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AMERICAN, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

In London a notable celebration is being held One that will bear watching. It is not an uproarious observation of a popular victory. No great clamor is being made. Traffic is not blocked in any streets by the tumultuous throngs called out in enthusiastic manifestations of great rejoicings. On the contrary, the event is marked by quiet consideration of thoughtful men and women. Not all are agreed as to the quality of the occasion, but all who observe it note its importance.

It is the sixtieth anniversary of the First Internationale. Karl Marx was the hero of the movement that proclaimed the ascendancy of the proletariat. Today his name is linked with that of Nicolai Lenin. Zinoviev, writing from Moscow to the London group, boasts that now the red flag of Marxism floats over one-sixth of the globe. It took sixty years to bring this about. It will take less than sixty months, says Zinoviev, to extend the domain under the flaunting banner of communism until its triumph is complete.

Disguise it as you will, socialism in the end is communism. Marx was the precursor of Lenin. The palest pink is blood cousin to the deepest red, and that one contains the other. All the destructive forces loosed by Lenin and Trotsky in Russia had been conjured up by Karl Marx, de Leon and his associates. It is the destruction of the "capitalistic" society that is aimed at, the establishment of the commune, in which the proletariat does the dictating.

Today the Russian leaders, secure in their domination of that country, unhesitatingly admit their object. Those who succeeded to the power of Lenin have turned back again to the points he had abandoned when he adopted his "new policy," and are as vigorously and relentlessly asserting the autocracy of the commune as ever the cynical Lenin thought of doing.

When Marx first preached his socialistic doctrine in Germany, he found followers among the oppressed, those who were denied their birthright. To whom the gates of opportunity were closed. Who might not aspire to political, industrial or social advance. Their lot was fixed by the accident of birth, and it was permanent.

America offered a retreat for those who could escape from Europe, and to America they came by thousands. Carl Schurz has lately been referred to. He was but one who found in this land what had been denied to him in his fatherland. Many others might be named, but Schurz will serve to illustrate the point. Americans possessed the right of self-government. It is their right today, just as potent as ever, no matter what demagogues may say to the contrary. Through the ballot our people have worked out great reforms that in Europe have either failed or have been secured only by revolution. When, under the Hohenzollerns, Marxism was rising to its heights in Germany, Americans enjoyed everything the socialists demanded except paternalism in government and commonality in property.

Russia under the soviets is the nearest the world has ever seen the principles of Karl Marx absolutely applied. Is Russia so prosperous, its people so happy, that Americans are envious and eager to imitate them? If so, the way is opened. A vote for La Follette and Wheeler is the first step. La Follette was a republican, Wheeler a democrat. It is very certain that neither will admit that he is a socialist. Yet the only organized body supporting them is the socialist party. Debs, Berger, Johnson, Germer, Hillquit, Villard, every out and out socialist in America is backing "Batling Bob" and his running mate.

Their program is the same as that of Lenin. Nationalization of all means of production and distribution. Of course, this is cut up into small doses, sugar-coated, and covered with much sophistry, but it is the same thing, no matter how it is presented. Americans, no matter what your origin or faith, are you ready to adopt the red creed? Have you given up hope of making a success of your life? Are you ready to quit trying on your own account—not only that, to prevent others from trying? If so, vote for La Follette and Wheeler, candidates of the class-conscious self-confessed quitters.

SUNSHINE, MOONSHINE AND IDLENESS.

A French professor announces another wonderful discovery. He has found how man may live with no more exertion than a plant. Through air, light and water sustenance will be obtained, by the simple process of absorption. No longer will we need to sow and reap, no longer nurture the beasts of the field to provide beefsteak, bacon or mutton chops. No energy derived from heat will be necessary. Just breathe and walk in the sunlight, and take an occasional drink of water. Thus mankind will be ushered into the bliss of a workless existence. The true heaven of the lazy man will be realized through science and not through socialism. Right here is where we join with Gilbert K. Chesterton for one. He recently wrote, concerning H. G. Wells, that if he found himself in one of Mr.

