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MR. BECK AND OTHERS IT IS being pretty clearly demonstrated by the canvass in Philadelphia that men and women who labor are overwhelmingly in sympathy with the league of nations plan.

MAKE THE CAMPAIGN JOYOUS THE local campaign committee of the Victory Loan has adopted an admirable slogan in "Smile and pay the bill."

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the purpose of the broad new thoroughfare leading to Fairmount Park, but the title is flatly conventional and devoid of commemorative appeal.

There is much virtue in a fitting name. The "Moonlight Sonata" and the "Patheque Symphony" have undoubtedly both profited in popularity because they were familiarly known by such labels rather than merely as "opus so-and-so."

EDUCATIONAL FADDISTS AND STANDPATTERS BARRED Governor Sproul is Expected to Appoint a Broad-Minded, All-Around Man as Successor to Doctor Schaeffer

THE cause of education in this state will be advanced or set back by action taken in Harrisburg this winter.

THE General Assembly has been asked to increase the appropriation for teachers' salaries in order that a living wage may be paid.

TOLL THE BELLS FOR BAILEY THERE is no political party in the world suited to Uncle Joe Bailey, of Texas, who has fared forth into a spiritual no man's land after publicly renouncing the Democratic brethren who were accustomed to send him to the United States Senate.

INCREASING DIVORCE DIVORCE records in the United States, when studied in comparison with those of other countries, have always been startling.

THE new Superintendent of Public Instruction should be neither a faddist nor an educational standpatter, but a broad-minded man in sympathy with the whole circle of educational methods and qualified to decide how far each method should be carried in order that the young people of the state may be prepared for the duties of citizenship.

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high education and are imbued with appreciation as well as knowledge of American ideals.

The industrial and vocational aspects of education are also receiving much attention here; but in order to save waste of money and the precious time of the young the state needs intelligent leadership and guidance, the sort of guidance that will not permit the sacrifice of the ultimate interests of the boys and girls to the immediate advantage of being able to earn fair wages at a job for which the vocational schools have prepared them.

The kind of a man whom all interested in the progress of education are hoping the Governor will appoint as Superintendent of Public Instruction is one big enough and broad enough to aid the whole state in all these four phases of the problem and with sufficient constructive ability to plan an educational administration sufficiently equipped with ideals, with men and with money to influence every part of the commonwealth so that the coming generation may be better equipped for living a rich, full and useful life than the preceding generation.

Even though the General Assembly should refuse to provide the money for the increase in teachers' pay, it is within the power of the Governor to appoint as superintendent a man with imagination and inspiration enough to convince the teachers that they are doing patriotic service and hold them to their jobs with a new spirit until such time as financial justice can be done to them.

EVERYBODY will admit that the Democratic party is a pretty good party to get out of. It shines only by the reflected glory of one man. Its errors of judgment and administration in various parts of the country have been such that even Mr. Wilson's extraordinary appeal was inadequate to save it at the last elections. But Uncle Joe has not quit the Democracy because of its sins of omission. He has gone into exile as a man about a party chiefly because the Democrats have been favoring suffrage and prohibition.

In what place can Mr. Bailey find comfort and sympathy? Governments and peoples everywhere are now facing an accumulation of the errors piled up by wrong-thinking generations and by political parties that were stiff-necked and narrow-minded enough to seem ideal to Uncle Joe.

The average statesman is trying hard to catch up with the times.

But this distinguished Texas politician has other notions. Because he distrusts new things he would have progress and progressive thinking cease. Occasionally it seems that there are many like him among the Democrats. The Republican party has among its leaders some men equally backward-minded. But the Republican party manifests a healthy independence and an ability to transcend its leaders when they are in error. This is a trait unknown to the party that formerly sheltered Mr. Bailey, of Texas.

THE general elasticity of the divorce laws in the United States and the fashionable craving for "independence" doubtless are to blame. Divorce in this country has been the cause of a great deal of worry in the past. And it seems destined to cost moralists and judges and lawmakers some more sleep in the future.

A Misplaced Aria "Andiamo" (let's go) is such a familiar operatic cry that it may have inspired the music-loving Italians at the Peace Conference to forget where they were. Nevertheless the Quai d'Orsay is not La Scala, and Signor Orlando would do well to comprehend that the great show he is engaged in is not mummery, but real life.

