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THE UNCERTAIN VOTER

The city election is liable to surprise someone. With but two wards voting on anything except city marshal, the vote will probably be unusually light. This will mean that the candidates will be neglected by their friends. This was what happened in the primaries so far as the democratic ticket was concerned. No one took any interest in the contest between King and West for the senatorship, and as between Pierce and Starkweather most of the democratic voters felt that the former was certain of the nomination. This left but the office of national committeemen and there was little interest in that. From the governorship down there was not a candidate on the ticket for any state or county office except for justices of the peace in the several precincts. In consequence but a small portion of the party went to the polls. With the polling of a light vote results are always doubly uncertain. One candidate with a good machine behind him can generally win easily even though he is not strong with the people, for the reason that his workers get the vote favorable to him out while the candidate depending on his friends will find nine times out of ten, that unless some really big issue is at stake, they will stay at home relying on the balance of the candidate's friends to put him over. The selection of Governor Withycombe was a case of this kind. With five candidates in the running it was made still easier for a well managed minority to win, and the selection of the governor to succeed himself was due to just this condition. The vote which made him a winner was only about 15 or 16 per cent of the party vote. The Withycombe followers were vigorous in getting all his supporters to the polls, and the fact that he received then only so small a percentage of the party vote shows he is not especially strong. The race this fall gives promise of being a spirited one, and Governor Withycombe has another heat to go that will test his mettle.

When one reads of such things as the bombing of a Red Cross hospital by Prussian airplanes and the killing or wounding of more than 100 nurses, attendants and helpless patients, one is apt to believe that Brann's description of the meanest man must have been intended for the kaiser who permits such things. Brann said of a certain person that: "If he had been dammed by Psychorax and sired by Satan, and born in Hell he would disgrace his country and dishonor his parents." This is rather strong language but in our opinion falls far short of the actual truth. However we quote it as the nearest the English language can come to properly describing that Prussian fiend, the kaiser, and his gang of military assassins.

Thirty-four carloads of lumber from Oregon mills are on their way east having been sent on an order from Washington and the lumber is destined for use by the allies in France. The cut was made by 34 mills, a carload to the mill. This brings the number of train loads of lumber sent out of Oregon on government orders since February, up to forty-nine. Oregon mills are also cutting a big order of vertical grain decking for English shipyards. When it comes to a question of lumber, Oregon is the answer. For anything that floats or flies she has the material and the very best at that.

Germany after her much vaunted offer of peace without indemnities, no sooner got the better of Rumania than she began a wholesale plundering of the people with whom she had just made a treaty. To excuse her dirty robbery and plundering she asserts now, that this is in the nature of "indemnity." The Rumanian and Russian treaties were, so far as Germany is concerned, of the same kind as that made with Belgium—"scraps of paper."

"Go to work or go to war," has all the ear marks of a real campaign slogan of some Webfoot candidate who is ready to charge the breastworks of the other party at any time if the salary of the office is big enough.

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Liberty Bonds will be due May 28, 1918.

NOTHING, AS A RAW MATERIAL

Some of the food administrators keep insisting that everyone, who can do so, keep a number of hens. This is good advice, but it, like castor oil and advice, is better to give than to receive. With wheat for chicken feed barred and corn at \$2.50 a bushel and perhaps mouldy at that, what is the chicken owner to feed his hens on? These same wise ones tell us to have no waste from the tables or kitchen, and to feed up the biddies on this, but it is not a success. It is too much like the text given a Bible student to construe, something about the asses snuffing up the east wind, and the student said the only construction he could place on it was that it would be a long time before the asses get fat on the diet. At present prices for chicken feed of any kind that can be procured, eggs at anything less than 50 cents a dozen are a losing proposition.

Little Costa Rica yesterday declared war against the Central Powers. This makes the number of nations opposed to Prussian militarism 29. It is a notable fact that since the war started of all the nations entering it, but one, Bulgaria, took the side of the kaiser while one after another most of the nations have arrayed themselves on the side of the allies and the world's freedom.

