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For sale, yard dog.—Advertisement. Probably a Dachshund.

Well, if the world hasn't been disarmed it has been disillusioned.

The only nation that isn't distressed by coal prices is hibernation.

Johnny Coulon gives the strong men pause; perhaps he is a sort of semi-coulon.

There isn't anything in Canada worth as little as a ruble, unless it be a corkscrew.

The news of the day causes us to be very glad that it's a long, long way to Tipperary.

And nations shall beat their swords into plowshares and their battleships into submarines.

The balloon will never be popular with service men while it provides only one-way tickets.

The prehistoric school boy doubtless had his troubles, but history wasn't one of them.

"Proffiter suspended from club," says a headline. Evidently there was no limb in the vicinity.

In this day of excellent dyes, almost everything a woman wears is washable except her complexion.

Examine the proudest family tree, and you will discover that the ancestors had to root for a living.

Don't be discouraged. There has been only one perfect man in the world, and everybody knocked him.

Philosophy enables a man to rest, when he can't get his car started, that walking is cheaper anyway.

There is a growing disposition to let Russia alone, the outside world having entirely exhausted its vocabulary.

"Food Prices Break," says a headline. The line seems incomplete without the addition of the word "Father."

Society is now devoted to the lifting crane. But the average man gets sufficient exercise trying to raise the reel.

Petrograd has troubles enough, but with 71 per cent. of the population gone she isn't worrying about a house shortage.

Denied war profits, the next generation will be unable to support our hold-up men in the style in which they were raised.

Apparently Uncle Sam favors all of the League idea except the part concerning ceremony that would pledge him to love, honor and obey.

The new license numbers are the worst yet. Traffic policemen will have to be furnished with magnifying glasses if they are to read the figures.

Hartley Dewar objects to Premier Drury's statement that "between the U.F.O. and the dead, defunct and discredited Liberal organization there can be neither amalgamation, unification nor endorsement."

Hartley should also object to the premier's use of "apt alliteration's artful aid."

THE OFFICE OF POLICE MAGISTRATE.

The Ontario government is to be commended upon his action in appointing the Public Service Commission to investigate and report upon the public offices under its jurisdiction.

The interim report upon the office of police magistrate is a most exhaustive one, and the recommendations based upon it are entitled to serious consideration and adoption with a view to securing more efficient service.

As indicating the importance of the office of police magistrate the report states that out of 7,904 persons found guilty of crime in Ontario in 1919 and imprisoned, 7,023 were committed and sentenced by police magistrates and justices of the peace, 726 were sentenced at the county judge's criminal court, 74 at the general sessions of the peace, and 71 at the assizes.

In a year of ten times as many cases as any high court judge. The judges of the supreme court deal mainly with the rights of property, but the police magistrates administer those laws which affect the life and property of the individual citizen; the judgments which they deliver determine for good or evil the future of thousands and make or mar human life.

While paying a high tribute to the character of the police magistrates, the report states that there are a few exceptions, but attribute miscarriages of justice to ignorance and lack of training and experience, and sometimes to lack of intellectual qualifications.

The recommendations made by the commission include important changes in the manner of remunerating magistrates for their service, and also the provision of counsel for prisoners unable to pay lawyers' fees; and in order to remove from the public mind the idea that the magistrate is a part of the police system he is to be called "provincial magistrate" or "district magistrate," and he will no longer be a member of the police commission of cities and municipalities.

The suggested changes, if adopted, are bound to result in a vast improvement upon the system that prevails in many parts of the province. In the cities the need of change is, perhaps, not so apparent, as efficient officers occupy the magistrate's bench.

INCONSISTENCY IN RUSSIA. A dispatch from Moscow the other day shows the peculiar line of reasoning adopted by the Bolsheviks and the great inconsistency of their attempts to set Russia on its feet.

The sting of the dispatch is in its tail, however, for it says: "The soviet government has resolved to abolish the right to private ownership of books. All existing libraries will be appropriated by the state, and in future it will be illegal for private individuals to acquire or continue to own books."

This resolution is so startling as to be almost unbelievable. Here we have progress and retrogression going hand in hand. The soviet government is seeking to improve its economic and commercial status, and is at the same time destroying its intellectual side.

A country cannot go ahead by simply stimulating industry and agriculture, and by making its citizens mere cogs in the economic machine, yet that is precisely what the soviet government will do if this order is enforced. A country must progress intellectually, must develop a literature and a leadership of educated men and women if it is to become stable.

Books are an absolute necessity to the educational development, the true development, of any people, be they Hindoos or Turks, Russians or Chinese, and by cutting off the possibility of study, the Russian soviet is setting the country back by centuries.

Just what the Russian government

hopes to gain by such a prohibition is not quite clear. Perhaps the rulers are afraid that the seeds of discontent will be planted in the minds of the people by the reading of books, and that their own power may be short-lived. In reality, they have taken a step which will do much to shorten their term of power, for it is not natural for civilized nations, particularly the Slavic nations, to be deprived of their literature, and the order will probably become a millstone around the necks of the soviet leaders.

