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PRESTO!

Rainmaker Hatfield is the talk of Italy. They had a five-months drought over there. Italian government sent an S. O. S. for Hatfield, reputed to have made the heavens open and pour down heavy rains in various parts of our country and Canada.

Hatfield set up his rigging near Naples. Presto! Comes a young cloudburst.

It used to be—maybe, still is—a military saying that the thunder of cannon precipitates heavy rains.

Albert Stiger, the Austrian, probably had this in mind back in 1896 when he invented the small cannon that is used to stove off and break up hailstorms.

Prof. D. W. Hering, writing in the Scientific Monthly, says he has investigated all kinds of "artificial weather control" and that he is convinced Stiger's method really works.

The cannon theoretically break up the clouds.

Rainmaker Hatfield's method is kept secret. He was offered and won \$4000 an inch for making it rain at Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada. And now he will bring a big roll back from Italy.

Scientists of the Mellon Institute in Pittsburgh are experimenting to prevent fogs. Laboratory results are encouraging, so the method will be tried out on rivers.

The method? It's simple. Spray the river's surface with a chemical that will prevent mists from rising and condensing into fogs.

Dr. Hering—in his scientific article says that weather control by artificial means is not regarded as unscientific, and that meteorologists are not hopeless of accomplishing it.

C. F. Martin, of the United States Weather Bureau, steps in, however, and warns farmers against swindlers in the guise of weather wizards. A large crop of these fakers is sprouting up, claiming to make rain, stop rains, prevent frost, regulate heat and cold and charm the winds.

Some of them may be practicable. But farmers should remember that the genuine thing always has its counterfeiters.

MONEY

Bankers check up and find that 26,637,331 Americans have savings accounts, better than one for each family.

The savings total around \$17,000,000,000, which suggests that the proverbial thrift of the French may lag behind ours.

American savings accounts are twice as much as the total amount of money in circulation, plus all our gold. And more billions are banked in commercial or checking accounts. Apparently each dollar shows up several times as a bank deposit. Frequently we deal with credit when we think we're handling the actual cash.

RETURNING

Another bicycle craze is coming, makers say at their convention in Atlantic City.

About 500,000 "bikes" have been sold in the last year. And manufacturers expect their business to double. They cut their retail prices an average of 40 per cent, bound to be a trade stimulant.

Bicycle riding is excellent exercise, something that cannot be said of autoing—except when the car breaks down. Millionaire John Browning, inventor of Browning machine gun, is a bicycle fan, says it keeps him in top-notch health.

DISCOVERED

James T. McNair announces that he has perfected a radio receiving device that eliminates static. He lives in Lakewood, N. J., and is a wireless expert, having built the first radio station in his county.

If his invention works as he claims, the popularity of radio should double over night. The trouble with static-eliminating devices to date is that they cut down the signal strength.

ALCOHOLIC

Alicante grapes, famous for their rich red wine, soar to \$120 a ton at Santa Rosa, Cal. This is five times as much as the growers got before prohibition.

The companion story comes from the other end of the continent. Federal prohibition agents make a

raid in Bayonne, N. J., and find a genuine College for Home Brewers, which has been instructing bootleggers and "law-abiding citizens" how to make their own. Students! It had a waiting list.

PRICES

The news revolves around money more than usual. U. S. Steel Corporation raises price of steel rails to \$43 a ton. This price will apply on deliveries until June 30, 1923.

The pre-war price on rails was \$28 a ton. Judge Cary and his associates thus advertise their belief that wholesale prices until the middle of next year are not apt to average higher than 53 per cent above pre-war. This may help you decide your money plans, for many economists think steel rail prices reflect general price tendencies.

DEATH

A man dies on an operating table in St. Bartholomew's Hospital in London. Surgeons continue their cutting. They reach and begin to massage the pericardium, membrane enclosing the heart.

In half an hour the heart begins beating normally. The patient does not regain consciousness. But his heart continues, beating 24 hours, when it stops forever.

