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## THE KIND OF A LEAGUE HE MEANT.

An enthusiastic New Yorker has decided that New York is the place for the seat of the League of Nations. He is, of course, entirely disinterested in this, as his reasons show.

First, this location for the League would be remote from the quarrels and intrigues of Europe.

Second, Central Park, which is now "wasted," being only a breathing spot in the center of a crowded city, could be utilized as a building site for the League of Nations "plant."

Third, it would make New York a "mecca for tourists". Of course the millions who pour through New York's stations and pleasure places now are all dyed-in-the-wool New Yorkers, madly seeking some reason for continuing to live there.

Fourth, since the United States would probably cede the territory to the League, prohibition would never enter.

Ah, now we've got you, Steve! You mean a Saloon League of Nations.

## RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason

### PUNISHMENT

Sad and lonely Wilhelm's sitting in a gloom that's right and fitting; and the bats are round him flitting, as he broods, and broods alone; every moment's to him bringing recollections fierce and stinging, of the days when he was kinging on a richly cushioned throne. When he wakes and when he'd slumber, bitter thoughts his mind encumber; once he was the warmest number, with a crown upon his brow; once he walked in pomp and splendor, biggest sample of his gender, and his smiles were legal tender, but he is a has-been now. None to honor or revere him, none to jolly him or fear him, and the stolid Dutchmen near him wish he'd shoo himself away; this the end to all his scheming, this the finish to his dreaming, and his soul's within him screaming, sobbing, when he hits the hay. Would his pain be half as bitter if we took this erring critter to a tree where robins twitter, there to swing him from a limb? Would the woe be any greater of this universal traitor, of this loathsome strafferhater, if we tarred and feathered him? Sad only lonely he is sitting with the bats around him flitting, and his princely teeth he's gritting when the Holland sun goes down; he has long bleak years before him, and a million thoughts to bore him, thoughts of stalwart hands that tore him from his sceptre and his crown!

## FLYING FROM SHIP TO SHORE.

Although the trans-Atlantic flight remains unflown and the airplane which will carry the mail from one continent to another is still in process of development, a special branch of aviation presents a way for speeding up foreign mails.

It is said that before long all great liners may be equipped with seaplanes. When within three or four hundred miles of land the important mail will be packed into a seaplane which will carry it to shore in a few hours, thereby saving nearly a day in its delivery.

For instance, a mail steamer bound to England from New York could send its important mail to London while still 400 miles west of the Irish coast. New York mail would thus be delivered in London within four days.

Provided these seaplanes are good at lighting on moving vessels, there is no apparent reason why important mail should not be sent to an outbound ship a day or two out of port in the same way, and then forwarded to its destination in another day. This would still further reduce the time between mailing and delivery.

Passengers, too, might be able to shorten the period of this voyage if they wished by flying to shore a day ahead of the steamer's scheduled arrival. Tomorrow's folk who were fearful of making the whole crossing by air might be willing to accustom themselves gradually to that means of travel by making such use of the seaplane.

The usual early spring reports of danger to the fruit crop, and its possible total loss, are now in circulation. This time the "cooties" are going to do the work, but as a matter of fact these pests are well under control now especially in the prune orchards. War is being waged against them by the cherry growers who find their trees quite badly infested in some districts. Notwithstanding the operations of the new pest and all reports to the contrary the fruit outlook is decidedly good, and will no doubt continue so, barring unfavorable weather conditions later in the season. It is only a customary and expected thing to report a total loss of the fruit crop early every spring.

First the peace conference tried transacting business in committee of the whole. Then its powers were concentrated in a committee of ten, and much better progress was made. Lately the committee has been reduced to four. And from present indications, that is still too many.

Many people in the central European nations are now afflicted with the "sobbing sickness" according to recent reports. No sympathy at all! Their "sob" stuff made us all sick long ago.

Of course a lot of people take advantage of this daylight-saving arrangement by staying up an hour later by the clock. And then they get sore because they have to go to work so early in the morning.

