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## HARDING FOE TO ALL CLASS RULE

### U. S. Cannot Tolerate Group Domination, Executive Declares in Address.

Marion, O.—Governments cannot tolerate any class or group domination through force, President Harding declared July 4 in an address at a homecoming centennial celebration here.

Addressing thousands of "home folks" and out of town visitors, who had gathered to welcome him back to Marion for his first visit since his inauguration, the executive told his audience he meant to "sound no note of pessimism."

"This republic is secure," he added. "Menaces do arise, but public opinion will efface them. Meanwhile the government must repress them."

Commenting in a general way on the industrial situation, the president made this observation:

"A free American has the right to labor without any others' leave. It would be no less an abridgement to deny men to bargain collectively and governments cannot tolerate any class or group domination through force. It will be a sorry day when group domination is reflected in our laws. Government, and the laws which government is charged with enforcing, must be for all the people ever aiming at the common good."

The president declared with emphasis that his "one outstanding conviction" after sixteen months in the White House, was that the greatest traitor to his country is he who appeals to prejudice and inflames passion, when sober judgment and honesty of speech are so necessary to firmly establish tranquility and security.

## SENATE APPROVES TARIFF ON WHEAT

Washington, D. C.—By a vote of 38 to 12 the senate approved a tariff of 30 cents a bushel on wheat.

With the wheat fight out of the way, the senate made unusually rapid progress on the bill, approving several scores of committee amendments. The first to be agreed upon was a duty of 78 cents per 100 pounds on flour, an increase of 28 cents over the house rate. Other rates approved included: Irish potatoes, 58 cents per 100 pounds, house rate 42 cents; dried, 2 1/2 cents a pound, house rate 3 1/2; potato flour, 3 cents a pound, house rate 1 1/2 cents.

Tomato paste 45 per cent ad valorem, house rate 28; tomato preserves in any matter, 15 per cent, house rate 10 per cent.

Onions, 1 cent per pound; house rate 75 cents per 100 pounds.

## NON-PARTISANS WIN, LOSE

League Gets Senate Choice But Fails to Nominate Governor.

Washington, D. C.—The outcome of the republican primary in North Dakota appears to be a victory for the non-partisan league in naming the republican candidate for senator, former governor Lynn J. Frazier, to succeed Senator McCumber, but a defeat for the league in the effort to regain complete control of the state government.

Frazier, who was recalled from the governorship of North Dakota last year, is known as a radical, but in the senate he is likely to prove much less radical than he is painted, as has been the case of Dr. Ladd, the first senator put over by the non-partisan league.

The nomination of Governor Nestos means a rebuff for the non-partisan league as to its state program and the continuation of the middle of the road policy inaugurated by the new governor when he succeeded Frazier last fall.

Just Like a Woman.

A Fullerton man says he gets two eggs from a single hen. His plan is ingenious and might be worth trying on a larger scale, so we print it for the benefit of some of our suburban readers.

He has arranged a mirror opposite Biddy's nest, so that when she hops off and cackles she sees in the glass what she supposes is another hen cackling. This arouses her jealousy and not to be outdone by a supposed rival she jumps back on the nest and lays another egg.—Los Angeles Times.

## HE DIDN'T QUITE UNDERSTAND

Possibly British Officer Thought Orderly's Proper Place Was Under the Table.

At the Army and Navy club in Washington they tell a story of a newly appointed officer in the British army who was making his first visit to the mess, with the usual inquiry of "any complaints?" Now, he had arrived at the mess somewhat earlier than expected, and the orderly of the day, being taken by surprise, and in his shirt sleeves, dived under the table to save a reprimand.

"Any complaints?" asked the officer. Grasping the situation at once, the corporal answered for the absent orderly.

"None, sir."

"Who is this?" asked the officer, suddenly catching sight of the orderly under the table.

Again the corporal rose to the occasion.

"Orderly of the day, sir," was his answer.

"Oh!" said the officer, and passed on.

The next mess were quite prepared, with the orderly, spick and span, standing at attention at the head of the table.

