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They are still coming home—those boys of ours who fought for us over there. We cheered for all sympathized with some, and mourn for these U. S. officers in Antwerp are checking shipment detail on row after row of flag-draped caskets where "old glory guards with solemn round the bivouac of the dead."

### Why Not Give Congress A Chance to Deliver

Representative Mondell has replied vigorously to the New York financier who has attacked Congress on the ground that it has failed to reduce the expenditures or lighten the burden of taxation, as "the Republican party promised." Mr. Mondell was asked to state whether the failure of Congress to fulfill these pledges is due to "natural ineptitude or the spirit of obstruction." The attempted implication was that Congress is attempting to avoid meeting the expectations of the people, whom it represents and to whom it is accountable, in this matter of governmental economy and tax reduction.

The federal taxes payable before March, 1922, have been levied and must be paid. There is no possibility of relief by legislation from tax burdens before the last federal tax levy made under the Wilson administration has been collected. The demand that Congress reduce the taxes payable in 1921 exhibits a deplorable lack of knowledge as to the power of the legislative body sworn in on March 4th, and called into extra session less than three months ago.

The criticism that Congress has failed to reduce expenditures reveals a further lack of comprehension of the possibilities and the facts that is surprising. Congress has reduced expenditures many hundreds of millions of dollars below the estimates and demands submitted by the money spending branch of government, —the executive department. Congress cannot of course by legislation reduce the interest obligations of the nation on account of the vast bond issues of the previous administration, and it surely is not serious proposed that these securities shall be repudiated. Congress can not avoid shouldering the losses incident to governmental operation of railways and shipping. It cannot es-

cape the burden of expenditures necessary to keep the nation in a proper state of military and naval preparedness, made obligatory on a large scale by the failure of the former administration to get us out of war or secure any guarantees against future involvement in war at the Paris peace conference.

There are those lacking in knowledge of legislative processes who assume that a system of taxation can be revised between breakfast and lunch by a Congress honestly anxious to effect a revision. The truth is, of course, that tax revision involves the clash of hundreds of interests. The task of reconciling differences, and adjusting and readjusting burdens is not as easy as changing a ten dollar bill at a teller's window. There is only one point of agreement on taxation,—and that is that the other fellow should carry the load. Beyond that is confusion of counsel. In undertaking to hear and consider all elements involved Congress is performing, not neglecting its duty.

Congress has a huge job on its hands. It did not make the difficulties with which it is contending. It is trying to meet problems which were more easily created than solved. Nothing is to be gained by inconsiderate criticism or unthinking abuse of the national legislature, struggling with its gigantic tasks while a good many of its critics are on vacation. There has been entirely too much government by threat and bullying in this country during the past few years. Wise men are willing to give Congress a chance to do its duty, with due regard to the practical difficulties involved in clearing away the wreckage of eight years of destructive administration.

It may be added that those who are so prematurely assisting in the work of trying to make it appear that the work of the present administration is a failure are throwing fuel on the flames of radicalism, menacing to all personal and property rights, now preparing, with gathering force, to offer formidable challenge to the fundamentals of American government.

### Uncle John's Jest

NO, BOLSHEVISM HASN'T DONE ITS WORST. NOT ALL THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE ARE DEAD YET.



### SMILE AWHILE

#### WALTER WAS IRRITATED.

It is, perhaps, unnecessary to give the name of the New England city which is the residence of the lad who figures in this story.

There had been a visitor, and to this lad she said: "And so this is little Walter? My, my! What a big boy you've grown to be! I wouldn't have believed it possible."

"Mother," said Walter when the visitor had gone, "doesn't it pass your comprehension how persons in whom one would naturally expect an ordinary degree of intelligence appear to believe, all history and nature to the contrary, that the children of their acquaintance will always remain infants and persist in expressing surprise when they observe the perfectly natural increase in one's stature?"—Washington Star.

#### PREPAREDNESS.

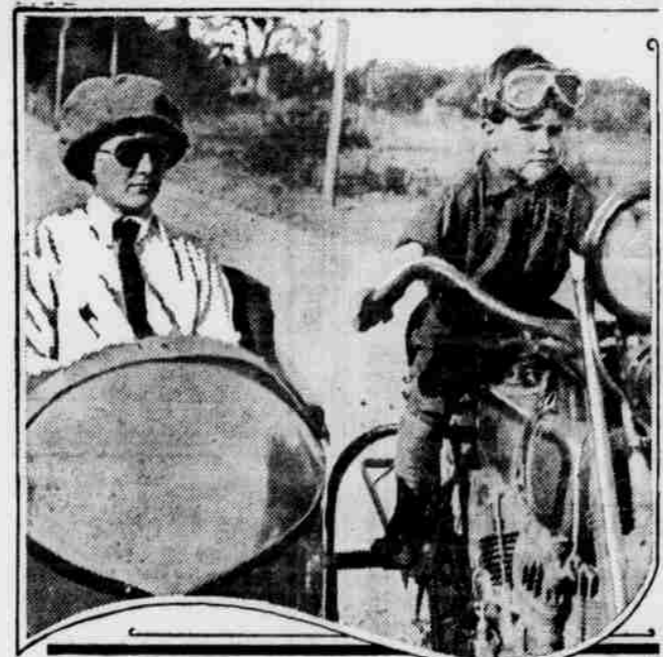
A certain clergyman always felt it his duty to give each couple a little serious advice before he performed the marriage ceremony. He usually took them aside one at a time and talked very soberly to each regarding the great importance of the step they were about to take and the new responsibilities they were to assume. One day he talked in his most earnest manner for several minutes to a young woman who had come to be married. "I hope you fully realize the extreme importance of the step you are taking and that you are prepared for it."

