

It is charged, and not denied, that Postmaster General Burleson has taken time enough away from his favorite sport of throwing monkey wrenches into the wheels of the postal machinery to conduct a secret lobby against the enactment of a national prohibition statute at this session of Congress.

If Mr. Burleson knows as little about the benefits of national prohibition as he does about the proper conduct of the postal system it is little wonder that he conceals his activities. But what has prohibition to do with the postoffice department? Or is Mr. Burleson one of those silly gentlemen who profess to believe that the efficiency of workmen is increased by the drinking of alcoholic beverages?

Nor did the other witnesses who testified yesterday before the committee bring out any convincing arguments in favor of booze for shipbuilders. Secretary Daniels, who has brought the Navy to unheard-of degrees of efficiency since he put prohibition into effect in the sea service, says that beer for shipbuilders is as unnecessary as for ship operators, and there is no reason to believe he is wrong.

Bainbridge Colby, who raised all the storm, is being used as a tool by the brewing interests who have thought so much of his remarks that they have caused them to be published as a full page paid advertisement in Washington newspapers. And this is the concluding sentence in Mr. Colby's highly logical appeal for poison to keep the shipbuilders in good physical condition: "The world wants not an increase of righteousness; it wants victory for free institutions," predicated upon a merchant marine built by beer-drinking shipbuilders.

Is the man joking or is he simply silly?

At any rate, the fleeing Austrians still have the choice between an Italian bullet and starvation at home.

THIRD TERM NONSENSE

The third term nonsense of which Vice President Marshall was guilty at Indianapolis is still going the rounds of the press. We do not believe Mr. Marshall spoke with authority; he seldom does. He is the bad boy of the administration, always saying things which embarrass the president. But like the bad boy of the family he sometimes blurs out more of the truth than is desired for public information. Occasionally he drops an innermost family secret.

If the president or his friends are entertaining any such foolish ideas at this time let them get into their heads the thought that their job at this time is exclusively the winning of the war. That is a task big enough to fully occupy the attention of any administration and the public has a right to expect concentrated attention upon it by those entrusted with it.

"Politics is adjourned," and 1920 is still two tumultuous, tremendous years in the future.

The Austrians started out after Italian spoils and were spoiled.

89 MORE SHIPS

CHARLES SCHWAB is planning the most gigantic Fourth of July celebration in the history of the country—one that will make the German Kaiser shiver in his boots and von Terplit wonder how he ever became possessed of the fool notion that the U-boat could beat your Uncle Samuel.

Mr. Schwab proposes that at a given hour on the national holiday, or as near there as may be, eighty-nine hulls of new ships shall be launched in the yards of the United States.

Eighty-nine ships added to our merchant marine on one day—think of it—and ships above all else will win the war.

We fooled away a mighty lot of time setting Mr. Schwab into control of our ship-building industry.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ho-Commissaries

With the election of the whole Republican state ticket assured and big public delegations in Congress and both Houses of the State Legislature a matter of course and the Democratic party engaged in one of its quadrennial family fights, the attention of men active in politics in Pennsylvania is being devoted to the Supreme Court elections, nominations for which must be made by nomination papers.

Both of the justices recently appointed will be candidates for full terms and their friends will soon get busy in their behalf. There is pronounced sentiment for President Judge George Kunkel, but the Dauphin Jurist is silent on the subject, and there are a number of men urged for the places. Among Democrats who are being urged to file papers for Justice Mestrezzi's seat are: Henry Budd, a local attorney; ex-Senator Webster D. Grim, of Bucks county; Charles B. Lenahan, of Luzerne county; Judge Henry O. Bechtel, of Schuylkill county, and Judge Charles E. Copeland, of Westmoreland county.

Judge John W. Kephart, of the Superior Court, is regarded as certain to file papers and several attorneys in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh have ambitions, some of which are not regarded as likely to get very trenches, in the shell craters, to a shrewd politician and who upset some apple carts a few years ago, will likely have something formal to say soon.

Judge Bonnell is in conference with friends in Philadelphia the remainder of this week regarding campaign plans. He will issue another statement about Saturday.

Pittsburgh councilmen have again passed ordinances over the mayor's veto. The mayor and the council are having a strenuous time on different ideas of government.

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