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Out Our Way



TODAY

BY ARTHUR BRISBANO.

Prepare for first class shuddering in Washington.

The communist member of parliament, Saklatvala, is one of the British delegation to the parliamentary conferences at Washington. Saklatvala in a public speech said, among other things, this of the British flag: "The Union Jack is the symbol of enslaved labor all over the world. It is the weapon with which the worker is down trodden. In the name of the British worker I demand that the Union Jack shall cease to function. I say, let us abolish the Union Jack."

Suppose a communist or socialist member of our congress said that about the Stars and Stripes. What would happen to him? Would he be sent as a member of a congressional delegation to London, or would he be sent to the morgue?

The British are a queer people and allow Britons to think what they like, and "say" what they like. That's one reason why they go on adding to their empire, and one reason why King George and his family still hold the throne. They find it wise to let men think and talk.

If Saklatvala tried to pull down the Union Jack, they would put him in jail quickly enough. The queer British, although they haven't any constitution with free speech it, seem to take free speech seriously. We, presumably more enlightened, have free speech in our constitution, but forbid it in practice.

The good missionaries in China find dissatisfaction among converted Chinese. The "psychology of the converts" seems to be still Chinese, not "Christian" and students at Christian missions are organizing anti-Christian demonstrations.

This should not surprise or discourage good missionaries. Scratch a Confucian or Taoist, without going very far under the skin. It is easier to change a man's nominal religion than to change his character or thought.

History teaches that Asia does not take to Christianity or its teachings. Christianity originated in Asia, but Paul had to take it to Europe to establish it as the dominating religion. It has never taken hold in any part of Asia, where it was born.

Henry E. Huntington, of California, paid more than \$1,000,000 for four paintings by Gainsborough, Reynolds, Romney, and Constable. You are glad that Huntington will have these pictures to look at the rest of his life and glad that he has the money to buy them. These portraits, with all his other magnificent paintings, his magnificent library, and the house in which he lives, have already been given away and are now the property of the people of California. When a man gives what he has to the people, the more he has the better.

Professor Price, who teaches geology in Nebraska, is angry at the British who shouted him down, when he spoke against Darwin. Says he: "Ten millions in America are against Darwin." The professor might also say, "Eighty millions in America don't know anything about Darwin, and don't therefore, know really whether they are with him or against him."

Chief Police Surgeon Owen brings from Europe to Philadelphia this statement:

"When I asked them in London and Paris about drunken policemen, firemen and taxi drivers they laughed at me. There simply aren't any. The solution over there is, give the police and firemen their light wine and beer. It's a cure for drunkenness. There is no prohibition to interfere with their imbibing of wine."

Seems to Be Irritated.

Oh, that we could have a Thomas Jefferson to lead us back into the simplicities of government. He held to the idea that the best governed people were the least governed. A fellow has to be careful these days where he splits, even, for fear of hitting some federal agent or some state or city or township or town officer, employed to enforce some fool law. Laws surround us on every side, telling us what we can and can't do, or eat, or drink, or think, or look, or ride, or walk, or everything. Any wonder we have a lot of contempt for them? Let's ask our law makers to do a lot of re-asking.

Legal Experts of Europe Prepare Way for Rhine Security Measures

From the Indianapolis News

Legal experts, representing France, Great Britain, Belgium and Italy on one side and Germany on the other have gathered at London to prepare the way for a conference concerning security along the Rhine. With their deliberations completed, a matter of probably not more than a week, a call is forecast for a meeting probably to be held in October to consider the making of the agreement. In the meantime the sixth assembly of the League of Nations opens on September 7 at Geneva, where the problem of security in Europe seems certain to be discussed. Since all plans for the Rhine pact include making the league an integral part of its machinery, the assembly gathering and the security proposal are bound together and add to the importance of the events of the next few weeks.

Whether much can be done is doubtful but there are unmistakable signs that more hope exists than at any time in the last seven years. It appears to be taken for granted that Germany will become a member of the league, as she must if the Rhine pact is to exist in the form now contemplated. Moreover, there is growing support within that country in favor of the course, the argument being that the Berlin government will be in a better position to bring forward certain treaty revisions and boundary adjustments. The fact that the league assembly will meet in advance of the prospective security conference may defer the German application for membership until outlines of the situation are better defined.

So numerous are the cross currents always present in Europe that untoward circumstances may arise to interfere with the present plans. It is fitting that the Rhine, for centuries a stream that has seemed to carry always an ominous warning of conflict, should now be the center of efforts that would make of it a river of peace. If the parleys that are considering the subject are successful, arbitration treaties between Germany and Poland and Germany and Czechoslovakia ought to be made easier. That is extremely important in considering the future of the continent. It is in the east quite as much as in the west, that the danger of a rupture in the European concert is possible.

and beer and there is no drunkenness.

That statement, shocking to good prohibitionists, confirms what Thomas Jefferson said more than 100 years ago. He urged a congress to encourage light wine and beer in order to get rid of whiskey, which, said he, kills half of our men and ruins their families. Prohibition has succeeded in getting rid of light wine and beer, not of whiskey. But, it has been on trial a short time only.

