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A VETO CLUB OVER THE PLUNDERBURD

DESTRUCTION of the Vore dictatorship in Councils by a party loosely thrown together and with but a few short weeks to plan its assault upon a political machine supposed to be impregnable in-trenched is a momentous success for the Town Meeting-men to have gained.

We speak without exaggeration of that coming overthrow as final. The Organization has been shaken to its foundations. Its present leadership is split into factions that are divided by irreconcilable differences.

In their hearts the Vore-Smith leaders are not crowing over the returns. The final count of the vote may show that they have barely managed to squeeze out a majority for their "Row" candidates.

But that was not the goal of the campaign to them. Their feverish efforts were bent upon gaining a two-thirds majority in Councils, for who holds that grip on Councils holds the city exchequer in the palm of his hand.

The powerful minority will wield the club of publicity over every proceeding in the city's legislative bodies. It will form a nucleus for the growing strength of the independent movement.

Let no one who professes loyalty to good government pause now or yield for a moment to regrets or despair. The real fight has only begun and Tuesday's election was only a skirmish, a skirmish prophetic of final success.

WATER COLORS AND WAR

ART has recovered from the shock and paralysis of the war. Singularly, instead of being quickened to greater activity by the inspiration of the war, with its enlargement of the field of subjects and its marvelously stirring drama, the graphic arts, at least, lost ground so far as productivity was concerned.

When Emperor Carl of Austria-Hungary puts the crown on his head as King of Poland he will assume with it a burden of trouble which may bear him and his royal line to the ground.

ITALY'S PERILS FROM THE HUN Strategy and Terrain of New Teuton Drive Described by Will Irwin

THE Italians will not make their defensive stand on the Tagliamento River. They have withdrawn to the Livorno. "In good order," Cadorna reports. He has the Piave as the next natural barrier for intrenchment; he may even draw back to the historic Po. Such a selection for the Italian stand against the terrific drive of the Huns would be no more amazing than the strategy of Joffre in the early weeks of the war.

Cadorna may save Venice by parallel tactics. The Joffre defense is a practical strategy, not merely for military salvation in an emergency, but for premeditated effects, calculated for victory. In 1914 the Germans swept irresistibly forward. The flush of early battle, the lust of conquest, the military momentum gained in the swift coursing through Belgium, the great objective of Paris—all these factors created a force that could not be held by ordinary means.

And as for the trenches, what are they like in this country? Again Mr. Irwin gives the answer: "It resembled only distantly the trenches of the more westerly front. It was not a ditch, but rather a passage between walls, made here and there of rough field stones, fitted with the skill of a New England fence-maker, and here and there hewn rocks. It was topped by rows of sand bags.

One part of the territory that has been so bitterly contested is the Carso. Here is a kind of desert patch, dropped by some freak of nature into the midst of a country which drips fertility. It is all iron red, and the soil is brown, striped in which little grows. It rises in a range of low hills with abrupt drops here and there. All we saw was rocks, a forest of thinning trees and some brown, striped in which little grows.

There seemed to be as little chance of capturing New York State as of winning Pennsylvania. When the voters of these two States last expressed themselves on the amendment, in 1915, they declared against suffrage in New York by 194,000 majority and in Pennsylvania by 55,000. The turnover in New York has been amazing. But there is no doubt whatever that a similar turnover would have been recorded here had suffrage been before the voters of this State on Tuesday.

When the time has come that Italy, justly reminded of her supposed friend, goes against her to win the land that rightfully is Italian, Germany is in a position such that it is easy for her smile across the sea; necessary what her spoils were.

The picturesque Italians—carabinieri, bersagliere alpine—did a brave fight against terrible odds. For a time they have been successful. Now the Hun has turned in an effort to do to them what he tried to do to Verdun. If Italy's allies aid her in her need, if there is enough cooperation among the Allied forces to bring strong pressure to bear upon Germany, the Austrians will make her withdraw her troops to other fronts, there is hope that Italy's splendid work will not have been in vain.

It is a royal haircut that is the favorite of the harem was worn in long flowing garments of silk and lace, confined at the waist by a golden girdle. Her long hair, curled for the last time, was fastened with diamonds and jewels, and glittered among fresh white flowers and green leaves like pearls of dawn.

The soldier vote is likely to turn the tide for greater decency in Philadelphia. While thinking about making the world safe for democracy they did not forget the task close at hand.

Tom Daly's Column

STAND FAST, ITALIA! Stand fast, Italia! The Hun is hammering at thy gate, God spare thee Belgium's phony fate! Rouse thee! Up! 'Tis not too late. Italia, stand fast!

Stand fast, Italia! The ghoul would rob the sacred tomb; Archfiends would rape the mother's womb; Enlarging Hell will seal their doom. Italia, stand fast!

Stand fast, Italia! Thy sister lands will rush thee aid, Food, fuel, men for war arrayed; To fight until the scourge is stayed. Italia, stand fast!

Stand fast, Italia! Unshaken as the Alpine hills, Thy host the breach of freedom fills, Thy victory is sure. God vills! Italia, stand fast!

Who Likes Poetry? A fine old fellow, who has since gone to glory, once walked a half dozen blocks out of his road, on his way to work to show us two lines of poetry he had written.

MACHINISTS are trained for work upon no such soft material as most poems are made of and most poets studiously avoid the stuff that might be thought rough enough to interest the machinists. But nearly all machinists are poets at heart, while many poets are merely machinists.

