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MR. ZERO

Mysterious "Mr. Zero," who runs the Church of the Unemployed in Boston, feeding and lodging all comers, hires a barber and rules that all guests must be shaved.

Good psychology. The razor keeps self-respect alive and eases discouragement. To start the day right, always shave in the morning.

IMMIGRANTS

Uncle Sam's family increased 557,510 by immigration in the year ended June 30. That was the excess of arrivals over departures.

In normal times, immigration is valuable, helps develop the nation's resources and increases its wealth.

But during depression, immigration just adds to unemployment.

FARMS

American farmers use 2,146,512 autos, 131,512 motor trucks and 2,508,002 telephones, according to the 1920 census returns.

Life "down on the farm" steadily lacks fewer comforts and conveniences. Science is giving the farmer the comforts that a decade or two ago were practically unknown outside the city.

In time this will solve the "back to the farm" problem. Men go where it's most attractive.

FAILURES

In August 1562 American business concerns went bankrupt, says R. G. Dunn & Co., credit experts.

Failures included 252 grocers and butchers, 129 clothing stores, 37 shoe stores and 50 hotels and restaurants.

Despite high prices, not all retailers are making money. Too many people went into business during the war. More middlemen than are needed. Old Man Bankruptcy is weeding them out.

SPLIT

The caravan of New Yorkers, motoring to start life anew on Idaho farms, has a quarrel and breaks up into two sections. Politicians will laugh.

No matter what cause men band together to attain, a split-up is inevitable. A minority party always rises and secedes from the cause.

That's human nature—and a good thing. Any individual or movement without opposition soon goes to seed. Enemies, those who make you fight harder, are more helpful than flattering friends.

THRILLS

Haven't heard of any large mail robberies recently, have you? Here's the official explanation from the Postoffice Department:

"The arming of line clerks, transfer clerks and registry terminal clerks to guard the mails has greatly reduced the number of holdups. Rifle ranges and police galleries are being used all over the country for target practice."

In the days of the pony express in the wild west, the mail service held a lure for those who were toward adventure inclined. Mail service, 1921 model, offers the same sort of thrills.

NARCOTICS

The Senate finance committee decides to continue transportation taxes, though freight, passenger and Pullman taxes may be cut in two for the next year.

Admittedly, the government has to raise money somewhere. But taxes on transportation are narcotics for business. They handicap export of farm products and shipment of manufactures.

Income taxes makes the big people yelp, but it doesn't narcotize general prosperity like penalizing movement of freight and passengers.

THE WORLD, A STAR

Mother earth is a dancer, performing 14 different movements as she whirls onward through space, says Camille Flammarion, French astronomer.

Mother Earth has a good skin, or crust, and will support human life for another billion years, says Lord Raleigh, at a convention of British scientists.

An Italian professor says he soon will have a screen that will free us from gravity and enable us to leave the earth and fly off into space, among the stars.

Why speculate about Mars, when we are just beginning to learn about the mysterious earth, mother of us all, who brings our bodies out of her soft and claims us when life has run its course?

THE WEAK LINK

What do you think of real estate so valuable that, to get a clear title to it, owners pay \$10,000 an inch?

That happens in New York, on the site of the new Hotel Commonwealth. Surveyors discovered that actual measurements added two inches of ground on the Broadway side of the property than the deeds called for.

The original faulty deed was drawn up in Civil War days. Since then, the land had changed hands 16 times. It was necessary for every one of those 16 parties, their heirs or estates, to sign away every possible interest in the two inches, before the Commonwealth title could be secure.

Otherwise, some heir might come along later, lay claim to the two-inch strip and compel the tearing down of that part of the hotel on his claim.

To clear up the title took three years. Lawyers had to travel to Europe, to San Francisco and other cities to see former owners. A nun in a convent was one whose signature was necessary. Expenses of these trips totaled \$20,000.

Rather a costly error.

A carload of grain was destroyed by fire in Kansas City, Mo. The owner, J. Stanley Smith, dug up his insurance policy.

But a comma was missing in this phrase of the policy: "Grain in cars on side track within 100 feet of the elevator."

Smith insisted that the comma belonged after the word "track." But courts held that the comma belonged after the word "cars."

That comma's absence cost Mr. Smith \$7000 insurance.

Hereafter he will keep a closer eye on little things.

