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Smudge Smoke

Hugh Hamlin has a new suit of duds, and gave your corr. a box of apples to eat during the long winter evenings, that are just ahead.

The deer hunting season opens today, but some of the more discreet hunters will not undimber their blunderbusses until the excitement cools down.

The equinoctial storm is due next week, if there is going to be any, and will be welcome if it contains rain.

The Concord grape is quite plentiful. This grape is no good for jelly, and is a slow fermenter, so people are eating same raw.

Oil scroungers report that a favorite trick of autolite is to drive off and forget their obligations.

After October 1, the barber shops will not start cutting whiskers and tassels until 8 a.m.

Kennedy Rhimoda is now strong enough to give his youngest boy, Otto, a spanking if he needs it.

Almae S. McPherson bounced into the headlines last week with her husband. The other party involved was a roaring baritone.

Shorty Morris of Sams Valley sold his legs last week. Mr. Morris is an optimist and just broke even.

The Bill Gore Debating society Thurs. got off on evolution and Tom Mooney, after 4 months grilling of the issue and Hest Hoover.

Medah young man has started running around without their hats, but it will be six weeks before they can be sure of catching pneumonia.

People are rushing to the hills from the city, and to the city from the hills.

The Community Chest Problem

THERE is one phase of the Community Chest problem this year which we regard as of supreme importance, namely: the manner in which the money is to be distributed.

The great need this year, as everyone knows, is relief for those who are out of work, and families dependent upon them.

Other organizations, doing good work of course, but in less urgent directions, should, we believe, be willing to accept a smaller proportion than ever before should be apportioned to those organizations in the Community Chest, having charge of such work.

There is no need of getting panicky over the matter. The present writer has just completed a trip throughout the northwest and is convinced general conditions here will be better this winter than in a majority of districts elsewhere.

Nevertheless, a greater need for charitable aid will exist than ever before, and a general revival of that spirit of common effort and self-sacrifice so conspicuous during the world war, has become an inescapable obligation of good citizenship.

We feel sure that those units in the Community Chest, cognizant of the true situation, will gladly co-operate in the important matter of concentrating this year upon distributing the bulk of the available funds where they will be most needed, and will do the entire community the most good.

At Last,—A True Christian

THE visit of Mahatma Gandhi to London is a tremendously interesting and significant event.

Old John Bull frankly admits Mahatma is a hard nut to crack. A writer in the London Times fairly expresses the typical British reaction when he says:

"Mahatma Gandhi is difficult to deal with for he really isn't what he pretends to be. He pretends to be a dark-skinned son of God, a modern saint—but in reality he is a very clever and adroit politician, disguised as a saint. In his plan for non-resistance he is merely making a virtue of necessity. With no army or navy behind him, non-resistance is not only his most effective but his only available weapon. He preaches against war, yet he adopts all the methods of war, possible to an impoverished and unarmed nation. He orders his followers to refuse to pay taxes, to refuse military service, to join in a boycott against British-made goods, all methods of war—accepted by world powers as causes of war—but in this case not accompanied by war, simply because India is physically unable to wage war. As a result Gandhi is most difficult to deal with, for there is no effective way of opposing him. He is actually a rebel, who refuses to accept the responsibilities and sacrifices of rebellion. If he were a militant leader, our army and navy could handle him; if he were a genuine saint, depending upon the efficacy of fasting, self-denial and prayer, he could be ignored, but when he is neither, but a little of both, the government stands rather ridiculous and powerless before him."

There is, we believe, a great deal of truth in this assertion. But there is another angle to the situation, and an interesting one.

Isn't it true, for example, that England is completely baffled by this "dark skinned infidel," because for nearly 2000 years this is the first time it has had to deal, politically and diplomatically, with a true Christian,—a national leader who does not profess Christianity, but actually PRACTICES IT!

The burden of proof, it seems to us, rests upon those who deny the truth of this statement. If Gandhi in his private and public life is not genuinely Christ-like, then WHAT is he?

CHRIST preached non-resistance, Gandhi practices it; Christ preached humility, Gandhi practices THAT; Christ renounced wealth, extolled poverty; certainly Gandhi, with his loin cloth and goat's milk, espouses both. Christ's political philosophy was based solidly upon the brotherhood of Man; in his plan for Indian self-government, that is the cornerstone of Gandhi's platform,—the essence of his entire political faith.

