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HONG KONG KOLUM



Naval engagement—when captain become engaged to admiral's daughter.

Beho marriage Melican man sling song—"I Wish I Had Girl"—after marriage sing song—"Please Take Me Home."

Muttish Monologues I've just come from Arkansas. Great state Arkansas.

Other day an Arkansas jury was sitting in a damage suit against a greedy railroad corporation for killing a cow.

Said the foreman: "If the bell had been rung as it ought to—if the whistle had been blown as it should have been blown—the cow would not have been injured when she was killed."

A wise judgment that. Speaking of wisdom, my friend Casey got a job with the street car company.

The doctor told him to take the conductor's job because his health was bad and he needed change.

He's since built a \$10,000 house with the change.

A Fair Start "Why do you object to my marrying your daughter?"

"Because you can't support her in the style to which she has been accustomed all her life."

"How do you know I can't? I can start her on bread and milk, same as you did!"

No Place for a Boy (From Cedar Rapids Gazette) WANTED—Boy to work in Salome factory. 418 Ard ave., East.

Up to Its Motto fatwat tafam famam tam farahun ram fa raofatwof wafoanf am omu au oror doam ward alar dtaofth foaf tofa mfwkig solgofwogowam.—The New York Times.

The times lives up to its motto: "All the news that's fit to print."—Pack.

Bargains The world's mightiest bargain place. And living souls its merchandise. Where countless debtors sue for grace. And every mortal has his price.

I wonder oft, how much a kiss From Phyllis costs in Cupid's mart. An hour of pleas and artifice. A fervent glance, a throbbing heart!

Ah, lovely lass, who asks so much For that carress which no maid misses. Can prayers ne'er your bosom touch To grant me bargain sales in kisses?

The love of you is always paid In anguishing thoughts and sleepless nights. In comfort lost, in hope betrayed, In doubts, alarms and affrights.

Is not this guerdon far too great To fatten Cupid's ravenous? Come, sweet, and make my heart elate— Reduce the cost of loving you!

—A. Bernstein in Judge.

THE GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS

THE retirement by Emperor Nicholas of the Grand Duke Nicholas as commander-in-chief of the Russian armies and fleets is the most surprising incident of the war, as it robs Russia of the only man in Russia capable of organizing and handling the army. To his genius is ascribed the remarkable retreat by which the army has been kept intact—a retreat forced by the czar's incompetent ministry that failed to supply munitions of war.

It is quite probable that the grand duke's retirement is due to his growing power in the nation and the fact that he was rapidly overshadowing the czar himself in influence. He could not fight without equipment, hampered by an inefficient and corrupt bureaucracy. While the czar was the "little father" of the people, the grand duke was the "big father" of the army, at once its stern master and its idol.

The Grand Duke Nicholas inherits the traditional characteristics of the Romanoffs. He is a picturesque, almost a startling, figure of a man, for he stands six feet six inches. His figure is lean and sinewy. His eye is cold and stern. His features aquiline. His close-cropped hair is gray.

He is a soldier by profession. Plain, unostentatious, severe. He fought with distinction in the Russo-Turkish war, although then only a youth in the twenties. Later in the Manchurian campaign he was an inspector of cavalry.

In times of peace he has kept in touch with army life as commander of the military district of Petersburg. When he took hold of the army the raw material was there aplenty, but it needed a strong hand to whip it into shape. His was the hand.

He caused vodka to be abolished, with the result that when he massed his men to meet the Germans they fell into line with clear eye and head.

His father, also a Grand Duke Nicholas, was the brother of Czar Alexander I—the czar who freed the serfs and then was assassinated by nihilists.

Nicholas, the present czar of Russia, is the son of Alexander II, and thus the two present-day Nicholas's are second cousins.

The weaker Nicholas, the czar, dislikes and is afraid of the grand duke. Nicholas, the stronger, dislikes and has no small feeling of contempt for the czar. The following story illustrates their character:

Early in the war it is said that the czar broached the subject of a possible peace pact with Germany.

"Absurd," exclaimed the grand duke, "the country and army would rise in protest. There would be a huge revolution."

"Who is there who would dare to lead it," queried the czar. "I WOULD," SAID THE GRAND DUKE WITH DETERMINATION—and the subject was dropped.

So dislike and jealousy are probably the motives back of the grand duke's retirement, the fear of a small man for a big man. A czar, or kaiser, or king does not, like a common mortal, have to "make good" to hold his job. Yet he has power of life and death over millions without having to have any qualifications—such is the absurd result of the feudal doctrine of divine rights.

The czar, personally an amiable and kindly man, thoroughly imbued with his own divinity, announces that he is going to the front. If the czars and kaisers were all placed in the front rank of the battles they precipitate wars would soon end. The first step toward abolition of war is abolition of monarchy—for real democracies do not make war upon each other. The cause of the people is the same the world over—they have nothing to gain by being sacrificed to the ambitions of crowned heads.

