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EM-TEES

The War Fan
I read the war news every day.
I dream war in my sleep.
I talk war with my friends always.
War books I've read a heap.

I'm wise to how the battles go,
Can locate each redoubt,
The only thing I do not know
Is what the war's about!
Poet's license.

He Probably Spent Many Iron Men
Hammerman J. Junk of the Pennsylvania blacksmith shop, spent the Fourth of July in Chicago.—Ft. Wayne Journal-Gazette.

A letter to Doc Evans of the Chicago Tribune is headed, "Long a Light Eater." Well for our part we've found a light eater doesn't live long and a long eater doesn't stay light, so why argue about it?

Pretty soon we'll hear that they're arresting girls in prohibition towns for wearing champagne colored shoes.

Speaking about Germany's food dictatorship, how about the cook in the average American home?

He Got the Leavings
A new minister in a rural district who wished to make the acquaintance of the members of his congregation, and also to discover whether they were pleased with his discourses, met an old farmer whose face he recognized as one who had attended the church the previous Sunday, and, stopping him, said:

"Mr. Brown, how did you like my sermon last Sunday?"

"Well, parson," replied the old man, "you see I didn't have a fair chance to judge. Right in front of me was old Miss Smith and the rest of their gang with their mouths wide open just a swallerin' down all the best of your sermon; n' what reached me, parson, was purty poor stuff, purty poor stuff."

No Sympathy
"Some men have no hearts," said the tramp. "I've been a tellin' that teller I am so dead broke that I have to sleep outdoors."

" Didn't that fetch him?"

"Naw. He tol' me he was a-doin' the same thing, and had to pay the doctor for tellin' him to do it."

WAY TO CUMBAT INFANT PARALYSIS

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Instructions for state and city authorities concerning means of preventing the spread of infantile paralysis were completed by the public health service today to be mailed throughout the United States. It recommends isolation of patients for three or four weeks, and of persons coming in contact with them, and a general strengthening of all sanitary precautions.

Reports to the health service today indicated that infantile paralysis is not epidemic except in New York City. Elsewhere the number of cases is barely above normal.

The general board of the public health service met again to complete plans for fighting infantile paralysis. Congress will be urged to hasten appropriation of \$100,000 for the purpose.

PRESIDENT RETURNS FROM DETROIT TRIP

WASHINGTON, July 11.—President Wilson returned at 8:30 a. m. today from Detroit, where he spoke yesterday before the world's salesmanship congress. He went directly to the white house. The railroad journey was without incident.

"WHO TURNED THE SWITCH?"

THOSE who lack originality or creative ability must perforce appropriate the ideas of others. This accounts for the liberal use of articles from the Mail Tribune favorable to a railroad to the Blue Ledge mine perverted to appear as arguments for the ratification of the Bullis contract.

The Commercial club placed in front of the Exhibit building a sign, "Who Turned the Switch?" underneath which appeared editorials from the Mail Tribune favoring a railroad to the mining district. With a black border of mourning followed the editorial from the Mail Tribune calling attention to the deficiencies of the Bullis contract and advising a thorough study of the contract by voters to determine whether the city was sufficiently safeguarded, the club's intimation being that the Mail Tribune, having advocated the railroad, had at the eleventh hour, from some ulterior motives, been switched, because it did not unqualifiedly endorse the Bullis contract.

The inference was unjustifiable and false, but in keeping with the steam-roller of bluster, intimidation and slander used by the advocates of the contract. The Mail Tribune favors, and always has, a railroad to the mines. The Mail Tribune did not endorse the Bullis contract because it did not believe that it sufficiently safeguarded the city's interests.

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The Mail Tribune made no campaign against the contract, because assured by the best legal talent in Medford that the contract was illegal. It questioned the wisdom of needlessly creating fresh enmities and bitter antagonisms in a hopeless cause. At the same time, it did not want the public to understand its advocacy of a railroad as advocacy of an insufficient contract.

It seems that the Mail Tribune's efforts to avoid the slings and arrows of outraged boosters were unavailing. Because it voiced the honest convictions of its editor and refused to permit its policy to be dictated, it has, along with others who voiced their honest opinions on a public issue, been the target for recrimination, misrepresentation, innuendo and abuse. It has even been threatened with boycott by advertisers—which is to laugh.

The Mail Tribune has managed to live through numerous boycotts, including the boycott of merchants because of its campaign that secured the public market. Every time that it refuses to act as a cat's paw to pull chestnuts out of the fire it is boycotted.

After every political campaign and every election somebody is conducting a boycott against it. It is one of the penalties for publishing an independent, aggressive newspaper in a small town. But it will be worth the cost of another boycott if it preserves the right of free speech on public matters that affect community welfare.

There are two sides to every question and each side is entitled to a hearing. Only by discussion can the pro and con of a subject be brought out—and it is a confession of inherent weakness to attempt by threat and abuse to silence discussion.