Most of the nuisances and pests of life are "little things." Many of the biggest problems in your life originate with trivialities improperly handled.

The blacksmith forged a mighty chain, but left a weak link. That one link caused the ship to break from its anchor in a storm and drift to destruction on a reef.

So can a career, a home, an important undertaking, a life's work be wrecked—by a "little thing."

Keep your eyes on the big problems. But don't overlook the details. Be thorough in everything you undertake.

UNKNOWN

The unknown soldier who will be brought from a French grave and buried in Arlington Cemetery, Washington, next Armistice Day, will be selected by General Pershing.

There are 1900 unidentified American soldiers buried in France—two out of every 100 of those who made the supreme sacrifice.

The honor that will be paid the one will be symbolic of the nation's reverence for each of the 1900.

KABER

In the Ohio Reformatory for Women, a plot is bared by which bribery and murder were to be used to free Mrs. Eva Katherine Kaber, serving a life term for husband-murder.

The venture was to be financed out of a \$50,000 fund which Mrs. Kaber claims a movie company had offered for a film of the story of her life.

The Arbuckle case has started a movement to houseclean the movies. First thing hit by the broom should be the exploitation of criminals and scandal-characters in films. State legislatures should bar such films.

EDITORIAL REVIEW

Comments reproduced in this column may or may not express the opinion of The Tribune. They are presented here in order that our readers may have both sides of important issues which are being discussed in the press of the day.

HOW "HARD TIMES" START

Across the editorial desk from some unremembered source came a little bit of French allegory.

A portrait painter sat in his favorite cafe sipping his wine. His first small bottle finished, he was about to order more when his eye fell on a headline in the Figaro, "Hard Times Are Coming," so instead of ordering his usual second bottle he called for his check.

"Is there anything wrong with the wine?" asked the landlord.

"The wine is good, but I did not order a second bottle because hard times are coming and we must economize," explained the artist.

"Hard times," said the landlord. "Then my wife must not order the silk dress we planned, but must take one of cotton."

"Hard times," replied the dressmaker when the order was canceled. "This is no time to expand. I must not make the improvements I had planned in the place."

"Hard times, eh?" said the builder when the dressmaker canceled the building plans. "Then I cannot have my wife's portrait painted."

So he wrote to the artist and canceled his order. After receiving the latter the artist went again to his favorite cafe and ordered a small bottle of wine to soothe him. On a nearby chair was the paper in which he had read of hard times two days before. He picked it up to read more closely and found it was two years old!—Kiwaniis Magazine.

HE'S NOT DOING SO BAD AFTER ALL



RECALL CAULDRON

By Pot Boiler.

Charles Cheney, political writer for the Minneapolis Journal, has been in Bismarck studying political conditions. The Pot Boiler is presenting his views of the controversy for the edification of Tribune readers. His article follows:

"Bismarck, Sept. 19.—Only eight months will elapse between the state recall election on Oct. 28 and the regular state primary election next June. In that primary election Senator P. J. McCumber will be a candidate for re-nomination. The coming senatorial contest lies very close to the background of the recall campaign.

Senator McCumber, his friends believe, will maintain his silence and refuse to take any position for or against the recall candidates. The joint campaign committee is trying to smoke him out and will take the position that "he who is not for us is against us." Failure to line up with the recall campaign is likely to mean for Senator McCumber the opposition of the independents' organization next year.

League May Support McCumber. The Nonpartisan League may support him, as it did six years ago when Mr. McCumber won a renomination over Governor L. B. Hanna. That was the first year of the league as a political factor, and it made no endorsement for the senate, but its votes went to McCumber. The deal at that time was for the league to "lay off" McCumber.

Any open alliance between the league and Senator McCumber would be a political monstrosity. They represent opposite poles of political thought. But Senator McCumber and his fellows in the old Alex McKewen organization are bitter against the former "progressives" who have led the opposition to the league. They have preferred to see the league stay in power, rather than let their ancient enemies gain control.

It is a question how far this feeling will carry the old stalwarts in the recall campaign. Many of them are supporting the recall actively and say that the old factional fight is ancient history. Some of them are expressing disapproval of the course taken lately by Mr. McCumber.

