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A LETTER FROM CALIFORNIA

"DON'T take those farmers too seriously," a political leader advises our Washington correspondent. "They planted too much wheat this year and they can't sell it—that's what's the matter with them."

All right, Political Leader, but how about this letter which just came in from a friend out in California? He says:

"Farmers are sore, even in California, this year. It's a canners' year, with canners' prices. The bumper crops are having hard going. One man in Hanford advertised he would not pick his apricots at all. He said the public was welcome to come and get them, but please don't break the trees."

"The hell of it is that with a market price of \$25 a ton for apricots and some selling for less, apricots in this town cost 15 cents for half-green, undersized fruit. Something's wrong!"

Do you take that seriously, Political Leader?

DODGING—MORNING, NOON, NIGHT

IN 1917 there were 2,076 automobile accidents in this country; 1,083 persons killed and 3,000 hurt. In 1921 the killed were 1,259, injured 3,976. So far in 1923 some 978 killed and 3,011 injured in 2,221 accidents. If the average is maintained, there will be 700 persons killed in 1,400 additional accidents before the year ends.

During last May, the New York Central Railway—just one road, mind you, loaded 21,244 freight cars with motor vehicles numbering 106,120—an average of 817 earloads a day.

There are 12,588,949 motor vehicles in the world and 10,500,000 are in the United States.

No wonder we are dodging, morning, noon and night.

The situation seems to be growing beyond traffic law control. It is going to be more difficult of modification in the future than now, as the above figures indicate. Thus it is up to the mere plodding pedestrian to save himself in one way or another, if he can do so. He may be compelled to buy a fiver himself on the theory that that would be the best gamble for life he could make. Or he may think of another plan for safety, but he will be gambling just the same. It has come to that.

It may be a crude and impossible proposition, but fortune surely awaits the genius who will invent suitable armored apparel for pedestrians. These suits, of necessity, must be strong and yet light and airy, and they must be capable of protecting the bodies of wearers when knocked down and run over by automobiles. Such or similar suits would secure to pedestrians the privilege of the last and best laughs, which they do not live to enjoy now. Come, genius, the world is honking for you!

BIG FAMILIES BECOME FEWER

THE Ormsby quadruplets, who became nationally famous as dime museum attractions in 1902, still are living. It is said by authorities that this is the only case of all four members of a quadruple birth surviving into maturity.

Their mother, Mrs. Josephine K. Ormsby, is farming at the outskirts of Chicago.

She was 26 years old when she married Charles Ormsby, plumber, in 1894. Her children came as follows:

- 1895—A boy.
- 1896—Twins.
- 1897—A girl.
- 1898—Twins.
- 1899—Triplets.
- 1900—A boy.
- 1901—Quadruplets.

Fourteen children in seven years! The quadruplets consisted of three sons and a daughter. They packed the dime museums for a couple of years and thereby brought considerable wealth to their mother.

The birth of a baby girl to Mrs. Mary J. Barton of Kellyville, N. H., recently made her the mother of twenty children at the age of 45.

You don't often hear of such big families in our generation. In grandfather's day, a family of twenty children would not have attracted much attention, for a perusal of the average family Bible will disclose that five or six children were considered a small family in Civil War times and, while offspring totaled twenty only occasionally, twelve to seventeen children were not at all uncommon.

Big families are getting fewer as the years slip by. The mother of twenty children is almost as much of a curiosity in 1923 as the Ormsby quadruplets were in 1901.

There'd be plenty of twenty-children families, however, if the economic pinch were not quite so tight, though Lemuel R. Barton, farmer-father of the big New England family, says he finds it as easy to take care of twenty as of five.

Proudly he points out that if every family had twenty children our communities would have a great increase in population. They certainly would. There are about twenty million families in America and if each had twenty children our population would be around 440 millions—four times as big as it is now. However, we'll have that population, and more, in time.

TEACHERS WANT the minuet dance back. It will never do. They dance hours, not minnets.

OSHKOSH, (Wis.) man raises about a million frogs a year; not, however, to get the hops.

THESE ARE the days when it is time to go home just before you get settled down to work.

OUR MARRIAGE rate is increasing, perhaps because bow-legged girls are wearing long skirts.

GOSHEN (Ind.) man traveled 2,997,000 miles. He was a mail clerk, instead of hunting a drink.

DOCTORS THINK a Toledo (Ohio) man is crazy because he likes to work too much. We think so, too.

