

Three Cheers, Please. Carnegie Took \$1.50. Expensive Funerals. Nature's Balance.

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All give three cheers. The powerful Government of the United States has arrested a grocer and fined him \$500 because he charged 15 cents for a pound of sugar.

That is a beginning in the grand effort to lower the high cost of living.

Perhaps after a while the United States Government will discover that there is an Oil Trust in the United States. In the East, while the President was delivering his high cost of living speech, that Oil Trust added 2 cents a gallon to the price of kerosene. That meant a tax of 60 cents a day on every farmer using thirty gallons of kerosene in his tractor.

Attacks on cold storage, it is to be hoped, will be made intelligently.

Without cold storage there would be in winter no eggs at all for the poor, and the price of meat would be doubled.

Unfortunately cold storage, which should have made it possible to carry eggs, meat, fish, and other foods at an even and lower price throughout the year, has been made, like other machinery, an instrument of extortion and monopoly.

The sewing machine, that should have ended the slavery of the needle, actually created the sweatshop, and made the condition of workers worse than it was before.

Labor unions are gradually changing that.

Perhaps unions of citizens will gradually make cold storage what it ought to be—a blessing to the public and a power in reducing the cost of living.

Carnegie was buried simply. His funeral cost less than that paid for by many a poor woman, giving up her last dollar and mortgaging her future, buying "a respectable funeral" for the father of her children.

You have seen the long lines of dismal black carriages, filled with friends and strangers, going to a poor grave paid for by some poor woman—every such procession is a disgrace to any church encouraging or permitting it.

On Carnegie's coffin were plain handles of gunmetal, plain black cloth, and a plate of solid silver. That piece of silver, worth, perhaps, a dollar and a half, was all that he took into the grave with him. That ought to make some other rich man think.

To Carnegie and every other rich man may be applied the words of a well-known epigraph:

"That I spent, that I had, That I gave, that I lost, That I left, that I lost."

Or, as the Jewish proverb has it: "What you give in health is gold, what you give in sickness is silver, what you give after death is iron."

Kolchak, distinguished "Savior of Russia," picked out by the United States and the allies as the solution of the Russian problem, is traveling at high speed through the Ural mountains, the Bolsheviks pursuing.

And the United States "is rushing arms and ammunition, money and automobiles" to Kolchak, hoping they will get there in time to save him.

Save him from what? What has this country to do with picking out a ruler for Russia? Must the Government make an idiot of itself, earn the contempt of the Russians, by foolish choosing and inefficient action?

Why are we trying to put our own choice at the head of the Russian government? Is it because some foolish American bankers bought Russian bonds, when a child of seven might have known that the Russian revolution and REPUDIATION were coming?

If this Government is so much worried about those bonds, why not pay the American bankers their loss? It would be cheaper in money and much cheaper in men than the present foolish scheme.

Girl twins were born on Wednesday, united like the celebrated Siamese Twins that helped make Barnum rich.

You are shocked at nature's horrible abnormality. Be amazed rather, at nature's marvelous average of perfection.

Fifteen hundred million human beings are on earth, and among them all you will find, perhaps, half a dozen such monstrosities as the Siamese Twins.

What is more extraordinary, think of the wonderfully balanced hot-house that nature maintains to keep us alive.

The earth is warmed by the terrific heat of the sun, many thousands of degrees above the boiling point. And the earth swims in cold ether, with temperature at absolute zero, a degree of cold inconceivable to us.

And man groans when the blood in his veins rises three or four degrees in temperature. There is need balance for man.

WEATHER: Fairly cloudy and slightly warmer tonight; Saturday unsettled, probably showers and thunder storms; gentle to moderate variable winds. Temp. at 8 a. m., 65; avg. temp. for Aug. 15 last 50 yrs., 73.

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President Tells Lodge to Bring Stenographer to Conference

U. S. IS PREPARED TO ENFORCE NEW 'RADICAL POLICY' IN MEXICO

PUBLICITY IN TREATY TALK DECLARED O. K. BY PRESIDENT

All doubt about the willingness of President Wilson to have the utmost publicity for the conference he will have with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee next Tuesday was swept away today when he replied to the letter of Senator Lodge, chairman of the committee, to the effect "that nothing said at the meeting would be considered confidential."

Keeping Up With The Times A FACT A DAY Sentences from a half-dozen of the letters in yesterday's mail for the Editor of The Times: A man from Pacific Grove, Cal., writes: "I would like to have The Times publish this letter, because I am sure the high-brows in Washington read it."

PRESIDENT VEToes DAYLIGHT REPEAL

Inconvenience to Farmers Admitted by Executive in Message.

President Wilson sent to Congress today a message vetoing the act repealing the daylight saving law. He states that he does so with "the utmost reluctance," but that he feels justified in the action after balancing one set of disadvantages against others.

"Swear At Us No More," Chorus Girl Strikers Warn Theater Managers

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—The chorus girls and the chorus men are ready to tell the managers and the world that they are "ladies and gentlemen," and hereafter will demand to be treated as such.

Thousand Join Union. Their new union, organized only two days ago—it is called the Chorus Girls' Association and is affiliated with the Actors' Equity Association and the American Federation of Labor—now already boasts of more than a thousand members.

TRAIL OWNERS OF 50 MILLION FOOD HOARD

Search for owners of more than \$50,000,000 worth of food hoarded in New York city is being made today by the Federal Trade Commission and the United States district attorney, it was learned here.

As soon as the hoarders are discovered, Busick and Bond will be ordered to start work in another city, it was said here today at the Federal Trade Commission offices.

