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THE FACTS AT LAST?

MR. WINSLOW'S bill in the House and Mr. Borah's in the Senate, prepared in response to the President's request and presented yesterday, open the way toward the impartial, independent, fact-finding commission which clearly is necessary to peace in the coal fields and tolerable fuel prices in the open market.

Unless the influence of lobbies can prevail to delay action on these two measures by the old method of irrelevant debate, the commission of nine should be at work within a month.

The wisest provision suggested by Mr. Harding and observed in the text of the Borah and Winslow measures is for a board of inquiry that shall include no one directly involved in the coal industry. The effort of the Government on this occasion must be directed to the discovery of the truth, and not to judgment between rival propagandists.

When the first suggestions for such a commission were advanced in Washington, technicians associated with the Geological Survey and the Departments of Commerce and Labor expressed the opinion that a survey thorough enough to sift out all the facts in the coal fields would require at least two years.

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What we are waiting for hopefully is the day when Little Business Men will refuse to be fooled by flattery and therefore, reader be fooled by flattery and therefore, reader to question and criticize some of the methods of selfish interests which often manage to control Congress.

ONWARD FROM NORMALCY
IT HAS happened at last. A lady who smoked a cigarette in a New York restaurant where smoking is the acknowledged right of all patrons didn't throw her bag away when she went out into the street.

Commissioner Enright has secluded himself to ponder out a decision. As a matter of fact, ladies have been smoking for years in the streets of New York. Most of the smoke visible on Fifth Avenue at the parade hour, like the blue mist that hangs over Broad street when the theatre crowds are on their way, comes not from automobile engines but from ladies who ride in the machines.

PUT-AND-TAKE, NEW STYLE: THAT'S THE SOLDIER BONUS

Congress Would Give Billions to Service Men Only to Take the Money Away From Them in Other Ways

VIEW the matter for a moment broadly and you should find it easy to understand why the relieving authorities that would the whip over Congress were willing and even eager to crowd the Soldier Bonus Bill through without further delay. The Powers Up Above will give the ex-service men three or four billions in order that they may immediately take it away from them.

Soft coal is going higher. The new tariff schedules will certainly send the costs of clothing upward. The Fordney-McCumber bill is in most of its aspects a price-raising measure. Meanwhile wages and the profits of small and medium-sized businesses are being forced down.

Unless some one sees the light we shall all have to have Government bonuses. It might not be unreasonable to ask that the Government give about \$500 to every man and woman and every child over the age of ten. The group profitters higher up would get it all within a year.

Commander MacNider has just asserted that the Bonus Bill will go through without further opposition of a troublesome sort. If he were a wiser commander, if he could bring to the problems of peace the courage and the understanding that he and his buddies brought to the problems of war, he would shoulder the prospect of a triumphant bonus scheme.

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USUALLY these sales of condemned boats damaged and require a good bit of fixing up before they are ready to join the fleet of the boat clubs located along the Delaware River and the Atlantic coast.

THESE particular cutters have no motors in them, but the rank and file of small-boat enthusiasts along the Delaware prefer to pick up their hulls in this way and to install their own individual choice in engines and fittings.

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Attacks on Newberry have contained even more homophobia than is usual in political attacks and Secretary Hughes is to be commended for his courage in restating the facts. With handkerchiefs waving, the snickers got off with a flying start. And death is in store for the man who wantonly suggests that goldsmid may be made the national flower.

London Rotarians retreating from American love Americans as brothers, but are glad to see the end of pie a la mode. They would never have tired of the kind mother makes. The author of 'I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles' died recently. Who shall say that the bubble of life is in vain? His song was a bubble that pleased millions.

We are glad to be informed that the New York Times will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its birth today and will spend the day quietly, for there is absolutely no way of disciplining a notary centennial. Two army lieutenants have received permission from the United States air service to make a one-stop airplane flight from New York to San Francisco.

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A VOICE FROM THE COAL HOLE



NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

DR. AMOS REGINALD SHIRLEY
On Modern Use of the X-Ray

THE uses of the X-ray in medicine have been greatly extended in the last few years, according to Dr. Amos Reginald Shirley, who is in charge of the X-ray work at the Veterans' Bureau of this city, which is one of the largest and best-equipped plants for this purpose in the United States.

