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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Only 24 more days in 1921. The year has slipped away like a 17 year old boy driving a high-powered car down to the grocery store after a head of lettuce.

The next war is going to be a religious war, according to the Rev. Stead. This is more like it, and some interest will be taken in a conflict that has for its purpose the shooting of Christianity into the unregenerate sinners. It might as well be understood right now, however, that unless all the generals are Methodists, the fracas won't amount to much.

England and Irish have declared peace. If they have no bad luck it will probably last as long as a well packed snowball in Gehenna. Their troubles have been so mystifying that nobody, including themselves, ever understood what they were about.

Mr. Fateo Arbuclie will have an opportunity now to tell the story of his experiences as a Red Cross nurse to a federal jury.

It's really getting so it's unsafe to sit down on a hotel radiator without pants on.

"NOW IS THE TIME FOR FARMERS TO USE ARSENIC IN FIELDS" (OAC Bulletin). Otherwise, they will be dying in the house, and make their wives mad.

President Harding's message to congress is longwinded, like a Forum orator, and maintains a high percentage of horse-sense throughout. It is plain enough to be understood by a college graduate, and has no high-sounding phrases promising Heaven in America, and Utopia in Europe, in 20 days, if a democratic senator is elected from Michigan. The personal pronoun "I" is not overworked, and sounds like a man not over-inflated with his own egoism.

G. Mansfield has returned from above. While away, it is said, he was called upon to make a speech.

Babe Ruth has been fined and suspended for violating the laws of baseball by Judge Landis. The infant thinks that unless he is in the game the sun will not come up properly.

The peanut politicians have started to ferment in their shells. They tell the womenfolks that the "boys and girls must be saved," and the men that the prohibition law needs fixing.

GOSH! (Bend Times) Samuel Tonder, while milking Tuesday morning, was kicked and his milk pail broken.

Another Middle West bank cashier has been fooling around with a vampire. The lady has most of the cash, and he has 10 years to do.

A taxpayer on a bicycle endeavored Mon. pm. to make his name immortal by knocking a freight engine, in motion, off the Main Stem crossing.

SO IT SEEMS (Standard Encyclopedia) HOOCH, Pictor de (1530-77) Dutch painter born at Rotterdam. He excelled in painting domestic scenes, which are noted for their charm and warm human feeling. His works include the MUG OF BEER (Amsterdam), A CARD PARTY (Duchingham Palace), WOMAN AND CHILD (National Gallery, London), and the LADY RECEIVING A LETTER (Amsterdam). See De Groot's Catalogue raisonné, vol. I (1907).

Editorial Correspondence

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—It has been commented upon before but it can't be emphasized too often, this is the antithesis of Paris. What-over mistakes have been made, or will be made, they will not be the mistakes of Versailles. And the man responsible for this—and the man to whom all credit is due, is Secretary Hughes.

I have just come from a conference Secretary Hughes had with the newspaper correspondents. The secretary stood beside his desk, and was entirely surrounded by the correspondents, Sheld, Norman Hapgood, Mark Sullivan and others of heavy calibre, conspicuous in the front row, other of the 500 filling the big room.

It was advertised at press headquarters as the most important conference of the week and it proved to be. Far at least of these conferences there is little news and while plenty of leading questions are fired, there are seldom anything but "diplomatic" answers.

But Mr. Hughes had his fighting tone on and his gas mask off. He was, so to speak, cleared for action. Even his whiskers bristled. There was no announcement of the fact, but it was generally known that the morning session at the Pan-American building had been a warm one.

As the conference was over at 1 p. m. and it is now an hour later, the report of that meeting is now probably set up for the Mail Tribune, so there is no need of going into the news, but the general setting, and the personality of the speaker are worth comment upon.

The setting, with the spacious room, banked on all sides with portraits of former secretaries of state, the thick carpets, the few pieces of furniture of great respectability, and the slanting rays of the afternoon sun coming through the high old fashioned windows, was one of appropriate dignity and historic significance. One felt nothing trivial could possibly emanate from such an atmosphere. Nothing trivial did.