Stalwart Organization Weakened. "The secret understanding between the league and the stalwarts is a matter of common knowledge now, in the light of past events. It was for the league to have control of the Republican state organization, but to let the stalwarts have the national committee and their share of federal patronage. That was the way it worked out in the 1920 primaries.

Stalwart leaders admit openly that they have just been waiting for the Nonpartisan epidemic to run its course, so at the opportune time they could take things over. This attitude, however, has weakened the old stalwart organization. Many business men have left it to throw their weight into the independent move, believing that the important thing was to rid the state of Townley-Lemke-Frazier control.

U. S. Judge Row Makes Trouble. "The federal judgeship row has been making trouble for Senator McCumber and the end is not yet. When it was learned that Mr. McCumber had picked Andrew Miller, former attorney general, for the new judgeship, a hostile nest was stirred up among the attorneys of the state. The state bar association protested, and its executive committee presented three names for the appointment. They were Judge A. M. Christianson of the state supreme court, Judge W. L. Nuessele of Bismarck, and A. G. Divitt of Fargo.

Protests were lodged with the department of justice and the appointment was hung up. There was opposition to removing either Judge Christianson or Judge Nuessele from their present places, to which they were elected last year for six-year terms. The Republican state committee now officially recognized by the national committee, and headed by Judge B. F. Spalding of Fargo, presented eight names for the department of justice to pick from. They were A. G. Divitt, Fargo; W. C. Crawford, Dickinson; C. L. Young, Bismarck; Francis Murphy, Minot; John Carr, Jamestown; D. S. B. Richie, Val-

ley City; Arthur W. Fowler, Fargo, and George A. Robbins, Grand Forks.

Gronna May Enter Race Again.

"No action has been taken yet and so far as known, Senator McCumber still stands pat for Andrew Miller. Senator E. F. Ladd has endorsed Seth Richardson of Fargo, league candidate for supreme court justice last year, but it is believed that he is throwing nothing in the way of the Miller appointment. Many old friends and supporters of Senator McCumber are fighting Miller, and it is an embarrassing situation for the senator. If the administration goes over his head to name some one else, he will get no credit from the men opposing Miller.

"There are many possibilities in the senatorial fight. A. J. Gronna, former senator beaten last year by Senator Ladd, may try to come back, and he may get the independent support. He has not declared himself yet on the recall, and is being invited to do so. But there is talk of Judge Christianson, of former Congressman P. D. Norton, and of Congressman O. B. Burnett.

Mr. Gronna, it is believed, has been behind a boom for Judge Christianson. One theory is that he has done it to scare Senator McCumber into naming Christianson for the federal bench, thus getting rid of a possible rival. This outcome would suit the Nonpartisans, too, as it would make a vacancy on the supreme court bench for Governor Frazier to fill.

Nonpartisans Work for Split. "The Nonpartisans are trying in every way to split their opponents. One line of attack is to assert that there is a deal on for the independents to support Gronna for the senate, thus alienating many McCumber men and others who do not like Senator Gronna's course. Independent leaders say that far from having any "deal" with Mr. Gronna, they have not even had assurance from him yet that he will get into the fight for the recall ticket. On the other hand, there are many open defections from the Nonpartisan league. There is feeling between the state organization now headed by Senator A. A. Liederbach, and the state

administration. Attorney General William Lemke is making a "hold the lines" tour of the state, speaking at several meetings a day. The tour is being handled from Bismarck, not from the league headquarters at Fargo.

Former Leaguers Desert Townley. "Former league leaders have deserted the ship by scores. A notable instance is A. B. Bowen, the real father of the league, long their star lecturer and campaigner. He has severed his connection with the league, and is in business for himself in Fargo. His partner is N. S. Randall, another former league organizer and lecturer. They are running a factory, making potato chips. Both men had clashed repeatedly with the autocratic methods of A. C. Townley, before quitting the league. Job Wells Brinson is touring the state, aided by Leon Duracher, another former high authority in the league, "exposing" Townley and his operations in lectures to farmers.

The joint campaign committee, running the recall campaign, now has 42 members, and represents three organizations. There are 14 members each, seven men and seven women, from the Republican state organization, the Democratic state organization, and the Independent Voters' association. They have a precinct and district organization which did remarkable work in getting out the recall petition. It was necessary to get 30 per cent of the vote cast for governor last year. That meant 68,881 signatures.

