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Shorty Miles has several rare baseball finds this season. He says they're so rare they're raw.

LAUGHS

On Debatable Ground: 'I'm green in society. Would it be all right to shake hands with yonder distinguished-looking individual?'

'I'm green myself. But I'd advise you to go a trifle slow.'

'Pahaw! No man can make a serious mistake by being a trifle friendly.'

'Yes, he can, too. That may be the butler.'—Louisville Courier-Journal.

In Society's Zoo: The returned hero was received with open arms. Society flocked to him in swarms and droves and mobs.

They made a lion of him. And he? He made a monkey of himself.—Philadelphia Ledger.

In 1971: Judge—Yours is a very serious crime, my man. Fifty years ago it was a hanging matter.

Horse Thief—Well, your honor, fifty years hence it mayn't be a crime at all.—Tit-Bits.

Circumspect: Wife (in railway train)—It's mortifying to have you act so. Why don't you get up and help that young lady raise that window?

Dutiful husband—She's so pretty I was afraid you'd be angry.

Some Are Uplucky: 'All men are fools!' exclaimed the pessimist.

'True,' agreed the optimist, 'but they are not reminded so often of it if they remain single.'—Punch.

They're Alike: 'Every time I read Shakespeare I discover some idea hadn't struck me before.'

'Yes,' replied the man who yawns, 'but isn't it pretty much the same way with an insurance policy?'—Washington Star.

Flush: 'Who's the millionaire you've caught?'

'Something better than any old millionaire,' declared the beach belle. 'He's got \$200 saved up to spend and he's only got ten days vacation to spend it in.'—Pittsburg Post.

Mutual Triumph: He (aside after the proposal)—At last I've won her.

She (a-a-t-p)—At last I've hooked the poor brute.—Penn State Froth.

The Mean Thing: 'Doctor, my husband complains so of headaches.'

'Hum—when does he have them?'

STAND PAT

EX-PRESIDENT TAFT is still standing pat in his opposition to the principle of direct legislation which has been adopted in half the states of the Union and is still spreading. Because of pride in American statesmen, all citizens have in some degree been uninfluenced by partisan feeling, we wish he would cease his fulminations against the initiative and referendum. His arguments are so weak and puerile that their continued utterance and publication will cause ever the darkest shades of republican partisans to lose all faith in the intellectual leadership of their prophets.

In his latest address Mr. Taft tells his audience, which he means shall include the whole nation, that in adopting the initiative and referendum in this country we are taking up with a political system that was found wanting and abandoned in previous centuries, because unsuited to political governments.

In these arguments Mr. Taft shows himself to be incapable of understanding the philosophy of history. It is the key to his failure in the presidency, as it shows him to be of that type of mind that never sees beyond its time; that concludes that the age in which he lives is an improvement upon the past ages, and that therefore that which has been abandoned in the past was abandoned because of its imperfections—that that which has been rejected was bad and that which has been preserved is good. (If this were only true!)

The student of history knows there have been periods in the history of several nations when justice was more prevalent than in this age—when the mass of the people enjoyed more comparative comfort and happiness than they do today.

We know there were nations founded upon principles of government that were destroyed in the name of religion by a race that replaced liberty and freedom with slavery, degradation and the most heartrending oppression man is capable of comprehending. Leaving aside the question of religion, we might well ask, Was the world the gainer when the civilization of the Indian was destroyed to make room for the Spaniard, the Puritan and the Dutch trader?

To be specific, Mr. Taft seems to believe that because in the early history of the Germanic tribes the laws were made by the people at their public meetings, called the "folk-moot," and that the "folk-moot" was abandoned (or destroyed); that its uselessness or lack of usefulness has been established, and that in now adopting direct legislation in this country we are gathering up the political flotsam and jetsam of former ages.

The history of the "folk-moot" shows that it was the system of a free people, and as long as the laws were made in that manner the people so governed were free, and when the "folk-moot" was abandoned the people from freedom descended to serfdom and slavery. Under the "folk-moot" the people were all landholders, but after it was lost the baronial estates replaced the occupancy by the cultivator, who became a feudal tenant.

The "folk-moot" was succeeded by government by the inhabitants of the castles, who counted the cultivators of the soil as they did their herds of swine. The priest was established as a political factor to assist in keeping them in subjection.

