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FARMERS' STRIKE NONSENSE

All this talk of a farmers' strike which has resulted from the postoffice department questionnaire is nothing but academic nonsense. There are many reasons why the farmers of the country would not strike under any circumstances.

It is true, however, that if the business of farming in not sufficiently remunerative there is going to be less money invested and less labor employed in the business.

Of course while this laborious economic process is working out there is going to be discontent, and perhaps much suffering.

These are old economic processes discovered and codified by the ancient Adam Smith, and they work today just as effectively as they did in his time.

NO "ISOLATION" YET

Just how vain may be the hopes of those "irreconcilable" opponents of the peace treaty and the league of nations covenant in the United States senate that America can, like an armadillo, roll herself up in her shell of "splendid isolation" is powerfully suggested in an article by Frank H. Simonds in the current issue of the American Review of Reviews.

According to this man's judgment the world is so far from having entered an era of peace that in reality the "world war" is entering a new phase.

Thus it would appear that the dreams of "isolation" are but the visions of a fool's paradise. If our former associates in war against German absolutism do not desire to submit to Russian bolshevism they must fight.

"Military resistance to bolshevism has broken down," says Simonds. "Victorious Russian armies are approaching the Black sea, have reached the Azov, are overflowing into Persia and pressing southward toward India."

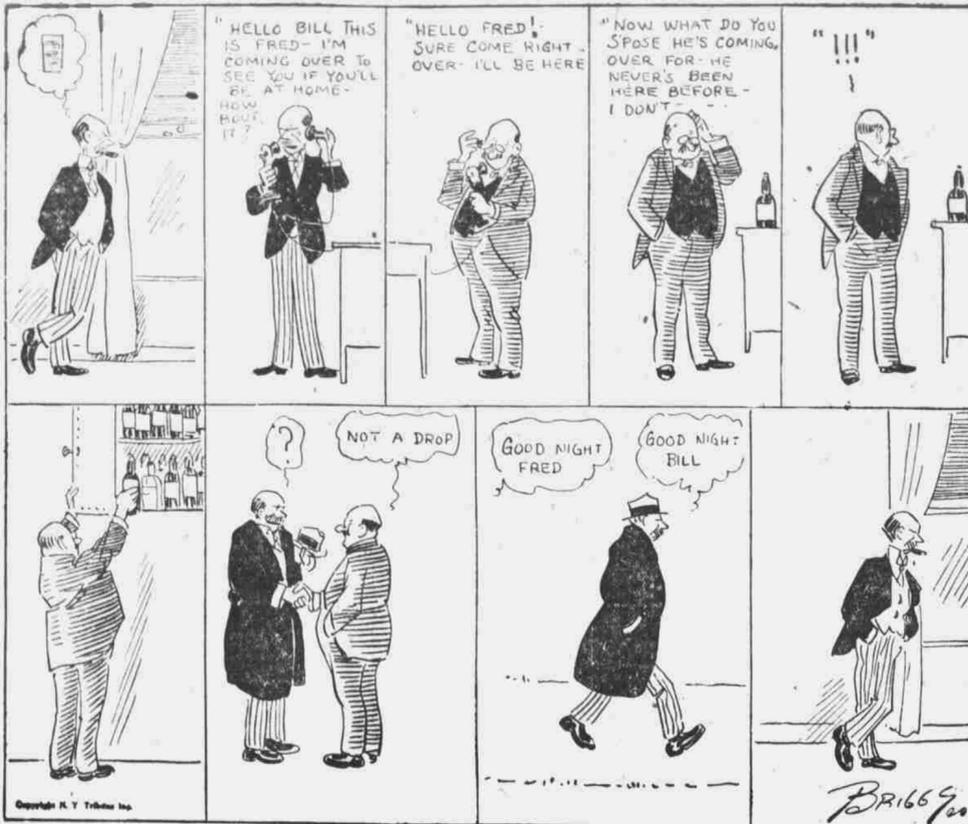
If these conditions are correctly represented it may be some time yet before the home-loving American eagle can withdraw to his own acre.

According to the current controversy in official circles in Washington, distinguished service medals were awarded quite often for proficiency in keeping the heels of the lacquered army boots upon the polished surface of the roll-top desk.

It is extremely difficult for some of us to get excited over Article X while the acquisition of ten-spots is such a strenuous matter.

Oh, Man!—By Briggs

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YE TOWNE GOSSIP BY K.C.B.

I WAS in a corner. WAITING FOR a car. AND A butcher auto. DROVE UP to the curb. AND THE driver got out. AND WENT in a store. AND A dog came along. WITH A little fat boy. AND HE sniffed the meat. AND SNIPPED around. AND LOOKED in the auto. AND NO one was there. AND WENT back to the rear. AND SNIPPED some more. AND PUT both his front feet ON THE auto tailboard. AND SNIPPED again. AND WHINED a little. AND THE little fat boy. TRIED to look in the wagon. BUT HE couldn't reach up. AND THERE was a box. IN FRONT of the store. AND HE dragged it over. TO THE rear of the car. AND CLIMBED on the box. AND LOOKED in the car. AND THEN climbed in. AND ALL the time. THE DOG was there. WITH HIS feet on the tailboard. AND THE first thing I know. THE LITTLE fat boy. GRABBED A package of meat. AND TOLD it open. AND TOOK some chops. AND HANDLED one. TO THE anxious dog. AND THREW the others. DOWN ONTO the street. AND THEN jumped down. AND STAYED HIDDEN his coat. AND STAYED HIDDEN there. WHILE HIS friend, the dog. WAS LYING on the chops. AND THE driver came out. FORT AT the moment. I WAS stealing the boy. FOR STEALING the meat. AND HE was the box. AND I looked at it all. AND BECAUSE I was the oldest. OF THE three of us. HE PULLED on me. AND THE little fat boy. NEVER SAID a word. AND I tried to explain. AND JUST at that moment. FROM AROUND the corner. A POLICEMAN came. AND THE driver told him. WE HAD stolen some meat. AND I had to confess. TO WHAT I had seen. AND WE talked it over. THE FIVE of us. INCLUDING the dog. AND COUNTED the bones.

