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We Who Walk In Very Quiet Ways

We who walk in very quiet ways,
 To whom the word of strange and violent death
 Comes over garden walls on sunny days,
 When all the fruitful earth seems to
 have breath—
 We cannot think blood stains the trodden wheat,
 We cannot think that apple trees are torn
 And streets like our own little village street
 Lie ruined and forlorn.
 Our harvests wait unspoiled the reaper's hand,
 Our children play unravished in the sun,
 We walk with quiet men who understand
 Tomorrow's work is what today begun,
 Yet over common task and careless word
 Ring out such sounds as we have never heard.
 —Louise Driscoll in New York Times.

When You "See Stars."

The man who when struck violently on the head says he "saw stars" is not far from telling the truth. The fact is that there is a phosphorescent power in the eye which does not attract a person's attention under ordinary conditions, but which is distributed and reveals itself whenever the head gets a sudden shock and sometimes even in the act of sneezing. A blow on the head results in a pressure of the blood vessels upon the retina, causing either total darkness or a faint blue light which floats before the eyes, and it is in this faint blue light the imagination discerns the thousands of fantastic forms and figures that by general acceptance are termed stars; hence, while the astronomical display so frequently mentioned may be said to be entirely a creature of the imagination there is at least some foundation for the idea.

STEFANSSON'S NEW LAND A "CONTINENT."

He Believes It Runs 300 Miles East and Far North of His Quarters.

Stefansson, the Canadian government's arctic explorer, believes that the newly discovered land in the Beaufort sea, upon which he has planted the union jack in the name of the Dominion, is very extensive and will add many thousands of square miles to the territory of Canada.

A detailed report of his explorations and discoveries during the last two years was received by overland mail from Herschel Island by the Canadian naval service department.

The land which Stefansson discovered was northeast of Prince Patrick Land. He spent three days on the land, and from what he gathered he believes it runs some 300 miles east, but not far west. As far north as he could see there were mountain ranges. The land had plenty of game.

There were no evidences of musk oxen, but plenty of bear and lots of caribou. The birds were very numerous and flocks could be seen flying north in immense numbers, which led him to believe that the land ran north a great distance.

Stefansson reports that he had "a nice comfortable time." He and his two men came through the rigors of the arctic winter in first class shape and were fatter when they came out than when they went in.

The explorer reports that he is well provisioned, well supplied with sleds, dogs and everything he requires and has hardy and experienced men for his new expedition, upon which he has already started in the schooner Polar Bear.

Last season he wintered at latitude 72, and this winter he expects to winter at latitude 76, or some 250 miles further north, so that he will have that much advantage when he makes his dash again into the unknown regions of Beaufort sea.

He will winter on Banks Land and, with luck, perhaps on Prince Patrick Land. He plans to explore the land which he reached last winter and to strike out into the unknown regions where he believes he may even find an unknown continent.

Africa and North America. Africa has sixteen inhabitants to the square mile, and North America has only one more per mile.

Lords and Commons.

An ancient English custom forbids the participation of a peer in the election of a commoner, so that when a general election is actually in progress the lords are oratorically muzzled by a fiction that supposes them to be quite indifferent to the composition of the lower house, but until the candidates have been actually nominated the peers may use all the eloquence with which nature has endowed them for or against the issue involved in the approaching election.

What Tommy Told the Duchess

I bared my manly bosom to 'is 'orrid stethoscope—
 I called on Gawd to witness that all my ribs was broke!
 'E thumped me and 'e punched me and 'is b'comin' face was long.
 But when 'e says, "Count five, my lad,"
 I give 'im this 'ere song:

"It's a long way to Tipperary,
 It's a long way to go.
 It's a long way to Tipperary
 And the sweetest girl I know!"

They chucked me in a luggage van with 'alf a 'undred more,
 And grewsome kind of cheer it was, with straw ticks on the floor.
 The matey wot was nearest me 'ad leest out both 'is eyes—
 'E cried for 'is old lady and then 'e ups and dies!

"It's long way to Tipperary,
 Too far for some to go.
 It's a long way to Tipperary,
 Ah, Gawd, 'e loved 'er so!"

I 'ad to keep my spirits up, though tears ain't no disgrace
 When you're coughing blood and shrapnel, but I 'ad to save my face,
 So I 'olered in my blanket, and you bet I made 'em 'ear:
 "If any mate will 'elp me sing I've two bits left for beer."