Then came the French revolution, the revolt growing out of the oppression of centuries, and the maddened attempt to regain the natural rights of men that they had been robbed of in the name of religion and government.

Ever since mankind has been struggling, blindly sometimes, to regain the natural God-given rights of self-government. The contest today is in its final stage, with the goal in sight. It is in the final stage today, because mankind has not before within 500 years been prepared to enjoy these rights as he is today.

The underlying cause of most of the world's injustice in government can be traced to lack of intellectual development of the mass of the people. When the world's knowledge was preserved in clay tablets and parchment writings—when only the priests and their protectors could read and write, then the mass of the people were either at the mercy of the cruelty and selfishness of the few who desired to rule, or the cunning and brutality of their own ignorant kind.

In the contest between the masses and the classes, the masses have always been handicapped by ignorance, for knowledge was restricted to the few. But the diffusion of knowledge through the education of the people and by the press is rapidly preparing the masses for the responsibilities of government. It is this intellectual progress that Mr. Taft and those like him fail to consider and will not see. The light of popular intelligence will soon dissolve all the dark mysteries of politics and government and will illumine the world with one great idea—a government "of the people, by the people and for the people."

SEATTLE TIMES STUNG FOR \$15,000 LIBEL

SEATTLE, April 29.—The jury in the libel suit of Reginald H. Thomson, former city engineer of Seattle, against the Seattle Times brought in a verdict for \$15,000 for the plaintiff today. The suit was brought because of an article published by the Times accusing Thomson of corruption in connection with the letting of a regrade contract. Thomson directed all the great regrade and other engineering improvements in Seattle.

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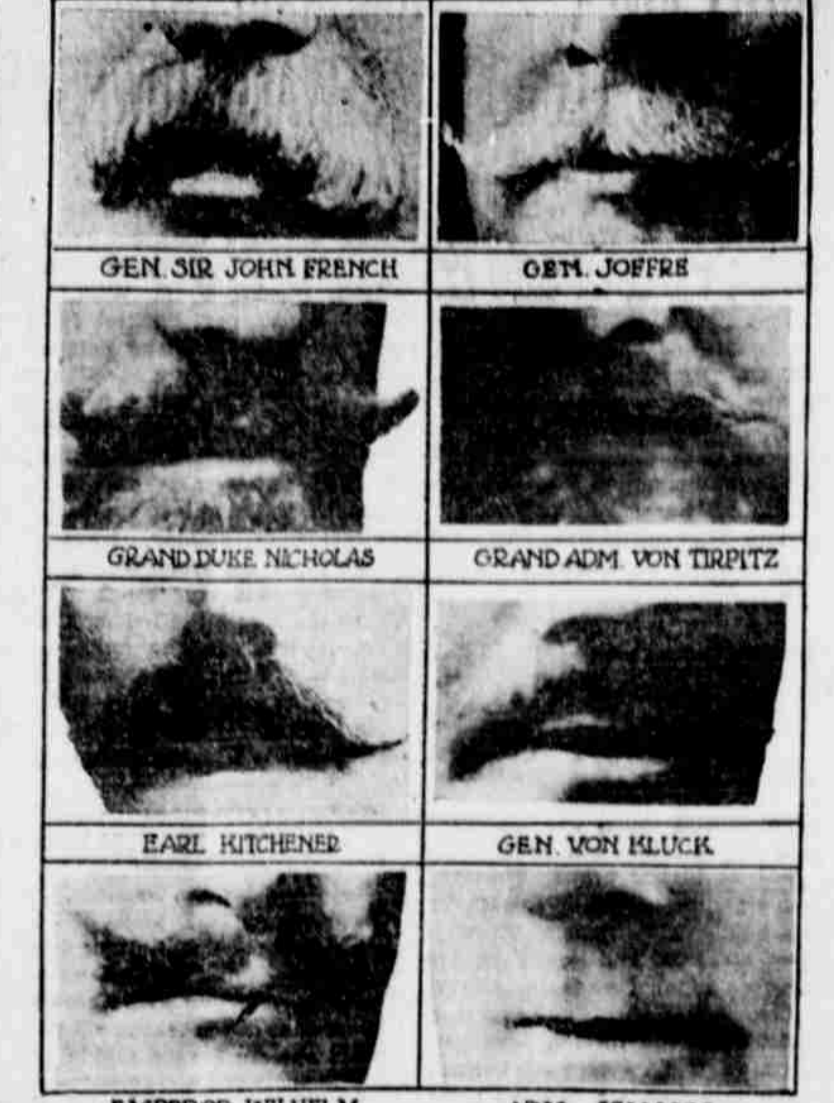
CHINESE ANSWER JAPANESE TOMORROW

PEKING, April 30.—The Chinese statesmen will meet the Japanese plenipotentiaries tomorrow, when they will present China's reply to the last list of demands submitted by the Tokio government.

