

# Capital Journal

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## Destructive of Democracy

Walter Pierce never shed so many tears over the sad fate in prospect for his white faced calves as the Portland Journal and other organs of the uplift are weeping over the mournful destiny of 18 year old children they would rescue from honest toil and useful occupation and free from cruel exploitation by hard-headed parents and rapacious employers, by placing them under the sheltering wing of the congressional mother to supervise their welfare, with an army of snoopers at taxpayers expense.

Daily we are regaled with pitiful pleas in behalf of youth, so they may have more leisure for jazz, movies and joyriding. To be sure we have our own child-labor laws and so do most other states—but it is the fashionable way to surrender our few remaining personal and state rights to a centralized bureaucracy to administer at long range with red tape regulations. It is part and parcel of the uplift system of minding other peoples business and regulating other peoples affairs.

Of all the paternalistic measures ever submitted to the legislatures this so-called child labor law is the most vicious because under the pretense of altruism, it will contribute materially to the destruction of the ideals the Constitution was drafted to perpetuate and to the establishment of the socialistic state. It insures insolent, prepotent and autocratic interference with inherent rights. A vote for it is admission that we are no longer capable of self-government out like subject peoples, leave our personal affairs to be run in accordance with the dictates of a centralized state.

"Free government rests upon local self-government, and every known form of despotism, whether the despot be an individual, a class, a group or a majority, takes its rise in denying or restricting local self-government. There are many and subtle ways of bringing about this denial or restriction," says Nicholas Murray Butler, and one of the surest of these ways to establish this despotism, is by giving congress "the power to limit, regulate and prohibit the labor of persons under 18 years of age."

In a recent senate debate Senator Bruce, of Maryland, said that the child labor amendment was the real test of a Democrat, and that any one who favored such an abrogation of personal and state rights opposed every principle the Democratic party was created to maintain. He might have gone further and made it, which it is, the real test of a democrat, spelled with a small d, for it is destructive of democracy.

## The Hunting Graft

One of the paternalistic grafts that congress might profitably cut out, is that of employing professional hunters to shoot wild animals, in a nation of hunters, where over a million sportsmen buy hunting licenses annually. For three centuries Americans conquered Indians and wilderness and did their own hunting, but now, when game of all kinds is becoming scarce, it is necessary for the federal government to come to the rescue.

The hunting is done under the bureau of Biological Survey and the animals specifically mentioned to chase, catch and destroy are "mountain lions, wolves, coyotes, bob-cats, prairie-dogs, gophers, ground squirrels and jack rabbits."

The fewer animals there are left, of course the more money it takes to catch them. In 1913 the appropriation was only \$43,000. In 1916 it was \$280,000. In 1919, it was \$395,000. In 1921 it was \$456,000. In 1924 it was \$508,000. This year it is \$533,000. That is the way with all public expenditures—they mount yearly, once established.

Pioneers who settled the country, did their own hunting and exterminated their own squirrels and prairie dogs and other "vermin," and received no bounty, either. And there were a hundred times as many. Now, in these days of helpless paternalism, it is necessary for the government to do it for them—and 250 tax-eaters are on the job, while the states and counties put up millions in bonuses for unofficial hunters in the form of bounties.

The absurd part of the procedure is that while the government is exterminating animals in some sections, it is expending huge sums of money in creating game preserves in other regions, and rearing game for hunters to shoot—thus by its operations saving ranchers the trouble of exterminating pests and at the same time furnishing sport for hunters—taking care of both peoples business and their pleasure.

## DICK SMITH TO COACH OREGON

Portland, Jan. 21.—Recommendation of Dick Smith for the position of football coach at the University of Oregon, was made by the Oregon alumni association at a meeting here last night. Virgil Earl, director of athletics at the University of Oregon met with the alumni and explained why he and other officials at Oregon favored Smith. There seemed to be some opposition from several of the younger members of the alumni, who were of the opinion that Smith, because he hasn't been coaching football for some time might not be competent to the present day style of football. They would have preferred a man like "Skip" Madigan, the St. Marys coach. Other members of the alumni were of a different opinion, however, and there was considerable discussion. Earl assured those present that Smith, who is a successful lawyer in Eugene, would gladly step aside at any time that a man fitted in every way to act as coach should be found.

## ASK FOR ARMS CONFERENCE

Washington, Jan. 21.—Without discussion or a record vote the senate today accepted an amendment to the naval bill requesting President Coolidge to call another arms conference. The amendment, offered by Senator King, Democrat, Utah, was accepted without objection by Chairman Hale of the naval committee in charge of the bill. It has been indicated quite recently in administration headquarters that President Coolidge did not consider the time ripe for such a conference and senators had been expected to oppose the King amendment as an explanation of their failure to do so now was any light thrown on the development from the White House or state department.

