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THE LA FOLLETTE PROBLEM.

YES, it's all very strange! Why are young Mr. La Follette and his insurgent colleagues so anxious to be members of a political party which they so heartily detest, and with the principles of which they are in such complete disagreement?

We confess to a complete inability to make it out. In a recent issue of a pro-La Follette magazine we read the following: "Unless they have a change of heart between now and December 7th, a thoroughly hard-boiled policy will be followed by the Republican leaders in the Senate and House."

Ho-Hum. Well, and why not? This is a Democracy and a Republic politically administered by parties. At the recent Presidential election the American people, by an overwhelming majority, voted to place this government under the control of President Coolidge as the leader of the Republican party.

The people emphatically declared they believed in President Coolidge and his policies and wanted them carried out. But Mr. La Follette and his followers declare they do not believe in President Coolidge and his policies and do not want them carried out.

Such an attitude as La Follette shows, therefore, does not appeal to us as either good sportsmanship, good politics or common sense. Political parties are entirely artificial organizations, the membership constantly changing, as the principles and individual opinions change.

Senator La Follette and his followers have not been read out of the Republican party, they have deserted it. Such desertion, we do not condemn, for if a person ceases to believe in the principles of a political party, such a person should withdraw, both in justice to that party and to himself.

What we do condemn, and what we can't understand, on any basis of good sense or good morals, is for an individual to desert his party and work for its defeat, and still pretend to be a member of the party, and insist upon receiving political benefits from it.

If La Follette and his followers wish to be Republicans, let them act like Republicans. If they don't wish to be, let them withdraw, and form a party of their own, or support some party in which they do believe.

But above all, let them stop fighting the Republican party on one hand and then wailing because they are treated as opponents on the other. Such an attitude would be iniquitous if it were not so childish.

QUILL POINTS

- Civilization: Making the other fellow behave. Caillaux has one good argument left. When he fell, the franc went down with him. Lower House: "This bill is too darned reasonable. It needs amending." If new-fledged lawyers find the field crowded, they might try the army. The navy always acquits itself well in war. It doesn't have to fight women. Americanization: Taking out naturalization papers and buying a pistol. The upper class in America isn't determined by birth, but by the ability to sneer. You never realize how many queer things there are in the world until you see what a balloon tire has picked up. The objection to the word "moron" is that those it fits best enjoy using it most. About the only thing the farmers aren't raising enough of now is farm hands. Still, if a boy takes his dad's advice, he may never amount to any more than his dad.



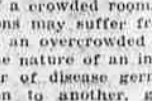
TURKISH WISDOM.

THE TURKISH peeler bears a plank, from which sharp nails protrude, and when he sees a speeding crank, a driver wild or stewed, he drops his board upon the pike; the driver cries thereat: "Now, by the beard of Pasha Mike, my tires have all gone flat!" A dozen punctures all at once have made his temper warm; the speeder's certainly a dunce who doesn't then reform. We look with scorn upon the Turks and say their culture's faked; abjuring them and all their works, we say they are half-baked. But when they see a custom rise that threatens life and limb, in heading off the erring guys that show surprising vim. The speeders in this land of ours burn up the asphalt pave, and we are always bearing flowers to some poor victim's grave. Yea, there are penalties and pains provided for the crime, and still the speeders push their wains, and have a bully time. A little fine will not avail, as records do assure; and even thirteen days in jail will not affect a cure. The speeders have the right of way, a reckless, heedless crew; we view the crisis with dismay, and wonder what to do. But such a crisis can't afford the Turks an hour of doubt; they give each cop a handsome board from which steel edges sprout. And when the speeders find their tires and tubes all rent and torn, they play sad dirges on their lyres, and wring their teeth and mourn. They cry aloud, while justice gloats: "Our punishment is done; hereafter we shall drive our boats some seven miles an hour."

Personal Health Service by WILLIAM BRADY, M. D. Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed.

A Little Bit of Sky.

Prof. Leonard Hill, the noted English authority on air and ventilation, says that there is no evidence that "ionization" of the air has any influence on health, or that the ozone in the air or the quantities of oxygen and carbon dioxide have any particular bearing on the question of pure air. He says that there is no chemical poison present in the air of a crowded room.



Hill is one of the great physiologists of the world. Physiologists do not necessarily know much about astronomy, port culture, hygiene, golf, poetry or medicine. Only the other day a mere physiologist, Carlson, had the awful temerity to stand up in a meeting and say he couldn't quite savor the Lyon method of nonsurgical drainage of the gall bladder, whereupon none other than Dr. Lyon himself arose and remarked that the physiologist who lives among his laboratory animals sometimes knows very little about the sick human animal. And that's that.

Forgiving Hill's gentle, old-fashioned way of boosting the quack business within and without the ranks of medicine, I want to quote some further observations he made at the international congress on climatology recently held at Davos, Switzerland.

"Sedentary work in warm, stagnant air requires compensation by vigorous exercise and by sleeping with open windows. The tendency in recent years has been to overheat rooms and to overclothe."

The importance of these observations is not that they are what I have been teaching here, for as long as I have been teaching here, but that they are so. And if Hill thinks people overheat rooms in England, what would he think about the hot house or dry kiln atmosphere we strive to provide for our rooms here in America?

