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## The Cement Trust

Highway departments of eight Mississippi valley states have declared war on the cement trust and refused to proceed the construction of \$200,000,000 of highways until the cement price is lowered. Other states are to join them and extend the boycott.

This is one way to bring a greedy trust to terms and about the only practical way now that the Department of Justice is failing to function against combinations in restraint of trade, under the new policy of "less government in business."

There is no question of there being a cement trust, nation wide in its scope, any more than there is of being a paper trust, or an oil trust, or a steel trust, or half a hundred other trusts. It is impossible to purchase cement in a competitive market, because there is none for sale. Territory is allotted and prices fixed according to schedule—and profits probably distributed pro-rata.

Various branches of the cement trust have been prosecuted and convicted, in different parts of the country and punished by nominal fines and gone back to the old game of deceiving the public. Until extended prison sentences are provided as penalties for trust officials the anti-trust law will accomplish little. Under Attorney General Daugherty it is doubtful if there will be any new prosecutions—and if there are, whether the guilty will not escape after conviction through "confessions of error."

## The Treaties

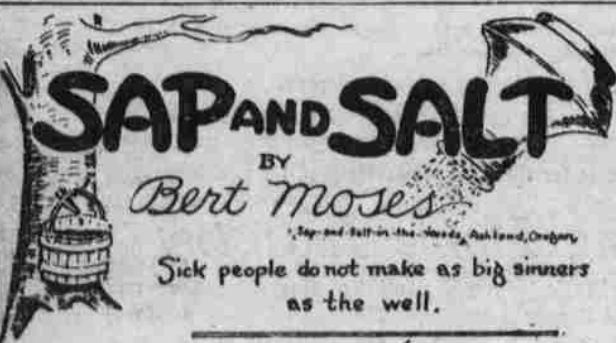
The United States senate will soon be called upon to approve or reject the four powers treaty and other international agreements drawn up by the Washington conference. Its action will settle the question as to whether the executive has any powers to arrange foreign relations as required by the Constitution, or whether the encroachments of the senate have not robbed the executive of all diplomatic power and definitely committed the United States to a policy of isolation.

Rejection of the treaties, following rejection of the Versailles treaty, will destroy the confidence of other nations in the capacity and power of the United States to act in foreign affairs. It will be convincing evidence that our presidents cannot make agreements that will be ratified, and hence that the nation cannot be trusted. It will be final proof of the inability of the senate to grasp world affairs.

It is true that President Harding will be reaping the harvest that Senator Harding help sow, if the treaty is rejected. Every argument advanced against the League of Nations applies with equal force against the pact of the Pacific. What was sauce for the democratic goose is also likely to be sauce for the republican gander.

But it is more than a party or a national question—it is a world issue. The United States cannot keep out of world affairs and the welfare of peoples depends upon our doing our share. The future of America, no less than the future of Europe and Asia await American cooperation. Until it is forthcoming there can neither be peace nor disarmament, but chaos and disintegration will continue.

Sooner or later America must discard her passion, prejudice and partisanship and return to her historical course, of world cooperation inspired by great ideals and lofty purposes. The longer cooperation is refused, the more the danger of civilization's collapse. The sooner confidence in America is restored through America's doing her part, the better for humanity.



**SAP AND SALT**  
BY Bert Moses  
Sick people do not make as big sinners as the well.

A lost boy usually turns up at the circus.

There are only two kinds of kisses—the kind you get from the other fellow's sister and the kind you get from your own.

If thinkers would work more, and workers think more, the distribution of wealth would average up better.

Raising daughters is the surest way to save gas bills.

The first want of a girl is a husband, and after that she wants everything.

**HEZ HECK SAYS:**  
'Scratchin' is easier than usin' a fine-tooth comb.

## Starlight

By the Noted Author IDAH M'GLONE GIBSON

### The Papers Print Herb's Story

Unconsciously I raised my eyes to the clock in front of me. It was half past ten.

Between the happiness of the half-hour with Theodore Stratton and the excitement caused by Ria's letter I had forgotten to eat—had forgotten that I was dead tired.

I had even removed my serge skirt from over the evening dress that I had worn on the set, and my fur coat was lying in a heap on the floor beside me.

Wearily I took off the splendor of my mock-life and, slipped into my nightgown, I put over it a kimono and looked for something to dine on.

There was bread and butter, condensed milk and coffee among the things I had brought from Ria's apartment, and oh, joy, I found a glass of pickled figs.

I wondered if Theodore Stratton at his club, or Ria and Herb in Santa Barbara, were any happier than I, sitting there at the little kitchen table and enjoying my meal. Hunger is the best of sauces.

I contented myself with sending a telegram to Ria and tumbled into bed.

