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AGREEMENT AS TO RUSSIA.

Some satisfaction must be felt over the accord with which the United States and France approach the Russian question. The policy adopted by these great republics differs in some degree from that manifest in Great Britain, chiefly on the point of how far political recognition may be extended to the soviets. It is not very likely that Lloyd George will go to the extent that seemed to be indicated as possible in his late note to France, which suggested the not altogether insurmountable obstacles to dealing with the Lenine crew as responsible leaders in Russia. The French government adopts the language of the Colby note as its own, while Italy is similarly committed, and thus we are assured that if England does move as intimated it might, the step will be taken alone, and this under existing conditions is hardly to be thought of.

Advocates of the League of Nations, who have been so earnestly asserting that our country could not be called into war on account of Poland, might wish Secretary Colby had been a little more circumspect in his language, when addressing a deputation of Poles. The secretary of state then expressed himself that "the American government would support Polish independent dence to the full extent of the constitutional power confided in the executive." It is comforting to know that at last the executive admits that the Constitution limits his power, but it is disquieting to have the secretary of state officially express himself thus:

We cannot go to the relief even of Poland, provided the view prevails that we have no concern with anything beyond our national borders. The question, you see, in its larger and truer aspects is a political question. call your attention to the fact that the attitude of this government can only be the attitude of its people; and you, as American citizens, have the power to determine the trend and the weight of public opinion,

In simple terms, Mr. Colby tells these American citizens of Polish birth, "Vote the democratic ticket; elect Cox and we will save Poland." A more shameless use of official position for partisan political purposes has not yet been uncovered. If this is the depth to which American stateeraft and diplomacy has descended, the whole world will welcome the election of Harding for the change it will bring in an office once honored by such democrats as Richard Olney, such statesmen as John Hay, and now used for ward politics by Bainbridge Colby.

Transportation and the Farmer.

When the farmer has garnered his crop, his problem is only half solved; he must get it to market, and the cost of transporting it determines his real profit. This is elemental, and requires no demonstration. It follows, then, that any change in transportation directly affects the value of all the farmer produces, and incidentally, his land as well.

The primary element of the transportation problem as relates to agriculture is the haul from the farm to the railroad. This is determined by the quality of the highways, and explains the interest taken by farmers in good roads projects. Then the accessibility of tidewater becomes a factor, for the final selling price of the farm's output depends on world markets. Hence The Bee's sincere advocacy of the projected waterway to Europe via the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence river.

Here enters another factor, of much importance in the west. Some of the most prolific, and not always the newer, grain producing regions are remote from railroad facilities. In western Nebraska, hauls of forty miles to get grain to cars are not uncommon. The expense of getting crops out is discouraging to these farmers, who are not able to earn the proper neturn for their effort because of the advanced cost of operation incident to the difficulty in reaching a market. They are now asking for relief, and will probably be before the next legislature in quest of help.

It is axiomatic that access to market is essential to success for any producing industry. It is equally clear that counties such as Chase, for example, can not prosper as they should until they are given railroad communication with the outer world. Right now several hundred carloads of wheat are held in Chase county simply because the growers can not get it to the railroad. Transportation is the vital factor in the farmer's problem out there, and must be pro-

Froth From Europe.

There is a vast amount of bunk in the sensational stuff sent over from Europe by highly paid newspaper correspondents whose chief object is to ferret out and magnify dissatisfactions. Even the copy supplied by Colonel House may be included. We are told, for instance, that poviet Russia plans an alliance with Germany preliminary to the subjugation of France, Engand and the United States.

The fact is, Germany wants peace, not only with Russia, but with all countries. She has had er fill of war. We are getting merely the foam of foreign affairs. The deep and all powerful undercurrents are given little attention. They are for rest, for normal conditions, for work, for production, for anything but war. The present

disorders are bubbles that will burst as the waves of world disturbance gradually subside.

More petty setbacks come from the maladroit meddling of politicians than from any other source. The people of Europe want peace and are going to have it, even if it becomes necessary to kill off the trouble makers in order to get it.

Important - Very - If True.

At last the American eagle may again stand upright and look the whole world in the face. His savor faire, his amor propre, his nonchalance, his verve and his metier (if you know what that means) have been restored to him. His scream will once more be loud and raucous, and the lesser breeds of birds and mammals will lie low when they hear it.

"How come?" you ask us. Well, just read what Franklin D. Roosevelt told his hearers at Butte, Mont., Wednesday:

The republicans are playing a shell game on the American people, because they are still busy circulating the story that England has six votes to America's one. It is just the other way. As a matter of fact, the United States has about twelve votes in the assembly. Until last week I had two of them myself, and now Secrethy Daniels has them. You know I have had something to do with the running of a couple of little republics. Facts are that I wrote Haiti's constitution myself, and if I do say it, I think it a pretty good constitution.