## ENGLISH GIRLS GET AMERICAN HABITS

London, Eng.—Women students in English universities have acquired something of the independence of the American girl, and are less and less addicted to meaningless conventionalities, according to Miss Phoebe Sheavyn, director of women's studies at Manchester university. This growth of an independent spirit, she told the Daily Mail, was one of the most striking features she had observed during her 18 years at Manchester.

# TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

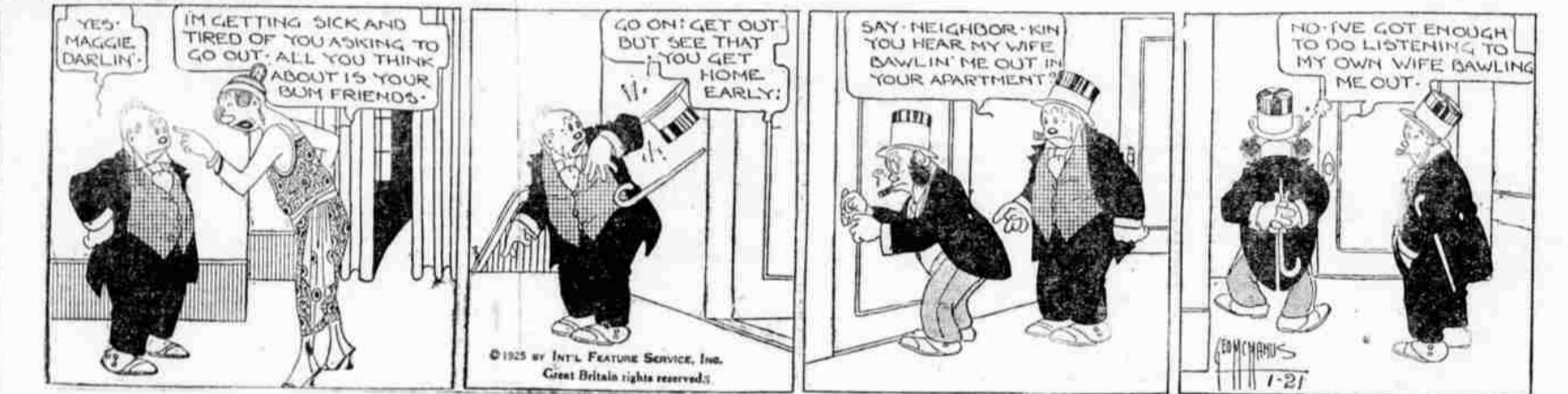
**HORIZONTAL**  
1. Encompassed  
2. A tribunal  
3. Railway  
4. An exclamation  
5. Object  
6. Sound made by a cat  
7. New England  
8. Depart  
9. Sullen  
10. Twisted  
11. Editor  
12. To hold in check  
13. A river in Pennsylvania

**VERTICAL**  
1. Whether  
2. Hays  
3. Doctor (abbr.)  
4. A stupid person  
5. Type measurement  
6. Fruit  
7. Crowds  
8. Product  
9. Debate  
10. Attitude  
11. Colours  
12. Concerning (prefix)  
13. That is (abbr.)  
14. South East (abbr.)

**HOW TO SOLVE THE CROSS WORD PUZZLE**  
The way to solve the Cross Word Puzzle is to fill in the white squares of the diagram with the words which agree with the accompanying definitions. The definitions are numbered to correspond with the numbers on the diagram.  
Any word defined in the text under "HORIZONTAL" will begin at its number, shown on the diagram, and will extend all the way across to the first black space to the right of that number. That is, the word must begin in the square that contains its identifying number, and extend as far as the white squares continue uninterrupted.  
Any word defined under "VERTICAL" will also begin, in the white space that contains its number, but will extend downward as far as the white squares remain uninterrupted.

