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The Ides of March was also the day of ill-omen for the great Caesar!

Yes, and there are other throngs whose occupants must feel decidedly uncomfortable.

It is gathered from remarks of railroad managers that the Big Four are eligible for the iron cross.

It is announced that calf boots will be lighter next summer. Holy smoke, and no charge for the scenery!

A referendum is superfluous. March wins by acclamation the top percentage in the mean temperature column.

Still, some oracles of world politics would have us believe that those Russians are slow and lacking in initiative.

It is easy to enter a vacant-lot gardening contest, but not so easy to finish. Perseverance and persistence alone pluck the potatoes.

Another sign of the superiority of the United States is that we allow our cabinet ministers to resign instead of putting them in jail.

If China can be transformed into a republic, why not Russia? The most backward nations sometimes come forward the fastest.

Prayers for harmony at the state house, judging by local experience, ought to be efficient in persuading the harmonizers to "come across."

Think a moment what a complete stoppage of railroad traffic would mean. Then boost for good roads as offering an alternative in such an emergency!

The sudden adjournment of the special session of the senate leaves the Colombian pact up in the air. A new alignment is necessary to lift the lid off the pot of \$25,000,000.

A few spectacular vetoes by Governor Neville would let people know he is on the job. How can he hope to sustain the claim of "making good" without breaking into print now and then?

If the men who made the first moves that precipitated the great European war could have foreseen, it would doubtless have been different. Their purpose was to strengthen royalty—not to weaken it.

Confident predictions came out of Washington ten days ago that Villa was down and out and no longer a factor in Mexican affairs. The defeat of the Carranza forces at Parral indicates that the peonjido is still in the fighting ring and going strong.

At the outset of the revolutionary game at Petrograd the Overseas News agency played up the news in the usual cheery fashion. The Central Powers appeared to have made a hit good for a home run. The sudden subsidence of the official news vendor suggests that the rumer has not yet scored on the hit.

The Golden Era of Farmers.
The British government takes time by the forelock in seeking control of the food crop surplus of the colonies. Negotiations are in an advanced stage for the entire surplus 1917 wheat crop of middle Canada at prices ranging from \$1.25 to \$1.75 a bushel, according to grade, delivered at railroad elevators.

To the farmers of the United States the action of the foremost food importing nation of the world carries a message freighted with importance. It means an active world market for all the food supplies that can be raised and prices commensurate with the energy put forth. This is as good as guaranteed by conditions in the warring countries.

Here, then, is the opportunity knocking at the doors of the new world granaries. Not in a quarter of a century has a brighter prospect appeared to the energy and enterprise of American farmers and insured greater returns, not alone this year, but in the coming years of peace, until the slow processes of readjustment restore the normal equilibrium of the world's food staples.

Make an End of the Strike Menace.
One almost inevitable outcome of the present railroad crisis will be a law that will forever do away with the menace of a strike of all the railway brotherhoods at once.

The people are interested in seeing that fair wages and reasonable working conditions are given to all wage earners. It is axiomatic almost that strikes are determined by public sympathy.

Congress had four months in which to enact a law that would remove this threat, but failed to act. The Adamson law was passed in less than a week.

"Intellectuals" and Military Service.

A favorite and oft-repeated charge of the radical element of the socialist party has been that the "intellectuals" are parasites; that they consume and do not produce.

Each belligerent country can duplicate the list from Cambridge, for each of the great schools of Europe has its own list of graduates and undergraduates serving with the colors, in all ranks and grades.

The "intellectuals" have given the most emphatic reply to the accusation of the irresponsible agitators.

Sentence That Seems Sensible.

Six Baltimore school boys, who refused to join in salute to the flag when given at school, have been sentenced to recite "The Star Spangled Banner" each day for six days before the class, in addition to giving the salute.

Possible Humor of the War.

If the world war may be said to have anything of humor connected with it, the situation of a German consul, expelled from Manila after relations between the United States and Germany were broken, may be said to afford the joke.

New Source of State Revenue.

An Iowa senator has made a suggestion that grows in attractiveness as it is studied. He proposes that a filling fee of \$1 be collected with each bill introduced by a member of the legislature.

Pledges of big reforms to be redeemed "after the war" serve to chloroform the crowd for the moment. Usually they come out of it top late.

Views, Reviews and Interviews

By Victor Rosenzweig

ALTHOUGH the cables have been overlaid for the past few days with reports of the Russian revolution, no one at this distance—and probably few right at the seat of the trouble—can have any adequate conception of just what has happened and what the establishment of a new government in Russia carries with it.

To justify its mistreatment of its own Jewish subjects, Russia went so far as to apply the same restrictions of travel and business and social intercourse to American citizens with Jewish affiliations in direct violation of their treaty obligations with the United States.