Wells' various Utopias, he would never get out of bed. Try, if you please, to imagine an existence without work of any sort. Nothing to achieve, no end to attain. Just to come into existence, to absorb nourishment from the atmosphere, to grow, attain maturity, pass away, and not leave even a stump. No mark made of any sort to indicate that once you had lived. The universe no better for your presence than it is for the casual blade of grass. Ornamental only, and in that even less than the humblest flower.

Happily, the French professor may not be permitted to take such terrible vengeance on a race that has not yet attained the limit of its possibilities. Nature has wisely provided a division of labor between the animal and vegetable kingdoms. One supplements the other, and each is necessary to the other's well being, health and happiness. Nay, even to the existence each of the other. He may be able to bring the two into one, but it will be by lowering the higher and exalting the lower. What a triumph that would be, to bring the sentient down to a junction with the insensate! A life without labor, an existence without an object. We want a bed in the same room with Chesterton!

FOOL KILLER MAY RETIRE.

There is no substitute for safety. An earnest effort will be made to drill this fact into the minds of Omaha people through the organization of a local branch of the National Safety Council. Preliminary steps already have been taken, and permanency will soon be assured for the institution. Work will not be confined solely to the conduct of persons using the public thoroughfares and highways, although there is where most dangers lie. In many other places carelessness or recklessness results in mishaps, more or less serious to the victim and costly in the end to society.

For society suffers every time any member is disabled through his own or another's fault. Economic loss due to avoidable accidents in the United States each year is enormous. When the physical suffering and other attendant circumstances are taken into consideration, the price we pay each year for accidents is stupendous.

Abhorrent as war is, it is not more costly in the way of life and limb than modern industry. Even what is regarded as entirely normal social intercourse has come to be attended by such physical danger as surpasses belief. In the United States last year 80,000 lives were lost in accidents. Of these 16,000 were charged to automobiles. Among the victims were 20,000 children. The total number of Americans killed in action in the World War was but 36,816, fewer than half the number sacrificed by accident.

The object of the Omaha Council of Safety, to quote its prospectus, "is to foster and create an atmosphere of safety in the community; carry on activities which will reduce street, industrial and home accidents."

To this end a campaign of education will be carried on. Instruction will be given through schools, newspapers, in factories and other ways, to the end that all will be taught to be more careful. That is the lesson to be learned, how to avoid mishaps through taking care. Safety first, last, and all the time.

We will hear more from the Omaha Council of Safety as time goes on. Its efforts should be crowned with such success that in Omaha at least the Fool Killer may go on the retired list permanently.

THIS MAY HELP SOME.

A Minnesota motorist, who drove his car into a passenger train, smashing his car beyond repair, hastened to court to sue the railroad for damages. But the railroad filed a counter suit for damages to its baggage coach, and it was the railroad that secured judgment.

The crossing is there, the warning signs are there, the bell rings and the whistle toots. The locomotive can not stop for all the crossings, and the auto driver can, and should. Yet crossing fatalities increase. Perhaps the Minnesota precedent will have a tendency to decrease them. Auto drivers are more likely to exercise caution at the crossings when they discover that instead of collecting damages from the railroad corporation they are very likely to be called upon to pay damages to the railroad corporation. If the brains of the careless auto drivers can not be impressed, perhaps a few twinges of the pocketbook nerve will have a salutary effect.

Advocates of government ownership of railroads might find something of interest in the fact that the only part of the Canadian National Railways system that paid a net operating revenue in June was the Grand Trunk Western lines in the United States.

Henry Ford says that alcohol produced from potatoes will eventually replace gasoline as fuel. This opens up a vista of governors of a certain kind claiming that through their efforts the alcoholic content of spuds was greatly increased.

Mr. McAdoo has contributed \$500 to the democratic national committee, the contribution having been properly and thoroughly deodorized, of course.

Times are so gosh-awful hard in the middle-west that there actually isn't room on the picnic grounds to park the automobiles of the visitors.

It is claimed that 12,000 people paid to hear La Follette speak in New York. Yet New Yorkers love to talk about "hicks" from the west.

The Springfield Republican says a mouthful when it declares that what the country needs is a five-cent street car ride.

Right now is a good time to remember that Nebraska apples are the best apples in the world.

O! Bill White knows mighty well what's the matter with Kansas. He isn't governor.

Those tunnels are not the first underground things discovered at Washington.

