

IF GOD WERE PRESIDENT
PRESIDENT Harding the other day said: "The problems of the world would be less difficult if humanity would get a little closer to God."

Amen!
"Closer to God." To do a little bit more as God would do were He down here on earth directing affairs of state.

The policy of President Harding and his Administration is one of "isolation" from the "problems of the world." It is every nation for itself.

Would that be God's policy were He President of the United States? Or Secretary of State?

Scarcely.
Jesus, God's Son, sent to the earth as His ambassador, certainly did not teach us any such thing.

"And Jesus went about all Galilee," says St. Matthew, "healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people."

He did not say: "It's too bad they are sick. But I will have nothing to do with them. I might get sick myself." Not at all. "He went about healing."

And what was the effect:

"And his fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had palsy; and he healed them."

"And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis and from Jerusalem and from beyond Jordan."

In short, people from a large part of the known world gathered about him. He at once became a great figure because he did not isolate himself and say: "I'll take care of myself and you take care of yourself."

And almost his first words to these people were:
"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

It would be difficult indeed to get any "closer to God" than being His children.

And for the benefit of any "isolationists" who might have been among his listeners—the timid, afraid to help "make the problems of the world less difficult," lest they themselves in some way become involved—he said:

"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

"Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you . . . for my sake."

"Ye are the salt of the earth."

Jesus particularly and every way he could warned the people not to live for themselves and to themselves alone. An "isolationist?" Not he!

"Ye are the light of the world," he told the mixture of people "from Decapolis and from Jerusalem and from beyond Jordan." "A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid."

"Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house."

"Closer to God."

It would be well worth a special trip to the Capitol some day, Mr. President, just to deliver that message to the United States Senate—that body of men whose ungodly selfishness and fear are so largely responsible for the terrible fix the world is in today.

A LAND OF REAL WEATHER
RODGER DOLAN'S uncle writes from Prince Edward Island, Canada: "The snow here is 5 to 10 feet deep on the level, but it's piled up about 30 feet high along the railroad tracks. It's a reasonably mild winter, only 30 below zero as I write. But we're all dreading the big spring thaw, when the snow will turn to an ocean of slush."

You might keep this in mind, as an antidote when our own weather seems cantankerous.

PONTIUS PILATE GRAFTER
OLD records dug up in Jerusalem tell of a water system built in the time of Christ, and show that Pontius Pilate, who had charge of the job, was accused of grafting.

This, which happened about nineteen centuries ago, sounds like modern times. Since grafting by some public officials is over 1,900 years old, our generation can hardly expect to get rid of it.

Dishonesty, we have with us always. And public officials, on the average, are just about as honest as the public. Government is a mirror of the governed, just as a magazine or newspaper is a mirror of its readers.

Widow of War Veteran Has Right to Exercise Homestead Rights

QUESTIONS ANSWERED
You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to the Indianapolis Times, Washington Bureau, 1322 New York Ave., Washington, D. C. Enclose 2 cent stamps. Medical, legal and love and marriage letters cannot be answered, but all letters are confidential, and receive prompt replies. If readers will confine questions to a single subject, writing more than one letter will be answered. More than one letter will be answered. More than one letter will be answered. EDITOR.

If a war veteran has not exercised the privilege of obtaining Government homestead lands in his own right, are his widow or minor orphan children entitled to homestead lands?
Yes.

I want to take part in the campaign against moonshiners. How can I go about it?

In order that you may have authority to arrest moonshiners or to raid places where whiskey is being made you would have to be appointed a prohibition enforcement officer. Write to Commissioner E. A. Haynes, prohibition enforcement service, Sixth and B. Sts., W. Washington, D. C., for information as to the qualifications necessary.

Were there ever any prehistoric monsters, such as the dinosaur and mastodon?

Yes. Mastodons which resembled elephants, began to exist in the miocene age and became extinct in the Pleistocene age. They were scattered all over the globe, and fossil remains of over thirty species have been found. Several species lived in North America. The dinosaur belongs to an order of fossil reptiles, found only in the rocks of the mesozoic age, and con-

Pancho Villa May Attempt 'Comeback'

'Sheik Girl' Says Pretty Face and Smile Can Get Away With Bank of England

'All Men Are Boobs' and 'Fall for' Grin or Two.

