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SERIOUS TROUBLE IN SPOKANE

The First Methodist Episcopal church choir of Spokane went on a strike last Sunday and refused to sing, not because the members were working overtime, but for the reason that Pastor Dills had informed the married organist of his church that it was wrong to dance at parties and balls. The lady communicated the fact to the choir, with the grievous results mentioned.

It happened that the organist was the wife of the secretary of one of the local dancing clubs. She wouldn't hear to her husband going out and dancing with the other girls when she was not present, and when she went along with him Pastor Dills' voice was raised strenuously in objection. On the other hand, the secretary said that he was obliged to attend the dances, for was he not officially responsible for the records?

It is hard to give proper advice in such troubles at a time when the Russian-Japanese entanglement demands so much thought. To advise the lady to attend Spokane parties and defy her pastor and the Book of Discipline would never do. On the other hand, it would be equally improper to suggest that the troubled wife send out a warning to "the other girls" that they must not dance with her best beloved at parties where he presides as secretary. Yet it must be admitted that it would probably be very difficult to get the husband to resign his office. He is, presumably, like most other secretaries of amusement organizations, impressed with the importance and value of his position, which demands that he shall smile, bow to the ladies and look officially gracious in his claw-hammer coat.

There seems to be no way out of it. Pastor Dills is obdurate, so is the organist and so is the husband. They are at the three points of a moral triangle and there seems to be no possibility for them to get smoothed out into a straight line.

As for the choir, the members had better go right back to work. THEY are certainly making themselves ridiculous. If they hold out much longer other persons with voices trained and untrained can be found to take their places. And then where will they be?

It is well to look at this matter calmly and seriously.

The members of the choir are advised.

CARS THAT WON'T CRUSH

Two disastrous railway wrecks that have recently occurred but repeat history in one respect. It was only the occupants of the common day coaches who were killed and injured.

This result is not peculiar to these particular wrecks. It is ever noticeable that Pullman cars, and more especially the private cars of the railway officials, are proof against serious damage.

This shows definitely that the railway companies can, if they will, furnish cars that will not "telescope" and crush like paper boxes.

Most of the wreck fatalities may be attributed to the fact that common coaches are inexcusably fragile as compared with the mechanical possibilities.

Here is fatal negligence, which, if it is not criminal, ought speedily to be made so in all the states.

In a Baltimore & Ohio wreck 60 persons were killed. All were in the flimsy day coaches provided for the general public, while those who could pay for the comforts and protection of the Pullmans were safe. It is nearly always so. The general traveling public, that cannot pay the extra charges, is given no protection whatever.

It is all well enough to inquire into the causes of these wrecks and seek to fix the responsibility. Of course, some poor devils who are creatures of system will be found to bear the blame, but the real responsibility does not lie with them.

Accidents are bound to happen. That the startling number of wrecks might be greatly reduced by the general use of scientific devices for safety is not to be questioned; but the fact remains that accidents must be counted a certainty. And preparation for them is a serious duty.

That the railway companies know how to build cars that will not crush in wrecks has been too thoroughly demonstrated to admit of doubt. The frames of steel and cement used in the officials' private cars have withstood every test.

Protection can be given to the traveling public just as it is given to the officials themselves and to the occupants of Pullmans.

And it ought to be required on every mile of road in the country.

GEN. WOOD'S FOOL ENEMIES

There is increasing indication that General Wood is to find himself deeply indebted to his enemies.

There is a strong love of fair play and a hatred of persecution inbred in the American people. And it is very easy for a public man's enemies to overshoot the mark and thus arouse sympathy where they had expected to create aversion.

On the proposition that General Wood's military services have not entitled him to a major generalship the American people are perhaps of practically unanimous opinion. Could that issue have been held unconfused, his confirmation would have been impossible. His worst enemies would have gained all they could reasonably have wished.