WHAT'S IN a name? Professor Schmack of Paris has invented a machine to measure kisses.

DES MOINES (Iowa) safe blowers made \$3,000 in a few minutes, but it isn't steady work.

AMERICAN WOMEN use 10,000 tons of talcum powder every year, but less gun powder.

WHO REMEMBERS last winter when the ice man was a total stranger?

C. W. SOCIETY OF ENGLAND SPANS GLOBE

Nothing in America Compares in Scope to Cooperative of Britain.

By MILTON BRONNER
NEA Service Writer

LONDON, July 28.—In America the thinking man knows something about big business enterprises, but it is doubtful whether he has anything in our country which equals or even approaches the far-reaching activities of the Cooperative Wholesale Society.

In the first instance they at once established buying agencies all over the world. Today the concern has its own purchasing depots in all five of the great continents, and it has its own fleet of four steam vessels and ten lighters.

Factories Numerous
The first factories were very small. Today the C. W. S. studs England with its plants.

It has nine flour mills with an annual output worth over forty-five million dollars. The other things it manufactures for its retail societies are provender and oil cake, biscuits, crackers, candy, cheese, margarine, lard, bacon, preserves, pickles, vinegar, yeast, cocoa and chocolate, drugs and chemicals, tobacco in all its forms, all kinds of cotton and wool textiles, hosiery, rope and twine, clothing and underclothing, corsets, boots and shoes, leather, furniture, hardware, bicycles and motorcycles, brushes and mats, soap, paint, and dairy and harness, trunks and bags, chinaware, books and printed matter and glass bottles.

Has Its Own Farms
Tea is such a universal beverage in Great Britain that the Cooperative Wholesale Society soon became convinced it was uneconomical to buy from planters. Today they own jointly 5,706 acres of tea lands in Ceylon, 26,765 acres in south India, 17,449 in Assam, making a grand total of 49,920 acres.

Learning by experience that it paid to do its own farming, the C. W. S. gradually purchased big farms all over Great Britain.

The Cooperative Wholesale Society today employs over 33,000 persons, exclusive of those who work for it overseas. Its salary roll is over twenty-six million dollars per year.

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Women especially should be careful not to accept offers to ride from strangers even though the latter may be accompanied by women.

And never stop at night to pick up a tire lying in the center of the road. That is another favorite ruse of hold-up men. You may be badly in need of a tire or of the money which selling the tire would bring, but you would better let it lie where it is and come back at daylight to see if it is still there, than to lose your pocketbook and perhaps your car at the hands of bandits concealed near the road.

Easy
(Bluffton Evening Banner)

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Science

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"We had just got three cigarettes going when the porter poked his head in and said:

"Scuse me, miss, but ladies isn't s'posed to smoke in dis hyar room."

"Who the — said I was a lady?" she replied.
"The porter scratched his head and gave it up."

TOM SIMS - - - Says

Here and there you hear a war vet saying they don't need a bonus, and maybe he doesn't.

An optimist is a man who takes his overcoat to a summer resort.

If you buy your Christmas presents from a mail order house, it is time you ordered them.

In this auto age, the hen may cross the road because she is despondent over bad health.

Germany evidently wants to wait until the war is over before she pays for the thing.

Now and then you hear of a stream being dragged for some one who didn't ask if it was deep.

Take your razor camping or some one may mistake you for a brush pile and burn you.

When two famous people marry the paper always tells you whose former mates they were.

It's about equal. The crowd swamps you in town and the swamps crowd you at summer resorts.

Yes, we have no cold weather.

The results of nine presidential straw votes show we will have nine Presidents next time.

These are the days summer board- gets corn on the ear eating corn on the cob.

Indiana Sunshine

Not only cats but mules lead charmed lives near Campbellburg. Three horses were killed when lightning struck a barn belonging to Eli McCoy. A mule escaped.

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SCOTTS ASK RAPER HOW TIMES ARE

Other Questions of Interest to Kilted Cousins Are 'Ford' and 'Prohibition.'

BY JOHN W. RAPER

"Most Anything" Man of the Cleveland (Ohio) Press, Now Visiting With Our Second Cousins in Scotland.

GLASGOW, Scotland, July 28.—There are two questions every man you meet in Glasgow is certain to ask you if you talk to him more than two minutes.

If he is a merchant or salaried man, the first question he asks is, "How is prohibition working in America?" His second question is, "How are times over there?"