There is rather a strange condition in the race for the state treasuryship. Plummer, Cusick and West admitted their defeat several days ago. Now comes Ryan and Hoff, the two remaining candidates and each admits he is beaten. With all five of the contestants licked there should be an entirely new deal.

It looks very much as though the baseball fan would have to Hooverize on the game this season. A man who can make good on a ball team is pretty good material for a soldier. A few companies of bomb throwers could be selected from this element that would make Fritz sit up and take notice.

That live local paper, the Turner Tribune, edited by Pearl P. Hassler, has declared its advocacy of the election of Senator Walter M. Pierce for governor. The Tribune finds it impossible to endorse the administration of Governor Withycombe and believes the best interests of the state demand a change.

The poet asked: "What is so rare as a day in June." For one thing a day in February is some six per cent more rare, and by the way a reasonably warm day in May can give the June day aforesaid cards and spades and beat to a frazzle.

The riveters on the steel bridge are not trying for a record but they are doing good work just the same and trying to make the using of the bridge by July 4th a possibility.

If it is worth \$10,000 to kiss a school girl and get a smack tasting of bread and milk or something of that kind, what would a kiss by a real woman be worth?

The lumberjacks of the coast who are hustling aeroplane timber are taking the hardest swat at the kaiser of any, not even excepting the soldiers in the trenches.

Jeff Baldwin is surrounded in a good many places for a single man. The last location is over around Toledo.

Rippling Rhymes

by Walt Mason

ABDUL THE DAMNED

I stood by Abdul Hamid's grave, far from the world war's storm, and saw the johnny-jumpups wave above his sleeping form. By all the nations he was slammed, when he was on his throne; the world pronounced him doubly damned, and named him with a groan. Now all unhonored Abdul lies, in his eternal sleep, and greater criminals arise, and he looks pretty cheap. And Abdul had his points, methinks, some virtues him adorned; he was not like some royal ginks--hypocrisy he scorned. He did not blush to wade in sin, he wallowed in his shame; he did not say, with evil grin, that others were to blame. He did not pierce a country's breast with snickersnee or creese, and swear he always did his best to keep the world at peace. He did not, from his filthy den, watch babes and women shot, and harrow up the souls of men with talk of Me and Gott. The dripping sword, the burning brand, were busy 'neath his flag; but not a moment did he stand to spring the kultur gag. I stood by Abdul Hamid's grave, and sad. "I must admit he didn't pioulsly behave, and failed to make a hit; we should not judge him here below, he's reached a higher court; but, lined up with one king I know, he was a dead game sport."



WALT MASON

The Woman Who Changed

By JANE PHELPS

AT NARRAGANSETT.

CHAPTER LXXXVII.

We had the drawing room and Mrs. Collins was in the parlor car. George spent most of his time either with her or talking with some gentlemen he knew. I curled up in the corner of the seat and gave way to gloomy thoughts for a time. Then George came in with an armful of magazines and I resolutely opened one and read.

After our luncheon, which Mrs. Collins shared, she brought her book and came in with me. I was terribly annoyed but pretended to be indifferent.

"You'll excuse me, if I go right on reading!" I said coldly.

"Of course! I have an interesting story to read also."

For over two hours we sat without speaking. Then George came in and, for the remainder of the journey, he and Mrs. Collins kept up a running fire of small talk.

We were to stay at the same hotel, so naturally George took charge of her luggage.

"It's easy for widows to travel, if they have some other woman's husband to look after them," I thought bitterly, as I stood waiting while he hunted up a piece of her luggage which she insisted must go to the hotel with her.

"Make yourself as attractive as you can," George said as he left me. "It won't take me long to dress. I'll be back in a minute."

We were gone some time. I was all dressed when he came in. The moment I saw his face, I knew he was displeased.

"Is that what you call making yourself attractive," he asked, paying no attention to the maid.

