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LATEST BONUS DEVELOPMENTS

Following closely upon the statement of Senator Carter Glass, former secretary of the treasury and framer of the federal reserve bill, that congress could not compel the banks to lend money on bonus certificates, comes the assertion of the comptroller of the currency that he will advise national banks not to make such loans. Undoubtedly, the comptroller can do this if he so desires, and it is almost as certain as anything human can be that the banks will follow his advice.

The opposition of the comptroller is based upon the same fact as that of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon—that for the banks to lend money on these certificates will take approximately $500,000,000 of capital out of commercial and industrial channels, and to that extent retard business recovery and general prosperity. When a bank lends money on these certificates, according to the law as it is framed, the bank is compelled to hold the certificates three years. Thus the sum of $500,000,000 becomes "frozen" for that length of time. In other words, that much money quits work at a time when every dollar of accumulated capital should be usefully employed.

Chairman Joseph W. Fordney of the house ways and means committee continues his random talk on the bonus measure. Mr. Fordney's latest was an address to the American Wholesale Lumber association in Chicago, in which he said, in part:

"You men sitting here no cheered them much and marched with them to the depot. And you did not go a —— step further.

This assertion is both an insult and a lie. The men who went with the draft contingents to the station, went many steps further. Virtually every one of them kept helping to win the war as long as the war lasted. It does not take anything away from the credit due the soldiers to say that many a man who had to remain at home through age or other causes, did a full share toward winning the conflict. The 96,000,000 Americans who were not in the service backed the 4,000,000 who were in to the limit, envying them their opportunity to be doing something glorious instead of performing the just as necessary but less inspiring tasks here at home. Was the war won entirely in France? Was it won entirely by the men in the front line? What were the rest of the American people doing all that time? Give the service men full and liberal credit for all that they did, but do not forget that there were several others who also helped to win the war.

BARE MAJORITY FOR INTELLIGENCE

By a bare majority of one vote the Kentucky legislature has killed the bill to stop the teaching of evolution in the schools of that state. This is a remarkably narrow margin, and forms a rather sad commentary on the level of intelligence of the Kentucky legislature.

The wording of the measure, as presented by Representative Ellis, its sponsor, is misleading. It states that it shall be forbidden to teach "Darwinism, atheism, agnosticism or evolution as it pertains to the origin of man." This conveys the impression that Darwinism and evolution are synonymous with atheism and agnosticism, which is both false and absurd.

Darwin's theory does not concern itself with religion in any way whatsoever. It simply takes up the evolution of the entire animal kingdom, including man, the highest animal, from the standpoint of existing facts. While showing that man was developed from lower animals, Darwinism does not deny that all this was done by a higher power than any on this earth. It simply asserts that it was done and proves it to the satisfaction of any intelligent man or woman. When we consider the many great scientific discoveries of the last several centuries and reflect that almost every one of them was subjected to the same sort of attack, we are surprised, and a little ashamed of the human race. We should think that after so many experiences man would learn something.

FRANCE QUITS SAVING DAYLIGHT

The daylight saving controversy is not confined to the United States. Despite the fact that the system has been in use in Europe for a number of years, France has just voted to abolish it. There, as here, the conflict was mainly one between city and country. The system was satisfactory to residents of cities, chiefly because of the increased opportunity for outdoor sports in the evenings after work. It was not satisfactory to the farmers because it interfered with their work. As between the two, the French parliament apparently considered the economic objections of the farmers as of greater importance than the opportunities of recreation of the city people. Our own congress yielded to the same argument. A few of our larger cities have retained the system, but the isolation of time thus effected has not been altogether desirable.

IRVE COBB'S GHOST STORY

We are in the midst of what may be termed a "ghost renaissance." The doings of the "Antigonish ghost" have been duly chronicled and heralded far and wide through the big news associations, and a party of scientists are now camped in the "haunted house," ready to trail the ghost to his lair or his lair, as the case may be. Now comes no less a personage than "Old Irve Cobb" and writes in his usual felicitous style in the current number of McClure's about the "Bell Witch," a "sure enough" ghost of pioneer days in Tennessee.

Irve tells about this visitor from the land of spirits in a highly realistic manner. Reading it we reach the conclusion that this is one spirit upon which the eighteenth amendment would have had no effect whatever. She—for this was a female spirit and therefore of course deadlier than the male—was called "Kate." She must have been some relation to K-K-K-Katy, for when the moon shone over the cee-cee-cowshed, she never failed to drop in on the Bell family for a little plain and fancy haunting. It is clear that the folks of those days took their spirits seriously, since John Bell, against whom the "witch" seemed to have a special prejudice, was finally hounded to his grave by "Kate." In fact, one gathers that she gave him a dose of poison to hasten his departure. Still, after entertaining us by his highly circumstantial legend, Irve declines to come right out and say that he believes it. We accept it in its entirety, with the single reservation that we consider it an unvarnished figment of the imagination "from Alfred to Omaha."

