

TIMES EDITORIALS

Let the Truth Prevail!

The Allies' Plan

Military and political geniuses of the seven allied nations have just finished a secret conference at Paris and there's no question as to the vast importance of their deliberations and decisions. So far as the outside world can learn, the meeting may result in these measures:

First, making Europe and Asia Minor one huge battle front with all the allied troops being directed harmoniously for a common end.

It is a lesson that Germany has taught, in her undoubted domination of Austrian, Turkish and Bulgarian forces and resources.

Second, agreement in respect to Balkan matters.

It is possible that this will put Greece and Romania into the fight, at once, with tremendous effects upon the general situation, considering the progress of the Russian forces.

Third, and most important of all by reason of its influence upon future generations of the hole world, a commercial union against Germany.

Ordinarily, it is logical to say that German raw materials and manufacturers will hold the markets of the world against competition, if their quality is high and their price low. This is natural. But the proposed allied commercial union is a boycott and not natural.

When we Americans feel oppressed by the price of eggs, meat, gasoline or other necessities or semi-necessaries, we talk boycott and do, perhaps, boycott for a time.

We never accomplish anything permanent by boycott, for the simple reason that our union disintegrates.

But, it would be entirely different should we back our boycott with law prohibiting purchase of the boycotted article, and this is what that Paris conference proposes to do through tariff laws. A tight European union along this line will mean terrible things to Germany, and it will have in it possibilities in respect of the United States.

For many years, we have been thinking that we could legislate at will and without accountability against the products of Europe. But there has been no commercial union of Europe. What will we get when there is such union?

His Name Is Jay

We started to write an editorial on Jay Thomas' "initiative bill" which the secretary of state permitted to be filed.

Before we got it finished we chanced to see what the Seattle P.-I. said on the subject. It said just what we were trying to say, and said it better. We don't often find ourselves looking at public affairs from the same viewpoint as does the P.-I., so on this occasion when we do, we'll tear up our effort, shout amen and banzai and proceed to quote:

"The filing of a burlesque initiative bill entitled 'The Politicians' Code' with the secretary of state as an example of humor takes equal rank with the strained and stilted wheezes of the 'third house' in its biennial high jinks at Olympia. And it suffers on comparison because it lacks local color.

"As a laugh-raiser at the expense of those people who sign initiative petitions it has an exceedingly

low batting average. People generally will take the view that the perpetrator in the role of humorist has painfully missed his calling. * * * * *

"The bill as a labored attempt to make a jest of the initiative is about as funny as an antiseptic bandage."

Squelching a Liar

A so-called "responsible citizen" having wired an United State senator that several thousand Caranza soldiers were being congregated at Agua Prieta, opposite Douglas, and were erecting barb wire entanglements and digging trenches just a rifle shot from the American town, General Calles invited the sheriff of Cochise county to visit all the camps across the line and see for himself.

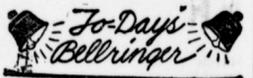
The sheriff and a committee of Douglas citizens having done so, they report that the sensational story was entirely without foundation. That there are no wire entanglements and no trenches and that the Mexican garrisons along the line are only normally strong.

General Calles took the best and most sensible way of reassuring the Douglas people. In return, the Douglas folks ought to brand that "responsible citizen" of theirs as an Ananias of the first water and convey a gentle hint that any more activities of that nature would put him in the "undesirable citizen" class.

It is a foolish man who doesn't put his foot on a lighted match tossed by a fool or a knave at his own powder magazine.



It doesn't look as if there'd be any more winter this spring!



In a certain provincial town where everything is up to date and the people are always planning some new scheme, a shocking thing happened.

One of the popular society women announced a "White Elephant Party."

Every guest was to bring something that she could not find use for, and yet too good to throw away.

The party, however would have been a great success but for the unlooked-for development which broke it up.

Eleven of the 19 women brought their husbands. — Tit-Bits.

HEART BALM
Mrs. Chink Wilson gave her neighbor an old-time quilting Tuesday, and quite a number of the neighbor ladies were present. They did some very fine mechanical stitching and turned out several new quilts. At noon dinner was announced, and the table was well loaded with pie, cake and all that the heart could wish for.—Ozark (Ark.) Spectator.

WATCH HER!
Keep your eye on the girl who always allows her mother to do the housework while she idles about town. Soon you will see her with a sporty dude for her best fellow, and she wears the extreme in fashionable clothes; then she gets married and you can safely predict that her lot in life will be weeping, wailing and wash-tubs.—Houston (Mo.) Herald.