Secretary Hughes fitted in as the center of the picture perfectly. He looked just as a great man in the midst of great events should look, well groomed, erect, sure of himself, sure of his ground, the dominant note sincerity and force.

New newspaper men aren't hero worshippers,—particularly the men selected to report this Washington conference. They are a pretty sophisticated lot, accustomed to meeting people of importance and not as all impressed by them. Nevertheless the attitude of admiration and respect, held by the room full of correspondents, toward the speaker before them was almost a tangible thing. No crystal ball was needed to announce that here was the big man of the conference, according to the newspapermen.

Probably Secretary Hughes felt it. At any rate while he was obviously aroused, there was not the slightest loss of poise. The press boys were sobered by the seriousness of his remarks,—if the usual proportion of 10-10-10 in modified, the entire program is destroyed—but not the secretary. He impressed one up a diplomatic champion just warming up. Several times in emphasizing his points he would expose his military in a Rooseveltian smile. One gathered that while the Japanese opposition had surprised him, the American position was so sound, so fully supported by the facts, that the result was a foregone conclusion and he knew it.

But the striking, overshadowing feature of the meeting was the fact that there was a meeting. What a contrast to Paris. There for weeks at a time the newspaper men didn't know any more about what was really happening than the fish in the sea. But here nothing happens of importance—or very little—which is not passed out to the press at once. Sometimes things are said not for publication, but the boys are informed. There is, in short, a perfect liaison to date between the conference itself and the newspapermen.

As a result there is more being accomplished in two weeks here than in two months at Paris. Take this final demonstration. At Paris they would have been a hitch behind closed doors, unknown to the world, and a compromise. Here responsibility is fixed. Everyone knows the Japs alone are holding out for a 10-10-10, and public opinion is against them. The Mikado, therefore, will have to yield and yield without having his back scratched. Open covenants openly arrived at is the reason.

Quill Points

Some editorial writers have a trenchant pair of scissors.

Married people seldom get along if their tempers are short.

Now, let's stand at Armageddon and scrap armaments for the Lord.

In some families, home cooking occasions a greater kick than home brew.

Let me live in a house by the side of the road and sell gasoline to man.

The pleasure of having a wife who sings about her work, depends largely on whether she can sing.

Crisis. Any general mess brought to the boiling point by man's stupidity.

Still, traffic laws are useful as an argument for the plaintiff after the accident.

If a man doesn't fit his hat to the ladies, he may be ill-bred or he may be bald.

Charity covers a multitude of sins; so, for that matter does an income of five figures.

And it may be that men don't go to church because they are afraid they might get religion.

If a man thinks his wife beautiful in last winter's hat, he is blinded by love or thrift.

You may break, you may shatter the wheat price if you will; but flour will sell at the old price still.



BUY AT HOME.

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SAP AND SALT BY Bert Moses

Copyright 1921 by Bert Moses, Sap and Salt on the coast, Astoria, Oregon.

Men who boast of being gentlemen are only "gents."



Most of us do not dare to openly say what we honestly think.

Men may learn everything else in the world, and still be shy on common sense.



The organization that co-operates with the boss is the one that makes the money.



HEZ HECK SAYS: "Sometimes the jury is worse than the prisoner being tried."

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

- 1. Which is heated more quickly, fresh air or stale air?
2. What is the population of Australia?
3. What does the word Mimah mean?
4. Which state by the union produces the most oil?
5. Who is the U. S. Ambassador to Italy?
6. How big is Central Park in New York City?
7. How many times has the national house of representatives been called upon to choose a president?
8. What is "Dutch" courage?
9. What is a niblick?
10. What is the middle verse of the Bible?
Answers to Yesterday's Questions:
1. Did any colored heavyweight fighter, aside from Jack Johnson, ever hold the heavyweight championship?
2. How many farms does the 1920 census show there are in the United States?
3. Is it possible for a bird to examine the ground while flying?
4. Do common house flies have lungs?
5. Do diseases which affect potatoes affect the human system?
6. How many members of the congress were backsets in private life?
7. How much does a hippopotamus weigh?
8. How much money does the King of England get each year?
9. How many pensioners of the Civil War are there?
10. How many apples did Canada produce this year?

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