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A NEW WORD

The Sacramento Bee has coined a new word, "hir," to take the place of "he and she," "his and her." The Bee declares it has the courage of its convictions and will use the word in its columns in place of the longer phrases.

Other California papers have not taken kindly to the Bee's offspring as a couple of comments show: The Bakersfield Californian says:

The Bee should turn to the Standard Dictionary and read about the priority rights of Charles Crozat Converse of New York. It seems that he made a proposal away back in 1868 that the word "ihon" be coined as a pronoun of the third person, common gender, meaning "that one, he, she or it." This neoterism apparently complied with neoteristic canons, since it supplied an antecedent blank, obeyed an obvious analogy, and was euphonious. In spite of this fact it failed because, as the farmer said, "it can't be did" that way.

Enthusiastic word reformers who believed in Converse and his "ihon" died of senile debility while watching and waiting for somebody with the courage to use it. So bitter is the fate of the coiner of "ihon" that even The Bee, apparently, has never heard of that evanescent, mellifluous creation. As for The Bee's abominable "hir," which sounds like "her" in bifurcated guise, we reject it because of the prior rights of Mr. Converse's "ihon," also because the generic sense of the masculine covers every possible case with sufficient accuracy, and because "hir" would classify our already top-heavy catalogue of words of the Ditty Dimples and Fluffy Ruffles class.

The disapproval of the Stockton Record is quite as emphatic:

The Sacramento Bee steps boldly forth with the announcement that it has coined a new word and intends to hold on to it and use it. The word is "hir," and is intended to be used in place of the awkward repetition of he or she when desirous of including both sexes in a remark. For instance, instead of saying, "Every applicant at the marriage license bureau is coy; he or she invariably dislikes to tell his or her age." The Bee would say, "Every applicant at the marriage license bureau is coy; hir invariably dislikes to tell hir age." The Bee admits it looks strange. It certainly does. But there is a real need for such a word. Some one once coined the word "ihon," to be used in place of he or she, his or her, but the world was slow to take it up and it died of neglect and malnutrition. Candor compels us to state that in our opinion it was a better word than "hir." The latter looks as if the one using it doesn't know how to spell. That is why the Record takes pains to "tell the world" about The Bee's honest-to-goodness new word. The Bee man is a good fellow and he knows a lot. We don't want a cold and suspicious constituency to read The Bee and seeing that hybrid word "hir" thrown around

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PROBE ADJOURNED TO SEPTEMBER 7

CHICAGO, Sept. 2.—The senate committee investigating campaign expenditures adjourned shortly after noon today without hearing E. H. Moore, Governor Cox's personal representative.

Chairman Kenyon announced the committee would meet in Chicago Tuesday, September 7, and would then hear Moore and other witnesses. Moore told newspapermen he was prepared to prove that Republican leaders publicly announced last January that they expected to raise a \$15,000,000 campaign fund.

SPILLS SOME OF THE BIG BOY'S RECORD

Up in the Jewel cafe the other evening, in one of those cosy, secluded booths, where you can sit, eat, converse and relax with pleasurable abandon and "don't-care-if-it-ever-ends" comfort, four friends were gathered around a table stowing away with evident relish the appetizing evening-time repast that lay before them. Various current topics were discussed and disposed of with impregnable finality, especially when Jimmy McQueen, just arrived from Frisco, took it upon himself to impart the finishing touch to the topic under discussion. Glancing up between bites, Jimmy was just in time to see a pair of broad, boyish shoulders disappearing beyond the booth, and immediately he launched another popular topic upon the sea of discussion:

"See that boy who just passed here?" queried Jimmy. "Well, I s'pose you know that Wild Bill Reed. He's the guy that's goin' up against Earl Ritchie here Labor day, an' I'm here to say that when those birds come together, the impact will sure be heard from here to Frisco. It'll be their first meetin', and they're goin' fools when you get 'em in a prize ring.

"But, anyway, as I was goin' to say, that boy Reed's no ordinary scrapper. Y' know, way back in the troublous days of 1916, when Johnny Bull had his troubles tryin' to make Billy the Hun take the count, this kid Bill Reed was up in Toronto, way up in Canuckville, and had just joined hands for better or for worse with one of the trimmest and best little lassies that ever walked the matrimonial pike. Bill, havin' gone that far, decided that he was goin' to try somethin' new, and do most of his fightin' away from his happy

home, an' just after swallowin' Hymen's pill he up and joined the Canadian engineers with the firm intention of makin' the kaiser hit the grit if he ever got within jabbin' distance. Well, course you all know there weren't any Big Berthas or poisonous gasses, or anything like that on this side of the pond, but Bill did his share of the fightin' just the same by appearin' in boxing matches for the amusement of the soldiers. He made 'em all look s'prised when he polished off Jean Brossseau, one of the best men in the Canuck army, and then, just to show it wasn't a fluke he went back into the ring and won the decision from Riet, the Flying Frenchman, who had been packing around the cham-

ponship belt of the whole blamed Canadian army. Rivet didn't do much struttin' around after Bill Reed got through with him, and Bill wasn't any more than 18 when that happened. Tom Cowler was the next to lose to Bill, and then came Bob Copeland of Butte, Montana, and Bombardier Wells.

"Finally, Bill was shipped to the other side, an' over there durin' a lull in the fireworks, he went up against Connie Bell, the Australian champ. But this guy Bell is some scrapper himself, and Bill, who had only 158 pounds to help 'im then, lost the decision after 15 rounds of slap-bang millin'. Bell weighed pretty close to 200 when that fight came off.

"Well, in the course of well known events, the kaiser lost the decision, and Bill came back to the good old U. S. A., takin' on all comers in the prize ring. Jim Flynn, Johnny Sudenburg, the guy that slapped Dempsey all over the ring; Speedball Hayden, Jack Mulvaney, Rufus Williams, Jimmy Barry an' a lot of other mighty willin' fighters went down before Wild Bill. The kid's only 22 now, with a mighty promisin' ring career only just beginnin'. An', say, I forgot Knockout Krivosky—Wild Bill got away with that bird, too.

"How'd he get the name Wild Bill? Well, you know Frisco was crazy 'bout those four round affairs.

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