Will They Never Learn? The advent of spring yesterday and the approach of the planting season remind us that they are sowing for great harvests at the Paris Conference. And that makes it all the more regrettable to find some statesmen still deluded with the belief that a decent crop may be wrung from wild oats.

Miraculous Yet Disquieting If the new wireless and portable telephone becomes universalized not only is the service likely to be "busy," not to say impertinent, but busybodies will be favored far beyond their most inquisitive dreams. Perhaps after all inventor Macfarlane should be thanked with reservations.

In Days to Come These are lively times. But the future will hold even wilder thrills. Fancy, for example, the job of the man whose duty it will be to pursue and arrest joy riders in airplanes.

A Poker Peace Somebody is always bluffing at the Peace Conference. And somebody is always being called.

CONGRESSMAN MOORE'S LETTER

Charter Revisers Seeking Information in Washington—Women Can't Get Passports to Europe

Washington, March 22. Publicity of the Philadelphia charter committee, is searching Washington for methods to present the case of the committee to the people of Philadelphia. He is "some booster," as the boosters would say. So is Brother Winston, chairman of the general committee. He is fairly well known here through his publications. Richard L. Austin, the treasurer, has to do with the capital through the Federal Reserve Board, and Thomas Raeburn White, chairman of the subcommittee on charter, and Ernest L. Tustin, director of the speakers' bureau, occasionally visit Washington to represent Philadelphia interests. Arthur H. Lea, chairman of the committee on finance, has gone into the record several times in protest against certain governmental ownership propositions, but in favor of the daylight-saving law, in which he had an abiding faith.

IT IS not very complimentary to our distinguished Postmaster General, but many of the discharged soldiers in the United States hesitate about forwarding their discharge papers to Washington to obtain the \$60 bonus authorized by the revenue law. Some of the boys, after their experience abroad, fear to trust to the mails the original certificate which establishes their army record and from which some of them would not part for a hundred times \$60. One suggestion that might tend to relieve the situation is the setting up of distributing offices in the various states. Congress would probably have to deal with that question.

THE wives of soldiers in Europe are naturally anxious about their husbands, and the demands for passports have been enormous. Both the War and State Departments, however, have set their faces against women going to Europe at the present time. Ordinary applications from persons who merely desire to tour Europe or to see the sights are turned down at once. In some instances it has seemed desirable that women be permitted to visit their husbands who were wounded or to visit the graves of those who are dead, but the War Department has been obliged to decline permission even in such cases. It now develops that the government is not only following its own inclinations in this matter, but that it has received expressions from both the French and British Governments of their desire that the present policy be pursued.

OUR old friend, Charles H. Sayre, tells us that the Young Republicans of Philadelphia have moved into new quarters and that the club will be put on a more active basis than heretofore. One of the schemes now under consideration is to have public men discuss public questions at the club. In view of the misleading information which propagandists are largely responsible for, the Sayre plan may prove a good thing. Hampton L. Carson, who was one of the earlier presidents of the club and who believes in the Constitution, would be a good speaker to start with. Or Governor Stuart, also a former president, could give a line on the operations of the Federal Reserve system, or Abraham M. Dettler could say something about government ownership that would be worth hearing. The old "Young" Republicans are not "dependent upon Washington for talent."

ONE of the few things the Wilson administration did during the war was to create a War Risk Insurance Bureau. There was a good deal of opposition to it for a while on the part of those who believed in the old pension system as it is still conducted under the auspices of the Department of the Interior. Both the Department of Commerce and the Department of the Interior would like to have had charge of the new system, but Mr. McAdoo had more influence than the other secretaries and held it for the Treasury Department. It can readily be understood that the Democrats coming from states which maintain homes for Confederate veterans were not any too anxious to continue the Pension Bureau, which provided only for veterans of the Union army. Moreover, the new system, which grew out of a bureau to provide marine insurance and ultimately to protect sailors and others on munition-carrying ships against losses, presented compensation and life insurance features that were much more attractive than pensions. As it has operated up to date the War Risk Bureau has provoked unusual criticism from all parts of the country, but the administration is about to move all the subdivisions of the bureau into one building on the old Hotel Arlington site, and is claiming that fewer complaints will now be in order.