"Why--am I not all right?" I had selected a dress of soft, white material, a little low in the neck. It was a dress I could have worn for a home dinner.

"Have you so few clothes that you must select that quakerish thing to appear in?" My eyes filled at his tone, and I turned away that he might not see die tears.

"I'll change, if you will tell me what you would like me to wear."

"There's no time to change!" (he had been dressing as he talked). "Mrs. Collins will be waiting."

Mrs. Collins! Was she to eat with us, too?

I glanced into the mirror. Really I looked very well. I choked back the tears, dabbed my face with powder, again, and waited. But when I saw Mrs. Collins and the other women, I realized how like a child I must look. Such elaborate costumes, I never had seen. They were like the wonderful dancing frocks in my trunk. Too elaborate for a dinner, I thought.

"You are not dancing tonight?" Mrs. Collins asked, in oily tones, as we joined her.

"Dance--is there a dance?"

"Of course! You never have been to the casino, George tells me; you will be charmed. I adore it."

Why had not George told me! Indignation flushed my cheeks, as I followed meekly behind them into the dining room. Could he have purposely allowed me to remain in ignorance? He was so proud, so impatient with me if I were not suitably dressed for each and every occasion, that I could not understand his not telling me about the dancing.

Helen Blaines Mrs. Collins.

In some way I was sure Mrs. Collins was to blame. In just what way, I couldn't figure out. But in my own mind I was satisfied that it was so. I would not allow her to "crow over me," to use an old expression of David's.

"I shall, too, I am sure. You see I have been at home, always. All these things that are so familiar to you older women, are new to me. I, too, adore dancing, and if, when you are having your dessert George"--I turned to him--"I may be excused, I will be ready by the time you have finished. I forgot that you said we were to dance to-night."

The expression on George's face was so comical, I almost laughed. He knew as well as I did, that he had said nothing about dancing--and that I had simply said what I had, for a reason. He returned gravely:

"Certainly, Helen. But don't keep us waiting."

"Why do you change, Mrs. Howard? You look very much like a debutante."

"But I am not a debutante. I am a married woman." I answered, smiling, but furious. She had called George by his first name; I, of course was "Mrs. Howard."

I caught a look of anger, as it swept over her face, gone in a moment. I had baffled her plan to have me make my first appearance at the casino in improper costume. It gave me the added courage I needed. So that, when the waiter took our salad plates, I did not wait for George to order anything more but rose and, again excusing myself, I left them.

(Monday--Dressed for the Dance)

FIFTY-THREE AMERICANS
(Continued from page one)

"Most of the men were asleep at the time of the explosion," said one officer among the survivors. "but there was no disorder so far as is known. No one was drowned. All casualties occurred at the moment of the explosion."

"After the ship was struck her officers kept on hoping to remain afloat but when it was seen that this was impossible, British destroyers picked us up. The men were most courageous."

The missing were all in one compartment and are believed to have been killed by the explosion of the torpedo. All officers and members of the crew were saved by British destroyers forming the convoy.

The Moldavia was struck at four a. m. There was bright moonlight, but the submarine was not seen before the attack. Efforts were made to keep the ship afloat. She sank in about an hour.

The soldiers lost all their belongings except the clothing they wore, but were re-outfitted when they landed at a channel port. All were given temporary leave.

The Moldavia was a steel twin screw steamer of 9,500 tons built in 1903. She was 520.8 feet long, had a beam of 38.3 feet and a draft of 24.5 feet. She was owned by the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation company and was registered at Greenock.

AERIAL ACTIVITY
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line of Verdun, in conjunction with French forces, it is now permitted to advance.

Headquarters declare the Americans are "making an exceptionally good good showing in the trenches."

For some time unofficial dispatches have mentioned American forces operating in the Argonne region. This is an important area. It includes the big Argonne forest and the city of St. Meuland, which is about six miles back of the line.