The next morning under flaming headlines I read: "Herbert Richardson Married—Young Millionaire Clumbera Secretary Marries Gloria Summers, Beautiful Movie Actress. She Deserts the Screen."

And then, in more or less lurid description, there was the story of Ria's marriage and the Kitty Dalton episode. While the paper did not say anything outright, it intimated that Ria had brought Herb "up standing," after a drunk party, and insisted upon marriage.

It was a nasty, if very clever, story: one of the kind that would sell papers, and discredit the whole moving picture profession, and even though Herb's friend Morton wrote it, evidently his newspaper instincts overcame his friendship.

"No wonder that Herb and Ria got out of the country," I told myself. "They probably knew what was coming."

It certainly had made some sensation. I found when I reached the studio. I even heard De Vore say to one of his assistants: "That little girl Summers is all right. She is clever. Of all the women who have had their books out for Richardson she is the only one that even managed to get a bite from him. I'd like her back in moving pictures. She has got more brains than most of the women I have to work with."

I suddenly remembered that Ria had told me how hard she had tried to get a job with De Vore, and I silently determined to break into the newspapers in some way as soon as possible.

"Perhaps I won't have to," was my inward comment as I thought of my impending engagement with Mr. Stratton.

The day passed very much as the other days, except that De Vore himself, singled me out with much vituperation when I stumbled and fell, spilling a number of feet of film.

"Go on back where you belong! I can't understand why casting directors burden me with awkward people!" he shouted, and I slunk into the background followed by a string of profanity. If I had not known there was a man of big brain and splendid heart, who would never upbraid a girl for something she could not help, I am sure I would never have had courage to go into another studio after the words director De Vore hurled at me. The mere thought of Theodore Stratton and what he stood for gave me strength to get through the door.

It seemed to me that every girl on the lot came up and sympathized with me, but I was chary of accepting it, especially as every last one of them ended by making some inquiry about Gloria.

"Yes, Ria left today for the Orient. I was present at their wedding some days ago. Herbert has been wild about her for a long time and wanted to marry her, but she seemed to feel that she ought to keep on with her profession."

"Her art; her art, you mean," interrupted someone sarcastically. "We must all think of our art, you know."

In the general laugh, I slipped into the background and oh, how I wished that the day was over. The wonderful ballroom scenes that had seemed at first fairyland had now degenerated into almost unbearable monotony. One thing pleased me. I was learning to dance! There seemed to be an unconscious affinity between my feet and the rhythm of the music. In fact, three or four of the young men asked me to dance, even after my mishap with De Vore. Yet I grew inexpressibly weary. The cords in my legs were aching. I had forgotten to bring my coat to the stage and after dancing the draughts chilled me. It seemed to me that I was ever under the baneful eye of De Vore. Twice he stopped the entire movement of the picture to send me back behind the others. He made every one understand that I was unaccountably awkward; and yet I caught a vision of myself in one of the mirrors on the set and knew that I was not so.

"I never thought that being a moving picture actress would be

## Trial Does Not Worry Comedian and Wife



Roscoe ("Fatty") Arbuckle, with his wife, known in theatrical circles as Minta Durfee, at their Los Angeles home, where the screen comedian rested prior to proceeding to San Francisco for his retrial on charges of manslaughter in connection with the death of Virginia Rappe, film star. The palatial Arbuckle estate in Los Angeles has been a Mecca of sightseers for some time.

## Japanese Diet Convenes, Crown Prince Presides, Situation Held Critical

By Duke N. Parry

Tokio, Jan. 27.—Two factors stand out as strong arguments that the Takahashi Ministry will not live long past the present session of Japan's Imperial Diet, which opened with the Prince Regent occupying the chair reserved for the emperor. This was the first time for many years that a representative of the imperial house formally convoked the Japanese Congress, and it was predicted that it will be one of the most colorful assemblies of the national body Japan has ever known.

