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A STRAW FROM CHICAGO.

THE Republican Party of Chicago represents Republicanism in about the same measure that the Democratic Party of New York represents democracy. So perhaps it is not justifiable to consider the repudiation of Republicanism in Chicago as a rebuke to Republicanism in Washington.

But in the decisive defeat administered to Mayor Thompson's faction Monday the deciding power was credited to the vote of the women.

In the November elections the women were more Republican than the men. They even swallowed Thompsonism. If they have now turned on the Thompson candidates it is a hopeful indication of independence. It should also be a warning to the President and Congress to deliver the goods or answer for results.

Every independent in politics is a menace to the party in power which fails to live up to its pledges.

It seems that the press is making almost too much of the invitation extended to President Butler to address the meeting of the British Imperial Premiers.

Isn't there just the possibility that the British Imperial Premiers want to ask President Butler what he and the other thirty of the thirty-one eminent Republicans meant when they proclaimed that a vote for Harding was a vote for the League of Nations?

THE LIBERTY OF THE PULPIT.

FOR arrant stupidity nothing in recent months surpasses the action of the Pittsburgh Employers' Association in moving openly to confine the sermons and addresses of church pastors to the subject limits of a so-called "neutral zone."

It is no secret that employing interests have used the power of contribution to church support to influence pulpit policies in many churches, but such attempts have usually been surreptitious and underhand.

In Pittsburgh the attempt seems to have been so open as to challenge resentment. The Ministerial Union has been forced to act. It had no alternative but to take the stand it did and defy the employers, declaring "it our solemn duty and purpose to defend the liberty of the gospel."

It will be a sorry day for America if employers are ever able to dictate to or from the pulpit. The world has suffered untold tortures in divorcing the Church from the State. A union of the Church and Capitalism would be calamity. This Nation never will be willing to recognize the doctrine of the Divine Right of the Employer.

"Who shall say what the future shall have in store?" asks President Harding.
Certainly not President Harding, unless he takes advantage of his opportunities to make the future have in store what America will want and can be proud of.

BOHEMIA AND BOURGEOISIE.

IN THE war of words over the tea and talk shops of "The Village," it seems strange that the defenders of Village virtue have failed to state the case in terms of "economic determinism" so dear to the heart of advanced thinkers.

Economic determinism has explained love, war, morals, the Constitution and style, to mention only a few of its applications. Would it do less for the actions of the Washington Square Association?

Why should the Villagers berate Sheriff Knott and his cohorts as prudes when it is possible to expose them as selfish and capitalistic?

Define the controversy on economic grounds and we get something like this:

In the days before the war Greenwich Village attained fame—or at least notoriety—as the home of Bohemians. At that time the capitalistic owners of property were glad to rent "studios" and "attics" and smiled on Bohemia because it attracted tenants.

Then Capitalism invaded the Village. The West Side Subway was opened. It transformed the Village from an out-of-the-way corner to a well-located residential district convenient to the work places of lower Manhattan and the play places in Longacre.

Bohemia attracts a certain following. But the number of Bohemians, real, imitation and would-be, is limited. Since the advent of the subway, owners of real estate in this section have been rejuvenating and modernizing their property—and jacking up rents. More new developments are pending, and owners are wondering whether there will be enough Bohemians to fill the new space.

The Bourgeoisie and the Bohemians will not mix. And after all, there are more Bourgeoisie than Bohemians. The Bourgeoisie can pay the higher rents and collections will be more regular. So Bohemianism must go. Landlords are selfish and have no thought for the Higher Things of Life. They want all the rent they can get, and want it regularly. They are selfish. The economic forces determine their morality, as every Advanced Thinker knows. Therefore, the Village must become quiet and

decorous so that the Bourgeoisie can sleep nights. Will any Advanced Thinker demur?

\$2,000,000,000 SHORT?

ATTACKING the Army Appropriation Bill, under which nearly \$336,000,000 would be spent on the army in the next fiscal year, Senator Borah said in the Senate Monday:

"The President is cognizant of the serious situation and the Secretary of the Treasury has informed us that the only way to bring about the relief which the President says is so urgent is to cut into the appropriations for the army and navy, and unless we can cut something out of these two items there is no way to give the relief that is so necessary to the welfare of the people of the United States."

That is the A B C of a situation which Senator Borah says the President knows to be serious.

Is the President facing or finking it?

The answer is that the President's influence has sidetracked a plan by which the three chief naval powers of the world were to be brought into immediate conference on the question of reducing naval armaments; and that he has rejected this straightforward, practicable programme for a vague scheme of inviting all nations to discuss all kinds of disarmament—a scheme which means on the face of it indefiniteness and delay.

