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RENT AND WAGES

THE news columns vesterday the real als of the rent controversy and the arch injustice which circumstances conire to inflict on many families were re-M. T. Townsend, superintendent the Federal employment bureau in this y, told of the wages of shipyard work who, by working overtime, can earn ich as \$25 a day if they are especially

At the same hour twenty-two families in little street uptown banded for self-protion against their landlord and refused meet an increase in their rent. They ere textile workers. They have not beneby war wages.

e landlords have been tempted to couge by reports of high wages in many stries as much as by increased taxes nd cost of upkeep. Other house owners re moved to follow their example. The act that their tenants have had no wage creases adequate to make the added burtolerable is not considered.

btless there are a minority of skilled ers who can meet rent increases withthe least hardship. The majority cant. The time seems to have arrived, ore, when the rent administrator Admiral Bowles has suggested should appointed and given all the power he

Down among the Kaisers, hear that ful sound.

QUENTIN ROOSEVELT

death of Quentin Roosevelt in ection in the air attracts attention beof the accident of his birth. He was son of a former President of the United He has been more or less in the blic eye from the time when as a lively ster the Washington correspondents to find him interesting to write about. all feel as if we knew him and receive report of his death with the same kind egret that would be felt at the news a neighbor's son had fallen.

youth entered the service as a priand by sheer merit he rose to the of lleutenant in the aviation corps. many other youthes not so widely n have done His career was a brilican army. Its ranks are filled with from all stations, and in the siftingprocess by which officers are selected al position and ancestry are ignored. man who makes good is promoted bese of his inherent qualities.

The nation will sympathize with Colonel becevelt in his bereavement even though thow he had discounted its possibility his sons entered the army. He said at if we had war he stood to lose as as any one, for all his sons would ly fight. They are all in the army his son-in-law of military age is also ing in uniform. No family has given could be the first to insist that he deserves higher praise than should be given to most obscure father who has begotter as ready to make sacrifices for their

many's new national hymn will have written in funeral-march tempo.

THE DRIVE

E German spirit was whipped and gged along the latest drive which ad the armies of the Mad Emperor to on, slaughter and defeat. The fight not done. But it is plain that the embitious plans yet made by the an commanders are in ruins. Dazag tactics on the Allied side, the insed power of resistance which America contributed and some of the most at fighting of the war foiled a move which Germany hoped to obtain the and political benefits likely to atan advance over a considerable area a victory over the Americans.

osly Germany planned a supreme There is little that Germany can er a failure of the dimensions now reported from the Marne battle-It is possible that Germany has the last drive of her history. The rive will probably be in the other

ericans are putting the "off" in

ROSITY THAT SHOULD BE CONTAGIOUS

intagion of a good example doe ways spread as far as it should. the matter of bequests to univer example. The University of in is suffering for lack of

indowment. ad of the will of the late John of New York, without being th the germ of a similar beut we hope not. Mr. Sterling to Tale. This is twice as er own University has asked

THE PLEASURE OF THE MAYOR' He Finds it in Rewarding the Friends of His Friends and Punishing Those Who Object

THE act creating the Board of Recreation provides that the members of the board "may be removed by the Mayor at his pleasure." We gather from the attendant circumstances that nothing which the Mayor

has done since he entered office has given him greater joy than the exercise of the power conferred on him by this act. He has summarily asked two members of the board to resign. To the third, a lady, he wrote apologetically explaining

that he wanted her place because "it must be apparent to you that if the board as a whole is to be a success its members should be in sympathy and friendship with the power that appoints them."

The heinous offense of the members who have been ousted is that they are unwilling to take care of the friends of the friends of the Mayor. Senator Vare's secretary must be provided for. When the superintendent of the recreation centers resigned to enter the service of the national Government an opportunity was seen to give the man a job that carries a salary of \$3000 a year. The Civil Service Commission arranged for an examination of candidates, against the protest of the Board of Recreation, which had filled the place by a temporary appointment.

