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Man's inhumanity to man
Makes countless thousands mourn.
—Burns.

COLUMBUS DAY

LOOKING back from this Columbus Day of 1915 the wonder is not that Christopher Columbus in 1492 dared the unknown seas in search of strange lands to the West, but that some one of the many adventurous mariners who thronged the Mediterranean and the adjacent waters in those days did not undertake the grand voyage before the young sailor and astronomer of Genoa turned his attention to the task.

For years the air had been filled with reports and rumors of land that no man of Europe had seen. We know now that some of the hardy Norsemen had already traversed the northern Atlantic to America, but that fact had not then filtered down through Europe to the southern seaports. There was, however, the story of a Portuguese pilot who cruising somewhat west of Cape St. Vincent, had picked up a piece of strange wood wrought in a manner unknown to European craftsmanship, and the tale of a brother-in-law of this man who had found, after a wind that had blown from the unknown quarter for many days, a cane wineflask of curious workmanship.

There was the story also from Flores of two men of "broad faces and differing in aspect" from any of the known races, cast up by the sea. The logs and letters of many sailors were filled with these fragments and hints of a world the shores of which might be those of Asia or of another continent. Never had adventure of such magnitude been offered to the imagination of man. The vast unknown lay like a gateway to fame and enchanting experience in case the theories held by Columbus and some of his fellows proved true, or to some strange and horrible fate if the superstitious beliefs of less practical souls of the period were to turn out correct. It was a fascinating prospect to the swash-buckling adventurers who thronged Southern Europe those days.

But the wildest dreams of the most imaginative dreamer could not have forecasted the tremendous results of that first voyage of Columbus. America with all its accomplishments, its marvels of resource and invention, with all its potentialities and possibilities for the future, was the outcome. We do well to-day to pay tribute to Christopher Columbus, dreamer and doer, exemplar of the spirit of America of the past, to-day and of the future.

NEWS

EVERY laborer in the journalistic vineyard who has been in position to read the letters which come in regularly from that class of readers who are sure they could run the paper much better than the benighted individual who is holding down the job are familiar with the complaint that newspapers are all wrong because they make much ado over great crimes, but pay no attention to the good deeds that are done in the wicked world.

Editors always feed such letters to the office cat. Long ago they discovered that it is utterly useless to attempt to make the fault-finders understand that crime is news because it is an aberration; a deviation from the norm, which is virtue and sweetness and reasonableness.

Perhaps readers of a turn of mind which makes them feel that the newspapers ought to "play up" the hundred and the commonplace even though it has no news value will understand the newspaper viewpoint a little better if they will contemplate the case of Chicago.

We have no personal feelings against Chicago, and we do not wish to appear in the light of pointing the finger of scorn at, or even of criticizing, that town. But Chicago is—well, peculiar. The other day Chicago's mayor ordered that, beginning with Sunday, October 11, all the saloons in the city should be closed tight on Sundays. And the order was carried out to the

letter. Police arrests on the first day of this week fell off; there were no drunks in the streets and other unusual things were noticeable to even the casual observer.

Now see what happened. Here in the East the newspapers printed columns about the strange Sunday behavior of the famous Loop. And we have no doubt that newspapers all over the country followed the same line of policy. The telegraph companies must have reaped small fortunes as a result of the incident.

So you see, it is news when the law is broken in a Pennsylvania town and it is news when the law is enforced in the second city of the country. It is all one to the newspapers. News is news, no matter when, where or how it happens.

Smith says he'll make Philadelphia a progressive city. Probably got the idea during his brief service in Harrisburg.

THE PURE FOOD SHOW

HARRISBURG is going to have a pure food show next week. These annual events are always interesting and they are growingly instructive. The public is deeply interested in the subject of pure food and housewives are keenly alive to the beneficial possibilities of such exhibitions as we have enjoyed in this city for the past three years.