"Prepared!" replied the bride innocently. "Well, if I ain't prepared, I don't know who is. I've got four common quilts and two nice ones and four brand new feather-beds, ten sheets and twelve pairs of pillowslips, four linen tablecloths, a dozen spoons and a new six-quart kettle, and lots of other things."—Houston Post.

#### DANGER.

Sandy and Donald were paying their first visit to the metropolis and found the ways of the big hotel not their ways. The morning found them prepared to fare forth but unable to locate the stairway. Sandy discovered the elevator shaft with the door open and very promptly tumbled to

### MILWAUKEE CHILD OF THREE DRIVES MOTORCYCLE



Bobby Scherer, of Milwaukee, three years old, makes the claim of being the youngest motorcycle rider in the world. In a recent 1,500-mile tour with his mother, he drove the machine a majority of the time, while his mother directed the operation from the side car. He displays rare judgment in driving for one so young, it is said.



## Uncle John's Poem

### NIBBLES

You can get a nibble anywhere with any sort of bait—in any shallower water, where the little suckers wait. . . . But there aint a speck of wisdom in a pin-hook on a string, which attracts a lot of nibbles, whilse you never ketch a thing!

You can allers find the fishin' that is suited to your skill, if you exercise the judgment that it takes to fill the bill—but the man that fools with nibbles till the season gets out, will only have the fish that got away, to lie about. . . .

While a "nibble's better'n nothin'," as you've heard the feller say,

you can stake yer bottom dollar that nibbles never pay. . . . If I want my patience busted, an' my resolution shook, it's when a batch of little fish is foolin' with my hook!

So—I allers aim to angle for the fish that I can fry. . . . There's a brand of pleasure in it, that gets a feller by. . . . And I'd ruther yank a whopper from the murky depths below, than to fool with little suckers in the puddles where they grow.

From Uncle John.

the bottom. Leaning over the opening, Donald called to his friend sprawled out below:

"Did ye get don a' richt, Sandy?" "Aye, thot I did," replied Sandy. "But, mon, be careful o' thot first step—'tis a brute!"

"CROOL, CROOL!" "I suppose," sniffed Mrs. Giddid, "if something would happen to me tomorrow you would look for another wife right away?"

"Oh, no—I'd wait until the next day, at least."

"You brute."

"But Gwendolin—"

"And like as not you'd do just like some other men I know who have second wives."

"What's that?"

"Carry their breakfast to them up in bed."

"Perhaps!"

"Gomer Giddid, do you know what I'd do then?"

"No."

"Well, sir, I'd come right up into the room and haunt you."

"You'd come right up into the room where I'd be serving breakfast to my second wife?"

"Yes, I would."

"And then do you know what I'd do."

"No."

"Well, I'd say to you: 'Gwendolin, get busy now, and please remove the dishes.'"—Youngstown Telegram.

### FRIVOLOUS.

Florabella, fifteen and sophisticated for one of her years, was tearfully and rebelliously angry. Parental tyranny had become quite unbearable.

"For heaven's sake!" exclaimed her mother. "Will you tell me what you're bawling about now?"

"Oh, I never have any freedom! I never can do what other girls do! I don't see why I can't wear short skirts like the other girls I know."

"Florabella, your ideas are becoming positively shocking," admonished her mother. "You know perfectly well you are not old enough yet to wear short skirts."

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### Beekeeping Is Developing

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, July 25.—Beekeeping as an occupation is rapidly developing in Oregon. Large commercial apiaries are increasing in size in the irrigated sections of eastern Oregon, in the fire-weed sections of southern Oregon, and in the alsike clover section of the Willamette valley.

Many beekeepers have incomes of from \$1500 to \$4000 while some have an income from their apiaries which is more than \$10,000. The present production of honey in Oregon is nearly 1,000,000 pounds. Bee pasture is being constantly increased, due to the larger areas coming under irrigation.

Demand for men trained in beekeeping is urgent. The department of entomology at the Oregon Agricultural college has received requests

from commercial horticulturists for men trained in horticulture and beekeeping to take charge of their orchards and bees. Large commercial apiaries are also looking for men experienced in beekeeping to manage their apiaries.

Chairman Good of the House appropriations committee finds that the average cost of government to every person in the United States last year was \$61.88. This is about \$500 per family.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Adkins, at their home on Eight Mile, Sunday, July 24.

### MOST PERFECT WOMAN ATHLETE



"Most perfect," said the judges when they picked Miss Gertrude Arlet from among the 2,000 contestants at the Gymnastic Union tournament in Chicago. Miss Arlet is five feet ten and one-half inches tall and weighs 160 pounds. She has the strength and endurance of a man, while her figure retains the feminine beauty and grace. Miss Arlet is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arlet of Philadelphia and was a member of the Olympic swimming team.

## Editorial

### DON'T PLAY "BLIND MAN'S BUFF" WITH YOUR PRECIOUS DOLLARS



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