This is not pulling a man back from the grave. But it is mighty close to it.

BOOZE

Henry Ford says he will fire any employe with liquor on his breath, on his hip or in his cellar at home.

Ford bans booze because it recently has been causing many accidents in his Detroit plant. This seems like old times. John Barleycorn was doomed first as a Safety First measure. The sentence was approved by Supreme Judge Industrial Efficiency. That's the real reason liquor no longer can be sold openly.

GAMBLING

More money has been invested in the American production of crude oil than has been realized from sale of the oil produced.

This is the opinion of R. L. Welch secretary of American Petroleum Institute. He's probably correct, for nearly \$9,000,000,000 of new oil and gas securities have been brought into the American investment market since the signing of the Armistice.

Plungers keep their attention on a few gigantic bonanzas. They forgo the multitude of failures.

BIRD-MEN

The Booth-racer, navy BR airplane, which is entered for the Detroit aviation meet in October, "draws up its feet like a bird." That is, the landing gear, wheels and all, during flight, are pulled up into the body of the machine to lessen air resistance.

In this instance, and in the gliding contests, you see flying swing back to imitation of birds. Logical for the most perfect flier is the bird. And man cannot improve on nature.

BUNKOED

Americans have lost at least \$2,000,000,000 by the drop in marks since speculators began buying them. Paris bankers make the estimate. In other countries, similar losses.

The bankers figure that Germany has profited \$5,000,000,000 by depreciation of the paper marks sold to foreigners. The inflation of German currency apparently has been intentional, part of a shrewd money-making scheme.

RECKLESS

Are you careful in motoring over a railroad crossing? Safety experts check up 164,000 cars crossing railroad tracks. They find only about 4,000 drivers stop their cars to make sure no trains are coming. 32,000 look only one way, \$1,000 take no precautions at all.

Only one driver in four is really careful. Are you one of the four, playing safe?

SPY

Stenhauer, Germany's master spy, has returned to London, according to Scotland Yard detectives who are looking for him. Stenhauer's return worries the British foreign office. That he is back on the job is just another indication that Europe is returning to normal—that is, intrigue.

Is the World War really ended or is Europe just having a breathing spell to "get second-wind"?

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.

INVINCIBLE LA FOLLETTE

Senator La Follette has been re-nominated for a fourth term by an impressive majority. Victory in his own State has been a habit with him for nearly forty years. His success this year is a bad defeat for his colleague, Senator Lenroot, and for the rest of the anti-La Follette Republicans, some of whom are conservative, some, like Mr. Lenroot, "progressive." It was a queer campaign. A highly respectable Committee of Forty-four tried to rouse the voters against "radicalism." They described themselves as Independent

Progressive Republicans. They were going to preserve "our republican form of constitutional and representative government"—a worthy object; but will Mr. La Follette, now 67, and never able largely to diffuse himself beyond the bounds of Badgerdom, be likely seriously to impair our institutions?

The new organization was against reaction and standpatism and the "destructive radicalism" typified by State socialism, whether masquerading as La Folletism, the Non-Partisan League, communism or the I. W. W. To link Mr. La Follette's extensive and growing collection of principles with communism and the I. W. W. indicates an atrophied sense of humor. Besides, what chance is there of beating "radicalism" in a State long inclined to it, a nursery of political and economic experiments, and which has followed State socialism and Mr. La Follette for more than twenty years? The Senator, if he stands alone in the Senate, has a plethora of friends in Wisconsin. Socialists put up no candidate against him. The Non-Partisan League, seeking control of the Legislature in the hope of making Wisconsin another North Dakota, was his ally. The Federation of Labor and the Farmer-Labor Party were his warm friends.

