

Dinner Stories

If Things Go On This Way— War had been declared, and there was consternation at Washington.

The Game. A flivver driver had obviously been partaking not wisely but too well of post-Volsteadian hooch, and the course traced by his car was erratic.

The Latest Sport. The Afro-American annual social ball was in full swing when George Washington Jones appeared in the center of the floor ominously displaying a razor.

Curious. The condemned man had once been an actor, and as he sat down in the electric chair a thought occurred to him.

A Lady to Her Love. I love the things you tell me, dear: The way you whisper in my ear that I'm the only girl for you.

Handy. "Do you ever have to walk the floor with your baby?" asked Brown.

Cutest Things

As Etta was walking up the stairs her teacher met her and asked, "Etta, why are you chewing on the stairs?"

Didn't Know What They Were Laughing At. Yesterday while standing on the street admiring some beautiful evening gowns on display at a popular ready-to-wear shop, along came two ladies.

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Stewart's WASHINGTON LETTERS

BY CHARLES P. STEWART. NEA Service Writer.

Washington, May 5.—"I desire to say nothing unpleasant."

This Senator Jim Reed, of Missouri, getting up from his seat in the hall of solons, one day recently, to discuss the government's bargain with Mussolini concerning the Italian war debt.

He hardly got what he desired. Or else he has a funny idea of what isn't unpleasant. Most people probably would so interpret that remark as, "This is altogether the biggest steal in history."

It's difficult to get any very pleasant meaning out of an adjective like "infamous." It was one of a number applied by Reed to that debt agreement, and not the worst one, either.

However, Reed may have considered that, of him, he wasn't saying anything especially unpleasant—not in comparison with other speeches he's made.

When Jim Reed objects to a proposition—and he objects to all of 'em—what he does to it is a plenty. I doubt if he could put up much of a fight in favor of anything. He's a regular whirlwind of a scrapper, but, so far as I've ever observed, it's always as an obstructionist or a destructionist.

I don't believe he could work up enough interest in a constructive program to campaign effectively for it.

Some chronic 'ants' get tiresome. Reed never does. He's a formidable figure and commands respect. He's the real article in the matter of ability. He's tremendously dynamic—fairly effervescent personality. And his nerve is boundless.

All Kinds of Work. "Don't you find it hard to enforce the law in a wild town like this?" asked a visitor to Red Gulch.

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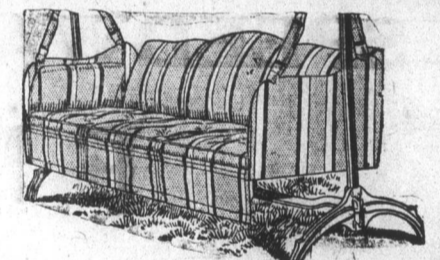
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