But in the eagerness and the malice of them who hate him "not wisely but too well" General Wood has undoubtedly found his salvation. That his nomination will be confirmed there is now left little ground to doubt. Fate that so severely frowned upon him is beginning to show unmistakable signs of a smile.

Harm often comes through one's fool friends. And here is a case where much good has come to one through his fool enemies.

They have overshot the mark; they have disgusted the people who are not "good haters" except of persecution; and their course has been made all the more odious by the use of discredited persons charged with crimes and misdemeanors. They have besmirched their cause with scandal as well as persecution.

They have actually raised a new issue, totally obscuring the one that would have been fatal if left alone.

The serious and adequate consideration of the real issue has been rendered impossible by the cloud of malice, scandal and factional hatred that has enveloped it.

A new question has been raised in the minds of most people—whether it is worse to give undeserved promotion to Wood or to give support to the malicious.

The promotion to the major generalship of the army of a doctor of medicine, with the slightest degree of military training and experience is an affront to seasoned and deserving officers and unprofitable to the army.

The popular objection to it could have been overcome only by extraordinary conditions. And those conditions have been furnished by General Wood's fool enemies. They have secured for him what he and all his friends could never have secured for himself—the popular sympathy for a man who is the victim of malicious persecution.

Jack Frost has spring fever. That's what's the matter with the weather.

The czar has evidently forgotten about that Peace Conference which he advocated not long ago. It is remarkable how short some folks' memories can be on occasion.

That the Russians are goading the Japanese on to war is apparent enough from the trend of Asiatic news.

Another thing is also evident. The sympathies of Americans are with the Japs.

There is general admiration for the brave little people of the Island Kingdom, who are not afraid to double up their fists in the face of the fierce Russian giant with the big whip.

The Colombians are still spluttering. Latest advices state that 21,000 of their warriors have assembled at Cartagena, determined to fight somebody.

Uncle Sam has no time to waste on that crowd just now. He is keeping his attention riveted on the Far East, where real men propose to fight and do some things.

The 21,000 Colombians had better go home. If they don't—well, we may send against them 21,000 cans of American army beef and then they will wish that they hadn't been so extremely quick.

Steel and Steal may sound very much alike in pronunciation. Possibly that is the reason so many people have become tangled in their heads over the sharp decline in certain stocks and have been saying mean things.

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The goods in the extensive stock of The White House have always been sold on a close, small margin of profit, but now the old tags, upon the articles in stock, showing former prices, also reveal cut rate pricings which will astonish all those who see them.

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LOT 1—Overcoats—Men's Seal Brown Kerseys and Oxford Vicunas, finely trimmed and tailored throughout; our regular $10.00 coat and a good value at that, go at.. **$6.50**

LOT 2—Men's Olive Steel and Oxford Meltons and Vicunas made up finely and a special value at $12.00, go at..... **$8.50**

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The Home

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THE "PULL."

Much is said nowadays about the "pull." It is possible to gain a position upon a "pull" or through favoritism, but a position can be held only through merit. Of course there is an occasional exceptional that proves the rule.

Don't grumble so much because Miss L—— has obtained a choir position by having a "pull" with the committee. Nine chances out of ten she would not have had the "pull" had she not possessed a voice which is fitted for her work everyone will soon find it out and there will be a choir vacancy in spite of the "pull."

What is there strange about the fact that the office boy, John, was promoted. You, if you were not promoted also, say that John had a "pull." Why didn't you have a "pull"? Was John late at the office? Did John neglect his duties? Did John stay away from work to see a ball game and tell the boss that he was at his "grandmother's funeral"? Did John do all those things? You and I growl a lot about the "pull," but it is always somebody else's "pull."

If you take the trouble to strike at the root of the matter, you may find that John earned his "pull."

If a "pull' is such a bad thing in the other fellow's work, it's a good thing you have done. But if you recognize the saving grace of a "pull," get down to work and earn one. Make up your mind to be on the front seat when the "pulls" are passed.

OLD AND STYLISH.
Here is the latest coiffure, and one of 1833, showing same general style.

