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OUR OWN BOLSHIEVI

They Are Plentiful in Philadelphia and They Flaunt No Warning Whiskers... To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—In the office where I am employed as a stenographer it is said that there are many Bolshievi in Philadelphia.

THERE is a mistaken belief, Mary, that the Bolshievi are restricted to Russia. This is a delusion which we beseech you not to share. You may even have a Bolshievik in your home. They are growing plentiful among the rich and the poor. We shall try to tell you how to single them out. One cannot tell by the whiskers. Whiskers in Russia are a lark or an indulgence—a dissipation, if you will, and no more. They mean nothing. If all the true Bolshievi in Philadelphia wore whiskers the barbers, harassed by hunger and heartbreak, would jump from the docks in crowds.

In all the world there are, perhaps, about seven wise Bolshievi. All the others, who aren't wise, have gone beyond their control. To be a Bolshievik all one has to do is to renounce faith in the existing social order, to break away from it and to refuse co-operation with other people in the processes organized by society for law, order and happiness.

Work must be done, Mary, however little we may like it. Otherwise the world is sure to go to the much-talked-of and ever-waiting dogs. Any one who has work to be done these days—a motorcar to be mended or a stove to be fixed or ashes to be carried out or ships to build or a shop to keep going—knows that there are a good many unconscious Bolshievi mixed in with the vast aggregate of intelligent and reasonable workers. There are ever so many men who have cut away from the ordinary rules of fair play. They feel exalted because they are badly needed. They boss the boss. Each considers himself a republic. Each is a Bolshievik. That won't do. It is the sort of thing that doesn't get anybody anywhere.

The unalloyed and professed Bolshievik has, at least, a definite theory and a stated purpose. He would go back at a wild flight to a condition of life such as that which prevailed in Eden. His ideal world is a place free of toil, where one might sit all day in the shade of a tree and look at the sky and play with the children and meditate and improve one's mind and eat one's dinner when it fell from overhead and wait for rain when one grew thirsty. That, says your true Bolshievik, is what life is for.

It begins to appear that Hindenburg was another of the Kaiser's victims. BIG NEWS FROM TEXAS ALL the precedents of suffrage have been overturned in Texas. From Amarillo, in that far State, come the news that the number of women voters registered at the Democratic primaries far exceeded the number of men voters. In other words, a feminine majority is suggested for the State elections.

READER'S VIEW POINT

Why the Grange Opposes a Bond Issue for Road Building... Sir—My attention has been directed to your editorial of July 9 on the proposed constitutional amendment, authorizing the State to borrow \$50,000,000 for highway construction, and referring to the attitude of the Pennsylvania State Grange toward this project.

There is an old superstition among farmers that if you make an image of your enemy and drive a nail into him he will die. Can it be that some of those Germans who climbed the platform around Hindy's wooden statue in Berlin believed in this superstition? They certainly drove their nails home and Hindy is dead.

Philadelphia is to be the publishing center for the Lutherans. It has long been the home of the great Baptist publishing house. How long will it be before the other denominations realize the advantages it offers to them? A supply train of 164 motortrucks passed through Philadelphia on Saturday afternoon, giving us some idea of how the roads of France back of the fighting line must be looking all the time.

THE BURNING GLASS The Kaiser's New Drive EVIDENTLY the Kaiser simply had to start another drive. To slaughter a few hundred thousand more Germans was the only fitting epitaph for Hindy.

THE AUTO INDUSTRY It was once that cotton was king, then corn, and afterward hay, followed by iron and steel, and now it has come to pass that the automobile industry is king. If not so, it is near being paid to the throne. The last year it paid out \$747,000,000 in \$20,000 employees' capital, employee amounts to \$1,257,000,000, which is \$250,000,000 more than the capital of all the national banks. It seems strange that this great, costly industry should invade the social situation and take from it billions of dollars, when the fact is we thought we needed all the money we made to pay our taxes and to buy meat for the family. But there is a mystery about this whole economic process, for it seems the more money we spend for things we need, the more money we have to buy what we need. There are farm values, for instance—they have increased at three times the rate of the previous twenty years. There is, in fact, a big dividend for ingenuity and enterprise, provided they are not directed toward the evils of society, such as vice and intemperance.—Ohio State Journal.

THE RED-HEADED BOY Why is it that we are so stirred every time we see a red-headed boy? We met one the other day in the elevator, a flame-fated, freckle-mapped urchin with snapping gray eyes and elbows as sharp as the knees of grasshoppers. He made us think of farmers' hats of chipped straw, and bare shins iridescent with sunburn, and blue cotton shirts, and short breeches patched where the nail on the barn roof jabbed through.

THIS IS RECRUITING WEEK FOR THE MARINE CORPS EVERY time Hindy heard the marines were coming he bit his clinical thermometer in half. EVERY time Rosner heard the three-edged service sharpening its bayonets he filled his fountain pen. MEN wanted, ages eighteen to thirty-six.—What does this mean to you? Contributed by The Burnin' Glass.

