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Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge; but he that hateth reproof is brutish. Proverbs 12:1.

On Salvaging Armenia

ON Wednesday and Thursday nights of this week, at the Cadle Tabernacle, there will be presented a pageant and bazaar that will be worth attending. Free to the public and with interesting features, this Armenian pageant and bazaar promises to attract large crowds of Indianapolis people.

The men and women who have planned the event under the leadership of Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, have been impelled by Christian motives. The salvaging of a dying nation is the aim of the movement for the salvation of Armenia from the persecution of the Turk. And the pageant and bazaar that is being staged this week may be the inception of a movement that will have far-reaching effect.

Likely resolutions will be considered calling upon President Harding and Congress to do something about the Armenian situation. Whether you are interested in the Armenian people or not, you cannot help putting yourself in the way of gaining entertainment and information if you visit Cadle Tabernacle on these two nights.

A Coal Reserve and Its Use

IF the public can protect itself during a coal strike, without trampling on anybody's rights, capital and labor may be left to their own devices to find a way out for themselves. There is a simple method ready for this end. It will insure adequate fuel for emergency use, and it will act, too, as a deterrent against strikes.

Let the Government acquire sufficient coal reserves, while the mines are working, to carry the country through a period of three months' scarcity, or more. The coal can be mined during the slack seasons. The Government could purchase the fuel at minimum mine-head prices and hold it properly stored under water, or otherwise, at strategic points for public use in critical times.

Then, upon the declaration of a strike, the Government would offer its coal to the public at large. There would be no stoppage of industry and no profiteering. The Government could fix a price, without profit, but sufficient to cover the actual cost of handling the coal. The price would be less, in fact, than when there was no strike, for private interests would not be reaching out for a share of the plunder. There would be no plunder.

Capital and labor would be on the same footing. Both would suffer if they couldn't come to terms. That means quick adjustment. It means, too, settlements would precede most strikes.

Meanwhile, every coal strike would give the public an object lesson in Government sale of coal at cheap prices. The public would be able to judge how it worked, and eventually would act accordingly.

The Prodigal's Comeback

IN Austria, where the crown has fallen from a normal exchange value of five for a dollar to 60,000 for a dollar, they are telling this story:

A shopkeeper died during the war and left a million crowns to his two sons.

One of the sons was thrifty and the other was a riotous spender. The thrifty son put his half million crowns into the state savings bank, and lived on the interest. It brought him in a comfortable annuity until the decline in exchange began. But, he held on, being conservative, and his half million crowns, originally worth \$100,000, are now worth \$8. His income is less than 30 cents a year.

The other son spent his half million crowns on drink. But, he kept the empty bottles, and has just sold them for 15,000,000 crowns.

The spendthrift is now waiting for exchange to rise again, when he will have his cake and have eaten it, too.

All this sounds very like a parable. And by custom it ought to pack a moral. But for the life of us, we don't seem able to find one—unless it be the obvious—and that doesn't fit in at all with our code, which says the villain must always get in the neck.

It is a modern parable, though, and to the modern we must go for its meaning. In the words of the cake eater and the flapper, then:

"Ain't war the cat's whiskers!"

Magna Charta Represents Early Code of English Civil Liberties

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Q.—What was the Magna Charta?

A.—The great charter of liberties, forming a great part of the English constitution and regarded as one of the mainstays of English liberty. This charter was extorted from King John by the confederated barons in 1215. Its most important articles are those which provide that no Freeman shall be taken or imprisoned or proceeded against except by the lawful judgment of his peers or by the law of the land, and that no taxes shall be imposed upon England except certain feudal dues from tenants of the crown unless by common council of the kingdom. The greater part of the charter is directed against the abuses of the kingly power. It originally contained sixty-three clauses, alterations brought the number up to 1,225. It took its final and legal form with thirty-seven clauses.

Q.—What boat won the speed boat championship of North America in 1921? what was the speed, what was the previous record?

A.—Miss America II won the speed boat championship of North America in 1921, in which event the world's record was placed at 80.576 miles per hour. The previous record was 71.04 miles an hour, made by Miss America I in 1920.

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LEARN A WORD TODAY

Today's word is—MYCOLOGIST.

It's pronounced—mi-kol-o-jist, with accent on the second syllable.

It means—one learned in the science of "mycology," or that branch of botany relating to fungi, of which the mushroom and the toadstool are conspicuous examples.

It comes from—a Greek word meaning "fungus."

It's used like this—"Supposed mushrooms should never be eaten as such unless you're for a by a competent mycologist, the mushroom and the toadstool are poisonous."

It is never considered correct for a man to take a woman's arm unless she is feeble and needs assistance.

For a man to grasp her firmly by the elbow when crossing the street is also a social error.

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