"Any complaints?"

"None, sir," answered the orderly. The officer gave him a careful survey.

"And who are you?" he asked.

"Orderly of the day, sir."

"And why the deuce are you not under the table?" was the unexpected retort.

## HUMOROUS IN HIS PROTEST

Max Beerbohm Wanted No Book Written About Him, and Said So in Amusing Manner.

"You might have waited for my demise, instead of merely hastening it," remarked his subject—or victim, as you please—to Bohun Lynch, when the latter communicated the news that he was about to write "Max Beerbohm in Perspective."

But admirers of Beerbohm will agree that the Beerbohmian protests against his publication in themselves justify the volume, according to the Living Age. Here they are:

"I remember several books about men who, not yet dead, had blantly aided and abetted the author; and I remember what awful asses those men seemed to me thereby to have made of themselves. Two of them were rather great men. They could afford to make awful asses of themselves. I, who am 100 miles away from being great, cannot afford such luxuries."

"My gifts are small. I've used them very well and discreetly, never straining them; and the result is that I've made a charming little reputation. But that reputation is a frail plant. Don't over-attend to it, Gardner Lynch! Don't drench and deluge it! The contents of a quite small watering can will be quite enough."

"Gardner Lynch," however, was not to be deterred, and his readers may rejoice therefor. He produced an amusing study of an amusing writer, not a flippant study, but not a painfully serious one, either.

Country's National Parks.

There are nineteen national parks, with a total area of 10,850 square miles, under the supervision of the secretary of the interior and seven national military and other parks under the supervision of the secretary of war, and a number of other national monuments, such as the petrified forests of Arizona, etc., under the jurisdiction of the secretary of the interior, agriculture and war. For many years the Hot Springs reservation of Arkansas was the only national park. In 1892 an area of 1 1/2 square miles on which are 46 hot springs possessing curative properties was set aside as a national park. It was not until forty years later that another national park was created, the Yellowstone, in Wyoming. The other 17 have been created within forty-two years, and seven of these within the last decade, the interest in conservation probably accounting for the larger number. The only one in New England is Lafayette park in Maine, on Mount Desert.

Process of Absorption.

Miss Christina Merriman, head of the disarmament division of the League of Women Voters, said at a dinner party in Washington:

"Disarmament, when it comes, will do away with the absorption of one country by another."

"These absorbing, or non-constrictor, countries remind me of the elderly man in the smoker who bent over an old gentleman, seated in front of him and said:

"Beg pardon, but do you mind lending me your spectacles a moment?"

"Not at all," said the kindly old gentleman, "not at all."

"The elderly chap fixed the spectacles firmly on his nose."

"Thank you," he said. "And now, sir, since you can no longer read your newspaper, will you kindly pass it over to me?"—Washington Star.

## MADE DOG CARRY KITTENS

Mother Cat Had No Compunction at All in Making Friend Do All the Work.

An English lady, says a contributor to the Cornhill Magazine, having received a kitten and a puppy as gifts, determined to bring them up together. She put them into the same bed, fed them from the same saucer, and they became fast friends.

In time the kitten arrived at matronhood. She presented the world with little ones and chose for their nursery a remote and quiet room in the house. But in a few days she evidently decided that there was a better place for them in a room on the floor above.

Instead of removing the kittens herself, she trotted off to her friend the dog and got him to follow her to the spot where the kittens were lying.

When he had looked at them she started off to the upper room, and he followed her; but, seeing that he was—so to speak—"empty-handed," she doubled back and returned to the kittens; and eventually, after two or three more false starts, he undertook her and, picking up one of the kittens in his mouth, followed her up the stairs to the new place.

That was as far as his understanding went, and she had to conduct him back to the end he had removed them all, and she was happy in her new quarters.

But it was not the ideal spot after all; she was happy there only for a day. Again she summoned the dog, and he moved all the kittens again, but more readily than at first. Again the cat became dissatisfied, and the dog moved the kittens again. From first to last there were so many removals that the lady lost count of their number.