There was a time when the consumer paid small attention to quality. Purity was almost unknown in the provision-producing industry. Adulteration was regarded as legitimate so long as the customer made no complaint. Now, however, conditions are vastly changed. The producers and the big selling agencies frown not only upon adulterations, but they strive for cleanliness as well. The purity crusade has been followed by the sunlight factory and the physical examination of employes. So much is made of these features of making and sales that manufacturers spend large sums yearly to bring the virtues of their products to the attention of the people who they serve.

The food show brings the consumer and the maker together and is profitable to both.

INCOME INSURANCE

MORE and more the matter of income insurance is having the consideration of men who want to provide for their widows and children in some practical fashion. For some time a number of the insurance agencies of Harrisburg who are members of the Central Pennsylvania Association of Life Underwriters have been calling attention in the advertising columns of the Telegraph to the importance of providing insurance that will mean a regular income for the beneficiaries. It has been demonstrated repeatedly that income insurance is infinitely better for those in whose interest it is taken out than any policy that would simply provide a lump sum on the death of the husband and father for those whom he leaves behind.

It is an interesting fact that many of the most successful businessmen are now adopting this form of insurance as the best protection for their families. Almost daily the newspapers chronicle the experience of some unfortunate widow who has been made the victim of worthless speculators and promoters. These, taking advantage of her ignorance of business matters, have induced investment in stocks and bonds and other property of no real value.

The monthly income policies which have been devised by most of the large insurance concerns provide funds in such a way as to assure steady support, whereas the total of a life policy dropped into the hands of a widow and her children is often dissipated through unfortunate investments and the designing schemes of those who thus prey upon innocence.

Level-headed businessmen are fast reaching the conclusion that in all insurance provisions for those who come after them the stated income arrangement is more likely to be of real benefit than any other plan that has yet been devised. What is most desirable is an adequate and permanent income, which is generally regarded as better in every way than cash at death, requiring investment and business judgment.

STRAIGHT SHOOTING

WHETHER Richard Henry Gatling is a descendant of the inventor of the famous gun we do not know. But we do know that Richard Henry can shoot straight to the bull's eye, as is evidenced by these words from a letter which he wrote to the New York Tribune:

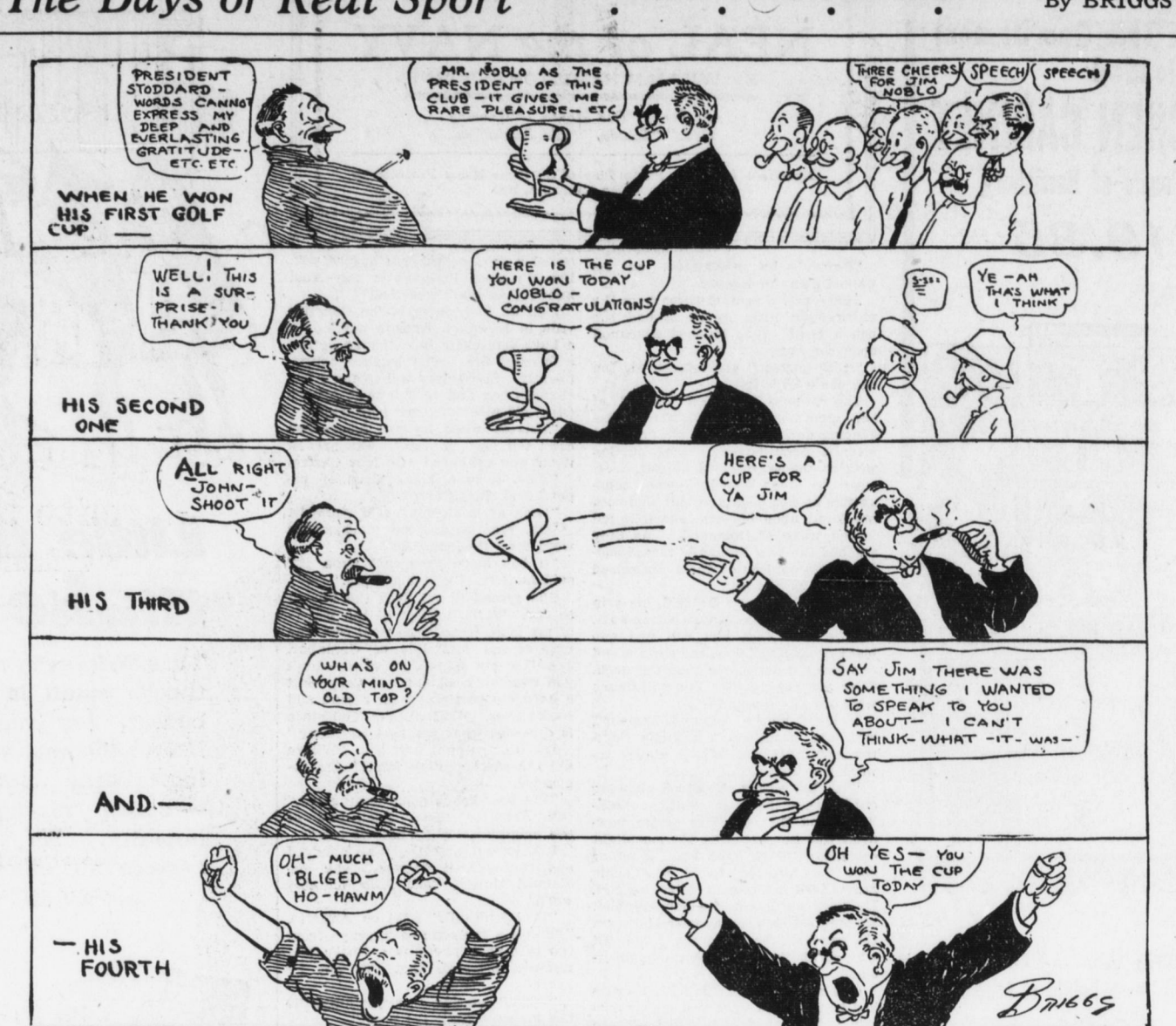
If it is the subtle purpose of our present Administration to administer to avoid war at any cost by living in a maze of optimism, the fallacy of it all will not destroy the vision of the American people. It is a pity, indeed, that Mr. Wilson is not possessed of greater capacity. His mind seems to be perplexed by sophistries, but this is peculiar to his character and unless his policies change his feeble and insidious methods will ruin the stamina of this Government. His is the caution which does not see, because it will not look forward.

CARRANZA RECOGNIZED

THE recognition of Carranza as the dominant force in Mexico adds another chapter to the Mexican muddle. Just how President Wilson makes this latest surprising action of his administration dovetail with his previous Mexican declarations and decisions it is difficult to see. Probably he does not mean to. There has been small reason for any of the blunders made up to this time.

Just why Carranza was chosen as the leader best adapted to restore peace and order in Mexico is not explained. The administration declined to recognize Huerta on constitutional grounds. Carranza is not nearly so strongly entrenched as Huerta at that time, yet he is given the powerful backing of the American government, despite the fact that he figuratively spat in the President's face when the American and the South American representatives got together and asked

The Days of Real Sport



By BRIGGS

Evening Chat

Col. Harry C. Trexler's promise to erect a tablet in commemoration of the Allen Light Infantry, Allentown's contribution to "The First Defenders" on condition that Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart makes the speech, may have the effect of starting movements to erect such memorials to other organizations of the "Defenders" without waiting for the State to assist. For years efforts have been made to secure appropriations to duly commemorate the patriotism of the militiamen who went from Allentown, Pottsville, Reading and Lewisport to the defense of the National Capitol on April 17, 1861, but owing to lack of funds or the desire on part of governors for a larger allotment to give due credit to the men who were killed and again bills for tablets fell by the wayside and except for books and local memories the promptness of the 50 men who won glory for their quick response to the call has never been properly tributed. Since Col. Trexler's offer became known there have been movements started, judging from what has been noted at the State Capitol, interested in the other three towns. In Pottsville there has already been some discussion because that city, which furnished five companies, has been giving much attention to its part in State history. From all accounts other residents of Lehigh county than Col. Trexler will become interested and the example of the city of the Lehigh will stimulate other towns to honor from their own means patriotic men instead of asking the Legislature to do it.

