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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1915.

The Bulgarian king has gone Finnegan one better.

For the proofreader's sake it is to be hoped that war in the Balkans can be averted.

If Roosevelt should revise the national hymn, he would begin, "My country, it is me!"

A true neutral is the bachelor who sidesteps an invitation to act as a judge at a baby show.

Missouri stands at the head in rating mules. Wise old state! That's the only safe place to stand.

When Greece calls her scattered sons to colors, the blind tigers colony in Charleston will have to call for recruits.

It's poor business to poke into other people's affairs—unless you are a lawyer. Then, if you are on your job, you get well paid for it.

Our idea of retributive justice is when a man gets in the course of trade the plugged nickel he put in the collection plate the Sunday before.

A man never knows how many rights he has until he reads the constitution, and he never knows how few he has until he tries to enjoy them.

South Carolina is a model marriage state, every husband being strongly attached to his wife. He just simply has to be, for there is no legal way to be detached.

The American dollar will now buy more foreign money than at any time in our history. But what the poor consumer wants to know is, why won't it buy more groceries and clothing?

Old Aesop disguised the ass in the fable with a lion's skin, but the modern college has hit upon a cheaper and more practical plan. It accomplishes the same end with the aid of a sheepskin.

Any boob will give you accurate information in the art of love-making and tell you just how to win a wife, but after marriage, Ebenezer, you better live you'll have to shift ingloriously for yourself.

THE SHADOW OR THE SUBSTANCE?

The sorry muddle in which Columbia finds itself has stirred the good people of that city to action. Whatever the result of the investigation may be, there is bound to be a better moral and political atmosphere after it is all over.

But many people in Columbia and elsewhere are doubtless asking, "Why did it happen?" The answer is easy enough.

The forces of evil in every city are always active and organized to perpetuate a policy of municipal government that will give them the largest measure of freedom to continue their violations of law, while the forces of good wake up only now and then, win a victory or two, and calmly go back to sleep.

Columbia's experiment in commission government has been of short duration. It has been long enough, however, to give the new system a fair trial. There is nothing wrong with the plan, an excellent one to be sure, but the delusion that many Columbia people fell into was a common one. They thought that commission government would cure all the ills of the body politic, and, once having discarded the tattered garment of old and donned the new with a great flourish of furs and feathers, they settled back into a false security, thinking that all would go well in a kind of automatic fashion.

As city management goes, Columbia has been a well governed city. But the point we wish to make here is that no city can set up a form of government—commission, city manager or any other sort—and expect to get the best results from the mere form of it. Back of any system lie the strength and character and honesty of the men whom the people choose to administer the city's affairs. Good men will give good government under any system; and, conversely, bad men will give bad government under any system.

It is a sad mistake to think that commission government of itself will protect a city. Those who look merely to the shadow are bound to be grievously disappointed; those who see beyond the shadow and regard the substance of good government by electing the right kind of men to office will get what they want because, as voters, they are always on the job when election time comes and see to it that the destructive forces of their community are kept in the minority.

Whether a city has commission government or not, it would do well to take to heart the truth of Pope's oft-quoted couplet:

"For forms of government let fools contest; That which is best administered is best."

COLORED COTTON

The cotton mills making print goods have suffered heavy financial losses on account of the war's interference with the shipment of dyestuffs, but, if the experiments of A. W. Brabham of Olar, South Carolina, are successful, we may in future grow cotton of any natural color we desire.

The production of cotton tinted by nature seems rather a revolutionary departure, but that it has been done is an undisputed fact. Chemical dyes are said to be injurious to the fabric of cotton goods, and commercially it is now very hard to obtain dyestuffs in satisfactory quantities or of satisfactory quality. There would be no danger of fading, of course, in the natural colors, and this is an advantage also to be considered.

Our Southern cotton is all white, but in other parts of the world where cotton is grown on a more or less limited scale it is of different tints. In Peru a cotton with a reddish tint is grown; brown cotton is produced in Egypt, Peru and Hawaii; yellow cotton is grown in China, while India has a gray cotton. Down in Mexico there is said to be a jetblack cotton, but this may be only a myth or a reflection of the darker political conditions that prevail in the republic.

Mr. Brabham claims that the different species will breed true to color in whatever soil they may be planted. Peculiarities of earth have nothing to do with the production of tints. If the primary colors can be produced, then all intermediate shades can be produced as well by cross-breeding. By breeding white and red together, for instance, a pink cotton would be produced, and so on with other shades according to the fixed natural laws governing the blending of colors.

