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SCHEMING TO KILL SEAMEN'S LAW

ON A recent visit to Seattle, Robert Dollar, head of the big steamship company which bears his name, bewailed the dire necessity which compels him, because of the La Follette law, to seek foreign registry for his ships. He told such a pathetic story of the hardships the law inflicted upon him that he had every corporation paper in the Northwest shedding tears with him as he took the trip to Vancouver to give that town the once-over.

But now it appears that Robert Dollar nearly always sailed his ships under foreign flags. In the last issue of La Follette's Weekly, Robert Dollar's sudden love for the American flag on his ship is aptly shown in the following paragraph:

"Robert Dollar, president of the Robert Dollar Steamship company, who recently announced that he would place his vessels under some foreign flag, had all except two of them under the British flag prior to the beginning of the war in Europe. He took advantage of the new bill to put them under the American flag for protection, stating, however, that as soon as the war was over he would go back under a foreign flag again. But there is no flag he can go under now and be exempt from the operation of the Seamen's Act if the vessels come to American ports."

Again there was considerable noise stirred up by the subsidized press over the fact that the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. was going out of business. It was charged the La Follette seamen's bill was to blame. Again La Follette shows up the utter falsehood in this claim. The Pacific Mail is owned by the Southern Pacific Railway Co. To do business thru the Panama canal, it must divorce itself from the railway, according to law. This is what is happening—the divorce. The La Follette Seamen's act had nothing to do with it.

And thus La Follette sizes up the situation: "This country is being made the victim of a vicious and menacing conspiracy. The shipping interest is putting forth

every resource known to unscrupulous business to discredit the Seamen's Law. Thru obliging commercial organizations, commercialized city dailies, subservient magazines, interested news agencies and other instrumentalities that show a startling willingness to serve special interest at the expense of the public interest, the ship owners of the United States and those of other countries are seeking to prevent the enforcement of this great humane act passed by the last congress.

"This great special interest should not be permitted, even with the willing aid of great newspapers, to deceive the American public concerning this measure of emancipation—emancipation from legalized slavery for the seamen and emancipation from dangers at sea for the traveling public."

FINE FUTURE READING

AUSTRIA has added to the collection a great big Red Book, describing "barbarous treatment" of Austrians and wholesale violations of international law.

When Turkey contributes her Yellow Book, the proof of general devilment will be complete. Study of present day governmental howls against outrage will be mighty interesting, a hundred years from now.

A PRISONER at the county stockade bites his way thru five strands of barbed wire, climbs a lofty fence, and gets away, and now the Morning Grouch says one of Bob Hodge's honor men escaped. Oh, very well!

WHAT WE want to know is whether the note Lansing wrote to William Hohenzollern was in the English or German language.

MAYBE THE whole trouble has been that the kaiser can't read English.

WHILE the hot spell continues, we don't mind cold stares from any source.

AFTER READING the text of the German note carefully, we found the final word was Lansing. That ought to be cutting enough even for T. R.

AN HONORABLE PEACE

THE prospect of this country going to war seems unreal. Doubtless it seemed unreal to some of the nations of Europe just a little over a year ago.

It is apparent, however, that the only method of settlement of the difficulties between the United States and Germany lies in compromise.

It is also apparent that an absolute insistence that Germany shall comply with conditions that mean abandonment of her submarine warfare will be rejected.

If the United States bases its claims entirely upon the principles of international law, our quarrel lies with Great Britain as well as Germany.

A compromise has been found which prevents trouble with Great Britain. We have recognized that new factors have entered into control of the sea.

Should we deal with Germany in the same spirit, despite the fact that Germany's offense cost American lives?

Should an agreement be reached with Germany which gives Americans safe conduct while crossing the sea, without compelling us to recognize the principle of German submarine warfare?

Should these things be done or should the United States insist upon a strict adherence by Germany of the conditions already set forth?

Compliance with the demand that we obtain such a recognition of sea law as we have requested is plainly out of the question. Insistence upon it will result in the breaking off of relations which

will be but a prelude to war.

It would be cowardly to escape the dangers of the present by making war certain for the future, but thus far nothing has arisen that cannot be settled by a fair agreement.

No president has had the support of the people in any crisis as strongly as President Wilson has had in this, and if his final decision is that no compromise can be effected, the nation will not hesitate to follow his guidance. But the sentiment of the vast majority of the people is not for war and their hope is that he will be able to preserve an honorable peace.

Cool, deliberate judgment after the first excitement has disappeared, determines that the situation does not offer sufficient grounds for plunging our country into a bloody war.

ISN'T UNCLE THE EASY MARK?