By ROY GIBBONS
NEA Staff Correspondent

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—A pretty face, an attractive smile and a quarter's worth of paint from the corner drug store and a girl "can get away with the Bank of England."

So says Wilma McMullin, in jail here on charges of being the lure and "come on" for a drifter sheik band which preyed upon wealthy old men.

And the reason why this recipe brings wealth is simply stated by Wilma, as follows:

"Because all men are boobs."

Pronounced of the flapper type, Wilma declares that, as far back as she can remember in her 19 years, she has got what she wanted just by smiling.

"That's all the pay a girl has to give—just a grin or two," she says.

Split Profits? No!

Chance taught her the monetary value of a smile. A dental cream manufacturer told her her smile as an ad for tooth paste should be worth much money.

If worth money to him, why not to her, without splitting the profits? This thought got her into the game, from which she draws these conclusions:

"It's the old ones that flop the hardest—you know the kind I mean, with more dough than they know what to do with. Single or married, it's all the same."

"The poor guys with a bunch of kids are different, though. They're so busy paying bills, they keep away from smiles. They know smiles cost money, and they're afraid of them."

Easy Prey

"But the other fellows, the one's with their minds full of money and business, they don't get much amusement, so they grab it when it bumps into them."

"You drop some papers or a hand-



WILMA McMULLIN

kerchief in front of one of 'em, he returns it and the first thing you know he's asking to take you out to lunch.

"But this bunch of fellows, police say were my assistants, say they lacked finish. That's why we

are here. They had to pull the rough stuff on this guy that squealed or I could not have got his dough without a yelp. Women don't need strong-arm methods and can get better results without. Just a smile or two is enough."

TOM SIMS SAYS:

A BIGAMIST says he married twice because he is crazy. We agree.

Trim ankles trim men.

The easiest way to run across your friends is to need a shave so badly you try to dodge them.

Alaska, according to conflicting advertising, is where they shovel the snow off the lawns to cut the grass.

It is getting so that when a bootlegger is arrested, he raises Cain if it makes him get home late for supper.

It is cheaper to move than to keep up with the neighbors.

It sounds easy to get married and make your home with the parents of the bride, but it isn't.

When business is slow it is a good idea to get after it.

Men who think they know it all do not know all they think.

Put confidence in too many strangers and you soon won't have any.

Our language tickles. Being down in the mouth gets one up in the air.

Run around and you go in a circle.

Seventy-One Amendments to Constitution Are Submitted

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Seventy-one constitutional amendments were proposed during the first session of the Congress rapidly drawing to a close, but not one of them will be submitted to the various States—at least, not for another year.

Most important of the suggested amendments was the one making constitutional legislation prohibiting interstate traffic in child labor.

Among the proposed amendments which will go into the record on March 4 are: suggestions for single six-year terms for Presidents and Vice-Presidents; popular vote before

Congress can declare war; giving Congress the right to fix terms of federal judges instead of for life as at present; suffrage for the District of Columbia; election of President by direct vote; taxation of income from State and municipal securities; four-year terms for Congressmen; giving Congress power to regulate expenditures in elections; regulate production of oil commerce in coal; empowering the President to veto items in appropriation bills without nullifying the entire act; limiting the power of the Supreme Court to upset acts of Congress.

Capitol Jokes

U. S. Representative From New York, Twelfth District.

DON'T know any funny stories, but here's a parable I often tell to the radical members of my party—I'm a Socialist—to show them that things can't be done all at once.

The tale is from the Talmud. I think, though I'm not sure.

Anyhow, a man was sent to the well to bring a pail of water. He

was gone for an hour or two, and a messenger was dispatched to find out what was causing the delay. He found the man digging around the well.

"Why do you do that instead of bringing the pail of water?" queried the messenger.

"Oh, I didn't want to go trotting back and forth with just one pail at a time," said the man, "so I was getting ready to bring you the well."