THE HASKIN LETTER LEAP YEAR OUT OF A JOB BY FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Now that leap year is once more upon us, what will the women do with it? This question, which used to bring a roar of laughter that they have found it so fat, is now answered with disconcerting frankness and practicality by the new women. Indeed, after asking it a few times you perceive that women are getting newer and newer.

HOROSCOPE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1920.

While Venus and Jupiter rule beneficently today, according to astrology, Mars is in a menacing aspect. It is a time that should be most promising to women, for Venus smiles not only on their love affairs, but upon their business ventures.

The spread of community playhouses and access of interest in amateur efforts will improve the professional stage, astrologers foretell. Business and commerce are subject to a good deal of making for property. Bankers should improve opportunities offered today. There is a sign indicating the floating of a new foreign loan of magnitude.

Persons who entertain it is may have a year in which there is anxiety. They should avoid new enterprises. Children born on this day may have many long and successful years. These subjects of Aquarius are usually very kind and generous.

100 Stills Found In Alabama In Month Of January

HEMETSVILLE, Ala., Feb. 12. (AP)—Reports received here from the 16 federal prohibition agents who are working in Alabama show that an even hundred stills had been found and destroyed during the month of January.

HICKMAN COLLEGE HAS SMALL BLAZE

HICKMAN, Ky., Feb. 12. (AP)—Hickman college during school Wednesday afternoon, caught fire, but was soon extinguished, and before much damage was done. The school children, about 500 in the building, have been well drilled in case of fire that all left the building in an orderly manner.

FORT SMITH COTTON OIL PLANT BURNS

FORT SMITH, Ark., Feb. 12.—Fire here last night, which originated in the engine room of the Ouga Cotton Oil company's plant, caused a damage of approximately \$25,000. Firemen fought the fire for three hours before the blaze was extinguished.

THIS column is designed to reproduce without bias the latest comment by the leading newspapers and periodicals on the questions of the day.

Americans by Education.

Two kinds of mentality among foreigners confront the government. One is the educated, and the other is the illiterate because they become leaders, and illiterates among their followers accept their views and judgments without quibble or doubt.

The German Envoy to Tokio.

The selection of Dr. Wilhelm Solf, last of the Kaiser's foreign secretaries, as German ambassador to Tokio may prove to be the initial step toward a German-Japanese rapprochement.

News Notes From the French Press.

French domestic postage, which was increased from 10 centimes to 15 during the war, just as the American postage was raised from 2 cents to 3 cents, is about to be raised once more, this time to 25 centimes.

Grey Accepts Reservations.

Viscount Grey's admirable letter to the London Times dispenses completely with the usual and tiresome excuses of a European ally who goes round the world in the possession of a genius, nor in blind luck, but rather in hard work and painstaking effort to be prepared in any emergency.

Middleton Girl Has Disappeared

CORINTH, Miss., Feb. 12. (AP)—Several days ago Miss Myra Welton, the 16-year-old daughter of the railroad agent at Middleton, came here from her home for the purpose of doing some shopping. Failing to return home, her father came here and began an investigation with the assistance of the chief of police. It was learned that she had visited a number of stores in the city but made no purchases.

HER REASON.

"Why do you wear that costume? It looks like half mourning," said the husband. "Well, every evening when you come home from the office you complain of being half dead."

Twice Told Tales

Prof. Walter W. Boutelle, for the past five years instructor of the choir at St. Peter's church, was today named as instructor of piano at the Christian Brothers college to succeed the late Prof. Herman Schulze. Prof. Boutelle is one of the most prominent musicians of Memphis and under his able direction the St. Peter's choir has made marked progress.

10 Years Ago

A. M. Billings, owner of the Citizens' Trust Building company, reached Memphis today from Chicago. He is stopping at the Gaylord hotel. In an interview Mr. Billings stated that a meeting of the stockholders would be called during the next few days and by a new president would be named at this meeting. He made some very flattering remarks about Memphis, predicting a very prosperous future, and stated that politicians were largely responsible for Memphis with absolute confidence toward leadership of the South.

28 Years Ago

This was the second day of the Ralph W. Blaine memorial campaign in Memphis, including E. W. Carmack, mayor of the Commercial, and A. B. Pickett, editor of the Commercial. The memorial services were called by the association and the prosecution completed its testimony during the day.

An Irish soldier after drawing in 60 fat men, was told to go home. "Sure it's as long as today and tomorrow! It's a good week's work for any five men. More of it yet!" The day's work was done, but he was suddenly stopped short, and looking up to the officer on watch, he exclaimed: "But look to me, sir, if I don't leave somebody's cut off the other end of this line!"