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YOUR REGULATOR

When you went to school, you learned that water always seeks its own level. That's why mother's copper wash boiler leaks through the hole in the bottom. The water starts its journey back to the sea, soon as it gets a chance.

Sun evaporates ocean water. Moisture drifts inland, condenses and falls as rain. You see this rain when you stand beside a river. It is flowing back to the sea, seeking its own level.

There you have the universal principle that governs all men and all conditions created by their stupidity or intelligence.

The average farm-hand's pay has dropped to \$43.32 a month without board and \$30.14 a month with board.

Uncle Sam's department of agriculture announces this. It points out that farm wage rates during 1921 dropped an average of 37 per cent.

That decline about matched the drop in wholesale prices of food.

Observe the universal law at work—wages and prices seeking a common level.

Herbert Hoover furnishes tables, showing prices out of line. Some prices are twice as high as in 1913. Others have deflated to the pre-war level or below.

Gradually you'll see all prices meet at a common level. No one knows what that level will be. Prices extremely low now may rise to strike a medium with prices now extremely high.

Then, when equilibrium or balance is established, a business boom will start.

Ability is among the things that seek their own level, for the law of compensation is a natural force, as inexorable as the law of gravity.

That's why "you can't keep a good man down." That's why the incompetent is shouldered aside by a better man.

We have to pay for everything in this world. And, in the long run, we get no more out of life than we give.

TAKE OFF SPECTACLES

Take off blue spectacles after reading this: India reports that her foreign trade is picking up, also a decided improvement in internal business conditions.

The world-wide collapse of prices, which started hard times, began in India in February, 1920. Next month it broke out violently in Japan. Then traveled round the world like a contagious disease, reaching us in May.

Experts have insisted: "World will be definitely getting back on its feet when recovery starts where depression began."

That desirable situation has arrived. It looks encouraging.

SOME PERSISTENT QUESTIONS

Three questions you hear daily: "Have you rented your room in the poorhouse?" "Where did you catch your cold?" and "What's the last day for paying income tax?"

Answering the last one: First income tax payment must be made on or before March 15. Taxpayer who is late becomes subject to \$1000 fine. Tax dodgers, if caught, can be fined \$10,000, jailed for a year and made to pay costs of prosecution and additional penalty of 25 per cent of the tax due.

Federal law is a dangerous thing to monkey with. To avoid waiting in line, pay early.

PLENTY OF FRESH AIR

A mine is sealed up air-tight at Pana, Ill., to extinguish a fire raging underground.

After two weeks, oxygen in the air now in the mine will be exhausted. The fire will flicker out.

That is what happens when you work or sleep in stale air. Just so much breathing, then the oxygen in the air runs low and the lungs are without fuel.

To keep the fire of life burning long and brightly in your body, plenty of fresh air. Stale air is as deadly as spoiled food.

A CONVICT AT 93

Oldest convict in our country—probably in the world—is a 93-year-old man who is sent up from Philadelphia to serve five years for chicken stealing.

Wardens call him the "dean of convicts." He has been in and out of prisons and jails much of his time since he was 40.

Obviously, he knows that crime doesn't pay.

Why, then, hasn't he gone straight? Drunkards know the answer—he lacks will power.

Next generation won't have such specimens. Repeaters will be turned over to medical specialists, who will develop will power to normal by treating the adrenal glands.

"SIDEWALK SUBWAYS"

Boston, to relieve traffic congestion, talks of building "sidewalk subways." Walkers, reaching corners, would cross under the streets by tunnel.

The money cost would be \$30,000 a tunnel—\$120,000 for each street intersection.

The real cost would be the human energy and time wasted in climbing up and down the tunnel stairs.

Street traffic now is confusing, almost hopelessly jammed, during rush hours in many cities. Congestion will get steadily worse as years roll on. Airplane may solve the problem by taking traffic off the ground. If not, streets will have to be built with two or more levels or decks.

GERMANY'S FAILURE TO PAY

In private offices, business men are talking in anxious tones about how Germany is invading our home markets.

The Germans must be nearly five times as anxious.

