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legislation than has been obtained in the past is to search for the end of the rainbow. It cannot be got, and for the very simple reason that Congressmen simply do not know.

GENERAL HAMILTON, FRIEND AND FIGHTER

The Allies' Leader at the Dardanelles Has a Big Task and a Bigger Opportunity—Between Wars a Writer of Poetry

By EDWARD R. BUSHNELL ALMOST from the moment Turkey entered the war of nations the feeling has been strong among military critics and students of the diplomatic situation that if Germany is to be beaten it will be accomplished through the forcing of the Dardanelles and the capture of Constantinople.



SIR IAN HAMILTON.

must his forces smash their way through a naturally fortified strait, which bristles with the best fortifications and the most powerful guns German ingenuity can devise, but on hand he must lead an army which contains some representatives from nearly every nation now fighting on the side of the Allies.

Makes Friends of Enemies

To weld these nationalities into one great fighting force is a job for which Hamilton is well fitted, because he is one of the most versatile of the allied commanders. His experiences have been enough to make him versatile, even if he were not by nature.

"The Musketry Maniac"

His first taste of actual battle he received when he went to India with Lord Roberts to participate in the Afghan war. In this campaign they called him the "musketry maniac." That was because he placed so much emphasis on musketry and bayonet practice.

A Natural Exception

Because it is human nature for some man in the State's employ to give his brother-in-law a fat contract instead of letting it out to the lowest bidder, we stumble and fall in our very acts of improvement.

Divides Honors With K. of K.

After the Boer war Hamilton went to India, and on his return stopped at Suez. Here he joined Kitchener's army, then preparing to subdue the Sudan.



THE HIGH COST OF HUMAN NATURE

The Most Expensive Commodity on Earth Is Responsible for High Taxes, for a Yearly Loss of \$250,000,000 in Fires and for Inverted Reforms

By B. K. LITTLE

NO MATTER how men may disagree on religion, politics or the proper way of driving a golf ball, there is one topic on which they are all in one accord. Taxes are too high.

But do you know why taxes are too high? It is because of human nature—just plain human nature.

Human nature is the most expensive commodity on the face of the earth. You will believe that when you have stopped to think. Do you know what would be the average tax rate to fix upon only one of the effects of human nature—if every man in the world were absolutely honest?

And why is the cost of running the State going higher all the time? Because it is human nature—a fine side of human nature—for every citizen to want the State to build new orphan asylums, new insane asylums, new hospitals, institutions of every variety, better roads, new boulevards.

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Pennsylvania has one of the finest bodies of police in the world—the Mounted Constabulary. The whole country is proud of it. New York and Massachusetts are aching to have an exact copy of that superb organization.

If you think this is an extreme or fanciful view, let's go back to simpler illustrations. It is calculated that every year we burn up about \$250,000,000 worth of property.

Too Slow to Suit Just now State after State is trying to knock out rum by one or the other stringent measure of prohibition. Will that really knock out booze entirely? Never. Not until something substantial is done to knock out the idea of rum in human nature.

saloon to exist. If you are after temperance you must get deeper than to knock out the saloon; you must get after the propensity to drink. But again it is human nature in us that makes us want things done in a hurry, and so we go for the saloon rather than for the slow process of education that is necessary before we can eradicate the propensity to drink.

Every now and then some high-minded philanthropist knocks down a row of dingy tenements, and in their place builds a model row of houses, fit for anybody to live in, with plenty of bathrooms and with geraniums in the windows. It is fine. We can't have too many model tenements. And yet if the people who occupy those tenements are not keyed up to geraniums and cleanliness they will either give up tenements or let the geraniums die. It's human nature. The place where you've got to begin building your model tenements is in the minds and hearts of the poor.

The economists have all kinds of explanations for the high cost of living. Professor Irving Fisher, of Yale, has written books to prove that it is due to the shrinking purchasing power of the dollar. He probably knows all about the subject. But there is one very deep quantity that he has left out of his nice calculations. And that quantity is—human nature.

