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RUSSIA IN THE BACKGROUND.

Out of every international dispute in Europe the Russian soviet government is quick to attempt to profit. Now it is hinted in the event of a clash between British and Turkish troops in Mesopotamia the bolshevik army will take the field on the side of Kemal Pasha.

The same threat of red intervention was heard when the French moved into the German Rhineland. That nothing has developed along this line is due primarily to the fact that the Germans do not wish the dubious sort of assistance that would come from Trotsky's forces. To serve the purpose of the Russians a communist revolution would have to precede or coincide with the advance of their arms. Great though the sufferings of central Europe have been, yet it is not willing to resort to anarchy.

The misery of Russia under the present government has been greater than that of post-war Germany. If under the pressure of France conditions should be made unbearable, then would Russian bolshevism become an active menace.

Bolshevism more than anything else is a state of mind. This rises when the conviction is reached that modern civilization has broken down and that justice between man and man and nation and nation can not be obtained except through violence. The incessant quarrels of western Europe, and the encroachment of one nation on another undoubtedly feed this spirit. Certainly salvation is not to be found through the overthrow of existing institutions, but reason is silent when passion, misery and hate prevail.

The fact that along their borders the Russians are waiting their opportunity should warn the restless states of western Europe of the necessity for reconciliation. The trend toward chaos must be halted and civilization must prove itself once more. It is not by war, but by peace and industry, yes, and good will, that Europe must be saved.

EARL B. GADDIS.

The working newspaper fraternity of Omaha, Nebraska and Washington sorrow at the news of the death of Earl B. Gaddis. Still a young man and full of promise, he is dead because he overtaxed his strength in the service of the cause he espoused. "Gad" was probably the best known personality of all the newspaper writers of Nebraska, because he had the gift of not only meeting people, but of remembering them. During his active years he had visited practically every village, town and city in Nebraska, and had met as well many of those who dwell on farms, so that his acquaintance was actually statewide. His other especial qualification was that whenever he made an acquaintance, he made a friend. "Gad" could write, and did write, fluently, convincingly, and without leaving any sting, even when he most vigorously engaged an opponent. What he might have attained to in his profession may only be speculated upon, but the work he did suggested his capacity for greater things with wider and longer experience. Earl B. Gaddis will be long remembered as a genial, warm-hearted man, a real friend, and a devoted member of a profession that loses much in his demise.

MAUDE ADAMS RETIRES.

Millions of Americans will hear with genuine regret the news that Maude Adams has retired from the stage. This is not because any of them begrudge her the rest and domesticity she seeks; it is because they will be loath to part with one who has been so long a contributor to the joy as well as the enlightenment of theater and its patrons.

Maude Adams, whose family name is Kiskadden, has literally been on the stage all her life, and she is now in her fifty-first year. Her mother was a member of the resident stock company at Salt Lake City, and the little girl played the part of "infant in arms" long before she had any chance to exercise election in the matter. At 16 she was leading woman of the company; a little later she was playing an ingenue hole in New York with E. H. Sothern; then she was leading lady for John Drew under the management of Charles Frohman, and finally as Lady Babbie in "The Little Minister," she came into the full power of her genius. This role was probably her greatest, although in "Quality Street" she found a part that gave her a full chance to express her capacity for deep feeling, as that in the first of her Barrie plays brought out her talent for light comedy.

"Peter Pan," a whimsical conceit of Barrie, furnished Miss Adams with a background on which to display her constructive and artistic genius, and will long live in the annals of American stardom as an achievement so notable as in itself to support its creator's claim to fame. Miss Adams is well remembered for other parts, such as the Bernhard role in "L'Aiglon," in "The Pretty Sister of Jose," Juliet in "Romeo and Juliet," Rosalind in "As You Like It," "Chantecler," wherein she displayed great dramatic power as well as her gift for comedy. She has earned a rest that has been forced by falling health.

A Kansas legislator who allowed himself to be plied with liquor by the lobbyists has ended by suicide. Governor Davis thereupon has placed an abstinence pledge book in his office and called upon state officials to sign up. There is a note of simple earnestness about this act that will strike the popular fancy. But why not confiscate the liquor supply also?

It begins to look as if an old-fashioned legislative jam was piling up in congress. One measure that must get through is that for better farm credits.

Maybe it is unfair, but we surmise the chief aim of that alleged stranded deserter in London is to get a free ride home.