WHAT MEDICINE DO THEY NEED?

An unusual situation is reported from Lockridge, Iowa, where the town's only doctor, P. J. Shorlock, is locked up in jail to serve a term of four months for intoxication. There are several cases of illness in the town and four county officials have made an urgent request to the governor of the state for the physician's immediate release. Still, if Dr. Shorlock has been getting drunk in the degree and frequency indicated by his sentence of four months, it might be better for the sick people to let him stay in jail. However, that depends on the nature of their illness.

Now it develops that all but four or five of the "private" railroad cars are merely rented instead of owned. Next time we meet a man in his so-called private car, we shall look him straight in the eye and wonder whether he has paid the rent.

President Harding has promised to visit Southern California this summer. If he makes a trip to Alaska. That's logical. He'll need to go to California to thaw out.

The Russians have found a skeleton of a prehistoric mammoth. That must be the remains of Russia before the Bolshevists got her.

Stores of honey in which liquor has been made for sale have been found near Steubenville. Must have been selling it to each other.

President Harding, it is said, has gone on his vacation to Florida leaving his cares behind. Yes, but they'll all be there waiting for him when he gets back.

"Chicago wants light wine and beer." Which, being interpreted, means that seven of 12 councilmen acted to that effect. The population of Chicago is 2,701,705.

A Philadelphia man is under arrest charged with a theft of $112,000 from a dental plant. Won't do us a bit of good. Our dentist still has every one of his gosh darned contraptions.

Merely McEvoy

By J. P. McEVOY

HOW I RAISED MY PARENTS

(By an Ex-Child.)

CHAPTER X

I Obtain Rest and Solitude for Them

When I first came to my parents they were in [illegible] by invitations to dinners, parties and various kinds of [illegible] friends—I make the distinction purposely—were always dropping in to spend the evening. Relatives were always dropping in to keep the poor [illegible] from being a total loss. As a result my poor parents were on the [illegible] and had no time to read the newspaper comics so [illegible] broaden and uplift themselves.

As soon as I grew old enough I changed the situation. [illegible] to learn how to recite "Mary Had a Little Lamb," with [illegible] was to learn a few simple pieces on the piano. There was one [illegible] fond of:

"Little woolly puppy dog,
Come and see this tiny frog."

It was a complete success. The time was [illegible]

The first time I tried it out the living room was full of unexpected and undesired guests. After I had sung it the fifth time, the gathering lost [illegible] perceptibly. I then recited "Mary Had a Little Lamb." After I had [illegible] to the third stanza, which consisted of the first one with the [illegible] the exodus for the door became almost uncanny. Hastily [illegible] turned again to the piano and invited the little woolly puppy dog to come and see the tiny frog again for the fifteenth or twenty-third time. At this [illegible] the same the room was empty, except for my mother, who was very [illegible] father, who had a strange gleam in his eyes, and my grandmother who [illegible] deaf.

A few neighbors came back some weeks later, but I noticed [illegible] the piano. I didn't even get a chance to open it when they [illegible] hunting for their hats. After that our home was a quiet [illegible] parents lost their haggard look. They grew contented and [illegible] visitors, no relatives, no neighbors. We never had to get [illegible] tained. And we had plenty of time to read the [illegible] the movie sub-titles, and grow in wisdom and grace.

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PARAGRAPHS

By ROBERT QUILLEN

One cure for a lawless state is less law.

The Irish Free State appears to be a kind of free [illegible]

"Hanging doesn't discourage crime." No, only the [illegible]

National pride is merely a smokescreen laid down to conceal a multitude of graft.

The world is growing better, but it is yet too early to be sure it is not a temporary rebound from complete recovery.

That peculiar smell in a theatre is not movie [illegible] sphere of democracy.

In these modern times one wonders what has become of the old gentleman who wore the heavy beard as an aid in straining soup.

But think of the awful mess we would be in except for the elevating influence of women in politics.

Ill fares poor France, a hastening gift a prey, when debts accumulate and the Huns won't pay.

For the next few decades, national aspiration in Germany will take the form of national retribution.

The average American thinks thrift consists in getting along with four cylinders instead of six or eight.

The public may boycott the wicked movies, but it continues to devour spicy stories about the movie people.