That is the difference between the Borah amendment and the kind of resolution the House is expected to substitute for it because the President does not want disarmament to get to the point of disarming.

Meanwhile, the Senate appropriation of close to \$500,000,000 for the navy is to stand if the House can be made to swallow the \$98,000,000 addition to its own appropriation for the same purpose, and taxpayers who were hoping for some concrete reduction of armament costs will have to be satisfied with President Harding's past eloquence in deploring a situation he does nothing to remedy.

Not only is the United States to set no example in naval disarming but it is actually to discourage the disarmament movement among nations in general by keeping its own naval building programme on an increasingly formidable and disturbing plane of costliness.

This appears to be President Harding's present policy as to disarmament and those "crushing burdens of military and naval establishments" about which he made promises to taxpayers in his inaugural address.

If the President is as cognizant of the situation as Senator Borah believes, he must be cognizant also of predictions now freely made that instead of \$4,000,000,000 to meet expenses for the fiscal year, as estimated by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, at least \$6,000,000,000 must be forthcoming to cover appropriations of Congress.

How would a new Government loan of \$2,000,000,000 be certain to strike a country that has heard so much economy pledged and preached by an Administration which refuses to lift a hand to cut armament costs?

Is the President cognizant of that?

Again, as is usual, Chicago's election was accompanied by violence such as New York once had. How long will it be before an organization such as the Honest Ballot Association, backed by a healthy public opinion, will put a stop to organized riot at the polls?

Chicago is big enough to grow up.

THE LAST WORD.

(From the Philadelphia Ledger.)

What is the last word in the English tongue? The compilers of the monumental dictionary begun in 1884 by Murray and the English Philological Society have decided that for the present, at any rate, it is "zyxt." This, it seems, is a Kentish dialect word coming down from the fourteenth century, and it means "sext." The dictionary goes back to 1200 A. D.

You never can tell what the scientists will do to a language. Whenever there is a new science or when there are new phases of an old science a family of unfamiliar words clamors for admission to the word-books. For a long time the lexicographers were content to quit and be paid off when they had reached a group of terms—such as "zymology" and "zymurgy"—that have to do with the science of fermentation.

Then along came somebody with a genus of Indian dragon-fly as a claimant for final honors, and all the other words in the dictionary had to rise in place and make obeisance before the brilliant intruder—"zyxomma."

Now that the Oxford philologists have made this hitherto conclusive insect bite the dust, there will be struggles of various arts and sciences to go the archaic Kentish interloper one better. What business has the fourteenth century to come "horning in" on the twentieth, anyway? How can we hope to jazz up the language to suit the flapper and the tired business man if we have to hark back to the obsolete locution of the century of Geoffrey Chaucer? "Zyxt" is a heathen word, anyway. It is no word fit to bring up the rear of a long and glittering cavalcade of language. It is a poor fish to bring up from the bottom of a well of English undefiled. It sounds like the preliminary hiss of a bottle of ginger ale. Such a word has no right to zyx.

"Saying It With Flowers"

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By John Cassel



From Evening World Readers

What kind of a letter do you find most readable? Isn't it the one that gives you the worth of a thousand words in a couple of hundred? There is fine mental exercise and a lot of satisfaction in trying to say much in a few words. Take time to be brief.

"No Bullism."
To the Editor of The Evening World.
H. Walters wants to know how long it has been a rule to bully our Government to pass repeal laws.
Let it be known that this Fourth of July parade hasn't the slightest vestige of "bullism" in its origination, or will not when it has been held. This parade will be composed of real, red-blooded Americans who do not have to use bullying tactics such as Volstead or Anderson have tried.
Its aim is for the unrevised Constitution of the United States, which reads, "Life, liberty and pursuit of happiness," without the aid of official tappers, created by the Mullen-Gage act.
As for comparing this parade with a red flag, do you recall the preparedness parade? Was there any law passed at that time that stated it should be held? No, and furthermore, this episode is written by one veteran who has not any "isms" or does not care for any.
We have weighed the motive and know that we are about to deprive you and your Puritanical associates, the anti-saloons, of soft berths and useless positions, that the already overburdened taxpayers of this city may some day be able to make both ends meet.
JIM LENNIE.
Richmond Hill, L. I., June 4.

Benches at Brighton.
To the Editor of The Evening World.
Recently I visited Brighton Beach, and to my amazement found all the benches removed from the boardwalk and in front of the hotel. The end was boarded up with a sign, "Exc. admission." Things are coming to a pretty pass when the people who can't afford cars are denied the privilege of a seat on the boardwalk.
What's the reason?
BILLY MITCHELL.
Brooklyn, June 3.

