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OUR WATER POWERS DISCOVERED

Another discovery due to the war is that made by the administration that the water power of the nation could only be conserved by using it. Gifford Pinchot has always held that this was wrong and that the way to take advantage of natural water powers was to not interfere with their flow. The president now advocates what the people of Oregon have insisted on for many years, and that is that the waters running down the canyons of the summits of the mountain ranges of the state be harnessed and put to work. People back east do not understand the wealth their congressmen and federal officials with fads, have been costing the westerners. Oregon contains more than one-tenth of all the water power in the United States, but has been prevented from using it. It is proper to prevent it being gobbled up by big concerns, but it should be made available with proper safeguards. To allow it to pass into private hands now would be a crime for with the pace we are traveling toward socialism and government ownership of all public utilities, we must either keep possession of these water powers or in a short time buy them back from some corporation at a hundred to a thousand times what it paid for them.

MANY CHANGES DUE

The sudden change of front by Trotsky and the Bolsheviks may cause a great change on the part of America and the allies. It is possible, perhaps probable, one result will be the recognition of the Bolsheviks as the real government of Russia. Another will be the further aiding of Russia by this country as well as the allies. While a German made peace was possible the allies and America could only stand aside and refuse to either recognize or assist the present government. If Trotsky and his party are in earnest they will find aid will be extended them and Russia as of old. It also opens a wide field for speculation as to the entrance of Japan into the war. Had a separate peace been made, Japan might have been forced to seize Vladivostok as a measure of self protection, and if Russia determines to continue fighting it may be the Japanese soldiers will be found fighting by their side. Admittedly Russia is in no condition to make a hard struggle, but with a couple of hundred thousands Japanese soldiers sent to their aid it would cause the kaiser more worry than any other one thing that could be done. The next few days are full of possibilities, and just now these are not of a character to afford the kaiser and the junkers a great deal of satisfaction.

It is now claimed that Count Luxburg, the German representative at Buenos Aires, who sent the "spurious versenk" message to his home government, advising that Argentine ships be sunk in such a manner that none would be left to tell the story, is insane. In this way an attempt is being made by the pro-German president of Argentina to palliate his offense. However, even should his insanity be admitted, and his message considered the work of an insane mind, then the answering messages sent by German authority to him must also be classed as coming from insane persons, for they indorsed his plans and encouraged his course. If he is pronounced insane then those in authority above him must be placed in the same class.

Announcement was made yesterday that the third Liberty loan would be launched February 15. With six weeks notice we should all be ready to put our shoulders to the wheel again and give our good old Uncle Samuel another boost. The amount to be asked has not yet been decided, but that does not matter, for whatever it is it is up to us to raise it, and this will be done.

The French and Americans together should be able to make a good after dinner combination, for the French make the best coffee and the Americans have the best tobacco. The consensus of opinion is that the French tobacco is bad enough to cure a real tobacco user of the habit.

LADD & BUSH, Bankers

A Government income tax officer will be at the Court House from January 2 until January 30, 1918, and will, to all those who wish it, explain the new income tax law, and will furnish the necessary income tax blanks.

All persons having an income of \$1,000 or over will be required to make a report.

MAY DEPORT FOREIGNERS

Denmark is seriously contemplating the expulsion of all foreigners during the war. Thus do war conditions change everything. In peace times the more foreigners visiting that or any country the better for the country visited, for they were on a money spending tour and left a stream of gold behind them. Italy and Switzerland found foreign visitors one of their really large sources of revenue, and a shortage of visitors was the same as a shortage of any other crop. The reason is that Denmark just now finds she has not the wherewithal to feed or house her visitors. She has nothing to sell them and begrudges them the food so badly needed by her own people. The worst feature about the matter so far as Denmark is concerned is, that if she sends away other foreigners she must also send away such Germans as are within her borders, and this Germany would probably resent, especially as the Germans in Denmark like tipplers when the saloons close, have no place to go but home, and there is where the consumers, who are unable to produce anything are not wanted. If Germany can have a few thousand of this class fed by Denmark she has just that much more for her folks at home.

