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Eventually, Mr. Burleson! Why not now?

The profession of aviation seems to have taken an upward turn.

But Mr. Weatherman, please take a good look at your calendar.

Sky-rocketing ice prices may make no home complete without its own little refrigeration plant.

King Ak-Sar-Ben is the only remaining royal potentate who does not have to hold his crown on with both hands.

It might not be so far from the eternal fitness of things if Austria were also given an award of reparation from Germany.

North Platte is the half-way point on the transcontinental coast-to-coast air line. We know Nebraska is the center of all good things.

The booze-runner looks for bribe business from now to the first of July. The booze-hounds will have to speed up to keep the pace.

Terms laid down for Germany may seem harsh to them, but what would the Huns have asked of us, had the decision gone the other way?

Cross-ocean flying cannot be voted a practical success until it gives demonstration of traveling in both directions. What goes over must also come back.

Chairman Homer Cummings says it is idle to talk about third terms or presidential candidates at all. Yet he keeps right on with his little hints as to what may happen.

Colonel House was the only absentee at the session at which Austria received her ultimatum. The wonder is that adjournment was not taken until Colonel House could be present.

It is real mean in you, Mr. Weatherman, to spoil the women's first registration day. If you want to save your self-respect, don't run for any office for which the women have a vote.

The bomb-throwing assassin is the most despicable criminal imaginable. The best that can be wished for him is that he should be the sole victim of his own bomb.

The national war garden commission has gone out of business, but that is no reason for demobilizing the war gardens. Truck from your own patch will still taste as good and cost less.

Labor controversies can be adjusted without strikes and lockouts, but to do so both employer and employe must first concede that each has some rights the other is bound to respect.

Dr. Bernhard Dernburg breaks into print long enough to say that "we will bear their reign of violence with moral dignity." You remember him—had to jump out of the United States on account of his unneutral activity in 1915. But it was a different Germany then.

The Bill of Rights in the Nebraska state constitution guarantees every citizen against invasion of his home and search and seizure of his goods without a warrant duly sworn to describing the place and naming the property sought. From performances of some of our police officers, the conclusion is forced that these guardians of the law never heard of the constitution, much less are familiar with it.

This "resigning" of police officers to get away from pending charges is had both in theory and practice. We have had flagrant examples of policemen getting out from under in this fashion and then later securing restoration with all the benefits and credit of a clean record. It is rank injustice to officers who earn their merits and unfair to the public that pays the bills and is entitled to honest return for the money.

Support for Government Ownership

Latterly it has seemed that the tide was running against government ownership and operation, either of both. But its supporters are rallying to its help and they are of a sort which should rally its opponents. The 10 railway brotherhoods affiliated with the Federation of Labor are launching a national campaign, beginning by compelling every candidate for any national office to declare his position at the risk of losing the brotherhood's votes. A quicker or surer way of turning the railways over from the shareholders to the unions could not be suggested. It is superior in that respect even to operation by the Interstate Commerce commission. Whoever wants continually higher wages for a class and higher rates for all will promote the brotherhoods' campaign. The public, which may not want either higher wages or rates, will have its opportunity to show disapproval of an issue which makes elections turn on monetary advantages to a class large in number, but small in proportion to the whole electorate. There is no better way of debauching an electorate than framing issues which make politics a matter of profit. Government ownership or operation of railroads for the benefit of unions, at the expense of users of the railways and to the country's detriment, deserves the doom of general disapproval.

The Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America has also begun a nation-wide campaign for government ownership of the wire services. Postmaster General Burleson, presumably, will prefer other recruits to his lost cause. These two movements in proportion that they succeed mark the abandonment of American labor's traditional reliance upon its economic rather than its political power. When labor relies upon its votes it makes politics class politics, rather than citizens' politics. There can be no pretense that the brotherhoods or the telegraphers propose a policy of government ownership in the public interest.—New York Times.

ANARCHY MUST BE STAMPED OUT.