Officers of the four great railroad brotherhoods, the President of the International Association of Machinists, Mr. Jewell, chief of the striking railway shopmen, appealed to the people to vote for La Follette as an enemy of the Esch-Commins law, "the crime of 1920," of judicial tyranny and usurpation, and the future restorer of high taxes on profiteers and large inheritances. On the stump Mr. La Follette thoroughly enjoyed himself. He told the farmers that the railroads were robbing them of millions and billions. He cried for the bonus, to be paid by steep excess profits taxes. Defending his course in regard to the war, he said, with his characteristic understatement, that "a millionaire was made for every three soldiers killed in France." He smote the Administration hip and thigh. He denounced the Washington conference, the Four-Power Treaty, and what not. With his passion for denunciation, he actively supplied it to something that deserves it, the Fordney-McCumber tariff. "New-berism" was soundly trounced, as was that ancient enemy, "predatory wealth," inspirer and master of the Washington conference.

The fervor wasn't by any means all on one side. The Constitutional League proclaimed that "La Follette's doctrines are as bad as or worse than those which have ruined Russia." Mr. La Follette seems to have persuaded the majority of the voters that he will repeal, single-handed, the Esch-Commins act, secure the passage of a constitutional amendment giving Congress the power to re-enact laws held unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, save the nation's oil, coal and timber from "the trusts," revise the Federal Reserve act to suit the farmers, the laborers, "the people," the "welfare of this and many succeeding generations" depends upon "the issues of this campaign," this particular primary campaign. The excellent and learned college President who was his opponent is described as "six feet high." What could Goliath do against David? Nobody could have beaten him. His Governor is re-nominated, his whole ticket with one possible exception.

For over forty years this man has been elected to office by popular vote. He holds Wisconsin in the hollow of his hand. What is his secret? He is an industrious, but far from engaging, orator. He is without that gift of commanding personal presence which, an American politician once said, "rules the world." The people who swear by him must believe in his earnestness and sincerity. His face, if one may say so without ineffectuality, is the face of a fanatic; nor should his agility in adding to his stock of opinions, is long-disappointed national ambitions, the fact that he is one of the most adroit of politicians, lead us to false conclusions. In Wisconsin he is invincible. At Washington his structural defect is that he can never quite or long agree with anybody.—New York Times.

THE CHAIN-LETTER One of the most childish bits of superstition to which the adult mind is prey is the so-called "chain-letter." All who receive these letters are enjoined to send similar ones to nine friends within twenty-four hours. At the end of nine days, if you have been an obedient link in the chain, you are told you may expect some good fortune. If you refuse to be annoyed, bad luck is promised you.

Those who insist upon casting charms upon their lives, inviting the smile of Destiny and the wink of Fate, have enough devices handed down from the days of savagery to satisfy them without troubling their friends. Let them carry rabbits' feet, buckeye and horseshoes. Let them avoid black cats and raised ladders. Let them never break mirrors. Let them perform with due solemnity the salt ritual. Let them do anything that will forestall the avalanche of chain-letters upon prosy persons who do not care to court their luck.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Phosphate of lime taken from slag is a valuable fertilizer.

The French battleship was founded in 1869 and destroyed in 1870.



CURRENT EVENTS

Coal Strike and Shortage Labor Trouble on Railways Fighting in the Near East By Norris W. Quinn In the world today two great series of events are taking place. One, in America, is leading toward peace and prosperity; the other, in Europe, toward discord and possibly war.

MINERS WORKING AGAIN All union miners in both hard and soft coal fields struck April 1. No union mines operated thereafter except here and there in scattered districts where strikebreakers or men who did not belong to the union were employed.

THREAT OF WAR IN BALKANS Look at your map of Europe and learn where the Balkan Peninsula is. You'll see it is broken up into many small countries. Trouble among them has caused many of the great European wars.

RAILWAY STRIKE IS RELIEVED The strike of the railway shop craftsmen has been partly settled. Shop workers are railway employes who make repairs on engines and accept the agreement and cars are in proper and safe condition to carry passengers and freight.

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A THOUGHT Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling: for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.—Philippians 2:12-13.