Germany keeps sinking Norwegian ships, and Norway continues to stand it. Some day she will discover that the German ability to overrun the territories of other nations has reached its end, and that from this time on it will be Germany's whole object to defend her own territory. When this day comes, and Norway feels that she can enter the war without being overwhelmed by superior numbers, she will turn on the kaiser to some purpose. Last year the kaiser's submarines amused themselves and kept in practice by sinking 367 Norwegian ships, or one a day for the year with two for Christmas.

Dr. Garfield, the federal fuel administrator, has designated January 30 as "Tag-your-Shovel Day," on which users of coal are to begin to economize. It is a wise move, but if the doctor wanted his advice universally followed he should have selected a day in June. So long as he was putting the day off for a whole month he might as well have put it off until Spring.

Wheatless and meatless days are fixtures here and in the east it is apparent the heatless days are also at hand. The sweetless day will be next and to make the feeding of the allies and our own troops in France a surety we should make every day of the week an eat less day.

The cold is much more abundant back east than the coal. The mercury started for the cellar again yesterday.

Rippling Rhymes

by Walt Mason

MEATLESS DAYS

There are a million luckless jays who are observing meatless days six times a week or more; deserving men, who lack the price to buy a pork just off the ice, at any butcher's store. And countless people go their ways who find some thirty wheatless days in every month that flies; hard luck and sickness and despair have stripped their humble larders bare of doughnuts, loaves and pies. And they must have a sickly smile when they observe the buoyant style in which we make our boast, that once a week, with martyr zeal, we cut out mutton, pork and veal, and shoo away the roast.

And they must shed a weary sigh when we inform the passers by how we, with courage high, eschew the loaf of snowy bread, and fill ourselves with bran instead, and make the corn cakes fly. Cheer up! The worst is yet to come! Before the voice of war is dumb we may be eating hay; we'll doubtless know what grief is then, and wish we might observe again the old time meatless day. For meatless days don't represent a sacrifice to any gent in this, my neighborhood, man passes up the "red meat" dish to eat a turkey or a fish, or something just as good.



A CONFIDENCE.

CHAPTER CII.

No one who has not made a fetish of duty can realize how hard it was for me to play the part Elsie had laid out for me. The hurt was almost physical. Yet I saw no other way, and if I had strength should carry out her plan to the end.

The morning after Tom and Elsie were out to dinner I sat in the living room window wondering if I could carry out all she had laid out for me, and trying to think what it would mean to me if the result was not what she had prophesied.

The early morning had been gray and foggy, affecting my mood, but now the sun came out and its slanting rays through the long French windows produced an harmonious shading so exquisite I could not help but admire. It blended so perfectly with the subdued tones of the room, and made such a

The Daily Novelette

HOW INDEED?

Howzee Doit, clairvoyant, granted seances by appointment only. As our story opens, Mrs. Havvaft and Mrs. Gookens were in the mystic chamber, taking advantage of the clairvoyant's special rates for wholesale seances. They had heard the perfectly wonderful things he told people about themselves, the true and intimate details, and they had put in their applications weeks before.

Howzee Doit glared fixedly at Mrs. Havvaft.

"You live in a three-story brick house with no running water on the third floor," he said in a hollow voice. "Hanging in your wardrobe closet is a blue skirt dress with a coffee stain in the side panel. In vain you have endeavored to remove that stain. Your youngest child is named Mamie. It is a girl child."

He glared hollowly at Mrs. Gookens, and said in a fixed voice, "You have trouble with your husband over money matters. You throw a plate at him and hit the sideboard mirror and hit your husband. His full name is Stishontosh Skyhang Gookens, and for that reason he signs himself merely S. S. Gookens. You keep a box of candy in your second bureau drawer and wonder who takes all the branched chocolates out of it. Your hall carpet is loose just as you come in the door."

Mrs. Havvaft and Mrs. Gookens marveling paid him and departed. They saw someone enter the house as they left.