Professor Hill emphasized the value of ultraviolet rays in ordinary daylight and spoke of the loss of the effect of these invisible rays, which cannot pass freely through atmosphere polluted with smoke, nor at all through glass or clothing. Then he pointed out that tuberculosis patients need not be subjected to hot sun baths, for they may get the good of the ultraviolet rays by exposing the body to the sun in the earlier and later parts of the day, when the air is cooler. He made one remark:

"I never try to convert a patient who has been accustomed to drinking, and who is preparing to undergo a major operation, to stop suddenly. It is a dangerous plan. Modification to a minimum dose is best under these circumstances."

"Youth Not Going to Dogs." Dr. Mayo does not feel that the youth of today "is going to the dogs," nor that conditions are any worse than they were when he was a boy. "If anything, conditions are better," he said.

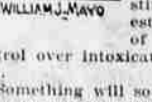
"Youth today is more sophisticated. The young people know more of evil than we knew in our time, and for that very reason they are better equipped to face the problems of youth and life."

"I am thoroughly in favor of short skirts," said Dr. Mayo. "The short skirts of today are far more hygienic than those which dragged along the ground."

"I believe that if a woman wants to bob her hair or smoke, there is no reason why she should not do so. I feel, however, that parental influence is the strongest factor in the training and guidance of our youth."

Dr. Marion Park. The president of Bryn Mawr college, Dr. Marion Park, has aroused a nation-wide discussion since she signed a petition submitted by the students of her college requesting permission to allow a cigarette to be smoked on the campus. Bryn Mawr is believed to be the only women's college in the country to set aside rooms in which the girls are permitted to smoke.

Dr. Park was born in Andover, Mass., in 1876. After completing a course at the Gloucester, N. Y., high school she entered Bryn Mawr and was graduated in 1898. In 1918 she received a Ph. D. degree from that institution. President Park is a classical student, having studied at the School for Classical Studies at Athens, Greece, 1901-1902.



Timely Views on World Topics. "American People Should be Educated in the Need for Prohibition." Says Dr. Wm. Mayo. The Eighteenth Amendment is upheld by Dr. William J. Mayo, the Rochester, Minnesota, surgeon. In a recent speech, he does not believe that prohibition has been a failure in the United States.

"Prohibition as it now exists in the United States is only a process of educating the American people to the need of prohibition, and an excellent precedent leading to the institution of an established means of governmental control over intoxicating liquors," he said.

"Something will soon be done properly to regulate this great national problem. The time will come soon when a real method of sensible control and regulation, which will be fair and just, will be adopted. There will be a change. But this change must first take place in the hearts of the people."

"The American people are beginning to realize that something must be done. They are beginning to consider the matter seriously. That is precisely the purpose of prohibition as we have it today. It was working toward an end, a good end, and therefore I cannot feel that it is a failure."

Less Alcoholism. "There are fewer cases of alcoholism today than in pre-prohibition days. Surgical cases coming into our hospitals do not include as many instances of lowered resistance due to alcoholism as in former years."

PETER'S ADVENTURES IN ANIMAL LAND. BY MISS FLORENCE SMITH VINCENT.

ON TRIP BEFORE THE FAMILY. "Naughty little Roly-Poly," sighed Mother Growly, and she looked very sad. "To think I have spent so much time training you in the way of a good Cub should go and you have turned out a little sneak thief."



After serving as instructor and assistant professor of classics at Colorado college, Colorado Springs, Colo., for four years she became dean of Smith college in 1918 and remained there until 1922, when she became dean of Radcliffe college. She has been dean of Bryn Mawr since October 4, 1922.

Poems That Live

It-questant. She won her roses, roses, And never a spray of yew. In quiet she reposes; Ah, would that I did too. Her mirth the world required; She bathed it in smiles of glee. But her heart was tired, tired, And now they let her be. Her life was turning, turning, In mazes of heat and sound. But for peace her soul was yearning, And now peace laps her round. Her cabin'd, ample spirit, It flutter'd and fall'd for breath, Tonight it doth inherit The vastly hall of death. —Matthew Arnold.

Children's Pictorial Cross Word Puzzle



Running Across. Word 1. What is the name of the man in the picture who demanded a "pound of flesh" in Shakespeare's play, "The Merchant of Venice"? Word 5. The last name of the man who spread out his cloak over a mud puddle for Queen Elizabeth to walk upon. Word 6. Soft breezes. Running Down. Word 2. To raise something heavy. Word 3. A worm which was used to bleed sick people years ago. Word 4. A roll of tobacco used for smoking.

YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE ANSWERED.

HOCKEY BANANA I THREAT



MEET THE SHOPPER FAMILY



And here we have ABIGAIL ASKEM, Mrs. Shopper's little niece. Believes in Santa, but has also asked Uncle Earl and her dad for a silver compact. 14 shopping days left before Christmas.

Abe Martin



You don't have t' talk t' a Florida knocker very long t' find out that he can't git off t' ground there. If justice wuz waitin' fer 'time t' turn on th' white lightn' t' th' it couldn't be any slower.

THE DATE TREE



Dec. 10, 1720—205 years ago—the Mississippi Bubble burst. John Law, an adventurous Scotchman, had so captivated Paris by his spectacular selling of shares in his new "Company of the West" that the streets near his office were thronged with applicants day and night. Louis XV., falling for his scheme, had incorporated the territory of Louisiana into his bank, and great promise was held out for gold speculation along the Mississippi. But soon the amount of notes issued by Law more than doubled all the specie circulating in France. Then a national panic ensued, and Law was forced by his disappointed and infuriated victims to flee from the scene of his splendor. Copyright, 1924, Premier Syndicate, Inc.