The explosion of bombs simultaneously in nearly a dozen cities in attempted assassination of law-enforcing officers should be a warning signal for us in this country to take drastic measures at once to stamp out the seeds of anarchy before they take deeper root.

We Americans are notoriously do-nothings against obvious dangers. We have been too prone to look upon the bolshevist and terrorist uprisings in Europe as too distant to be a possible menace to us. We have lulled ourselves into a false feeling of security by arguing that these movements abroad are revolts against intolerable conditions which do not exist over here and that our free institutions and system of popular government are their own self-protection against enemies of whatever kind.

America must awake to the fact that anarchism aims at overturning all government, that it knows no country, that it stops at nothing because too diabolical or dastardly for its use. We must realize, too, that these periodic outbreaks in particular localities are but incidental to the wider movement which can be checked only by systematic and perhaps concerted action of all the governments that are threatened.

Regardless of the counter fight upon anarchy, the miscreants who attempted assassination of men who happen to be in places of constituted authority, must be ferreted out and given the punishment their crimes call for. That they could go so far and carry on their operations on so extensive a scale without exposure and interruption, is really an indictment of the adequacy of our machinery for coping with such conditions. The police departments of our cities are quite helpless to keep track of crime plots hatched elsewhere, and our federal secret service, supposed to have the whole country as its field, must be half asleep on the job. The forces of anarchy are too many and becoming so well organized that they can be met and stopped only by an effective combination of law enforcing agencies under a single direction.

All of us shudder at the horror, but it is not enough to deprecate and denounce anarchistic outrages. Energetic action is required if repetition and spread are to be prevented.

Why Worry About Woman's Age?

Why all this hullabaloo just because women had to give their ages when they registered for an election in Omaha for the first time yesterday?

Why, bless you, that old joke about a woman's years does not apply here in this wonderful climate where women never grow even middle aged.

Look at them out on the street. See their springy step, their clear eyes, their blooming complexions. There's a great grandmother, driving that big motor car. Out on the golf links you can see grandmothers beating their granddaughters at golf. One charming "vamp," we know of, who is 55 if she's a day, youngsters of 22 like to take to the theater and out in their motors. "She's such a dandy pal," they say.

The only way to prove that some women are "old" is to find the birth record. And it's often easier to believe there was a mistake on the certificate than that the date is correct.

"You can't tell the old ones from the young ones," says the popular song.

And what's the use of telling the young ones from the old ones? This is the age of youth. Two generations ago the woman of 40 thought, as a matter of course, she must put on a black bonnet, sit by the fireplace, knit and preserve a solemn countenance.

Today, your woman of 40 is just coming to full bloom, if she has lived wisely and sanely. The great French cynic has fixed the ages of 38 to 44 as a "woman's most dangerous age." She has reached full bloom, he says, and has acquired the full quota of wisdom and cunning which Nature bestows upon her mysterious sex for the confounding and undoing of simple-minded men.

They're wonderful, no matter what their ages.

Too Early to Define the Issues.

It is always a popular indoor pastime to map out the campaign for the next presidential contest, yet all the political boards of strategy will do well to remember that what may now portend as the overshadowing issue may have sunk completely beyond the horizon before the lines of battle are drawn. The New York World which, as a rule, is one of the sanest organs of democratic partisanship, expresses this thought very clearly in these words:

It is too early to formulate with precision the nature of the contest next year, but we may be sure that it will not be determined by those who are looking backward. Peace and the League itself, are likely to be accomplished facts long before nominations are made or platforms written.

The World goes on to warn democratic leaders against relying upon boasts of what has been done when popular interest will center upon promises of what will be done and tells them that if they are too timid to face the new problems "they will appeal to their record in vain because many of these problems are the direct product of that record."

This admonition holds good not only for one political party but for the other as well. Unless we mistake the temper of public sentiment, the peace treaty will be merely scenery and background for more vital issues by the time another year rolls around. By that time we will be grappling with other momentous questions and still newer problems will loom ahead. The country will demand leadership with a broad vision and firm grasp, to whose ability it can confidently entrust the management of the affairs of the nation. It is therefore altogether too soon as yet to cross the 1920 bridge.