Almost a Slip.

From Life.

Mr. Jones was a prominent member of the B. P. O. E. To breakfast table this morning he was relating to his wife an incident that occurred at the lodge last night. The president of the order offered a silk hat to the brother who could stand up and truthfully say that during his married life he had never kissed any woman but his own wife.

"And, would you believe it, Mary?—not a one stood up?"

"George," his wife said, "why didn't you stand up?"

"Well," he replied, "I was going to, but I know I look like the devil in a silk hat."

When the first French railroad train left Paris for Versailles many years ago the train was wrecked and many passengers killed. "That's an end of foolish railroad travels," said the pessimist.

The French railroad company hired a troupe of actors and actresses to fill the coaches of the next train. They sat smiling through the windows, as though they liked it, and railroad travel was soon established.

A Use for Snakes.

From the Kansas City Star.

"Are there many snakes in this region?" asked a tourist.

"Well—p'nt—yes," replied Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge. "Some fellows raise 'em for use at picnics. They promote matrimony right sharply."

"How is that?"

"If a feller has been keeping company with a girl, or for that matter, a gent with an old maid, about so long, she goes to the snake-man and pays him. He turns a mess of snakes loose at the next picnic, and directly all over the place you see girls and old maids jumping right into young fellows, and older gents' arms, a-hollerin' 'Save me, Roy!' and so forth. And about the next thing you know they're married."

LOVE OF ONE'S WORK.

Ruskin.

It does not matter whether a man paints the petals of a rose or the chasms of a precipice, so that love and admiration attend on him as he labors and wait forever on his work. It does not matter whether he toil for months on a few inches of his canvas, or cover a palace front with color in a day; so only that it be with a solemn purpose, that he have filled his heart with patience or urged his hand to haste.

FRAIL BEAUTY.

O molten dewdrops, trembling in the light Of dawn, and clinging to the poplar blade— A pendant opal on a breast of jade— How came your splendor, so limpid and so bright? How your clear symmetry? And what weird sleight Of art suffused you with each rainbow shade, Captured your evanescent beauty, and made A quivering soul from fire and mist and night Fleeting your span! Yet I shall be content To let the Cosmic Power that built in you Such frail wet beauty, such luster opulent, And such immortal life as lies in dew, Fashion the fragile moment of my soul In what frail shape it deems a perfect whole. Lee Saret in Everybody's Magazine.

Systematic Development.

William had become the proud owner of a pig and insisted on having all the care of it. After a few weeks, as the pig did not seem to thrive, his father said to him:

"William, I'm afraid you are not feeding your pig enough. It doesn't seem to be fattening at all."

"I don't want to fatten him yet, answered the young stockman. 'I'm waiting until he gets as long as I want him, then I'll begin to widen him out.'"

Many old poker players laugh at the fuss made over a group of college students going 60 hours without sleep.—Vancouver Daily Province

Bee Left Remembrance in Small Boy's Finger

A child's original conception of what a bee uses for his weapon is told in the object lesson Frank Abbott King, age four, son of John King, federal prohibition agent, learned recently, according to the Indianapolis Star.

Frank Abbott was playing in the back yard of his home and feasting on sweet, ripe, juicy pears which had fallen to the ground. He picked up one that had a bee on it and the boy, became aware with frightful suddenness that he had been stung on one of his fingers. It being his first experience with a bee sting, Frank Abbott yelled, inspected the injured and rapidly swelling finger and then, crying, ran to his mother for first aid.

"Oh, mother," he cried, "a bee stung me and left his leg in my finger."

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"Excuse Me" or "Pardon Me"

Both of these phrases have been in reputable literary use in England for more than three centuries and are thoroughly established as idioms. (See Shakespeare's "Troilus and Cressida," act 1, scene 2.) Only a person who is ignorant of this fact would condemn their use, which continues among the cultured people of our time. Curiously enough 30 years ago "Excuse me" found favor with us and "Pardon me" was preferred by the English. Ten years later the table was turned and "Excuse me" found favor with the English while "Pardon me" was preferred by ourselves. "I beg your pardon" when an apology is made. "Sorry" is an English vulgarism of the near-polite who are in too great a hurry to say "I am sorry" or "I am very sorry" when they wish to express regret in different degrees.—Literary Digest.

Tribute to Brave Woman

A monument to Mrs. Edith Lacey, an American welfare worker who lost her life in the Japanese earthquake of 1923, has been dedicated by the Yokohama Young Women's Christian Association. Mrs. Lacey was a leader in the association. The monument is in the form of a house which is to be used as a rest and recreation center for the girls of Yokohama and is the gift of Mrs. Lacey's father, Dr. Charles C. Roosa of Buffalo, N. Y.

Zangwill Somewhat Peeved

On the door of Israel Zangwill's flat in London, writes a correspondent, is posted the sign: "To burglars: You are cheerfully invited to enter, as everything of value has already been taken." It appears that the rooms of the famous Jewish dramatist were almost "cleaned out" by burglars recently, and it further appears he is somewhat annoyed.

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