

# The Gays Say—

"IF THE SHOE FITS YOU— THEN WEAR IT"

By ADAM LIAR

**Cold Weather a Hindrance**  
You will remember, dear readers, that a few weeks ago I mentioned the city park in Alliance. Yes, I mentioned it several times in different ways. The snow has come and the grass has gone so we can't take our lunches any more until next summer. I am only too sorry to report also that this cold weather is a serious hindrance to the tote-a-totes (or tattle tales) or whatever you call them, that used to take place on the front porches so often this summer.

**A School Pig at Oshkosh**  
The Oshkosh paper, one of our valued exchanges, contained the following interesting little squib in its last week's issue: "The superintendent of the Oshkosh school took a gad to some of his unruly kids and as a result of this a meeting of the school board was held last night at which the superintendent was sustained." That's all right, the sup't. is O. K. What became of the board? Probably on its way to the packing house.

**Kaiser Bought a Liberty Bond**  
Philadelphia.—The German government has subscribed to the Second Liberty Loan. The bond was purchased, it became known today, with money belonging to the kaiser's government and held by a lawyer in this city.

**Safe Way to Smoke Cigarettes**  
London.—Another champion for the heekled but happy smoker has appeared in the person of Dr. Hilmar Koefol, whose report on the effects of tobacco on the heart recently appeared in the London "Lancet." Dr. Koefol says "The only safe way to smoke a cigarette is to hold it between the fingers all the time, take a puff when desired and blow it out speedily."

**He Hit Roosevelt in the Eye**  
Philadelphia.—Col. Dan T. Moore, Three Hundred and Tenth field artillery regiment, Ninth division, stationed at Camp Meade, was the man who dimmed former President Roosevelt's left eye in a boxing bout in the White House in 1905. It was disclosed today. Colonel Roosevelt acknowledged Sunday that his left eye had been rendered useless by a "husky young artillery captain," but declined to give his name.

Colonel Moore acknowledged that he was "it" when the question was put squarely up to him today. "I did not know Colonel Roosevelt's eye had been put out until I read his statement Monday," said Colonel Moore. "But I have felt ever since he told of losing the sight of one eye that I should be smoked out. Be sure your sins will find you out."

"Of course I am sorry I struck the blow and that the colonel told about it. Although I never knew until I read his statement that his eye had been blinded, I instantly knew it was I to whom he referred, because there was no other answering the description he gave who could have done it." "In 1905 I was a military aide at the White House. Another was Granville Fortesque, later a war correspondent in Europe and now a major in the National army, stationed at Camp Lee. Still another was Phil Sheridan, son of the hero of Winchester, who is immortalized in verse.

"But the boxers of that time in the White House were the president, Kermit Roosevelt and myself. For opponents in other sports the president went further afield, but when he wished to don the gloves he chose Kermit or myself."

"The colonel wanted plenty of action and he usually got it. He had no use for a quitter or one who gave ground. Nobody but a man who was willing to fight all the time and all the way had any chance with him. That is my only excuse for the fact that I seriously injured him. There was no chance to be careful of the blow. He himself wouldn't have stood for it."

"I shall write the colonel a letter expressing my regret at the serious results of the blow. I cannot do more and I certainly won't do less."

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## Brief War Comment

The National Committee of Patriotic Societies protests against the continuing circulation of false and utterly baseless stories of successful plots, damage to military property and disaster to our forces on their way to France. Pro-Germans can not be prevented from fabricating and whispering such stories with evil intent, but loyal Americans need not render the aid of repeating them.

There has been a calling to the colors in the woods also, Jack Frost blowing the bugle.

President Roosevelt congratulated the father of five sons. President Wilson congratulates the father of five soldiers.

Anyhow the potato crop is 59 per cent larger than last year, and legions of back-lot planters have for the first time raised enough or half enough for their own use.

Virginia was slow in her voluntary enlistments for the regular army, but Richmond is the first large American city to over-subscribe her Second Liberty Loan allotment.

Our loans to England, France, Italy, Russia, Belgium and Serbia since last April have reached the great total of \$2,756,406,000—all for the common cause and most of it to be spent in this country.

Prominent Germans are discussing the "next war" in which they hope to be more successful, but if an aroused world does its duty there will be no next war precipitated by Germany or by any other predatory nation.

Autocratic Germany naturally makes much of the situation in Russia as an object lesson in the evils of democracy, but Russia's trouble is anarchy, not democracy. When the latter finally emerges out of the former Russia's day of triumph will be at hand.

If there is foundation for the report from an army camp that a million American soldiers have already been landed in France, the single disaster to the returning transport Antilles with 70 men "missing" serves to show that our good fortune at sea has been far greater than we had reason to expect.

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