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The Genoa Conference

There have been two conceptions of the Genoa conference. According to the first, which sprang some months ago from Lloyd George's fertile imagination...

Lloyd George's original scheme included fraternization with Soviet Russia, the scaling of German reparations and, apparently, by virtue of American participation...

The congress as now circumscribed is a European affair—a family affair. It is pledged not to attempt to revise treaties or to open the question of German reparations...

Europe is a quarreling family. But it is a family so closely united that the folly or waste or idleness of any one nation intimately affects the other nations...

The Red Mix-Up: The dark Reds, medium Reds and pale Reds got together in Berlin the other day and there was a violent commotion at the red end of the spectrum...

As was to be expected, the dark Reds, medium Reds and pale Reds took their differences much more seriously than the outside world is capable of taking them...

Protecting Investors: Seymour L. Cromwell, president of the New York Stock Exchange, has prepared a new regulation whereby members of the exchange must submit for inspection a monthly trial balance...

Such supervision should act as a check upon those houses which are financially weak, and thus afford additional protection to investors. To the extent that the likelihood of insolvency is lessened an important improvement in the entire system of the Stock Exchange will be effected...

The Stock Exchange as at present organized is able to drive "bucket-ers" and other dishonest dealers out of business. Within its own ranks it

has long maintained an exceptionally high standard of integrity. The new regulations offer still further insurance against dishonest dealings and are thus in the interest of every straight broker...

More Federal Judges

Influenced largely by Chief Justice Taft's recommendations, Congress has provided for a considerable expansion of the Federal judiciary. The bill which the House passed creates twenty-two additional district judges...

Mr. Taft has been one of the most earnest advocates of a simplification and speeding up of justice. His judicial and political experience has made him impatient of the delays and complications which weigh down a suitor and amount, unless he has ample means and time at his command, almost to closing the court's doors against him...

Anything that helps to keep the courts abreast of their work is welcome. The litigant is often the last man in court whose convenience is consulted. In giving justice judges have ignored the old adage that he gives twice who gives quickly...

Mr. Taft wants to make justice a simpler and easier thing and to put it more within everybody's reach. He will have the public's support in his experiment with the Federal courts. The Legislature has just enlarged New York City's undermanned criminal courts...

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True, there are some persons who think that they are paying taxes to insure their lives, liberty and pursuit of happiness and that Mr. Enright ought to do himself what he is teaching them to do. But in every community there are complainers and cavillers and malcontents...

The Magic Key

The failure of certain universities, notably Columbia, to recognize the changing status of women and to open the doors of all departments to them is commented upon by Margaret Ladd Franklin in a recent number of "The Woman Citizen"...

Miss Franklin makes the suggestion that since woman suffrage has not broken down the barriers to the schools of medicine and law, the reform may be brought about in another and more subtle way. She calls attention to the fact that Johns Hopkins admitted women to its medical school fifteen years before any other department of the college recognized women as students...

Revolution is all very well when you are among the ones. When you belong to the ins it becomes a poisonous doctrine.

Concord and toleration, it seems, are possible in International circles only when all are outside, looking in. There may be a Fourth International, unified in appearance. But all the shades of red will merge again only when the Leninists also are out and an accord can be established on that equatorial basis for throwing rocks through the windows...

Up-to-Date Immigration Quotas

The Italian Ambassador has appealed to our government to change the date year in the figuring of immigration quotas. He would have 1920 used rather than 1910. No good reason would seem to exist for denying the request...

The quota law is based on the fact, at last generally perceived, that the arriving immigrant is Americanized rather through his contact with those of his stock who are already here than through contact with native Americans. So the law makes the admissions from a country proportionate to the number of the natives of the country now with us and at least partly Americanized...

The law in some respects is necessarily arbitrary. It does not recognize, for example, that immigrants who speak our language more easily merge than those who do not. It takes no account of the circumstance that immigration comes in waves from particular countries, and that immigration credits, if such they may be called, might well be carried over from year to year...

But this is no reason why removable imperfections should be continued. When the law was passed the 1910 census furnished the latest body of reliable statistics. But the 1920 figures are now available. Being more up to date, it would seem obvious that they should be used...

