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LAUGHS

How Taste Changes Funny that the very fellow who begs a girl for a lock of her hair in the courtship days when he kisses it so fondly will swear like a trooper if he finds one of them in the butter after he is married.—Florida Times-Union.

Trapped "You have your father's eyes," declared grandma earnestly looking at the young girl. "Yes'm." "And you have your mother's hair." "No; this is sister's hair," faltered the girl, "and she said I could borrow it."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Needed a Clue Examining Admiral (to naval candidate)—Now, mention three great admirals. Candidate—Drake, Nelson, and—I beg your pardon, sir, I didn't quite catch your name.—Punch.

Scientific We do not care for twilight sleep. But, (please excuse the gap) We often feel like we'd like to steal a quiet morning nap. —Peoria Journal.

Half-Way Stop Late Homegoer (bursting into merriment)—It's a long, long way to Tipperary. Callous Cop—Yes, but the station house is only around the corner.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Wisely Put "What is meant by 'comment is useless,' father?" asked Little Rollo, the boy cross examiner. "It means, son, that you can't think of anything else to say."—Philadelphia Ledger.

One Drawback Gibbs—Is it true that you don't spend as much money now as you did before you were married? Dibbs—It is. I wish I could say the same thing of my wife.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Irked Him "My employers played me a rather heartless trick," remarked the man who is always kicking. "Why, I thought they had increased your compensation?" "Yes. But they increased it just enough to compel me to keep books and employ an expert accountant to figure out my income tax."—Washington Star.

Elementary Tactics "What're you doin' wif the blocks, Willum?" "Playin' war." "How kin you play war wif blocks?" "By usin' 'em to form a blockade, ninnny!"

Dull "Howa business?" "All right, but for one thing." "What's that?" "There ain't any."

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THE MEXICAN QUESTION

Of all places on this cruel, inhuman earth, Mexico has been for years the blackest spot. The bloodthirstiness of its ruling caste, their anti-human attitude towards the laboring classes was unequalled even in Dahomey. That it has been such a country is largely the fault of the people of the United States of America. The American people have long looked upon the Mexican people as existing only for exploitation. That it might be necessary to murder and kill a few thousand "greasers" occasionally in the work of exploitation has been deemed inevitable.

In no way has this nation endeavored to point the way to higher plane of citizenship and national life for the Mexican people. Some of our capitalists have been the greatest exploiters of that country, through corruption of its public officials.

From beneath the mile-deep oppression of ignorance, poverty and superstition there has broken through a revolutionary spirit of the highest and noblest motives, that has resolved to destroy the barbarous, medieval child-murderers that have ruled that country so long in the interest of foreign concessionaires or die in such numbers in the attempt that the rulers will have few to rule and exploit. From the people of this country these people ought to receive encouragement, but instead they are often met with threats of intervention and restoring order.

Why should we restore order in Mexico? Because a few have gone down into that land and bought or stolen some property, it is insisted we should send our army and protect our citizens.

By the same right, Great Britain, France or Germany were justified in intervening in this country during the civil war. We have the same causes to intervene in Europe now and restore order. One of our citizens has been killed and what is still worse and more heartrending from the modern viewpoint, some of the property of one of our trusts has been destroyed—a vessel worth dollars has been sunk. Yet no one, not even the Oregonian, advocates armed intervention in Europe.

This is for two reasons: First, that we are not big enough from the military or naval point, and, second, we would have a hard time to steal anything in Europe if we did intervene.

President Wilson and Secretary Bryan are the daily targets for the abuse of a portion of the partisan press in this country, the nastiest one of the lot being a newspaper of this state, that unfortunately outside the state is still believed to voice the sentiment of the people of Oregon. The people of this country have long been used to the unfairness of partisan papers, and especially to the untruthfulness of the plutocratic republican character-assassinating papers that are trying to regain their control of that party, but in the present attacks upon the administration's Mexican policy the depths of political degradation have been reached.

As to the alternative to the president's policy, we can have war, and that means the death, the killing of hundreds of thousands of the citizens of this country and Mexico. A newspaper that day after day pursues a policy that if followed out would mean the killing of hundreds of thousands for partisan effect, is a menace to decency and honesty in government.