Urban Ledoux is not overlooking any opportunity to get publicity.

Sunday continues a day of rest for some and terror for others.

A MODERN TRANSPORTATION POLICY.

As the children say in their game, we are "getting warm" in our search for a solution of the transportation problem. The first step forward was the recognition of the fact that there is more than one way of getting goods to market. The railroads are not the sole route, but the motor truck lines and the waterways must also be taken into consideration.

The second step has just been taken in a conference of railroad executives and representatives of the motor car and steamship interests, in New York. The United States Chamber of Commerce, which is back of the plan, has appointed a committee to devise a way to link up all means of transportation in order to reduce shipping costs and avoid congestion and car shortages with their resultant evils. Various government agencies are later to be asked to take up the matter.

The seriousness of the present unorganized transportation situation is indicated by this move. Agriculture, mining, manufacturing and wholesaling interests are threatened more and more each year by the breakdown of the railroads at crucial seasons. High freight rates also menace industry. If by developing motor truck and waterway transportation some of the load can be taken off the railroads, the whole nation will be benefited.

In the past the policy of the railroad corporations has been to discourage all other traffic developments. Even today discriminatory rates are used to drive steamships off the river routes. This misguided selfishness is the fruit of financial domination of the railroads. The engineering staffs realize the mistake and are ready to consider arrangements by which inland waterways and motor highways will be used to complement the rail routes.

As American commerce increases in volume, the load becomes heavier than the railroads alone can handle. President Harding pointed out this fact in his recent message to congress and placed the stamp of his approval on the theory that the transportation question includes every possible method of carrying goods.

Something must be done, and speedily, to relieve business and agriculture of traffic handicaps. When this new transportation committee gets down to business it should call in the leaders of the Great Lakes waterway project and of the plan to open the Missouri river to barge lines. The proposal now in congress to increase the appropriation for improving the Missouri river fits in with the cause of developments.

Either the railroads must assist in a general scheme for providing new outlets, or the American public will turn to government operation. Senator Couzens of Michigan declares that public ownership of the lines could not cost more than the present system. What with the losses due to lack of equipment, labor troubles and high rates, together with the tremendous cost of maintaining the various federal and state regulatory bodies, it may be that he can prove this statement. The interest shown in the New York conference by a number of railroad presidents, including the head of the Union Pacific, encourages the hope that this extreme will be avoided. What the American people demand is adequate transportation at a cost that does not stifle industry. In this practical age, theories count for little and results for everything. Proper coordination of rail, water and highway into one comprehensive service to move the crops and the products of mine and factory is the need of today. If the present railway managements can meet the situation in this broad way, they need have no fear of Senator Couzens or any movement for the end of private operation.

CHICAGO LOSES ITS BOSS.

The city of Chicago is in the parlous condition of being without a political boss. Not only has Mayor Thompson refused to risk another race for municipal office, but Fred Lundin, the power behind him, has been indicted for graft. The machine has stripped its gears.

What now has to be decided is whether the people of the metropolis are able to govern their own affairs. It is said that Lundin was a dictator with 50,000 political jobs and \$78,000,000 of patronage at his disposal. What sort of preparation have the decent citizens of Chicago made to take over this responsibility? Some one has to take the helm, and unless the citizens themselves do it, a new boss will come up from the ranks.

When the people abdicated they shed every responsibility except paying the bills. Bond issues were voted, the courts were filled up with political henchmen, millions were spent on public improvements without any check and politics took control of the schools.

An election is coming in Chicago and the revelations of extravagance, waste and graft appear to be galvanizing civic conscience into action. There is hope of a reform administration, but the effect of misgovernment will be felt for many years.

The British chancellor of the exchequer complains that the funding plan proposed for the debt owed the United States would cost Great Britain \$30,000,000 a year. The open account is costing the United States rather more than that at present, and day by day it's getting bigger.

It may be well to recollect and keep in mind that the church was fairly well established before there was any Wall street, and that the Nicene confession of faith is 1,500 years in service.

But the Bahamas are not the sole source from which contraband hooch flows.

Is Europe to Be "All French or All Cossack"?