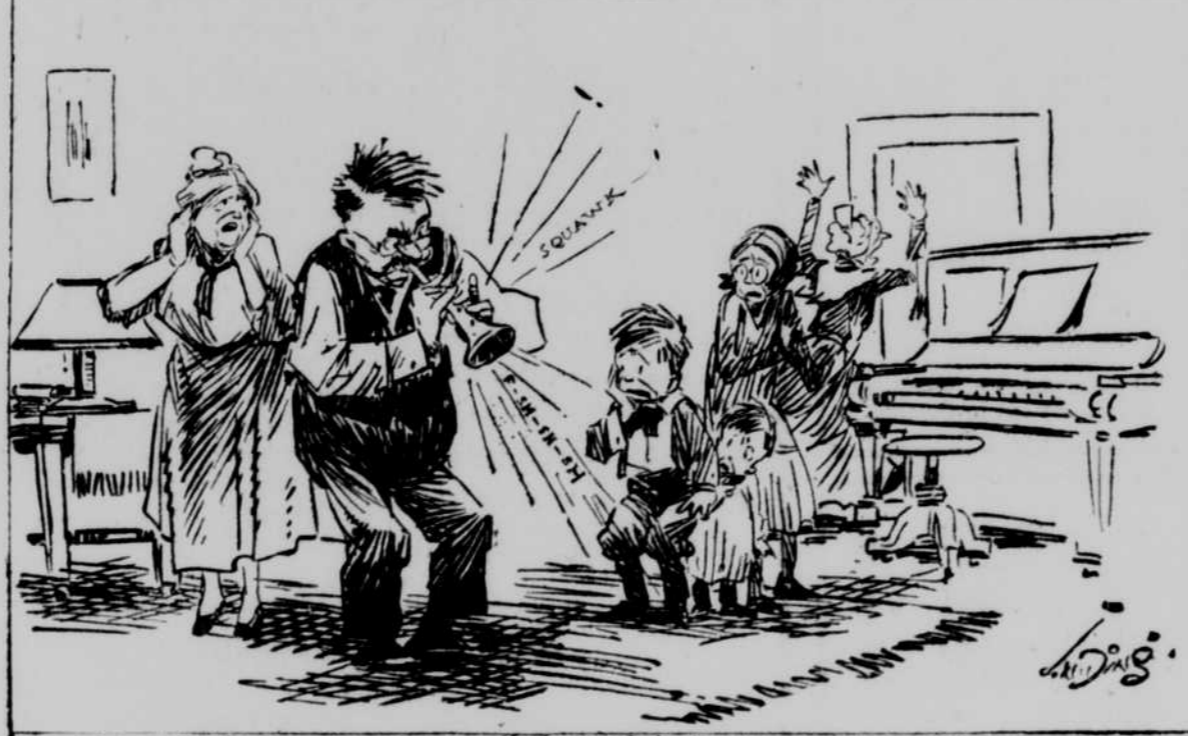
A Nebraska apple a day will keep quite a considerable amount of "blues" away.

I wish to state that all fedg orators

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Letters From Our Readers

All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Communications of 200 words and less will be given preference.

Henry W. Dunn. Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I do not think there ever was a police commissioner who had the experience, ability and qualifications of Henry W. Dunn. Starting as a patrolman, he filled every position on the "force" with ability and determination. I should like to see him retained as head of our "trouble department." The late Chief Donoghue said of him: "He is the best officer in Omaha." A police head cannot begin to satisfy everyone. That Mr. Dunn can and does satisfy a majority of our people is proven by his election and reelection. Knowing him as I have all my life I am reminded of the words of Shakespeare: "His life was gentle and the elements so mixed in him that nature might raise up his head and say to all the world, this was a man." FRANK J. CAREY.