"It's a long road to Tipperary,
 We're going 'ome today.
 We cursed the surgeon for a thief,
 But 'e wouldn't let us stay."

Then something must 'ave 'appened, for an English nurse was near.
 With natural imperitiveness I said, "Mornin', sister, dear!"
 She turned as white as paper. "Man, be careful what you say!
 You 'aven't spoke for seven weeks—we thought you'd die today!"

"It's a long way to Tipperary,
 But when I 'eave in view,
 Moll won't mind the crutches
 Because my 'eart is true.
 'I don't mind your crutches, Tom,
 I know your love is true!
 That's wot Moll will say to me
 When I 'eave in view."
 —Romilly Thornton in New York Times.

In Sympathy.

The two men had met at a dinner party and were talking in a corner by themselves.

"You see that tall woman with the sharp nose and the critical eye?" asked one of them.

"Yes," said the other quietly.
 "Well, I've watched her for quite awhile. She's always got her nose into somebody's business. She's the last woman I'd marry."

"Which shows how strangely in sympathy we are," said the other without resentment. "She's the last woman I did marry."—Exchange.

The Lacking Stroke.

"Do you think it would improve my style," inquired the varsity man who had got into the crew through favoritism, "if I were to acquire a faster stroke?"

"It would improve the crew," replied the candid trainer, "if you got a paralytic stroke."—London Tit-Bits.

Some Queer Ones

After divorcing and remarrying man seven times woman shot him to death at Sullivan, Ind.

Blind woman has worked twenty-six years for Uncle Sam repairing mail bags with her needle.

Rip Van Winkle beards in Guyton, Ga., because only barber has left and town can't get another.

Governor of Missouri's son milks ten cows before 8 a. m. daily to pay for his "keep" while taking course at state dairy.

Playing "fine lady," a ten-year-old negro girl, with only a doll for company, ran an electric coupe all night through Pittsburgh streets.

Vagrant was sentenced to exercise by Los Angeles judge, who told him he must increase chest expansion four inches in sixty days or serve 180 days in jail.

Habitual hobo is 20 per cent laziness, 10 per cent hard luck, 10 per cent criminal instinct and 60 per cent physical and mental defectiveness, says Chicago justice.

STUDENTS TO SELL BLOOD TO PAY FOR EDUCATION

Various Ways Columbia Men Have of Paying Their Expenses.

What a student will do to earn his way through college is shown in the report of student earnings at Columbia university made public by Paul C. Holder, chairman of the appointment office. The students of the university last year reported earnings of \$103,016.74, \$40,000 less than earned the year before.

Some students who mastered the new dances turned their ability into teaching dancing classes and giving private lessons. Others of pleasing personality acted as dance escorts and called it work. Others who were skilled at tennis found that there were many people who would pay for lessons. There is no record of golf lessons being taught by the students.

Several students found that by tending furnaces they could earn their bread and butter, while others worked as waiters. Hospitalists in the city found that many of the Columbia students were physically fitted to spare blood for transfusion. The price of the blood jumped from \$4 an ounce to \$30. There is a story that one student bought his sweetheart a Christmas present by selling some of his blood at the topnotch rate.

The outbreak of the war last year hit the students who were earning their way through college. They found it exceedingly difficult to get positions, and many had to borrow money to get through and are having to work still harder this year to make up the deficit.

Animal Etiquette.

No one who is at all observant of the ways of animals can have failed to notice how gentle large dogs, like the St. Bernard and the Great Dane, are to their smaller canine fellows. It is rare that a big dog turns upon one of the little fellows, no matter how aggravating and snappy the latter may be. Instead, he invariably treats the small dog's antics with unruffled and dignified tolerance. For there is a recognized code of etiquette among animals, if you please, quite as much as there is among human beings. In truth, there are not a few respects in which the animals can give points on politeness and good behavior to man himself.

Honesty and Sagacity.

A successful business man once told his son that only two things were necessary to make a great financier. "And what are those?" the boy asked. "Honesty and sagacity."
 "But what do you consider the mark of honesty to be?"
 "Always to keep your word."
 "And the mark of sagacity?"
 "Never to give your word!"

To Make Bandages.

Bandages can be prepared from the good parts of worn sheets or pillow slips if perfectly clean. Rolls six to eight yards in length are most convenient—one inch wide for fingers, two inches for feet, two and one-half to three inches for head and arms and four inches for legs. A good way of keeping them in condition for use is to seal the rolls in a perfectly clean glass fruit jar.—Philadelphia Record.