Rate increases for railroad, telephone and telegraph are sustained by the supreme court as a legitimate exercise of the war powers of the government. This is sound sense as well as good law. In time of war, the government has indisputable authority to do whatever is necessary to maintain the national honor and achieve the object for which we have taken up arms. When it comes to peace powers of the government, however, the courts will be much more critical of their use and will set limits to arbitrary action subversive of individual rights.

Those republican senators, who were expected to bolt the party program and leave the discredited democrats in control, are no longer extolled as patriots by the democratic clique. In fact, our democratic friends would be Indian givers if they could and take back all the taffy they have bestowed.

Roosevelt's Letter Relics

One of the most interesting elements of the Roosevelt Memorial exhibition at the Columbia University library, is the literary section which is in charge of Col. Joseph B. Bishop, Colonel Roosevelt's literary executor. A great variety of manuscript, including correspondence of historical import, are shown. Among the letters from the crowned heads of Europe and Asia, and, indeed, from some who have lost their crowns, the most artistic outwardly, is a letter from the mikado. This letter is written in beautiful Japanese characters on silk paper, bound with purple ribbon, bearing the golden seal of the Rising Sun. The letter itself is accompanied by a translation in excellent English in which the mikado thanks President Roosevelt for the gift of the skin of a large bear shot by the president.

The mikado expresses himself as very happy to be the recipient of such a rare present, which he states will be cherished by him as a trophy of a friend commanding his entire admiration. The mikado closes with a reference to the visit of President Roosevelt's daughter and Mr. Taft, then secretary of war, to Japan, regretting that their stay was so short that he was not able to give them a more cordial reception. The letter was dated November 11, 1905.

Interesting because of its reference to the solidarity of the English-speaking races is a letter from King Edward VII, in which he says: "I entirely agree with you that the interests of the English-speaking peoples are alike in the Atlantic and the Pacific, and I look forward with confidence to the co-operation of the English-speaking races becoming a most powerful civilizing factor in the progress of the world." King Edward also expresses his unreserved admiration for the magnificent way in which our American admirals had just then carried out the around-the-world cruise of the fleet, and transmits to the United States government an invitation from King Edward's Australian colonies to visit the principal ports of that continent. This letter is dated March 5, 1908.

Simple, direct, and warmly friendly and personal is a short letter from the present king of England. King George expresses his thanks for Mr. Roosevelt's letter in sending him a copy of his (Roosevelt's) book describing his shooting expedition in Africa. He adds that he shall always remember with great pleasure having seen Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt in London, and asks them to repeat their visit. Dated December 11, 1910.

There is a letter also from ex-King Charles of Roumania. This letter is engrossed and written in French. It acknowledges President Roosevelt's felicitations upon the king's 40th anniversary of his coming to the throne, and expresses reciprocal good wishes for our country. Dated May 30, 1906.

A letter of historical import is the one written by former Czar Nicholas. The letter is written in a clear, firm hand and in excellent English. It is almost pathetic in its tone of resignation and begs "Dear Mr. Roosevelt" to use his kindly offices in bringing about a satisfactory peace between Japan and Russia. He refers to the fact that Russia and Japan are to send delegates to meet in the United States, and commends to President Roosevelt, Mr. Witte, secretary of the Russian Empire, and Baron Rosen, ambassador to the United States. The letter is remarkable for the unmistakable tone of dejection.

The most voluble and effusive letters are from the one-time Emperor William of Germany, and in view of recent events these documents take on a strange irony. In the one dated November 12, 1908, in which he signs himself "Your sincere friend and admirer, William," he commends Count Bernstorff to President Roosevelt as successor to "poor Speck v. Sternburg." In conclusion he states that it has come to his knowledge that the president desires to do some shooting in German territory. "I assure you every way to be good to you during your stay in German territory where you will find some of the best shooting grounds for big game."