For final figures show that in 1921 we sold Germany \$372,324,000 worth of goods and bought \$80,279,000 from her.

That leaves us \$292,045,000 in the hole. Is money easy to collect from Germany? The allies do not find it so.

Hard to find millions for a soldier bonus. Easy to find millions for railroads and German buyers.

ADVANCE OF SCIENCE

Hypodermic doses of scopolamine are injected into a negro criminal at Dallas, Texas. Officials say this "truth serum" has proved its power to paralyze the ability to lie.

At medical clinics in many other cities, asthma sufferers are being immunized by inoculating them against dog's hair and wheat, the chief causes of asthma.

Such things used to be called witchcraft. Now they're science. Fortunate is the individual who selects the right generation to live in.

NEW DISCOVERIES

A well flowing 261,000 barrels of oil a day is drilled-in down in Mexico. At 50 cents a barrel, that would give you an income of \$130,500 daily.

One day the experts warn the world of an approaching exhaustion of oil. Next day a wildcat gusher or a new field is brought in. The world's oil resources probably haven't been more than scratched.

One well in Persia has produced 26,000,000 barrels in 10 years and still yields 13,000 barrels a day.

INDIANS STRONG FOR JAZZ

Shimmy and other jazz steps have taken the place of primitive dances on the Seneca Indian reservation near Buffalo.

Tom-tom has passed out and the saxophone come in.

The Indians have long been called "the vanishing race." They'll vanish a lot faster if they travel the jazz trail.

Jazz originated in the Buenos Ayres underworld. It's a circular road.

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.

THE POWER BEHIND THE BLOC

An observer looking about for the most powerful political figure in the United States at present would have to pass over the president, who has been defied by congress, and also the old-line party leaders within congress, who have been defied by the agricultural bloc. He would have to pass over the bloc itself, for it has been doing a number of things it didn't want to do, and search for the organization or the man who has been dictating to these Middle Western representatives and senators who hold the balance of legislative power. The organization is not hard to find. It is the American Farm Bureau federation, and James R. Howard is its president.

Two years ago Mr. Howard was a farmer in Iowa—a dirt farmer, though he has a college degree. Now he sits in Washington and tells the administration where it gets off. Behind his words is the grim conviction of several millions of men who have had an unusual run of hard luck lately that the government has never paid enough attention to agriculture and that when favors are being distributed in the future the farmer will realize on a few campaign promises or know the reason why. The disconcerting phase of the matter is the absolute sincerity of Mr. Howard and his followers and the absence of radicalism in their platform. They are content with the economic system as it stands, but they want the business overhead reduced and a voice in decisions as well as a larger share in returns.

Seemingly they do not realize how revolutionary all this must appear to the Old Guard. Wall Street has always had the dominant bloc at Washington. Can the tradition be shaken? There are no institutions tottering to a fall but there are changes impending.—New York World.

DAMOCLES AND THE HANGING SWORD



Expert Tells What Genoa Conference Means To Europe

(This is the first of two articles by a recognized expert on the coming world economic conference at Genoa.)

BY J. W. T. MASON

Expert on International Relations Washington, Feb. 22—The summoning of the Genoa conference is the first move since the war to bring friends and enemies together in a concerted effort to save Europe. The Genoa conference as originally planned called for invitations to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Russia to send delegates to meet the allies' representatives on a basis of equality. If this arrangement is carried out Genoa, birthplace of Christopher Columbus, who discovered a new world, will mark the birthplace of a new Europe.

There can be no recovery for Europe while divergent policies prevail among the transatlantic nations. Statesmen across the ocean are just discovering that fact. All of them, however, are not yet convinced of its truth and for that reason the Genoa conference is being threatened with failure before it begins.

France Blocks Path.

France is blocking the way to peace at Genoa. Peace was not really signed at Versailles, according to the belief in France. Only an extended armistice was forced on the Germans who are waiting their time to resume the war. Therefore France wants no questions discussed at Genoa which in any way will strengthen Germany economically or financially. France believes as soon as the Germans get their strength back, they will begin a war of revenge.