Frederick A. Godcharles, deputy secretary of the Commonwealth, is being complimented upon the attainment of the centennial of his newspaper, which is the oldest in the State. It is unique in preservation of its name for so many years and one of the features which makes it attractive, as well as valuable, extracts from the files of years gone by. The newspaper shows how many things of moment in the State were viewed in that thriving part of the State.

One thing about Columbus. He is well known to the people of every clime. The other day some one referred to the approach of to-day, the holiday of the birth of the discoverer and remarked upon the fact that Slavs and Asiatics at Steelton all knew of him. This, he explained, was because many of them associated the Stars and Stripes with the Discoverer.

In spite of the war Belgium seems to be able to do some export business as is evidenced by the fact that inspection of nursery stock would indicate. Every year Belgium has shipped large numbers of azaleas and similar plants to this country, Philadelphia being one of the big ports of entry. Last year the Belgian goods came from Amsterdam and Rotterdam, it being the impression that they were started in the Dutch Republic. This year shipments have been billed direct from Ghent and other cities, indicating that industry is still going on and that shipments from the submerged nation through Holland are possible. The inspections of the plants for pests and harmful bacteria will be made on the docks at Philadelphia by E. N. Engle, the State inspector.

Approach of the hunting season, which opens for a number of varieties of game on Friday, October 15, has caused a big boom in the issuance of hunters' licenses and letters from the State Game Commission indicate a brisk demand. In some counties the first and second allotments taken have already been exhausted. The game working on the third, almost 300,000 licenses were issued last year and it is expected that this number will be exceeded for 1915. Thousands of dollars have already been paid in by counties to the State Treasury.

It's a remarkable thing the way baseball fans seem to leave business and stand around on corners and curbs awaiting the results of the contests of innings. Saturday was notable for the way people assembled, but yesterday which was a business day, found a good many men prominent in affairs at places where games were being played on scoreboards and taking chance visits with their clerks and other employees to the places where the inning records were being put up. The score by innings was called about in banks and in stores and mills. The results were kept in a hurried establishment out of Harrisburg within a few minutes after it was flashed over the wires.

Representative Edward E. Jones, of Harford, Susquehanna county, one of the men best known in legislative affairs, has been chosen as president of the Susquehanna County Farm Bureau. He is a member of the various organizations of the kind in the State.

Judge David Cameron, of Toga county, celebrated his golden wedding a few days ago. He is a candidate for re-election.

Judge H. M. Edwards, of Lackawanna, has put the soft pedal on the property if it comes to the Supreme court. He says he is satisfied.

Judge C. Y. Audenreid, of Philadelphia, refused the application to restrain Philadelphia police from interfering with jitneys.

Judge R. G. Bushong, of Berks Orphans' court, is one of the youngest judges in the State.

Judge H. W. Whitehead, of Lycoming, is an enthusiastic lover of nature and likes to go hunting.

Judge John W. Reed, of Jefferson, has long been noted as a fisherman.

Judge W. R. Gillan, of Franklin county, served in the legislature with Judge George Kunkel.

The State Supreme court met here before Harrisburg was the State Capital.

HISTORIC HARRISBURG
Soldiers of the War of 1812 mobilized in Market Square before marching to York.

"Preparedness"
This word has loomed large in the news of the last year. It has frequently been linked with another vital word—"SUCCESS."

It is an important word to the business man—a word that robs competition of its terrors. "Preparedness" includes a definite expenditure for advertising to entrench the business or product in public good will. It means the kind of "business insurance" advertising brings. This newspaper will be very glad to discuss with any business man this phase of "business preparedness."

