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### WHAT WILL HE DO?

"Marlborough's off to the war!"

Musolini figures in despatches from several quarters this morning. In many capitals, in many chancelleries, they are asking today what is in the mind of this enigma of international politics. They are trying to decide just how great a menace to world peace he is.

Returning in triumph from Tripoli after the recent attempt to assassinate him, Musolini is now ever more strongly suspected of dreams of imperial conquest. He is said to be making an offensive and defensive alliance with Greece, and it is known that the Greeks have been making heavy purchases of rifles and other arms. Why? One theory is that Pangelos has agreed to attack Thrace if Musolini takes the plunge in Asia Minor against the Turk.

The Greeks have many a score to pay off against Constantinople. A fiery race, they can never forget their old military glory. They have been beaten often at great cost to themselves, and more than once they have nearly enrolled Britain in war which, once started, could never have been localized but which must have grown into confagurations.

The international worry over Musolini is not to be explained by mere nervous tension. He is wholly extraordinary in many respects, and if the wine of power goes to his head sufficiently it might well be that he would attempt to out-Caesar Caesar. Musolini combines certain wonderful qualities of the soldier and the statesman—a combination which under certain conditions might shake the world.

The Italian Premier, thanks to the Irish lady's poor aim, set off for Tripoli on a battlement to look into the possibilities of Italy's greatest colony, leaving behind him one of the great nations of Europe—his own—cheering him in a frenzy of joy. If he would be assassinated had poured millions of gold into Musolini's treasury, or added five divisions to his army he would not have rendered him a greater service.

At Tripoli, where he spent nearly a week, Musolini, Europe thinks, was dreaming of the possibilities of Empire. His manner of speaking recalls the sometimes bombastic rhetoric of Napoleon. There are other similarities. The man whose instantaneous reaction to a pistol shot was an order to surround the woman with all the safeguards of police and military force in order to protect her from a blood hungry mob is a man capable of masterstrokes in psychology, in politics, and perhaps in war.

He returned to Rome on Saturday to meet in the Eternal City an outburst of acclamation as great as any that ever greeted a Roman general entering the Capital at the head of his conquering legions. No wonder Europe, the Near East, the Far East and even North and South America are asking anxiously what schemes are being revolved in Musolini's brain. Constantinople is saying through its newspapers (officially inspired) that Turkey refuses to believe it possible that Italy would make an unprovoked attack upon it. The wish is father to the thought in that.

The Turks are keeping their powder dry—and buying more powder. The Turks are a martial race, as Aliyev bears witness eloquently. The Turks, almost above all other nations, are able to fight notwithstanding a lean treasury. In war they make it a practice to live off the enemy's country to the greatest extent possible. Today the Turkish army is being rapidly expanded. The classes of young men from twenty to twenty-five years have been called up, and, in addition, ostensibly for reserves, the men from twenty-three to twenty-six. And in spite of what happened to Turkey in the great war, its recruiting ground is immense. The Turks do not bother about discussing conscription; they get the last man ready for an emergency.

The Westminster Gazette says this morning that Musolini's visit to Tripoli must be regarded as "a bid for leadership in the Arab world, as a preliminary to his programme of expansion in Northern Africa and Asia Minor." "Secularized Turkey can no longer appeal to the Arabs on the basis of Islam," it says, adding, "Musolini, however, is both cautious and austere, and will not embark on an Asia Minor adventure until the final issue of the Mosul dispute (between Turkey and Great Britain) presents a propitious moment; and he will not make a bid for Italian mandates where French ones already exist, until he has successfully installed himself in Asia Minor. Two very necessary preliminaries to both these moves are the success of his Arab policy and final settlement of the Balkan questions along lines that will promote Italo-Greek co-operation." So much for that.

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### Just Fun

WHAT are you going to do when you are next called on for speech?"

"I'll say nothing," answered Senator Pepper. "There are so many people anxious to talk that the only chance of popularity is to remain silent and keep out of the way."

A RED-HEADED girl's hair is Auburn. But a red-headed boy's hair is just plain Red.

### CURED

I'm off o' the game of golf for life, Yes, done with it once for all; No more shall I swing a driving iron Nor hunt an elusive ball.

