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LETTING IRELAND.

And the confusion of Irish news and Irish passions, Americans may be well to heed the word of the commission representing the Irish Free State...

A LESSON TO EUROPE.

While the Allies and their friends were debating how far the Genoa conference should go with regard to Germany and Russia, Germany and Russia acted for themselves.

PUBLIC COURTESY.

A crowd of giggling schoolgirls and their callow escorts invaded a Chicago theater the other night and disturbed a performance of Walter Hampden's "Romeo and Juliet" with their giggles, guffaws and conversation.

CONSTRUCTIVE STATESMANSHIP.

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A TRIUMPH FOR DECENCY.

Commendation is the order of the day for the refusal of the Motion Picture and Distributors' Association to release the Arbuckle films.

A LEGAL PUZZLE.

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UNDERTAKING

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are at all capable of solution? Too much has been made of the prejudices, animosities and doubts existing in the public mind in every country with regard to other countries.

It has been proved, more than once in recent years, that the masses will rise to unexpected heights of liberality and idealism, when public leadership appeals to their highest qualities rather than their lowest.

The only possible solvent for this mutually destructive insistence on petty local and national interest, as against the big, universal interest, is good-will.

First, the two countries forego all war claims against each other, cancelling alike their mutual damages and debts.

Second, they adopt a policy of business co-operation, by which each country is to enjoy full business privileges in the other country, and both are to function virtually as one economic system.

Official recognition of the Soviet government is highly regarded by Lenin, no doubt, but of less importance than the facts mentioned.

This separate action is naturally regarded by the allies as an act of bad faith, tending to subvert the purposes of the general conference.

Suppose all Europe, as represented at Genoa, would consent to do for itself what the big fraction represented by Russia and Germany has done.

Is there any other way to accomplish the reconstruction that Lloyd George aims at? And is there any other way to keep Germany and Russia from strengthening the bonds of a dangerous combination against the rest of Europe?

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Public opinion in various countries is concentrated on various things, and it is not easy to reconcile these divergent opinions, even when they are not conflicting.

Public opinion is not a rigid fact, like the Alps or the Appalachians. It is amenable to guidance, to direction, to the appeal of reason and conscience; and I feel confident that in every way it will yield a good deal to an appeal made to its mind and heart by the common statesmanship of Europe.

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TO-DAY'S BEST JOKES AND STORIES

A Sea Story. A gunboat was entering the mouth of the harbor when she passed close to a small collier. The officer in command hailed the latter.

A Keen Observer. "Daddy do the heathen wear clothes?" "Surely. Whatever makes you ask such a question?"

Half Off. First friend (pompously). "How much do you think I made today?" Second—"How should I know?"

Mistaken Identity. "I'm afraid I insulted the policeman who brought me this summons," said a woman, apologetically.

Contortionist. Robert—"Mother was Robinson Crusoe an acrobat?" Mother—"I don't know. Why?"

Jiggs: "The most consoling thing about going to the movies is seeing so many women in the pictures opening their mouths and not saying a word you can hear!"

"How do you do stammer, my poor lad! Did you ever go to a stammering school?" "No-no, sir. I dud-dud-do this naturally."—Exchange.

"Why do they have knots on the ocean instead of miles?" "If there were no knots there wouldn't be any tide."—Exchange.

An Irish doctor lately sent in his bill to a lady as follows: "For curing your husband till he died."—Exchange.

The taxpayer's top has "Put" printed on all eight sides. Let's have disarmament, also, of the weapons that kill time.

Another one of the unsolved mysteries: Why is a paper napkin? Russia hitched her wagon to a Bolshevik star whose last name is variation.

The film stars seem to be staging most of their melodrama off-screen. That Topeka man who wagered his neighbors were honest and left his cellar unlocked found plenty of takers.

The ruffball season is under way. We used to call it "baseball," you remember, the slang for it is "Babe-ball."

Some day a race of supermen may be evolved with arms long enough to fit the sleeves that manufacturers attach to our shirts.

In Ireland, after considerable argument, they've at last agreed to argue some more.

The comedy "Diana in the Bath," despite its nice, clean title, has made quite a splash in Paris.

The firemen are ahead of the flappers on labor-saving devices. The firemen use reels to roll their hose.

Education is the basis of sanitation. Teach the hordes that life in the open is more healthful—and there you are!

he raises. It means that experience has demonstrated to discriminating men that the farmer who puts his time and money into one crop and purchases his food and feed is headed toward failure.

"Ninety-eight per cent of the liquor now sold in violation of the prohibition laws is unfit for drinking."—J. M. Doran, head of industrial alcohol division of the prohibition unit.

What we are interested in is finding out where most of this other two per cent that is fit to drink is located.

Conditions through which business has passed during the last year have caused all kinds of changes and so rapidly it is hard to keep up with them.

Just recently H. S. Waddell & Company, who for years have been dealers in hides, furs, coal, etc., have taken over the local agency for Atlas Portland Cement.

Plans and specifications for making most anything from a flower box to a garage are on file at the office of the above company for the use of any who are interested.

Somehow, that Genoa conference reminds us of an autopsy.

Why not settle it by permitting to strike on Tuesdays and Fridays? Some people think "cigarets" must end in "ts," and some think it must end in "E."

The chief fault of the rising generation is that it seems to be up in the air most of the time.

About the only moral atmosphere lady jurors have been able to improve is that in the jury room.

Prudery is so nearly out of fashion that almost everybody knows now that "limb" means a part of a tree.