Germany is proud of her vassal States in Russia, but they don't seem to cheer the population much. It is a case of vassal, vassal everywhere and not a bite to eat.—SOCRATES.

PAY AS YOU GO

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Our arguments in favor of good roads are all sound and logical. We are all in favor of good roads, but there is a difference of opinion as to the best course to be pursued in securing them. As your editorial sets forth, the Grange opposed the bond issue at the polls, five years ago, and it will again do so this year. Our opposition was not based alone on the fact that we distrusted the Highway Department, as it was then constituted, but we were against the proposal because we considered it poor business policy and entirely uncalled for.

One of our proud boasts has long been that as a State we are free from debt. But it is needless to say that the only reason why we have been able to make this boast is that the framers of our present constitution, in 1873, incorporated the provision that the only excuse for running into debt should be in case of military necessity, or to pay any debt then existing. That generation of Pennsylvanians had learned from experience the truth of the time-honored adage that he who goes borrowing goes sorrowing, and we were opposed to striking out the provision against going into debt that they had placed in our constitution.

THE TRADEMARK By Christopher Morley THEY say Hindy is dead... The secret of Hindy's fame lies in the colossal advertising genius of Germany. She wanted a bugaboo to frighten the world with. She hunted high and low to find a mask, a jowl, a grim, brazen, basalt Gesicht that would symbolize and trade-mark the policy of Frightfulness.

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Little Thoughts to Think About SO LONG as human beings have desired they will pray. No habit yields as much pleasure as that of doing right. A man should ponder well that which he can decide but once. The holier a man is the less perfect he thinks himself. There is more happiness on this side of riches than on the other side. Honest loss may cause a pang, but shameful gain will keep the pang alive. No matter how little we love our neighbor we think he should love us immensely. The most crushing human force is selfishness, and everybody has a touch of it. More anxiety arises from carelessness than from any other habit. The invisible is not necessarily the unreal; a thought is as real as a rock. The worst policy is to employ the first years of life in a way to make the last years miserable. The kind of world you carry about in yourself is to you the most important thing in the world. The peculiar thing about humanity is that the moment it becomes conscious of it, it turns into vice.—Thomas H. Potts, in the Christian Advocate.

HIS BIT

GALLANTLY swung the old carpenter up to his door. Drums and fife in his tread. But softly he crossed the braided mats on the floor. Gently he stroked her head. "More folks were there at the station than ever I knew. Hidding the lad good-by. Here's a daisy he picked at the platform's edge for you. Kissing it on the sly. "He'll do his part, our boy, on the fighting line! —She caught the flower to her lips— "And you with your knitting, and I have signed up for mine. Work on the wooden ships. "Oh, but it's hard to be old when the bugles call. Yet I haven't lost my chance. I'll be in the shipyard the day the first tree falls. Before the boy's in France. —Katherine L. Bates, in "The Retinue and Other Poems."

Trade Acceptances The time has come for the United States Government to come out for the trade acceptance. The heads of the Reserve Board have repeatedly urged a general use of this form of credit, and without it, indeed, the facilities of the Reserve system cannot be made available to the merchandising corporations, firms and individuals throughout the country.—New York Commercial.

What Do You Know? QUIZ 1. Who was John Mitchell? 2. Where is Emma Grant? 3. Who is the present Pope of the Catholic Church? 4. Identify "Speranza." 5. What are the capital and largest city of Illinois? 6. Who is Wilhelm von Moellner? 7. Name the author of "Night Thoughts." 8. What is the difference between a mauler and a mauler? 9. What is the length of a kilometer in English statute miles? 10. Who ate the capital and largest city of New York?

Answer to Saturday's Quiz 1. Cannon Wadsworth, the army colonel, died at Spartanburg, S. C. 2. Charles Darwin, British natural scientist, wrote "The Origin of Species," which formulated scientifically the theory of evolution by natural selection. 3. The two German Ambassadors who have been assassinated in the course of the present century were Count von Kottler, murdered in China at the time of the Sino-Japanese rebellion, and Count von Moltke, killed in Russia recently. 4. The title of "Speranza" is the Italian for "hope." 5. Metronell is the principal and largest city of a country previously or highly largely called "the mother city." From the Greek word, meaning "mother." 6. Metronell is a large body of water in northern Russia, the sea boundaries of which are the Arctic Ocean and the Bering Sea. 7. The Associated Press, an elaborate and comprehensive agency for the gathering and distribution of news, is the largest news-gathering agency in the world. 8. Currier and Ives, the famous engravers and illustrators of the American Civil War, were the first to use the camera in their work. 9. The title of "Night Thoughts" is "The Retinue and Other Poems." 10. The capital and largest city of New York is New York City.