To answer the Commercial club's query as to "Who turned the switch?" There has been no switch in the Mail Tribune's policy. It never endorsed the Bullis contract. But there was a switch in the Commercial club's program which provided that the contract was to be approved by the club's railroad committee and by the Bar association before submission to the council.

The switch came after the charter amendment election, which showed such a strong sentiment for a railroad that most any kind of a contract would go.

The railroad committee of the Commercial club was never called together after the charter election and not consulted regarding the contract. The Bar association, which had volunteered its services, was not asked to pass upon the contract. Not even the city council had a chance to consider it. The contract was submitted a few hours before the council met and was steam-rolled through without consideration of merit, against the protests of four councilmen, who did not wish, however, to stand in the way of a popular vote upon the contract.

Who altered the program? Was it the president of the Commercial club, who is heavily interested in mines and owner of the proposed townsite for the Blue Ledge district? Or was it the vice-president of the Commercial club, who, since he appointed himself chairman of the railroad committee, has become attorney for Mr. Bullis and is author of the contract?

Who turned the switch?

The Great Russian Drive

Kovel would fall, Lemberg would be in danger and the Russian front would approach the Carpathians south of the Dniester. So far as one can judge by the outward evidences, such an advance would compel the Germans to retire behind the Niemen and the Bug, resign their Courland and Volhynian conquests and stand on the eastern frontier of Russian Poland, thus giving up about half of the territory conquered in the great campaign of last summer. Such a retreat would not involve the surrender of any German territory; it would leave above 50,000 square miles of Russian lands to the kaiser; but it would yield some 25,000 square miles of Austrian territory in Galicia and Bukovina to the czar.

When this comment is written, June 20, it is possible to see that the Russian advance has gone far enough to imperil the whole front of the central powers from the Baltic at the Gulf of Riga to the Rumanian frontier. It is possible to declare that Russia has already advanced some forty miles at some points and from twenty to thirty in many; that her advance is now approaching Kovel on the north, Brady in the center and has bypassed Czernowitz at the south and at least temporarily broken the connection between the Rumanian army and the other Austrian forces.

Could the Russian advance be pressed for another week at the present rate, which is altogether unlikely,

KELLY SUGGESTS BONDS BE VALIDATED BY POLICE COURT

To the Editor:

Now that the railroad election has been carried, let us hope that a citizen may express his honest opinion on a matter of grave import to the municipality without being called a liar and thief, or threatened with a firing squad at sunrise, or deported or boycotted out of town.

For a number of years I have been interested in the Blue Ledge district in a small way and have hoped that a railroad might be built into that section, and I was heartily in favor of a bond issue on the part of the city to bring about that end, but when the contract presented by Mr. Bullis was called to my attention I expressed the opinion that it did not properly safeguard the city's interests and that it was vulnerable to injunction proceedings.

I took no part in the campaign against the contract, if it can be said that there was a campaign against it, but because I expressed an honest opinion concerning the fairness and legality of the instrument the Sunday morning Sun accused me, with others, of opposing it for the sinister and ulterior purpose of getting the "goat of Charlie Thomas." It is true that the article pretended to be a contribution from "E. L. B.", but I have something more than a premonition that the article was inspired by the serious-minded Mr. Thomas.

Let me say now that I am not interested in politics, or concerned in the fauna or flora that inhabit the Thomas political epoch in Jackson county.

I am, however, concerned in the attitude of the morning paper and its insinuation that those who make honest opposition to the contract in the courts better leave town or be boycotted. The suggestion that the action to test the validity of the contract be so friendly as to not impair its integrity in the courts is a suggestion that a fake suit be brought and the issues disguised. This would be entirely in keeping with the whole proceedings, from the euphonious and misleading ballot till down. With due respect to Judge Gav and the jurisdiction of his celebrated court let me suggest that it have original and final jurisdiction of this case, as the only court likely to validate the proceeding.

Very truly,
E. E. KELLY.

HEAVY FIGHTING ON ITALIAN FRONT

BERLIN, July 11.—The official Austro-Hungarian statement of Monday reports the continuance of heavy fighting on the Italian front. Monte Corno was captured by the Italians, but was won back by Austro-Hungarian troops, which took prisoners 455 Italians. An Italian attack in the sector of Monte Interno failed.

Austro-Hungarian aeroplanes again have bombarded the Italian military establishments at Adria. The foregoing was not included in the Austrian statement of Monday, as cabled from London last night.

GRAND LODGE OF ELKS AT BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE, July 11.—The first business session of the grand lodge of the Order of Elks was held this morning. The records of the registration bureau showed that 7500 people had registered and officials estimated that twice that number actually arrived in the city. According to Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson of Boston, the total number of Elks now in the order is 453,000, and there are 1340 lodges.

loss for recent week is at least 400,000, nearly three-quarters certainly a permanent loss. Here is a measure of the Russian blow and the Austrian disaster that is easily to be grasped, for we have at all times recognized the men, rather than positions or towns, were the real element in this war of attrition.—From "Russia Comes Back—A Great Slav Victory," by Frank H. Simmonds, in the American Review of Reviews for July, 1916.