If he is a wage earner, machinist, street car conductor, salesman, book-keeper, hotel porter, teamster, no matter what, he reverses the question and asks about "times."

The merchant or salaried man, or the tourist, or men who are around hotels frequently and meet numerous Americans, don't know what to believe about prohibition. Many traveling Americans tell them: "Can't work. Never will. More drinking than ever before. Every home has a still. Doctors and druggists are all bootleggers. Men running after you to sell it to you. Coming in from West Indies in shiploads. Simply rolling over from Canada. Boys and girls drinking. More arrests than ever before for drunkenness. Sure to be repealed, sure."

One Way to Advertise
It makes a splendid impression on a Scotchman and adds so greatly to his respect for the United States Government and its citizens!

Liquor interests over here are flooding the country with tracts against prohibition, telling what a failure it has been in America and making wild statements that would startle even the most ardent American wet.

Scotchmen don't know what to believe. They tell you they expected there would be difficulty in enforcing so revolutionary a law and are not at all surprised that it isn't rigidly enforced. Most of them say they expect it to be enforced rigidly in time.

About Henry Ford
Then there is a question that is easily third in frequency. It is this: "Is Henry Ford to be your next President?" Everybody is astonished when I answer, "I don't know."

"Why, we supposed that question was as good as settled," everybody says. "Haven't your leaders agreed yet?"

You can see the Scotchman knows almost as much about American politics as the American voter does.

Back to prohibition: If anybody cares to lose a new hat, I'll wager with him that Scotland is dry one of these days, probably within ten years. It is astonishing how many prohibitionists you meet, and you can see how the prohibition movement has developed exactly as it did in America.

Bright Lights
To the Editor of The Times
Why not have stickers printed from the form of your recent editorial "Hogs and Gentlemen," in which you flayed the auto drivers who do not dim their lights on the road at night? I for one would be mighty proud to put one on my windshield. Conditions are so exasperating that I do not care to drive at night. When one is blinded every few minutes it takes the pleasure out of driving.

ED HUNTER,
2317 N. Meridian St.

Carpenters' Action
To the Editor of The Times
Carpenters' Local Union No. 75 in regular meeting July 26, severed its affiliation with the Central Labor Union of Indianapolis. The Central Labor Union was organized as an industrial body and as such the carpenters were proud to cooperate in its activities to promote the best interests of the working class of citizens, but realizing that it has ceased lately to function as an unbiased industrial organization we of the opinion that to remain longer a member of the C. L. U. would only jeopardize the neutral position which the carpenters feel should be the dominating principle of all industrial bodies regarding questions other than those affecting labor.

JAMES W. LEWIS
Recording Secretary.

Revenge
By BERTON BRALEY
You've shown me your albums of pictures containing

Five hundred diversified scenes, I've nodded and smiled while you kept on explaining
Exactly what each of them means; I've lapped every building and tower and steeple
And even pretended, somehow, To like all a long story. A compound of shortsightedness, disloyalty, selfishness and pusillanimity amongst nations and their statesmen. And more than all, fate happened to be in its grimmest mood when dealing with this problem. The Russian revolution eliminated that great country from a solution of the problem on lines of protection for the oppressed races of Turkey, and cast its might on the side of the oppressor.

