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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

There is quite a discrepancy between the keen avidity with which officers of the law nab an alien bootlegger, and the shrinking diffidence they manifest towards violators of the speed laws.

Traffic is heavier in the railroad yards of Chicago—the largest in the world—but, the Medford railroad yards lead the world, for promiscuous whistling.

AN EX-SERVICE MAN WAS SUSPECTED AT FIRST

After raving around for two weeks about the loss of a check he had from the Dalrymple's league, Al Smith found the paper safely tucked away on the family cupboard shelf.

Sob writers employed the last eight years by the democratic party have all gone down to Ardmore, Okla., to tell the world about Clara Hamon Smith, the butterfly whose beautiful wings were crushed and mangled by the millions of the powerful Jake Hamon.

Spring is here with both feet. Local social lions are drifting down from Ashland in the twilight to bewitch with their slick manners the damsels there.

A SWEEPING ALLEGATION

E. E. Hall, one of the district managers for the California Peach and Fig Growers, who recently moved to Chien, manifestly takes pride in his new home. He writes: Place, Natatorium.

Russian Reds are planning a dash on Poland this spring. They did the same thing about a year ago, and made a dash back again.

Atty G. Newbury has a bife, in the same latitude and longitude as Dock Keene, but at a slightly higher altitude. The relative pain is identical.

Some fancy hoofbeating has been consummated lately by a number of cits, who like Ezekiel, "departed, whither no man knows."

Mr. Mica Womaek, filed an income tax report on his countless mines Mon. pm. It is such things that "teat the metals of a man."

A SLEUTH, NOT ACCOUNTANT SEEMS TO BE NEEDED

J. Lee Eckerson left Tuesday evening for Haynes, Oregon, to audit the books of the bank robbed Sunday night. Mr. Eckerson expects to be absent for several weeks.

People who have worked along thru the winter without eating the hind fire off their ar, are making plans for an extensive gadding tour as soon as the roads get good.

The Armenians who were so hungry last winter that they had to crawl on their hands and knees to the American Food Relief soup house, have no such discomforts in getting to the Bolshevik recruiting stations.

PLAIN ENOUGH

We don't skin you through the week and then have a ON-DAY bargain-day to slobber you. Bring your suit in and have it well pressed any day for half a dollar, 50c. We press by hot, dry steam and kill the clothes. Every day is bargain day both in suits and pressing. Ray's Suit Shop.

Abe Corey will tell of his trip to France and conditions as he found them at 7:30.—(Canby News). The real fun never starts, however, until 10:15.



ROMANCE.

WHEN I was young I looked on Grace as being an enchanting maid; she had a sweet and winning face, her hair was of an auburn shade, and when through town she deigned to chase, she made the other damsels fade. I asked her if she would be mine; but I was then an awkward clown, and other suitors stood in line, and some had wealth, and some renown; and through long months I shed the brine because that maiden turned me down.

Pen Sketch of New Secretary of Navy

The selection of Edwin Denby, of Detroit, as a member of President Harding's cabinet to fill the office of secretary of the navy, revealed the fact that he has considerable knowledge of the practical side of naval affairs, due to his experience as an enlisted man in the navy and marine corps, and through his service, while in congress, on the committee on naval affairs.

Edwin Denby was born at Evansville, Ind., February 18, 1870, and is the son of the Honorable Charles and Martha (Fitch) Denby. He went to China in 1885 with his father, who was U. S. minister in the Chinese Maritime Customs service, and returned to the United States in 1894. He then attended the University of Michigan, graduating with an L.L.B. degree in 1896, and was admitted to the bar the same year.

Since that time he has practiced law as a member of the firm of Chamberlain, Denby, Webster and Kennedy, his law practice being interrupted at times, while he served in congress or in some naval or military capacity. He was a member of the Michigan house of representatives in 1902 and 1903, and a member of the 59th to 61st congresses (1904-1911). In 1913 he was president of the Detroit Charter commission.

At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, in 1898, Mr. Denby enlisted in the navy, and was serving as gunner's mate aboard the U. S. Yacht Albatross, when he was transferred to the U. S. S. Panther at Guantanamo Bay. Under the guns of the Yosemite, the Panther landed 900 U. S. marines, the first U. S. troops to set foot upon the soil of Cuba during the war with Spain.

It may have been this early contact with the marine corps that induced the former congressman to volunteer his services as a marine, almost immediately after the president declared a state of war existed between this country and Germany. Mr. Denby applied for enlistment early in April, 1917, and was accepted some days later, as it was necessary to obtain waivers from Washington for overseas, overweight and marriage. When Private Denby enlisted he was 17 years of age, and weighed 254 pounds. His height was 72 1/2 inches.

What the Navy Boys Have Been Doing on Latest Cruise

ON BOARD BATTLESHIP PENNSYLVANIA, FLAGSHIP OF ATLANTIC FLEET, CALLAO, Peru—A strange language, a still more puzzling currency and exchange rate and a strike of chauffeurs and coach drivers during the Atlantic fleet's visit to Peru did not prevent American sailors from filtering into every nook and cranny of Lima, seven miles from this port, from the humblest saloon to the cathedral.

They may have lost a little in exchange or paid more for a meal than the average Peruvian, but the smiling storekeeper and cafe manager found it saved them time and trouble to have their bill agree with menu prices and their change correct. For instance: In one of the best hotels, a tanned bos'n called for the bill for himself and three companions.