In the past ten days nearly 175,000 Austrians have been captured by the Russians, together with an enormous booty of supplies, munitions and artillery. As the Austrian killed and wounded cannot be less than 125,000, the blow has already cost the Hapsburg states 300,000. Add to this figure 100,000 Austrians killed, wounded and captured—very few captured in the Italian drive that began a month ago, and the total Austrian

LOU AND GERALDINE HAVE FIVE SERVANTS AND TWO AUTOS



Mr. and Mrs. Lou Tellegen on porch of their California bungalow.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 8.—Geraldine Farrar, now Mrs. Lou Tellegen, is back in this city with her husband for her annual summer engagement in pictures.

It has not been definitely decided what films Miss Farrar will take part in, but they will undoubtedly be spectacular productions such as she was featured in last year. She will again play at the Lasky studio. Her husband also will play before the camera, but not in the same company with his famous wife.

Upon her arrival in this city Miss Farrar was offered a chance to name her own figure to sing in the grand opera company playing a summer season here. The celebrated diva declined the offer, however, replying

that "the voice-box is closed for the season."

"I have been singing all winter," Miss Farrar said, "and I am out here for a rest first, to be followed by a lot of hard work. I am not going to sing again until next winter."

Lou Tellegen is one of the most distinguished actors on the American stage. Because of the popularity of his previous pictures, it has been decided to put him at the head of a company of his own.

The Tellegens were accompanied to California by five servants, a dog and two automobiles. They will live in Hollywood.

"I am glad to be back for another dip into pictures," Miss Farrar announced, "back where my romance began."

The Candid Grouch

(From E. W. Howe's Monthly.) Notice—I like to be let alone. And I practice what I preach; I let others alone. You may scold, and howl, and be funny and noisy; that is your privilege, but let me out of it. I've seen it all, and do not care for it.

I paid a good stiff price for peace, and by the eternal, I propose to have it. I do not go where the fools are, and demand that the fools do not hunt me up in my retirement.

I enjoy the respectable amenities of life and object to nothing expected of a man of my age, but I seriously object to the fool who comes along and wants to play with me. I don't like his jokes; I don't like his schemes. I have tired of it all and demand the peace I am fairly entitled to.

Clarion notes, when sounded properly, do not disturb me; if it is announced in the newspapers that a thousand marchers are desired to make a demonstration I will appear at the place and hour appointed, ready to march, if sufficiently interested; but I object if the organizer of the parade calls on me, and in an impudent way argues that it is my duty to turn out when I do not think it is.

If a committee decides that it is important to raise a fund, let an announcement be made in the newspapers, with the name and address of the treasurer; if interested, I will send my contribution, but I give notice that I do not personally wish to see the manager of the collection, or any of his assistants.

I cannot march in all of the parades suggested; I cannot give to all the funds suggested, and wish to make my decisions in private.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Elliott, and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Charles of Santa Rosa, and S. W. Elliott, of Santa Anna are spending the day with Medford friends. They expect to start tonight for Crater Lake.

AUSTRIAN CRUISER SINKS FIVE BRITISH ARMORED PATROLS

BERLIN, July 11.—The Austrian admiral announced today that an Austrian cruiser had sunk four or five British armored patrol boats. Only nine men from the British vessels were rescued.

The announcement follows: "Our cruiser Novara met a group of four or five, according to the declarations of prisoners, armored British patrol boats off Ottan road (at the lower end of the Adriatic). All the patrol boats were destroyed by artillery fire. All the steamers sank in flames, three of them after the explosion of their boilers. The Novara was able to rescue only nine members of the British crews."

The Novara is a scout cruiser of 3384 tons displacement. She has figured in several engagements in the Adriatic.

BINGHAM SENT TO CANADA FOR TRIAL

CHICAGO, Ill., July 11.—Federal Judge Carpenter today entered the mandate of the United States Supreme Court, ordering John Bingham sent back to Canada for trial on charges of complicity in the robbery of the branch of the Bank of Montreal at Westminster, B. C., of more than \$200,000, two years ago. Bingham is now in the county jail here.

Today And A Generation Hence

The flight of time makes us think of the future. The baby of today reflects that greatness may be acquired when he grows up. And any influence that brings relief to the expectant mother is the first and greatest of obligations. There is a splendid record of a woman named "Mother's Friend" that has been a safeguard, a helpful daily influence, to a host of women. Applied externally, they become pliant, they stretch without undue pain, there is an absence of distress, the nerves are soothed by taking away the burden of just a load.

This is in "Mother's Friend" the direct and immediate help that all expectant mothers require. Used by their own hand, guided by their own mind, they learn at once the relief from suffering sickness resulting from stretching. They find daily calm and nightly rest. It is indeed "Mother's Friend." Get a bottle today of any druggist. Then write Bradford Regulator Co., 419 Lamar Blv., Atlanta, Ga., for the most interesting and valuable little book ever presented. It is worth writing for.

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT

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