In the interval, however, the program has been widened to include the amelioration of the condition of the Jews resident in Europe, and especially in Russia, as well as of Jews who have become American citizens and who may want to revisit abroad or engage there in lawful pursuits.

All this but precludes the observation that the revolution in Russia is apparently accomplishing, in part at least, what it was hoped and expected would remain for America to insist on as one of the conditions in the after-the-war readjustments—a wiping out of the sales and a complete breaking of the chains still punishing people because of their religious beliefs as a remnant of the darkest days of the Middle Ages when fanaticism and superstition and witchcraft were the forces that moved the world.

I had a notion that the rancor engendered by the war among our citizens of foreign ancestry was dying out and that the call for a united America was wiping out bitterness. This I believe is true but every rule has its exceptions, as witnessed in the following which came to me not long ago through the mails.

"Permit me to express my sincere pity for your poor soul since you find it necessary still to help spread all kinds of British lies, no matter how foolish, malicious and devilish; you may deceive yourselves, but not decent, sensible people by pretending it is for the good of humanity, for the enlightening of the people, for the progress of the world, for the salvation of this nation, etc. God will punish a nation that loves lies and practices lying, slandering of friends and the like, just as He is punishing Europe for its sins."

Need I add that this revelation to the once common idea that war is "a scourge of God" comes from a minister of the gospel?

People and Events

The late Congressman Sulloway of New Hampshire was known at home as "The tall pine of the Merrimack." He stood seven feet on shoe leather and easily looked down on every other member of the house.

After much enlightening experience in speed mania a Gotham magistrate announces that hereafter, in cases of speed law violations, he will hold the employer who orders the speed as well as the chauffeur. That smacks of justice with the bark on.

"Hope God may strike me dead if I took it" exclaimed Lee Million, in a store at Wade's Mill, Ky., protesting his innocence of the charge of taking a ring from a mislaid purse. The sheriff drew the ring from Million's pocket and Million dropped dead.

Indianapolis authorities have put their collective foot down on the shameless industry of marrying squires. The latter employ runners who haunt the county buildings and use foot ball tactics to secure customers for their bosses. Hereafter all applicants for marriages will not be molested by solicitors.

Job holders in the state of Utah are shedding tears as briny as the neighboring pond. Joyriding on railroads is banished by law. Where officers travel on public business the state foots the bill. Otherwise, the official puts up hard cash and gets no drawback. Truly the pinching tendencies of modern reform make for tears, screams and sore spots.

Automobile owners in Illinois, through representatives at the state capital, have agreed to pay the interest and principal of a \$6,000,000 bond issue for good roads by increased license fees. The plan outlined increases license fees 50 per cent when embodied in law, and another 50 per cent increase on January 1, 1920. Auto men came across when they found that Governor Lowden would not support a bill placing the bond burden on the state at large.

Patsy Cahill of Wheeling, W. Va., has a great hobby. Retiring from active life some twenty-five years ago he devoted himself to the cheery task of attending funerals, averaging at least one a day and running up a score of 7,000 funerals. Patsy has sufficient funds to enjoy himself in his own way, and his melancholy good will does impose the obligation of neighborly reciprocity. However, the Wheeling funeral fan anticipates a bunch of glad hands on the other shore.

That section of New York City locally known as Greenwich village, whither drift the devotees of "Bohemia," received a shock which imperils its simple life. The city tenement commission plans to clean up and renovate the rookeries of the village and banish gas jet cooking from tinderboxes and tumble-downs. The locality is not visible on tourist maps, but explorers have been able to spot it by the pungent odors of onions and garlic.

A few years ago collegians gave vent to considerable wrath because it was alleged the board of trustees muzzled Prof. Scott Nearing and "strangled" liberty of speech in its sanctuary. Prof. Nearing shifted his educational activities to the University of Toledo and is in trouble once more for talking too much. A mass meeting of citizens recently denounced him for a pro-German attack on President Wilson and provoked his resignation from the university.

THIS DAY

Health Hint for the Day.

For clubbed nails and fingers a doctor should be consulted because these are almost invariably due to chronic disease of the heart and lungs.

One Year Ago Today in the War.

Dutch liner Palembang torpedoed in North Sea.
Submarine destroyer Renaudin sunk by submariners in Adriatic.

Russians stopped German assaults in lake region near Dvinsk.
Germans attacked west of Vaux, but failed to reach French trenches.

In Omaha Thirty Years Ago.

The architect of the New York Life building is in the city with plans for the erection of a ten-story brick and stone building on the corner of Seventeenth and Farnam, to be used for the local offices of the New York Life Insurance company as well as general office purposes.