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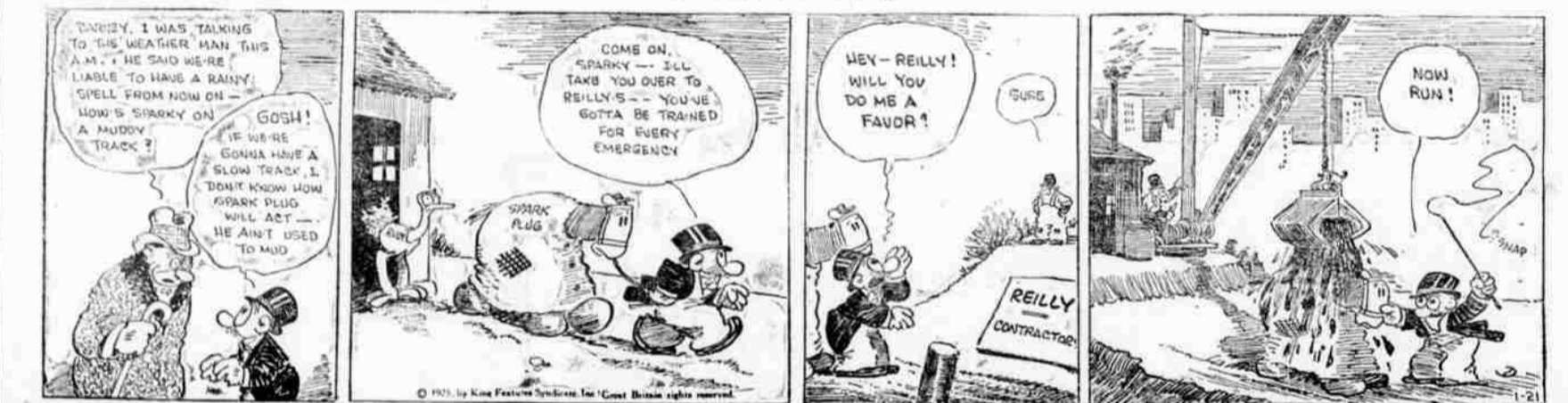
## BRINGING UP FATHER



By Billy de Beek

## BARNEY GOOGLE AND SPARK PLUG

A New Experience for Sparky



By Herriman

## KRAZY KAT

A Little Child Shall Lead Them



By Bud Fisher

## MUTT AND JEFF

Our Friends Kiss the Frozen North Good-Bye



# A Modern Marriage

An Absorbing Novel  
By IDA H. MCGILVER GIBSON

The Woman and the Hat  
"Lucky! Miss Mandy Starmount everybody who come along as she questions. Even a woman who seen me sweepin' the steps asked me if I'd seen her hat. Ain't that silly wid so many people walkin' by to see if I'd seen her hat. I done tol' her I wasn't a-thinkin' of hats when my young mistress was a-dyin' at the hospital!"  
"An' what you think, Mistah Starmount, when I tol' her I wasn't thinkin' about no hats, she jes sat down on the steps quick-like and she says: 'Is Miss Leonard sick enough to die?'"  
"She's jes as good as daid now," I tells her right back.  
"She didn't say a word for a minute—she was a-snoogin' so she couldn't—and then she got up and walked off slow-like a-sayin' to herself, 'I wish I could find my hat.'"  
"I tells you Mistah Starmount I felt real sorry for that girl and after she was gone I jes went proceedin' 'round lookin' for that hat. I had jes give up when down in the basement entrance in a corner under the steps I sees a red ribbon on somethin' gray."  
Starmount quickly got to his feet. "What was Mandy? What did you do with it?"  
"I jes tryin' to tell you Mistah Starmount. When I picks it up I finds its a gray hat with a red ribbon on it. But it was all right, Starmount plain runt. I knew the lady couldn't wear it no more and I threw it in the dustbin with the mornin' papers."  
"Go down and get the hat, Mandy. Perhaps the girl will come back and you can ask her if it's hers. She might not believe you if you tol' her that she could not have worn it again."  
In a few minutes Mandy came up with a sudden nose that once

not want to seem too interested. At the hat store where he went immediately, they informed him that the hat was probably bought some time ago at their store. "It is a model of a year ago, which did not sell very well and we reduced it at the end of the season. We never sent many of them out wholesale. This year we are not putting out this model."  
"The girl is hard-up," Dick said to himself.  
"We did not sell that hat with a red ribbon," said the clerk as he showed where it had been put over a gray one.  
Although Starmount did not think much of the hat as a real cins his lawyer's mind made him understand that if Rod or Kathryn ever came up for trial the incident of the hat told in Mandy's pictographic language would be likely to befuddle the jury so that they would not render a verdict on circumstantial evidence alone.  
Starmount drove directly to the hospital and found the doctor coming down the steps. He was very angry.  
"You cannot go in Mr. Starmount. I have given word not even you are to see Miss Leonard. Just a few moments ago a detail of police came here with all the devices for taking finger prints and had I not been there they would have probably gotten into Miss Leonard's room and retarded her chance of recovery."  
"They insisted that her finger prints had a bearing of immense importance as to the murder of Mr. Foss and they said they must take them and threatened me with the law."  
"Did you let them?" Starmount asked quickly.  
"I did not. I said to them, 'if you were the prosecuting attorney himself I should not let you go in to my patient, and furthermore, listen to me, while Miss Leonard's temperature and pulse remain where they are, no one shall see her, no one shall talk to her, save myself, her nurse and her husband.'"  
"Well, it doesn't make any difference anyway," Starmount did

Tomorrow—In the Shadows.  
By George McManus