Little Lessons in Safety

Having admitted that there may be some truth in rumors that criminals are in town, it occurs to Mr. Enright that the people ought to be instructed in methods of avoiding them. He has therefore established a correspondence school whose purpose is to equip citizens to protect adequately their own safety...

In a series of "Don't's" the Commissioner explains just how to repel the advances of any of the several species of crooks. He even instructs bankers in modes of arming their clerks and drilling them in vault protection...

Of course, these twenty-five thousand can be counted on only to take care of highwaymen, gunmen and armed burglars. Poreh climbers, sneak thieves and pickpockets will be frustrated by general knowledge of their ways, and soon will have to pack up and move to some town in which the police commissioner is less solicitous about the education of the public...

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"France Keeps Her Word"

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The Ready Pistol

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showing their appreciation of the universities and colleges of the country. What greater honor could women do their sex than by making their gifts to educational institutions depend upon the granting of equal opportunities to the women who desire them?

It would take more than a four-power treaty to make Senator Borah peaceful for ten years. Just as the Police Commissioner got accustomed to the taste of caviar he was forced to give up public dinners and get to work...

"The New York American" says that Dudley Field Malone returned from Europe, silent. "The American" never seems to worry about being suspected of making extreme statements.

Is the code of subway ethics proclaimed in "The Subway Sun" giving preference to the incoming gate-turner devised because the company has already got the nickel of the man traveling the other way? Trials of women for killing male acquaintances entertain courtroom crowds for three or four weeks, even if they seldom accomplish other results...

More Truth Than Poetry

By James J. Montague

The Flapper to the Bar: A Kansas court was lately asked to decide the legal length of a high school girl's petticoats. "Balliff," I asked, of the long faced man who stood so erect and proud, "What is the case that has filled the place with this vast and curious crowd? A murder, perhaps, or a swell divorce? A society family jar? A captured still, or a rich man's will. Or the trial of a movie star?"

"You got it wrong," said the long faced man. "With the pitying type of sneer, 'We ain't got time for the trial of crime. In a law mill like this here, this is a big an' important court, an' the judges is sittin' there To decide the right of one Tillie White (A minor) to bob her hair."

"Mister," said I, to a man in blue in a court of the last resort, "From the solemn maps of the lawyer chaps, this case seems a weighty sort. Is international law at stake? Are these legal lights employed To seek to show that the pact don't go And the Constitution is void?"

"Tut tut!" said he, with a chill disdain. "While his arrogant features froze, 'We have too much class in this court to pass Upon trivial things like those. We now are about to hear the case Of one Annie Bedelia Gee, An atrocious flirt, who has worn her skirt Two inches below her knee."

No Chance: Mr. Borah is insurgent still, but there seems to be slight prospect that he will secede from the Senate.

Meteorological Legislation: Blue sky laws are intended to protect what we have saved for a rainy day.

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The Tower

DISSOLUTION

IF HE may come for me; If, when the ebbing tide runs out to sea, He'll come from out the gloom, once more, and stand There, close beside me, holding out his hand;

If I may see, ere blackness closes in, The reassurance of his boyish grin, I shall have grace to smile on those who weep, And close my eyes in sleep.

If he will speak my name, It will not be as though Death's Angel came, Stern-eyed and winged with flame, To take me home, For there are purple hills we loved to roam;

We knew calm streams with shoals where fishes spawn, And sunsets' fires and bugles of the dawn, And tranquil pools, inviting us to swim— So, I would welcome him.

I would not that my eyes Should see him in the garb of Paradise, Serene and radiant, with the earthly clay By fires of tribulation burned away, A splendid spirit, bright and purified; Nor with the smile that came the day he died— That strange, high smile of cold austerity.

I pray this may not be. I hope he may not speak Some august, sounding summons to the weak And frightened spirit. Let his battered creel Be slung and in his hand his rod and reel. So let me see him stand there, kind and fat, With grizzled hair and trout flies in his hat, And, bending, grin and slap my back and say: "Come, son; they'll rise to-day!"

