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Five Out of Six Right

Five out of six of the Marion county members of the legislature oppose ratification of the child labor amendment giving congress power "to limit, regulate and prohibit the labor of persons under 18 years of age." Consequently they are being made the targets of a persistent campaign of propaganda in favor of the measure by well meaning sentimentalists who are under the usual delusion of reformers that all that is necessary to purify the world, abolish sin and save the race is to pass a sumptuary law on the subject.

In opposing the child-labor amendment, however, these Marion legislators are simply reflecting the sentiments of their constituency. The legislators themselves owe their success in life to habits of work and industry they acquired in youth, taught by stern necessity and in the perspective of the years, are grateful that no child labor law interfered with their destiny.

Pick out the leaders in any city or county, in profession or industry, and you will find that nine-tenths of them began work before the age limitation set by this amendment, and many of them own their success to the early start thus obtained. If higher education was of any value to them, they obtained it later even though self instructed.

Where the uplifters make their mistake, is in the assumption that education up to the age of 18 is an advantage or a necessity, when on most of us it is absolutely wasted, on account of mental limitations. Education is not a substitute for intelligence, for there is no substitute for brains, which are a matter of inheritance. The more incapacity is pampered, the more the incapacity. Nor is education a cure or preventive for feeble-mindedness. This is also an inheritance. Many of the arguments advanced for the measure are in violation of biological law.

The main objection to the child-labor amendment, however, is that it is destructive of state and family rights and creates a centralized tyranny of bureaucracy. It is another step towards the socialized federal state to supersede local self government. The Marion legislators are right in opposing it. They should stand-pat for its defeat.

The French Debt

Reputation of French war indebtedness to the United States is bound to come, if the United States persists in its uncompromising attitude, as forecasted by Senator Borah's speech. As chairman of foreign relations, his utterances outline administration policy. Reputation will be forced because of popular attitude in France and all that is necessary is the overthrow of the Herriott ministry and the triumph of the left in the next election, which would definitely ally France with Russia.

This possible, if not probable repudiation, is the greatest cloud on the peace and prosperity horizon of the world. If it materializes it will precipitate a world financial, industrial and political crisis, resulting in a prolonged period of depression, even if war does not follow. For this reason, commensurate and compromise should rule Washington.

The French believe, and with good grounds, that most of its war debt should be forgiven, because of war losses. While other nations lost money and men, France suffered devastation and ruin, which offset the losses of other nations. The money loaned by the United States was entirely expended in the United States and was part of our contribution to the allied cause.

It is physically and materially impossible for France to pay her entire war debt, just as it was for Germany to pay the reparations bill first presented. It is demagogic to talk of collecting it, for one cannot get blood out of a turnip or a fortune out of a pauper.

Until this debt is reasonably scaled down and an agreement reached, settling the whole problem of allied indebtedness, unrest and uncertainty will grow and hatred of the United States as the Shylock among nations will increase until it permeates the world.

The United States did not enter the war for profit, but for self-preservation and self-defense, and the part of France which bore the brunt of sacrifice in men and property, should receive due consideration, the more because of our altruistic professions upon entering the conflict.

KLAN RAIDER YOUNG SHOT IN GUN DUEL

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At least four men were known to have been present at the shooting, but their names remained undisclosed. An hour or two later the news reached Governor Small. He immediately communicated with Adjutant General Carlos Black, who dispatched Major H. W. Davis in charge of forty militiamen to Meritt from Garibaldi, a few miles away.

When dawn of a new day found everyone quiet with only battered window panes and bullet-scattered walls as a public testimony of the night's activities.

Miss Attorney Arlin Howell, on his arrival yesterday, gave no indication of the course the state would pursue.

Sheriff George Giffman, in Meritt, is the one of the shooting, was quoted as saying that he expected to see peace and quiet restored in his county.

For almost two years Young had been considered the central figure in the ethn state of Williamson county, his name being coupled with fights and rumors of fights.