And yet we can remember a time when old-fashioned folk complained bitterly because young sports let their horses trot too fast on Main street.

Once it was marry in haste and repent at leisure, and now it's marry in haste and repeat at intervals.

When a man cranks a Ford in that jerky way, he's probably keeping time to the rhythm of explosive epithets.

Every time we grasp with dread to see Lloyd George slipping, it develops that he is merely reaching for a better hold.

Few business groups seem willing to trim their sails until they have made one more desperate effort to trim the government.

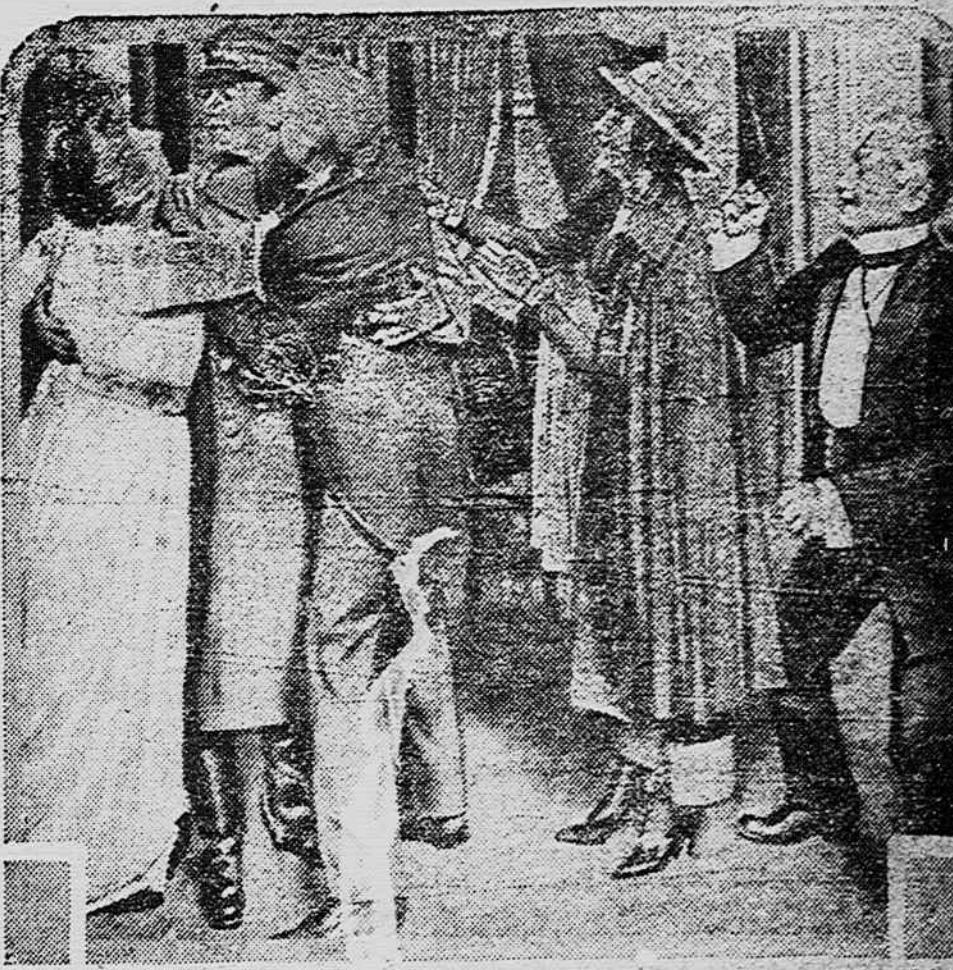
Life will never be comfortable for the pedestrian until he invents some kind of disguise that will make him resemble a tusk.

There seems to be some kind of law against having an adult party without inviting some loud-mouthed fool who thinks he is witty.

Other business may be dull, but we understand me-quitos will take advantage of style tendencies to open up new territory this season.

Some people find it difficult to believe the world was made in seven days. But it must be remembered that Senator Reed wasn't there.

Great Comedy Drama, "Friendly Enemies," a Chautauqua Feature



"Friendly Enemies" is one of the most popular of recent comedy successes. Scores of cities throughout the country have alternately laughed and wept over this irresistible comedy drama whose plot grows out of the conflicting vicissitudes of two life-long friends.

A complete production of "Friendly Enemies" will be given at the coming Redpath Chautauqua by a cast of six experienced Broadway actors organized by William J. Keighley, manager of the New York City Producing Department of the Redpath Bureau.

This delightful comedy will be one of the most popular entertainment attractions on the entire Chautauqua program.

PAGEANT AND SUPPER AT REMBERTS

The ladies of Ascension Episcopal church of Hagood will give a pageant, supper and ice cream festival all combined, at the Rembert high school building next Friday evening, April 28th, at 8 o'clock.

Admission 25 cents and supper 25 cents. The public is cordially invited to attend.—Advertisement.

Vladivostok Seat of Contending Partisan Forces

Vladivostok, March 11.—The political situation in the Maritime region is becoming each day more complicated owing in part to the activities of partisan forces but to greater extent to the financial situation of the government.

Discord among the nonsocialists group of the National Assembly and between the monarchists and the newly organized faction of National Democrats completes the difficulties confronting the authorities.

Partisan troops are occupying Iman, on the Ussuri river, and there are reports of fighting between partisans and Reds around Habarovsk and further along the line.

Women on Democratic Club Rolls

Columbia, April 24.—In many of the Democratic clubs of Columbia Saturday women were elected delegates to the county convention on May 1.

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