H. A. Penrose and George Hoagland have returned from a short hunting trip with sixty ducks, forty of which were canvasbacks. It was a rare catch and the successful sportsmen of course refused to tell where the birds were found.

The remains of Mrs. Ann H. Barrows, widow of Mrs. J. H. Millard and Hon. B. H. Barrows, were sent to Davenport for burial.

Dave Mueller of Farnam street and Fred Wirth of the City Hotel have collected \$250 for the reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held in this city.

Two hundred members of the Ancient Order Hibernians attended mass at the cathedral. Father McCarthy celebrated mass. Father Boyle was deacon and Father Carroll subdeacon. After mass, the order marched through the streets under the leadership of Commissioner O'Keefe.

A new organization named "The Orpheus Glee club" consists of the following members: Messrs. Peacock and Brewster, altos; Cramer, Burleigh, a E. O. Jones, tenors; Roberts and McEwing, basses.

H. O. Jones, the veteran real estate man of this city, died at the residence of C. B. Moore on Eighteenth and Dodge streets.

This Day in History.

1766—Stamp act repealed by the British parliament.

1817—An earthquake in Spain, Portugal and Sicily destroyed whole villages.

1837—Act of the Michigan legislature establishing the state university at Ann Arbor.

1857—Chinese Imperial Commissioner Lin prohibited the importation of opium.

1846—Mexican general Melia, in Matamoros, issued a proclamation of hostility to the United States, and called the people to arms.

1860—William H. Bissell, governor of Illinois, died at Springfield, Ill. Born in Otsego county, N. Y., April 25, 1811.

1865—The confederate states congress adjourned sine die, after listening to a last address from President Jefferson Davis.

1885—Susan Warner, author of "Wide, Wide World," and other popular novels, died in New York City. Born there in 1818.

1898—David Hartley Armstrong, instructor of the first public school in Missouri and later a United States senator, died at St. Louis. Born in Nova Scotia in 1812.

1904—Daniel J. Sully, the New York cotton operator, failed.

1909—Russia and China reached a modus vivendi in the Harbin dispute.

The Day We Celebrate.

H. F. Curtis is 63 today. He came here from Pennsylvania and dispenses sand for a living, being president and general manager of the Lyman Sand company.

John Lee Webster, lawyer and orator, was born March 19, 1847. He is a native of Ohio but has been practicing law in Omaha for many years. He has achieved the highest honor of being the best dressed man in Omaha.

Bishop John W. Hamilton, chancellor of the American university at Washington, born at Weston, Va., seventy-two years ago today.

Marcus M. Marks, president of the borough of Manhattan of New York City, born at Schenectady, N. Y., fifty-nine years ago today.

William Sulzer, one-time democratic governor of New York, and later affiliated with the progressive and prohibition parties, born at Elizabeth, N. J., fifty-four years ago today.

Victor Barnum, former Kansas congressman and later a leader in the progressive party, born at Burlington, Kan., forty-six years ago today.

Storyteller of the Day.

A young woman of pink complexion but of heroic build—a kind way of denoting obesity—applied to E. H. Calvert, the moving picture director, for position as an extra girl. She presented him a personal letter of introduction. Long years ago, it seems, Mr. Calvert knew her father and mother. As he asked at this plump Juno the light of memory came into his eyes, but still he was not quite certain about something.

"Let me see," he mused, "which side of the house do you resemble the most?"

"Sir!" she cried in accent far from mild. "I don't resemble any side of any old house!"—Topeka State Journal.

HERE AND THERE.

Of all the cargo from overseas Japan's is the best packed.

Sixteen per cent of South Africa's requirements came from America last year.

There is said to be no unemployed country in Brazil than in all the rest of the world put together.

The indications are that the 1917 yield of sugar from Cuba will be about 2,600,000 tons.

For some reason or other—it may be because of the war—many Chinese have left the Dominion and set up in the laundry business in Minnesota.

Chile has enough nitrate to supply the world with this essential fertilizer for 200 years. Last year it shipped the United States \$132,067,878 worth of this one product.

A radio station has been installed by the United States lighthouse service and is in operation at the Cape St. Elias light station, Alaska, near the coast construction. The call letters are NLD.

AROUND THE CITIES.

Wichita, Kan., has adopted the city manager plan by a decisive vote.

St. Joe's school expenses for the calendar year are estimated at \$412,359, an increase of \$15,000 over last year.

Philadelphia plans to spend \$5,000,000 in street paving this year. Some permanent country roads are included in the huge improvement plan.

Official reports show that Greater New York has 162,520 registered auto owners. Their contributions to the state treasury in 1916 amounted to \$957,900.