"Did you see that girl?" said Mrs. Havvaft. "I engaged her for general housework a couple of weeks ago, but she only stayed two days."

Gookens. "I engaged her last week and she only stayed three days."

(Query: Did the gen'l houseworker have any business relations with Howzee Doit? For the first correct solution of "How Indeed?" a hand-knitted foot bedspread slipper will be awarded.—Ed. Morning Glory.)

For an old and valued friend could not have been received more easily.

She told me of her babies, how two had been born dead; and how after a long illness she had lost the other one.

"Had my babies lived, I should have had a very different life," she said sadly, "but my home was desolate, so nothing mattered."

I knew she referred to her divorce, yet she had held herself so aloof, been so little inclined to discuss anything pertaining to her affairs I hesitated to say anything that looked as if I were anxious to lead her on. Yet I was terribly interested; almost emotionally anxious to know her story—from her own lips.

For a short time I had been conscious of a subtle insistence in the way my thoughts of Bob turned upon the idea that perhaps—only perhaps—there might be another woman in his life. Mrs. Baldwin had told me of the one who had poisoned her married life; and had taken the blame upon herself; Eleanor Farnsworth also had divorced her husband although all who had spoken of her had said she loved him dearly when she married him. It was all so complicated.

"But your husband?" I said trembling that I might offend. How was I to know that she, clever woman that she was, had sensed the trouble between Bob and me and wanted to help us.

"I loved my husband very dearly—when I married him. But he was very gay, had been so always. His kind never settled down, Mrs. Garrett. Had my babies lived nothing in the world would have made me let him go from me. But after I lost them, and because of them my health for a year or two—it made me think I would not live long—I seemed to become calloused. Dick flitted from one to another, until finally he had an affair so widely known I could hide MY knowledge of it no longer. He told me he loved the other woman; that he wanted to make her his wife. With that understanding I divorced him. He did not marry her, but has just married a girl nearly ten years younger than he. Poor child, I hope she will be happy."

"So you think it is right to give a man a divorce?" I asked her very low. I was flattered that she had confided in me; shocked at her story.

"I don't know," she hesitated. "I thought I was doing right, but as time goes I wonder if I was right. Perhaps if I could have been blind, rather appeared blind, a little longer I might have won him back. But I was sick, nervous, and disheartened. As I told you I imagined I had not long to live, and so thought to make him happy. But if I had my life to live over again, I should not give up as I did. Experience is a sad teacher at times, dear Mrs. Garrett."

"You said your husband was gay?" I said.

"Yes," she interrupted, "very gay. And you see I couldn't be gay with him on account of the babies. Then I was so saddened by their loss and what I heard of Dick that I had no heart for gaiety, yet I kept up as long as I could."

I knew this was so from what Mrs. Baldwin had told me; and when I bade Eleanor Farnsworth good-bye I thanked her for telling me what she had of her story.

"Sometimes another's failure will help us to avoid the same stumbling block," she answered whimsically, and she urged me to come again; and also promised to visit me.

I must do all Elsie had laid out for me to do: I MUST. I thought as I walked slowly home.

(Monday.—"Drawing Bob Out.")

The made-in-Germany patent pill was too much for even the Bolsheviks to swallow. It wasn't even sugar coated because the Huns couldn't spare the sugar.

Open Forum

An Open Letter to Rev. J. R. Buck, Pastor St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Salem, Oregon

Reverend Sir: I have noted your recent subjects as announced in the local press, and understand you are seeking to make the doctrine and marks of your church clear to non-Catholics. According to such announcements you recently spoke upon the terms by which the Protestant bodies and Catholicism may unite.

This is a most important subject and one engaging much thought on every hand. It has occurred to me, therefore, that it would be of general interest if the real difference between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism, doctrinally and organically, could be discussed through a local, or other, paper. Prompted by this conviction I am addressing this open communication to you, suggesting that we take the matter up and each, in a Christian manner, set forth the arguments for the differences. In the interests of truth I am convinced this could be made of more than usual interest to general readers.

