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TEACHING AND BUSINESS

WHETHER the belated admission by the Board of Public Education that graduates of the business courses in the high schools are qualified to enter the Normal School will increase the number of students in that training school for teachers remains to be seen.

Between 800 and 900 students entered the school every year before the wages offered in business became attractive to high school graduates who had thought of teaching. This number is now reduced to about 400.

The graduates of the business courses of the high schools ought to be good material out of which to make teachers in those courses. Perhaps if there had been room for them in the Normal School they would have been admitted long ago.

SENATOR SPOONER'S TRAIT

A HIGH sense of patriotic responsibility was the salient characteristic of the late John Coit Spooner. It was manifest in his sixteen years of senatorial service, each one of which involved, according to Theodore Roosevelt, "a direct financial loss which he could ill afford, and particularly in his activities as the moving spirit of the foreign relations committee.

MOSQUITOES UNDER FIRE

THE most highly organized and deliberately planned anti-mosquito drive ever devised in this state is forecast in the admirably bellicose measure passed by the Senate in Harrisburg this week.

THE NEW POVERTY

IF AS state officials on the far side of the Delaware have been saying, there are no poor in New Jersey, then New Jersey is favored above all other communities in America. What meant, perhaps, is that there is no destitution discernible in places where the state had formerly to extend its aid to the old, the shiftless and the unemployed.

the "fairly prosperous" streamed to the brokers' offices when they dreamed of a share in the golden shower or when they found difficulty in making ends meet.

Stock gambling was never so general in the United States as it has been in the last year. And the sheared lambs out of Wall street, rather than the everyday wage worker, will raise the next cry of hard times.

THIS IS NOT A NATION OF WELCHERS AND QUITTERS

The Sooner the Senate Republican Leadership Learns It the Better for the Country

THE Republicans in the Senate are suffering from a lack of intelligent leadership. They are floundering around after the fashion of the Democrats of a generation ago seeking for some new issue on which they can attack the Democrats.

There are plenty of old issues on which the Republicans have won campaign after campaign. They are still alive, and the principles behind them are part of the fabric of Republican history.

But instead of concentrating their attention and the attention of the nation on the great principles behind the historical Republican policies, the Senate leadership is doing its best to make the honor of the nation in international affairs a party issue.

Mr. Wilson is a Democrat at home, and a perniciously petty Democrat, too, if you will; but in Paris he is the President of the United States, fighting the battles of the United States in the Peace Conference and using his best judgment in attempting to bring about an agreement of the nations on the terms of peace and on plans to make the embodiment of the world by any nation difficult in the future.

There has been no better illustration of the sublime aspiration of the Republican leadership in the Senate than that afforded by the investigation into the charges that "Wall Street" had secured copies of the draft of the peace treaty by illicit means.

Congress was called in session to pass the necessary appropriation bills before the expiration of the fiscal year at the end of this month. The President was denounced for his refusal to call the extraordinary session earlier, and it was said that it would be difficult in the time allowed to do the work which must be done.

But the Senate has not been doing the work it was summoned to do. It has been playing politics. Pages after page of the Congressional Record have been filled with campaign speeches aimed at the honor of nations first and later at the refusal of the President to break his word to the other nations represented in the Peace Conference and make public on his own initiative the text of the treaty.

Senator Borah, who comes from the part of the country where "Wall Street" is used as a byword for fighten babies, raised that bugaboo in the Senate chamber itself, and with a fine show of outraged virtue charged that by some indirect way the "interests" had secured copies of the treaty and were making millions in speculation because of their advance knowledge of its contents.

And what happened? Elihu Root, former Republican senator from the state of New York and former Republican secretary of state, appeared before the committee at his own request and explained that he had shown a copy of the treaty to Senator Lodge. It had been brought to this country by Henry P. Davison, head of the Red Cross and a partner in the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., at a time when no ban had been placed on its publication.

The inference is clear, namely, that these men had participated in framing the financial clauses of the treaty and had first-hand knowledge of what it contained and could not by any possibility be charged with surreptitiously obtaining any information.

But, as Mr. Root said, when Germany published the treaty "no power in the world could keep it secret." It was published and open to any one who had interest enough to take the trouble to get a copy.

The investigation, instituted for the purpose of proving that men in the entourage of the President had sold copies of the treaty to "Wall Street," thus discrediting the whole delegation and subjecting it to the charge of breaking faith with the other nations, falls flat and becomes ridiculous. And it is made so by

THE GOWNSMAN

Phi Beta Kappa

EVERY collegian knows that there is a society called Phi Beta Kappa, that it exists in virtually all our American colleges of standing, and that its members "associate" an antiquated watch-key of gold to designate their membership.

There is not a history of this well-known society, but this much may be said: Phi Beta Kappa was founded in the year of independence, 1776, at the Virginia college of William and Mary, and it is today the oldest college fraternity in America.

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A FEW years ago, in a western college, two or three young men, elected to the honors of Phi Beta Kappa, refused to accept, arguing that such things were undemocratic and that they craved no distinction above their fellows.

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'THE OTHER FELLOWS' VICTORY

HE HAD, declares one account of the downfall of a certain statesman in Paris, "the best wares ever brought to market." He comes back with empty pockets and a gross of green spectacles.