In another letter, under date of May 1, 1908, the former kaiser compliments the president on the wonderful performance of the fleet under the command of Admiral Evans, speaks of the interests of the two great nations that have so much in common, and sincerely hopes that the good will between the two countries will continue in its constant development. In this letter the ex-kaiser pleasantly includes several snapshots of his family. These snapshots are part of the exhibition.—Columbia Alumni News.

Ten Socialist Headsmen

Ten members of the executive committee of the socialist party, in session in Chicago, have expelled 25,000 members because they "made no pretense of obeying the party platform." That platform is the treasonable document issued in St. Louis about a week after war was declared by the government of the United States. It is certainly nothing against anybody to be fired or making no pretense of obeying a platform like that.

But what other party, except the socialistic nonpartisan league, would ever think of ordering a big block of its membership out of the shop like that—the act being performed by an inner circle of 10?

Talk about bosses in politics, where is there a parallel except in the case of Socialist Townley? Such autocracy has nothing in common with democracy and can never prevail in a country where men do their own thinking, politically as well as in every other way. Socialistic politics is machine politics every time. It is to be hoped that the opposition will never approach very near to the same stage of discipline and servility to the boss that you find to provide for organization no more than we do under our primary election laws in this state is to give the socialists every opportunity, through their superior machinery, to control the state.—Minneapolis Tribune.

TODAY

The Day We Celebrate.

Fred W. Rothery, manager Blackstone hotel, born 1879.

David A. Fitch, attorney at law, born 1882.

David Cole, president King Cole company, born 1857.

Constantin Angelesco, Roumanian minister to the United States, born at Bucharest 50 years ago.

Victor C. Alderson, president of the Colorado School of Mines, born at Plymouth, Mass., 57 years ago.

Dr. Henry F. Moore, who has been identified with the biological department of the United States government for many years, born in Philadelphia 52 years ago.

Thomas D. Schall, representative in congress of the 10th Minnesota district, born at Reed City, Mich., 42 years ago.

Catherine Waugh McCulloch, noted Chicago lawyer and suffrage leader, born at Ransomville, N. Y., 57 years ago.

Thirty Years Ago in Omaha.

At a public meeting in Boyd's Opera house last night the following standing committee was named to canvass the city in the interest of a Johnstown relief fund: W. A. Paxton, Alfred Millard, Fred W. Gray, W. R. Goodall, N. B. Falconer, S. P. Morse, Major Wilcox, J. M. Loomis, Luther Drake, A. M. Kitchen, M. A. Upton, Dr. Ralph, Dr. Bailey, William Wallace, E. M. Bartlett, C. S. Montgomery, Major Clarkson, John J. Dickey, J. Nichols and Frank B. Johnson.

The fifth annual meeting of the Mississippi and Missouri Hardware Dealers' association is in session at the Millard.

The William Ludwig Irish Concert company gave a remarkable concert at the Grand Opera house.

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Contract for City Property.

C. W. B.—I have a contract for a city property which is half paid for. There has been an opening through the block just to the side of my property through which coal wagons and other vehicles have passed for the last 16 years. This opening or passage way originally belonged to the property adjoining and mine.

Answer—It is impossible to state accurately what your rights are from the facts given in your letter. To do so it would be necessary to ascertain if the alley or driveway in question has been openly used by the public, understanding it to be a public alley during the last 16 years; if it has, it probably has become a public passage way by use by the public generally for that period of time. I cannot see that the action of the city council only a year ago would have any bearing on your rights, if it had not already become a public passage way by being used by the public generally for 10 years or more. The city council could not make it so without having it condemned or laid out as an alley and by paying the owners thereof for its value. The thing for you to do is to ascertain by what claim it has been used by the public generally, for how long, look up carefully the records of the city relative to it and then restate your case and you will be advised further.

Divorce.