Walt Mason THE POET PHILOSOPHER

THE HAPPY PAST.

My auto didn't cut out vice, when New Year Day invited vows, and now, instead of running nice, it's balky as the law allows. Two cylinders are pumping oil, and when up heavy grades I climb, the radiator starts to boil, and oh, I have the dingiest time!

—WALT MASON.

BITS OF BY-PLAY

By LUKE McLUKE

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Little Tragedies.

The man lit a match to see if the gas was leaking. It was.

Throwing Him Over.

He asked her on a ferry boat To be his bride, old Plover; The story ends right here, you'll note, Because she threw him over.

Smith Asked Her in the Kitchen.

If she'd like to cook for two; But FINIS NOW I'm bound to write, Because he's in a stew.

Paw Knows Everything.

Willie—Paw, why is it that the ocean does not run over when all the rivers empty into it?

Paw.

Because—er—er—because the ocean is full of sponges, my son. Now do your night work, and don't bother me!

Hi!

He's gone where all day and all night he will smoke; He bought him a pistol, did Ben; Then thought he would hold up a friend as a joke— And he never will do it again.

Ouch!

"I see that Smith has quit drinking," said Brown. "That so?" asked Jones. "Yes," said Brown. "He fell out of a window on the tenth floor when he was drunk and he hasn't taken a drop since."

Advice.

Be good-natured, ladies. I pray you, A stumpy complexion men dread; Laugh, and the world laughs with you; Weep, and your nose gets red.

Be kind, dear India, now I pray.

For passion is one thing men dread; Smile and the world smiles with you; Get mad and you lose your head.

Is That So?

"Do you believe that a woman can stand more than a man?" asked Mr. Gabb. "Well, whether she can or not she



Vicar (visiting fussy old parishioner after returning from his holidays): "And has your daughter's child been baptized, Mr. Dudman?" "Well—ah—I won't say as 'e's baptized, but your young man come an' did what 'e could while you was away, sir."—London Mail.

has to when she boards a crowded street car," snapped Mrs. Gabb.

You Win. It is not prohibition that they have in the United States, but blatant hypocrisy.—John Bull, London, England.

Any Other Nominations? A Bookbinder of Newark, N. J., has been nominated for Librarian of the Names Is Names Club.

The Human Zoo. Loan Sharks, Bling Tigers, Night Hawks, Lame Ducks, Queer Fish, Selfish Brutes, Social Lions, Lucky Dogs, End Seat Hogs.

No, Hum! He'd laugh at rubes, would Oswald Block. At get-rich schemes he joked, But he fell for some watered stock, And that's how he got soaked.

He thought all folks were suckers but Himself, did Rufus Lair; He bought stock in some aeroplane— Now he's up in the air.

He thought no one could buffalo him; Did wealthy Tom McKee; He spent his cash on timber lands; And now he's up a tree.

We hate to keep any one out of the Club. But what the heck are we gonna do with Zola Z. Zickfoose, of Vienna, W. Va.?

When They Spring Do They Fall? Winter and Summers are engaged in the live stock packing business at Ft. Worth, Texas.

Would You Trade Your Home For a Kat? (Ad. in Duluth Herald) MALE KITTEN, half angora, to be given away for a good home. 1919 E 3rd st.

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Aw, Gwan! I've kept my ears wide open As I've traveled this old world round. But tell me, Luke, if you possibly can; How does Puget Sound?

I've kept my eyes wide open too. But still have failed to glance upon A state like this, so tell me, Luke Where he's Oregon.

Names Is Names. Anna Quarles lives at 1006 Green street, Columbia, S. C.

Our Daily Special. You Are Lucky That You Do Not Have To Act On The Advice You Give Others.

LICENSES TO HIRE WHITE WAITRESSES. Hon. Mr. Rollo Will Move to Require These of Restaurateurs.

Hamilton, Feb. 1.—Strongly in favor of proprietors of all restaurants being compelled to secure licenses to hire white girls as waitresses or in any other occupation, Hon. Walter R. Rollo, minister of labor and health, stated that he would move at the present session of the legislature to have the amendment made to the Factory Act in 1914 enforced as soon as possible.

The minister explained that the amendment in question would have been enforced many months ago had it not been for the intervention of the war. As originally drafted, the amendment was aimed to discourage Chinese restaurants from employing white girls. The Chinese consul at Ottawa, however, objected to what he termed, however, objected to what he termed discrimination against his race, and the amendment was then enlarged to include proprietors of all restaurants.

"When in operation, as I no doubt will be at an early date," concluded Hon. Mr. Rollo, "the proprietor of any restaurant in a municipality of 100,000 population or over will be compelled to secure a license before he can hire any white girl. In municipalities of less than 100,000 population it will lie within the power of such to enforce the amendment themselves, I think the amendment is a step in the right direction."

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