Women in the Parade.
To the Editor of The Evening World.
I would like to comment on "Women in the Parade," signed by "A Subscriber," which appeared in The Evening World of June 3.
"Subscriber" undoubtedly is a Prohibitionist, the way the letter reads. But is somewhat of a humorist also.
Because an American citizen wishes to show her protest to a law which deprives her of a personal liberty is no reason to brand her as "degraded and lost to everything that is good and true and pure," as "Subscriber" does.
"Subscriber" further states that "they seek to desecrate and show that they want liberty to worship the devil." What a thing for a person to write! Because a personal liberty has been taken away from the people who were not heavy drinkers or drunkards does not necessarily mean that they were devil worshippers. Undoubtedly "Subscriber" never worked in a steel mill or as a laborer on the street on a hot summer's day, when a glass of beer gave the worker new strength and quenched his thirst and put new vitality in his system which

water could not do. Were these beer drinkers devil worshippers too?
Where do we "shame the traditions of our forefathers" when we protest a law not wanted by the majority and only by fanatics?
"Subscriber" continues, "Anyway, don't let them dare touch our grand old flag—that would be like sacrilege." It seems queer to put this in the letter, but nevertheless "Subscriber" need have no fear. When Americans protest a law by parading on the street and ask for a license to hold the parade, there is little fear of their touching or abusing the flag of their beloved country that stands for liberty, the thing they are trying to keep—the traditions of their forefathers.
As for "liquor men being behind this," I would like to ask, Has "Subscriber" any proof? Could not these protestors of Prohibition put up a like cry and say "the soft drink industry was behind Volstead and the men who overrode ex-President Wilson's veto of the Prohibition Amendment?"
What rot for a person to write or utter. A good American protests a law not by throwing mud or accusing some outside source but, shows his disapproval through the ballot on Election Day, petitions, public meetings, parades and the like. "Subscriber" mentions July 4 thus, "That day of all days celebrating religious freedom, the right to worship God." It is only a celebration of religious freedom, but is also a day marked in history where a people can have personal freedom as well.
"Subscriber" may not know that the Declaration of Independence reads in part as follows: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, LIBERTY and the pursuit of Happiness."
If we are to live up to the traditions of our forefathers, fanatics or anybody else won't interfere with our personal rights. The "Women in the Parade" are protesting in the cause of Personal Liberty in a good American way.
ROBERT E. HALL.

Rents Must Come Down.
To the Editor of The Evening World.
Before we can buy even the necessities of life as we would like to buy, rents must come down.
The biggest hogs on God's earth are some of the landlords. We are a family of four—one man's earnings to supply all our needs—and we will not buy except what we positively need until rents in New York City come down. There are many worse off than we are.
L. F. S.
New York, June 5, 1921.

"From the Wise."
To the Editor of The Evening World.
I look forward with interest to reading the choice selections of proverbs "From the Wise" which appear a few times a week. I consider them excellent and am sure there are others who enjoy reading them as much as I do and who would welcome their appearance each evening.
JENNIE GLASER.
New York, June 5, 1921.

UNCOMMON SENSE

By John Blake

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LETTING THE BOSS DO YOUR WORK.

By laziness, procrastination or by pretending to be stupider than you are, you can get quite a good deal of your work done for you—for a while.

If the man above you is quick and competent he will frequently get so disgusted with you that he will snatch a job out of your hands and do it himself.

No competent executive will do that, but you can count all the competent executives of your acquaintances on the fingers on one hand.

It will save you a good deal of trouble to have the hard job taken away from you. You can devote your time to doing the easy jobs at your leisure and in your own way.

You will probably congratulate yourself on having a boss that is so skillful—so much abler than you—that he can do all the hard work.

But the congratulation will be short-lived. In about a year's time you will discover that you can't do anything but the easy jobs—which are the poorly paid ones—because you never gave your mind any exercise doing the hard ones.

All the opportunities for growth and for progress were in those jobs that were taken out of your hands. Maybe the boss who took 'em away from you didn't need the mental exercise, but the point is that he got it and you didn't. By letting him take it away you got just as much out of the game as a ball player would whose captain played his position every time there was a critical stage in the game.

No matter what kind of work you have, a time is coming when it is going to become suddenly difficult. The importance of a certain task will increase tremendously owing to unexpected circumstances.

That is the time that is going to take your measure. If you tackle that harder job and go through with it the chances are that you will do it well. It is presumed that you have the training.

If you stand aside and let the man above you step in you might as well make up your mind that you are going to work for the same or less wages for the rest of your days.

For you have repudiated the chance to grow. You have proved yourself a coward.

Some day we may write about the boss who deprives himself of competent help by insisting on doing everybody's work for them. But to-day we are writing about you.