Amid the ruins of the European conflagration let us hope will be the wreckage of czarism, kaiserism and militarism.

SPORTS AFIELD FOR SEPTEMBER INTERESTING

The September Sports Afield blooms out as the Grand American Handicap number, considerable space being given to the great trapshooting tournament held in Chicago last month. But, aside from its splendid write-up of the Grand American handicap, this old reliable magazine maintains the many sterling attractions which have made it the representative sportsman's journal of the United States. "Sunset Camps and Trails" presents the usual installment of sport after game, all the way from raffish grouse to the loryly moose. "In the Land of the Dog" is a humorous story of cowboy land—of bucking broncos and their disgusted riders in their efforts to avoid parricide holes. "When Dan Cupid Charged from Bow to Gun" narrates how two rivals for the heart of a girl settled their fate at the traps. "In the Great Man-Trap Valley" is a delightful account of sport among Minnesota's beautiful lakes. "The New Cook of the Bar O Ranch" recounts the expedients resorted to by a bunch of Idaho cowboys to acquire something on the ranch which were petti-coats. "Where God Is King" treats interestingly of the Newfoundland fisheries. "In and Around the Campfire" the genial Dr. Fort gives us much technical information about camp sanitation, guns, ammunition and well-bird shooting on the Delaware. "An Adventure with Bass" will please all fishermen, as will also "Salmon Fishing in Idaho," and the many newsy letters about hunting prospects in different sections of the country. Your newsdealer can supply you; if not, send 15 cents to Sports Afield, 542 South Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill.

LABOR DAY PICNIC HELD AT ASHLAND

ASHLAND, Sept. 8.—The Rogue River Valley Picnic association joined in the observance of Labor day here last Monday at the automobile camp grounds. Central Point was represented more than any other locality. On motion it was voted to have the present officers hold over. At the business meeting it was furthermore suggested to make the next annual picnic a gathering of the various fraternal insurance orders throughout valley territory and invite all such to participate in the 1916 event which will also be held here early in the month of June. There will be log rolling and tug of war contests. Prizes will be awarded for the best drilled teams and the ladies will be invited to compete. The Modern Woodmen have taken the initiative in this enterprise, but they desire to have all the other fraternal insurance bodies join in the picnic rally. H. E. Bowman of Talent is president of the association, and John F. Lawrence of Medford secretary. Mr. Bowman is the R. F. D. carrier out of Talent. Bert Nichols and John May of Central Point, Vance Wolganotti of Talent, J. H. Henselman, Louis Bennett and Mrs. J. H. Bellinger of Medford; E. K. Hall, George Kolbanks, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Heubery and Jay Crowson of Ashland are a committee at large in furthering the next annual picnic reunion project.

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REBONDING PLAN TABLED AFTER WARM DEBATE

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vor of his own creation. Medynski was opposed by J. H. Bradley, who owns unimproved property. Bradley said he saw Councilmen Medynski and Sargent seated on the platform with that distinguished citizen William Jennings Bryan when he spoke at the city park and that the great commoner said "might does not make right." He said the might of the people on the paved streets did not make right and that the two city fathers should consider the axiom at the present time. Bradley said the poor people paid their debts, but the well-to-do did not.

Medynski Defends Plan Medynski compared his proposed bonds to the Grants Pass bond issue, that lawyers declared were illegal, but the supreme court declared valid. Before Councilman Medynski finished he and Colonel Sargent clashed, and Medynski made reference to the fact that Colonel Sargent receives a handsome pension from the war department.

The storm of oratory raged for two hours, and when it began to subside Councilman Hargrave arose and said that there was no great rush about having an election September 28, that they had dallied a long time and could dally a while longer. He proposed that the resolution be tabled. Mann seconded and the council so decided. The ordinance calling for the bond issue was never reached.

Several times during the hubbub E. H. Feld hinted that the initiative and referendum would be invoked to bring the bond issue before the people, and he engaged in several wordy setoffs with Colonel Sargent. There was much interest and much talk.

Before the bond issue was called a bill for \$20 for whitewashing the public market was introduced. Councilman Amy objected upon the grounds that it was too high. Amy said "it looked like there was a pet," because there were no competitive bids. Councilman Miles said he did not feel that he should have to run around looking for bids, and assumed all responsibility for the bill, if the council failed to approve. The council approved the bill, Amy voting "no."

The quarterly report of city officers and the regular monthly budget of bills were allowed.

