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FROG HOLLOW'S AFTERMATH

THERE was nothing for Judge House to do but impose good jail sentences upon Deutsch, Bennett and the five other men convicted of conspiracy in the notorious Fifth Ward election case.

EDITOR FORD

HARD-WORKING journalists who have to deal hourly, as best they may, with the iron realities of these thundering days will look with envy upon Henry Ford, who, as the newest editor in the world, has only to pluck blossoms of gentle thoughts in the green fields of the untroubled future where his mind has found blissful roads to wander in.

It is impossible not to like Mr. Ford. He is a good-hearted man, eager to do noble things. But he believes the troubles of the world may be solved with kindly epigrams, and he has a notion, which is apparent in the first issue of his weekly newspaper, that the universe of humankind is not less highly organized than the automobile business.

We are informed in the first issue of the Dearborn Independent that it is nobler to make plans than to make dollars; that a business isn't worth while unless it produces useful things; that opportunity will not overlook you because you may wear overalls. These maxims have a familiar sound. They belong with the oldest truths in the world.

Everybody would like to be noble. It is easy to be noble when you are rich, difficult when you are a struggling business man not fortunate enough to have millions to spend in experimenting with the virtues. All business men do not live and work in the midst of plenty. They are not fortunate enough to have something that every body wants. Their world is full of hard problems. If their generosity is not as spectacular as Mr. Ford's, it is, nevertheless, proportionately as great or greater.

Journalism is a good school, and if Mr. Ford is a sincere pupil he will learn many things. Then he will not be so ready with his lectures to the relatively poor who are the vast majority in the business world.

NEW JERSEY AND THE WORLD OUTSIDE

CAMDEN and Burlington, speaking with cold restraint through J. H. Sinek, of Edgewater Park, wants the railroads returned to the owners, money, and in support of this demand unfolds a tale of troubles that is reminiscent of the hard experiences of railway travelers in every part of the country.

what of the confusion that would be sure to ensue in finance and in industry were the railway readjustments to be made otherwise than with the greatest care and with plenty of time to avoid mistakes? Mr. McAdoo considered this, railroads first as a war mechanism, and the riding public suffering good-naturedly.

GOOD OR BAD, LET THE FACTS ON RUSSIA BE KNOWN

Britain's Plan, Condemned by Pichon, Provides Inquiry Machinery for Solving the Most Perilous of Enigmas

ANY plan of world reconstruction involving disregard of one-seventh of the land surface of the globe and 182,000,000 of its inhabitants is elementally a paradox and a sham. Relatively speaking, a Peace Conference that would ignore Russia would be parochial, untrue to presumptions of universality. It would wear blinders.

The run of ordinary folk on a war-racked planet is weary of pretense. Amid travail and sacrifice it has just witnessed the bitterly costly downfall of an illusion—that which vaunted the dissociation of might from morality. Humanity is sick of lies. It is in no mood to tolerate the monstrous one that a problem of such tremendous import as that of Russia can be solved by avoiding it.

Apparently, it is generally agreed that further military intervention in Russia is impossible. Not even the French financial interests are sufficiently assertive to dispel the potent force of anti-war sentiment. But as that attitude daily takes on more clarity its effect is crippled by an ostrich-like perversity productive of diplomatic chaos.

The withdrawal of armies and the recognition, at least for purposes of discussion and inquiry, of the various factions in the past empire is the other alternative. There is no middle ground. To end strife with Russia and then pretend that she doesn't exist is to be as mad as Lenin at Brest-Litovsk, who surrendered to Germany at the same time that he refused to sign the treaty.

The international legates attempting to reconcile two utterly contradictory viewpoints are in danger of winning that description. Russia may be investigated or, by the immense power of the Allied arms, she may be crushed. The latter course is taboo. There remains only the former, but unless consistently pursued it will be worthless.

In keen realization of this fact was the British memorandum proposing a suspension of hostilities on all fronts in Russia, pending the peace negotiations, and suggesting that the great Powers would be prepared to enter into discussions with any of the Russian factions that might seek representation. Pichon, the French Foreign Minister, promptly raged at this project, emphasizing that his country would not deal in any way with "the criminal regime of the Bolsheviks."

