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Do We Need an Anti-Bear Law?

AN EASTERN contemporary wants a law passed against short selling on the New York Stock Exchange.

It points out that short selling has sent the stock market as far below intrinsic values, as the bull market sent them above. It maintains that the present "bear pool" has not only been responsible for the unexpected severity of the depression, but is responsible for the delay in recovery.

We don't doubt the truth of this statement, but we doubt the wisdom of passing another prohibitive law to correct the situation.

Far better, in our opinion, if the Stock Exchange would put its own house in order, which it can do through its board of directors, without compulsory legislation.

WHAT is needed, as we see it, is not a change in fundamental laws, but a temporary change in Stock Exchange procedure to meet the present emergency.

Moreover, we believe the country has too many laws already. Prosperity can't be legislated, any more than health can be legislated. Both are controlled by certain fundamental laws,—not man-made laws, but natural laws.

Legislation may facilitate recovery to health, financial or physical, but it can't create it. And in this particular instance, the Stock Exchange can undoubtedly do, all that any law could do, without involving the dangers and complications of more sumptuary legislation.

True to Form

SPAIN is running true to form. When King Alfonso abdicated, we predicted the real danger to the new republic would not come from the royalists but from the radicals,—not from Alfonso in Paris; but from Stalin in Moscow.

The break with the church supports the soundness of this prediction. One of the main props of communism is atheism. It is a basic theory of the Reds, that the church must be destroyed, before the millennium can be established. Not only because the church represents religion, "the opium of the people," but because it represents tradition and authority.

COMMUNISM is as bitterly opposed to republican democracy as it is to absolute monarchy. It is as bitterly opposed to Protestantism as to Catholicism. In Russia today the Baptists are being crushed as ruthlessly, as the followers of the old Greek church.

So this break with the church and the expulsion of the Jesuits, is merely the logical next step toward the overthrow of the republic and the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat.

As the Czar was followed by Kerensky and then Lenin, so unless all signs fail, Alfonso will be followed by President Azana and then—

The Spanish equivalent of the Soviet Dictator.

Why Not Be Consistent?

SPEAKING OF Russia, we know a man in Southern Oregon who prides himself on being a 100 per cent Bolshevik. He maintains that the capitalistic system has failed; that Russia has as certainly discovered a new and better form of government as our forefathers did,—and all that sort of rot.

He often visits this office for a talk—he is a great talker. On his last visit he inquired among other things if anyone could have made a more complete failure of governing this country than has President Hoover.

"Banks and business houses failing, losses in security values of 100 billions, etc., etc.; what a complete flop," and he carried on at a great rate.

"But why call that failure?" we inquired. "As a thorough-going Bolshevik you detest private wealth, you abhor dividends and coupon clipping, you regard poverty as the sure sign of virtue; you believe the less a man has the better citizen he is. The curse of this country, you say, is this mad pursuit of wealth. True, in your own business you try to make all the money you can, but that isn't your fault it is, so you maintain—the fault of the system."

"THEN WHY COMPLAIN?" We could understand why a capitalist, or what you term a "smug bourgeoisie," might complain, for such losses in wealth, such benighted materialists regard as undesirable.

"But YOU don't. The less filthy lucre you see about the better you like it. Instead of regarding the Hoover administration as such a complete failure, you should regard it as a sensational success. To be consistent you should wait until prosperity returns. Then, whoever happens to be in the White House, you would be perfectly justified in lambasting, for bringing all the material blessings to this country that you deplore."

Marvel of marvels, our Bolshevik friend didn't have a "come back." But he will have the next time he comes around. He is a great talker.

SUNDOWN STORIES

THE VALUABLE BANDAGE
By Mary Graham Bonner

The water was very blue. The foliage around the island was very different from that around the place where John and Peggy lived, and the natives were diving and swimming and almost living in the water.

"Where have you brought us?" asked Peggy of the pilot of the plane.

"We're probably on an island in the Pacific Ocean," she added.

"You are!" said the pilot. "And I'm going to leave you here."

A native spoke to John. "You

might care to dive down into the water and bring up a pearl oyster," he said.

"I'll tell you just where to dive—some spots would not be safe—but see! I don't believe you'll have to dive at all. Just look at that reef over there."

There were oysters containing pearls all right. John found two—one for each of them. There, tucked in one corner of each of the shells, was a tiny pearl.

"Do they like pearls?" asked Peggy. "I don't suppose they do, but it always has seemed funny to me that oysters should have pearls."

"You see there are times when a bit of sand gets into the oyster and it irritates him," said the native.

"So the oyster makes a little pearly bandage until the irritation is quite covered and it is this pearly bandage that becomes the valuable pearl."