Hints to Young Authors.

John Augustus Scribble wearily opened the envelope that brought back from his twelfth journey his "Ode on a Crushed Caterpillar."

There dropped upon the floor this letter from the regretful editor:

"Hint 1—Borrow half a dollar's worth of stamps."

"Hint 2—Don't begin to write till you feel you must. Such an attack is heralded by dizziness, listlessness and pains in the back."

"Hint 3—Then write down just enough words to relieve your pent-up emotions."

"Hint 4—Erase every second word."

"Hint 5—Carefully erase all the remaining words."

"Hint 6—Sell the stamps."—Pittsburgh Sun.

Disappearing Eagle.

Americans have made war to such an extent upon the national bird—the American eagle—that few specimens of the species are left in the East, and when one of these birds does show itself the first impulse of the man or boy who sees it is to shoot to kill. Yet the eagle is a harmless bird and does ill to nobody. Now and then a bald-head eagle flies over the national capital and a few are to be seen in the region of Washington, but they have become rare. Last spring a large and handsome member of the species was shot and killed in the woods bordering Neabus creek, about thirty miles below Washington and close to the junction of that creek and the Potomac river.

Illustrating Food Values.

To teach food values to children and to combat malnutrition the American Museum of Natural History circulates a traveling exhibit which includes a set of 16 wax models of food suitable for children between the ages of ten and thirteen and models and charts illustrating the composition of six common foods and the contributions of different foods to the body.

## BY-PRODUCTS OF LITERATURE

Authress, Planning African Trip, Certainly Is Overlooking Nothing That Can Be Made Useful.

Using the by-products of the most characteristic feature of distinctly modern industry. How thoroughly this principle has been applied to literature comes out in an interview with a charming and able Chicago novelist who is taking her five-year-old daughter into Africa gorilla hunting with Carl Akeley's party.

The author in question will make the trip to collect local color, the basic material in the fiction industry. The first product will be a novel, with a movie to follow. But not all the local color which an African trip is bound to yield can be used in a novel, so the author plans to work over the waste in a travel book, which will find a ready sale to that small but choice public which has wearied of fiction. The third and rather special product will be the story of her small daughter's reaction to the adventure, which is expected to make another interesting book.

Each of the three books is a separate product of the basic local color; each will satisfy a certain special need and reach a public of its own. Between the fiction readers, the armchair travelers and the students of the child-mind, this author pretty well covers the book-buying classes. Considering how little daughter will probably react when she sights her first gorilla, the "child reactions" book may fairly be called "utilizing the squeal."

—Chicago News.

## KNOWS RIGHT TIME TO FISH

Man's Many Friends Have Furnished Him Just the Particular Dope, and the Rest Is Easy.

"I have the accurate dope now on just when to go fishing at the lakes," said a man who expects to take a vacation soon.

"I talked to a man last week and he said if I wished to do any good, to fish from 12 midnight to six in the morning. He used frogs and spatted for bass and caught lots of bass and also bluegills at that time. Besides it isn't hot then."

"Talked to a man Monday and he told me just when to catch them. I learned from him that the time to fish was between sundown and 12 midnight. He caught lots of bass and bluegills and crappies at that time."

"Talked to another man and he told me the best time to fish was from sunup until about 10 o'clock, and from 4 p. m. until dark."

"There was another neighbor of mine who gave me good advice. He never fishes after dark, but says he never paid any attention to the heat and that he always caught as many fish in the middle of the day as he did early in the morning or in the cool of the evening."

"So you see, I know just when to do my fishing."

Lost Forty-eight War Vessels.

During the period when the United States was actually at war, April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918, the loss of navy vessels was 48 of all classes. On these vessels 1,150 lives were lost. The list includes one battleship, the Minnesota, transports, tankers, submarine chasers, yachts, etc.

## SUDDEN CHANGE OF OPINION

Or Possibly the Lady Had Really Been Enjoying Herself and Wasn't Aware of It.