CONGRESS WOULD
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Speaking for themselves and not pretending to reflect the treasury's views, Kitchin and other leaders indicated they plan to raise:

\$5,000,000,000 or thereabouts from incomes, war profits and inheritances.

\$2,000,000,000 from luxuries and miscellaneous sources.

These figures are subject to radical changes, but they represent the ratios leaders have in mind.

Under existing tax laws, excess profits and incomes are paying \$3,775,186,000. Estate taxes add \$50,917,000, so that the plan of congressional leaders contemplates more than doubling present rates.

Every sort of luxury, those enjoyed by the poor as well as the rich, will be taxed to raise the remainder.

It is likely that movie patrons will find their evening's enjoyment costing two or three pennies more after the new bill becomes effective. Tobacco and cigars are due for another boost. Phonographs and records, pianos and all other musical instruments will all suffer.

Such an extreme view of the impropriety of the belligerents in Europe is expressed by the Woodburn Independent in this fashion: "If the Lord would give forth a message to the belligerents in letters of fire across the sky, 'Stop This War!' each side would believe that the other had discovered something new, and the war would go on."

Why more of an expense. Even the humble mouth organ will not escape. Automobiles will pay heavily.

YOUR HEALTH

By ANDREW F. CURRIER, M. D.

Malarial Poisoning No. 2.

In some individuals, plasmodia are comparatively inactive, but may be reproduced for a long time.

This occurs in those who have recurring attacks of malarial fever without new mosquito infection.

Should all the plasmodia die or be killed by suitable measures, the patient would then get well.

From the time one is bitten until the appearance of the customary symptoms, is usually from six to fourteen days.

The tertian, or tertian ague, is the commonest form of malarial fever and appears every two days.

The first stage, or chill, is preceded by nausea and vomiting, headache, backache, and general discomfort.

The body shakes, the teeth chatter, the pulse is rapid and irregular, the temperature is high though the skin is cold, and there is a copious flow of urine.

After ten minutes to an hour, of this misery, there comes a sensation of intense burning, consuming heat, headache, rapid pulse, redness of the skin and sometimes delirium and unconsciousness lasting two to six hours.

Then follows profuse sweating, lower temperature, feeble pulse, exhaustion and sleep.

In two days this experience is repeated, a new crop of parasites having developed in the meantime and produced their customary results.

The other forms of malarial fever have the same symptoms as the tertian with the exception of the latent, sometimes known as dumb ague, in which the symptoms lack definiteness.

Malarial fever may be complicated with neuralgia, apoplexy, insanity, bronchitis, pneumonia and diseases of the heart, liver, lungs and intestines.

The spleen and liver may be enlarged and softened and there may be pain in the ears, deafness and impaired vision.

In order to determine whether a disease which resembles malaria is

such, in reality, a few drops of blood should be drawn and examined just before, or during, a chill, the presence of the plasmodia making the diagnosis certain.

The great thing in avoiding malaria is to protect oneself from mosquitoes.

Mosquito-breeding land should be drained and sprayed with kerosene. House interiors should be protected with suitable screens at doors and windows and over beds.

Quinine will destroy plasmodia, and enough should be taken daily to prevent their development in the blood.

Other suitable drugs may be used in the occasional instances in which there is a decided intolerance for quinine.

Questions and Answers.

H. E. W.--I am troubled with numerous warts on my hands. What causes them and how can they be removed?

Answer--They are accumulations of epithelial which are sometimes due to irritation of the skin, but in many cases it is impossible to say just what that cause is. If you will freshen the surface of the warts with a sterilized nail file and then apply lunar caustic, they can be picked off without any trouble in about ten days.

A Sufferer--For three years I have suffered with a running ear and my hearing is bad. Is there anything which will relieve me?

Answer--I am inclined to think you are suffering with middle ear disease--which is a very troublesome ailment. The only thing I could suggest is that you place yourself under the care of a skillful oculist who will give you such treatment as you may require. I am afraid I cannot offer very much encouragement for the future, as regards this disease.

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