

The Watchman and Soutron

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RUSSIAN DELUSIONS.

Fred Keyes, an American horse-man who was in charge of a celebrated stable belonging to Count Varentsoff-Dashko...

That seems to explain a great deal. It throws light on the amazing attitude of the Soviet representatives at the Genoa conference.

Transition periods are difficult things. A transition in the physical tastes of a nation is a peculiarly difficult one.

That Rhine Army Pay The Allies have replied, respectfully enough, to the American demand for payment of Rhine army expenses...

A SOLDIER'S SCHOOL

Three rehabilitation assistants belonging to the Veterans' Bureau returned from an inspection of the Vocational School No. 1, at Chilledale, O., enthusiastic about what they found.

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THE MODERN CRUSADE.

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To-day's Best Jokes and Stories

Angry wife: "Are all men fools?" Husband: "No! Some are backlogs."—Exchange.

How English and American Differ "I speak four languages," proudly boasted the door man at a hotel in Rome to an American guest. Yes, four—Italian, French, English and American.

"But English and American are the same," protested the guest. "Not at all," replied the man. If an Englishman should come up now, I should talk like this: 'Oh, I say, what extraordinarily shocking weather we're having! I dare say there'll be a bit of it ahead. But when you came up I was just getting ready to say: 'For the love o' Mike! Some day, ain't it? Guess this is the second flood, alright.'"

He—Did you know that the people in Philadelphia never eat snails? She—No, how's that? He—They can't catch them.

A grocer down the street has some cheese which is simply unapproachable. Limberger.

Now that Fatty has been turned loose he had better stick to that brown beverage of the same name as his own.

Lost, Strayed or Stolen. Runt away. I red an vite caf. His hind leg was plack. He was a sho caf. Enipotti vat brings him pack pays 5 dollars.

More Misplaced English. A man living a few miles off the main road in speaking about making an avenue to his home and other improvements, said he was going to cut a revenue up to his house, drill an artillery well, have the water scandalized to be sure it was pure, then when his friends called to see him he could treat them more hostile.

Like Scratch on Billiard Ball. "The greatest range vertically of the earth's surface is between the bottom of Philippine Deep and top of Mt. Everest, a distance of approximately 11.6 miles.

Spring. Spring is the time when the maiden blushes. The strong man feels timid and shy as the youth.

Just Received by Wireless. The girls here have decided to make skirts one inch shorter which were already dangerously near the dead line.

A Strong Attachment. "Come along, now," ordered the policeman, handcuffing the prisoner's wrist to his own.

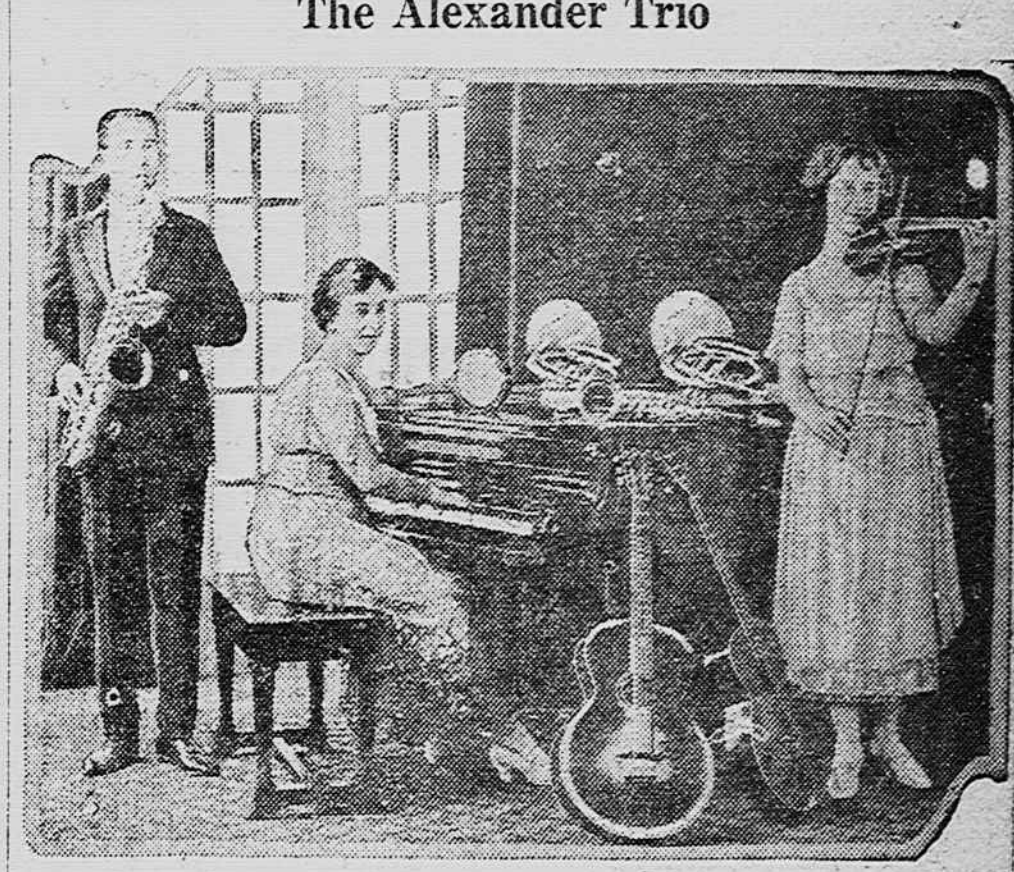
Thoughtful. "Have you said your prayers, Leslie?" "Yes, mamma."