WHILE times have changed since the Continental Congress struggled to keep an army in the field under General Washington and are vastly different as to the treatment of soldiers now and during the Civil War, there are unmistakable signs that the soldier spirit for after-the-war camaraderie is as prevalent now as it was succeeding any of our previous wars. The boys talk of organizing and turning their attention to politics. It is sometimes charged that it is because the rank and file desire to get together in civil life that there is so much delay in the matter of discharges. The high-up officers under the present army system, as it seems to have started in Mexico when we had a small army, and as it was carried on in Europe, where we had approximately 2,000,000 men, are not so popular as were the officers of the Civil War or of those of preceding wars, who fought side by side with the men under their commands. The feeling is that when the boys come back they will begin to talk freely about the system which makes the soldier who enlisted for the period of the war subject, as some contend, to "the will of the officer" now that the war is over. As one sees it from this viewpoint, there will be plenty for old-line politicians to think about when the boys now "over there" are let loose.

YESSIR, SPRING HAS COME!



THE CHAFFING DISH

Greetings, Edgar! EDGAR GUEST, Detroit's most popular poet, is to be in town on Monday, so this seems to us an appropriate time to comply with a request Miss Beattie Graham has made several times, viz., that we reprint our perversion of Ed's best-known poem. This may seem a discourteous gesture toward our honored Guest; but he will be consoled by the thought that only the very best poets are ever parodied. And by the way, it is only fair to say that when we wrote the parody, last December, we didn't know that Ed was the author of the original poem. We were inspired to the feat by the fact that some woman took the well-known verse, altered a word or two, and sold them to Life as her own.

Ed's poem begins thus: Somebody said that it couldn't be done. But he, with a chuckle, replied, That maybe it couldn't, but he would be one.

Who wouldn't say so till he tried. So he buckled right in with a trace of a grin. On his face, if he worried he hid it; He started to sing as he tackled the thing That couldn't be done—and he did it. And here is our own version:

The Truth at Last "SOMEBODY said that it couldn't be done. But he with a chuckle replied That maybe it couldn't, but he would be one. Who wouldn't say so till he tried?— He tackled the job and endeavored his best, Saying 'Fame is for those who pursue it'; The upshot, of course, is much better suppressed: He failed—the poor fish didn't do it!

"SOMEBODY scoffed, 'Oh, you'll never do that. Or, at least no one ever has done it'; But he only laughed while his enemies chaffed, And the first thing they knew, he'd begun it!" He worked like a slave, with unlimited grit, When discouragement came, he'd pooh-pooh it; But, though it gives Orison Marden a fit, The fact is—the Boob didn't do it!

"THOUSANDS will tell you it cannot be done. Thousands will argue, enjoying the fun. The dangers that wait to assail you— Maybe they're right, and this doctrine of pep Is bunkum, you'd better eschew it; When they say it's impossible, ponder your step And do not endeavor to do it!"

Are college students afflicted with bolshevism, too? We note that the undergraduates of the University of South Carolina have petitioned the trustees of that institution to remove their president because they say "he is thoroughly incompetent to preside over chapel exercises. A stiff and stilted manner and the lack of poise make his efforts to maintain order, to say nothing of impressing one with the dignity of the exercises, futile."

If the president of South Carolina University is even half as poiseless as the sentence just quoted, the situation down there must be grievously lacking in aplomb. Then we hear a dreadful rumor that the boys at a nearby Main Line college protest against having to go to Friends' meeting on Thursday. Our own idea is that college boys are getting entirely too uppish. Let them do what they're told, and the dean take the hindmost!

The equinox always has a calming and sedentary effect on human nerves. Even the bitterest opponents of the league of nations are crawlingfish, and it begins to look as though beer might come through the barrage safely.

The best way to find out whether the Kaiser really intends to stay in Amerongen would be to learn whether he has had any stationery engraved with the Bentinck address on it.

Robert Shackleton, of Connecticut, has written a book about Philadelphia in which he says "the average is higher in the good looks of the women than in any other city that I know, whether in Europe or America." Rather clumsily expressed, Robert, but you have the right idea.