Now that Commissioner Enright has written a modest pamphlet, "How to Guard Against Crime," we litterateurs are waiting, with poorly concealed impatience, the publication of a much larger work from his pen, entitled "What to Do Till the Policeman Comes."

The admonition we like best in the Commissioner's work seems to us empty of cash registers at night and leave them unlocked. "Many valuable registers have been broken open and destroyed by thieves in search of money," the author has learned.

"Live every day so's you can look any man in the face and tell him to go to hell," advises Uncle Abimelech Bogardo, of Preankness, N. J., "but don't tell him—and live a lot longer."

FLIPPER-FLAPPER The Flapper is a fledgling That flirts and flits and floes, A spraggy, flitty, flitty, With the fleshlike, floss-silk socks.

The Flipper is flat footed That floats 'er in her wale, I'd like to flog and flail him— The Rimsy, floaky fakes!

NURBLIEH. The equator has moved half a mile north in the last eighteen years, scientists say, but we suppose the coal miners will go right on striking in the face of that warning.

THE UNOFFICIAL OBSERVER



In Praise of the City

By Charles Hanson Towne

"A friend of mine from the country came to New York the other day," said the Young-Old Philosopher, "and immediately he began to go about in byways which we who live here continually never seem to find the time to reach. He discovered little nooks and corners that I, for one, have seldom visited; and necessarily in his wanderings he encountered groups of people that I do not know. In the limited time at his disposal he was exploring the out-of-the-way sections of this vast cobweb we call Manhattan, and he talked by the hour with folk of all classes and creeds, conditions and appearances. Naturally he became a bit confused, and perhaps it was because his judgment was warped in the process of finding things out that he finally came to me and unbosomed himself."

"I was amazed to learn that he believed every one in Manhattan more or less tainted. 'This is a sick city,' was the manner in which he put it. 'You all need healing. Your bodies as well as your souls are ill; and it is awful to encounter such degenerate multitudes.' 'I could scarcely believe my ears. I have lived in New York practically all my life, and I feel that I know something of this range of streets, the heterogeneous life here, this monstrous carpet that stretches endlessly in all directions. I had never thought of the city as a vile or contaminated place—except in certain moments of disillusion, when almost any spot on earth where one happens to make his home seems out of key, out of focus. And so I said to my friend: 'You find anywhere exactly what you seek. If you are looking for the

What Readers Are Thinking

Steamfitters' Wages: To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: I take the liberty of correcting the statement referring to wages paid steamfitters and steamfitters' helpers which appeared on your editorial page this morning under the heading "Dotted Building Bills."

Stockton on Clock Setting: To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: The annual monkeying with the clocks, for the amusement of a few, the discomfort, confusion and inconvenience of many, seems again inevitable. Of course 'tis unavailing, yet may I not quote what the late Frank R. Stockton said upon this subject thirty years and more ago? In his charming "The Clocks of Rondaine" he wrote:

"The altering of the time of day, which you speak of so lightly, is a very serious matter which should be considered with all gravity. If you set back a clock, even as little as ten minutes, you add that much to the time that has passed. The hour which has just gone by has been made seventy minutes long. Now, no human being has the right to take anything away from the future or to make the hours shorter than they were intended to be." GEORGE TAGGART. Paterson, N. J., April 8, 1922.

Fumes: To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: The recent ordinance which the papers informed us had been passed by the Board of Aldermen and signed by the Mayor prohibiting smoking by women in public places, but which was recalled as a "mistake," is sadly needed in our great city. Subdivision 14, Section 49, of the New York City Charter—under which the ordinance was framed—empowers the Board of Aldermen to regulate vice and immorality in public places and on the streets of New York City. Smoking is unquestionably a drug habit. Tobacco is a "dope," and those who are addicted to this habit are under the influence of a "dope" or drug. Their minds cannot function normally so long as the effect of tobacco remains. This is the opinion of the best authorities. The ubiquitous presence of the fumes of tobacco in our streets, public buildings, offices and elevated and subway stations is an invasion of the rights of citizens to whom tobacco is not only not pleasing but offensive. JAMES P. B. HYNDMAN. New York, April 8, 1922.