The board wished the examination to be postponed till the autumn, when the attendance of experienced men could be expected. The commission insisted on holding the examination at once, and sent out notices fixing a date and announcing that applicants must have had experience in supervising recreational work. A few days later it sent out new notices omitting the demand for experience. Then several candidates appeared, and Mr. Vare's secretary was the only one which the commission found qualified. He passed with a percentage of .71, just barely enough to get through. He was the only man certified to the recreation board as eligible. It is customary, however, for the commission to submit the names of at least three eligibles for important positions, in order that there may be some pretense of selection on a basis of merit and fitness, regardless of

Now, because the Recreation Board has asked that a new examination be held, in order that "a legal list of eligibles" may be secured, the Mayor takes "pleasure' in ousting the three persons who have been more loyal to the city than to the obligations for "sympathy and friendship with the power that appoints them."

It was Tammany Congressman "Tim" Campbell who told President Cleveland that the Constitution should not stand in the way when a question of doing a favor to a friend was involved. But the country laughed at him. "Tom" Smith puts into actual practice the principle which "Tim" Campbell urged upon the President, and frankly sets it forth as the reason for his conduct.

The Vare secretary must have a \$3000 job because of friendship. Who cares what becomes of the recreation centers? What do the Civil Service Commissioners care about standing for the principles of the merit system when friends of the man who appoints them want to find a place for a friend? What does the city care when it is treated to such an exhibition of the theory on which it is governed? These are pertinent questions that ought

to be answered.

The law says the Mayor may act "at his pleasure." If it gives him joy to reward his friends, he has legal justification. No one will be so presumptuous as to suggest that the power of removal was conferred in order to enable the Mayor to get rid of dishonest or inefficient members of the recreation board. It is there to be exercised "at pleasure." We elected Mr. Smith to his high office knowing all about him. If this is the kind of thing for which the city voted it is getting the kind of thing which it wanted. We are having a government not of laws but of men. We are reveling in an orgy of political favoritism, which extends from the Police Department in all directions. And yet our rulers, with their tongues in their cheeks, are talking about taking the police out of politics, while they use all their powers to force political appointees into the management of

the playgrounds for children. The Mayor takes his pleasure where he can find it, and the rest of us are supposed to look on with appreciation at his enjoyment of the high privileges of his position.

Atlantic City's police believe that when comes to bathing suits even conservation nay be carried too far.

MISGUIDED PATRIOTISM

NOTHING but praise should be meted out to the miners and mine workers in the anthracite region for their splendid patriotic spirit. They are eager to fight to defeat Germany. They object to being put in the deferred classes in the list of drafted men. In some cases they leave the mines and engage in other work for a time and then enlist. Twelve hundred miners are said to be in France already, wearing the uniform.

This is the kind of spirit that wins a

But it is unfortunately misguided. The war cannot be won if the men abandon the mines. Every time a blast is fired in vein of coal victory is so much nearer. Every shovel of coal lifted on to a truck in the mine galleries is equal to a hand renade thrown over the trench top. Every ime a loaded truck is hoisted up the shaft has the effect of a volley from a hidden achine gun.

We can't win the war without coal. But there seems to be hesitation in Vashington about giving the necessary refer to too the miners in the mines.

The operators were told in Wilkes-Barre that the draft boards had the power to keep the miners out of the army, but when they asked that a written order to that effect be produced the representative of the Provost Marshal General shifted the responsibility from Washington upon the

local boards. It is about time that Washington assumed the responsibility which belongs to it and applied the selective principle rigidly in the coal regions regardless of any feared complications in other industries; and it is about time that a deliberate and organized campaign was begun to impress on the mine workers the importance of their work. They are men of intelligence as well as patriotism. They are amenable to reason. They can be convinced that they are doing more good where they are than they could possibly do in France. If something is not done at once we shall have a coal famine next winter worse than last winter's.