The experiments being made by Mr. Brabham have the possibility of revolutionizing much of the cotton manufacturing industry, and his work, if successful in a practical degree, may be as important as that accomplished by Luther Burbank in other fields of plant life.

SNOBS

Did you ever walk down the street of a fine morning, in the free and easy manner of a plain, decent everyday American citizen, and meet one of those fellows who looked down on you with coldly arched eyebrows and then bite off a frozen word or two as he passed his greeting? You may have known him as intimately as one could since you played together at the mud-pie stage of your childhood, and you know that his demeanor toward you is in no wise due to the drubbing you gave him that day down by the "crick" when he insulted you with some supercilious remark about your folks. That, long, long ago, was sent by him to the attic room of memory.

Since you've grown up and attained the age of partial discretion—no man ever reaches the full measure of it, as some wisecracks would have you believe—you've learned the plain, unvarnished truth. The poor fellow can no more change his manners or his opinion of others than a chameleon can regulate his hues. You feel more charitable to him on that account, although you can't help a sneaking disposition to take hold of him and shake him as a terrier does a rat.

He is a rare bird—a snob—if you know what that means. You may be versed in the fine arts and skilled in all the sciences, and yet you may not really know what a snob is like unless you have seen one at close range—or unless you have felt him—and then you'll never forget the type.

A snob has no place in genuine American life. He is an exotic, a hybrid creature, a cross between a mollicodde and a run-to-seed aristocrat. He is a victim of old-world caste transplanted in a new-world democracy, whose spirit he can neither interpret nor appreciate.

Do you ever, in a moment of weakness induced by the applause of your friends for something unusual you have done, had yourself thinking that you are just a wee bit finer clay than other folks? Honestly now, do you? Well, if you have committed the deadly sin, you have set your foot in the path that leads straight to Snobland and you'd better reverse the machinery of your good common sense and take the back track as rapidly as you can before it is everlastingly too late.

Saint Paul had some very sensible things to say along this line, cautioning every man "not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think," and so on in a vein of rare wisdom and sound teaching and rich human experience. And in our own day Henry van Dyke more than any one else has voiced the spirit of true Americanism when he said that "democracy means not that I am as good as you are, but that you are as good as I am."

Remember that a snob, unlike a poet, can be made by training and environment. But, like the poet, he is usually born to his fate. Turn the searchlight of truth into your own life and see what the dark places will reveal. If you can stand up, honestly and sincerely, with Paul or with van Dyke, you can cheerfully dismiss from your mind all fear about yourself. You're no snob, bless your soul, and you haven't a taint of the breed in you.

THE ARMENIAN TRAGEDY

In times gone by the atrocious Turk used to fall with fire and sword upon the peaceful Armenian and slay and pillage until a horrified world stayed his bloody hand. The burning ambition in the heart of the Turk has been extirpate the Armenian nation and thus wipe from its borders every remnant of Christianity.

The present war has given to the Turk the long desired opportunity to gratify his religious hatred. In the name of Allah his hand has been free to strike, and there has been none to intervene between him and his victim either with bayonet and bomb or with the peaceful weapons of civilization.

Turkey in all probability will be made to walk the plank of dismembered and disrupted nations after the war is over, but in any event she will have to her credit—or rather to her discredit—the satisfaction of having sent the Christian Armenians on the long journey that begins with death.

It is a grim and savage story. The Turks have been frank enough to admit that the Armenian persecution is the first step in their plan to drive Christianity from the empire. Next will come the Greeks, the Jews, and lastly the American missionaries. "Turkey for the Turks" is the national cry.

Since May more than 350,000 Armenians have been slaughtered or have died from starvation. The remnant is dwindling every day. Some have gone into an exile which must end in starvation on the desert or in

a worse fate at the hands of nomadic tribes of Moslems, and all must face death eventually in some form or other unless the policy of the Turkish government is modified or changed completely.

There is but one power that can save the Armenians. Germany can hold the Turkish government in check if she will, and it is to her national conscience that a helpless world stands by and appeals.

But will a national conscience that applauded the sinking of the Lusitania be keen enough to appreciate the plight of the Armenians? It looks like a hopeless case.



Weather Forecast—Local rains Thursday; Friday partly cloudy.