Chicago figures that the boost in steam coal prices for 1917 will cost the city treasury an extra \$25,000. Bids for this year's supply average \$3.72 a ton, or \$1 a ton higher than last year.

St. Joe decrees that auto owners must dim their headlights lights. Four candle power is the limit of light for auto night lamps under a new ordinance. Failure to heed the law costs from \$10 to \$50.

Kansas City, Mo., opens with a big noise a campaign for the adoption of the newly-drafted city charter, which embodies the manager system of municipal government. Nightly meetings are planned by supporters for educational purposes. Opponents have not yet shown their hands.

With an expenditure of only \$78 for telegrams to outside sources of supply the food commissioner claims to have basted the food corner in New York City. Official S. O. S. calls opened up new sources of supply and such a rush of spuds, onions and eggs came to market that the combine was swamped and consumers relieved from the holdup.

St. Louis wallows in gloom once more. The joy occasioned by the completion of the municipal bridge vanished with the refusal of Billy Sunday to come across and save 'em. Bill had booked the city for February 24, 1918, but the date is cancelled. The worst of the throwdown is that Chicago is assured an early crop of celestial wings.

Topeka, Kan., has a warm municipal campaign on tap, with four aspirants for mayor in the race, which closes April 2. Mayor House is out for re-election solely on his record as an official. With terseness of a promoted newspaper man, Mr. House points to his success in making a cleaner city, morally, materially and physically, and freer of crime than any city of its size in the country.

WHAT WOMEN ARE DOING.

Women letter carriers will soon be delivering mail in Paris.

Amelia E. Barr, America's oldest woman novelist, has just published her sixty-eighth novel.

The University of Wisconsin claims the largest number of women athletes of any college in the country.

England has sent a number of young women carpenters to France to build huts for the British soldiers.

The "farthest north" member of the National Federation of Women's Clubs is the woman's club at Nome, Alaska.

Mrs. George Rife is taking a course at Ohio state university to keep up with the interests of her son, who is a freshman at the same college.

Dr. A. W. Marchant, a prominent woman physician of Baltimore, has organized and is president and producing manager of her own motion-picture producing corporation.

When the board of estimates of the city of Baltimore learned that Mrs. Mary Schoel's hat had been ruined by falling plaster in one of the city markets it promptly voted \$4.98 to buy her a new one.

Many women of Washington, D. C., have formed a unit, which together will comprise a great comforts committee of the Navy league. They will furnish knitted wristlets, sleeveless jackets, etc., for the sailors and marines of the navy.

Miss Beulah Armstrong, a member of the senior class at Baker university, has the distinction of holding the highest average in scholarship for her four years' work that has ever been made by a student at the university since its founding in 1858.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Lawyer A—E always said that flowers was the meanest man alive, and now he's gone and proved it.

Lawyer B—How is that?

Lawyer A—He's given away all his property so there won't be a thing left to fight over.—Boston Transcript.

Putting on one's overcoat is sometimes as much of an effort that one is disposed to agree with the old negro who said: "Put yo' pants in one ahim, den you put in de udah ahim, an' den yo' gibs a gen-ral conuasion!"—New York Times.

Pa—At last I've found a way to make that young scamp of ours stop winking his eyes.

Ma—Really?

Pa—Yes! I'll show him the article in this science magazine where it says that every time we wink we give the eyes a bath.—Buffalo Express.

DR. MR. KABBIBBLE SHOULD I GET MARRIED ON THE 4TH OF JULY? —MAX NEDEWICK

NO—THAT'S "INDEPENDENCE" DAY!

"My doctor scared me the other day. Said I was threatened with brain fever."

"Oh, don't let anyone frighten you with flattery, that way."—Browning's Magazine.

"This prohibition wave seems to be sweeping everything before it."

"That's so; even the British tanks on the front seem to be falling by the wayside."—Baltimore American.

"Young man, you don't appear to know on which side your bread is buttered."

"I can't see that I'm to blame for it. Any butter on my bread has been spread out mighty thin."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

MOTHER.

The things I understand in you seem more than human love. 'Tis more like sacred music sent. On wings from hea's above.

In memory's gallery today No likeness holds a place. That's half so sweet or half so fair As the image of thy face.

A pair of laughing eyes meet mine Whenever you do speak; And roses seem to bloom there, too. Upon thy blessed cheek.

Your disposition to mine eye Shows beauty all unguessed. Like sunshine in a cloudless sky. Which by ever God is blest.

You've ever seemed to mother all With a heart so fond and true; Your arms just seem to reach right out To draw me close to you.

Long years may pass and time may leave Its impress on thy face; Still in my heart, dear mother mine, There's none to take thy place.

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