"What a valuable bandage!" said Peggy.

"But the oysters people eat in your country very seldom use such a fine kind of pearly bandage—so if you should find a pearl in an oyster for your table it wouldn't be a very good one."

But all Peggy could think of saying was, "What a valuable bandage."

Tomorrow—Very, Very High.

Today

By Arthur Brisbane

Thanks, Japan.
Gold, Going Out.
Cold Feet, High Up,
Pullman Berth For Two.

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Draw in your breath in Oriental fashion and thank Japan with a deep bow. Her statesmen do not want us meddling with her affairs, and they demand that the League of Nations cancel our invitation to help in the row between China and Japan. Be grateful to the Japanese for doing for us what our own government does not do. But do not be sure that we shall keep out, even with Japan's knee too complimentary assistance. We have men, we have money; Europe likes to use them.

Trouble in China and Japan begins as usual. Japan discovers that it is necessary to take "protective measures" and send in protective forces. Japan is worried about the possibility of danger to a small Japanese military outpost. Such little things are kindling wood for a great fire.

The Federal Reserve Bank reports constant withdrawals from our gold supply. For instance, yesterday France took \$42,148,000 more of our gold, requesting that a large part be sent in American \$20 gold pieces. The French like to collect them.

Nearly a thousand million dollars in gold has been taken from our supply within four weeks. That should make somebody thoughtful.

You will learn with interest that France has balanced her budget "without resorting to loans, increasing taxes or drawing on the sinking fund."

Our budget balance is out of gear by more than a billion, England cannot balance her budget that requires four billion pounds, and knocks down the value of her pound to decrease the real amount of her debt.

The French are able financiers and business people. Their head men will soon be here in the United States to prove it to us, and we ought to learn something from them.

Senator Walsh of Massachusetts says the duty of business leaders is to restore prosperity and end the slump, and if business leaders don't do it, the lawmakers will.

It will be interesting to see just what the lawmakers do. Unfortunately, you can't make prosperity by law any more than you can make total abstinence by law.

Mr. Hyde, secretary of agriculture, talks plainly on the radio: "The stock market lies. It does not tell the country's real condition." That is true; it tells you now high finance is shoveling out at any price the tens and hundreds of millions of shares of stock that it printed when fools were buying them.

Mr. Hyde also says "cold feet in high places" cause trouble, also a fact. The heart knoweth his own bitterness. Those in high places know what fearful "junk" they unloaded on the public during the boom. No wonder their feet are cold. They would be frozen if this were not, as Lord Northcliffe used to say, "a very docile people."

The Pullman company, compelled to cut dividends yesterday for lack of earnings, requests permission to make a small extra charge of 20 per cent when two sleep in one berth. The demand is reasonable. Hotels charge more for two in a room. When George M. Pullman sold berths in his first car running from Chicago to Springfield, each berth was sold to two as a matter of course, and each one paid his half.

You know the story about the indignant passenger who said to Pullman: "I can't sleep with that long-legged man in the berth; his knees are in my back." The long-legged one was Abraham Lincoln.

The Pullman company should get its extra charge for two in a berth.

Thomas A. Edison's end is near. He has lain in a stupor for two days, and for several days has been unable to drink water or other fluid. He has eaten nothing for ten days.

The task of leaving this life in which he has worked so hard will soon be over. And his name will live when the so-called "great" of his day shall be forgotten.

As France gathers in the gold of the world, by tens, hundreds, thousands of millions "Le Matin" of Paris says without a smile: Gold comes to France because "holders of capital wish to transfer their holdings to a

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. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady in care of the Mail Tribune.

THE DEAD FINGER SEASON IS ON.

As soon as the weather becomes chilly, writes a Chicago man, the third and fourth fingers on my left hand go "dead." By that I mean they turn to a clay color and get cold and have no feeling in them and some times it is an hour or more before they are normal again. I am 41 years of age and have had this trouble only in the past two years, and always when it gets

colder. . . .

A Brooklyn woman complains in the same mail that when the dull, chilly, clammy weather comes and the temperature is below 65 her fingers and sometimes the hands up to the wrists become what she calls dead. The nails look purple and then black. This condition lasts from half an hour to five hours. She is 45 years old and has had the trouble for seven years.

A Los Angeles man describes a similar trouble in the toes of one foot.

Doctors call this affection Raynaud's affection. In some instances it becomes progressively worse and eventually actual gangrene of the affected fingers or toes occurs.