There are doubtless those who would welcome a war with Mexico. Plutocracy in this country through such a war would not only find opportunity to make billions from government contracts, but also find respite from the statesmanlike attempts of the president to shake loose the hold they have upon the lives and liberty of the American people.

Doubtless there are those who would not only like to see Diaz back in Mexico, with his army shooting down thousands who objected to being evicted from their lands, in the interest of the concessionaires, but would also like to see a Diaz in this country. With a Diaz in the white house commanding the army, we could soon realize our governor's dream of Chinese labor and overflowing prisons.

Is it not barely possible that those who want armed intervention in Mexico want it for the restoration of the Diaz regime, not only for the effect in that country, but for the possible effects in this country?

The plutocracy of Germany wanted war, because they feared the growing strength of the socialists would deprive them of their stolen prerogatives. Is it not possible that the plutocracy of this country will yet involve this country in a war in order to divert the president from his efforts to undo the work of the past thirty years that has built up the trusts and monopolies that have well-nigh throttled opportunity and business freedom? Perhaps the Oregonian is proceeding according to program.

SWEDISH STEAMER SUNK BY A MINE

STOCKHOLM, April 27.—The Swedish steamer Centric on her way from Stockholm to Helsingborg, Sweden, has been sunk by a mine off the Aland Islands. Members of the vessel's crew were saved.

The steamer Centric was of 990 tons net and 260 feet long. She was built at Port Glasgow in 1903. She left Savannah March 3 for Kirkwall, where she arrived March 27, sailing subsequently for Gothenburg.

STEEL TRUST DECLARES DIVIDEND ON PREFERRED NEW YORK, April 27.—The U. S. Steel corporation declared its regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the preferred stock. As was the case in the former dividend, no action was taken on the common stock.

IRREGULAR PRICES ON STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, April 27.—Irregular price changes prevailed in today's stock market dealings, but these were limited to fractions, except in a few speculative specialties. U. S. Steel which was under especial pressure at yesterday's close, closed with a lot of 2500 shares at 17 1/8, a 1-4 point lower. The Pacific as a group registered nominal declines, likewise Reading and New Haven. Missouri, Kansas & Texas preferred lost almost two points and U. S. Realty fell four. In other parts of the list the movement was somewhat confusing. Trading lacked the public interest of recent sessions.

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MADCAP PRINCESS IS WANDERER ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH



Little girl, the prettiest princess in Europe, has to make her home with strangers in a strange land because her country, Belgium, is a battlefield.

Marie Jose, the "madcap princess of Belgium," only daughter of King Albert and Queen Elizabeth is now "the princess without a home."

From this happy, dimpled little princess of the Belgians the Germans have taken her home and she is in England, literally a WANDERER ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH. No longer has she a palace—in which to "make faces" at royal guests to toss teddy bears at coroneted domes, and to trip her father, the king, and send him sprawling down stairs in the midst of a reception—all of which she has done.

Dimpled and possessing a mass of golden hair, this little child of 8 years—she was born in August, 1906—is regarded as the fairest royal baby of Europe. But now, bereft of country, of palaces, almost of parents, she is just a plain little girl—like thousands of others in America—with her opportunities for mischief considerably curtailed.

With her brothers—Crown Prince Leopold, aged 13, and Prince Charles 11,—she finds shelter in England, while her father and mother, the king and queen, remain just back of the firing line in Flanders.

But Princess Marie Jose is too young to have the troubles of her elders and of her country weigh too heavily upon her and restrain her natural energy and exuberance. However, the little girl surely is not as happy as when she used to ride through the streets of Brussels in the royal carriage, or turn somersaults on the palace rugs when a court reception was on.

When Marie Jose was 6 her mother, the queen, was receiving some guests to tea, among them elderly and important persons. During the course of the afternoon the queen sent for the children, which was a natural thing for the mother to do. The two princes played on their violins, and played well. The boys received all the attention.

This didn't please the little royal firefly, so she picked out the oldest, gravest and most important looking man in the room and hisped:

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