And so the peace dollar is designed to last twenty-five years. Well, there are a few optimists left in Washington.

If it weren't that we do not like to have angels fear to tread, there would be no necessity of treading angels.

As a matter of fact, [illegible] the way out. But if they asked us, we would say that the inevitable at once [illegible] statesmen.

The great question is, how will the treaties affect the future [illegible] tion?" but "How will they affect the next election?"

It isn't probable, however, that the man with the [illegible] political power than the man with the dough.

Ain't Nature wonderful? Even though one is born every minute, some new Ponzi appears now and then to handle the entire crop.

Statesmen might render a service by figuring out just how much blood must be spilled before a subject people is entitled to liberty.

One reason why the train always beats the flivver to the crossing is because the engineer knows the flivver can't knock here off the track.

The art of gardening may be lost, but the beautiful [illegible] on the seed cover catalogue persuade us that the art of lying lives.

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HORNETS WERE FIRST PAPER MAKERS

Kansas City, Mo., March 10.—Hornets are the original paper makers. The paper that is made by them is in many respects similar to ours and it is quite possible that we gained our ideas of making paper by watching these busy little workers. They, however, have always made their paper of wood pulp while with us, by one of that article is a comparatively recent development in the paper making industry.

To the layman the making of this paper is of the greatest importance, as it furnishes the material for the hives in which they raise their families.

Their method of constructing these hives is interesting one. After first selecting a place, they begin it with a manufacturing paste to which they add ten their nest.

The material [illegible] obtained from old [illegible] sides of trees. This [illegible] moistened by the mouth [illegible] and when mixed with the [illegible] portion of the saliva [illegible] a substance that [illegible] When very small [illegible] the flake is allowed to [illegible] and [illegible] before it is used.

Their hives are composed of [illegible] of cells of [illegible] cone of those in the comb [illegible] These cells are placed [illegible] of an [illegible] the whole being [illegible] thickness. In a drizzling rain [illegible] cloth of the [illegible] which later hatches into a full [illegible] wasp and the [illegible] the paper is carried on [illegible] little builders.

Letters to The Intelligencer

Letters for this column should be as brief as possible. Intelligencer readers are invited to send communications upon any timely subject. Name of writer must accompany all letters. The Intelligencer will not agree to print letters upon controversial subjects, and especially controversies between individuals.

ANOTHER VIEW OF THE HEIFETZ CONCERT

To the Editor of the Wheeling Intelligencer:

In one of the somewhat fulsome dithyrambs which have been printed in local newspapers relative to the performance of Mr. Jascha Heifetz at the Court Theatre last [illegible] I may appear presumptuous in the part of a mere layman to question the [illegible] when he says [illegible] of those whose [illegible] to pass upon the merits of [illegible] musicians. And, in this connection, I do not pretend to be able to explain to the reader why one [illegible] listen to one who is, in some respects, a truly supernatural [illegible] Is it [illegible] being a violinist of rare [illegible] should be expected to preach [illegible] to his audiences in capitals, in which the [illegible] should be displayed [illegible] and dedicated to [illegible] the marvelous qualities of the [illegible] instrument?

It is [illegible] in debating so [illegible] art form, must we not plead [illegible] the standpoint [illegible] was a distinct disappointment [illegible] the performance of the artist [illegible] Apart from the [illegible] Mr. Jan A. Marik and the Bagby Musicale in Boston there was [illegible] in the [illegible] of the [illegible] and which [illegible] of which it [illegible] of the selections [illegible] been [illegible] a person of greatly [illegible]

If Mr. Heifetz really is any one quality [illegible] of technique. In [illegible] instances, but the [illegible] the excellence [illegible] genuine commentators [illegible] have alluded to [illegible] on the contrary, [illegible] lacking in the [illegible] such violinists as [illegible] Sarasate, Ysaye, Kubelik [illegible] have shown some deficiency [illegible] and that "golden" [illegible] which they have so enthusiastically [illegible] It is true, and not [illegible] would it not have been much better [illegible] to have given several [illegible] and [illegible] have had [illegible] "some" as in the [illegible] Vienna, but with more variety [illegible]

A New York Tribune critic [illegible] in that [illegible] Heifetz dwelt [illegible] upon the effect produced by his [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] Why [illegible] have had these [illegible] selections [illegible] in which [illegible] and [illegible] measures in which [illegible] the writer, the performer did not greatly excel?