UPLIFTING THE DRAMA
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HIS BUSY MONDAY
Jed Doolittle is the busiest man in town on wash day. He rushes home to dinner and informs his wife that he must hurry back to keep an appointment with a man who stands around the postoffice and licks the Mexicans till 2 o'clock.—Osawatimie (Kan.) Graphic.

J. Ernest Knight's Idea of A. SOFT SNAP



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ANSWERS

BY CYNTHIA GREY

Dear Miss Grey: Looseness of thought characterizes the discussion of birth control in the article signed "A Woman."

It opposes birth control, yet states that "self-control is the only right and true way to control birth." This last is what the advocates of birth control really seek, the question being as to what constitutes self-control.

No proof supports the statement that more women approach death from controlling birth than from bearing children. Even were this true, it would be an argument favoring the open dissemination of information regarding harmless methods of birth control. Cannot these deaths resulting from ignorant attempts at prevention be laid at the door of the doctors who are financially interested in maintaining general ignorance with sanctity?

When "A Woman" talks of the "laws of nature" she should remember that one of those laws is that pruning produces superior fruit, and another is that a high birth rate implies a correspondingly high death rate, as witness the million spawn of the herring in contrast to the single offspring of the elephant. Are not better babies preferred to more babies? The one thing that should always distinguish man from all other forms of life is the ability of consciously control his actions.

In scientific discussion of birth control the introduction of a hypothetical "God" or a conjectural "Soul" serves but to cloud the issue.

The statement that "every woman who indulges in sexual association, but frustrates the possibility of becoming a mother, is a prostitute," is to say that "morals" in society rest mainly with the degraded treatment dwellers who make a yearly addition to their bedraggled brood of mental inefficient.

If the views of "A Woman" represent the only opposition to birth control the case for family limitation is a clear one. MOTHER OF TWO.

Q.—Is there a law forbidding a parent to punish his child by whipping? Is there a law forbidding any person to strike a child? G. V.

A.—A parent may punish his child in any way he chooses, provided his punishment does not reach the point of cruelty. In the latter case the parent may be brought before the juvenile court and fined or imprisoned. Any person may be punished in the same way for abusing a child.

Miss Grey maintains office hours each Wednesday from 11 a. m. to 4 p. m. when she is pleased to meet any Times reader. On other days she replies to questions only by mail or through her column.

Confessions of a Wife

MY RELIGION AND MY UNCONSCIOUS PRAYER
My little nurse said this morning, in rather a timid manner: "Mrs. Waverly, what is your religion?"

"I have been accused of not having any," I answered, "but if religion means, as the dictionary has it, 'any system of faith, doctrine and worship,' I think I have a distinct and comforting religion.

I have great 'faith' in humanity and feel that through all its mistakes it will yet rise to some high plane, a plane of happiness that might be called heaven. I 'worship' sincerity and truth."

My nurse said, "Do you not have some sort of imaginative belief to whom you pray when you have reached that plane in your affairs that you do not know what to do next?"

"You mean do I believe in a personal God?" I said and then I told her, little book, of my experience at the time Sonny was born and how through that great soul's travail I came to the conclusion that a God to be a real God must not be concerned with mercy but with justice. That a God could not be a father because a father was first human and a God must be apart and above every human conception.

"If I were going to pray, little nurse, this is what I would say: 'O Thou Almighty Power: Teach men to take from Thee my dole

Of good or ill and murmur not. Oh, make my finite mind to grasp That, in Thy infinite plan there is No place for my weak cries against

The grief and sorrow of the common lot, Blot out the ego that doth crush my soul Beneath its load of selfishness and greed,

And let me know, what now I dimly guess, The fullness of Thy purpose, for my desire For which I vainly plead, when placed beside

Humanity's great need sinks into nothingness. Oh Thou High Over All! Suffer my mean, ungenerous prayer, That Thou wouldst change Thy changeless laws, Which make strict justice, mercy most divine,

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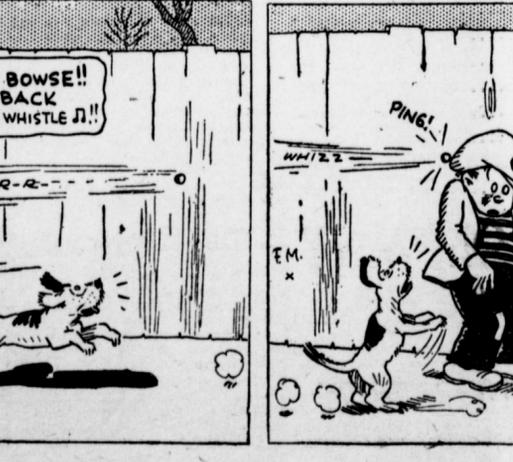
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