Now, isn't that just too cute for anything? All this time Keynes and Dillon and Gibson and the rest have been depicting Wilson at Paris in the role of Little Red Ridinghood, or Alice in Wonderland, or Daniel in the Den of Lions, and we have felt sorry for him, when, as a matter of fact, he was just trying to conceal the truth that he had not only hornswoggled Lloyd George and Clemenceau and Caproni and the other smooth Ephs who represented the effete monarchies of Europe in that conclave, but actually had skinned them out of their eyeteeth. Of course the truth had to come out some time, and how delicately the democratic candidate for vice president goes about to divulge the secret. How Mr. Wilson must swell with pride, when he thinks of this disciple of his, and how Bainbridge Colby will shrivel in envy as he views the triumph of "F, R."

Then, consider the element of modesty that resides in the simple confession of the shrinking violet candidate that he had up to a few days ago two votes himself, but had turned them over to Josephus Daniels. "I wrote Haiti's constitution myself," sezze, "and if I do say it, I think it is a pretty good constitution." In view of the fact that it was prepared in the Navy department, and that Haiti is just now governed by the Marine corps, any form of constitution so prepared and presented will undoubtedly look good to Haitiens.

Try to imagine the spectacle of Uncle Sam, walking into a meeting of the League of Nations, supported by Haiti, Santo Domingo, Guatemala, Costa Rico, Panama, and Cuba, to offset the votes of Canada, Australia, the South African Union and India. No wonder Mr. Wilson kept still about it; but Mr. Roosevelt has spilled the beans!

A Strange Cleopatra.

Women who have this curious power of inciting men to violence are seldom beautiful to the eyes of an unprejudiced observer. Their power rests on some deeper witchery. Cleopatra's coins show her a hook-nosed harridan, but she changed the history of the world at Actium.-Chicago Journal.

Cleopatra was not yet forty when she poisoned herself, and all the weight of history is against any such classification of her face and form as that conveyed by the words "hooknosed harridan." Plutarch, whose descriptions of the personal appearance of people he wrote about are generally accepted as authority, says Dellius "had no sooner seen her face" than he was certain Antony would not be unkind to her. The great historian and biographer himself said "her actual beauty" was not incomparable, but it, with her charm of manner, voice and culture, "was irresistible." So Antony found it, at any rate. He met her, Plutarch says, "at the time of life when woman's beauty is most splendid." (she was then 28) which can hardly be rejected as evidence of her beauty too strong to be offset by an ugly coin.

Dr. Smith, in his "History of Rome," speaks of her beauty at 15; and at 28, when she set out in her barge to capture Antony, she took the "most beautiful of her female slaves" with her. So clever a woman as the Egyptian queen, had she herself been ugly, would not have done that. Dr. Smith says "her wit and vivacity surpassed even her beauty." Another convincing fact is that the sort of dalliance Antony enjoyed with Cieopatra does not go with unsightly features, no matter how winsome a woman's intellectual gifts may be. We cannot escape the conclusion that the Journal has been deceived as to Cleopatra's facial charms by a false coin.

Delight Not the Word.

Professions of delight by democrats because they think they are "driving Harding off the front porch," are a little premature. The senator will make quite a number of speeches away from home, but the front porch also will be a busy place until November.

Even in the event that Senator Harding abandoned his porch speeches, and went all over the country delivering addresses, the effect of them would not be delightful to his political opponents, for his appearance is notably attractive, and his personality a great asset. We have not a doubt that every public appearance he makes away from home will add to his ma-

If his travel delights the democrats, we shall e delighted with them.

Mysterious phials cast up by the sea are getting a lot of attention down east, but they are not half so eloquent as the "empties" tossed overboard by joyriders.

A smart Kansan says his theology is to turn down every tramp who calls him Brother; all others being welcome.

Mexico promises to reform again. If the gentle caballeros ever do settle down, they may find time to settle up.

If wholesale prices really are lower, the benefit may yet reach to Mr. Ultimate Consumer.

"F. R." must not overlook the fact that "T. R." once punched cattle in Montana. Chairman George White also knows when

he has had enough. A bumper crop of corn discourages nobody.

Ponzi played no favorites.

A Line O' Type or Two How to the Line, tot the sulps full where they way.

"WHOM the mad wags Gloucester way call the Ponzi asinorum," observes F. P. A. Showing, perchance, that the m. w. u. G. w. are

occasional readers of this column. A BALLADE OF ALCATRAZ PRISON.

Actors, a party gaily dressed; Scene, ferry boat, the "Bonnie May." The spieler (checkered suit, green vest) Is reeling off his little lay: 'Now, friends, you'll kindly step this way-Goat Island, Oakland, and the piers: Alcatraz, where there is, they say, A prisoner for a hundred years.