Furthermore, while the audience did not go to the concert to witness an exhibition of Chesterfieldian politeness and elegance of deportment, yet a demeanor which exhibits pleasure on the part of the artist at his reception and of meeting with his auditors, is not thrown away. "Assume a virtue, if you have it not." The patron of the theatre of a city of no more than the size of Wheeling, which is "no mean city," is as fully entitled to the best that the artist can present as is the citizen of the Metropolis, even more so, as he has not so much from which to choose, and anything less is not his just deserts. In the opinion of the writer, Mr. Heifetz could, and should have done much better.

D. W. B.

TO "EX-TANK"

Wheeling, W. Va., March 9.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer:

Dear Sir:

Whenever do you get the authority to speak in terms of "we" do not want this and "we" do not want that? When you write those "would be authority on prohibition" letters why don't you sign your name?

With every an' a man judges himself, and I am always sorry for the bit of cowardice of which the writer of an anonymous letter accuses himself. He wants to express an opinion, of which he is either ashamed or lacks the courage to back that opinion with his name.

If you are so strong a supporter for prohibition don't hide behind an Alias. For my part I don't drink a drop but then I am not for prohibition, as is.

Respectively yours,
J. V. NELSON.

What Other Editors Say

Morgantown needs more houses for the people it possesses so that it can educate more people to come and require more houses.—Morgantown Post.

Republicans will welcome the news that James M. Cox is to go into Massachusetts for the purpose of speaking against Senator Henry Cabot Lodge. This will make it virtually unnecessary for Senator Lodge to waste any of his valuable time on campaigning and his services may be more fully devoted to the great patriotic work of reconstruction in which he has been so arduously engaged.—Clarksburg Telegram.

One Democratic leader, arguing against a protective tariff, reminded his hearers that the constitution of the confederacy expressly prohibited a protective tariff. Well, that is as strong an' argument as any we have ever heard.—Elkins Inter-Mountain.

It is announced that the New York high school youth who married his 45-year-old teacher will complete his education, and we'll say for him he has an excellent opportunity.—Huntington Herald Dispatch.

Another good thing is that posterity can't vote this fall.—Ohio State Journal.

Lloyd George begins to believe that he has had enough of it. If the English common people allow him to get that idea too firmly implanted in his mind they will undoubtedly regret it. No British leader understands the people of that country as does Lloyd George, and time and again he has averted a popular storm of disapproval from the masses by his ability to engineer things in a way that met their liking.—Fairmont West Virginian.

Money talks, but with a Swiss son-in-law John D.'s will yodel.—Huntington Advertiser.

According to the latest plan, the doughboy is to get his cash bonus by borrowing it.—Fairmont Times.

Princeton asks parents not to give students autos. You can't burn gas and the midnight oil at the same time.—Harrisburg Patriot.

You can pull off a father and son week and a mother and daughter week, but let somebody try to put over a brother and sister week.—Detroit Free Press.

The Democratic theory that Senator Lodge isn't such a big man after all, seems to be somewhat weakened by the enthusiasm with which the Democrats hate Senator Lodge.—Detroit Free Press.

If half the time employed in talking about the country's business ills were given to the business of the country, it might be discovered that business really didn't need any other medicine for what's ailing it.—Marion, O., Star.

Somehow, every time we see the expression about the freedom with which a cat may look at a king, we think—tilting hard not to—of Mrs. Asquith, who is said to feel at the greatest ease in the presence of royalty.—Kansas City Star.

Nothing surprising in the fact that a woman 79 years of age spelled down a lot of young contestants in a "bee" at Granville, Pa., recently. She learned spelling when the subject was considered an important factor in a course of education.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

RIPPLING RHYMES

By WALT MASON

HINTS OF SPRING

I long have wished that spring would come, for winter makes me weary; I hate to hear the wild winds hum from arctic regions dreary; but at the dawn of springtime sweet, I'm longing for December, for there are rugs that I must beat, and stoves I must dismember. Housecleaning and its deadly snares I gladly would abolish, for I must carry out the chairs, and rub them down with polish. Oh, I forget housecleaning chores, when I was wildly singing of birds and bees and other lores that Gentle Annie's bringing. I clean forgot the brooms and mops that make life also-rannish, when I was calling on the cops to make the saloon vanish. The women now impatient wax, they're restless and uneasy, they join, to renovate our shacks and make existence cheesey. I'll have to carry out the chairs, and scrub the door and casement, and pack big bureaus up the stairs and ranges to the basement. And when I'm on my spavined knees, some jerk intensile swinging, not all the birds in all the trees can cheer me by their singing. The women yearn to tear apart the house in which I'm dwelling; in vain for me the tulips start, in vain the birds are yelling. I look upon the drifted snow, I mark its gleam and glitter, and how I hate to see it go, to feel that it's a quitter!

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