Further Uses of Rays
"Further uses of the X-rays have been found in the discovery of lesions in the tracts of the lower part of the body as well as in the gall-bladder region. In time there will probably be great improvements in the apparatus, but great strides have already been made, so that its use is now very effective and is more and more recognized each day as an indispensable aid to the diagnosis of many conditions."

Use for Treatment Purposes
"X-rays are being shown each year to have a greater and greater value in the treatment of many conditions. Originally the machine was used almost exclusively for radiographic purposes (that is for the making of what is commonly known as an 'X-ray picture'), but a little later its therapeutic value was discovered and appreciated."

Small Danger of Burns
"With proper precautions the danger of burns in the use of the X-ray machine is so small as to be negligible. Of course, it is necessary that these precautions be taken both with respect to the person being X-rayed and the operator of the apparatus. It is true that some severe burns have been inflicted through the use of the X-ray apparatus, but these were principally in experimental and generally to the operator who was experimenting. With the improvement of the apparatus there is now no danger of burns either to the person being X-rayed or to the operator."

Or a Cave-Man
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Today's Anniversaries
1807—Jeremiah Day, for many years president of Yale College, died in New Haven, Conn., August 3, 1878.
1872—General John A. Dix was nominated by the Republicans of New York for Governor.

What Do You Know?

QUIZ
1. Who discovered the Philippine Islands?
2. What is paterfamilias?
3. What was the Garden of Epicurus?
4. What English Queen was married to a Spanish King?
5. Lewis Carroll's highest active volcano is North America?
6. What is meant by Romanesque art?
7. What is the largest city in Vermont?
8. Who was Quintus Roscius?
9. Of what country was St. Gaudens, the famous sculptor, a native?
10. What is the sea leopard?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

1. Member nations of the League of Nations are entitled to one vote each in the assembly of the League, and not more than three representatives in that body. In the council no nation may have more than one representative and one vote.
2. In Lewis Carroll's 'The Hunting of the Shark' occurs the line 'Then the boat got mixed with the rudder some times.'
3. The airplane making a flight from New York to Rio de Janeiro is the Sampaio.
4. Walrus means whale horse, from the Swedish 'hval,' whale, and the old Swedish 'ross,' horse.
5. The Anglo-Saxon settlement of England began in 419 A. D.
6. The Duke of Wellington was born in Dublin, Ireland.
7. The widow bird is one of a group of weaver birds, dwelling in West Africa and remarkable for the gay plumage of the males and the somber coloring of the females. The name was originally given by Portuguese settlers to a species which, excepting a buff and neat wing bar, is white black, the color and long train being the garb of a widow.
8. An ampulose is a two-handed jar or vase.
9. Stridulating is making a shrill, creating noise, as a locust does.
10. Hubert Work is the present Postmaster General of the United States.

Today's Birthdays

Daniel Frohman, one of the leading American theatrical managers and producers, born at Sandusky, O., sixty-six years ago.
William L. Douglas, former Governor of Massachusetts, born at Plymouth, Mass., seventy-seven years ago.
Dr. Henry Suzzallo, president of the University of Washington, born at San Jose, Calif., forty-seven years ago.
Daniel R. Anthony, representative in Congress of the First Kansas District, born at Leavenworth, Kans., fifty-two years ago.
Take Away That Bauble
One may be sure that the bauble he had been given by the Viscount of Escomb never stirred the pulse of Henry Edward Fellow, of Washington, old-time friend of Theodore Roosevelt. He is ninety-four years old; he has lived in this country since 1873; and his life has been busy as well as long. What can a bauble mean to him?
Because a snake stole their honey a swarm of bees in Pleasantville, Pa., killed two blooded dogs chained to their kennel. The way those Pleasantville bees were flying into the news it seems to us they ought to be chained to their hives.
The fortune-teller in a Florida hotel court who prophesied that 'the dear judge' would dismiss the case was reminded that 'dear' also means 'expensive,' for he fined her heavily. She merely prophesied she knew.
The mine mules will be alone in the narrow when the strike is over.