Atlantic Coast Line Sinking

By Frederic J. Haskin

DID you know that our Atlantic coast line is steadily sinking; that unless the subsidence of the land is checked by some cause as mysterious as that which started it, the great cities of the United States must be submerged? Those vacationists who have visited Rye Beach, Me., during the past season may have witnessed a strange and almost inexplicable sight. As the waters of the Atlantic have run out at low tide there has emerged from the bottom of the sea a stretch of beach that is studded with gnarled old stumps of what was once a forest. The receding waves have frothed through these remnants of what were once proud trees, and the crabs have found themselves quarters among their roots. But, asks the observer, was there a time when forests grew out of the sea? His question is answered by those who have heard the explanations of the scientists on this point. He is told that trees never grow in salt water. When the trees of which these stumps are the relics tossed their tops aloft the waves of the ocean could not reach their bases. They stood on very much higher land. Obviously, the ocean must have climbed the beach or the beach must have sunk into the ocean. As the level of the ocean is constant the world round, and bound to remain so, it is assumed that the beach has sunk. At Virginia Beach, below the city of Washington, on that portion of the Potomac which experiences the effects of tide, the same phenomena are to be observed. When the tide goes out the stumps of drowned forests appear. Geologists have gone into the salt marshes of Florida and made studies that lead to the same conclusion—that the coast line is sinking. In Florida their explorations have been in the salt marshes. They have dug into these and studied the formations that appear below the surface.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

The decision of the Supreme Court at Pittsburgh yesterday upholding the Schuylkill county court in holding that mine inspectors are state officers and must be elected in even-numbered years will affect every anthracite district in the State and give the mine inspectors now in office an extension of a year. The action attracted much attention when started at Pottsville and was given special consideration at Harrisburg because of the approach of the time when ballots must be printed. Under this decision Charles J. Price, the Dauphin county inspector, renominated at the primary, will not come up for re-election until next year.

It is presumed that the Governor will name additional mine inspectors provided by the last Legislature where appointments have been held over awaiting action by the people.

A Pittsburgh story is to the effect that Philander C. Knox will be an out-and-out candidate for the Republican nomination for senator next year. Friends of Mr. Knox are getting ready to boom him for the nomination, pointing to his former service, Ex-Governor John K. Tener and E. V. Babcock are also spoken of, while some friends of State Chairman Crow think that he may yet be induced to enter the race.

The anti-suffragists have opened more headquarters in Philadelphia and are conducting a lively campaign to offset the activities of the suffragists. There is no question but that the suffrage liberty bell has stirred up a tremendous amount of interest in the "cause."

The whole State is taking an interest in the mandamus proceeding brought yesterday on behalf of Stephen Howard Huselton to compel the printing of the names of all six candidates for Superior Court on the ballot. It will afford an interesting vest and the decision of the court will have the effect of allaying many mooted questions.

Thomas B. Smith, Republican nominee for mayor of Philadelphia, yesterday made public a progressive platform upon which he will make his canvass for election to succeed Mayor Blankenburg. He made known his views to the members of the Republican city committee at a meeting yesterday afternoon at the headquarters after he had been introduced by the chairman of the committee, the veteran, David H. Lane, as "the next mayor of Philadelphia." In his platform Candidate Smith accentuated his purpose to refrain from personal abuse in the conduct of the campaign and indicated his desire to be regarded as an exponent of a policy which shall mean an administration conducted upon "a progressive, practical and economical basis."

Governor Brumbaugh, who was on his California trip during the regular registration days, was permitted to qualify for the election by the Philadelphia city registration commissioners yesterday. The Governor was accompanied by Congressman Vane, Attorney General Brown and Colonel Louis J. Kolb in his visit to the office. Colonel Kolb, who accompanied the Governor on his western trip, also registered. Both were enrolled as Republicans. Among others registered yesterday was William Draper Lewis.

The Russians having dug out the Teutons having dug in the allies now want us to dig up—Indianapolis Star.

Was it homesickness to see a real bull moose that sent Colonel Roosevelt to Canada on a hunting trip?—Sydney Journal.

TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE

—It's a hard thing to frown down international marriages when posterity sets so much store by the wedding of John Rolfe and Pocahontas.