While the French are battering at the European foundations from the west, it is a safe guess that the forces of destruction are gathering in the east. Korea, it is reported, is preparing to seize another slice of Siberia, if the German government collapses. The Lithuanians are trying to effect a fait accompli in Memel. The Magyars are looking about for a chance to rewrite their boundaries. The soviet government, whether it trusts in God or not, is keeping its powder dry. There is an ancient prophecy, attributed to Napoleon, that Europe is to be either all French or all Cossack. And the Cossacks have more than once given proof that they take the prophecy seriously. They will not wait for a pretext of action if matters go much amiss with Germany. The boundary between Russia and Poland is not settled yet, and the question of "compensation" would arise if Poland proceeded to expand toward the west. The French pretend to despise Russian military power, but this is an affectation. Trotsky's legions would acquit themselves well in a war of movement, and France is in no position to finance a highly capitalized war of stagnation, like that of the late western front. It would promptly bankrupt France to defend Poland against a really serious Russian assault, and the Russians know it. And they would do a good deal to bankrupt the state which ever since the revolution has shown herself to be Russia's most implacable enemy.

"From State and Nation"

Editorials from Other Newspapers

State Forest Policies. Those states which are formulating agricultural policies by which to orient their future development will make a grave mistake if they do not include state forestry in their list of major subjects. Recently an official of the New York State College of Forestry announced that 8,000,000 acres in that state and 85,000,000 acres in the United States "are waiting for tree planters." This area of "idle land" is almost as large as New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New Jersey and Rhode Island combined.

A careful survey of all the so-called agricultural land in this country would probably show that in the aggregate thousands of acres that commonly produce poor, unprofitable crops, and failures through four years out of five, are much better adapted to timber production than crop farming. On each of a large number of farms there is more or less land on which poor crops of inferior quality are produced at a loss. Such land should be laid down to permanent grass or planted with trees. It would be more profitable for timber production than for cropping purposes. A few weeks ago an Illinois farmer received \$10 more per acre for 80 acres of timber land than he received at the time he sold the land for 100 acres of plow land, both tracts being identical in topography and soil type.

Our forest resources, already seriously depleted, are decreasing at so rapid a rate that the widespread publication of the facts should arouse popular interest in systematic tree planting on farms, and in federal and state forestry extension, conservation and development. A country without state forests, scientifically managed, and plenty of trees on every farm is "bald-headed and bone-headed." People who are unresponsive to the needs of future generations, on or off the land, are actively interested in forestry. If trees of the right kinds are planted, the forest will be a source of profit and pleasure in areas which are better adapted to timber than crop production. They will be among the most valuable assets of the nation in twenty-five to fifty years of time. The facts, and have imagination and faith, regard forests as gilt edged investments, sure as anything humanly made, to pay large dividends in the use and saving of land, in the tempering of wind and weather, and in the clothing of the abused crust of the earth with a stately and refreshing beauty.

Do You Remember? From the Sioux Falls Press. Back in the days of youth—back there when all the world was bright; when footsteps were light and you smiled and whistled and sang and danced along a primrose pathway—don't you remember the boy or the girl of your choice—remember the one you loved him or her and promised that when your school days were over some day you should come back and—well, don't you remember? If you do not, you were out of the ordinary, for such is the life of youth.

The words "puppy love" were then unknown. They had not as yet come to make life of the immature hopeful for the unknown future. It was real love to you, one for the other, in those happy old days. Time may have changed the parting admiration or love of the youths of the world, but on the day on which the school term closed—or you may have followed on, year after year, as many have done—your hearts were happy and contented in the love of the white-haired man or woman whom you first learned to love. The Chicago board of education doesn't think much of what it terms "puppy love." It has adopted a resolution providing for an extra course of study in morals and civics for the elementary grades of the public schools, which is intended to prevent heart attachments between boy and girl pupils. But if you will remember—it can't be done.

Waste That Sends Up Taxes. From the Chicago News. No well-informed citizen doubts that the waste in local government is terrific. Every business man knows that if he conducted his affairs with anything like the slackness, the overlapping expense, the inflated costs, the lost money and the general inefficiency that are so manifest in many public offices he would be headed straight for bankruptcy. Yet nobody seems to worry very much about this state of things. However, when a wide-awake business man takes a public office and finds that he has a part of the general mismanagement on his conscience he is decidedly unhappy until he does his best to set things to rights.

Surely there is nothing sacred about waste in public services. While taxes go up year after year, money, nevertheless, is lacking for necessary public purposes.