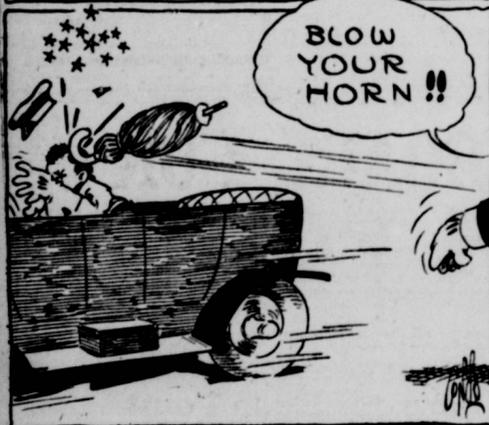
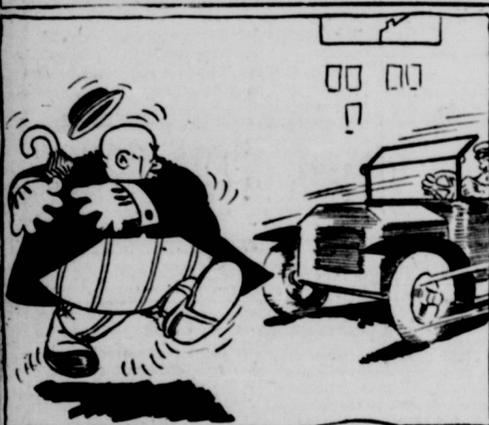
SECRETARY DANIELS postpones until September 29th the opening of bids on our 16 new submarines because two of the big private ship building concerns are loaded up with foreign contracts for submarines.

Some day Uncle Sam will starve to death thru being at the mercy of private bakers.

Just think of a great nation like ours being unable to go ahead with preparations for self-defense because private concerns are too busy working for foreigners against whom we may have to defend ourselves! Pretty rotten condition, isn't it?

BETWEEN THE toadstool eaters, canoeists and excursion steamers, our fatality lists compare favorably with those of Europe this summer.

Outbursts of Everett True



A LITTLE BIT OF MOST ANYTHING



Clatter, clatter, Pullman car, now I wonder why you are! Forty times I bumped my head last night when I went to bed; now I have a four-ply cramp, and I look just like a tramp. Thirty thousand wrinkles now decorate my Sunday clothes, tho I rolled them, nice and neat, and laid them then across my feet. My expensive summer coat looks quite old enough to vote, and my nice new Panama wears a fracture on its jaw. Oh, the porter's silvery

OUR JUNIOR OFFICE BOY

n. Y. today—Mr Hopkins used to live on West 145 st. what I preach a hole lot about 2 living as cheaply as I & that was how him and his wife got there start in life but when he wasnt talking about that he was telling his daughter that her feller was the worst hunk of cheese in town now, the feller was alright, I guess, but he didnt have a reglar job and when he did work his old man had to buy his clothes and let him feed his face at home free of charge outside of that Harold was a fine guy to have around the house & miss hilda hopkins was stuck

A Married Man's Troubles



Stella and Gertie



MAMIE'S FATE—(OR KNOCKING ABOUT THE WORLD)—A MOVIE IN THREE PARTS



never live as cheaply as I in the hopkins family anny more johnny

His Answer "Give me a sentence using 'indisposition'." The teacher said to Fred. When, doubling up his fists, he said, "You scrap in dis position!"



Old Follower—I see, Alderman Jones, that yer opinions have undergone a change. Alderman Jones—No, no change. Old Follower—But your views as you expressed them some time ago in the papers— Alderman—Those were not my views—they were my interviews.

WHEN YOU'RE WELL, KEEP WELL

One of the most important, tho hitherto almost neglected phases of the fight for health is the control of the degenerative diseases of later life. Statistics show that at ages over 45 the death rate in the United States is increasing and not decreasing, as is the case at the earlier age periods. The increase is shown almost wholly in the degenerative diseases of the heart and blood vessels and kidneys, and in cancer.

Beecham's Pills
The unequalled value of Beecham's Pills as the best corrective of ailments of the digestive organs so common—and the best preventive of lasting and serious sickness so often resulting from defective or irregular action of the stomach, liver or bowels.
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SUGGESTED DISHES—"ROASTING EARS"
GOSH! IT'S HOT!!

"SHE TOOK HIS ARM"
I'M AFRAID TO GO HOME ALONE NERVE!

ANSWERS
HIRAM—A GOOD NAME FOR THAT WANDERING PIG OF YOURS WOULD BE "INK"—BECAUSE HE'S ALWAYS RUNNING FROM THE PEN.

KNUT SHELLS
WHY IS A HUNGRY HOBBO A MARTYR? BECAUSE HE IS ALWAYS READY TO GO TO THE "STEAK"!

STEAMER HELD UP
TACOMA, July 24.—The Norwegian steamer Curco has been restrained by the federal court from leaving port pending settlement of charges by the Portland Flouring Mills company, which charges the vessel had refused to take 200 tons of flour for shipment contracted for with W. R. Grace & Co., charterers of the vessel.

SPINNING'S QUITTING SALE IS ON IN FULL BLAST
1415 FOURTH AVENUE