How to Make Living Cheaper

It may well be that there is too much gold in the world. There may be so many gold dollars that each dollar is not so valuable as if dollars were fewer and farther between. Most of us have to take on faith the theory that there is too much money in the world. We don't see enough of it to believe what the economists say. But there are other things we can see that are partly responsible for the high cost of living.

Well, all this is expensive. We call it civilization. But civilization costs money. In reality the high cost of living is simply the high cost of human nature.

KING ALBERT AS A REPORTER

Said to Have Worked When Prince for American Newspaper.

Most people know of King Albert's love of literature, but few are aware that some time ago his desire for knowledge prompted him to become a newspaper correspondent.

The royal reporter seriously worked at the profession he adopted. In America he was employed by a Minneapolis newspaper at a salary of \$15 a week.

murder had taken place. He was stopped by a policeman, who demanded his card. The blood-thirsty reporter did not happen to have one, so the representative of the law roughly ordered him off. A rival reporter who noted the incident afterward went up to the policeman and said: "Do you know that man you were speaking to was Albert, Prince of the Belgians?" "Well," answered the unimpaired policeman, "Mr. Prince should have shown his card, for I've never heard of that paper."

In his reporting days King Albert volunteered to write on any subject connected with sports. As an all-around athlete he was especially qualified as an authority on outdoor games. He can box, fence, ride, shoot and swim. There are few subjects on which King Albert could not write a good article. He has a knowledge of metallurgy, mining, shipbuilding, motorcars and aviation.

DEMOCRACY AND SUFFRAGE

There is sterling democracy, says the Springfield Republican, in these sentences from Louis Brandeis' brief declaration of belief in woman suffrage: "As years have passed I have become more and more impressed with the difficulty and complexity of those (economic and political) problems, and also with the power of society to solve them, but I am convinced that for their solution we must look to the many, not to a few. We need all the people, women as well as men. In the democracy which is to solve the problems we must have not a part of society, but the whole."

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW

The feminine devotion to the crocheted needle, though incomprehensible to men, ought to make them happy, seeing it makes the women happy.—Ohio State Journal.

If the institutions of higher education are yet yet emancipated from political influence and control, the people of Texas ought to know it. They certainly desire that no such influence shall restrict their usefulness and progress.—Houston Post.

We believe that the American people have decided—and we trust that this is true of the Administration—that in some way present conditions in Mexico must be ended. It is desirable to be hoped that the Mexican people will get them.—Indianapolis News.

"Mexico remains the weakest point in President Wilson's defensive lines. His Mexican policy has satisfied nobody." No, this isn't from an anti-administration newspaper. It's from the New York World, a political chief for the Government in Washington.—Detroit Free Press.

Confidence in business is stronger today than at any previous time in many months, and the spirit that pervades all classes of tradesmen, manufacturers and bankers is to push things along and make a new record of industrial and commercial activity in the coming months.—Kansas City Star.

It is an occasion for general gratification that the opportunity for 30 days' military drill and instruction at Plattburg has met with such a pronounced response from all parts of the East and that so many well-known men of affairs and leaders in various walks of life are numbered among the "rookies."—Springfield Union.

Illinois leads and other States will follow, and one of these days a poor widow with three children will get as much for certain work as a girl young chap, with only his cigarette, pool and vaudeville expenses to pay. One of these days the discrimination will be routed from private as well as public employment.—Ohio State Journal.

ON THE FERRYBOAT

It's thinking long I am, and my mouth is dry with the heat of it. (Circling over the water, hark how the gulls call!) And the bones in my body are gone to was with the wailing desire of it—The scream of the waves and the gulls on the beaches of Donagall.

It's thinking long I am, and my soul is sick with the heat of it. (Smell it! can you not smell it? the hot coming in from sea?) And I'm limp as a man from the rack with the maddening strain of it—Walking the treadmill here while my house is calling for me.

AMUSEMENTS B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE CHESTNUT AND TWELFTH STREETS The Big Summer Comedy Show! Stanleys NIXON'S GRAND Truadero

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If the reason of life is that life shall reproduce itself, run its short course and then die, then life is a tragedy, and the greater the intelligence the greater the tragedy.

