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Uncle Ted's Bed-Time Stories

WHO IS PRESIDENT?

"Now, you kiddies come in here out of the cold and I'll tell you a story," called Uncle Ted to Jack and Ruth who had been romping around in the snow all afternoon.

"Uncle Ted," said Jack as he came up the front steps scattering snow in every direction, "I want you to tell us all about President Wilson and how the government is being run while he is sick."

"Well, Jack, there is a lot to tell on that subject so you and Ruth get on some dry shoes and stockings and sit down quietly and I'll tell you all I can before supper."

"There has been a lot of talk about the president since he was taken ill during his trip through the country when he spoke for the world club plan. Some stories say that he had a stroke, that is, became paralyzed in one or both legs so that he cannot walk; other stories say that he suffered simply a complete nervous breakdown while some have said that his mind was not clear, which makes him unable to think clearly and deal with the important affairs of the government as a president should. No one really seems to know just what has been the matter with him but one thing is sure, he has been and still is a very sick man and from all reports is unable to run the government. During the first part of his illness his own personal doctor, Admiral Gary T. Grayson, and two other doctors called in from Washington signed statements each day supposed to tell how the president was getting along.

"Who takes care of the president's business then?" asked Jack.

"That is just the point, Jack," answered his uncle. "It is certain that Mr. Wilson is not able to act on any matter of importance but no attempt has been made to call in Vice President Marshall to act in his place. So

far as can be seen, Joseph Tumulty, secretary to Mr. Wilson, is running the government and in these dangerous times with the grave labor troubles and problems of every kind which must be settled, it means that the United States of America is practically without a president because the president while too sick to act himself is apparently still well enough to be stubborn as usual and won't let anyone else act for him. He has not been allowed to see or talk in any way with any of the members of the cabinet and even Senator Hitchcock who has been running the peace treaty and world club plan for him in the senate was not allowed to see him the other day when he called at the white house.

"But the worst of all, children, is the fact that on the morning after the president's message was read to congress a report was made that Mr. Wilson has not been told a thing about the Mexican situation, and that Mr. Lansing, secretary of state, has had to act alone in the matter."

"What is the Mexican situation?" asked Ruth.

"Some day, Ruth, I will tell you the whole story about Mexico but at present it is enough to know that because many Americans have been murdered down there and because William O. Jenkins, consular agent of the United States was held in prison by the Mexican government, it may mean war. And all that has been done by our government has been the sending of a lot of notes down there by Mr. Lansing without any action from the president and the Mexicans have learned that the Wilson administration just talks and talks. It is a terrible thing to have our country nearly on the verge of war with another country while the president, who according to the Constitution is commander in chief of the army and navy, is too ill to even be told of the trouble.

"The whole trouble is, children, that although the president was not taken ill until the first of October, 1919, and therefore made unable to

study the home troubles of the United States as he should, he hasn't studied them since October, 1918, when he started sending peace notes to Germany. From that time on he gave all his time to the study of the world problems, the treaty and his pet hobby the world club plan. He sailed to France in December, 1918, telling congress that he would keep in close touch with them and let them know everything he did. But he didn't as we all know too well now."

"Can't the cabinet take care of these home troubles without him?" asked Jack. "They have congress to help them."

"No, Jack, the cabinet cannot run the government. The cabinet is simply a name for the body of men which is composed of the heads of each of the government departments, such as the secretary of the treasury and the secretary of war. The president is the executive head and is responsible alone. For that reason while our president is unable to deal with the serious matters which confront us today it leaves the country in a dangerous condition.

"As to the president's last message to congress, it is considered almost as a joke. Many of the senators and representatives don't believe he wrote it. It contains nothing new. It quotes long paragraphs from his other messages and does not mention the peace treaty or the world club plan. It is not written in the president's usual language and sounds like a mixture of the opinions of the various cabinet officers linked together with a few of Secretary Tumulty's choice sentences.

"Just one thing will show you how the senate feels about the whole situation. In the message Mr. Wilson said he would send another message later about what he thought should be done with the railroad question. But the senate is not going to wait for any advice from the white house, not knowing whether it comes from the president or not, and so immediately after the president's message was read the senate voted to work on the railroad bill before everything else and get it out of the way before Christmas.

"So, children, at a critical time in our history it looks to me as if we are without a president, unless Secretary Tumulty could be called the head of the nation. And from all appearances it looks as if he was the only one taking any action. If the situation keeps up it may be necessary for congress to take some action to find out whether or not Mr. Wilson is in a fit condition to be at the head of our country."

"The Miracle Man"

By Russell Micheltree

No miracles today? Hell, ho! Where d'ya get that bunk? See that girl there—the one with the big, clear eyes?

A few months back, her beery, leering lips

Burned the souls of the men that crushed them.

