that decade 129.2 percent. Seattle, however, gained 194 percent and Spokane gained 183.3 percent and held no exposition.

While Oregon grew after the Portland exposition, because there was a large influx of people from the east to the coast, it did not grow nearly as fast as Washington, Idaho or California—and an exposition in 1925 will not make the state grow any faster than its sister states without expositions.

The exposition, if financed by taxpayers, as proposed, will make an already exorbitant taxation so high as to frighten investors. It may temporarily profit Portland, but not make a permanent growth and the reaction will make it worse off. It will cost more than it will produce and make the tax-burden of the people heavier.

The Portland election for the exposition will be held November 19, and professional drive managers have been imported to "put it over." Yet none of the newspapers have courage enough to print the facts or enlighten the people as to what this exposition jazz really means.

**Starlight**  
BY THE NOVEL AUTHOR  
**Idah McClintock Gibson**  
The Thrilling and Dramatic Story of Virginia Fairfax's Ambitions!

Virginia Listens In  
I could not help listening to the conversation of the little bride and her stalwart husband in front of me. She was very pretty and it was easy to see that the boy husband had no other thought in his head than an appreciation of her loveliness and a proud knowledge of his good fortune.

I learned during the day that they, too, were going to Los Angeles expecting to find a place in moving picture industry. In fact, in the three days that I was on the train from Chicago to Los Angeles it seemed that except for the very old people and the ones who were ill and looking for health most of the trainload of people were going to Los Angeles to make connections in some way with the moving picture industry.

At that time it seemed almost uncanny to me and I thought that I had gotten on a train that was unique in its passenger list, but since then I have found that the production of moving pictures is the sixth largest industry in America; and Los Angeles the center of its output, consequently I have come to understand why actors, young men and women of personality and temperament, writers, camera men, stage mechanics, scene painters, costumers, decorators, publicity men and

**SAP AND SALT**  
BY Bert Moses

The consumer is really the one who profits the profiteers consume.

Just about the time you get through running a law-mower you have to begin with a snow-shovel.

Preachers are rarely as pious as they advise others to be.

Fashion wears out clothes long before the wearer has a chance to do it.

A pretty woman will find few men to dispute with her.

The swish of the silk petticoat has been succeeded by the noiseless silk hose.

**HEZ HECK SAYS:**  
"It's a hard job for a fellow with false teeth to sneeze naturally."

press agents flock to the southern California city just as the men who make shirts and collars flock to Troy, New York.

Of course when I found that the bride and groom were going to Los Angeles with the same ambitions as myself, I was very anxious to know what they were saying.

"Are you sure, Tom," said the little bride, "that we haven't made a mistake? You know I could have had an all-season engagement in the Review and you could always get work on one of the papers."

"Have you an idea, Nell, that I would let you stay in that Review all this season and be harassed and persecuted by that pig of a manager. Why, my dear, that is one of the reasons why I married you—to take you out of it."

She looked up into his face with a little grimace. "Was that the only reason you married me, Tom?" she asked.

"You know better than to ask me that, sweetheart. It was because I loved you. If hadn't loved you I wouldn't have that manager, mental how much that manager made to love to you."

This seemed to sober the little bride. "Oh, you men! How selfish you are. It makes no difference to you how many women go to perdition if only your own woman is protected."

"Isn't that enough?" asked Tom. "They say there is a Jack for every Jill. Consequently every woman should have a protector. And besides, most men are ready to protect a woman from every man but themselves. They don't go out of their way to do it, of course, but I do not believe any woman could ask me for help without me giving it if I could."

"Oh, Tom, you are so different from other men. That is why I love you. Do you know, dear, that I have had, at my short or less of love-making, either of call love offered me by old men and young men, rich men and poor men, wise men and fools, but you are the first one, dear, that really offered me love and marriage."

I caught my breath so sharply that the little bride turned around to see what was the matter with me and I pretended to have

caught my hand in the seat. What really caused my suppressed outcry was thankfulness for my escape. "I am glad, so glad, that I did not try to get on that wicked stage," I rejoiced to myself. But immediately I was again listening with all my ears. Soon I heard the little bride say:

"You don't think, Tom, that there are no temptations dangled before the girls who try the movies game?"

"Of course not. The papers are full of the escapades of the movie colony at Hollywood, but then I am going to be with you, my dear. No one will dare to offer you insult when they know that you are married."

"And probably no one will offer me a job when they know that I am married," said the little bride with a smile that robbed her speech of some of its anxiety.

"Nell, Nell, you are not sorry you married me, are you?"

"No, dear. I would have married you under any circumstances, but I am just wondering if we weren't rather foolish to give up a certainty for an uncertainty. You know, boy, that we have only three hundred dollars in the world."

"This time I drew a long breath of satisfaction as I thought that when I arrived at Los Angeles I probably would have at least six hundred dollars in cash.

"Oh, I wish, Nell, that you did not have to work. You will not have to when I get a job."

"I don't think that I would be happy if I did not work, Tom. I have my ambitions as well as you. And as for temptations and the insults that you talk about you have been around enough, being a newspaper man, to know that it is up to the girl to protect herself by her manner and her bearing."

"You know, dear, that sex cannot be ignored and whenever men and women are thrown together, day after day, there will be more or less of love-making. Either of call love offered me by old men and young men, rich men and poor men, wise men and fools, but you are the first one, dear, that really offered me love and marriage."

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Was it possible that there would be just as great comedies and tragedies in the real lives of the players as one saw in their make-believe lives upon the screen? Tomorrow—English Visitors.

## Open Forum

Contributions to This Column must be plainly written on one side of paper only, limited to 300 words in length and signed with the name of the writer. Articles not meeting these specifications will be rejected.