The Birdman I breast the wind! I brave the storm! I rise above the cloud! I shame the eagle in his flight! The universe is mine! I gaze upon the puny earth with haughty eyes and proud; I am a very Superman—the rest of men are kine!

The mountain-top! The snowy peak! They lie beneath my plane! The sun in molten glory bathes my craft in golden shade! The placid earth lies sleeping, and I scorn it in disdain; For I am of the chosen, as I pirouette and fade!

The ecstasy of flying! How my pulses run and leap! I nose-dive in a bank of clouds, to reappear and climb! The pure air of the altitudes! I count my pleasure cheap! Mere mortals never know the thrill of racing after Time!

My engine! How it sweetly throbs! I know its purr by heart! Its power-thrust propels us on—my flying craft and I! The birds, outstripped, look on askance; they lose before they start! Ah, blessed was the day when I first bade myself to fly!

ROBERT L. BELLEM. We are a good deal alarmed to hear that Herbert Fisher, now the British Minister of Education, may be coming this way as the new ambassador from Great Britain. We studied under "Hal" Fisher for a while, and if he comes over here with plenipotentiary powers we fear he might be able to extradite us for never having answered some of the questions he asked us in several examinations.

We are still waiting to hear some one protest against the Camden bridge on the ground that it would impair Philadelphia's sovereignty.

Shad—rhubarb pie—putting; the baby to bed by daylight—yes, 'tis spring. SOCRATES. Even Senator Borah should enjoy the "concert of Europe" as Lieutenant Jim directs it.

It should be distinctly understood that when Doctor Laird urges that the Camden bridge be suspended, he is speaking exclusively in the architectural sense.

THE WHITE PEACE

DAWN on the night's horizon—day of the unmailed hand! Thrill of the unspooled ages in the youth of the upturn land! A call from the sacred silence, from smitten soul and soil: "Bow ye in consecration—set ye your hands to toil."

Seven times seventy ages have smitten the earth to pain: Yea, and till seven times seventy the earth has buried her slain; And, scarred with death-filled trenches, and choked with blood of men, Forgiving, has smiled her harvests, and yielded her fruit again.

Tramp of the living heroes, where the warring heroes trod! A million low, white crosses, singing the ancient Word: "Go beat your swords into plowshares! Go forge your tools and live Till Love and Justice conquer—till God and the dead forgive!"

Seven times seventy ages the tale has been the same: Glory of victor and vanquished, honor and grief and shame. But never such grief, so costly, such scenes as souls abhor, And never such glory as ours, naming the Final War!

—Charles Peole Cleaves, in the New York Times. The campaign for two-and-three-quarter per cent beer will be spoiled entirely should its supporters become intoxicated with their success.

What Do You Know?

QUIZ 1. What President of the United States had fourteen children? 2. What is the meaning of this phrase, "The ship had pratique"? 3. What is a dolomite? 4. What is the personal name for a fox? 5. What is the second largest city in Brazil? 6. What is a proa? 7. When was Spain a republic? 8. How many drams make an ounce in avoirdupois? 9. What is the Spanish pronunciation of the word Mexico? 10. Who was in command of the United States fleet in the Mediterranean during the war?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. The government's railway in Alaska, now under construction, is to be 471 miles long. 2. The baptismal name of the Pope is Giacomo della Chiesa. 3. The President, according to the constitution, shall have power to make treaties, provided two-thirds of the Senators concur. 4. Cornwall is the part of England known as the Duchy. 5. Thomas Ken wrote the doxology beginning "Praise God From All Blessings Flow!" 6. Two prehistoric animals allied to the contemporary elephant were the mammoth and the mastodon. 7. W. J. Bryan was Secretary of State from March 4, 1913, to June, 1915. 8. Shakespeare, in "Henry IV," described Julius Caesar as the "hook-nosed fellow of Rome." 9. The word Newfoundland is pronounced by the inhabitants of that island as though spelled "Nu-fund-land," with the accent on the first syllable, but also with considerable stress on the last. 10. The acanthus leaf is represented in the decoration of the capitals of Corinthian columns.