"Na," he declared, "it's too much," as the waiter laid down a bit of paper with a column of figures on it. "How do you know it's too much, you haven't looked at it yet?" one of his friends remonstrated.

"It's always too much the first time," the bos'n replied without moving his hand from the pile of Peruvian currency he had placed on the table. "I've been in France and I know." A long argument, ensued in English by the sailor and Spanish by the waiter. Finally the latter retired with a gesture of despair and a captain took his place. He, too, quit after prolonged argument and many gestures.

"He's gone to call the cops," ventured one of the guests. "No he won't," affirmed the bos'n. "They know they've boosted this bill and they don't dare." The head waiter came, tried his ten words of English, and also beat a retreat, to be replaced by the manager of the hotel.

"Look here," said the bos'n after ascertaining that the manager understood him, more or less. "That waiter tried to rip us. He said we owed 12 of these cigarette papers, (pointing to a Peruvian sol, worth about 4 cents). I figured it up from the menu and we

How the Bolsheviki Take Care of Their Children

PHILADELPHIA.—Children's gardens or colonies, in which boys and girls between the ages of three and eight years are kept throughout the day at public expense, constitute one of the most interesting phases of the soviet government in Russia, according to information received by the American Friends Service committee.

Arthur J. Watts, English Friend who with Anna J. Haines, of Moorestown, N. J., is in Moscow inspecting institutions and distributing supplies for the American committee describes these colonies in a report just received here.

Mr. Watts says that more than 230,000 children are registered in children's gardens in various parts of Russia. Some of the gardens have nearly 1000 children enrolled. They go in the morning to the garden, which would be called a playground in America, and remain there throughout the day. They attend classes, exercises, play games, eat lunch and supper and return home at night.

This relieves the mother of a vast amount of responsibility and if she is a wage earner, she can attend to her labors in the factory or store without hindrance from her family.

Besides these gardens, or colonies, there are special summer colonies for children located mostly in country districts. The largest of these latter is at Dyetskoe Selo, 30 miles from Petrograd, where the children are lodged in two palaces that belonged to the late Emperor Nicholas. It was known as the "Czar's Village."

These colonies are conducted on the co-educational plan which is preferred because of the natural comradeship between boys and girls.

One of the colonies at Dyetskoe Selo is conducted along the lines of the George Junior Republic for morally defective boys and girls.

Parents are permitted to visit their children in these homes and colonies and the atmosphere is not at all "institutional," Mr. Watts says. It is made as homelike as possible. Russia has no orphanages. There are thousands of orphans but they are registered in the gardens, boarding schools and colonies with the more fortunate children who have parents.

Corporal punishment is forbidden in these institutions. A boy and girl who comes to the table with dirty hands is punished by getting no food and the disobedient child is isolated from its playmates.

The feeding and clothing of every child registered in an institution comes under the provisions of the people's commissariat for supplies. This organization has special kitchens and supplies food to the little folks on family ration card.

Russian parents, for the most part are eager to send their children to the colonies and gardens because they know they will receive meals regularly there, which is not always the case in the home, says Mr. Watts. For this reason, many parents who might be disinclined otherwise to place their children in these institutions are reconciled to the new system.

Nevertheless, the food problem has been so acute in Russia, owing to war and blockade, that thousands of children in the institutions, which are under government supervision, are underfed and in many cases are reported as starving.

Most of the children of eight years of age and upward are sent to the day schools, where they receive one meal at noon, or in commune houses, otherwise known as children's houses, which correspond to American boarding schools. Mr. Watts said that 6,000,000 children are registered in day schools where they are taught manual training, such as carpentry, book-binding, needlework and millinery. There are special schools for instruction in music and art.

All this work is under the direction of the commissariat for public instruction. Its work is supervised or preceded by that of the commissariat for the protection of health which exercises supervision over the health of the child beginning its work before birth.

Under the Russian system, according to Mr. Watts, a mother who works in a factory is given a furlough of 16 weeks with full pay at the birth of her child—eight weeks before and eight weeks afterwards. Mr. Watts says that rest homes for mothers, maternity hospitals and maternity exhibitions on an extensive scale are included in the Russian scheme of child-welfare. The maternity exhibitions are given to show the dullest-minded women the need of proper care for both mother and child.

How Much Do You Know?

- 1. What is the difference between a lyric and the epic poem? 2. How often does "the century plant bloom"? 3. How is felt made? 4. What is known as Barmide's Feast? 5. What is food called when it is ready to pass into the intestine from the stomach? 6. What is the most important in digestion, gastric juice or pancreatic juice? 7. What is sodium chlorate? 8. What is an atom? 9. What is an ozon? 10. What is yesterday's question? 1. Who designed the first dreadnaught? 2. From what is linen made? 3. What is moraine matter? 4. When was the first Bible printed in English? 5. What nation practices confucianism? 6. What is Confucianism practiced by the Chinese.

- 6. What is brass made of? 7. How old was Nathan Hale when he was hanged by the British as a spy in 1776? 8. Who won the battle of Brandywine during the war for American independence? 9. When does short-sightedness in children make its appearance generally? 10. What is a "divining rod"? 11. A "divining rod" is a wand or twig of hazel or willow used especially for discovering metallic deposits or water beneath the earth's surface.

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