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BACK HOME

CONGRESS has been in almost continuous session for two years. Senators and Representatives have had little time to get in touch with the sentiment of the plain people whom they are supposed to have represented since we entered the war and assumed the burdens of civilization in the field and at the peace table.

SURETY FOR SHOPPERS

IT HAS been said of a certain Philadelphia dealer in food products that his gibberish in proclaiming "eight eights are eighty-eight, take it along for sixty-four," blazed his path to fortune. His success seems to have begotten imitators, who, according to Max Mayer, chief of the Bureau of Weights and Measures, are not only shrewd multipliers, but also finished artists in the manipulation of scales.

THE DUET FOR JUSTICE

THE happiest division of the empire of argument was achieved by Mr. Wilson and Mr. Taft in the unique joint meeting held in New York in support of the league of nations. The President's self-selected duet was the heart. He touched it with simple and direct sincerity, reducing his appeal to fundamentals and presenting the issue as one of peace or war.

other nations, it shall seem that no effective treaty of peace can be concluded except with a league of nations in substance like that now proposed, as a condition precedent to the proper operation and effectiveness of the peace treaty.

IT SHOULD BE EASY TO GET WHAT EVERYBODY WANTS

The Organization and the Citizens Committee seem to agree on the need of taking Police and Firemen Out of Politics. WE ASSUME that the General Assembly before passing any charter amendments will consider on their merits all the suggestions that have been made or that will be made.

A SANE BASIS FOR STATE-AIDED CHARITIES

IT IS hard to see how any argument not grounded in zeal for special privilege can be advanced against the proposed plan to place state aid for private charities on a uniform and equitable basis. Governor Sprout is already committed to this reform, to which a bill introduced at Harrisburg yesterday will, if passed, give legal sanction.

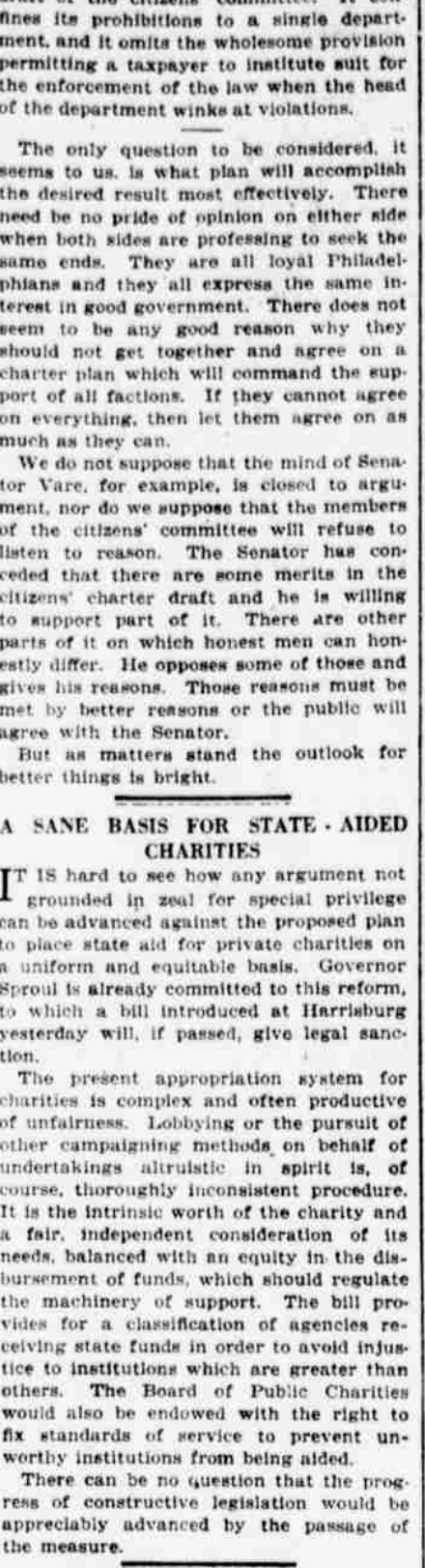
WANTED: AN ANTIDOTE

THE row between Governor Edge, of New Jersey, and Governor Cox, of Ohio, at the labor conference in Washington, started when one Governor irritated the political sensibilities of another. If the Governors did anything in Washington to help the jobless, to facilitate industrial readjustment or to inspire a general conscientious effort for sanely directed reconstruction, it isn't on record.