Using Smith as a Red Herring

THOMAS B. SMITH will not be Mayor of Philadelphia. There is no good reason to believe that now he will even be the candidate of any responsible party, or of any important faction of any party. He is to be a Public Service Commissioner, with a good salary to keep him satisfied. He may not be peculiarly fitted for the job, but it is quite certain that he is more fitted for it than he is for the mayoralty.

It may be, of course, that he is unobjectionable to the politicians. But what the people are looking for in a Mayor, not a puppet who can sign that he was loyal to Penrose and fair in his dealings with the Vases. It is no recommendation for a man that he has no enemies among the politicians with whom he is accustomed to associate. A man without enemies is a man without the very qualities most needed in a Mayor.

Smith is a good name with which to keep people guessing. Beyond that—well, not even the Organization dare just now deal in apurious coin.

Victims of Sentimentality

IN THE PUBLIC LEDGER there is appearing a remarkable series of articles depicting conditions in Mexico. The simple facts relate a tragedy, the more tragic because it is revealed that murder was subsidized by our Government, in effect; that the leaders who supported were not patriots, but thieves; that in attempting to penalize a set of political murderers in Mexico City we extended our protection and assistance to a coterie of murderers-for-revenue-only in the provinces, ransackers, rapists, incendiaries and ignorant pirates, who have managed to destroy all government, to wreck industry, and even to corrupt the blood of an entire nation.

Our duty to restore peace in Mexico is greater than ever. It may be that the pacific appeals of the two Americas will have some effect. On the other hand, the madmen in control have been too long unchecked to welcome interference. It will be a miracle if out of the chaos order can be brought without some sort of armed intervention. Even for that the American people are now prepared. They had been told that they were helping Mexicans; they know that sentimentality, as a substitute for statesmanship, was ruining it.

Let There Be Justice

IT IS not incumbent on the women to show that they are entitled to the ballot; it is incumbent on their opponents to show that the women are not entitled to it.

Half of the population has been singled out and branded as incompetent, not after investigation, but as a matter of course. Even an insane man is entitled to a lunacy commission before he is thrown into an asylum. The assumption is that he is sane. He must be proved insane.

When have the women been given such a chance? In New Zealand and some other places, in all of which they have won the verdict. Who is there in Pennsylvania who can prove them incompetent? Not their employers surely, not the sick who have been healed by women physicians, not those who have seen the work of a woman artist at Harrisburg, not those who read daily the work of woman authors.

Let there be justice in Pennsylvania.

Put Experts on the Trail

THE retirement of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company from business has begun. Patriotic citizens may wonder why the company, in view of the almost certain and soon repeal of the seamen's bill, does not hang on and pocket its losses during the intervening months; but that is not the way of business. Capital and men enter business to make money. If they are prohibited by the Government from so doing, the sensible thing seems to be to quit. Abnormal conditions on the Atlantic make possible operations of ships under the American flag in spite of the seamen's law, but the Pacific is not the Atlantic.

J. J. Hill points out that "a man who would tie his child hand and foot and then go to a doctor for some remedy that would enable it still bound, to run and play like other children, would be thought a subject for the alienist." Yet that is the course Congress has pursued in relation to the marines. Fortunately public opinion is practically unanimous in favor of repeal.

But with the repeal the marine will be no better off than it was a year ago. Nor is there any bright hope of a constructive program of rehabilitation. The press is filled up with the recommendations of amateur experts, jaundiced by who know no more than Congressmen about the problem, men who recommend amendments quite as foolish and futile as any yet brought forward in Congress. To expect therefore, of Congress action and methods any more intelligent

A convict at Sing Sing has started a goat ranch on the grounds near the prison. His own goat, having been captured by the law, is not in the collection.

After a little experience with a shower attachment one can readily believe the rumor that a bathtub company has gone into the manufacture of war material.

The German Liberals are leading the fight for annexing Belgium and part of France as a preliminary to peace. Liberal isn't the word. Generous hardly does them justice.