Province of the Supreme Court. Des Moines, Ia.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: With respect to the proposed limitation on the prerogative of the federal supreme court advocated by Candidate La Follette, permit me to make a few suggestions. Section 4 of article xiv of the constitution contains this provision: "Neither the United States nor any state shall assume or pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States." As an acid test, let it be supposed that congress should pass a law providing for the payment of rebel obligations and that the supreme court should declare that law invalid and that congress, nevertheless, should reenact it. Under Candidate La Follette's plan, even if he would not have the hardihood to insist that a claimant could be heard in any court to recover on a rebel obligation in his favor. Why? Because the constitution is the embodiment of the paramount law. Congress, by the law supposed, would be undertaking to nullify a provision of the constitution by its legislation. The province of the supreme court is simply to declare whether or not the congressional law conflicts with the constitution, and, if it so finds, it declares the legislation a mere nullity. This is all the supreme court has ever assumed jurisdiction to do. It has never attempted legislation. It may be true that, as Judge Holmes indicated, other judges have been influenced by economic bias, nevertheless, the only question undertaken to be decided was whether or not constitutional provisions were thereby nullified. The liability to influence by the bias of one's judgment is illustrated in the case of Candidate La Follette, whose long-continued membership of congress has biased him in favor of that body. Tested by the record of its last session, we, on our part, ought to be excused for lack of confidence as to its judgment of constitutional law in that "Cave of the Winds." ROBERT RYAN.

Pastor Denies Facting. Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Will you allow me to correct a few impressions which your general reporter has given the public in his report concerning the political meeting at Bethany church? The meeting was not "packed," but as open as could be. I published the meeting in The Omaha Bee, which surely is not read exclusively by La Follette boosters; I sent about 100 invitations by mail to personal friends of Mr. Elmer Thomas and Mr. Robert Switzer, two of the orators, who surely are not La Follette boosters; I put a big display ad into Mr. Val J. Peters' paper to attract his admirers, and they surely are not all La Follette boosters; I announced the fact at La Follette headquarters and about 20 men from there responded, but, even if we throw their votes out, La Follette received 20 per cent more votes than the other two men combined. Your paper stated that Jerry Howard and W. H. Green acted as reception committee; now they could not have been the worst reception committee ever given the public. I wish to state that all fedg orators

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SUNNY SIDE UP Take Comfort, nor forget, That Sunrise never failed us yet. Celia Thaxter

A PROTEST. Of reformers I'm weary, so weary! I long for a season of peace, I'm fed up on drivel so dreary, And wish for a speedy release. Their almy fade, aims and notions, Their claims to be patterns for all; Their legalized pellets and potions But prove their enlargement of gail. I'm weary of forced reformation, Of living by other men's rote. This fad of so much less legislation, Is certainly getting my goat. I'm rapidly losing good nature At sight of a bunch of wise guys Who rush to some bum legislature To make us all moral and wise. Where once my own home was my castle, The now but a place where I stay, Because a fool reforming passed Has taken my rights all away. Where once my own children would mind me, And judgment of mine I could use, Now some legal light will remind me, That my job is just to buy shoes. I'm sick of reform ill-begotten, Put over by piffle and bunk, I wish the whole tribe were forgotten, And hauled off as discarded junk. I'm weary of moralists prating, And over-time working of jaw; Of all this dampfog legislating, To make all men moral by law. If we are going to adopt the proposed amendment and do away with all party designations on the primary and election ballots, why not go the whole length? Why have any names at all on the ballots? Let the ballots be printed in blank, then all of us can go to the polls and write in the names of the men we want nominated and elected. While we are about this political reform thing let us do it all at once. We are naturally kindly of heart and averse to inflicting pain upon any living creature. But there is the auto moron who drives his car smack up against the rear of the street car when it stops. What can be done with such as he save drawing and quartering him, then boiling the remnants in oil? Admonition is an obsolete word, driven out of usage by prohibition. Example and precept have been relegated to the limbo of forgotten things by enacting clauses and search and seizure warrants. We have made rapid progress of late years. But now and then it would be well to pause and ask ourselves if it hasn't been too much sideways. WILL M. MAUPIN.

of meat sauce were served at the Davis barbecue down in Missouri. Then he reckons that twice that much banana oil and four times as much political apple sauce were also served.

The Humphrey Democrat man wonders why the fellow who never kisses in Belfast was always ready to whale the tar out of the man who does.

That's Answered. "Why Bob Your Hair?" asks a woman writer. The answer is—"Because."

Not Much at That. A man was walking down a street in Belfast when he saw an old Irish woman begging. As he was passing her she stopped him and said: "Could ye spare a copper for an auld woman, sorr?" The man, taking pity upon her, gave her sixpence.

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