No matter from what direction Mahatma Gandhi is attacked, it seems to us that he comes closer to realizing the Christian ideal, than any other national leader in the history of modern civilization.

IT MAY be true that Gandhi's doctrine is, and always has been, influenced by the conditions surrounding him, but does any student of history deny that Christ's doctrine was influenced by the conditions surrounding HIM? The important fact, we believe, is not what may have made this "Saviour of India" Christ-like, but the fact that he is Christ-like.

AND even MORE interesting, if not more important, is this: That the first instance of Christianity being applied literally in international relations, is making good,—getting results—where the accepted methods of rebellion have failed.

What the final outcome will be of course no one knows. But this much is certain—in this "dark-skinned man of God," this emaciated, half-naked mendicant, lies the only hope of a peaceful solution of the problem of Indian home rule. Without him India would be lost, with him India may win.

California to Fore Spends for Prosperity

How would California and other states of the west like to lead the grand march of the states—including New York City and its Wall street—back to prosperity? California and the west will may assume leadership in a business revival. This is the opinion expressed in Long Beach by Thomas L. Parkinson of New York, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States.

Ye Poet's Corner

The Indian Maid's Love Deep blue are the waters of Crater Lake. While far in the west, the red tints burn. The squalls blow over its surface deep. While down in its depths, the Indian braves sleep.

California to Fore

spent in the next few years as here in southern California and throughout the southwest. California really may lead the march back to prosperity. California will give New York its cue, as Mr. Parkinson suggests.

Today

By Arthur Brisbane

Russia's Secret Radio Britain's Happy Family Cappers Silver Dollar He Wanted a Mortgage

Copyright King Feature Synd., Inc. Rebellions, sullen half-mutiny, in their navy made the British feel that the national ship was sinking. It is unwise to offend army, navy or police for all three can strike back.

The American Bar association denouncing prohibition and urging modification of the Sherman law are wise. Prohibition encourages crime, the Sherman act discourages business.

New York's police know that Russia has on Manhattan Island a secret radio plant. Messages have been intercepted and sent to Washington to be decoded. Translating Russian is hard enough. Decoding it must be very difficult. Detectives suspect that a message to Stalin reading something like "ya vas' loublou" may mean "down with capitalism in grate."

Mussolini is expected to visit the pope today. If he does it will be the first time an Italian premier has entered the Vatican in more than sixty years.

It is announced that Mussolini will dismiss an important official to whom the pope objects and the latter will dismiss from his post one to whom Mussolini objects. But harmony is not complete.

You saw the "happy family" at the circus—cat, dog, white rat and rabbit all in one cage. In the British cabinet is a strange mixture—socialist-labor, Toryism, conservative, liberalism—all sitting and governing side by side. It is like that picture of the flood with savage animals floating down stream together all too frightened to fight, and most strange, British bankers demand that MacDonald, socialist-labor man, shall remain at the head of the government for at least two years more. "Don't disturb the patient" is their advice.

Present conditions will make many "real eaters" appreciate Mr. B. Foran's story about a colored gentleman who bought a house and at last made his final payment. "That's fine," said the seller, "now I shall give you a deed to the property." But that was not the buyer's idea. "No, boss," said he, "I don't want a deed, I want a mortgage. A friend of mine had a mortgage and he got the house and he is living in it now. I have no use for a deed."

There is no good time to buy real estate or stocks if you don't know WHAT to buy. But this is the best possible time to buy real estate or stocks IF YOU DO know what to buy.

Senator Capper of Kansas in his Capper's Magazine, tells of a newspaper reporter "who offered to each of eight men a good silver dollar for sixty cents and found no takers." You couldn't fool those eight men if you offered a dollar for sixty cents—it must be a counterfeit without another look.

Senator Capper remarked that the eight men could easily have been persuaded to buy some worthless oil stock, mining stock or "business corner lot deep under water." Many of our sorrows are based on the German saying "Gegen dummbheit kaempfen goetter selbst vergebens"—"against stupidity the gods themselves fight in vain."

Mr. Gerard Swope, who proposed a carefully thought out plan to improve industrial conditions and stabilize employment, has had several surprises and will have more. He learns that Senator Brookhart of Iowa knows more about industry than Mr. Swope knows. Swope wouldn't tell Brookhart how to run Iowa politics but Brookhart can and does tell Swope how to run industry off hand without thinking about it for five minutes. THAT IS GENIUS.

