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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Eugene Debs, who is a socialist, and in the hogswog besides, would stop the "next war" by the simple process of removing all the dollars from it: to wit, let all the material necessary for the maintenance of war be delivered to the combatants gratis, no profit in labor or commodities.

The notion is exclusively socialist, therefore unworkable, but its application sure would lump up the main-spring of the conflict.

"Pleasure without measure" (Shakespeare, "Anthony and Cleopatra.") For instance, the restricting of autos used solely for gadding to 5 gals; if they have 3.

"Wanted—Girl to wait" 8867 FIM—more—(Want ad, SF. Chronicle). How spinsters are grown.

One day hot, And the next day cold; Makes the horticulturist wish His penia were sold.

The same kindly consideration so graciously extended by high officials to the hellraising Reds, seems to also cover the case of Mr. Bergdoll, wealthy and a yellow slacker.

"How are the churches to compete with the movies?" queries the Baptist Advocate of Newark, N. J. They might try the Jack. Co. pre-primary promise, of closing the movies up.

HONOR AND NAME FIT (Salem Capital Journal) Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, May 24—Ronald Hogg of Salem, won first place in the stock judging contest at O. A. C.

The high school graduates who are planning to save the world in their initial orations, should limit their territory, and devote their energies to Russia or Mexico.

More publicity has been given Kerol Tengwald's mustache than there is mustache.

Hiram Johnson hails from California, and blows from wherever he happens to be.

"Plates" Determine the Life of a Battery

"Hundreds of thousands of storage batteries are manufactured annually in this country to furnish the lighting and starting power for millions of automobiles," stated M. B. Walker of Auto Electric Equipment Co., U.S.I. Service Station representative in this community, in the course of an interview with a representative of this paper yesterday. He added:

To supply this extraordinary number of batteries, large corporations have been created and huge factories erected. Each company possesses certain secret processes of manufacture which it jealously guards from the prying eyes of its competitors.

Everyone knows that a starting and lighting battery's principal parts are the plates, separators, electrolyte, jars, top connectors and covers and case. I shall confine these remarks to the plates as in my opinion, they are of prime importance in a battery's makeup.

There are two general types of battery plates, Faure and Planté, the Faure plated plate type being exclusively used in automobile storage batteries. In the Faure plate the grid is a casting made of lead and between six and ten per cent. antimony. Ordinarily the paste or active material is applied to the grid with a wooden paddle manipulated by hand.

But there is one factory, the U.S.I. which has departed from this older method of pasting plates by hand or paddle. By inventing special machinery it has been able to manufacture machine-pasted plates, which, due to their greater solidity are better resisters of the wearing-out action.

Adv.

THE PRESIDENT.

PRESIDENT WILSON at one time was the most adroit politician in the country. He not only led public sentiment, he made it. His sense of the public temper was unerring. Then came his break down. Whether that collapse has destroyed his political instinct, or whether because of his condition, fundamental facts upon which any successful public policy must be based, have been kept from him, the fact remains, that today he presents a spectacle of a man who is politically deaf, dumb and blind.

There is no way of knowing the exact truth. But we are inclined to the belief that the President has, because of his physical condition, voluntarily abandoned the role of politician and assumed the much more congenial role of historian and statesman. He is not playing for the presidential election, he is playing for the verdict of history; he is not interested in what is expedient, he is interested in what he believes is right.

Only upon such an assumption can one understand the President's uncompromising insistence upon ratification of the peace treaty as it stands, and his latest pronouncement urging that the United States take a mandate for Armenia.

No sane politician would hazard such a course. The obvious role of the politician would be to take the stand that Mr. Bryan takes,—accept the treaty reservations and smother the Armenian mandate in vague, humanistic generalities.

For there is no more chance of the American people accepting the treaty without reservations, and accepting a mandate for Armenia, than there is of a one-legged man walking to the moon. Right or wrong it simply isn't in the cards. The exalted fervor of war has passed, the erstwhile for militant righteousness has gone, and today America stands weary, apprehensive, satiated, bored by troubles without her borders, interested only in closing the foreign adventure in the quickest possible time and returning to the business of domestic reconstruction.

As a politician Mr. Wilson must realize this. But as a historian he refuses to yield to it. He sees probably more clearly than anyone that this war reflex will pass. He knows probably more certainly than anyone, that fundamentally America is idealistic, romantic, Quixotic,—that this winter of our discontent is as certain to be followed by a spring of renewed aspiration, as the night will be followed by day.

And then the Wilson vindication will come. So the President, broken in body, but not in spirit, is playing for that future day. When it comes he may be gone, but as a good covenantor, as a historian first, and a politician thereafter, he is content to leave his mortal destiny with the judgment of his countrymen.

If the Republicans had centered on Hoover, Johnson's regiments, by comparison of totals, would have been but a corporal's guard. It was a great Republican opportunity passed by. Even in spite of his own appeal for his name not to be voted for and the strong and well-organized campaign to center on Wood, Hoover received a generous vote. Imagine for one moment what that vote would have been with Lowden and Wood out of the field.—Portland Journal.

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Rippling Rhymes by Walt Mason THE GRAYBEARDS.

THERE'S some delight in being old, for one is licensed to scold and view things with alarm; I hang around the marketplace and let some brine run down my face, and talk of things that harm. I tear my hair and wring my fins and talk of all existing sins as though they modern were; and I denounce the thriftless jays who blow their coin in forty ways, and fill the air with fur. But truly, in the ancient times, the giddy lads blew in their dimes, just as they blow them now; and people mortgaged their abodes for trotting nags to burn the roads, as graybeards must allow. The poorhouse reared its front of brick and gathered in the thriftless hick, just as it does today; and pauper graves, behind the kirk, were made for those who wouldn't work, but spent their hours in play. I know these facts and many more, but when I'm in the Blue Front store discussing timely themes, I boost the past as something bright a noble structure, fair and white, on which the sunlight gleams. I knock the sawdust from the truth; they wouldn't stand it from a youth, but I am bent and gray; and as I ramble on and on, they merely sit around and yawn until I drift away.

JOHNSON, HARDING ORATORS NAMED

CHICAGO, May 26.—Two orators who will make nominating speeches at the republican national convention had been announced today and the others will be chosen by next week when the national committeemen assemble, according to reports from republican headquarters. Charles S. Wheeler, an alternate delegate from California will present the name of Senator Hiram W. Johnson. Former

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