When the war is over and the Kaiser's six stalwart sons are looking around for jobs on an efficiency basis they will find their chances far better at a bone works, sausage factory or concrete mixer than in the intelligence department.

THE UMBRELLA IN WAR

DECAUSE one of the new yeogirls was seen to powder her nose adroitly at an outside mirror on Chestnut street, and because she was seen later carrying an umbrella in a shower, somebody flew wailing into print to ask what the navy is coming to. Some people pass through this life without understanding the simplest of elemental motives.

A shiny nose is an affliction that no girl could endure even in the hell of battle. Because a girl enlists and is ready to die for her country she should not be asked to walk about before the world with her beauty marred. There are worse things than death. And what is the use of powder on one's nose if one is to let the

Burian says the war is senseless and purposeless. If only Austria had been in that frame of mind four years ago today!

THE FLAG WENT BACK

"We regret being unable on this occasion to follow the counsels of our masters, the French. But the American flag has been forced to retire. This is unendurable, and none of our soldiers would understand their not being asked to do whatever is necessary to re-establish a situation which is humiliating to us and unacceptable to our country's honor. We are going to counter-attack."

DRIDE is an essential of morality. It exalts men and maintains their purposes at levels higher than anything dictated by the frank self-interest and the bread-andbeer philosophies of your modern liberal. The subtleties of the superb dispatch quoted above, written by an unnamed American commander immediately before the brilliant American counter-attack on the Marne, were not lost on the members of the French staff to whom it was sent. In "the French, our masters," was the implication of stately deference to the ranking officers and the place that they have won through travail. And in the next line flamed the white pride of a nation that. even in the thick of military actions which swing back and forward with the force of the sea's own tides, could not bear to see its flag momentarily displaced. "None of our soldiers would understand -...

There are Oriental nations which still feel that they alone know how to be austerely proud and how to feel that life tself is a small thing where honor is concerned. They might properly take that message written in the thick of battle and put it in text books for their children.

The French officers had merely suggested an hour's rest for the American troops

Why not use the offi-Hot-Air Production cial bulletin output of the committee on public information to relieve the fuel shortage?

The true Christian is he who hits his knee Via Crucis an agonizing crack against the edge of the desk and only cries "O boche!"

Mother Goose must have been demented. Else how could she ever have considered old King Coal "a merry old soul"?

The day is not far An Early Substitute distant when Germany's ersatz experts will have to convert the watch on the Rhine into an American alarm clock.

> Withelm had some can Like Biting non fuel. Shipped it to Jaul Persimmons gonne: Ach, he said, but war is cruel-See, they are all gone!

At least where Kins Not on Alcohol is concerned Speaking Terms King Coal doesn't agree with Kaiser Karl's opinion that "kings must stick to-

The papers continue to regale us with accounts of "unique marriages, conducted by telegraph or cable. Our idea of a "unique" marriage would be if the husband continued to consort with his bachelor friends, just as though nothing had happened.

When we saw that covey of battleplanes swooping over Chestnut street yesterday we were glad they weren't dropping any "eggs." Perhaps before Christmas some of those same planes will be plastering a little stuff upon German ammunition dumps.

Chancellor Hertling regards Belgium as a pawn, but he has yet to learn that the Allies will not accept a German "scrap of paper" as a pawn ticket in redeeming it.

The British Ambassador

What is striking in the Reading face to Washipgton eyes is the ambassador's resemblence to Mr. McAdoo. There is the same eagle look, not merely in the angle of the nose, but in the depressions under the eyes. It is possible they are natural; often they argue concentration over long hours. But Lord Reading differs in that his eyebrows have a higher arch, over eyes that are not as clear a blue as those of the Secretary of the Treasury, but with much the same clarity of expression, if possibly less intense. New

RUBBER HEELS

Safety Matches MATCH after match I struck— Held them vertical, mothered them, Watched them spit, glow, flutter,

And firele out. I swore at Sweden, and tried again. Soon the floor was strewn with the puny

sticks. Barely singed. The fraudulent little brimstone heads burning off

With no more flame in them than a fireless And I was ankle-deep in match stalks, Enough to build me a raft to ferry The red rivers of hell that yearned for me

As I raved and swore. Match after match I struck. Hoping that each would be an honest

thing. Not merely an "impregnated safety match" Turned out in millions by Some Swedish bolshevik.