Concerning a certain statesman it may be said that "never did the head of a government have the prestige such as he enjoyed in November last." He is ignorant concerning most of our modern problems. He has passed "the foregoing paragraphs, so similar in tone, are not linked together by a common subject."

Reference to the London Morning Post and its kind would reveal how pitiful a figure Mr. Lloyd George has cut in the presence of Mr. Wilson and M. Clemenceau. There are Englishmen who sorrowfully believe that their premier has been hopelessly outmaneuvered by the "idealistic" American President and the "realistic" French prime minister.

Obviously, therefore, the "master mind" at the Peace Conference is possessed by whatever delegate is of different nationality from whatever critic happens to be airing his views. The New Republic's commentator insists that "the Japanese mind was concrete, concentrated and amazingly firm." Americans, Frenchmen, Britons can probably be counted upon to agree on this point.

One thing, at least, is sure. The various "nationals," as the treaty text calls them, are wallowing at a great rate in woe; the poignancy of which is the continual arraignment of triumph at the Quai d'Orsay to the other fellow.

THE White-Pepper debate on the League of Nations was naturally a tasty ornamental dish. A Red-Pepper discussion of bolshevism would have more fire in it, however.

It is perfectly safe to put Mr. Root down as a "good witness." But it must also be confessed that he proved Mr. Borah much ado about nothing and that Mr. Hitchcock, in rebuttal, went off half-cocked.

It is alleged that the Austrian delegation at St. Germain has asked Germany to protest Germany against the rigor of the peace terms to Austria. It seems hard to believe, but Austria has a fortune shown lack of wisdom in the choice of an advocate.

THE CHAFFING DISH

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SPARDON my frankness, my dear fellow, but I must beg you not to tell me your name, your business connections, your telephone number, your wife's maiden name and the title of your favorite book."

The decisive accent in the voice caught my ear, and though it is not my custom to eavesdrop upon strangers, I was irresistibly interested in this odd pronouncement. The two men were just getting into a taxi-cab, and I leaped on behind.

"You see," said the first speaker, with a certain nervousness in his tones, "if you tell me those data I shall never be able to forget them. A memory like mine is a positive curse. Once I talk with a man I am never able to forget all the details of his affairs. I just remember the lobby of the hotel, but as soon as I laid eyes on him I blurted out: 'Of course I place you. You are the fellow I met at the bar in the Hotel Hamstring in Omaha on the 26th of July, 1904.'"

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"AID UNDT COMFORT YET?"



DISTANCE

TWO pale old men sit by a squalid window playing chess. The heavy air and the shrill cries beyond the sheltering pane are less to them than roof-blocked skies. Life flowing past them—W men with gay eyes, Recurrent voices, and the noise Of peddlers showing urgent wares—Leaves their dark peace unchallenged. They are innocent Of their street clamor as young children bent Absorbed over their toys. On an intangible reality, The old heads nod; A parchment-covered hand Hovers above the intricate dim board, And patient schemes are woven, where they sit So still. And raveled, and reeked with reverent skill, And when a point is scored A flickering jest Brightens their eyes, a solemn beard is raised A moment, and then sunk on a thin chest. Headless as happy children, or maybe Lovers creating their own solitude, Or worn philosophers, content to brood On an intangible reality, Shut in an ideal universe, Within their darkened window-frame They ponder on their moves, rehearse The old designs. Two rusty skull-caps bowed Above an endless game. —Babette Deutsch, in "Banners."

What Do You Know?

- 1. Which are the first three states to ratify the suffrage amendment?
  - 2. On what side did the Poles fight during the Napoleonic wars?
  - 3. How much is a centillion?
  - 4. What is the plural of mongoose?
  - 5. What are sequins?
  - 6. From what is sepiá derived?
  - 7. Of what countries is the grapefruit native?
  - 8. Who was the oldest President of the United States at the time of his inauguration?
  - 9. What is the meaning of the word grum?
  - 10. Why are matters appertaining to the public revenue called fiscal?
- Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. The Portuguese title for Mr. S. Senhor, pronounced "Sane-yor," with the accent on the last syllable.
  2. Tenderfoot is the plural of tenderfoot.
  3. The constantly recurring parliamentary bill authorizing marriage with one's deceased wife's sister was described by W. S. Gilbert, in "Iolanthe," as "that annual blister." Since the date of the opera, the British Parliament has passed the measure.
  4. Trade literally means a long speech. The word is derived through the French and Italian from the Latin word "trahere," to draw out, pull. Tirade now describes a long speech of censure.
  5. Mrs. Andrew Jackson's ex-husband was living at the time of Andrew Jackson's inauguration. He was a Captain Rachel to Andrew Jackson caused considerable severe comment, since the pair took what was only a legislative warrant for a trial as an actual divorce. The Jacksons were remarried in 1793, after the divorce had been granted.
  6. Bryn Mawr means Brown Hill.
  7. Thanksgiving Day is always proclaimed for the last Thursday in November.
  8. Sarrebruck is the largest town on the Sarre, with about 17,000 inhabitants.
  9. The kraken, a fabulous sea monster, was supposed to have been seen off the coast of Norway. It was first described by Pontoppidan in 1750. It was said to resemble an immense octopus.
  10. Dr. Karl Muck, former conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, who has been interned at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., is to go back to Germany next week.