Last summer Young and his wife were fired upon by unidentified assailants in another automobile as they rode toward East St. Louis. Young's right knee was injured and Mrs. Young was struck in the head by a charge of buckshot, which made her blind.

A TRACTOR SCHOOL FOR POWER FARMERS

This is your opportunity to learn more about tractors.

A tractor school is to be held by Charles R. Archer, Implement Co., the McCormick-Deering dealer at Salem, Oregon, on Thursday, January 29th, 1925.

This school is held for the purpose of being of help to the users of tractors and tractor drawn tools, and also to all who are interested in power farming whether they own a tractor at present or not. The school is to be practical in every way and there will be something of interest during all the time. Undoubtedly, many have questions about the internal combustion engine which they would like to ask. These will be answered at the school. The men in charge of the school have valuable data available which may help solve these problems. If they have not the information that you are looking for, we are sure that they will get it for you.

This school is also given for the benefit of young men and others who are interested in taking up the study of operating tractors and tractor drawn equipment. This is a rare opportunity to get a good start in the knowledge of modern tractors, their operation and care. We will make the time profitable to you. Kindly plan your work and arrange to be present. We are confident you will be amply repaid in knowledge for the time you give.

Do not forget the date, January 29th, at 9 a. m. sharp. Free lunch will be served at noon. Come prepared to spend the day.—Adv.

TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

HORIZONTAL

1. Record
4. Utensil
7. Violent wind
9. Egyptian sun god
10. International language
12. At liberty
14. Genuine
16. Small room
18. Intellect
21. Undeveloped egg
24. Fifth letter of Greek alphabet
27. Snare
28. Old

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 uninterruptedly.

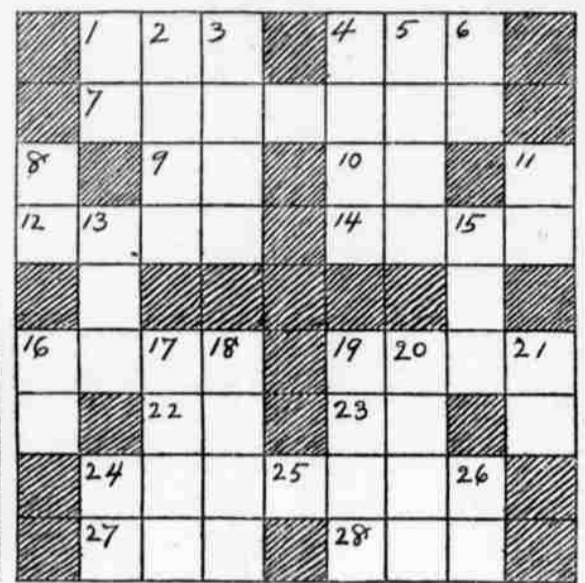
Any word defined under "VERTICAL" will also begin, in the white space that contains its number, but will extend downward as far as the white squares remain uninterruptedly.

VERTICAL

1. Latin conjunction
2. Drill
3. Blank
4. Divide
5. Small
6. Toward
8. Providing that
11. Exist
13. Forget
15. Vase
16. Suffix denoting condition
17. Leap
18. Missing
19. Heronwater
20. Object of worship
21. Perform
24. In (prefix)
26. North Dakota (abbr.)

SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

TILL RAM
PLEASURES
PEON E ENOS
ERA SAMOA MTS
VANS LAG PERT
C DIPLO AY
TETRAHEDRON
P L H S O S U G B
A C R E R T R E E
L A Y A G E N T W R N
L O S S S W I N S
T O I L S I N S
A M M O N



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A Modern Marriage

An Absorbing Novel
By IDAH MCGLONE GIBSON

THE TRAIL BROADENS

"Good God Dick this gun has not been fired."
"I know it. Evans by mistake put Kathryn's gun in Foss' pocket."
"Then whose gun is this?" Kirby demanded wildly.
"That's for you to find out, Jim. Take it and see if it was bought in this city."
"In the meantime, Dick, the police will be hunting the owner of the other gun. They will find that it is Kathryn's, all of which will work against Rodney, for they will say that it would have been very easy for him to have her gun in his possession."