In some cases the cause of the trouble is apparently chronic arsenic poisoning, usually occupational, sometimes from exposure to arsenic in a dye with which some fur garment is dyed. As we have told here previously, the doctor can confirm his suspicion of chronic arsenic poisoning by a comparatively simple clinical test.

Another treatment which is giving much satisfaction in advanced cases of Raynaud's disease is surgical removal of the ganglia of the sympathetic nerve near the spine. This operation is simple enough and a minor one so far as the risk is concerned, but it calls for exact knowledge of the nerve anatomy involved. If the operator overlooks any delicate filaments of the nerve structure he seeks to remove, the patient will not enjoy the full benefits anticipated.

For symptomatic relief of the "dead" fingers, heat in one form or another is most effective. One sufferer made for himself a little oven,

consisting of a portion of an old glove with finger tips cut off, tacked to the frame or base board, and an ordinary 25-watt frosted electric bulb mounted on the board so that his fingers were kept a few inches from the bulb when his hand was placed in the glove. Over all a place of heavy muslin, tacked to the edges of the board, covered his hand and bulb. He plugged his outfit into the bedside socket and enjoyed the heat while he slept.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Willow Charcoal.

I char willow twigs in a gas pipe plugged with clay and then polish and whiten my teeth with the charcoal pencils. Thanks to you I no longer waste time or money with tooth brushes or tooth cleansers. I'll send you some of these charcoal pencils if you wish (J. A.).

Answer—Willow charcoal is the finest charcoal for any medicinal purpose. Charcoal helps to whiten and polish teeth. But why bother? Tony the perpetual Pup is nearly 7 years old now, and his teeth are still white and sound, and Tony and I never give a thought to cleaning our teeth. We both take a nip of lozin once or twice a week, if that makes any difference, and Tony gnaws bones while I chew carrots, turnips, radishes, celery or lettuce for my calcium, phosphorus, Vitamin and tooth exercise. No fleas on us either. Tony sometimes has a bath.

Distressing Ignorance.

Please put something in the paper about the danger a tuberculous patient's family is subjected to. The patient is my mother. She absolutely refuses to take precautions, and coughs terribly in all directions, and will drink and leave the glass for the children to use after her. . . . B. F. T.)

Answer—Such a patient should be sent to a hospital or sanatorium for a course of training in behavior and good treatment. She is a menace to everybody around her. Surely she does not wish to give the disease to those whom she loves. The children, and all others who have come within her range, should now be carefully examined, and again six months or a year from now, for signs of early tuberculosis, for it is not unlikely that they have already contracted the disease from the patient.

Heridity.

We adopted our son. He is now 7 years old and apparently a fine, healthy boy. Some friends raise questions of heridity. We are not raising the parents, but our doctor had a Wasserman test given the boy before we adopted him and pronounced him healthy. (Mrs. B. O. L.)

Answer—Give the boy wholesome bringing up, a good example, a good education, and don't worry about heridity. You did the right thing—it is always best to have your own physician examine the child you propose to adopt, and determine definitely that there is no congenital disease such as syphilis present.

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Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson County History From the Files of The Mail Tribune of 20 and 10 Years Ago.)

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

October 16, 1921

(The Day Was Sunday)

Southern Oregon chamber of commerce to meet.

Ralph Hand and Walter Miller to wrestle for middle championship of America.

Joe Blackburn and Battling Pric to meet at Nat.

Defense rests in Brumfield case. Doctors declare defendant insane.

Iowa governor warns nation, "worst depression in history on horizon."

Lyda Southard, "Lady Bluebeard of Idaho," fed dying husband hamburger steak and hot toddy.

State militia on coast may be called out to halt railroad strike.

"Sowing the Whirlwind," at the Page.

Two juveniles arrested for speeding on Main street.

POSTAL SUB-STATION OPENED AT MAIN AND GRACE STREETS, MISS MARION MERRILL IN CHARGE.

Peter Bouras, charged with the murder of Chris Spaoes goes on trial at Jacksonville.

Paul McDonald, left end of the high school football team, also acts as manager and assistant coach, and is trying to arrange a game with Roseburg.

City council asked to put on a "plain clothes man" for police work.

100 foot pole on roof of Medford hotel, erected for the wireless telegraph company, falls without warning.

COQUILLE—F. Fitzgerald purchased Sitka Spruce Co. site here, in sponsoring movement in attempt to extract gold and platinum from black sand along Coquille beaches.

KLAMATH FALLS—16 carloads potatoes shipped out of here during recent day.

PEARL THROAT ORNAMENTS FOR EVENING generally follow simple lines and are never converted to the elaborate flower designs which brilliant stones now follow.

NEW BUILDINGS IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., constructed during the fiscal year ending August 31, cost \$2,470,000.

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