Genuine Innocence.

A youthful Ohio man who married a widow and went to Chicago for his honeymoon complained to the hotel management that his pockets had been rifled of all the money he had the very first night. Did you ever think there was such innocence as that in Ohio?—Houston Post.

Another Face on It.

"We ran across an old friend of yours the other day."
 "Who was it, and where did you meet him?"
 "It was Mr. Toddler, and we didn't exactly meet him—he wouldn't get out of the way."—Baltimore American.

A Good Instrument.

Sinclair—That's a nice looking barometer of yours. Is it sensitive? Kallings—It's too sensitive. It even indicates when my wife is going to have a crying spell.—Puck.

ALL FACTIONS IN FRANCE UNITED

Sure Continuance of War Seen In Briand Cabinet.

ALL PARTIES REPRESENTED

France Acclaims New Ministry Great—est in Its History—Insures War to the Bitter End—New Premier Will Rule With Iron Hand—Colleagues Include Prominent Men of the Past.

Aristide Briand, who completed the formation of his third French cabinet, which contains several former premiers, will rule with an iron hand if he lives up to his reputation.

His political record is studied with masterly achievements.

He pushed through the law which separated church and state.

He smashed the railroad strike, the greatest labor disturbance France ever knew, without shedding a drop of blood.

He placed M. Poincare in the presidential chair.

Now he enters upon the titanic task of plotting France to victory with the assistance of the strongest cabinet of the Third republic and the support of every party in France.

Every shade of republican thought is represented in the ministry. The holy union, proclaimed by President Poincare at the outbreak of the war, is to be renewed when the Clerical leader, Denys Cochin, sits side by side with the Socialist leader, Marcel Sembat.

Gallieni Has Fine Record. General Gallieni is a grim disciplinarian who will take a strong grip on the army. His greatest achievement before the war was the pacification of the rebellious colony of Madagascar, in which task General Joffre served under him.

The war minister was made military governor of Paris when the government was moved to Bordeaux, General Gallieni's mission being to defend Paris to the last if the Germans besieged the capital. He is a splendid organizer, whose greatest feat in this war has been to preserve Paris from Zeppelins.

The first action of the new ministry will be to modify radically the censorship, allowing greater liberty in the publication of war and diplomatic news and complete freedom to discuss political questions.

Universal opinion is that the constitution of this strongest possible cabinet is a plain warning to Germany that France intends to continue the war to the bitter end.

First Real Coalition Cabinet.

This is the first time in the history of the French republic that there is a coalition ministry of all the opposing parties and factions. It follows closely on the recent innovation of forming a British coalition cabinet of Conservatives and Liberals.

The action in forming the cabinet was the culmination of deep popular sentiment that at the supreme crisis of the war party division should give way to united action by all the parties in common support of the government.

As the cabinet of Viviani was representative of only a few political groups, the ministers presented their collective resignations, and President Poincare immediately charged Aristide Briand with the formation of a new organization, combining all elements.

The Hungarian Crown.

The Hungarian crown worn at their accession by the emperors of Austria as kings of Hungary is the identical one made for Stephen and used at his coronation over 800 years ago. The whole is of pure gold, except the settings, and weighs almost exactly fourteen pounds. The settings above alluded to consist of fifty-three sapphires, fifty rubies, one emerald and 338 pearls. It will be noticed that there are no diamonds among these precious adornments. This is accounted for by the oft quoted story of Stephen's aversion to such gems because he considered them "unlucky."

A False Alarm.

"I know something, I do, about a member of this family," said little Bobby Silthers triumphantly to his older sister, Maud.

"Oh, dear!" exclaimed Miss Silthers. "Half a dollar is all I have, Bobby. Will you promise not to tell if I give you that?"

"Sure, I will," answered Bobby in surprise. "But it ain't nothin' on you, sis. It was the cook and the iceman."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

What She Learned.

Mrs. Willis—So your daughter is home from domestic science school. I suppose she has learned several new ways of washing the dishes. Mrs. Gillis—No; she seems to have learned several new ways of getting out of washing them.—Judge.

Don't Worry.

Mrs. Wullaby—De agent says if we ain't got de rent nex' Monday we's got to git out. Sam Wullaby—Nex' Monday? Den we doan' need to worry fo' de nex' fo' days.—Puck.

There are only two roads by which any important goal can be reached—sheer strength and perseverance.—Goethe.

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