Kirby dropped the revolver in his pocket as the water came in.
"I think, Dick," he said over their coffee and cigarettes, "that I am going to hunt up Vernon Stedman tonight. I can't get an information about who owns this gun until morning."
"Vernon Stedman? What do you mean about Vernon Stedman? He isn't in this."

"Well, he's short and thick-set, and he had a terrible battle right on the floor of the exchange after Foss had practically ruined him yesterday. Stedman lost complete control of himself and went for him. The men were pulled apart and held by their friends. It was then that Stedman broke loose and threatened Foss. It was all in the papers this afternoon, Dick."

"I haven't had a chance to read the papers," answered Starmount wearily.

"Well, the reporters beat the cops to Stedman. He wasn't able to tell where he was last night, that is, he had no alibi that will hold, and he is now under the surveillance of the police."

"That's interesting," ejaculated Dick. "That might almost counteract the thumb prints on the

"Nothing, Dick, will counteract those thumb prints. It is the most damning evidence against your friend Rodney. When Miss Leonard is able to have her finger prints taken she will probably be arrested as accessory to the murder for they say there is a woman's thumb print on the handle of the gun."

"If she is arrested, Rodney will confess the crime and that is the whole thing. Rodney is the best friend I ever had in the whole world. I love him like a brother. I don't think he had anything to do with this murder and I'm going to prove him innocent in spite of himself. Even if I have to convict Kathryn Leonard Evans to do this I'm fully determined to carry it through to the end."

"Well, why didn't Kathryn Leonard admit that she killed him? She had a good reason for shooting him. A woman like Mrs. Evans would shoot a man only for one thing and everyone considers a woman justified in protecting her honor. I wonder that she didn't admit immediately."

"Perhaps she did admit it to Rodney. If she did he would die in the electric chair before he would tell even me. He has a foolish idea about wanting her mixed in the case any more than can be helped."

With this, Starmount rose from the table and with characteristic gesture shoved both hands in his coat pockets. "Good Lord," he exclaimed, "I forgot to give those letters and telegrams to Rod. I should have given them to him this morning. I think I'll drop over to the hospital and drive Rod to his club. I'd like to make sure that he is going to have a little sleep tonight."

"All right, Dick. I'll be around

as soon as possible in the morning. I just want you to know, though, that I'm passing up a darn good story for friendship's sake. Good-bye, don't expect me until I get here. It may take some time to follow up all the threads you've given me tonight."

"When we've gotten to the bottom of it and cleared Rodney you may have the biggest piece you have ever written. No one else shall have a word at it."

Dick found Rodney just preparing to leave the hospital. He seemed pathetically glad to see his friend again.

"It was good of you to come, Dick," he said. "They won't let me stay any longer. Oh, Dick, I think she is a little better. The doctor said her temperature has gone down a half a degree. He told me to tell you he could not wait to see you."

"That's good, Rod. You can go home now and sleep."

"I wish I could sleep. I'd like to forget for a little while."

"Here are some letters and telegrams that came to the studio this morning. Do you think you had better open them when we get back to your rooms at the club?"

"I'll open the telegram anyway, Dick," Rod said as he took his hat and came and passed out the door. Starmount returned to his apartment.

The next morning Starmount was awakened by the ringing of his telephone bell. "Is that you, Dick?" came over the wire in Jim Kirby's voice.

"Yes, you awakened me out of a sound sleep."

"I just want to tell you that the gun belongs to your friend Rodney Evans."

"By God! What was he doing with a gun?"

BRINGING UP FATHER



By George McManus

BARNEY GOOGLE AND SPARK PLUG

It Means a Meal for Barney

By Billy de Beck



KRAZY KAT

A Telephone Romance

By Herriman



MUTT AND JEFF

And the Cop ought to Know If Anybody Does

By Bud Fisher