France also insists that the Russians be allowed to attend the Genoa meeting only as inferiors and on sufferance. France demands that the Russians pay their foreign debts before being admitted to an equality with other nations.

High Hopes Fade

With France in this obstinate mood, the high hopes that the Genoa gathering would start Europe on the path of accelerated recovery are fading. The nations in Europe which want the Genoa conference to be held for the purpose of cooperation all around declare that France instead of Germany is preparing for a new war in order to get permanent possession of the Rhine.

They also say France cannot legitimately demand that Russia's foreign debts be paid until France pays her own. France owes more money to foreign nations on which she is paying no interest whatever than Russia. The Genoa conference may end in failure but it will have marked a beginning. The original program of the Genoa conference eventually will have to be taken up by another conference. There is no other way of saving Europe as a whole.

Four Problems on Slate

At Genoa or at a subsequent conference the following problems will have to be faced, for until they are solved, chaos in Europe will continue: ONE—Revision of the indemnity demands on Germany so that the German people will have an incentive to reform their currency and resume their normal economic life by being allowed to keep some of the profits of their labor. TWO—Stimulation of Russian trade so that Europe can increase its food supplies from Russia and sell

FIT TO FIGHT

Life's greatest battles are between strength and weakness.

Scott's Emulsion a high-powered tonic-nutrient, nourishes and fortifies the whole body.

CUPID

He sends out an arrow right straight for the heart, Upon us poor mortals below; And getting us into the worst kind of scrapes, He's a mean little fellow, I know; For, when we are going with Bessie or May, He shows us a maiden as fair as the day, Then we change the old love for the new, right away!

He fills up his quiver with arrows, you see, Then starts out to give us a chase; And though we may run with the speed of the wind, He's sure to win out in the race; He sends out an arrow right straight for the heart, And it is but seldom he misses his mark, For he is a past master, friends, at his art. —Florence Borner.

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.—Isaiah 26:3. Absence of occupation is not rest; A mind quite vacant is a mind distressed. —William Cowper.

LEARN A WORD EVERY DAY

Today's word is ABERRATION. It's pronounced ab-er-ray-shun with accent on the third syllable. It means—mental disorder, wandering, hallucination, "seeing things." It comes from Latin—"ab" away, and "errare," to err. It's used like this—"Frequent aberrations are a sign of approaching insanity."

IF YOU ARE WELL BRED

You will appear to like every one with whom you come in contact. You will treat your mother-in-law, when she's visiting you, as you will treat your child's wife or husband to treat you. You will remember that the art of living with others requires the cultivation of a judicious blindness.

INCORPORATIONS

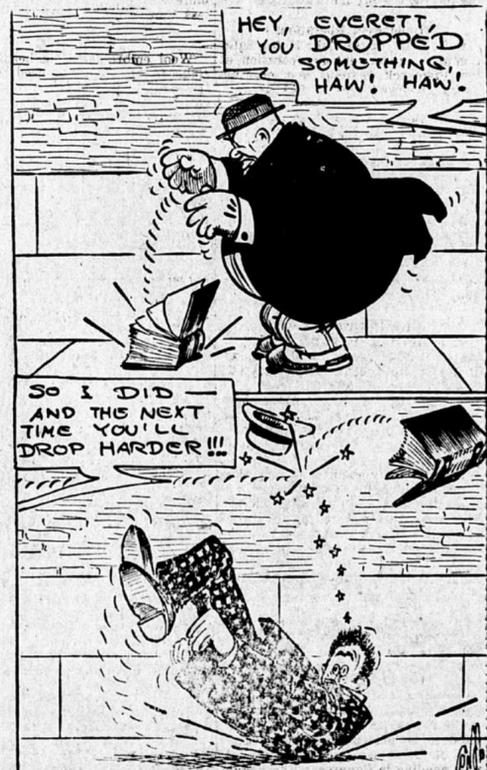
Articles of incorporation filed with the Secretary of State include: Devils Lake Steam Laundry, Devils Lake; capital stock \$50,000; incorporators, A. L. Johnson, E. M. Ostrander, H. R. Ostrander, B. M. Johnson. Dunn County Farm Association, Killdeer; non-profit corporation; incorporators, C. R. Meredith, F. M. Davis, O. O. Norquist, H. H. Ellsworth, Killdeer; Henry Klein, Halliday; F. A. Little, Fayette.