To the Editor:—E. S. Hammond regrets the criticism given Judge Bushey and the hospital authorities. For myself, my sympathies and regrets are all for the woman and her child and if Christ were here in person he would scatter some of those theologians as he did once upon a time, and some of the public scribes would take a back seat also. Official graft and pseudo religion does more today to destroy homes than they do to build them up. He who said "Suffer little children to come unto me" would never take the stand that E. S. Hammond and Judge Bushey have. No, and there is no place where women and children ever suffered from Him. He always espoused the cause of both.

The greatest institution in this world is the home—yet these great uplift self-elected saviours of the world are knocking the props out from homes about as fast as satan could wish.

Did you ever see a healthy child raised in an institution? I never have. They are all over-worked—in fact, they are drudges for state bosses and their health status cannot approach that of the home-raised child. Why? Because love builds the home child.

A nation of happy homes must have the best protective laws for homes—not laws for breaking up homes, but as one official remarked, he got \$10 for committing a girl to training school (in Washington state) and besides, he said, it saved the parents from supporting her. What are we coming to as a nation, when we consider money above our children? Let Judge Bushey, Dr. Hammond or others explain the conditions which prevent Thelma Perry from returning home. I think reason would teach that either she or her mother would fear to stir up any discussion if there were any skeletons in their closet. You will yet find some Pharisee at the bottom of it all; someone who loves to dictate and force others to obey their mighty will. Hell is full of such. I know of one wealthy man who conspired at having one poor girl committed to the training school in Dakota. Why? Because she refused his advances. Did any uplift workers go after this human hyena? No, and they never will, for our social and political fabric is woven out of just such material.

Jake Hamon and Fatty Arbuckle are two samples of recent date, but the world is full of them. Poverty is the only crime today. The big moguls have decreed it and they fasten their fangs in their victims in the name of law and order—and social uplift (God save the mask).

**Laura J. Bone,**  
Aumsville, Or., Oct. 31, 1921.

To the Editor:—The Evening Capital Journal still insists that the investigation of the ministerial association into the case of the Perry children is a farce. They have failed to interview the step-father's potato patch carved out of the primeval second-growth oak scrub. They have not gone into raptures over the chaste Elizabethan architecture of his new log house. They have not wept aesthetic tears over the remains of the flower beds which grace the path to his domicile. They have not hung enchanted over the top rail of his pigsty. Neither have they heard him affirm his settled conviction that he himself is a model citizen and a perfect gentleman. Accordingly, no matter what other evidence they have seen, their investigation is purely superficial.

It is also affirmed that they have not read affidavits of certain good citizens of the school district in which these people reside that, insofar as they know, the step-father is all that he claims to be. Your committee for the most part is not acquainted with the editor of The Capital Journal, yet not one would hesitate to affirm that, "so far as we know" there is nothing wrong with his personal repu-

Mr. Mowry's potato patch, ascertain his private opinion himself. Neither was it wise to obtain information from an evening paper which it appears had failed to secure for the county can secure the same information that we have by interviewing county court. Its straggles and not ours is at fault. His anxiety to "get" the county papers is determined. The Journal is determined to change these innocent chances in life by dragging the limelight of publicity upon circumstances of which they have been the unfortunate victims. responsibility is theirs. They have been interesting themselves in flower beds and patches we have been promoting life-values, and in a type of mind such employment seems superficial and far

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## Tabloid Sermons

For Busy People by  
**Parson Abiel Haile**

"They would not hear, but hardened their necks."—2 Kings 17:34.

Did you ever read the absorbingly interesting story of the domes of old, and learn of what has gone before us? Have you from such reading drawn the lessons self-apparent? The story is rich in information and it is not hard to visualize scenes and conditions of which were written powerful stories colored and plain. Intimations are many that life in those days the essentials and non-essentials too, differed little from the present. The young men and women had the same foolish ideas. They were inclined to be duds and fresh, while the girls were paraded in garish attire and let mother wash the dishes. The elders, too, thought they enjoyed life with elaborate summer booze parties, lively dances—and they had popular and respected clergymen. The popular rabbis and priests wore good clothes attended the parties, but were quite active in admonishing the and lowly to observe the law. The rich—well, that was another matter. The unpopular rabbis and priests were men who spoke and called a spade a spade and wanted the rich and well-to-do to set a good example. They hurled an anathema against the rich and women and urged them to forsake their chosen pleasures and be decent. But "they hardened their necks" and when the descended, its stroke was not deflected. Of course, it was as a punishment that came to them. It was terrible. Homes of slavery and death. But they brought it on themselves. They did not hear the call to duty, to right living, to purposeful exertion to the demand they forsake their idols of gold and silver and they would not listen to the good rabbis and priests who wanted them to stop their revels and wild living. They hardened their

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## Bringing Up Father—By George McManus

NOW THAT I'VE SNEAKED OUT OF THE HOUSE, I'LL JUST TAKE MAGGIE'S CAR AN' RUN DOWN TO DINTY'S PLACE.

GREAT HEAVENS—MY CAR IS STOLEN—SEND OUT A GENERAL ALARM BEFORE THE THIEF LEAVES TOWN.

DON'T WORRY—WE WILL GET IT—GIVE ME THE LICENSE NUMBER.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT—I BOUGHT THIS CAR FOR ME WIFE.

I SAID IT'S A STOLEN CAR—IF YOU OWN IT SHOW THE OWNER'S CARD—YOU'RE GOIN' WITH ME.

HELLO—DINTY—COME UP HERE AN' IDENTIFY ME—I'M HELD FOR STEALIN' MAGGIE'S CAR—NO ONE KNOWS ME HERE.

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