Supt. J. B. Felton yesterday announced that Dr. John E. White would address the meeting of the County Teachers association which is to be held on Saturday at noon.

The Piedmont and Northern will today make announcements in regard to special excursion rates from Greenwood, Spartanburg and Greenville on account of the Clemson-Auburn football game which is to be played in Anderson on October 16. These rates may be good from Friday through Sunday, or rather week-end rates.

It was not convenient to have the meeting of the committees which are to see about plans for the Clemson-Auburn football game last night and the meeting was postponed. It is thought that it will be held this evening.

Judge Ernest Moore will be the guest of honor at a dinner this evening which will be served at the Elks club and which will be given by the members of the Anderson County Bar association. This is a regular event during the terms of the court of common pleas. The committee in charge of the affair consists of Messrs. K. P. Smith, T. P. Dickson and M. L. Bonham.

Col. Campbell, who lives a few miles east of the city, is preparing to make a quite unique exhibit for Mr. S. M. Byars to take to the state fair in Columbia. Mr. Campbell is planning to build a little cabin out of ears of corn. He states that he intends to make it complete in every detail and intends to win a prize with it.

Mr. Byars in speaking of Mr. Campbell's corn stated that he had some with the largest ears he had seen this year. He will get about a dozen of these to take to the fair with him among other exhibits. Mr. Byars is anxious to get up a good display of products and will be glad to receive any contributions.

As the result of a tourist running over and killing a cow with his automobile in Georgia, and also for breaking the speed limit in Elberton, Ga., he was accosted by the police when he reached this city and it cost him exactly \$35 before he got out of town, \$25 for the cow and \$10 for breaking the speed law. The wires were put into use and telegrams from the points in Georgia informed the local police to see the tourist. Upon arriving in Anderson Officer Brown held up the driver of the car and extracted \$35 according to instructions.

The bad weather of the past few days has greatly inconvenienced the paving crews in the city and have caused them to be delayed with their work. The weather forecasts predict cooler and fair weather and it is hoped that this will be the case. Winter is now coming on and the contractors are very anxious to go right ahead with their work.

Mr. Joe Galley of Iva was a business visitor in the city yesterday and stated that he never remembered seeing the farmers being in such a hurry to get their cotton crop gathered. He stated that in some places nearly all of the cotton was picked and that the crop was going to be short. Mr. Galley was also proud of the rains and he stated that fall turnips were now growing some.

Mr. Martin Sellman, the capable window trimmer and display artist at the Lesser company has done himself proud this week. Upon entering the ladies dress goods side of the store, if you will glance up toward the ceiling above the dress goods section, you will behold a very neat and attractive display of blazer coats, in-

fants wool sweaters, booties, baby dresses and baby caps, and infant cloaks, also silk sweaters for ladies and silk petticoats, together with some very pretty muslin underwear. These goods are displayed in a very unusually clever manner; they are planned to, or fastened to square pieces of heavy card board, so that each piece of merchandise that is on display stands out in bold relief. It is a very clever piece of work, and well worth seeing.

Several penny scales have been placed over the streets of the city and these are causing unfavorable comment. Mayor Godfrey stated at the meeting of city council on Tuesday afternoon that these scales would have to be moved and that he had so instructed the man who had them put up.

Judge and Victim in Russian Munitions Row



General Nicholas Petroff. Ex-War Minister Soukhomlinoff.

The loss of Warsaw and Galicia by the Russians, due, all experts insist to the lack of munitions of war by the Russian armies, has resulted in a scandal which is to be aired at a military trial. In great Britain the lack of munitions, which has caused the loss of thousands of British soldiers at the front, has had no such result.

General Nicholas Petroff has been appointed president of the superior court to try the high military officials who failed to supply the army. Former Minister of War Soukhomlinoff will be one of the first to be tried by the court. He has been chiefly blamed for the failure to equip the army properly.

Retain Sugar Tariff. Washington, Oct. 6.—Because of war conditions the administration will ask congress to retain the sugar tariff and emergency tax law, Secretary McAdoo announced tonight.

John D. Jr., Inspecting Mines. Son Eric, Wyoming, Oct. 6.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., arrived here today to inspect the Sun Rise iron mine of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company.

Game Warden For Hampton. Columbia, Oct. 6.—Governor Manning has appointed J. K. Brunson of Gifford in Hampton county as a game warden.