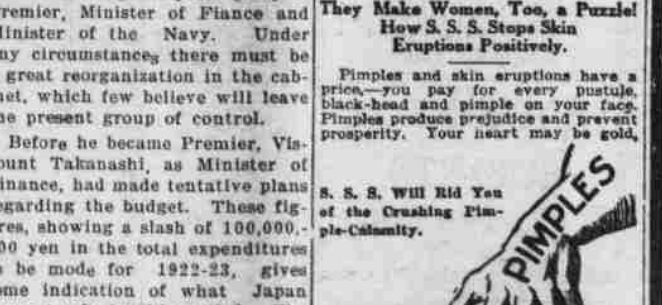
First, the assassination of Japan's popular premier has made the continued stay of the Selyukai Ministry in office more doubtful. Premier Hara was recognized as the one man in all Japan who was able, because of his political adroitness and knowledge of men, to combine his followers and retain power for his party. The lack of such leader is more strongly emphasized each day. Then there is the Washington conference. Come what may for Japan, the result of the conference will be utilized by those men in power in Tokyo to overthrow the controlling political group. If Japan fares poorly so much the better for the Kenseikai and the Kokuminto, opponent parties to the controlling party today; if she wins the various points being discussed there will even then be found reasons why Japan appeared in an unfavorable light before the delegates of the powers, and further argument will be used against the Takahashi group. In addition, there is the labor unrest, popular dissatisfaction against failure of the government to extend educational facilities at home and many other points, which do not strengthen hopes the Selyukai may hold for retention of political prestige. Count Uchida, Minister of Foreign Affairs, is reported to resign. Premier Takanashi is holding the posts today of Premier, Minister of Finance and Minister of the Navy. Under any circumstances, there must be a great reorganization in the cabinet, which few believe will leave the present group of control.

Before he became Premier, Viscount Takanashi, as Minister of Finance, had made tentative plans regarding the budget. These figures, showing a slash of 100,000,000 yen in the total expenditures to be made for 1922-23, gives some indication of what Japan hopes to do in this period. The navy budgets have been cut, doubtless in preparation for expected naval arms limitations. The 1922-23 budget will call for the expenditure of 1,463,000,000 yen. For the year ending the budget was 1,562,000,000 yen. This shows that there will be a saving of about 100,000,000 yen, even if the figures pass as they have been prepared, which is not at all sure. Figures in thousands of yen show how the expenditures will be allotted to each department of the Japanese empire's administration. These figures show a total of 1,000,000,000 yen, but

like this." I closed my eyes quickly for fear the tears would run brown rivulets of make-up down my cheeks. I swallowed suddenly, something hard and aching in my throat.

Tomorrow—A Heavy Blow.

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## Peace Officers Organize to Fight Drugs and Booze

Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 27.—A secret organization of peace officers of the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana and the Canadian provinces of British Columbia and Alberta has been formed to combat the smuggling of liquor and narcotics into the United States and Canada.

A plan of action was discussed at an executive session of the Washington state sheriff's association Wednesday afternoon and details will be considered further today when members of the association and other police officers visit Vancouver, B. C. The program will be carried out by the Northwest Association of Sheriffs and Peace Officers, which was organized here Tuesday.

Russians Balk at Tax  
London, Jan. 27.—In six weeks 2800 Russian peasants have been tried for refusing to pay the tax in kind imposed by the soviet government, says a Copenhagen report.

Also the conference has helped to an appreciation of the difficulties and accomplishments of the Wilson diplomacy.

## Investigation of Alleged Trusts Is Called For

Washington, Jan. 27.—Investigation by the senate of the activities of "persons, associations, corporations and combinations commonly known as the fertilizer and water power trusts" alleged to be attempting to prevent lease by the government of the Muscle Shoals project, is provided in a resolution introduced in the senate today by Senator Harris of Georgia. Mr. Harris said he would ask for consideration of the resolution probably before the end of the week.

Invite Baker to Speak.  
Columbus, Jan. 27.—An invitation has been sent to former Secretary of War Newton D. Baker, of Cleveland, by the Ohio State university alumni association to deliver an address on "University Day," February 22, when state officials, as guests of the university, will visit the campus, inspect the buildings and review the university cadets.

We read that a Frenchman is able to make gold from lead. That is nothing. Any plumber can do that.



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Daniel J. Fry

## "Those Who Dance Must Pay The Fiddler"

There's a settlement in profit or loss, for nearly every indulgence.  
Sometimes the pay-day is long deferred, and in that case the settlement may bear compound interest.

Often a payment in ill health is required for the dance had with tea or coffee during earlier years. Sometimes the collection comes in sleeplessness, sometimes in headaches, sometimes in high blood pressure, or in nervous indigestion—sometimes in all these penalties.  
Nerves won't always stand the whipping of tea and coffee's drug, caffeine.  
If you've been dancing to tea or coffee's fiddling, why keep on till payment time comes? If you're beginning to pay, now, why not cancel the contract?

There's an easy and pleasant way to avoid tea and coffee's penalties, as thousands have found who have changed to Postum. It is a delight with any meal—rich, comforting and satisfying—and it never harms. Even the little children can have a breakfast cup of Postum, with no fear for what may happen to sensitive nerves.

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## Did YOU sign the post card?

We recently sent out post cards printed as shown below and several persons have returned the cards without filling them in.  
We are therefore unable to send them the additional information asked for because we do not know their names and addresses.  
Therefore, if you don't get a response to the post card you sent in you will know that it is because you did not fill in your card, or it has been lost.  
In either event, please phone us or drop us another card.



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