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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

Tom Fuson reports that he has lost his appetite. The way grub costs in these historic times, Tom does not care whether he ever finds his appetite, or not. It looks like an extremely hard winter for patent medicines guaranteed to "restore loss of appetite." The days of joyful eating have passed with every monthful a word in a writ of involuntary bankruptcy.

The Crown Prince is using his mind to good advantage in getting out of Holland. He wasted a lot trying to prove Germany was a blameless land.

One deduces from George Creel's article on Mexico, that it is a fine country, except that it is inhabited by Mexicans.

The peace treaty is not likely to be signed, until Dave Wood hits a trial balance for June. About 79,000 of the 80,000 words in the treaty fail to pass muster with Dave.

It has been requested that the statement be made, that Harry Manning's beard is not an ambush for his identity, but a preventative against sunburn.

To date, nobody has velled 'Amen, Hallelujah' in the Salvation Army Drive.

The valley has plenty of tax mills, but can stand a few that whistle when the day is done.

Shorty Garnett's drinking fountain is the only one in town where a citizen can get a drink and bath at the same time.

"California Pants, Mercury High" —(S. F. Chronicle Hdlne). Oregon Pants. Near Beer No Good.

Unless your eyes are extra keen, it takes two looks to detect the diaphanous waists the girls are wearing. For transparency they have it on the delicate cobweb.

It don't look like the Henry Ford suit for a million dollar label will be out before Christmas.

SPOKANE ATHLETE EQUALS 100 YARD DASH RECORD

SPOKANE, June 27.—Henry Williams, Spokane amateur athletic club, in practice yesterday afternoon ran 100 yards in what was declared by times to have been 9.3.5 seconds, which is the world's record. Williams was credited with running 100 yards in 9.4.5 seconds last week at the Portland P. N. A. meet over a poor track.

Don't Want Hun Generals. BERLIN, June 26.—Generals Boehm-Ermolli, Auffenberg, Rehmen and Dantari, four well known generals of the former Austro-Hungarian armies, have offered their services to the Czech-Slovak government. The offer has been refused.

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THE LOGIC OF IT.

OVER a thousand women and children drowned in North River several years ago, because an excursion steamer lacked fire equipment and its life preservers were full of rotten cork. The captain of the steamer was sent to Sing sing, and the tragedy resulted in new and better regulations for the protection of human life on river and sea. Probably few people have forgotten the Iriquois Theater disaster in Chicago, where a larger number, mostly women and children, lost their lives because there was no asbestos curtain and the exits were locked. That tragedy resulted in new and better regulations for the protection of life in public places. Many more incidents might be cited, to show that the human race is in the habit of profiting from its tragedies, learning lessons from them, and taking measures to avoid them in the future.

But when some statesmen declare the word war was the most frightful tragedy ever suffered by the human race, its lesson should be learned and measures taken to avoid a repetition in the future, we have other statesmen professing a higher sanity and more practical turn of mind, opposing any such procedure, on the ground, that wars are as necessary as food and drink, and the world should blindly return to the same system that has always produced them. The Slocum disaster revolutionized maritime regulations not only in New York but throughout the world; the Iriquois disaster, transformed fire protection in theaters not only in Chicago and the United States but abroad, but if the opponents of the League of Nations are correct, the world disaster of 1914, should be charged up to profit and loss and the same discredited system continued without a protest.

Between two and three thousand lives and between two and three million dollars comprised the loss that revolutionized laws within nations, but when between seven and eight million lives are lost, when property destruction reaches over \$200,000,000,000, laws between nations, according to the league opponents should remain as they are. The League of Nations won't prevent wars chirps the dissenters. Nor will ample fire protection, sound life belts, asbestos curtains and open exits, prevent fires. But they will render them less frequent and reduce loss in lives and property when they occur. So reorganization of the world for peace, instead of war, while it may not and probably will not eliminate the time honored pastime of human butchery, it should at least, render wars less frequent and tend to restrict their destructive areas when they occur.

The denial of the Crown Prince's escape will probably please everyone but the Dutch.

It looks as though the peace treaty would be signed, but how about the validity of the signature?

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