Cast Beside the Water. A lady who lives at Oyster bay, on going to her front door the other morning was startled to find a burly policeman preparing to ring, relates The New York Evening Post.

"What do you want?" she asked. "I'm sorry marm, but there's been a man committed suicide down there on the shore."

"Oh, horrible!" broke in the lady, trembling.

"And I'm mighty sorry to tell you that the coat he left behind him has your husband's name in it."

"Oh, oh!" shrieked the lady, and promptly fainted.

But her Irish maid, who had a good head on her shoulders, even before she tried resuscitation called up her master's town office, and got the reassuring news that he was there safe and sound and doing business as usual.

And the lady speedily recovered from her swoon.

"It's had one good effect," the husband remarked later: "Jane doesn't give away my nice, comfortable old clothes quite as freely as she used to."

"Yes, I do," quoth Jane, "only I cut the name out of the lining first."

Sanitary Precautions. "Hey, Molke, and what do you think of these new sanitary drinking cups?" "Sure, Pat and soon we'll have to spit on our hands with an eye-dropper!"—Garzoyle.

Advertisement for B. O. Evans & Co. featuring men's suits and overcoats. Text: "Men who come here 'just to look' are as welcome as those who come to buy; one usually leads to the other; but look all you want to and buy when you get ready. The values are famous; we mean to exceed your money's worth. Here are specially designed suits for men; models for young men; styles for 'prep' and high school youngsters; clothes that in every instance stand supreme. \$10, \$15, \$18, \$20, \$25. Complete showing of rainproof coats; rubberized, mackintosh, double-texture, plain rubber faced; lengths from extra short to extreme lengths. \$5, \$6, \$7.50, \$10, \$15. Cravenetted Overcoats, \$10 up. Water-resisting, comfort-bringing, taste reflecting shoes, \$3.50, \$4, \$4.50, \$5, \$6.50. B. O. Evans & Co. 'The Store with a Conscience'"/>

MYSTERY SURROUNDS GREENVILLE MURDER U. S. WOULD USE ALL WIRELESS DURING WAR

Young White Woman Dead From Wounds—Three Held for the Killing.

Greenville, Oct. 6.—An unfathomed mystery surrounds the strange circumstances in the finding of the dead body of a young white woman known as Minnie Brookshire, who, the coroner's jury was yesterday told staggered Monday night into the home of Mrs. Lizzie Pruitt, near Lima, and six hours later died from a horrible wound in her side inflicted with a shot gun. Mrs. Pruitt 20-year-old son, John, and Charlie Tapp, the only occupants of the Pruitt home who seemed to know anything of the tragedy, were brought to Greenville last night and lodged in jail in face of the verdict of the coroner's jury, which held the young woman came to her death from wounds inflicted by a shot gun at the hands of the named persons. The accused protest their innocence, and insist that the woman died accidentally shot herself.

Commercial and Amateur Stations to Be Organized for Emergencies.

Washington, Oct. 6.—All commercial and amateur wireless stations in the United States are soon to be organized by the navy department for immediate use in case of emergency by the intelligence bureau of the navy department. In the event of war, operators all along the coast lines will be instructed to listen in on any radio conversation within range of their instruments, the intercepted message to be promptly reported to the navy department. Arrangements will be made by the state, war and navy building here so that the chief of the navy operations will be in close touch with all points in the event of trouble. Wireless is being installed in the building.

DESTROYER REACHES PORT; INJURED MEN WILL RECOVER

New Port, R. I., Oct. 6.—The destroyer Cummings with two men burned in the explosion and fire at sea yesterday arrived here early today. The men were taken to the naval hospital and will recover. The destroyer was slightly damaged by an explosion of fuel oil. The fleet which put into Narragansett bay as a part of the defensive operations of the war game sailed during the night.

Electricians Strike Growing

Schenectady, N. Y., Oct. 6.—The union workers in the Lynn and Pittsfield, Massachusetts and the Fort Wayne Indiana, plants of the General Electric company may join the ten thousand strikers at the local plant in the demand for an eight hour day, labor leaders reported. It is estimated that sixty thousand men are employed in the four plants.

Luxemburg Enters Protocol

Berlin, Oct. 6.—(Wireless)—The Overseas agency says the grand duchy of Luxemburg has protested to the entente allies against the recent aeroplane attack on the city of Luxemburg.

Geisberg's Potato Chips Fresh and Crisp Daily, Phone No. 733.