At one of those banquets where almost every one is called on to make a short speech or to tell a funny story, a woman who sat near the speaker's table was heard to remark after nearly every story told:

"My goodness, that's another old one. Why don't they tell some new ones?"

Regardless of whether the speaker got a good laugh, she complained to her companion of the antiquity of the stories.

"I've never been to a worse affair. I wish they would cut it short. I'd rather have stayed home than come," she bitterly asserted.

In the midst of her harangue, the toastmaster beamed in her direction, and said:

"Now, there is Mrs. ——. She is one of the most charming workers in our organization, and I know we would all be glad to hear her speak."

Dismayed, Mrs. — managed to get on her feet, and addressed the guests thusly:

"I really don't know what to say, only that I am so glad to be here with you. I just said to the lady sitting next to me what a perfectly splendid time I was having. I didn't know we had so many clever people in the organization who could tell such funny stories."—Indianapolis News.

Curiosity Satisfied.

I have been in the habit of patronizing a printing shop near home, and on each occasion I have noticed a man in particular who never spoke to me. He always had a scowl on his face. Recently I went to a nearby town by interurban and sat in the smoker. A man across the aisle spoke to me:

"You patronize the Thomas print shop, don't you?"

I said "Yes."

He said, "I thought I had seen you in there several times."

I said "Tell me, who is that heavy-set man with the white mustache who is such an infernal grouch?"

"I guess you must mean me. I just had the mustache shaved off this morning," said he.—Chicago Tribune.

## 'FOR LOVE, NOT BY PURCHASE'

New Attitude Toward Marriage Is Seen to Be Awakening Among the Women of China.

Closely related with the new home idea in China is the new idea on marriage; that is, individual choice rather than family choice; "for love, not by purchase."

Like the new home this will be a matter of slow evolution. For in China the individual is not thought of or looked upon as an entity; he is but a part of a family which is the unit, the entity and which at all costs must be preserved and perpetuated. Hence, individual desires must be subsidiary to the wishes or the benefit of the family.

The practice of this principle throughout the long centuries has instilled in children a submissiveness to parents, to family, that is engulfing of personality, though it is the steel that gives strength and form to the structure of the Chinese nation. The submissiveness is more than a conscious obedience; it is involuntary surrender.

Consequently, though the new young woman may advocate the theory of personal choice in marriage, only the most radical really desire it or would dare wholly to follow it, Emma Sarepta Yale writes in Scribner's. In matters touching the soul centers, inheritance and tradition are always stronger than imported ideas, no matter how forcible their appeal to reason. Miss China still feels that in the matter of a woman's parents' judgment is the better.

The usually imperceptible force of atmospheric pressure often reveals itself by some unexpected and peculiar tricks. One of the latest of its pranks was to crumple the shell of a heavy steel boiler in use near Okmulgee, Okla. The steam within the boiler had been allowed to cool, and in cooling condensed. All of the boiler fittings were so tight that no air could get into the boiler to take the place of the steam, which was now very much reduced in volume, and a vacuum was thus created in the shell. The result was that the pressure of the outside air crushed the boiler shell.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Auto Matches Jewels.

For the benefit of your wife, you might tell her that, if she wants it, many of the automobile manufacturers will have her 1921 car match her jewels. This is a fad in many sections of the East, where amethyst, garnet, topaz, sapphire and other colors are used in the upholstery, tops and the body made to correspond. In this way your wife will know that her jewels harmonize with the car. Of course, if she hasn't the jewels, she can order the car as she wants it, and then buy the jewels to match.—Chicago Tribune.

Playing Safe.

The firm of Hansen & Franzen was started in war-time and did very well for a couple of years. But last year things were on the downward grade, and the other day, when the two partners had finished making up their accounts for the year, Hansen said: "This would make any one thoughtful. Now that the good times are over, how about a little honest business?"

"No, thanks," said Franzen. "I never indulge in experiments."

## PLANTS GET OWN MOISTURE

Ingenuous Device That Will Assuredly Be Welcomed by All Absent-Minded Husbands.