Daily Prayer

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within Thy gates, O Jerusalem. The name of the Lord our God: because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek Thy good.—Ps. 122:1-3; 9.

O Lord, Jesus Christ, Who on this day didst arise from the grave, send forth Thy spirit, Thy power, Thy grace to seek Thee, upon Thy people, that they may rise to newness of life. Drive away worldly cares lift up our minds to high and noble thoughts, and to spiritual desires.

Hear the prayers of all that are offered in public and in private, for themselves and for their brethren. Grant that all who may attend the public worship of Thy church, and approach Thee with reverence and confidence. Bless the ministrations of Thy Word and Sacraments. Inquire those who speak an act in Thy name, with the spirit of truth, and love, and power.

Meet the varied needs and fulfill the desires of Thy people. Bind us in fellowship one with another, as with Thyself. Enable us to go forth from the worship and instruction of Thy holy day with renewed strength and courage to perform the duties and bear the trials which are appointed for us.

Grant this, and all our petitions, for Thy Holy Name's sake. Amen. BISHOP ATHANAS C. HALL, Burlington, Vt.

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Thanks From the Teacher.

Lincoln.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: By official and special action of our delegate assembly, which recently met in your city, the Nebraska State Teachers' association instructed the secretary to convey to the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, the teachers of Omaha and the Omaha press on behalf of the State Teachers' association its keen appreciation of your wonderful hospitality and enthusiastic efforts which made possible one of the most successful conventions ever held in the history of our association.

We trust that you will help us to give all those who in any way helped to build the convention our most sincere appreciation. NEBRASKA STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION. By Everett M. Hosman, Secretary.

Without Benefit of Clergy.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I have seen the picture in Friday evening's edition on the front page of a picture showing the grave of Earl Williams in Mount Hope cemetery by Superintendent Chappell, the picture being headed "Not even a pastor at last rites," which prompted me to write these lines and comment thereon.

Although Williams had been engaged in an unlawful act and had been shot January 14 being then brought by his confederates to the University hospital unconscious and where he died. A few days afterward his body had been buried without any religious ceremony whatsoever by a minister of the gospel, just as if he had been a dumb animal and not a human being with an immortal soul in his body.

Is it any wonder why so many people do not attend any church to hear the word of God preached to them from the pulpit when the shepherds themselves neglect their own duty towards God and their fellow man unless they are paid for it well? Shame on such ministers of God and the church.

Is a like case never happen again in our city, but whenever one does happen again let the ministers vie with one another to officiate at the funeral of any such person, although it may have been the worst criminal on God's earth or a degenerate. When a criminal is sentenced by the court to death and executed by the state's authorities, it is given a spiritual adviser to minister unto him in his last hour of life and the corpse is consigned to its last resting place with proper religious ceremonies, but the remains of Williams are consigned to the grave without any religious ceremonies whatsoever.

A DEVOUT CHRISTIAN.

Thumbs Down on "Bugs."

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: It seems that the modern newspaper has forgotten that the people care to read anything sensible any more. Look over this clipping of a "Bugs" Easer article from your evening issue of Friday and see if you

Hibernating Hills

The hills are dark at morning, The hills are gray at noon, And black they lie beneath the sky Though yellow glows the moon. I should wish to trust you until The drum is all awake; The echo drums the night; nor comes A single bill awake.

O the hills, hills, hills— How weary must they be! The hills are old and lean and cold, And dress so ragsy and so old, When runs the summer season To other lands away. I sing, but still, each sleeping hill Is wan and worn and gray.

Nor song of mine, nor trumpeting, May wake the sleepers soon; O hills will cling with shivering Through dawn, or night, or noon; But, when coqueting summer comes With roses in her hair, The hills will dress their nakedness And woo her everywhere.

And so, ye listless hills, sleep on; My songs are all in vain. The clouds may storm each aged form With all the worst of rain; And sleep may lash your hungry sides, And beat your barren heads, You are as quiet, you hibernates Like grizzly quadrupeds.

—Jonathan Johnson.

Wotta Life! Wotta Life!



APROPOS OF NOTHING.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Thousands of men never have read novels; but the movies are overcoming that neglect in their early lives.

I say this with the kindest feeling of constructive censure.

One of the interesting sports is to make someone who dislikes you, quit it.

You won't hear much more if you only listen than you will if you ask questions.

Brooding over one's rights is nearly as distressing as brooding over one's wrongs.

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