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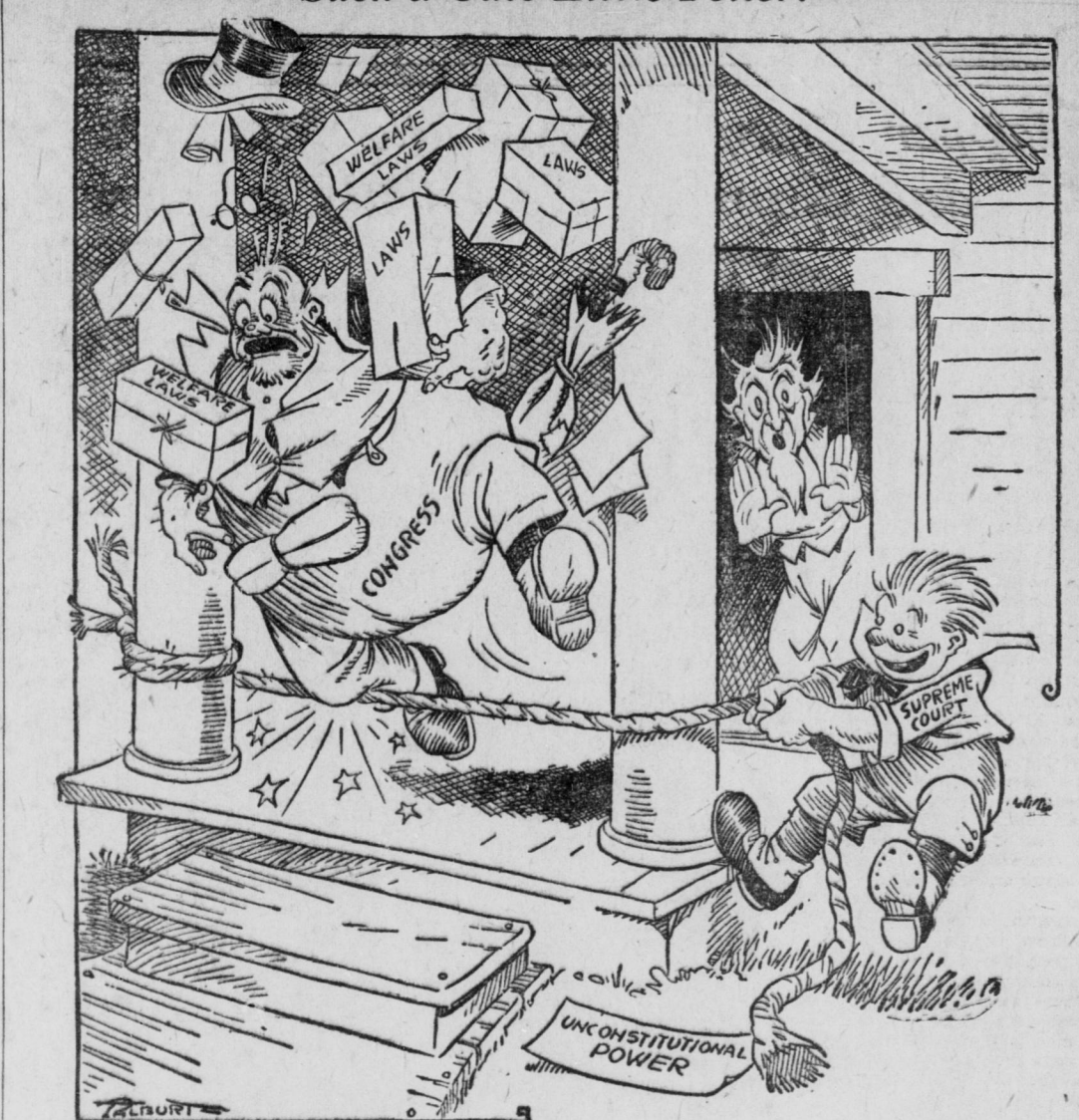
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Such a Cute Little Feller!



Lloyd George Lauds Turks

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I could name. This is what he wrote a few days ago:

"The records of the conference present an even more marvellous series of concessions and surrenders. What was frayed before is threadbare now. The Allies have whittled away their own rights with a lavish hand in the cause of peace. The figure that has emerged is a man who is cutting in Lausanne and the agents of the concessionaires in Angora—all alike representatives of the West—has been rendered undignified as much by the manner as by the matter of their wrongdoing."

Since those distressing words were written the powers have sunk yet deeper into the slough of humiliation.

Turk No Longer Trusted
In order to gauge the extent of the disaster to civilization which this treaty implies, it is only necessary to give a short summary of the war aims of the allies in Turkey. The experience more especially of the past century had demonstrated clearly the Turk could be no longer entrusted with the property, honor or lives of any Christian race within his dominions.

So a series of agreements were entered into in the early months of 1915 between France, Russia and ourselves by which the greater part of Turkey, with its conglomerate population, was to be partitioned at the end of the war.

Cilicia and Syria were allocated to France, Mesopotamia to Britain and Armenia and Constantinople to Russia. Palestine was to be placed under the joint control of Britain and France. Arabia was to be declared independent and territory carved largely out of a desert—but including some famous cities of the East, Damascus, Homs and Aleppo—was to be constituted into a new Arab state partly under the protection of France and partly of Britain.

Smyrna and its precincts were to be allotted to Greece if she joined her forces with those of the allies in the war. The Straits were to be demilitarized and garrisoned.

When Italy came into the war later on it was stipulated in event of the partition of Turkey being carried out in the pursu