How off, in appropriate tops arrayed, Have I sallied forth at dawn To wallop a pill round the dewy course.

But those old days are gone! I'm off o' the game, as I said, for life, Since a saphed had the gall To ask me, lamping my kit of clubs, To fix his parson!

WITH so many soft people in it, this shouldn't be such a hard world.

THE modern woman seems to think that short hair means beauty. We suggest that they try shaving their heads.

BEN—May I have the last dance? HER—You've just had it.

**DINNER STORIES**

AN EASTERNER trying to be smart came to the west and picked up a pumpkin from the vegetable stand, remarking, "Is that as large as you grow apples around here?"

The Texan replied: "Hey, drop that grape!"

A CANADIAN had invited an American friend to visit his shooting lodge in the Hudson Bay district. On the first day they did not have much sport, as the birds were shy, but that didn't worry the host, who admired the glorious scenery.

As they stood at the top of a fine mountain from which they obtained a magnificent view of frowning crags and placid lakes, the sporting host said, ecstatically: "Isn't this magnificent? Why, just to stand here makes a man feel like a little god!"

"It does," agreed his guest. "I tell you, I've had nothing but a ham sandwich since 10 o'clock."

THE dentist released the man in the chair and after spitting the blood and water out of his mouth the man muttered: "How much you going to charge me for pulling that tooth?"

"Five dollars," answered the dentist.

"But—but—I understand that you only charged one dollar for pulling teeth," said the man.

"Well, generally, that is my price, but you see you yelled so loud that you scared away the other four dollar customers that were out in the waiting room."

conventional and time-honored figures of king, queen, knight, bishop and castle were retained, but the opening set the king is replaced by a worker, the queen by a peasant woman, the knight by a Red army soldier, the bishop by Bolshevik commissars, the castles by factories, and the pawns by Young Pioneers, who are the Boy Scouts of the Land of Soviets.

### The Gypsy Strain.

(Vancouver Province.)

But there is a gypsy strain in us all. The blood of the nomad and wanderer tingles in our veins in this season of the year. In vain the maxims of a home-staying philosophy are evoked to comfort our frustrated impulse to go and see for ourselves what the world is like, over the hills and far away.

The immortal adventures that a man hears, even if he may not heed, the thousand calling voices of spring.

### "Who Seeks Salvation."

A correspondent interested in dumb animals, sends the Times-Star a copy of Ella Wheeler Wilcox's famous poem, prefacing it with these words: "Who seeks salvation must first learn the lesson of kindness to dumb animals, and school and church should teach it."

The verses follow here: Pointing up to the silent skies The glittering steeples of churches rise; And tongues of silver in words of chimes Proclaim the era of Christian times.

From lofty pulpits to cushioned pews, To torpid many and listening few, The moral precept and orthodox creed: "Go forth, and the sinner is urged to heed."

With serious faces and pleading lips Millions of worshippers kneel in prayer; They pray for virtues, they pray for peace; They pray for the heathen, they pray for self; They pray for the sorrowing sick and sad; They pray for the tempted, they pray for the bad; They pray for the ending of crime and sin; But never a prayer for our dumb kin; Never a sermon from pious lip Of rich man's check-rein and driver's whip.

Never a protest or pleading word For the tortured creatures of flock and herd. Dimes and dollars are freely given To coax the pagan to Christian heaven. Yet the cries of cruelty walk abroad Through the opulent land of a Christian God— The God whose sympathy reached to all.

Who noted even the sparrow's fall, French, O pastor, and pray, O priest, Send out your message to West and East; Be voice for the voiceless, and speech for the dumb, Till the Spirit of Love to the earth Carve this motto in each young mind: "Who seeks salvation must be kind!"

## Europe's Lucky Mascot



—From The Daily Express, London.

## POEMS I LOVE

Shakespeare's Twenty-ninth Sonnet.

THE Shakespearean sonnet form, so little used by modern writers, is the simplest that could be devised for projecting a thought within the confines of fourteen lines. The Italian sonnet is much more difficult, with but two rhymes permissible in the octave, and two, or three, in the sestet. But Shakespeare was firm in the use of this form, and the deathless harvest which he gathered and bequeathed to the world loses nothing of beauty and glory with the passing of time. Rather, these qualities increase; and little need be said of the splendor and majesty of Shakespeare in this particular field.

