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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Parry.

Most of the "tiny nations" of Europe, full of combatsiveness and American grub, have decided to become more so, by going to war.

All the Portland papers are handling the sad fate of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, in a fearless manner.

Judging from the boulevard in front of the high school, what the state needs, is free gasoline, not text books.

There has been quite an extensive exchange of hay for cash, and vice versa, the past week.

Instead of the 27:02 half mile free-for-all trot next fall, the county fair directors have decided to stage a grand Aspiration Contest.

Owney Patton, smoking venerable corncob (sired Missouri).

Komoo Roppes, crooked stemmed apple root.

Bill Gore, straightaway English briar.

Edison Marshall, pioneer Congo wood.

The contestants will be imprisoned in a room and the last man out each day wins the money.

Before the main event, the contestants will give an exhibition of knocking down unsuspecting taxpayers, in front of the grandstand.

The promoters have figured out something that is novel and unique and will be a puff for the valley.

NOTHING TOO GOOD, ETC., ETC.

(Congressional Record)

After his death the Veterans' Bureau seems to have found out that he had a claim pending, and last night I received this telegram:

Complete application for compensation of Herman Davis, deceased, going forward immediately to central office, Washington, where all death claims are handled.

The war ended in 1918, and according to General Pershing's designation of those who were most entitled to be regarded as heroes Herman Davis' name appears fifth on a list of a hundred. He got no recognition by reason of any outside influence.

As I said, he was compelled to quit school when just a child and had scarcely enough education to enable him to read. He only knew that he owed his service to his country, and he offered his life freely, received 11 decorations, and died a pauper, and the bureau created by the Congress to look after the wants of wounded veterans now says it is forwarding his complete record here to Washington, since he is dead.

I had in mind merely to call attention to what seemed to be the policy of the administration, without criticism of the individual, by citing another act which took place on the very day this man died. I shall omit the name of the officer, because he is not responsible, but the day that Herman Davis died a pauper the War Department was busy here in Washington bestowing a distinguished service medal upon an officer who had commanded a rest area during the war, who had never heard a hostile shot fired, had never seen an enemy with a weapon in his hand. He was being decorated because he so "intelligently, patriotically and courageously" commanded a post some 300 miles from the firing line. In fact, you cannot take up a paper now without reading of some officer who served the country patriotically and courageously here in Washington in a swivel chair being decorated for his heroic devotion to duty.

Recently I noticed the War Department had decorated a member of a draft board because he put everybody into the Army but himself, and I call attention to this fact merely to contrast it with the treatment of the men who bore the brunt of battle at the front and who are permitted to die paupers, with their wrongs unredeemed.

Even now a bill is pending to raise other officers to high rank who saw no actual field service, so much greater seems it to the department to decorate noncombatant officers than reward men who sacrificed their future, their health, and family life in a patriotic devotion to country.

THE TRAGEDY OF WALLY REID.

THERE is a lesson in the sudden death of Wally Reid. There is a lesson in most human tragedies for tragedies seldom just happen. The are usually the natural outcome of tragic mistakes.

Wally Reid made the tragic mistake of believing he could beat the game. Endowed with marvellous health and vitality, and with a profile that made movie producers his slaves and impressionable young ladies his romantic worshippers, he made the fatal mistake of regarding his physical credit as inexhaustible.

According to members of his own family, he went the pace that bills. Not in the direction of vicious debauchery,—there was, according to them, not a vicious streak in Wally's nature,—but simply in the direction of unlimited self-indulgence, burning the candle at both ends, overdrawing his reserve on the assumption that nothing could break him.

For several years Wally won. He was another Dorian Grey. Not a blemish sullied that perfect "movie" beauty, there was no apparent diminution of exuberance or energy, Wally might be off for a day or two, but he always came back with a bound.

Then suddenly something broke. Wally was not himself. His nerves behaved abominably. He became touchy and off his feed.

There was the crisis in the history of Wallace Reid. If he had not been so habituated to the easy way, if he had not become softened and spoiled by that fallacious faith in his exceptional Destiny, he might then have fought his way back to health and a life with solid foundations.

But his solid fibre had gone. He still believed he could beat the game. What Nature couldn't do, could be done by drugs. Wally again and for the last time took the easiest way.

Once more it no doubt appeared to the principal in this familiar tragedy that victory could be attained. But the delusion was a brief one. It was too late. Wally had to pay and the resources for that payment were not his.

So in weakness, rather than wickedness, in false philosophy rather than in wilful sin, lies the tragic lesson of Wally Reid.