THE GOWNSMAN

The Carnegie Foundation Plan SOME dozen or more years ago Mr. Andrew Carnegie, looking about for a useful and helpful means of bestowing some of the abundance of his wealth where it might do the most good, discovered that the men who teach in colleges are inadequately paid, however you choose to look at it; but that if you take into consideration the pecuniary demands made upon such teachers as a class by reason of their standing and position, they may be declared almost the most unfortunate of wage-earners.

EVERYBODY'S DOING IT



THE CHAFFING DISH

SOMEBODY'S STENOGRAPHER tells us that some Senators do their thinking by the touch system. When they are deciding what to do with that poor old German navy, don't forget that the Gloucester ferry could do with some new boats.

THE NAVY

SAID the wireless spark to the atmosphere: "I am the navy's listening ear. I hear the call of the sinking ship. And the silver horn at the Triton's lip. And the aerial voices faint and far, and the sirens sounding beyond the bar, and the coming storm with its rush and roar, and breakers pounding a rocky shore."

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

- 1. Of what state is Little Rock the capital?
2. In what year was Edith Cavell executed by the Germans?
3. Who was the commander of the American fleet in European waters during the war?
4. When does the vernal equinox begin?
5. Who won the Nobel peace prize in 1917, the last year it was awarded?
6. Who wrote the short poem, "To Lucretia on Going to the Wars"?
7. On what date does Palm Sunday occur this year?
8. When was Benjamin Franklin born?
9. Who was Maarten Martens?
10. How many Presidents of the United States served more than one term?

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S QUIZ

- 1. A bicameral system in government is one in which the legislative power is in the hands of two houses.
2. Miniver is a kind of fur used in a ceremonial costume.
3. Chevalier Boyard, the French soldier without fear and without reproach, was born in 1477 and died in 1534.
4. The real name of Joann Miller, the American poet, was Cincinnati Miller.
5. Winston Churchill is Secretary of State for War in the British cabinet.
6. A Eurasian is a person of mixed Asiatic and European parentage.
7. Homer S. Cummings is the new chairman of the Democratic National Committee.
8. Ireland is divided into the provinces of Munster, Leinster, Ulster and Connaught.
9. An all-blue weather flag indicates rain or snow.
10. A popper is a burrowing American rodent that burrows to the south.

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OBVIOUSLY

OBVIOUSLY, with the state colleges all included, with no denominational colleges except our consistent Roman Catholics and Quakers to exclude, and with few colleges of sound enough financial pride to provide for their own, the Carnegie Foundation, with all its millions, now finds itself unable to look forward to the complete fulfillment of these provisions of a dozen years ago. It therefore proposes, "after a careful actuarial analysis of the problem," to keep its obligations to those who are the nearest expectants of its promised benefits, to abate somewhat the amount of the pensions according to those who will be prepared to scale, and to found with the remainder of the fund a Teachers' Insurance and Annuity Association to furnish younger members of the profession the kind of protection which they need.

SHOULD

SHOULD the foundation have made provisions which it cannot now keep? Should the foundation run an insurance company? Is compulsory insurance justifiable in the case of teachers? Should such a company, if founded, be run by teachers themselves, or are existing, established companies sufficient to handle the matter? These are some of the questions which agitate the moment and which the Gownsmen leaves to such as believe themselves to be expert.

SELF-DENIAL

What are you going to deny yourself during Lent? A great many have decided to mortify themselves by doing without the Senate. And we wonder how many of the thirty-seven varieties of filibusters will deny themselves the pleasure of reading Mr. Lusk's unassailable address?

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