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Patrick, boy; take it from us. Freedom is only a state of mind.

Blue laws are most effective in a community where the people are rather green.

We imagine a transplanted monkey gland would not always feel entirely out of place.

This is the season when the curtain is drawn on summer, and it's an automobile curtain.

There is optimism as well as pessimism in the thought that things are not always what they seem.

Those who really must holler in order to enjoy life now have their chance at the football games.

Reports from New York alcoholic wards indicate that Wall Street isn't the only place where things are tight.

The continuous strategic retreat of the Turks seems to bear out the story that they were trained by German officers.

Getting tired of waiting for him to call around, pumpkins are coming to market without being kissed by Jack Frost.

Harry Lauder displayed some genuine wit when he welcomed the adoption of kills by the lassies. Hoot, man.

Historical note: Long, long ago, a girl became very indignant when a male person endeavored to hold her hand.

Fewer drunks were arrested in Chicago last year. Naturally, when the patrol wagons were reserved for bootlegging.

Fable: Once there was a farmer who didn't think he could move to town and run a grocery store and get rich.

The income tax wouldn't be such a nuisance if the government would arrange to have the boss hold it out of his wages.

The court decision that a man is master of his home perhaps should not be discussed in the presence of the young children.

Harry Lauder has arrived to make his farewell tour. Harry is still a young man, and probably will live to make several of them.

Foolish was that man who built his house on the sand. Some credit is due him, though, for he at least had the sand to build.

If there are actually eight million men idle in the United States, there are almost enough men available to enforce prohibition there.

Autumn! The season of the year when Adam gathered a gorgeous leaf for the wardrobe of his sweetheart, the first of the one-piece garments.

May not the Ku Klux Klan be an enterprising plan to rid the market of a lot of nightshirts which were relegated to shelves by the more popular pajamas?

It has been assumed that the laying of thick-shelled eggs means that the hens know a hard winter is coming. Maybe they suspect that the eggs are going into storage for awhile.

POPULAR OPINION LEADS.

The public mind in Great Britain shows signs of getting in front of official action in the matter of a decision in the armament conference called by the president of the United States. Popular opinion and the judgment spoken by men of some prominence in the social as well as the political world seems to be pronouncedly in favor of a decisive limitation to armament.

The Bishop of London, speaking in the name of religion and ethics, publicly pleads with England and the United States to strike hands and salvage the little that is left of civilization. He sees no other solution. Lord Crewe, leader of the opposition party in the House of Lords; Lord Buckmaster, former lord chancellor; Lord Shaw, official of the League of Nations union; Admiral Sir Cypryan Bridge and Maude Royden, one of England's greatest women, variously express the same thought.

Only among the veteran politicians of Europe is the conference regarded slightly. All others frankly proclaim the belief that this meeting is one of the few remaining hopes of civilization. If it fails, they confess to a conviction that one more step has been taken toward a condition which brings a shudder to the thoughtful. Evidently the inadequacy of statesmanship is beginning to be feared in the places where confidence was strong and somewhat serene.

WAR ON CATS.

Every once in a while some new fad is sprung upon the world by people, who, for want of anything else to do, simply have to start a campaign to get rid of something. Sometimes such a movement does succeed, as has been the case in the prohibition movement, but many of them are doomed to failure. That, we are afraid, will be the fate of a campaign which has just been started for the extermination of cats. This campaign has been started by an organization with headquarters in Chicago, and it has been sending broadcast pamphlets bearing the slogan, "Song birds forever—a catless world by 1925."

As is apparent from the slogan, the primary object of this movement is to protect song birds. In the pamphlet an offer is made of a reward of ten cents each for the first hundred cats killed. This is a great incentive to gangs of boys to get started on a cat-killing expedition; but the novelty will soon wear off and the campaign die out. The result so far has been a large decrease in the cat population of America. One New York paper estimated that in the first ninety days of the campaign it had been responsible for the destruction of seven million cats. At this rate, with a reward of ten cents for each cat killed, the organization behind the movement would find itself faced with a substantial financial problem, and then it would be goodbye to the cat-killing campaign.