TODAY'S WORD Today's word is—CHIVALROUS. It's pronounced—shi-al-roo—with accent on the first syllable. It means—knightly, brave, gal-

EVERETT TRUE BY CONDO MR. TRUS, MAKE THE ACQUAINTANCE OF MY FRIEND, MR. STIFFLY.

PLEASSED TO MEET YOU.

YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE IT!!!

nails into the kettle. There you are. It's all ready!" He put the dream into a toad-skin bag and handed it to the little boy. "Don't lose it," warned the Magician, "and don't break the bag. If you do, you and Nancy will dream the dream yourselves and that would be dreadful."

PROCLAMATION Year by year, the national destruction of life and property by fire has been mounting until the total annual loss of material wealth now approximates the enormous sum of \$485,000,000.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK and I earnestly request that the proper city departments, cooperating with Chambers of Commerce and other civic organizations, shall arrange interesting and educational exercises that will impress the importance of the occasion upon the public mind.

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Tom Sims Says

Restaurant steaks keep their seniority rights.

What is hell? asks the New York Herald. Baying school books.

De Valera joined the cavalry. That's a horse on Ireland.

Wish we had some trains to haul coal if we had any coal.

"Jail Breakers Fail"—headline. Pen is mightier than the saw.

Business seldom comes to a man's place without an invitation.

Some towns have all the luck. In Detroit, a reformer moved away.

We saw a girl with a rosebud mouth get nipped in the bud.

Atom is smallest thing in the world. Up an atom the biggest.

Drummers are good at talking because they live away from home.

Our birth rate is declining. This proves we are prosperous.

If a man wants his dreams to come true he has to wake up.

Trotzky's wife wears flapper clothes. No wonder the man is crazy.

The drifter seldom lands.

A man from up salt river tells us it is a long trip back.

What makes a country hotel bed bug madder than vacation ending?

Hard cider is pronounced illegal, so there will be plenty.

Bet a swimming hole feels lone some after school opens.

What is hurting our fair country more than cucumbers?

Dempsey says rest makes a boxer. Now we know why he is champ.

Maine imports 200,000 tons of Welsh coal. Welsh rare bits.

This may be an awful country; but in Paris, men wear car-rings.

Nursing a grouch makes it grow.

"Turks Take Eski-Shehr"—headline. Some people drink anything.

What pleases the owner of an orchard like school opening?

All polished men don't shine.

To the straw hat "So long, old top. See you next spring."

News Flashes Honolulu—Nine lives were reported lost and 2,100 homes and 45 ships damaged in a typhoon which swept Miyake-Jima, one of the seven islands of Izu in Northeastern Japan.

Cincinnati—Judge Robert S. Marx underwent an operation for the removal of a piece of shrapnel in his neck because it interfered with the use of his radioophone.

Denison, Iowa—Hubert Smith, 22, and Alfred Boeck, 15, pleaded guilty to murder of Bruce Rogers in a holdup of a dice game and were sentenced to 25 years.

New York—The Bank of New York, founded by Alexander Hamilton and the New York Life Insurance Co. two of the oldest financial institutions in the United States, were consolidated under the name of Bank of New York and Trust Company.

MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS

Read This Letter from Mrs. W. S. Hughes



Greenville, Del.—"I was under the impression that my eldest daughter had some in-trouble as ever since the first time her sickness appeared she had to go to bed and even had to quit school once for a week. I always take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound myself so I gave it to her and she has received great benefit from it. You can use this letter for a testimonial if you wish, as I cannot say too much about what your medicine has done for me and for my daughter."—Mrs. W. S. HUGHES, Greenville, Delaware.

Mothers and oftentimes grandmothers have taken and have learned the value of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. So they recommend the medicine to others. The best test of any medicine is what it has done for others. For nearly fifty years we have published letters from mothers, daughters, and women, young and old, recommending the Vegetable Compound. They know what it did for them and are glad to tell others. In your own neighborhood are women who know of its great value. Mothers—daughters, why not try it?