There is a widespread ignorance both among Catholics and Protestants as to these differences and doctrinal contentions, and assured that you are fully competent to clearly set forth the doctrine and government of your church I shall take pleasure—if such is your wish—in placing the Protestant position in opposition to what you may present.

I suggest—unless you desire otherwise—that we shall not proceed so much under the form of a debate as that of a friendly discussion of doctrine. This will give you a large field in which to advocate what you hold to be God's true revelation, and will, I have no doubt, be accepted by you as a rare opportunity for the dissemination of truth.

I suggest that we adopt some general heading under which to array our differences and arguments such as, "Why Protestants and Roman Catholics are not United;" or "Is the Roman Catholic church the True Church of God?" or "The Roman Catholic Church is the True church of God." Some such subject will open the field on a fair basis to both.

The periodical publishing our matter is to run the material verbatim and accord each an equal amount of space either daily or weekly.

Trusting you may embrace this opportunity,

I am sincerely,
GUY FITCH PHELPS.

The newly married man in the office hasn't yet come back to earth.

And He Did

HERE'S THAT BIG BOTTLE OF PAROXIE YOU ASKED FOR. I'D LIKE TO SEE WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO DO WITH IT!



AND HE DID.



State House News

James B. Young who had been auditor in the secretary of state's office ever since Secretary Olcott has filled the same and who has just completed the ordinance course at the U. of O. has been requested by Colonel Jeremiah to remain at the institution and assist him in taking care of the next class.

State Highway Engineer Nunn and Assistant G. Ed Ross are at Corvallis and will make addresses before the Farmers week gatherings.

Articles of incorporation were filed today as follows:
Crescent Box company of Portland, capital stock \$6,000 and object to manufacture and deal in boxes and all kinds of wooden ware.

Farm Utilities company, of Portland, capital stock \$10,000 and object to deal in farm utilities and to manufacture the same.

M. J. Walsh company changed its name to M. J. Walsh Electric company, and also reduced its stock from \$50,000 to \$40,000.

JOURNAL WANT ADS PAY

EUGENE DAILY GUARD ON LEASED WIRE WITH DAILY CAPITAL JOURNAL

The Eugene Daily Guard has become a client of the United Press and on the same wire with the Capital Journal which has the only full leased wire running into Salem. The Guard in making the announcement of its change says:

"In pursuance of the policy of giving its readers the best service obtainable at any price, The Guard today starts the full leased wire service of the United Press Association. The Associated Press service has been voluntarily discontinued.

"The Guard made a careful investigation of the United Press and a close comparison of the two big news services before deciding on this change.

"It was found that the United Press is today the largest world-wide newsgathering and distributing organization in existence; that its service is more highly specialized for afternoon papers than that of the Associated Press; that the United Press has combined the highest degree of accuracy in its reports with the greatest speed in their delivery.

"The United Press serves more afternoon newspapers than any other news agency in the world because it serves afternoon papers exclusively. It is not generally known that there are about three times as many afternoon as morning papers in the United States. The afternoon paper has the decided advantage because 85 per cent of the world's news is printed FIRST in the afternoon paper. Gathering and distributing "today's news today" has become a highly specialized business. The Guard and the United Press are both specialists in this business.

"Through the United Press, The Guard will receive the war stories of some of the world's best known war correspondents: William Philip Simms; William G. Shepherd, Ed. L. Keen, Henry Wood, J. W. Pegler, Wilbur Forrest, Joseph Shaple and many others.

"The United Press maintains 31 bureaus for the gathering and distribution of news in the United States. Bureaus in charge of American newspapermen are also maintained in all of the foreign capitals, and correspondents are attached to all of the allied army headquarters.

"The Guard also is for the first time directly connected by its own leased wire with Salem, so that the news of the state capital will be handled with the greatest promptness. The United Press wire, connected with the Salem Capital Journal, is the only day leased telegraph wire in Salem.

"The Oregon state service of the United Press has been long recognized as the best. More than three-fourths of the afternoon papers of Oregon now receive United Press service."