In spite of the campaign, however, there are few people who will be convinced that cats are a menace. They are rather annoying, of course, when they sit on fences or housetops while the neighbors are trying to sleep, and by their discordant howls keep everyone awake. But the average family which owns a cat usually prizes the feline pet either as a good mouse-hunter or because of some sentimental attachment. "A catless world" might not be such a blessing as the proponents of cat destruction imagine, unless they could also guarantee a mouseless world. The fad may survive for a little while in some places, but it is not likely to end in the extermination of our feline friends.

MIGHT BE WORTH TRYING.

Like the "heathen Chinese," the German is wily and peculiar. Walter Rathenau, the German minister of reconstruction, points out that a readjustment of reparations obligations is necessary to save, not Germany, but the Allies and their associates. He declares that Germany must continue her efforts to comply with the burden placed on her, but he warns the world that others will suffer more. The more Germany works, he says, the more must others remain idle. He cites the value of the mark as proof that Germany cannot pay in coin, and he proposes to contemplate what will happen to France, Great Britain and the United States if Germany pays in goods.

While the disappearing value of the mark is perplexing financiers, may it not be just the course sought by the Germans? It provides such a good excuse for their pleas for revision of the reparations terms. The rate at which marks are being printed naturally would make them worthless in comparison with gold, but for that to constitute a valid reason for sidestepping payment for the damages they inflicted on the world is to beg the question. It would be well worth while for the world to suffer some if that were the only alternative in order that Germany might be impressed with her inability to escape punishment by pleading the injury payment would do to others. We doubt not that France would willingly undergo the suffering that a few billion gold

marks handed over by Germany would inflict.

German workshops are rushed with orders, and large profits are reported. It may be that these profits are measured in paper money, but they are profits. They demonstrate that Germany is prosperous in a way. A nation that is working and making a profit has no cause to complain of poverty. Probably if Germany is pointedly advised that the declining mark is not an excuse for dodging her obligation, her flat evidence of value will begin to appreciate.

THE MOTOR TRUCK.

There is no longer a monopoly of transport. Road and river have come to compete actively with railway. But the motor was the first to break the monopoly and remains everywhere as the great revolutionizing force. Britain is just facing this problem. The railways, emerging from government control, find that during the years just passed motor transport has reached the point where the road vehicle gets the pick of the freight and not a little of the passenger traffic. The yearly loss to the railways through this competition is put at 6,000,000 tons.

Wherein is the advantage? Obviously in the mobility of the motor vehicle. Choosing its traffic, its rates frequently are lower. But, not only in freight rates has it the edge; it can transport goods more quickly, and, what is vital to the shipper, with fewer handling charges. Thus, even where the rates are equal or even slightly lower on the railways, the advantages of road-borne freight are so compelling that the operators of motor vehicles have a waiting list and can pick the loads they prefer to haul, leaving the remainder to the railways.

Clearly, each mode of transport is essential. In long haulage and heavy bulk traffic the railway is obviously the agent of advantage; in short hauls the road vehicle is at its best. If each develops its branch of enterprise both will prosper, and each will act as a check on the other to the advantage of the public.

That the railway will make a determined effort to meet road transport goes without saying. They will do this, probably, by cheaper rates, by economy in operation, by reduction in terminal delays, and by improvement in handling methods at the depots. In this way they will induce much traffic to return to their lines. Meantime the road vehicles also will be developing, for it is absurd to think that they have reached their maximum of efficiency. The overloaded motor truck always will be the object of repression on the highways, but the motor truck, in itself, is indispensable to industry. Thus there is room for both forms of transport; co-ordinated, much that is uneconomic in the present systems will be removed.

Walt Mason THE POET PHILOSOPHER

ROSES AND ROCKS. Our idol stands before us, and does some merry tricks, and we applaud in chorus this price of joyous ticks. We watch his every antic, we laugh until we weep, our glee is almost frantic, our admiration deep. We say: "Oh, was there ever so comical a gent? A guy so wondrous clever at spreading merriment? We certainly adore him, he gladdens all our days, and if it would bore him our college yell we'd raise." But lo, he pulled a blunder—perhaps it was a crime—



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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

GLADNESS IN SERVICE: Serve the Lord with gladness. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good. Psalm 100: 2, 4.

and now we're tramping under the chap we called sublime. We have no thought of mercy as we apply the gas to that form, fat and puffy. At which we used to laugh. In highly moral dudgeon we knock him from his feet, and call for ax and bludgeon to make the job complete. No doubt we've done some evil, we truly moral guys; our record's full of weevil we do not advertise. Oh, poor old human nature, it always is the same; no court or legislature can change its foolish game. We worship some one madly until he makes a break, then, morally and sadly, we burn him at the stake. The more we used to love him when he was in his bloom, the fiercer do we shove him and kick him to his doom. —WALT MASON.