R. E.—After my boy friend had wrecked my life he scared me into marrying him and we have been married almost two years and have one baby. I have always tried to live a Christian life and did not know about the evils of life until I went with him. He now curses me continually and calls both baby and I foul names, drinks and runs around every night with other women. He has threatened to kill the baby several times and is very mean to us. I have tried every way to be good to him and get him to change his ways, but it doesn't seem to do any good. I want the baby to grow up to lead a Christian life, but cannot do it under present circumstances. Have grounds enough to get a divorce and what would you advise me to do?

Answer—From your letter I think you have been too easy with your husband and he seems to be almost beyond redemption. You have plenty of grounds to get a divorce, but I think you ought to consult some of your relatives or friends and talk your case over with them, or if you know an attorney, talk to him. I think you will be able to find some one who will help you without any expense. If you don't know of any one else see the county attorney of your county; he will either advise or direct you where to go to get the guidance you need.

Held as Witness.

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DREAMLAND ADVENTURE By DADDY.

(The Mighty Bronze Genie, Peggy and Billy met Little Lame Laddie to "End Land," seeking the Great Doctor who builds new legs. The doctor's negro cook tells them that the doctor is on his vacation and orders them away.)

Chased by a Spook. THE frightened negro came bounding from the tent so fast that Billy couldn't get out of his way and the negro bowled him over and stumbled across his body. Over and over rolled the negro, yelling with all his might. His fat body was like a barrel and spun along the grass at an amazing rate. The Mighty Bronze Genie let out a roar of laughter which quickly turned into a roar of indignation as the rolling negro bumped into his knees and knocked him sprawling. As the Genie's long legs kicked out, one of them tripped Peggy, and over she went.

Before any of them could get to their feet a mournful wail sounded from the tent. Closely following it there appeared the weirdest creature Peggy or Billy had ever seen. It had a head like a skull, and floating over behind the head was a streaming white robe. There were no legs. The ghostly creature was floating through the air.

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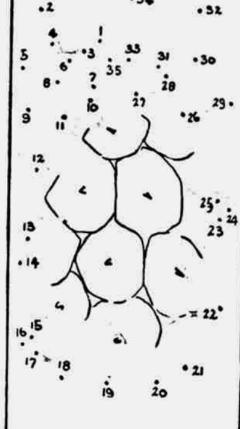
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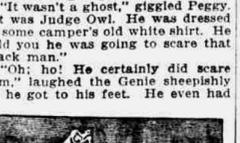
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DAILY DOT PUZZLE

No wonder the negro had been scared! Peggy, Billy and the Mighty Bronze Genie were all struck by shivers the instant they saw this alarming apparition. "Gee-hinkers, what's this?" gasped the Genie. Then he began to roll a race with the fat negro. Peggy and Billy rolled, too, for that seemed to be the quickest way to get beyond harm's reach. "Yip! Yow! Oh, please, Mr. Debbil, don't catch dis nigger! Let me go an' take dem white folks! You'll find dem sweeter dan me," warned the fat negro, rolling rapidly toward the shelter of the woods. "Whoop! Whoop! Whoop!" asked the apparition in tomb like tones. "Take dem white folks! Dis nigger won't neber be bad no more!" "Whoop! Whoop!" wailed the apparition, circling around the head of the Mighty Bronze Genie. "Not me!" yelled the Genie. "That fat colored boy is your meat." "Whoop! You!" wailed the apparition, leading for the negro. "Wow! Help! Master! Help!" shrieked the negro, rolling to his feet and starting off through the wood on a dead run. "Whoop! Whoop!" wailed the apparition, floating away among the trees in swift pursuit. "Ha, ha, ha," laughed Peggy. "That's a good joke on all of us." "Joke! I don't see a joke in having a ghost chase us," thundered the Genie, sitting up and gazing after the vanishing negro and apparition. "It wasn't a ghost," giggled Peggy. "It was Judge Owl. He was dressed in some camper's old white shirt. He told you he was going to scare that black man."



What does Willie like? Draw from one to two and so on to the end.



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