Her wanton's face, red-painted,

Twisted with sin as if the devil had stepped on it.

Was a brazen sign of a life that reeked.

And now she is good! Her smile's as sweet

As the smile of your mother, in those first tender years,

When you were just a little, toddling kid,

And she was young and fair.

No miracles? I've seen a gnarled, misshapen thing, misnamed a man,

Writhing in the street, begging for coins with a cripple's whine,

And after the day's good pickings, rise in his shame

And loosen his hard mug into a grin. Now he's standing, face to the world,

Working to ease another's closing years.

It would warm your heart to hear the big boob laugh

And see him pet the little gray old lady on the cheek.

No miracles? That handsome devil, standing by the girl,

Once had a heart as black as the hair his victims loved to stroke.

One of those cynical, sneering guys, durking, shark-like,

In the under-tow of life, to pull down human souls.

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And then again today, after he'd slipped her a tiny ring,—

No miracles? Hell, ho! Where d'ya get that bunk?

You, with your facts and science, come with me—

Me—a year ago, shaking with dope and a hacking cough,

And my fingers itching for pockets to pick.

I'll show you a little house, resting among the roses,

High on a slope that rises from the sea;

And an old man there, blind and deaf and dumb,

His face alight with faith.

He wouldn't make a hit on Broadway. "Funny in the head,"

They'd call him, and smirk and go their ways.

But that old man makes crooks go straight.

Floods darkened souls with sun. How?—Belief, he thinks.

You, being wise, may smile. But we who have seen and felt—

No miracles? Hell, ho! Where do you get that bunk?

DEATH OF MRS. T. O. MAXWELL

Word has been received in Springfield of the death of Mrs. T. O. Maxwell at Los Gatos, Cal., Tuesday, Dec. 8. It is understood by friends in this city that Mrs. Maxwell's death was caused by a paralytic stroke. The remains were buried in the Odd Fellows' cemetery at Los Gatos, the Rebekah lodge and the W. R. C. taking part in the services. Mrs. Maxwell having been a member of both these organizations.

The Maxwell family formerly resided in Springfield and will be remembered by many residents here. Mrs. Maxwell is survived by her husband, T. O. Maxwell.

BROTHERHOOD HEARS GOOD LECTURE ON SYNDICALISM

The Methodist Brotherhood gave its regular monthly banquet and program at the church parlors Monday evening. The supper was an excellent one, as all the Brotherhood's suppers have been—an abundance of substantial food, well prepared and well served. About thirty men enjoyed it. The Ladies' Aid has charge of this feature of the entertainments.

The literary feature was a lecture by Prof. J. H. Gilbert of the chair of economics of the University of Oregon. His theme, as he announced it, was, in substance: "Syndicalism: Its Philosophy, Its Aims, Its Methods and the Prospects of Its Success." The speaker traced the points of similarity and the points of difference between syndicalism and several related movements, as Socialism, anarchism, bolshevism and I. W. W. ism; and succeeded admirably in

clarifying many points on which the ordinary mind is confused. Apparently, all who heard it were pleased to have this lucid and instructive exposition of this vexed and vexing question by one who was able to bring extensive research, accurate thinking and a clear method of presentation to the task.

Three members were admitted into the Brotherhood. A resolution was adopted expressing the sympathy of the Brotherhood with the recent efforts to organize a commercial club; and a committee was appointed to confer with M. C. Bressler, the temporary chairman of the uncompleted organization.

SUMMONS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY.

Helen L. Phelps, Plaintiff, vs. Herman G. Phelps, Defendant.

To Herman G. Phelps the above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby summoned and required to be and appear in the above entitled Court and suit and answer the complaint of the plaintiff filed herein against you within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit, November 14th, 1919, and if you so fail to appear and answer thereto, plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for, namely: for a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between plaintiff and defendant on the grounds of desertion, and for full relief.

This summons is served upon you by publication in the Springfield News, a newspaper published weekly at Springfield, Oregon, for six consecutive weeks by order of the Hon. G. F. Skipworth, judge of the above Court, said order being entered and of record Nov. 10th, 1919.

—C. M. KISSINGER, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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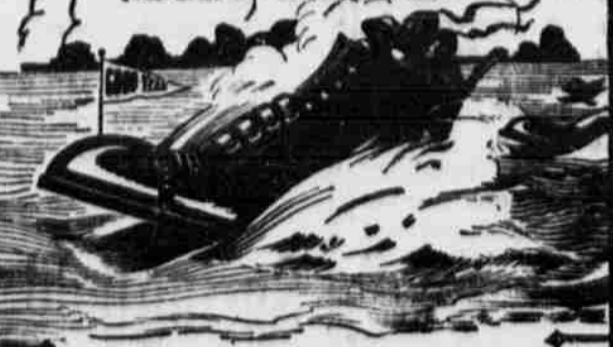
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