ALONG LIFE'S DETOUR BY SAM HILL

Observations of Olden Inhabitant. I kin remember when the only dishwashing machine known was the mother of six children.

Looks Like a Corset Wedding. (Col. George Bailey in the Houston Post) Hey, there, Sam Hill! Last Saturday Minor Stovey and Rose Di Fatta were happily married in St. Louis.

'N Geef! How We Miss 'Em. Alas! Alack! This chilling breeze Now means we've seen 'The last of bare knees."

That's Overdoing It. "She has a very tender heart, hasn't she?" "I should say she has. She is now worrying how the cooties get anything to eat since the boys got out of the trenches."

These Hounds Must Have Records. (Classified Ad in Sunday's Enquirer) Two fine rabbit hounds, with plenty of music; price \$15 each. Box 86, West Union, Ohio.

Fool Questions. J. E. asks: "In what kind of a liquid can they dissolve Parliament?" All we know is England isn't dry, so we are sure it isn't water.

Worked in Reverse in His Case. "Do you think it is unlucky to postpone a wedding?" asked the Young Man. "My own experience has been it is decidedly unlucky not to postpone it indefinitely," replied the Grouch.

Odd Facts From Nowhere. A statistical sheet states that in the course of a year the energy used by women in chewing gum equals 1,000,000,000 horse power, or enough to run all the factories of the country.

Utilizing the hot air in the halls of Congress to heat the Government buildings in Washington is the ideal of a Mattewan patient.

Who Sold the Country Was Dry? "There are 49,000 drugstores in the United States."—Scraps. And about 100,000 emergency stations manned by the bootleggers.

Diary of Miss Opportunity. Wednesday, October 19. Saw A. Roaster yesterday. Thinks world's biggest lot by his failure to get chance at big things. Refuses to be faithful over small tasks because of idea he was meant to be world beater. Shame to wake him up, but had to tell him he never would be anything but bush leaguer.

This May Be Rhyme, But It's Not New. "When a girl is little she likes dolls, but when they get older the boys fall for them.—San Hill. When a girl is little she likes dolls, and for 'em she will holler, but when she wants to doll herself, she hollers for the dollars." —G. N. S.

Daily Sentence Sermon. There is a big difference between having a strong mind and being headstrong.

News of the Names Club. Dr. Take prescribes the medicine for the sick folks of Valparaiso, Ind., but he doesn't take any of his own.

Then It Happened. "I wonder if you could" said the Cheerful Idiot. "Could what?" asked the Barkeep as he looked for the former clove holder. "Well, if an inmate of an asylum escaped, would you say the nut bolted?"

Speculating. The eggs in cold storage I view with alarm; But if I don't eat them, They'll do me no harm. —Cincinnati Enquirer.

And how I abhor it— The restaurant pie; But if I don't eat it, I guess I won't die. —San Francisco Chronicle.

LOOSE CHARGES MADE.

Beaverbrook's Comment on Profit-eering Accusations. London, Oct. 20.—The Daily Mail for some time has been conducting a campaign against shopkeepers alleging that they are guilty of profiteering. Lord Beaverbrook's paper, the Daily Express, has taken exactly the opposite view. Lord Beaverbrook, addressing the Traders' Federation, declared that the first object ought to be the restoration of home trade, a lower bank rate to cheapen money, extension of credit, and lower income, sugar and tea taxes. These factors have been ignored, he stated, in making loose charges against the retailers.

Diplomas Awarded. Picton, Oct. 20.—Miss C. A. Folard (L.R.A.M., Edinburgh) gave an interesting musical recital here before a large audience. Fourteen pupils received diplomas granted by the Toronto Academy of Music, and Miss Folkard was presented with flowers. One of the latest vocations for women is that of the professional house hunter.

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