Stay-at-home husbands are prone to forget to water the flowers that adorn the sitting room, even though specially charged to do so by absent wives. They will doubtless welcome a device just invented by a Frenchman, M. Pinson, which enables plants literally to water themselves and to do so with efficiency, taking neither too much nor too little to drink. This device, which obtained a gold medal in France, consists of a flower pot of the usual shape, but having a double wall. The description runs, according to the Literary Digest:

The space between the two walls constitutes a reservoir of water. Into this there extends two to four curved tubes, according to the shape of the pot. Each of these tubes contains a wick. The lower end of the tube dips into the reservoir of water while the other end is bent so as to dip beneath the surface of the soil in the inner pot. Consequently we really have a set of siphons which are set in action by the capillary attraction which causes the water to rise in the wick. Thus there is a gentle but steady flow of moisture to the plant.

In order to adapt the apparatus to the needs of any individual plant it is only necessary to remove the inner pot after the end of 24 hours and note whether the outer pot still holds any water. If so, the plant is oversupplied, since the excess of water has been drawn by gravity to the bottom of the inner pot and escaped through the hole in the center into the outer pot.

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## NATION-WIDE STRIKE OF SHOPMEN BEGINS

No Interruption in Traffic Is Reported by Railroad Officials.

Chicago, Ill.—Notwithstanding the efforts of the federal government, acting through the United States railroad labor board, to throttle a strike of the nation's railway shop workers, thousands of shopmen answered the call of the union leaders and laid down their tools.

There was no interruption of traffic on any line. Engineers and trainmen stuck to their posts, although, under instructions from brotherhood chiefs, they performed only their regular duties. All trains, the railroads reported, were running on schedule.

Statements from rail executives all over the country, although admitting large desertions from the shop ranks, reiterated their stand that transportation was unaffected and would continue as "perhaps for months."

No further efforts would be made to settle the strike by the railroad labor board, it was said at the board's offices. From Washington came word that the administration was solidly back of the board on its stand on the strike question.

The power of the United States government, coupled with public sentiment, will give every protection to every railway employe who remains on the job and to all men who take the place of strikers in the present railroad walkout, Ben W. Hooper, chairman of the United States railroad board, declared in a statement.

Wage cuts aggregating approximately \$134,000,000 and affecting more than 1,000,000 railway workers went into effect on all railroads of the United States July 1 by order of the labor board.

In protest against the wage cuts and against certain practices charged against the managements of the railroads, the shopmen throughout the country voted to go on strike.

Harding Warns in Coal Strike

Washington, D. C.—In a kindly worded speech to the leaders of the coal mining industry, both operators and workers, President Harding admonished them to seek a prompt solution of the present strike and conveyed to them the delicately worded warning that if they failed the government would be compelled to administer the industry for the common good of the American people.

President Harding did not mention federal control by name. He adopted the more discreet way of putting it, but throughout the president's brief speech to the warring factions it was made clear that the administration is keeping "a steel hand in a velvet glove," and that if the miners and operators cannot get together, then the government is going to protect the consuming public.

The "kick" in the speech was near the end:

"You are admonished to arrive at such understanding with measurable promptness, among yourselves. If the adjustment cannot be reached by you alone, the government will be available at your joint call. We wish you who best know the way to solution to reach it among yourselves, in a manner to command the sanction of the people."

Falling in that, the representatives of the American people will be called to the task."

## Bulgarians Reduce Alphabet.

Simplification of the Bulgarian orthography by eliminating three letters of the alphabet, recently ordered by the cabinet council, has just been put into effect. The censorship, still existing here, will enforce the new spelling in all publications.

These three letters are remnants of the old Slav tongue. They do not exist in the Serbian language and they recently were ordered stricken from the Russian alphabet by the soviet ministry of public instruction. Their principal spelling is taken in some quarters to be an effort toward closer relations with the Serbs.

Killed Two Birds.

Mrs. Goss—Did you find Mrs. Speedley in when you called?

Mrs. Sipp—Yes. Unexpectedly! That is how I found her out.—Answers.

## "O'er the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave"