Can't Read Yet. Bobby came home from his first day at kindergarten with the announcement that he could write. Upon being given pencil and paper, he made his usual meaningless scribbles.

Lo! O' Trouble. Years ago the youngest son of a peer went out to the wild and woolly west. He picked up a negro servant before he started to work.

The Alexander Trio

The Alexander Trio, appearing at the coming Redpath Chautauque, is an entertainment organization known for its novelty instrumental features, clever character sketches and popular vocal selections.



The Trio has toured with great success in many parts of the United States. Recently on a large Chautauque circuit in the West where this organization appeared, a systematic ballot was taken in every city visited, and the Alexander Trio was voted the most popular organization of its kind on the entire program.

HULL DISCUSSES NEWBERRY'S CASE

Democratic Chairman Takes Fight into Michigan—Are Seats For Sale?

Grand Rapids, Mich., April 19.—Democratic attack on the seating of Senator Newberry was carried into Michigan tonight by Chairman Hull, of the Democratic national committee, through a message read at a state-wide meeting of party leaders.

HOT POLITICS IN COLUMBIA

Candidates For Mayor Come to Blows at Meeting

Columbia, April 19.—The municipal campaign waged in Columbia for the past several months reached its climax at the concluding meeting here tonight when Commissioner William A. Coleman, president of the Merchants Bank, and John W. Richardson, former chief of police, candidates for mayor, engaged in a personal encounter behind the scenes at the Columbia theatre, where the speaking was held.

After the conclusion of Mr. Richardson's speech, according to eye-witnesses, Mr. Coleman approached the former chief and asked what he meant by defaming "my man's relatives and the Cole family."

PLAN STATE FAIR ON LARGER SCALE

Manager Will Be Elected To Have Executive Control

Columbia, April 19.—Foundations from plans and recommendations for a greater state fair, more representative of the agricultural and commercial interests of South Carolina, was laid today at extended sessions of the executive committee of the South Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical Society.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS RECEIVE ENDORSEMENT

Washington, April 20 (Capital News Service).—During the fourth annual convention of the American Legion, department of Florida, in session just closed at Palm Beach, there was unanimous and enthusiastic adoption of the following resolution:

"Whereas the public school system is the fountain head of better Americanism, therefore be it Resolved, That the convention favors federal support of the public schools under a system that will not interfere with state supervision of such schools; and be it Resolved further, That this convention favors an improved system for the vocational training of ex-service men, backed by ample appropriations.

Senators and representatives in congress who favor the Townsend-Sterling bill, establishing a department of education with a secretary in the president's cabinet, find in this action of the premier young American man organization great encouragement.

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