General Atterbury, head of the Pennsylvania railroad, employing tens of thousands of workers, indorses Mr. Swope's suggestions and will cooperate.

Mary Roberts Rinehart says there are days when she would gladly exchange places with her laundress, but not on Mondays and Tuesdays, probably.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The next time we fight a war we should pull our punches and not whip our adversaries to thoroughly that we have to spend the next twenty years helping them get back on their feet.—Southern Lumberman.

FLIGHT O' TIME

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Monday. It looks like rain. National Republican leaders admit, "kept us out of war" slogan of President Wilson, "has strong appeal for women voters especially mothers."

Tuesday. Greece offers to drop neutrality for a war loan. Son of James A. Garfield to campaign for Woodrow Wilson. Nineteen killed in Zeppelin raids over London.

Wednesday. The Applegate Lumber company is formed with Earl Gaddis, C. E. Gates and C. M. Kidd as directors. \$194 subscribed by local people for Wilson campaign. Southern Pacific makes 50 per cent gain in income. St. Mary's pupils start work for Christmas fair.

Thursday. President Wilson declares "moral issues will win the great war." California forecasted as strong for "Johnson and the President." "Ashland Mother" in letter to the editor, scores "Republican women, who want their sons to be cannon fodder."

Friday. General strike in New York City falls. Epepe puts on another passenger train, and changes schedule. Local people continue contributing to Wilson campaign fund, "to match Wall Street dollars backing Hughes." "Blanche Sweet in 'The Thousand Dollar Husband'" at the Page. Chinese pheasant season opens and many hunters in the field.

Saturday. President Wilson in speech declares "Republican victory means America will enter European war." Col. Mims to assume Medford postmastership October 1. British lose 300 men a day on western front.

Sunday. The four o'clock foreign matter in the city water supply may last for month, says water superintendent. Jackson county wins first prize on farm display at the state fair. "Irate Republican" writing to editor, demands some comment be made on naming a "Dixie Democrat" as Medford postmaster, "when we have worthy, home-grown Democrats who have never had a chance to get one foot—let alone both—in the public trough."

Friends of Winston F. Biddle plan a birthday party for him on September 28. Mr. and Mrs. F. Corning Kenly return from a few days' outing at Shasta Springs.

Vice-President Curtis is being urged to accept the renomination, but he may decide that four years in a rumble seat is long enough.—Judge

Every fourth year is notable in our history for the number of democrats who manage to get their names in the newspapers.—San Diego Union.

A prosperous nation new is one whose credit has always been so bad that it couldn't borrow a cent.—Dunbar's Weekly (Phoenix, Ariz.)

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Easy to Ride, She Says



A great Western rodeo featured a longhorn steer's head mounted on a Chevrolet Six. Miss Vera Cockrell, western "cowgirl," says the combination car-steer rides like nobody's business.

Those Married Women Working Wives a Problem

A correspondent writes to the Capital Journal as follows: It would help the present situation of non-employment if all the married women, whose husbands are drawing salaries or in business, would voluntarily resign. It does not seem right to me that one family should be getting so much income when there are many honest girls who have to live and are out of positions. I know you have thought of this because of editorials written before. I wonder if you would write some more of them and encourage those women to resign and stay in their own homes. There are plenty of ways for a married woman to exercise her talents besides taking the bread from single girls who need to work.

There is no question but that a contributing cause to the present unemployment situation is the number of married women, whose husbands have salaries or positions, who are working in offices instead of housekeeping. Thus increasing the family income at the expense of the unemployed, but the Capital Journal doesn't know just what can be done about it. These women want luxuries or a higher standard of living and are willing, if necessary to sacrifice family life to obtain it.

We have frequently commented on this fact, but we have as yet to learn of a single instance where any such married woman left a job at her own volition or had any compunctions about thus taking the bread out of the mouths of others. Their main lookout is for themselves—a point of view that obtains pretty generally. Occasionally an employer takes a hand, but employers are loath to interfere and the principle of laissez faire rules.

Sometimes we think that a pessimist is an optimist who has become a Dallas New.

As a gesture of reprisal Japan might send over an aviator to take pictures of the American-Canadian boundary line.—Toledo Blade.

Governor Roosevelt is practically certain to be the Democratic candidate. He is already arranging the usual precampaign break with Tammany.—San Diego Union.

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