"Now, just a little to the west, The Campanile across the Bay, Erected as a last bequest-(Bell rings. All hurry to the quay.) But thoughts are errant things and stray. And he whose heart heard, only hears "Alcatraz where a man will stay A prisoner for a hundred years

Not his tall Tamalpais' crest. Not his the clouded waters grey, Nor ships upon the ocean's breast, Nor any wonders grave or gay. His but to rot, the helpless prey. In bitterness and pain and tears Of every hopeless night and day—A prisoner for a hundred years.

Forget the price that he must pay. The sky is blue. Forget your fears. Forget (for it is sweet to play) A prisoner for a hundred years. P.W. B.

BOLSHEVIST sympathizers broke up church service in New York with cries of "Yah! Yah!" This expression of opinion is commonly heard in the jungle, and is accompanied by a shower of panied by a shower of cocoanuts.

NEWS FROM BIRD CENTRE. (From the Eureka, Cal., Times.) . Mr. and Mrs. McCaw and family of San Francisco stopped at the McKee place over

Mrs. J. V. Snipes is recovering after her serious illness.
R. A. Woodcock made a business trip to Briceland Saturday

AT a mass meeting in honor of Archbishop Mannix "Speakers predicted the speedy crumb

ling of the British empire."
'Twas midnight. In his Sinn Fein tent, The Turk was dreaming of the hour-

"IT is useless," says Georg Brandes, considering wisely the Russian situation, "to send armies against ideas." But he adds, for those who are fearful of revolutionary ideas, that an idea has never passed from one country to another without assimilating much of what it encountered in this other land.

WILL SOME RACE TRACK PERSON OBLIGE: Sir: I'll supply the one-dollar bills if you'l estimate the number it takes to choke the average-sized horse. What is the minimum-sized roll?

THAT extremely entertaining writer, Mr. McFee, refers to "the cinema world, that hospital for literary defectives."

THE BIRD CLOCK.

The night fades, all is hushed; The paling sky is like a sheet of canvas waiting color; Even the air is expectant. Suddenly from the maples comes an experi

mental whistle. Then, confidently, 'Cheerio, cheerio—quick, quick, quick!" The cardinal heralds the dawn.

The light grows stronger, the breeze springs up; A catbird's liquid melody Splashes down from the tree tops in a sprinkle of silvery notes. The sun is in the sky.

All the bright morning hours The robins, little cousins of the household. Scatter their cheerful remarks to the winds And spot the lawn with color. Noon comes: the birds are quiet, Save a scolding fay, nagging the quesulous wood-

wrkling afternoon Flash the orioles, trilling jazz-music, While the grackles and redwings Ask their ceaseless questions. The brown-thrashers lurk in the shadows, And the rain-crow prophecies dolefully.

The wrens come and go, noisily, tirclessly, Ticking off the minutes of the day. Now the sun slips below the purpling hills. Utters her soft lament to the twilight, The whippoorwills circle and call in the deeper

ing dusk, A hoot-owl shivers the air into fragments, But is soon still, moth hunting. Night. The far, hoarse call of a bittern. A night-hawk's petulant note, A night-hawk's petulant note, One last crooning murmur of the dove— IRIS.

AND THEN THEY ARE SO HUNGRY THEY WILL EAT ANYTHING.

A hotel in Benton Harbor, Mich., which has mineral springs in connection, urges on its bill of fare: "Guests will please exercise pa-tients until their meals are served." W. W. THERE is another answer to the question.

"What has been urging the Russian army from victory to victory?" It is what one essayist calls "the repercussion of external pressure." The allies have shown that they are admirable instruments of repercussion. In a Country Store.

Polite Old Lady, to Clerk: "I'm afraid I'm taking up too much of your time."

Jane, behind counter, shifting gum-wad, and arranging coiffure: "Oh, you should worry."
R. R. M.

ASIDES. P. V.: We shall get around to it eventually.

Gene: Send the picture! THE political architects at Versailles drew beautiful plans for a House of Nations, but they neglected to provide each family with a corridor. Hence the general dissatisfaction.

Academy Jottings.

H. E. E. M .: "I rush the application for Chair 3 of A. Barum, the Madison barber."
S. I. D.: "Please let in Ima Walz and Ima Rabbit, of the La Crosse High school."
H. J. L.: "For the ball team or the choir, I nominate Primo Basso, lumberjacki Klamath

"REVEAL Greek Plot to Reseat Con-"INDIANA Has 2,930,544."-Census report. Mostly poets.