'CLOSE-UP' SHOWS WILSON'S MIND IS KEEN AS RAZOR

Former President Has Uncanny Knowledge of World Conditions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—If you were invited out to that quiet house on S St. today and you spent thirteen minutes in conversation with Woodrow Wilson, you would observe:

A mind as keen as a razor blade, an amazing knowledge of current events, an ability to discuss almost any angle of the foreign or domestic political situation, an almost uncanny knowledge of world conditions, remote and recent, and a cheerful and happy disposition.

Take this "close-up" of the former President from one of his closest associates who dropped into Washington and was a visitor at the Wilson home this week.

His physical condition is better—much better. Slowly, but surely, he is regaining the use of his paralyzed left leg and arm. His step is approaching something close to its old-time steadiness. He is getting heavier every day, the color is flush in his cheeks and he eats and sleeps well.

Although greatly improved, he is by no means a well man—and probably never will be—because his age stands against complete recovery.

America Sold \$20,000,000 to Soviet Russia

By Times Special

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Despite the fact that our State Department has not recognized the soviet government of Russia, American firms sold almost \$20,000,000 worth of goods in that troubled country last year, an increase of \$6,000,000 over the year before, and in the month of December American sales in Russia increased 700 per cent.

Out of thirty-five major countries with which the United States did business last year, Russia was one of four only which show an increase in purchases from us.

Former Mexican Bandit Chief, Exiled on 200,000-Acre Farm, Getting Restless and Seeking Excitement.

By NEA Service

L PASO, Texas, Feb. 19.—Francisco Villa, former Mexican bandit chief, is learning to read and write.

This may be taken as a praiseworthy attempt of this former "scourge of Mexico" to settle down and educate himself. But—

It recalled, along the border here, that during his days of power, Pancho Villa had to dictate his orders for executions, depending on some understanding to write them and carry them out. Well, what could keep these understandings from substituting the names of their personal enemies for those mentioned by Villa?

This happened several times when Villa was Mexico's boss.

Reports that Villa is aspiring to become dictator gain force here. Three years is a long time for such a restless spirit as Villa's to waste on crop-making playthings on his 200,000-acre farm at Cantuillo.

Can't Go Far

For the last year, it is known, Villa has wanted to visit Mexico City and the United States. But there are restrictions against him. He has agreed not to enter Mexico City and, although he has sent envoys to ask Oregon's permission to visit the Capital, the Mexican president, in high sounding Spanish phrases, politely declined.

Villa cannot cross the Rio Grande because the order of former President Wilson to capture him dead or alive still stands, because he still faces a charge of murder in the New Mexican courts on account of the Columbus raid, because the offer of Colonel Scurry, who was in command at Columbus, of \$50,000 for the capture of the ex-bandit, dead or alive, has not been withdrawn.

But that doesn't allay Villa's Would Visit Dallas

Only recently he sent a souter to Austin. Would Governor Neff of Texas permit a reformed bandit and meek agriculturist to go to Dallas for farm implements and have a little fun at the same time? If the Governor would grant the permit Villa would hasten to Dallas and make the farm implement dealers happy by leaving with them many pesos. But Neff said no.

Eyes on "Fascisti"

Durango reports say Villa is figuring on running for governor of that state, but that has been current for two years. As a matter of fact Pancho, despite his growing restlessness, is keeping an eye on the spread



FRANCISCO VILLA

of the "Fascisti movement" in Mexico.

That is something after his own heart and appeals to him. When the party gets strong enough to be a power, it will be arranged, if reports are to be credited, that Gustavo Sainz de Sicilia, president of the organization, shall step aside and invite Villa to take the Fascisti reins.

AUTO HITS FIRE TRUCK

George Hines Arrested After Crash—One Injured.

George Hines, 2551 N. Meridian St., was under arrest today on charges of assault and battery and obstructing the fire department following an accident at Illinois and St. Clair Sts. The department was going from a fire on Meridian St. to the home of John Sheppard, 1023 N. Illinois St., where there was a roof fire.

Hines' coupe is said to have crashed into the side of Truck N. 14 from Thirtieth St. and Kenwood Ave., driven by Russell Miller. Harry E. Gebhardt, 42, of 2339 Boulevard Pl., was knocked off the running board of the truck. His knee was injured. A street car had stopped at the corner prevented Hines from seeing the fire truck.

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