I threw the empty box on the floor, The flimsy little box with its drawer pasted together

With blue tissue, And its sodden flaky brown pasts for scratching. Perhaps all those tandstickors had been Sunk by a U-boat on the way over

From Sweden, And then fished up again; Or they were made by lean knock-kneed pro-Germans with Red elbows and soup-clotted mustaches-Anyway, I went out and found

A decent native match-Strikes anywhere-And I chafed it where my trousers fit tightest. And with a proud heart I watched the little

black streaks Run up the edges of the stalk, And the soft wood shrivel and wither, And the flame burn in a clear pink triangle, Fraved at the top like an old coat sleeve-And I lit my pipe! I noticed, as the flame leaped in front of

my nose, That it (the flame) burned clear red at the peak.

Almost white in the heart, And clean blue where it blossomed from the wood. I said to myself The right colors by heaven-

DOVE DULCET.

It looks as though the Kaiser's effort to start skip-stop traffic along the Marne had failed. Stops will be made at Chateau-Thierry as usual.

The stuff of triumph is in that match!

A correspondent in Russia laments the tendency of the soviets to multiply. He says that no cross-roads is happy until it has established its own soviet. Or, to parody the old rhyme. Big soviets have little ones

Upon their backs to bite 'em; The little ones have lesser ones. And so ad infinitum.

Some of the landlords in this city seem

to believe in bolshevicting their tenants. Arise Ye Dead! MIRACLE day of the dead!
Out of your deep trench bed!

For the terror of death hath fled-Debout les morts! THIS is no time for sleep, I Nor trysts with worms to keep

THIS is no time to die! Death is the Huns' ally, Who in putrefactions spy-Debout, les morts!

Nor into heaven to creep-

Debout, les morts!

TET earth her old pod break And out of their slumbers shake Those who their siestas take-Debout, les morts!

FOR France, that we all adore. For Liberty and the Tri-Color; Dead heroes, Encore! Encore!-Debout, les morts! Debout les morte! BENJAMIN DE CASSERES.

too tight.

So far as we know, the only time th Crown Prince has got into the casualty lists was when he had a bad attack of numbed fingers from wearing his uniform

They Do Tatting Instead About once a week some one writes t ask us if the veogirls tattoo themselves

Battle Hymn of the Yeowomen Fifteen yeogirls, mostly beauts, Yo ho ho, and luff, girls, luff. See the officers take salutes-Yo ho ho, and a powder puff.

We have no information.

- It Sounds Better Hertling says Germany is ready to evacua

> Evacuate Is a word we hate: We prefer the shout of Get the - out of.

It is easy to talk about helping the Bol shevik regime in Russia, but Lenine's an swer to troops and supplies landed on the Murman coast is a threat to sever relations with the Allies. Really it seems too bad about Lenin:

He spills every inkwell he puts his pen in SOCRATES. The Colonel Would Bite 'Em

Captain Archie Roosevelt was given a se-sounding kiss on each cheek by the French officer who decorated him. We would like a snapshot of any official who would try kiss Archie's father.—Minneapolis Tribune. War Saving

While conserving, why not leave out the "a" in "cocoanut?" Portland Oregonian.

Proof Positive Those war profits figures sent to the Sen-ate by the Federal Trade Commission con-firm our suspicions that we have been pay-ing for something we didn't get.—New Or-

. The New Version It's about time the weather took a change. We were just going to remark that it wasn't so much the heat as it was the frigidity.— Syracuse Herald.