Quill Points

The happiest country is the one that doesn't amount to a darn.

Correct this sentence: "Yes, ma'am," said the grocer; "all of these were laid yesterday."

The pedestrian runs the risk of being held up at intervals, but not by a filling station.

A wife is a person who asks you which dress she must wear and then decides to wear another one.

Some youngsters have a good time, and some are not permitted to play with any but nice children.

It takes three generations to make a gentleman, and only a three-day growth of beard to spoil the job.

The man who thinks the people are fools changes his mind when he hears their hands clapping in applause.

The boy who once wore dad's cut-down pants now has a son who uses dad's old car to make a strip-down speeder.

There are still a few things that can be advertised in a magazine without using silk-clad legs as an illustration.

He thinks he is a grouch because he has no friends; but as a matter of fact he has no friends because he is a grouch.

Noah stepped out of the Ark and looked about. "Well, thank goodness," said he; "the war debts are wiped out."

Lots of people think Heaven a place where they will get all the things they haven't the energy or ability to earn down here.

So live that it will never be necessary to send your influential friends around to ask the newspapers to leave out the sordid details.

An old-timer is one who can remember when flour sacks were used to make underwear for the kids instead of dish towels.

During the first four weeks he hasn't the slightest notion what he is eating, and by that time the bride has learned to cook.

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Shredded Wheat

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FASCISTI PARTY IN MEXICO WAS JOKE, BUT FACTOR NOW

MEXICO CITY, Jan.—(By the Associated Press)—Conceived in jest and at first accepted by the nation in the same spirit, the Fascisti movement in Mexico has made such rapid strides during the past few weeks that it is now reckoned as an important political factor which doubtless will figure largely in the presidential elections two years hence.

Starting in the small city of Jalapa, capital of the state of Vera Cruz, it was declared even by its founders to be a mere local society without definite aim and certainly not nationwide in its scope. The name Fascisti was adopted more because of its present popularity than because of the ideals sponsored by the Italian organization.

But certain persons who have suffered at the hands of a government which has pressed down rather harshly on property owners during the past ten years, grasped at the movement as a safe and effective means to protest against alleged injustice. It offered an opportunity for the landed classes to fight certain radical reform laws that have been imposed on them during the past few years.

Without becoming actual revolutionists against central authority, they were able through the new society to organize their interests with a view to gaining sufficient strength ultimately to make demands on the Mexico City government.

The Jalapa society was immediately copied in Tampico, and Monterey, Mexico City, Puebla, Guanajuato, Merida, Oaxaca and Mazatlan followed suit. Within a few weeks a temporary national Fascisti organization was perfected with Gustavo Saine de Sella, a young engineer, as provisional chairman. Officers were established here and within a few days 22 traveling representatives were sent to scattered parts of the republic to spread the propaganda of protest against bolshevism and radical law-making.

Meanwhile officials at the national palace here were undergoing a change of attitude toward the movement. President Obregon at first scoffed at the idea and dismissed it as a local society of no importance. He declined to consider it as a movement similar in any respect to the Italian Fascisti. Indicative, however, of the fact that high officials now see a threat in the impetus gained by the society is a recent declaration of Adolfo de la Huerta, secretary of the treasury, who described the Mexican Fascisti as an "exotic plant that cannot flourish in this republic." He ridiculed its importance and expressed the hope that the Mexican proletariat would not "commit suicide" by adopting it.

And in depreciating the movement he did what his supporters desired—recognized it as a factor to be considered in the political future. Advertise your needs in Sun classified columns and get results.

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REENER LOST ALL FAITH, HE SAYS

L. A. Man Then Tried Tanlac and Marvels at the Way It Ended Rheumatism and Indigestion.

"Indigestion and neuritis, or rheumatism, almost made a wreck of me," said J. V. Reener, a well-known carpenter, living at 1402 West 23rd St., Los Angeles, Cal., in a recent statement regarding Tanlac. "My food would invariably ferment, causing gas, bloating and awful pains. I was also subject to bilious spells and would get terribly dizzy. My elbows and hands hurt so bad I could hardly use my hammer and saw. I could not do a leg of work without just suffering agony."

"I had about lost faith in all medicines when a friend talked me into trying Tanlac. My stomach is in fine condition now and my appetite so keen I can hardly get enough to eat. The neuritis is all gone, too, and now I can do as much work as I ever could. My friend couldn't have done me a greater favor than he did by getting me to take Tanlac." Tanlac is for sale by all good druggists. Over 35 million bottles sold. Adv.

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