You like poetry. Oh, yes, you do! You may not like the bifurcated word-juggling that you can't understand and the presence of which you have come to suspect in all bits of print arranged in verse form.

WHY should you—this your laureate—would think to write a poem on WASHING THE DISHES? When we on simple rations sup How easy is the washing up!

Of course there are times when you've quarreled with your wife—and if you're not married, understand, you can't expect to appreciate your poet's new book of "Songs For A Little House."

There is no doubt in my mind that the unbroken ideal of democracy of Italy will convert the defeat into a supreme command of moral forces and into a revelation of an unconquerable spirit of unity, strength and solidarity.

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That Christopher Morley graduated from Haverford College, with so high a standing as to win for himself a Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford University in England, need not disturb your equality at all. In some ways he's just as ignorant as you are. He doesn't know how to dodge the day's work or elude the simple joys that await that work's completion.

He's a regular guy, and you need his book; and it's a genuine joy for you to take this poetry to prove to you that you do like poetry when it's real and understandable.



THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Italy's Fateful Hour—"A President of United Nations"

TO THE Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Many persons in the Allied countries, in expressing their grievance for the fateful hour of Italy, seem to have been overcome by sudden hallucinations of all sorts and have gone so far as to dishearten themselves by the inconsistent belief that Italy, owing to the present military crisis, is ready and is going to make a separate peace with the Teuton invaders. Alas!

This opinion may hold good in the disillusioned enemy's mind, but not in that, ever-unchangeable, of the entire Italian nation, which is wholly determined to share in the glory of the ultimate victory of civilization.

We have too much Roman blood to accept defeat and we are too strong-hearted to permit ourselves to be brought to the voice of the moment or to become deaf to the voice of duty. Once we determine to reach a goal we pursue it with everlasting confidence, energy and faith.

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What Do You Know?

- QUIZ 1. Who is Judge Hylan? 2. What is the longest river in Italy? 3. Name the most noted American composer. 4. Who was "The Iron Chancellor"? 5. What is meant by a beamer's libel? 6. What are Darwin tulips? 7. Where is the oldest art gallery in America? 8. What is a fabler? 9. To "beef" what does it mean? 10. When did the word "pacifist" come into use?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. General Sarrail. French, is the Italian commander on the Balkan front. 2. Philadelphia, in the winter of 1177, was occupied by the British, was called American Capua. Allusion is to the "Fifteen of November" or "Punch-drunk" Italian city of Capua. 3. "A Fabler" is a general outline of a book written by a member. 4. Forwards of Federal Shipping Bill. William Denham and General (later Admiral) Capps. 5. Venetian art and architectural treasure house of Verona and Milan. 6. Retinauer's. A popular variety of red, green, or golden in color. 7. St. Louis, Missouri. 8. "Old Fox" in Italian politics: Ferrer-Fabre. 9. The Trolly. A section of Austria to the north. 10. Congress has twice elected the President of the United States. The first was Andrew Jackson, Henry Clay and John C. Calhoun.

WHOLESALEERS AT THE BAR

MR. HOOVER has at last struck at the vitals of inflated war prices, and incidentally touched the first really sore spot of the food traders. In promulgating the idea that in time of war it ought to be the patriotic duty of every wholesaler and retailer to forego speculative profits and content himself with the "legitimate" functional fee for his work, Mr. Hoover cuts very deep into tradition and forces to a test the loyalty and self-reliance of every grocer in the land. For time immemorial no one has questioned the right of an owner of goods to enjoy the natural increment in its value. It is the first real attempt to set at naught the old operation of the law of supply and demand; and, in spite of scarcity, excess demand or expanded necessity, to keep prices on a uniform basis of actual cost rather than on the inflated present market value.

This is the introduction of a principle far exceeding in its scope the food trade. If it succeeds, it will mean virtually the abolition of every functional operation in business, setting its just charge for the final price and refusing to consider fair and equitable any other element of advanced cost. Backed by the power to confiscate merchandise or to revoke licenses, it will mean almost complete control of the ultimate price of food, so far as the margin above production is concerned. That must be accepted as an emergency war measure.

Its only shortcoming of complete governmental control of food will be the fact that Congress specifically exempted the farmer from all the penalties of hoarding, hoarding and otherwise creating a high value for food products at the point of origin. There is no doubt to be much opposition to this latest ruling, especially among southern wholesalers, who argue that the wholesaler cannot live without his speculative profits. It is especially significant in this connection, however, that the members of Mr. Hoover's staff who have been most insistent on the ruling, and who are understood to have originated it as the very best to low-price maintenance, is the president of the National Wholesale Grocers' Association, and who refuses to believe that it spells the doom of the wholesaler.

BRITISH RULE IN INDIA

It is obvious that a choice must be made in the near future between the old idea that the British Government in India rests on British bayonets and the new one that the only possible foundation of the Government of India is the will of the Indian people. The Bishop of Madras will not be suspected of a leaning towards any extreme form of Indian nationalism, but it is his judgment that there can be no possible danger of allowing the peoples of India to undertake the responsibility for the demoralization of their own country. — New York Journal of Commerce, November 7.

PRESIDENT OF UNITED NATIONS

TO THE Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—in reference to your headline to my letter of November 6, "A President of Humanity," let me say so, but had you not it "President of the United Nations."