Back to the Land Now is the time for the political candidate the beasts that he was born on a farm to neve it by point to the berfeld and foling a

Readers Give Their Views Upon Two Subjects of Recent Editorial Discussion

GOOD ROADS AND BAD GERMANS

How the Grange Wants Roads to Be Built | to stand for such a system and then borrow To the Editor of the Evening Public Leager: Sir-In your issue of July 9 you published an editorial on the subject of bonds for roads in which you credit the State Grange with

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defeating the amendment to the State Constitution five years ago, when the \$50,000,000 bond issue was submitted to the vote of the people. It is true that the grange was one of the organizations in the State that fought that issue as hard as possible, but the reason that you give for the fight against bonds in this State was not the reason why the grange

reason that we will do our utmost to defeat the amendment at the coming election. It is true that a central department can not build roads economically, even if honestly administered. The Highway Department should be reorganized into an advisory department, the same as our State Department of Education is. The thing that will use the money for roads economically is to lay down specifications for roads of different kinds and then let the appropriation be graduated and paid only if the road comes up to that specification. The townships are striving for good high schools because they know that if they do not run the school up to the standard set by the State they will get the appropriation only in proportion the grade they attain. It should be of no interest to the State by what method or by what people the foad is built so long as it comes up to the standard that is established

as desirable. The great and abiding reason for the opposition that was developed five years ago, and which is as potent today as then, is that there are billions of dollars worth of valuable property in Pennsylvania that is not paying its share of taxes, and it is that class of property that will be relieved all the more if bonds are used to pay for public improvements. Years ago we exempted manufacturing from taxation on their capital stock and have thus shifted taxes that should have been paid by such organizations as the Standard Oil. Steel companies, power companies, express companies and even laundries got under the manufacturing exemption. Newspapers claimed exemption on their presses, though they would no doubt deny the charge that their news was manufactured. This exemption has grown to be a terrible and inexcusable abuse, and if that exemption were done away with and a moderate tax laid upon those classes of property that are not paying their share there would be ample money to pay for all the public improvements that we need in this generation without adopting the cowardly expedient of laying

debts on unborn children. You evidently do not understand our tax system when you talk of real estate paying these bonds. The State does not get its money from the taxing of real estate, but from personal and corporate property in the main, and the way we who have our money in our homes are directly interested in the subject is that we have found that when the taxes laid on personal and corporate property do not furnish enough money to meet the need of the State the Legislatures. instead of levying more tax on these classes of property that pay the State taxes. shift things that were formerly paid for out of State funds on the countles and local people and thus make them pay a part of the State tax. The homes of Pennsylvanis are paying on an average nearly mills on the dollar in taxes and p corporate property is paring a

money to further relieve those who now are escaping with the payment of so small a part of the burden of government.

LUXURIOUS BUT UNSEASONABLE

You make another desperate mistake when you assume that those who are opposed to this amendment for a bond issue are opposed to good roads. You forget that we have no system of roads in Pennsylvania, except a boulevard system that covers less than 10 per cent of the roads. In these days of motor traffic that will not do. The people of the State in the conduct of their business do not want to go simply from town to town but if we are to have good roads we must get a system that means that a road shall be made good through its entire length, with extra work upon the parts that carry the

heavlest travel. We have insisted on a patrol drag system of dirt roads for the whole State. We can have good roads then over all the State in a year's time and no bonds necessary. Then follow that with making the places of greatest travel of stone or other hard material. and thus with a patrol system of upkeep in operation we can have good roads while we are getting better ones, and we country people who use trucks and autos largely, as well as teams, will insist that our road system be developed for business and not pleasure. We all want good roads and we think we have presented the best way to get them, and as an officer of the organisation that you have accused and appealed to I trust to your sense of fairnesst to give this reply the same prominence that you gave to your argument. JOHN A. McSPARRAN,

Master State Grange.

Furniss, Pa. July 14. [Mr. McSparran misread the editorial in question if he thinks it charged the grange with opposition to good roads.—Editor of the Evening Public Ledger.]