Where Shirts Grow on Trees

In these days of high prices it makes one envy the natives of New Granada, who are provided with ready-made shirts free of all charge. "The Song of the Shirt" is not ap-plicable in Oronoko, which is situated on the Cerra Drida slope, New Granada, for it is there that the natives wear Nature's ready-made shirts. No stiches are needed in these shirts, and as they grow they are carefully watched until they have become large enough to be utilized for clothing purposes. The marina tree is the wonderful shirt-producing palm, it being a species of tropical palm, having a thin, fibrous, red bark. When an Indian wants a shirt, all he has to do is to cut off a piece of one of these palms, about 18 inches or thereabouts in diameter. He next removes the bark, taking particular care that he does not cut it in any way, and thus he now possesses a hollow cylinder of flexible bark, which somewhat resembles a sack without a bottom. He next makes a small slit in each side for his arms to go through, and Nature's ready-made shirt, which requires no stitching nor laundering, is com-plete.—Lon on Answers.

Verdict Awaited With Interest.

Mrs. Charlie Chaplin having sued Mr. Charlie Chaplin for divorce, the public will be interested in seeing which of them is given the custody of the custard pie.-Chicago News.

How to Keep Well By DR. W. A. EVANS

Questions concerning hygiens, sanitation and prevention of disease, submitted to Dr. Evans by renders of The Bee, will be answered personally, subject to proper limitation, where a stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed. Dr. Evans will not make diagnosis or prescribe for individual diseases. Address letters in care of The Bee.

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RAILROAD HEALTH WORK. H. W. Hovenberg of the St. Louis & Southwestern railroad told the pits, but in controlling malaria by Southern Medical society recently of drainage, weed cutting, and oiling what the railroads in southeastern all parts of the community. They what the railroads in southeastern Texas had done to fight malaria. Upon investigation he found that one-third of the admissions to the railroad hospitals on his road were due to malaria; one-third of the

noney spent on medical relief was charged to malaria. Each hospital patient cost his road an average of All of this runs into money, but the greatest loss came from poor work done by railroad employes who were drawing pay for a day's work, but because of malaria could only do about one-half a day's task The federal manager of a railroad through that section said the rail-

case of malaria for each 10 miles of track. In addition came the railroad's loss through the inefficiency of the malaria-stricken labor force of saw mills and other industrial enter-prises along their lines. Undoubtedly the railroads contribute through their burrow pits and other water pools to the spread of malaria in the civilian population. In fact, Dr. Carter said in Virginia the railroads

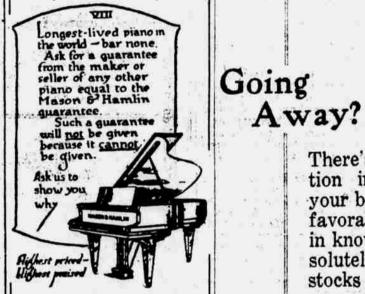
road could afford to do anti-maiaria work if it only prevented one

were responsible for one half of all malaria. Hovenberg found that 90 per cent of the malaria among railroad men was among the section men, the extra gang men, and the shop men. Of these forces the section hands, comprising 20 per cent of the group, furnished 25 per cent of the malaria. The extra gangs, making up 10 per cent of the force, furnished 25 per cent of the malaria. The bridge crews, water service, and work train men, comprising 5 per cent of the force, furnished 15 per cent of the fever. Twenty per cent of the men

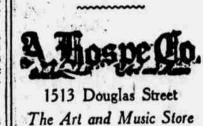
were shop men, but they supplied only 10 per cent of the malaria. The way to control malaria among the section hands is: (a) Screen all houses. (b) Supply 16 mesh screening at cost to men who live in their

own homes.
(c) Furnish free quinine. (d) Eliminate all mosquito breeding places along the right

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of way by drainage and oiling. (e) By educational campaigns to control malaria in bridge and

find it pays.

work train crews. (a) Screen all bunk cars.
(b) Train the men to swat mosquitoes in the bunk cars. (c) Spot the out pits away from mosquito breeding pools.

(d) Supply quinine free.
(e) Educate the men and especially the foreman in mosquito

prevention.
The application of these methods has decreased the amount of malaria

about 80 per cent. In addition the railroads work with some of the towns along the route, not only in draining borrow

Curing the Tongue Tied. W. K. writes: "If a child is born tongue tied when is the best time to loosen the tongue, and is there any specialist for this work?"

REPLY. As a rule tongue tie does no harm. If with this child it is exceptionally bad the band can be snipped at any time by any physician. The operation is exceedingly simple and safe.

Yes, It's Curable. M. E. P. writes: "What are the cause of mucous colitis, symptoms and treatment? 2. Is it curable?"

REPLY. 1. Mucous colitis is generally found in nervous persons who give a his

tory of chronic constipation.

2. Some months ago we wrote of a New York physician who treated it successfully by giving a very large enema daily. Correspondents have told me of being cured by correctnig constipation.

You Are In No Danger. H. M. writes: "My wife died of cancer a year and a half ago. Would there be any possibility of my de-veloping the disease now?" REPLY.

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