PEANUT BRITTLE.

Shell and remove the brown from one quart of peanuts; roll until broken to the sie of half a bean. Sift, saving the siftings to dust over a board when you are rolling the candy.

Place one pound of granulated sugar in a saucepan over the fire; stir until the sugar is melted and a light brown. Be careful not to burn. Mix in quickly h the nuts and turn at once on the board that has been dusted with the fine nuts. Roll without delay into a very thin sheet. Then with a large knife mark into squares. In a few moments break apart.

TO DESTROY ANTS AND BEETLES.

Take some unslacked stone lime (say half a bushel); lay in a heap upon a stone or brick floor; then take about one pound of sulphuric acid and put into a pint of water. With this liquor sprinkle the lime gently until the whole drops into a dry powder; throw this powder plentifully down the holes and about the places where the vermin come.

A PRETTY SCHOOL DRESS.

This pretty school dress is of wool in blue shades, with white cloth collar, revers and cuffs, trimmed with velvet buttons and cord. The stock and cravat are of lace.

MEALS FOR A DAY.

BREAKFAST.
Grape Fruit.
Cereal, Sugar and Cream.
Buttered Eggs.
Cornmeal Gems.
Coffee.

LUNCHEON.
Cold Boiled Ham.
Scalloped Potatoes.
Sour Pickles.
Marshmallow Cake.
Tea.

DINNER.
Chestnut Soup.
Broiled Steak with Oyster Blanket.
Stuffed Potatoes.
Salsify, Cream Sauce.
Currant Jelly. Parker House Rolls.
Mince Pie. Coffee.

Chestnut Soup.—Boil, peel and mash enough chestnuts to make 1 pint. Add 1 pint boiling water, 1 pint thin cream, celery salt and cayenne. Cook till it is thick and smooth. Remove from fire, add youlks of 2 eggs and cup thick cream; reheat and beat until it foams. Serve with toasted wafers.

Broiled Steak, Oyster Blanket.—Broil sirloin steak cut 1½ inches thick five minutes and remove to a pan. Spread with butter, season, cover with large raw oysters, season with salt and cayenne and dot over with butter. Put in hot oven until oysters "plump." Remove to hot platter and serve.

Marshmallow Cake.—Cream 1 cup sugar with ½ cup butter. Add three beaten eggs. Sift and measure 2 1-8 cups flour, 2½ teaspoons baking powder and dash of salt. Add to first mixture alternately with ½ cup milk. Melt 4 ounces bitter chocolate, add ½ cup milk, 1 cup sugar and yolk of 1 egg. Cook four minutes and add to cake boiling hot. Bake in layers in moderate oven.

Frosting.—Boil without stirring 1½ cups granulated sugar, ½ cup water and pinch cream tartar until a soft ball is formed when tried in cold water (238 deg. F.), then pour slowly over beaten whites of 2 eggs; beat one minute and then add ½ pound marshmallows that have been melted over hot water, and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Beat until cold, then add ¼ cup powdered sugar.

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MINERS WILL ASK ROOSEVELT

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 8.—President Roosevelt will be asked to deliver an address before the seventh annual session of the American Mining Cogress, to be held in this city next August. This was decided at a meeting just concluded here of the officers and executive committee of the congress, at which all the preliminary plans for the session were completed. In addition to the president many other distinguished men of the country will be asked to address the congress. The organization has succeeded in obtaining reduced railroad rates from all parts of the country and it is expected that as a result the attendance will reach fully 5,000 delegates and visitors, representative of all sections of the United. Canada, Mexico and several countries of Europe are expected to be also represented. All the energies of the forthcoming session are to be concentrated on the plan for the establishment of a federal department of mines and mining, whose secretary shall be a member of the president'c cabinet.

ENTERTAINMENT

"Dandy Darky," a play by an amateur minstrel troupe at the St. Luke's parish house, will be given Saturday night. The affair is in charge of the Mission to Seamen and all mariners are invited to attend.

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