The Boche Outlaws

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-Editorials such as "Handing It to the Germans," which appeared in your paper on July 14, are needed. Germany is not yet whipped, but as sure as there is a just God

We are prone, and rightly so under ordipary circumstances, to show leniency and decency to the vanguished, but now we are pitted aganist the most brutal, degraded, dis gusting, unfair and contemptible human force that history records or ever can equal. "Vengeance is Mine," saith the Lord, and "Vengeance is Mine." saith the Lord, and Germany and all the German people submitting to the German system should be seared with vengeance such as will leave indelibly impressed upon them for generations to come the same forms of pain, misery and sorrow that they have been instrumental in inflicting upon others. This is not the "Christian spirit," but that cannot be appreciated by a so-called civilized people that sanction polson gas, crucifixion, mutilation and war in its most horrible form against defenseless old men, women and children and other more terrible things which the ordinary human being shrinks to even think of, let human being shrinks to even think of,

human being shrinks to even think of, let alone mention.

Do not compare them with beasts. It is unjust to the beasts, for it cannot be proved that any creature, except those of the German military creature, inflicts torture for the avowed purpose of creating misery, and that is well known to be a fundamental part of the German military creed.

C. F. W. Philadelphia, July 17.

Monopolies Germany May Keep

THE ENEMY

WE WERE so certain, a few years ago, There was no evil, only lack of good. Now we are not so sure of what we know There is a thing we have not understood, That even now we cannot understand. We have seen deeds that could not have

been planned By any human brain. Strange fantasies of pain. . . . And they were not wild savages who

wrought These horrors on mankind, Nor haggard zealots, to life's beauty blind, Nor the dark growths of centuries un-

taught. What Apollyon's mind Could bring to such incalculable wreck The spirit of a kindly, simple mind Whose life in peace and honesty began.

Happy in simple pleasures, flowers and song, Whose toll was spent For thrifty comfort and well-earned content.

A man who wears today about his neck A locket with his children's pictured faces, While he . . . / In all the places,

He and his brothers have left desolate There is no ruin so great as this. A shrine Holler than Rheims—a soul—is desecrate; The filth of lust, the poison-gas of hate-What devil set them in the place divine? Here is the cause in which our all we

spend. Though to our grief we rend The fiesh and blood the Enemy drives before

To shield him, as the Belgians' bullets tore Through their own kin to check the advancing foe; Not against flesh and blood do we con-

Against invisible and awful powers

The battle that is ours,

The rulers of the darkness, and the might Of evil in high places. God, send light Upon our spirits-make us brave and wise. Give us throughout Thy hard-pressed world to know

The Enemy, whatever his disguise-And knowing thus, to fight. -Amelia Josephine Burr, in "The Silver Trumpet."

No Christian Significance The Turks accused of sacking hospitals may accept the Iron Cross without embar-rassment.—Washington Star.

What Do You Know?

QUIZ What is the capital of Colorado! Where is the Yesemite Valley? When and where was Washington

number?

What is meant by the abbreviation C. E.?

What are the colors of Columbia University?

What is a neemier?

Who was Guner Khayyam?

Who is the new Premier of Bulgaria?

Who said: "The more I knew of mankind, the less I capect from them, and I am yearly new to call a man a good, man change forms than I was formerly."

10. Which is the Oriole State?

Answers to Yesterday's Quis

The colors of Princeton University are erange 2, Alexander Dumas, the elder, wrote "The

Count of Monte Crists."

3. Madrid to the oppital of Spain.

4. Vonice is called "The Surem of the Adriatio," from its position on that see and its historic and artistic distinction.

1. Bars from "The Star Spanniod Banner" are interested in the erare of "Madame Butterdy." by Giacome Tuccial.

2. A costor: In Bagiand a hawher of fruit, formore or vegolables. A shartened form of case interested.

1. Robert Lancing of New York to Secret a. The Description of the Marie of

Had be party