Part of Colonel Sargent's argument reads as follows: "The Remedy "Now as to the remedy. What is to be done? The first thing to be done is not to allow this bond issue to go before the people, for although when correctly informed as to its effects they will undoubtedly defeat it; yet we do not want to burden this city with the cost of an extra and useless election.

The second thing to do is to proceed with the collection of the interest and assessments under the Bancroft act. We have already got an opinion from one of the best lawyers in southern Oregon that they can be collected and he has pointed out the steps to be taken. And it is well known that Mr. Neff, the former city attorney and one of the best posted lawyers upon municipal affairs in this part of the state has all along maintained that these assessments could be collected.

Nine-tenths Would Pay Now the reply will be made, of course, that you can not collect them, that you can not get blood from a turnip. Certainly we can never collect them if we never try to collect them. But I tell you that if all those who we assessments knew that we would go ahead without fail and attempt to collect from everybody.

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And now that the bankers and store owners in the business parts of the city and the wealthy men and owners of large tracts of land within city limits see or will shortly see that it would practically be financial suicide to allow saddling on their property this immense indebtedness, they will I think come forward and pay up and stand behind the council to a man in making others pay up.

\$20,000 for Others Payment Take Lumdsen and Hutchison and Palm, the owners as I understand of the large amount of acreage in the southern part of the city. They have not one dollar's worth of pavement to pay for in this acreage. I do not know what figure this large vacant tract is assessed but probably something like \$40,000. If this bond issue passes they will have to pay \$500 for other people's pavement the first year, the same amount each year for the next four years, and on the sixth year \$900 and so on for the next twenty-five years, making an amount in the entire 30 years of about \$20,000.

Twenty thousand dollars paid out for other people's pavement and not a square foot on their own acreage! Now when these citizens and others similarly situated realize fully the truth of these facts they will, I am sure pay up their assessments if not already done so and insist that their representatives in the city council push the matter and make everybody pay up.

Back the Council These men should back the council to a man in the collection of these assessments and I feel that they will when they see the facts as they really are. And I appeal to them to do this. I appeal to the bankers, to the owners of stores, to all men of property in the interests of their own pocket books. I appeal to them because if they do not do this it will probably result in saddling upon this city and especially upon their property, as unjust a method of taxation as one can well imagine. And I appeal also to the citizens living on unpaved streets to get behind their councilmen to a man and back them up in their efforts to collect these assessments and by so doing prevent the passage of this unfair and unjust bonding scheme.

And in order that the credit and good name of our beloved city may be maintained I appeal to the patriotism of every citizen, to every lover of his home town to get without delay behind the council in this matter and insist on action being taken at once to collect these assessments.

Method of Collecting As to the method of collecting it seems to me that it may be made quite easy if the council so desire. Suppose we hire a good lawyer to assist Mr. McCabe and let it be known that on a certain date, say for instance October 15 we will publish a list of citizens who have not paid the delinquent interest, and that on November 1 our lawyers will begin suit against every citizen for full amount of delinquent interest and assessments who has not paid up to that date. But if the interest is paid up to that date no action is to be taken, until the next yearly interest is due and if times are still hard the council can again extend to the party in question the same privilege.

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And furthermore I feel certain that if this general plan is followed only a small tax will be necessary to cover unpaid interest on assessments, for inasmuch as anyone hard pressed could hold onto his property as long as hard times lasted by simply keeping his interest paid up, he would make every effort to dig up the money in some way.

How Bankers Could Aid And it is not impossible that some men of means, perhaps the bank officials themselves, would get together and arrange to pay the interest for him for a year or two taking as security a mortgage on the property. And this not because they would want this kind of a loan but because they are the ones that should be and are most deeply interested in this kind of a settlement.

It is well to note perhaps in this connection that an increase in the city's population and a prosperous year or two in the valley would bring us out of our trouble. The people would then be able to pay up in full all their paving assessments and the bonds could be rapidly paid off. But suppose we find that as the date for the payment of the principal of the bonds approaches that we would not have money enough to pay it, the thing would be to go to these bankers in Cleveland who represent the bond holders and say to them: "Through the past years of awful hard times we have never missed a payment on the interest of your bonds and we now ask that so much of the bonds as are as yet unpaid be extended a few years."

Bond House Would Help They would do it of course. They would be glad to do it, holding our bonds they are as much interested in the credit of this city as we are, and I have no doubt but that they would be willing and anxious to co-operate with us in every way.

For the reasons I have here set forth and for a number of others not herein mentioned I shall vote against the passage of this ordinance.

At first I looked upon this bond issue with considerable favor for it has in it some attractive features, but the more I have studied it,—and it has given me much concern,—the more deeply I have become convinced that it was my duty to oppose it. Perhaps the fact that I have come with considerable reluctance to this conclusion will be a sufficient reason to impress others with the fact that a very careful examination of its features may perhaps change their present views.

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