

## THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

### Letters to the Editor

#### The Legion and Politics

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:  
Sir—The American Legion was organized as a non-political body, dedicated to the Government and the service men. It has done excellent work so far and will keep up its fight for justice until the last man is taken care of. But the fact is that the Bonus Bill has become a political issue. It will have to be handled politically.

General Harding has succeeded in having this bill passed up under the roof of the financial condition of the country. If it is true that we are almost broke it is then that we are shown some signs of strength in our Government. We are the Secretary of War and the announcement of the disbanding of 21,174 employees of the War Department since March 1, causing an annual saving of \$25,409,860. Yet on the other hand, we read of Senator Clark charging that out of the 100,000 submarine destroyers ready for immediate service after expenditure of \$100,000,000.

Joseph W. L. has spent twenty-two years in Congress. He is chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and in a position to know better. I am sure that a legislator who had advanced compensation is economically possible, and as a millionaire he would know how much the rich man would suffer under the plan. I am sure that the adjustment of compensation bill can be made. Using his words, "I have never been able to feel any patience with a political or system which permits men to be buried with their hats at a dozen feet day and to be buried with their hands for \$10, \$12 and \$15 a day."

It is certainly time for the American Legion to amend its by-laws and become a political machine. Let men in office to see that Justice is meted out properly.

S. W. L.

Philadelphia, August 2, 1921.

#### Who's Who for Bonus

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:  
Sir—Any nation—not considering newspaper editorials and cartoons—is a bonus for every fighting man should make any full-blooded American Indian.

available during the immediate contemplation of adequate care for our wounded and disabled veterans. Nothing is too good for them and the unemployed should also be provided for. But would it not be better to give our overseas hard-earned dollars to disabled men who have enough money for their needs—sons of them more than is good for them? A universal bonus to all disabled men, the disabled man who is ever willing to fight for his country.

W. L. MADDEN.

Philadelphia, July 16, 1921.

#### Absence of True Friends

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:  
Sir—Having read "Miss C. F. G.'s article in the paper, I am the old-fashioned kind of person who will allow me a little space in your column to say to "Miss C. F. G." that there is no such thing as the old-fashioned kind. There always were friends in the world and there always will be, only it seems that a true friend very seldom meets another true friend.

In conclusion, I agree with "Miss C. F. G.'s" definition of a friend. I am a young girl nineteen years of age, not highly educated, considered fair. I have a desire to help others. Would like very much to meet "Miss C. F. G.", or hear from her again through the People's Forum.

D. R.

Philadelphia, July 16, 1921.

#### Our Poor Transit Service

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:  
Sir—As the average Philadelphian just what important thing Philadelphia needs and he will almost without hesitation answer "Rapid Transit." It is an instant and it vitally concerns nearly 2,500,000 people in and around Philadelphia.

It certainly surprises me that the people of Philadelphia are so much behind and out of date, as they are in "transit matters." In the year 1915 a great commotion was evident, and even ones talked and figured and figured on trolley cars and streetcars and what the future would be. And now, in 1921, the same ones are still talking about the same things.

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