And trouble deaf heaven with my bootless cries, And look upon myself and curse my fate, Wishing like him, like him, like him, like him, Desiring this man's art and that man's scope, With what I most enjoy contented least; Yet in these thoughts myself almost despising, Haply I think on thee: and then my state Like to the lark at break of day arising From sullen earth, sings hymns at heaven's gate; For thy sweet love remembered such To them I scorn to change my state with kings.

## BEST OF ADVICE

BY CLARK KINNARD

A WOMAN'S VIEW OF LIFE

THERE is a superstition that women are not as capable in the roles of philosophers as men. Yet women cannot be said to be more confused by the intricate machinery of life than men.

It was a woman who summed up the history of all of us by summing up her own: "At the beginning, strength, ardour, ignorance."

"Midway, use of strength, realization of desire, science of life, disgust of action, fatigue, doubt, apathy."

"Then comes the tomb which offers itself as a couch to receive the pilgrim weary and when the peace treaty is signed on July 27, 1919, the old commander withdrew into private life in Hanover."

Marshall von Hindenburg submitted his resignation from the army on March 4, 1919, to President Ebert. It was accepted and when the peace treaty was signed on July 27, 1919, the old commander withdrew into private life in Hanover.

HIGH COST OF SCHOOLING (Boston Transcript.)

In New York the cost of education in the public schools has been made the subject of study by a commission on school finance and administration. And what has been happening in New York has been happening in other states. The high cost of schooling comes with the other elements in the high cost of living, but the money spent on the schools, unless there is obvious waste and inefficiency, is money whose expenditure will cause little complaint.

Does That Cough Stick On Your Lungs?

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## The Very Idea!

By Neil O'Connell

HAPPINESS

WHAT are you looking for—happiness? Sure! Men who are shy of it, really are poor. Show me the soul who can say he cares not as to the things that are born in his lot.

Living is one thing we all hate to lose. Long days and happy ones, all of us choose. Brightness that seeps in to last us for aye, only can seep if you make it that way.

Wise is the man who knows right things from wrong. Playing them safely, he travels along, never to wonder what life is about. Doing your best, make the best side come out.

Age makes you learn that to give is to get. Always, returns come to give—and yet, soon you will learn that the happiest plan, is GIVE, quite regardless, as much as you can.

Do just a little bit more than your share. Show all the world that you really DO care. Make others happy—that's getting the bang of spreading the thing that's a real boomerang.

You can't always tell, from a senator's speech, what he really thinks about the thing he's talking on.

Come people think the best precaution against fire is to have a place insured for twice as much as it's worth.

The laugh is on the man who bought his wife some lipstick 'cause he thought it would make them do it.

Just make the best of what you've got. The thought may loudly ring, But just what can a fellow do Who hasn't got a thing?

We'd like to hear all the hohoes get together and sing the famous song, "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp."

The singiest man we know of is the fellow who was always late to his meals but wouldn't even give an excuse.

TOUGH OPERATION: Having your father lay you flat and cut off your allowance.

FABLES IN FACT

ONCE THERE WAS A HUSBAND WHO WAS CONSTANTLY LATE TO HIS MEALS PERIOD. FINALLY HIS WIFE SAID QUOTATION MARK NEXT TIME YOU'RE LATE COMMA YOU NEEDN'T COME HOME AT ALL PERIOD QUOTATION MARK AND THAT WASN'T A BAD IDEA AT ALL COMMA EXCEPT THAT COMMA EVER SINCE COMMA HIS WIFE HAS BEEN WONDERING WHY HE OOK HER AT HER WORD PERIOD

Other Views

BANANAS FOR ATHLETES (London Daily Mail.)

Bananas have become popular as a training food with British football players. Professional trainers of athletes have come out in favor of the banana on account of the readiness with which it is digested and the fact that it contains a higher percentage of calories than most other fruits.

WHEN PUBLICITY IS NOT NEEDED (St. Catharines Standard.)

The practice has developed among certain Ontario newspapers of watching Portsmouth penitentiary for the release of prisoners who have been connected with notorious cases. These men coming out have no doubt resolutions to make a new start in life, and in the ends of justice have clean start.

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