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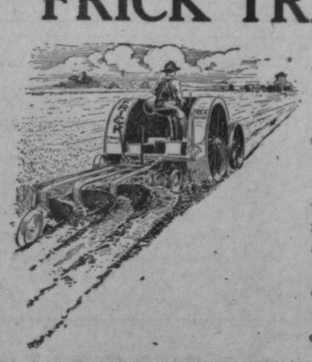
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Claimed bread making is a lost art, but the girls of Westminster are experts in the production of fudge.

Women candidates so far nominated express confidence in being able to get elected, without having to pass out many boxes of big black cigars.

UNCLE TED'S BED TIME STORIES

Gov. Cox Says He is Against America First

"Please tell us some more about what Senator Harding has been saying in his speeches, Uncle Ted. You haven't told us anything about that for a long time." It was Ruth this time, begging for a story. In fact ever since the women have been given the right to vote she has taken every opportunity to get ahead of her brother in every possible way.

"I am mighty glad you suggested that, Ruth, because I want to show you the difference between the way our next President talks about America and the way in which Gov. Cox refers to the subject. As I have been telling you for a long time, Senator Harding has no use for the world club plan and he is going to fight every minute he gets and as long as it is necessary. But Gov. Cox not only would follow Mr. Wilson in every particular so far as the world club goes but more than that he said in a recent speech at Reno, Nexada, that 'America First', the great battle cry of all true Americans who would place this country again on a basis of government by the Constitution, was simply like the German slogan, 'Deutschland Uber Alles', which means Germany over all. The whole thing came up when Gov. Cox, during his speech asked the question, 'Is there any man or woman in this audience who knows where Senator Harding stands on the league of nations?' I guess Mr. Cox didn't expect an answer but he got one, for some one shouted, 'For America first!'

"That brought the reply from Mr. Cox in which he compared 'America First', to the German slogan and then later on he said:

"If it is to be America first and you are going to isolate her from the rest of the world, you have to arm her to the teeth, haven't you? I will tell you what my creed is: It is Lord God Almighty first.'

"Now of course, Mr. Cox knows very well that we do not have to arm to the teeth any more than we have armed in the past and he cannot make excuses for his slur against "America First' by quoting what he says is his creed. Certainly Mr Cox cannot compare 'America First' with the German slogan unless he thinks we favor a world conquest such as the Germans tried in 1914. The fact that Gov. Cox referred to Germany as an isolated power before the great war shows that he must think that America would become an isolated power of nationalism or love and devotion to our country should prevail above any world club plan."

"What has Senator Harding had to say in answer to this?" asked Jack.

"Senator Harding," replied Uncle Ted, "has not answered these statements directly but in a recent speech made in Marion to a delegation of foreign-born citizens, he went into detail to explain just what he believes 'America First' to mean. THIRTY races were represented in the delegation to which he spoke and one of the banners which they carried read, 'Americans all for America First'. I can tell you nothing better about Senator Harding's views on the relation of 'America First' and the world club plan than to read you some of the things he said at that time. Listen to this:

"'Nothing good has come from the willful assumption to direct the affairs of Europe. No good of any kind has proceeded from such meddling in Russia. None in the case of Poland. None in the case of the Balkan states. None in the case of Fiume. On the contrary, the mistaken policy of interference has broken the drawstrings of good sense and spilled bad counsel and bad manners all over the world. MEDDLING ABROAD TENDS TO MAKE AMERICANS FORGET THAT THEY ARE AMERICANS. It tends to arouse the old and bitter feelings of race, of former nationality, of foreign ancestry in the hearts of those who ought never to be forced to turn their hearts away from undivided loyalty and interest given to "America First."

"Now, kiddies, that should be perfectly plain. Senator Harding simply means this. If we should join the world club, as we may do, should Gov. Cox ever become President, we will at once begin to mix into the business of every nation in the world. Aside from all the trouble and danger it means, in the loss of American money, we will begin to forget America. We will forget that we are Americans. More than that, those thousands of American citizens, good, loyal Americans who were born in foreign countries will be placed in a position of not knowing whether to agree with our stand on affairs in Europe or whether to agree with their mother country. In other words, such a policy as Woodrow Wilson has started and as Gov. Cox would carry out would not only mean constant trouble in Europe but it would eventually mean trouble right here at home."

"Believe me", spoke up Jack, "if I had a vote and up to this time didn't know whom to vote for I sure would vote against Gov. Cox and would do everything in the world to beat him."

"Yes, Jack, Gov. Cox has shown his true colors and shown that he is for internationalism first, last and all the time. 'America First' seems to be, 'America last', with him.'

MAINE'S MIGHTY ANSWER

(From the Boston Transcript)

"The Stars and Stripes forever." That is the mighty answer that has come in thunderous tones from the State of Maine to the challenge. "Under which flag?" Instead of a landslide, the Republican victory in Maine turns out to be an avalanche. The Smuts-Wilson-Cecil League of Nations was the predominant issue. The women of Maine—God bless 'em!—led the men in repudiating outright "the evil thing with a holy name." It is estimated that approximately two-thirds of the women voted against going into the entangling alliance in which the British Empire has taken six votes and the United States would be limited to one vote.

In 1896, when the Republican party went to the people of Maine as the champion of sound money, Governor Powers was swept into office by a majority of 47,000. In 1920, when the same party went to the people of the same State as the champion of straight Americanism, Colonel Parkhurst has been swept into the governorship by a majority of between sixty and seventy thousand. As an issue, "six to one" has proved more disastrous to the Democratic party in 1920 than "sixteen to one" was twenty-four years ago, and Wilsonism a greater millstone around the party's neck this year than Bryanism was a 1896. And now, as then, good Democrats by the thousands have left their party and registered their protest against its departure from its best traditions, by voting with the Republican party. Then the men of Maine put the nation above all considerations of party or personal interests. Now both the women and the men have proved themselves to be no less unselfish and united in their devotion to the national welfare.

The result in Maine manifests even more than "a tired feeling." It is the solemn verdict of all sorts and conditions of loyal Americans in a typically American State, a verdict which Mr. Harding read aright when he hailed it as "reassurance that the American people mean to return to representative government, under the Constitution, through the Republican party, and that Maine takes the lead in declaring for America unmortgaged to the Old World, but still ready to serve humanity as American conscience impels."

Where is the intelligent man or woman here or elsewhere who honestly doubts that as Maine has gone in September so the nation will go in November? It may be that Candidate Cox will shout "fraud' when he hears the news, but the rank and file of thoughtful citizens the country over have ceased to give serious attention to the reckless charges of Mr. Wilson's understudy. The Dayton charge register will soon go down to history as the Democratic candidate for the presidency whose failure made Mr. Bryan's run in 1896 appear good by comparison; for Mr. Cox is already pilloried the country over as the cheapest candidate ever nominated by either of the two great parties for the highest office in the gift of a great people.

The truth is that the American people are trying rapidly to forget about Wilson, Cox et al. They are thinking in deadly earnest of the mother of us all—America. In the free will of America, acting under the sole compulsion of an American conscience, and manifesting in foreign relations an American character, America's children see her as the world's own and best hope for the righteousness that alone exalteth a nation.

The Democrats say the Republicans were better organizated than they. Very likely. But it is inconceivable that with the best organization in the world the friends of the Wilson Administration could have reversed this showing. The tide simply is not running their way.—Providence (R. I.) Journal.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

A survey of college entering classes raises the question if many young men are not neglecting the great opportunities in the plumbing and brick laying trades.

The coal miners who try to get their way by freezing the country to death, are not probably the only people in the world capable of swinging a pick.

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