Nearly 20,000 women in the United States are barbers and hair-dressers.

There are about 17,000 people in Ireland who understand only Irish.

EVERETT TRUE

BY CONDO



MRS. CURTIN IS NOW ENJOYING FINEST HEALTH

Gains Twenty-Four Pounds Taking Tanlac and Troubles of Twelve Months' Standing Overcome, Declares Esteemed Lincoln Resident.

"I was weak and miserable and weighed less than one hundred pounds when I started taking Tanlac and now I weigh one hundred and twenty-four and feel as well as I ever did in my life," said Mrs. John Curtin, 2501 South Ninth St., Lincoln, Neb.

"I was a mighty sick woman for all of a year and it looked like I would never get any better. I felt off until I was nothing but skin and bones."

"Anybody looking at me now and seeing how robust and strong I am would find it hard to believe that a few months ago I was in such miserable health."

"Tanic is sold in Bismarck by Joseph Braslow and leading druggists everywhere." Adv.



The first breath of spring is caused by eating green onions.

Several movie stars don't seem to be like their pictures.

"Ex-Governor of Tobacco Is Banned," says Mexican paper, if he's caught, Tobacco will make it got for him.

Everyone admits the bonus bill is due, but says someone else owes it.

Perhaps the man caught stealing somebody's pants wanted them to keep chewing gum at home.

"North Pole Still Moving"—headline. Rents are high everywhere.

A train of thought is often wrecked by an automobile.

"The average girl who leaves home is 15," finds a society. The average girl who stays at home is 90.

New Yorker who ran away after having monkey glands grafted may be out at the zoo eating peanuts.

Movie hint: A shooting star falls.

Judge holds stealing liquor is not larceny. No, it's impossible.

The man with three wives had better be glad they caught him before vacation time.

Voliva seems sincere about thinking the earth flat. Perhaps it looks rather flat to a reformer.

People drinking this professor's alcohol made from gas had better keep away from the fire.

Henry Ford is looking for a way to spend his money. Put a little of it in filvers, Henry.

So is the income tax, Sherman.

Tom Edison says we will hear ants talk soon. Perhaps we can persuade them to fight boll weevils.

"Indiana had 2,633 accidents in January,"—news item. Bet most of them were poems about snow.

Ireland's Ulster is still hot.

ADVENTURE OF THE TWINS

By Olive Barton Roberts

Nick turned when he saw the chocolate cake. If there was anything he loved it was cake, and chocolate cake was not to be resisted.

"Oh come on Nick!" Nancy pulled at his arm.

The red feather in his hand, too, kept bending the other direction, which showed that if he would avoid danger he would keep away from the strange cave and all it contained.

But chocolate cake! Round, high, shining and delicious!

Something in poor Nick's legs seemed to be pushing him back toward the cave. He tried to take a step away, but he had no more will than a terrier on the end of a chain. And there was nothing for Nancy to do but to follow.

"Hello, children," came a voice out of the cave followed at once by a figure in the form of a gypsy woman dressed in red with a green cap and yellow sash. Her hair was done in long braids wound around her head, and on her neck were so many strings of beads that Nancy couldn't help wondering how she could stand so straight.

"I suppose you came back for a smell of my cake."

"It looks very nice," said Nick, wondering if he were to be offered a slice.

"And so it should," nodded the gypsy woman, smiling. "For dear knows, enough trouble I've had bak-

ing it. I've spilled half of the sticky icing on my floor and I can't get it off. I've hurt my finger and I can't hold a cloth."

"Oh," cried kind Nancy. "Can't I do it? I'll clean your floor."

"Then here," cried the gypsy woman, thrusting a large rag into her hand. "Come, I'll lead you to the place."

As she led her away the Mueh-rooms' note fell to the floor. Nick stooped to pick it up. (To Be Continued) (Copyright, 1922, NEA Service)