If you are in the habit of standing back and asking for assistance every time an unusually hard job comes along, get out of it. You will become an assistance-asker all your life. Assistance-askers sometimes get assistance, but they never get responsibility or good pay or respect or anything else that makes life worth the while.

From the Wise

Self-made men are most always apt to be a little too proud of the job.—H. R. Shaw.

The proper confidant of a girl is her father. What she is not inclined to tell her father should be told to no one and, in nine

cases out of ten, not thought of by herself.—Ruskin.

Time is the greatest of all tyrants; as we go on toward age, he taxes our health, faculties, strength and features.—J. Foster.

The promised land is the land where one is not.—Amiel.

Women of The Bible

By Rev. Thomas B. Gregory

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NO. 14—MARY MAGDALENE, THE HERALD OF THE RESURRECTION.

The most illustrious of women—the most illustrious of human kind—was Mary Magdalene, the Herald of the Resurrection.

To her was given the mission that had never before been given to man or woman and that can never be repeated through all the ages to come. She did her work as well that it will never need to be done over again, and she did it all alone. In her soul burned the deathless, unconquerable love, and that love it was that triumphed over the work of the High Priest and the Procurator and brought forth her Master from the tomb alive again, grandly victorious over the King of Terrors!

See Mark xvi, 9, and John xx, 11-19, for the character of the debt that mankind owes this wonderful woman, but for whom, it is more than probable, the Christian religion would have speedily perished from the earth.

Listen to this, the most amazing statement ever made by mortal to mortals (John xx, 11-19): "Mary was standing without at the tomb weeping; so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb, and she beheld two angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her, 'Woman, why weepest thou?' And she said unto them, 'Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him.' When she had thus said, she turned herself and said unto them, 'Behold, I have seen the Lord.' And she said unto them, 'Behold, I have seen the Lord.' Mary Magdalene cometh and telleth the disciples: 'I have seen the Lord,' and that he had said these things unto her."

There it is!—twenty centuries after Mary Magdalene gave it to the world—and as it is to-day so will it be for twenty centuries to come.

The woman with the eternal, uncompromising love in her soul looked into the tomb—and kept on looking until she saw her Lord alive again, victorious over the thing that men call Death. LOVE can see where all else is stone blind, and, visualizing her Dear Friend, Mary rushed away from the tomb crying out from the depths of her affection, "HE IS RISEN!" and the great Festival of the Resurrection, and along with it the Christian religion, were secure for all time.

But for that one woman with the love that "believeth all things" and that "never faileth," the divine dream of the most gifted of all the sons of God might have faded away like the crimson and gold of the sunset. But the woman would not have it so; her love would not consent to the death of the Beautiful One. He is risen! He has conquered Death and lives forever with God!

Ten-Minute Studies of New York City Government

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By Willis Brooks Hawkins.

This is the seventy-fourth article of a series defining the duties of the various departments of the Legislature, officers and boards of the New York City Government.

BOARD OF STANDARDS AND APPEALS.

When, in 1916, the Legislature transferred exclusive jurisdiction over building construction to the Borough Superintendents of Buildings it also created the Board of Standards and Appeals and the Board of Appeals to adjust differences that might arise between different departments having jurisdiction over buildings and to consider possible variations from the strict requirements of the law.

The Board of Standards and Appeals consists of thirteen members, of whom six are appointed by the Mayor, the others being the Fire Commissioner, the Chief of the Uniformed Fire Brigade, the Commissioner and the five Borough Superintendents of Buildings. One of the appointed members, who must be an architect or structural engineer of at least fifteen years' experience, is designated by the Mayor as Chairman. Of the other appointed members one must be an architect, one a structural engineer and one a builder, each with at least ten years' experience as such.

This board is empowered: (1) to test materials to be used in building construction or equipment; (2) to investigate conditions relating to the enforcement of legal requirements affecting buildings; (3) to make rules for the enforcement of these requirements; (4) to make rules for the enforcement of the Labor Law relating to the construction or alteration of buildings, including elevators, fire escapes and fire alarm systems; (5) to grant variances from the requirements of this law where practical difficulties exist, and (6) to recommend legislation.

The Board of Appeals, consisting of the appointed members of the Board of Standards and Appeals and the Chief of the Uniformed Fire Brigade, is empowered to hear and decide appeals from any order of a Superintendent of Buildings, the Fire Commissioner or the Tenement House Commissioner in matters coming under the Building Zone Resolution, or of the Labor Department as affecting buildings, and to review any action of the Board of Standards and Appeals. All decisions are published in a weekly bulletin issued by the board. William E. Walsh (architect) is Chairman of both boards. His salary is \$7,500 a year, other appointed members receiving \$10 per session. The offices of both boards are on the ninth floor of the Municipal Building.