

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

Letters to the Editor

Who Is to Blame: Mistress or Maid?

Satisfied Either Way
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—I have been reading letters expressing much animosity by a lot of disgruntled ex-soldiers who want the bonus, and men of means and money who are against it. It is immaterial to me whether I get it or not. I was not sent into the army and when I returned home I found out about fellows having handkerchiefs put on them and being taken to the police stations, so they would not be taken in the army. That caliber of soldier is the foremosticker for the bonus.

But I know any soldier with any spark of patriotism in his blood doesn't care whether he receives it or not. He is one of the millions of the seventeenth-month soldier, that rich men's sons never served over there. I wish to challenge his statement, because I happened to serve in the First Division on the trip to the trenches in the early part of 1917, and happened to participate in America's first big battle, the battle of Cantigny, and I wish to recollect that history. Also I wish to say I had the pleasure of serving with my departed ex-President's sons in France and one of them later served in Mesopotamia with the Big Red One being shot down in an airplane, and his body still lies over there.

Did he have a soft berth? Also I happened to go to sea with the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Theodore Roosevelt, who happened to be a lieutenant colonel in the First Division, and I wish to state the regular army officers that went out there came from the richest families in America and the most of them now live in the soil of France. Did they have a soft berth?

Mr. Seventeen-Month Soldier, get your noodle together and get away from your socialistic tendencies. If you had the chance you would have tried to collect some of the bonus. So let them who don't want the bonus when it's passed hand it along to some poor person who needs it, and those who want it take it and get it. I will never miss what I never had.
EX-REGULAR.
Philadelphia, February 10, 1922.

Why He Wants Bonus
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Just a few words to George Morrison. I see a letter in tonight's Forum from him regarding the bonus question. According to Mr. Morrison, a man who wants the bonus or who will accept it is not patriotic or does not love his country.

Now, just a minute, "G. M." I served more months in France than you did in the service, and I want the bonus more than that. I consider myself just as patriotic as you are. You say you are not in the Marine Corps before I was old enough to register.

And as to the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, most of the men who served in that got a bonus. Not a cash bonus, but land, which was better than money.

But today, we do not have vacant land for half the ex-service men even if each man was given only a few acres. No, of course, most of us will take money or training or paid-up insurance.

I never thought of the bonus when I enlisted, either. I suppose you think most of us went in just so we could gouge the Government for a bonus. But no.

The reason we want a bonus is simply this: During the war the men who stayed at home got big wages (and bonuses, too), while we boys who had the hardest end of it, got the least pay. The boys who stayed home got big wages and had short hours, while we got \$1 for twenty-four hours, and many times I have put in the full twenty-four hours and more, too, without a rest or more than two meals.

So "G. M." just keep quiet. If you don't want the bonus no one will force you to take it. But the more of us want it, and what is more, we will get it.
L. G. HILTON.
Philadelphia, February 10, 1922.

Lincoln's Funeral Car
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Referring to the picture of Abraham Lincoln's Funeral Car, permit me to inform you that you are in error as to where it was located. When the photograph was made the car stood on Tenth street at a corner near the end of Green street, directly in front of the office and residence of E. S. Earley, the undertaker, who built and had charge of it and it was erected under his supervision in the Philadelphia, Germantown and Norristown car shops, northwest corner of Ninth and Green streets.
MOSES FEUSTMAN.
Philadelphia, February 14, 1922.

To Protect the Home
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Something must be done to protect the home, since the police seem unable to control populations. Very few families have revolvers or any means of protecting themselves when burglars break in, and if they had they would hardly know how to use them. In these times of house-breaking, hold-ups and the Director of Public Safety should do everything possible to see that the householder can help himself if he is attacked.

The city must be in the possession of thousands of guns and revolvers which could be used by families for their protection if they were lent to them, and they should also be instructed how to use them, either by being instructed at a point that might be designated, or through the supplying of printed hand.

I live in West Philadelphia and know of many instances of hold-ups in that section that have been "pulled off" on the main thoroughfares, with no policeman in the vicinity to give protection. Within one month a man who is compelled to go home every night about midnight was held up on Fifty-second street between the elevated, from which he alighted, and Spruce street, and both lines was robbed of all his money and his jewelry. If this man, or if men who have to go home at that hour of the night, were allowed to carry revolvers for their protection, there is at least a chance that there would be many less hold-ups of this character.

W. L. WATSON.
Philadelphia, February 14, 1922.

Unemployed Men
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—The business men of this country who employ married women should ask these women, "Does your husband have work now?" If their answer is "yes," discharge them at once. I know of many instances where both husband

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Employer of Five Servants
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—I am the employer of five servants, because I have a large family and a big home to keep up, and let me assure you that the troubles in the home, so far as the servant girl question is concerned, are most distracting. I work harder than any of my servants, and they tell me so. Because I help them so much in one of the real troubles I have with them. I am on the job and see that nothing is wasted, and also see that my house is kept perfectly clean, and I give them all the spare time possible, while I never take any for myself.

It is my experience that the servant girls of today want big pay and do not want to do the work to earn it. They are like many men employers, who are bent on doing as little as they can in order to compel employers of labor to hire additional help. The present girls seem to have caught the trend of the times. There are probably not two out of ten servants who do as much work in a day as the mistress.

I also believe that not more than two out of ten of the mistresses but will treat their girls with much kindness if they find that they are willing to earn their money, and I venture to say that the majority of the servants who have written to your paper complaining about the treatment they are receiving deserve of nothing better, for they have not shown their capacity or willingness to work.
MRS. W. L. B.
Philadelphia, February 13, 1922.

Shorter Hours for Maids
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—I have been reading with interest the letters in your People's Forum as to who is to blame, mistress or maid. I think in some cases they are both to blame.

I am a maid and want to say there and wife work. There would be a job for some ex-service man, some father or son, to go to your paper and see where they were discharged. Such vacancies would put bread in lots of empty stomachs. Now, Mr. Employer, rid out the married woman who has a bread earner, and give work to an unemployed man.
S. L. B.
Philadelphia, February 13, 1922.

Keep Flag Flying
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Is it proper for a public institution (hospital) to have a flagpole during the weekdays? If the flagpole stands there for the purpose of the flag, why is it flagless? When I looked up the flagpole to which I refer, I noticed the missing flag, our national emblem. Then I looked on the United States coin with the written inscription in Latin words, "E Pluribus Unum." I took great pains to find out the meaning, that "Our cause, it is just."

And I take a further step and pause to know through you, Mr. Editor, why such a great benefactor and originator as Detsy Ross, who devoted much time and thought to create our national emblem, why this emblem is so neglected. It should be unfurled on every flagpole, especially on all public institutions throughout America, from the public schools to the United States Senate.
GEORGE K. HALENY.
Philadelphia, February 6, 1922.

Theatre Lairs and Fires
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Some years ago, after a very disastrous fire in a Chicago Theatre, in which many lives were lost, the Fire Marshal's office here in Philadelphia ordered all theatre aisles widened. Evidently they have forgotten the matter by this time, as I noticed the side aisles, for the fourteen rows, in one of our theatres, have been entirely closed. Is the Fire Marshal's office waiting for a fire in a theatre before getting busy

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