75,000 Voters Sign Recall. At least one volunteer worker was enlisted in nearly all of the 2,050 precincts in the state. That worker spent approximately a week seeking the voters, with the goal set for him at 80 per cent of the vote cast for J. F. T. O'Connor, fusion candidate for governor last fall.

More than 75,000 voters had the nerve to sign their names and go on record for the recall. Country precincts as a rule did better than the towns, where business men hesitated to sign their names. Many of the "new" voters or other reprisals from league intransigents. A full check showed that 337 precincts turned in more names than there were O'Connor votes last fall. Many former league adherents signed. In Sauter township, Wash county, for instance, where

SAYS SHE WOULD DIE AWAKE FOR HOURS IN AGONY

"Nobody Known How I Suffered," Says Grand Forks Woman—Now Well And Happy

"I wish I could put a bottle of Tanlac in the hands of every person who suffers like I did, for I know it would mean health and happiness to them like it did to me," said Mrs. Stella Zepksie, 1502 Dell Ave., Grand Forks, N. D.

"Nobody knows how I suffered for two years from stomach trouble. Everything I ate seemed to disagree with me—why, I even ate a piece of toast would I soon be purring myself an owner felt like I was smothering and would run to the window for fresh air so I could get my breath. My back ached constantly and hurt me so bad, especially nights, that I would lie awake for hours just suffering agony. "I am like a different person now, however, thanks to Tanlac. I have life and I eat anything I please with the best appetite I ever had in my life out suffering any bad after effects. I am sleeping better and feeling better than I have in years, and I am so happy to be rid of my troubles that I can't find words to express my gratitude." (Tanlac is sold by leading druggists everywhere.)

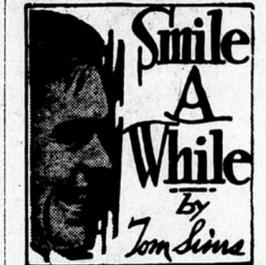
10 votes were cast for O'Connor last year, 52 signed.

Independents Confident of Victory. Mr. O'Connor is going on the stump for the recall ticket, and so are numerous other leaders of the state. The recall ticket will have one advantage the independents never possessed before. The candidates will be on the ballot without party designation. Mr. O'Connor was beaten last fall by the Harding wave. He was on the Democratic ticket, which in North Dakota stands in a separate column. Straight Republican votes cast for Harding beat him, as the independents won on their recall measures and on the two offices where party lines were not drawn.

Bringing unforeseen developments, the independent forces are very confident of winning this fight. One factor they expect to help them will be stay-at-home votes. They believe from reports that there are thousands of league farmers not ready as yet to go over to the opposition, yet so disgusted with the expediting methods of their leaders that they will not go to the polls. A symptom to bear out this prediction is the poor attendance at Attorney General Lemke's meetings, on his present tour of the state.

Former Governor John Lind of Minnesota is to take the stump for the Nonpartisan league officials, according to an announcement today by Senator A. A. Liederbach, chairman of the league executive committee. John Skelton Williams, former comptroller of the currency, is another outside speaker advertised to talk for the league, and they plan to send out 150 volunteer orators, Mr. Liederbach said.

Governor J. A. O. Prus of Minnesota, it was announced today, has accepted an invitation from the independent forces, and will make several campaign addresses in North Dakota next month.



The least expensive calling cards are a royal flush.

Send the kids to Sunday school, for goodness sake.

Prosperity is doing its best to climb the political fences.

Plumbers' summer pipe dreams soon will come true.

About all most people saved this summer was daylight.

Evidently some of the richest movie stars need a check.

One way to draw a crowd is put a mirror in a show window.

A failure is often a man who had no show. So is a success.

Now they are married in haste and divorced with pleasure.

One business that still operates on a paying basis is the surgeon's. Russia is miserable; proving misery, like happiness, comes from within.

People who don't like Bismarck might improve it by moving.

Another thing that seems to have come out in the wash is restaurant soup.

Some of these "near beer" places ought to change their signs to "beer near."

Rockefeller, Jr., is building schools in China. Money talks in all languages.

Clergyman advocates a school for mothers-in-law. Just wait until she catches him!

A new automatic phonograph plays three hours without stopping—but don't tell the neighbors.

If "Bill Haywood" ever does return to the land of the Stars and Stripes he'll see the stars and get the stripes.

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