BURN TONS OF FOOD TO KEEP PRICE UP

ALTOONA, Pa., Aug. 15.—City Manager H. G. Hinkle's investigation of reports that foodstuffs were being hauled to the municipal garbage plant, has shown that on July 31 between thirty and forty tons of potatoes, which had been allowed to rot rather than have them thrown on the market to break the price, then 90 cents a peck, were delivered to the incinerator.

PLAN TO CUT RED TAPE IN ARMY SALES

By BILL PRICE Secretary Baker, of the War Department, and E. C. Morse acting director of sales of the surplus food and other supplies of the army, will early next week endeavor to find new plans for distribution of these supplies to the public so that the humblest householder, the man or woman of ordinary means, may have direct and quick access to the goods which the Government has to offer.

ABANDON TREATY TO MAKE MOVIES

"Open Covenants and Nothing Arrived at," Says Senator Pittman.

For half an hour today the Foreign Relations Committee allowed itself to be photographed by movie men, who moved a battery of strong lights into the committee rooms and broke up the consideration of the treaty.

MODERN SOLOMON GIVEN 42 MONTHS

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Charles Hugh Wilson, forty-eight, confessed husband of eight wives in nineteen years, was sentenced today to serve three years and six months in Sing Sing.

PROBE OF PLUMB CHARGES ASKED

A Congressional investigation of the charges of Glenn E. Plumb, author of the labor plan for the nationalization of railroads, that Wall Street has systematically plundered practically all the roads of the country, was asked in a resolution introduced in the House today by Congressman Huddleston of Alabama.

ITALIAN PRINCESS MAY WED HEIR TO BELGIUM'S THRONE

King Albert and Consort Invited to Visit Royal Family in Rome.

ROME, Aug. 15.—Foreign Minister Tittori has invited the King and Queen of Belgium to visit Italy, according to a report published by news agency today. It is hinted closer ties will one day unite the Italian and Belgian thrones.

TWO BOYS FIGHT DUEL OVER GIRL

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 15.—Foster Carretta, sixteen, and Rossi Catalana, nineteen, both loved the same fourteen-year-old girl. So what could be the result other than that one should be put out of the race for the fair one's hand.

SAY FRENCH BACK SPARTACAN REVOLT

BERLIN, Aug. 15.—Reports from the Rhine district today said the French were secretly backing Spartacan leaders who aimed to start a coup for the establishment of a Bavarian Rhineland republic.

EXPLOSION SINKS ITALIAN WARSHIP

The Basilicata Goes Down at Entrance to Suez Canal—Losses Heavy.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Suez reported today the Italian warship Basilicata had been sunk at the entrance of the Suez canal by an internal explosion. Heavy casualties were reported.

TRAINING ORDERED FOR ARMY OFFICERS

Army officers must go in training. Orders issued by the War Department this afternoon requires all officers below the grade of brigadier general and except those actually attending drills and other instruction of troops to devote one-half day, excluding Sundays and holidays, to physical exercise.

REDS ROUTED ON ARCHANGEL FRONT

Official reports reached Washington today of a battle on the Archangel front in which all Bolshevik positions were taken and British and Russian troops killed, captured, or dispersed the entire Bolshevik force of 6,000.

SEIZE 18,000,000 EGGS IN ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 15.—Eighteen million eggs, alleged to be held in cold storage here, will be seized today by the United States marshal. This was announced by District Attorney Henley's office today.

WOMAN NURSE OF M'KINLEY IS DEAD

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Aug. 15.—Miss Maud Mohan, who nursed President McKinley after he was shot, is dead at the home of her mother in Brockville, according to advices received here today.

ORDER SENT IS SHARPEST SINCE NOTE ON VERA CRUZ

Quiet preparation for any eventuality in the Mexican situation has been virtually completed in Washington.

Unofficial utterance of high officials today indicated clearly that withdrawal of support from the Carranza government is considered the first step probable in case it becomes necessary to carry out any "radical change in policy with regard to Mexico."

For several weeks officials here have kept a close watch of the situation, and conferences between Cabinet heads have resulted in action anticipating any condition that may arise.

Among the quiet procedures which have carried significance to close observers have been: Cancellation of vacations of certain forces having to do with making of maps.

Concentration of War College work on study of conditions in Mexico. Postponement of discharges of a considerable number of army officers.

Presence of 50,000 regulars on or near border under command of Maj. Gen. Joseph T. Dickman. Assignment to the Pacific coast of heavy naval forces.

Sharpest Note in Months. Whether the United States will continue its diplomatic correspondence with Mexico over the murder of American citizens south of the Rio Grande was problematical today.

The communication to Mexico resulting from the death of Peter Carron, is couched in probably the strongest language used in any form by the Government since the exchanges preceding the Vera Cruz occupation.

The exchange of notes has left the situation rather tense, according to belief here, with the United States threatening a change of policy, and the Carranza government stating it regarded America's attitude as menacing.

Desert Carranza's Power. Carranza's desire to maintain order is not doubted here. His ability to keep order is doubted.

The Senatorial investigation of Mexican affairs, ordered by the Foreign Relations Committee, will not be affected by the latest developments, Senator Fall of New Mexico declared. Instructions from my Government to urge upon the Mexican government the capture and punishment of those responsible for this murder, and the adoption of adequate measures to prevent a recurrence of the murder of American citizens.

"I am also instructed to state that should the lives of American citizens continue to remain unsafe and these murders continue by reason of the unwillingness or inability of the Mexican government to afford adequate protection, my Government may be forced to adopt a radical change in its policy with regard to Mexico. (Accepted, sir, the renewed assurance.) (Continued on Page 2, Column 3.)"