—Defenders of baseball are recalling that Oliver Wendell Holmes played it as a student at Harvard. But Oliver, thank goodness, can't be held responsible for any of the sporting "poems" in which the metropolitan press rejoices these days.

—It was a smart little press agent who advised the President to announce his advocacy of suffrage and his engagement on the same day.

—Doubtless Mr. Bryan would be more reasonable about this new war loan if he were sure a part of it would be spent on Chautauqua lectures.

—Judging from certain facts within our knowledge Henry Ford's idea of a small submarine may not be such a bad thought after all.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Skirts should be nine inches short, says Dame Fashion. Some don't look as if they were nine inches long.—Allentown Chronicle and News.

Emerson's theory that "all mankind loves a lover" is likely to be tried out soon in politics.—Kansas City Star.

"How old is James Whitcomb Riley?" Not old at all. He's just as young and sparkling as the day's sunlight.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Car has graciously granted amnesty to 100,000 political prisoners, who now have all the privileges of going to the front to be slain.—Boston Transcript.

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The State From Day to Day

It is an interesting fact that one hundred men were required to put the Phillies' field in shape for the first world series game last Friday. And even at that, lots of fans wondered how the players managed to keep their feet on the slippery playing surface.

Mr. Hints and Dints, who lives upon the editorial page of the New Castle News, mentions in passing that this Alexander person whom we have heard so much about was big enough to splash beans; but Mr. Hints and Dints did not know at the time that there were another plateful of those same vegetable being served.

A Reading paper states that F. Frank Blehl, of the home town, has become bankrupt in three different firms. It's an art, that's all, it's an art.

An amusing typographical error in a daily contemporary in another part of the State gives Williams, a candidate for one of the Superior Court judgeships, a total of \$253,290 of votes. On another occasion such an error might cause no little embarrassment.

Yesterday marked the opening day in Johnston for the week's campaign to obtain funds for the continuation of the work of the Associated Charities for another year. Team leaders have been chosen and forced rushes down the field will be made at the earliest possible moment.

Already other cities are emulating Harrisburg's example in the amelioration of the condition of the waterfront. Our famous "front steps" are an inspiration and now Lewistown has a golden opportunity to make improvements on its own river front. On the condition that this is done, a goodly portion of that river front will be deemed over to the borough without cost by the highminded owner of the property. If county and Lewisport have taken a big step forward; if council doesn't act, we're sorry for the people.

Now that the Governor and his party have finished their trip and the State and its pilot are better acquainted than ever, can't you hear the distant chime of the bell sounding the death-knell of the tollroads in Pennsylvania?

Bundled up until all you could see was the whites of their eyes, the contestants in the four-day durability motorcycle run from Dayton to New York passed through this city yesterday morning. All toll roads are being avoided on the run, they say.

"Train robbers get less than \$100,000." is the opening line of several versions of the big West Virginia train robbery. It doesn't seem fair that they should be so terribly unfortunate, does it?

The cry of "Sweet cliduh" is music to many a thirsty ear; to mix our metaphors a little. Apples, pumpkins, chestnuts—all indicate the presence of Fall.

As a good lunch producer, the following from the Erie Dispatch is recommended: "A restive character of the American southwest is said to have had a favorite boast of unique picturesque qualities. 'Hell shot a rock,' he would announce proudly to a listening multitude, 'and by gum, I'm it!'"

THE PRESIDENT'S "MEX. POLICY" (New York Sun.)

The latest Mexican adventure of President Wilson might be cited as a contradiction of much that has heretofore received his approval. It is. But in the inconsistencies and mutually destructive elements that compose the President's Mexican "policy," why single out one for special honor? The bargain of Saturday was struck to meet the extremities of domestic politics, to facilitate escape from an embarrassing inquisition, and if it reduces Congress to silence the object of Mr. Wilson would be achieved.

IDLE HARD TO REALIZE (Chicago News.)

Many men will not protest the Washington woman's dictum that "no gentleman will smoke," realizing that it is impossible to live up to all the definitions of gentleman.

Our Daily Laugh

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