## THE PROMOTER'S WIFE

BY JANE PHELPS

NEIL TELLS BAB IT IS HER FAULT THAT HE VISITS BLANCHE

### CHAPTER IV

I sat quietly thinking for some time. Was it possible that Neil had meant that he would take his men friends—the ones I had objected to—Blanche Orton to be entertained? I had not taken his speech at all seriously—then now it seemed portentous, as if he had already decided in his mind what he would do when he made it.

The maid had said they were all drinking. (Neil had not taken as much at home as he had before father and mother came. I had been so pleased that it was so. But I would far rather have him drink at home than at some other woman's house—especially Blanche Orton's.)

Of course I was silly to even connect Neil with such a dinner as that which the maid had described. Even at the worst, the men he had brought home had been common and uncouth—never noisy or drunken. I would tell Neil about it, however. He would see that even the servants talked it men brought guests of that type to their homes. It simply strengthened my position, I thought with satisfaction.

Neil remained out that night. It is easier far to say you will put things from your mind than to do it. All the long, lonely evening I thought of little else save what Lorraine had told me. I blushed as I decided that I would call upon Mrs. Lacey the very next day. Blushed because I cared nothing for Mrs. Lacey, in fact rather disliked her, but was using her to

learn what I could of the dinner Blanche Orton had given.

I had not changed my mind about telling Neil what I had heard, but it was so late when he came in—after one o'clock—and he looked so tired that I hesitated to begin. They he yawned prodigiously and said:

"Please don't say one word to me tonight, Bab. I am tired almost to death and want to go right to sleep." So I kissed him good night, without saying anything of what Lorraine had told me.

But at breakfast I repeated my bit of gossip.

"What would Lorraine do if she couldn't talk?" he asked when I had finished.

"But I shouldn't think Mrs. Orton would receive such creatures." I watched him narrowly. "That maid said one of the men was terribly noisy and that all three drank too much, even the one she described as 'lovely'."

"You and Lorraine have a lot to do to avoid your time lapsing to servants' gossip."

"I didn't listen to any servants!" I exclaimed indignantly, forgetting that I had made up my mind to go to Mrs. Lacey's to find out still more of the servants' gossip. "Lorraine told me, and Mrs. Lacey told her."

"It came from her servant, didn't it?"

"Yes—but isn't it horrid!"

"That depends. You of course would refuse to put up with anything disagreeable even to help a man in business. Other women may not be as finicky—and more loyal."

I looked at Neil in amazement. He was accusing Blanche Orton and blaming me. Could it be?

"Neil, do you know who was at Blanche Orton's that night?"

"Why do you ask? What is it to you?"

"Answer me, please!"

"Yes."

"Who was there?"

"I for one, Blanche for another, and a western client—he was the one your friend the servant described as the 'noisy one'."

"And you were the 'lovely' sun she spoke of. What can you mean to so insult me, Neil? Forbest? Why do you go to her house without me?" I burst into a perfect flood of tears.

"It's your own fault. I told you if

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## Death Of Mexican Bandit Chief Officially Confirmed

Mexico City, April 11.—Emilio Zapata, the strongest and most successful of all the bandit chiefs in Mexico, has been killed, it was officially announced today.

General Pablo Gonzalez, who restored order in the state of Morelos—Zapata's stronghold—a few months ago, reported to President Carranza that Zapata had been shot by Colonel Jesus Guizar.

The latter's cavalry surprised the bandit and his followers, killing many and scattering the others. Zapata's body was taken to Gonzalez headquarters, where it was fully identified.

For years Zapata was virtual dictator of Morelos, which is within a day's march of Mexico City. At one time he actually invaded the capital, escaping with a quantity of booty.

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Right then we had our second terrible quarrel, Neil blaming me for anything he had done to displease me, and I blaming him for going to Blanche Orton, yet yielding not the slightest bit in the stand I had taken.

(Tomorrow—Bab's indignation is all directed against Blanche Orton.)

## Meat Prices To Continue High Or Higher Say Packers

Chicago, April 11.—Present high prices of meats will continue for a long time and may even go higher.

This was an official statement given out here today by the American Meat Packers association regarding prices and their probable trends. The association includes large and small packers.

With hungry nations in Europe depending on this country for meat, the increased demand is bound to keep prices up, the association said. Instead of reducing the demand for meat, the signing of the armistice added 200,000,000 mouths to feed, it was estimated.

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