There is reason to believe the Chinese reply will contain only a limited number of further concessions.

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THE LIPS THAT COMMAND



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SLEEP—A FACTOR OF LIFE

By James Rhoderick Kendall of Gold Hill.

(Continued from Yesterday.) Sleeping and waking are the trough and crest of the life-wave, the physical and kinetic factors, the poles of life. Any wave form, "trough and crest," must be defined in the same terms, except that one gives heat, one light and one life. The two poles mark and amplitude and by the universal laws of motion are equal, only that in life, from numerous causes, these factors are "queered" so that they are often out of vital balance. This law of vital balance as necessary to health, gives to the subject a profound economic importance. The factors of life appear to be unequal, as man seems to wake about twice as long as he sleeps, but these opposite states have never been standardized. We are sometimes half asleep when we are said to be awake, and also partly awake when we are considered asleep, all turning upon the degree of constructive or rebuilding work going on in the body. It is a living clock and must be re-wound. This winding up process in full tide, totally absorbs the consciousness or waking energies, causing a deep shadow to fall on the organism called sleep. When this work is complete a wonderful transformation takes place. The dynamo becomes motor, the unwinding of the spring sets free the stored energy which manifests itself as consciousness. The living organism is a vital "alternator," the positive and negative phases being called waking and sleeping. Thus the question of alimentation is inseparably related to sleep as a factor of life whose symbol is sleep. Life is polar, as sex is polar and all variations in these polar factors, means a commensurate change in the vital balance, necessary to health, since this is the law of motion. Man and beast and vegetables have, alike by the laws of life a normal waking and sleeping state. Let us call them the developing and maturing factors of life, which sounds more familiar while yet the same concept. All are familiar with the idea of unripeness or immaturity among fully grown products in the vegetable kingdom, but probably few have ever thought of a full grown animal as being unripe, yet most of the ills which afflict the domestic animals today are the result of organic immaturity. Any immature product, animal or vegetable is "unfit" and by the inexorable laws of selection, will be left out, eliminated, by nature. She has already placed her sign of extinction upon the commercial hog and cow. For untold thousands of years she has been selecting life forms, which could mature under given climatic conditions, when along comes man with his theories of unnatural selection, prompted by need and greed, changing the order of nature. The result is, narrow strains of stock, bred in violation of the rights of marriage which extend to a whole species. Almighty power could not reconcile the unnatural vital elements thus poured together. The development is thus suddenly increased, with never a thought that this new composite organism could not mature. A band of man-made cattle that sold for \$21,000 a head faded away at the fatal touch of Mother Nature's rod of correction. Nature's balance was impaired to such a degree that life became impossible. We had a potato clinic in Oregon recently, called to diagnose and prescribe for the diseases of that long suffering vegetable. Its ills are mostly due to the same violation of this inexorable law of life. Immaturity invites disease. The over developed Percheron horse is said to be more liable to ailments than any other of his species. (To be continued.)

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ZEPPELIN RAID DROPS BOMBS ON ENGLISH TOWNS

IPSWICH, Eng., April 30.—Excited residents of this historic town spent the early hours of the morning taking stock of the damage done by the bombs dropped from the German airship, generally believed to have been a Zeppelin, which appeared shortly after midnight. So far as can be learned no one was injured although there were several narrow escapes and the property damage was small. Bombs fell harmlessly in Waterloo street, which is the most densely populated district.

BURY SAINT EDMUNDS, Eng., April 30.—Police Inspector Wilson said this morning that just after one o'clock he heard several terrific explosions and realized that a Zeppelin had arrived. The shells dropped from the airship caused four fires. While there was no loss of life, the property damage was considerable. The aerial raider remained over the town ten minutes, and then disappeared in the direction of the coast.

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