Misconception, whether disingenuous or otherwise, is writ large in this outbreak. The British proposal was merely the same sequel to the nearest thing to a Russian policy to which in general the Powers may be said to have subscribed—the determination not to prolong the war. If it isn't to be war it must be peace, and the honest quest of the latter can only be undertaken with an equipment of facts.

Any plan which presupposes a pledge of sympathy for Bolshevik madness, as the outside world beholds it, is unthinkable. Britain's feeler was tainted by no such thoughtless extravagance. What it did imply was the immediate need for information about Russia. Commissioners have failed. Rival propagandas have seemingly perverted truth to suit themselves. If the Russians, whether of Omak, Ekaterinburg, Kiev or Moscow, have something comprehensible to say, why not hear them directly? Reason commends the idea.

tion of a multifarious variety of Slavic delegates would not fully illumine the problem. But failure in that case would not be worse than the present obscurity. Pichon's fears that the Allies would make bargains with scoundrels is absurd. The thought is utterly repellent to both Britain and America. Repugnant also is an inconsistency which will lead nowhere save to peril. Even France, so heavily Russia's creditor, must see this. The possibility that she may be outwitted when the conference attends full swing is conceivable if the consensus of opinion shall be that Russia is not a blank, but an empire, and that, however intractable, some sort of reckoning must eventually be made with her.

ZERO HOURS AT THE BELLEVUE-STRATFORD

E. J. Cattell, City Statistician, Tells the Lads Over There of Wartime Philadelphia

FOR so many years we have been such an aggressively free people, taking a delight in doing many things simply to show that we had the right to do them and nobody could stop us from doing them, that to be suddenly brought up on the haunches by the pull of a sharp curb bit by the Government at Washington gave a new sensation, and a not altogether pleasant sensation, to the average American. For example: I was in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel one night at luncheon. A young man of large fortune and ancestry was having his own way through life, called for a second portion of bread. The waiter politely said that it was against the rule; he could only serve him one order of bread; whereupon the young man in question exclaimed: "I have money to buy what I want and I intend to get what I want!" He had spoken loudly; everybody in the room heard the remark.

Germany will never be able to pull a world championship out of the League of Nations. OUR NEW SHIPS IN TROUBLE COURSE there will be a great lifting of eyebrows and a growing disquiet and perhaps a clamor of complaints in many quarters because of the troubles of the "Tuckahoe" and some of our other "hurry-up" ships.

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Nearly \$65,000,000 is Uncle Sam's Beat to be spent at the International League Island Navy Yard this coming year. Among the items of expense contemplated is the construction of two of the biggest battle cruisers in the world.

Hot Bottles for Cold Birds has been making a spectacular flight across the continent from San Diego will arrive in Philadelphia on Saturday. Councils Committee on Sustenance and Relief is ready to give the members of the party the warm reception and the warm victuals needed after so chilly a trip.

Two thousand naval reservists and enlisted men will receive their discharge during the next few weeks in the Fourth Naval District, which has its headquarters in this city. It will take a canorous wail and a perfect digestion to absorb so many "robs," but the country is equal to it. It will be merely a seasoning of "salt" to the industrial dip.

German Junkers, it is said, are planning to buy the son of the Crown Prince on the throne of Germany, with Prince Eitel Friedrich as regent. It is an excellent scheme, from a Junker standpoint. Take 'em young, mole 'em, let 'em 'jell,' and use according to need.

BLOOD BROTHERS

A great big furnace. In a little passage he found the janitor's three children playing an interesting game with some small pieces of coal they had picked out of the ash cans. They were rather pale little creatures, because they spent most of the time in the dark. At first they were rather shy, but then they asked him to join the game, and showed him how to play.

THE CHAFFING DISH THAT night when even an apartment with golden radiators doesn't seem any too warm, Bryant was washed up in the middle of the night by his nurse pulling another blanket on him. And after that he didn't go to sleep, because he began to think about the janitor's children. Under all his warm depth of blankets he could feel how cold it was, for the tip of his nose felt quite frosty.

TOBACCO POUCH TALES Stories for Children TULLUS a story for a cold night," said the children, as Daddy picked up the story-telling pipe.

THE REMEDY IS IT sense? Are you going to wait till the high prices drop? Or a score? Can you set for a fact any stop? Doesn't sound economics preclude the full stop? Come now, gentles!

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