

# AUSTRO-SOUTH SLAV PLEBESCITE UNION

Klagenfurt, Austria, June 1.—Along the center of the beautiful valley in which this old capital of Carinthia lies runs the demarcation line separating Zone A and Zone B of the Austro-South Slav plebiscite region. Its population of some 125,000 are still waiting to know to what government they shall belong, whether they are to be part of Austria or subjects of the king-

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Rudon are recently reported numerous cases of violation of girls and women by Serbian soldiers. The peaceful population of voting district A is constantly exposed to all kinds of vexations. Crimes of every description are committed daily and those who live near the frontier are risking their lives every hour.

It is difficult even by the personal investigation just concluded to establish the truth of the charges freely made by the Austrian authorities, but that the inhabitants of the zones are having a wrong time of it is easily apparent. The Jugo-Slav occupation of the whole of Zone A, on the south, with the rigidly closed frontier, works great hardship.

Passing east and west through the fertile basin of Klagenfurt, and bisecting laterally Lake Wörther, on whose eastern tip the city lies, it cuts farms in two, often separating farmhouse from its fields, leaving others with their woodland on the other side, and as the Jugo-Slav authorities grant permits to pass only in certain cases, much hardship has resulted.

Farmers with stock on the other side have been compelled to kill or sacrifice, and in several instances the correspondent was shown piled firewood across the line, sometimes but a few hundred yards from the house, which the owner was not permitted to bring home.

No food can cross to the north. It is all diverted to Laibach and other Slav cities. Thus while milk from cows that pasture within sight of Klagenfurt goes to Laibach, the American relief is feeding the city's children with milk shipped from America. They have just been requested to try and feed an additional thousand. The Jugo-Slav authorities in this region deny that permits are refused to land-

owners or others who have legitimate business to cross the line. They admit the complete embargo on food, but claim they exclude only political agitators and propagandists. They meet the Austrian charges with counter-charges of the same character and point to the fact that through the intervention of the entente mission here, composed of British, French and Italians, all but about 1,200 of the refugees who fled north when the Jugo-Slav troops moved in have been permitted to return to their homes. Also they allege that among them are hundreds of agitators and electioneers well supplied with money who are abusing their privileges in proselyting the population against the impending vote. Then, too, they charge that the Austrian officials refuse passage to persons of Slav sympathy. They do not, however, accuse the Austrian guards of killing.

Austrian figures place the population of Zone A, the southern region, at 23,000 Germans and 50,000 Slovenes, and Zone B at 49,000 Germans and 5,000 Slovenes. The Jugo-Slavs do not admit this, claiming that the Austrians list as German everyone who speaks the tongue, while the population is largely bilingual.

Neutral observers point out that if the southern zone votes Jugo-Slav, Klagenfurt will be forced to do likewise for economic reasons. Should it remain Austrian, with a political frontier drawn across the edge of the city, cutting it off from the agricultural and village population that means its life, it would perish. One of the Jugo-Slav arguments, however, is that their boundary must be thrown north of the Karawanken mountains for military reasons. They say that this great natural fort, dominating

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the regions to the south, must be the back line to their front in event of a war with German countries.

## HUMOR OF THE DAY

Ruth—She told me she slapped him because he tried to kiss her good night.  
Helen—He told me she slapped him because he didn't try.—Columbia Jester

Mrs. Willis—I caught my daughter reading a book today that isn't fit to have in the house. Of course I took it right away from her.  
Mrs. Gillie—Quite right. By the way will you loan it to me after you finish reading it?—Judge.

"He has dry wit."  
"Yep. About the only kind of wit that's left us to have nowadays."—Detroit Free Press.

"I see you use all kinds of motors for agricultural purposes."  
"Yes," replied Farmer Cornstassel. "And I'm not sure that the cost of gasoline isn't one of the things that are making farm products so dear."—Washington Star.

She—You say you would do anything for me, Charlie?  
He (nervently)—I would, darling.  
She—Well, you know how frightfully red my hair is. I want you to dye your red, just to keep me in countenance.—Pearson's Weekly.

He—If I kissed you, would you scream for help?  
She—What would be the use? Pa is out and Ma is stone deaf.—Baltimore American.

"A married woman should see that she has all kitchen requisites as she starts housekeeping."  
"Yes, even to a husband, who washes the dishes for her."—Judge.

"Do you believe that heat produces anger?" asked Smith.  
"Did you ever put the lighted end of your cigar in your mouth by mistake?" asked Jones.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Hotel Manager—We have everything here for the convenience of our patrons: wireless telephone, wireless telegraph—  
Patron—Do you happen to have any stringless green beans?—Le Pele-Mele Paris.

A smartly dressed woman was sitting in an omnibus, when a quiet-looking young man, in getting in, accidentally trod on her foot.  
She talked to him for ten minutes and wound up by saying:  
"A gentleman would have apologized."  
The young man bowed and calmly said:  
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The English guinea was first coined in 1527, and derived its name from the fact that the gold of which it was at first composed came from Guinea.

A reason why distant objects appear to be closer just before rain is that the air gets damp just before rain, and damp air is more transparent than dry.

Diamonds have been discovered in fallen meteors.

The field of the farm tractor is constantly extending. A circled saw is now rigged up to its revolving horizontally and a large tree is cut down in a few minutes.

The third finger of the left hand (the wedding ring finger) is said to be the first finger that a new born babe is able to move, and the last of which a dying person loses control.

## NOSTALGIA

Give me my old coat again  
That I have worn through many days of rain,  
Whose hue is varied, ripened by the sun  
To subtle patterns; give me one  
Of my old books to read by firelight half asleep,  
Whose faded memories leave gaps of deep  
Conjecture ever thoughts that lie in rest  
Beneath their placid linen. Let the bleat  
White hands of silence touch me, and the white  
Cool hands of rivers soothing through the night  
Into the dreams of tranced sleepers—hands  
Reminiscent, binding me with scented bands.  
The wake of clouds shall touch me, whose pale ships  
Pass suavely over; let the whispering lips  
Of twilight tell me of dead loves and legend glories,  
And let these flames unscroll their golden stories  
And fold them with the pinch of dusty fingers.  
Ah, in this darkness many a sunset lingers,  
And many a dream within this dozing,  
Things slow revealed and dimly closing.  
That I have watched through ghostly scarves of rain,  
Through fringes of pale lights, and let me go  
Her streets that wound into my brain so steadily  
That I hear yet the chant of them that roars  
Along their blinded spectral corridors.  
Give me my old joy and wonder back again,  
The adolescent loveliness of pain;  
But let me touch them now, and know and bless  
With this new love and dawning tenderness.

—Iris Trees, in the London Athenaeum.

## THE KALEIDOSCOPE

Grabs measuring two feet in length have been found in India.

See-saw was played by the children of ancient Egypt 4,000 years ago.

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When these bold "voyageurs" plunged into the unexplored regions of the Northwest, there was no word in our language to describe the difficult trails that connected lake to lake. So they called them Portages—a word derived from the French—meaning "to carry"—because upon these rude paths the travellers had to bear the burden of the canoes and baggage on their shoulders. The Portage then came to mean the hard gruelling "carry," the back-breaking task of burden-bearing that all the pioneers of the North and West experienced.

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