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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Women folks with bonnets stowed away for donning Easter, better take no chances, and utilize the first sunny day available.

The Jr. sen. from Ore. is evidently of the opinion, by his attitude on the distribution of federal jobs for friends that the result of the last election was a personal, not a G. O. P. victory.

The best that the world can hope from the Upper Silesia plebiscite, is that it don't produce a Polish Gabriel D'Annunzio.

As long as a lawyer has enough wind left to file an objection, there is hope for the client. The senior year of all law schools should be devoted to the development of the lungs and larynx.

The pinheaded official who was responsible for the escape of Mr. Bergdoll, the rich and yellow duck, from a military prison, and later to Germany ought to have his conscience eased, now that a couple of citizens, who attempted to capture the renegade, have cells in a German prison.

Originality of expression is forever cropping out. Comes now the valiant defenders of the talking proletariat vociferously proclaiming that the telephone companies have a "public-be-damned" attitude. It's a 50-50 proposition. The public does considerable damming itself.

Nimble hoofs were flung high, wide and handsome at the mid-wk. shindig, and quite a few attended the rassing match at G. Hill last night.

Tentative plans for the erection of a modern tourist hotel at Crater Lake have been formulated, which probably means that tents will be used for rooms, for some time to come.

Autolists with whiskers should always travel at high rates of speed; otherwise the velocity is insufficient to keep the hair out of their eyes. 60 miles per is the minimum gait to prevent such.

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THE GERMAN REVOLT.

THE CHICAGO wheat market is a sensitive thing. The communist revolt in Germany gave the bears an inning. It is doubtful, however, if this country, or the world at large, take the reports seriously, until there is more evidence of a fire in the press agent smoke.

The world is saturated with suspicion and distrust. This sentiment is particularly strong when Germany is concerned. As a result the latest German revolution, coming as it does, at the very time the reparation demands have reached a crisis, will be taken with a grain of salt.

Perhaps the affair is genuine. It may not have been as cleverly a stage-managed bluff as circumstances suggest. But stronger evidence will have to be presented before world opinion is convinced.

For the danger of revolution in Germany has been a diplomatic "ace in the hole" for many months. And now it comes a few hours after Germany refuses to pay her billion marks in gold. It certainly looks suspicious. Most observers will be very much surprised, if the communist revolt doesn't peter out, just as soon as Germany is convinced the allies are not to be stampeded.

So with Russia. General distrust is also active, toward whatever the soviet press bureaus send out. Therefore, the sensational statement that Lenin has suffered a change of heart, that he, as Lloyd George has said, is now making speeches in favor of a capitalistic reconstruction, which Winston Churchill himself could make, will also be taken with mental reservations.

Most people will still be from Missouri. It seems incredible that Lenin could change over night. If he has adopted a conciliatory attitude toward the capitalist powers, it must be because he has decided such an attitude is best calculated to give him the lease of life he wants. It must be a trick. At least it will take more evidence than is now at hand, to convince the majority of the people to the contrary.

Suspicion and distrust are not desirable sentiments. They may be very costly and expensive. But fortunately, or unfortunately, the record of the past seven years have deeply implanted them, and practical statesmanship must take this into account for some time to come.



HAVE PATIENCE.

MY HOPES are not disjoined, I do not fuss or fret, though I've not been appointed to any office yet. The postman comes each morning and leaves a stack of duns, conveying threat and warning that he may read who runs, but he has brought no letter that bears the White House seal; ah, well, I'm not a fretter, I make no plaintive spiel. I know that Brother Harding has many things to do, old furniture discarding, that he may put in new. The moving graft is beastly; like Warren, I've been there; one's morals must be priestly if he declines to swear. The rooms must be repapered, the woodwork must be grained, and where the crowds have capered, the stairways must be stained. But when such chores are ended, and everything's all right, I look for something splendid—the softest snap in sight. For I stood up for Harding when he had little fame; I said fine things regarding that statesman and his game. 'Twas I, the present yawper, discovered Warren G., and it seems only proper that he discover me. But I'm a patient duffer, and I can twirl my thumbs, and watch and wait and suffer, till my appointment comes.

Tiflis, Where 70 Languages Are Spoken

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Tiflis, to the Westerner with busy map notions of the Near East, is lost in a sea of 's—Teheran, Trebizond and Tabriz—and he is likely to tag it with the rest as 'somewhere east of the Bosphorus' and let it go at that. 'Tiflis is a bulletin issued by the National Geographic society in regard to the latest of near eastern capitals to be reported attacked by bolshevik forces. 'But Tiflis has an individuality that should set it apart from Persian and Turkish towns. It is the capital of Georgia—the lovely former kingdom of Georgia, which lies just to the north of the Caucasus and which Russia absorbed in 1801 to mark for a century her farthest advance south.

A Metropolis of the Cross Roads. Tiflis has well over a third of a million inhabitants, which makes it a city bigger than Seattle or Kansas City, slightly smaller than Minneapolis or New Orleans. And yet in a sense it is a cross-roads community—one of the most important 'cross-roads' in the world. It is midway along the Trans-Caucasian railway, which extends between the Black and Caspian seas, meeting the latter at Baku, the great oil town of Asia. And it is crossed by a north and south post and military road which pierces the great rampart of the Caucasus to the north. Thus, the two main routes between southwestern Asia and southeastern Europe, both pay tribute to Tiflis.

As a result of this location Tiflis is the modern Babel. Seventy languages are said to be spoken in its streets and bazaars, and unless Tiflis guides can wheedle and swear in at least a dozen tongues they are useless. Armenians are one of the largest alien factors in the population; and besides these the highways have brought Russians, Germans, Turks, Afghans, Tatars, Georgians, and representatives of the more than a hundred tribes and nationalities that have been cast up on the reefs of the Caucasus in the thousands of years during which the racial tide has ebbed and flowed in southeastern Asia.

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