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God give us men! A time like this demands strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands.

Men whom the lust of office does not kill; Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy; Men who possess opinions and a will; Men who have honor, and who will not lie; Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog; In public duty and in private thinking!

—J. G. HOLLAND.

A HAPPY ENDING

THE New York Sun suggests that an interesting book could be written on the lives and achievements of our postmasters-general. "But," observes the Sun, "it would be a story with a sad ending," referring, of course, to the Burleson fiasco.

True, all too true; but that could be arranged and a happy ending provided by writing the book down to finish and leaving room for a line or two to be added at the proper time: "P. S.—Mr. Burleson has gone back to Texas. "Second P. S.—He's gone to stay."

ARE THEY CONVINCED?

IT IS to be hoped that the spokesmen of the Democratic party are right in asserting that "no more is there to be internal conflict on tariff." If the statement is true, it is true because the Democrats have decided to abandon their historic opposition to an "America First" import duty on goods produced abroad at costs below those prevailing in the United States, where higher wage scales and higher standards of living prevail. The Republicans have not, and will not, abandon their advocacy of a protective tariff that represents at least the difference in cost of production here and abroad.

That's right, Philadelphia: the Twenty-eighth division is deserving the biggest reception in the history of the State. And Harrisburg is going to do its part. The American protective tariff policy does not depend for its support upon spokesmen or dictators of any party. It continues in popular favor because the rank and file of the American people believe that the American producer should live according to higher standards than are observed in most of the other countries of the earth. It continues in popular favor because the far-seeing businessmen of America appreciate the importance of permanent home markets for home products. It continues in favor because there is still fresh in the minds of the American people the disastrous effects of the low-tariff law of 1892, the equally disastrous effects of the Wilson-Underwood act of 1913, which wrought ruin to American industry until the outbreak of the war put up a trade barrier more effective than any protective tariff law ever enacted.

Politics in Pennsylvania

Workmen's compensation bids fair to loom large in the work of the concluding weeks of the Legislature of 1919. Efforts were made last session to change the law by increasing allowances, but it was deemed best to allow the code of 1915 to stand the test of time. This year the trend of the times is to make the present experience of the last year having shown the need of some alterations, while the claims for a larger measure of compensation are being made insistently.

The drafts of the proposed changes drafted by officers of the board will be submitted at a hearing to the Supreme court chamber on Tuesday. They contain not only an increase of compensation to sixty-five per cent. decrease of the waiting period of seven days and free medical or surgical attention for thirty days, but also provisions clarifying the relations of contractors and subcontractors and increased authority for the board in the matter of exempted employers.

RUS IS FOR URB

ALTHOUGH Congress adjourned without passing the legislation to provide soldier-settlements on swamp lands, Secretary Lane intends to urge the passage of this bill next session. While this scheme might benefit a few, as a practical plan for benefiting a large number of discharged soldiers, it can never figure to any great extent. Thousands of men not only know nothing about farm work, but they do not want to live on a farm. There is more truth than poetry in that popular song, "How You Goin' to Keep 'Em Down on the Farm, After They've Seen Paris?" It can't be done on the extensive and expensive Lane scale. Then, too, it would take years before the men could make a decent living. The people are ready and willing to be taxed to almost any extent for appropriations with which to help the returning soldiers, but they are not ready to be taxed for wild-cat schemes. Give the men money and help them get the job they are best fitted for—which will bring not only settled conditions, but happiness and contentment to the men themselves.

A New Jersey woman has been arrested for scolding and for blaming all the faults of her own household on the neighbors. Let's see, isn't there somebody else from Jersey who scolds a lot and blames other folks for his own mistakes?

PRUSSIANIZED ARMY

EVIDENCE even more startling than that unearthed during the war was discovered by the Senate Military Committee in its investigation of the sentences imposed by military court-martial. The grossest abuses in the exercise of automatic power were disclosed. One of the worst cases was that of a young man, not yet a month in the Army, who was discovered smoking a cigaret under circumstances prohibited by the regulations. He was ordered by a second lieutenant to surrender the package of cigarets, and when he refused was haled before a court-martial and sentenced to forty years in prison.

In considering such cases Senators recalled that conscientious objectors, who consistently refused to perform any military duties whatever, were recently given honorable discharges by the Secretary of War, after being paid in full for the time they were in the army. The ugly contrast between Mr. Baker's actions in the two cases is going to be sifted thoroughly by the Military Committee.

China wants to fix its own tariff. Germany has decided to put up its bars and England already is doing so. And yet, they tell us that the tariff has ceased to be a political issue.

DEMORALIZED LONG AGO

ON March 18, more than four months after the war ended, the War Risk Bureau dismissed 1,400 of its 15,000 employees, and set up a cry of demoralization of the work because of lack of funds. With half of the army demobilized, it would seem that more than a ten per cent. reduction in force should have been effected within four months after the war ended.

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Turn your clock an hour ahead when you retire to-night and thereby gain an hour of daylight every day during the coming spring and summer. What we need in Paris is more action and less debate. Nero fiddling while Rome burned was a piker beside the peace delegates.

Wilhelm thinks that had he held out until January all "the American troops would have been withdrawn." Where from? Berlin?

After the weather of the past few days we no longer wonder that the March hare went mad.

The man who made garden last week is now making excuses.

"I HEAR YOU CALLING ME"



A NEW ARABIAN KNIGHT

HELEN E. ANDERSON in World Outlook for March

Blonde Vampires, Be Warned

Judge Boettner, of Newark, N. J., has begun a crusade against vampires, and, being a wise man, has attempted to establish at the beginning of his effort a definition which shall enable anybody to identify these dangerous creatures at a glance.

Who Makes War Epigrams?

[From the St. Joseph Gazette] The production of war epigrams was ahead of all estimates, as well as of the requirements. It is usually thus, but the great world war registered what Secretary Baker would call quantity production of sayings of fighters calculated to enter the public fancy—far, far back of the lines.

Every draft board in Pennsylvania is closing up its business to-day.

Under the orders of the War Department the draft boards are to discontinue their work on Monday and for the last month they have been making up their final records, destroying such Government property as is ordered to be mutilated, selling others and shipping the records which are required to be dispatched to Washington. A number of the boards, which finished their work several days ago, have notified Major W. G. Murdock, the State's chief draft officer, that they will send additional historical matter for the chronicle of the draft in Pennsylvania. Major Murdock to-day commended the work of the draft boards. "These men have been most self-sacrificing and have completed a work in which future generations can take pride. The story of how Pennsylvania fulfilled every call made will be a splendid one," said he.

Plans being made by Adjutant General Frank D. Henry will insure the medals awarded by Pennsylvania for its soldiers who participated in the Mexican border service as members of the National Guard being received by them soon after the Keystone Division is discharged from this country. The Adjutant General provided for 16,000 medals and about 2,500 have been placed in the hands of men who were on the border and who did not get into Federal service or who did not get overseas duty or members of their families. It is estimated that practically every man who served in the Keystone Division has a medal to be claimed by men who are in the Keystone Division. Researches have shown that close to 12,000 of the men entitled to the medals are in W. W. Atcherson, District General Henry intends to send Chief Clerk Benjamin W. Demming, of his department, to the camp where the Pennsylvania men are being discharged to personally distribute the medals to the men and they will be able to wear them when they pass in the home coming review.

At camps during the war, while advanced military training was tried at the colleges.

British to capture seventy thousand more. Prince Faisal, delegate for Arabia to the Peace Conference, voices the hope and ambition, not only of Hedjaz but of the other provinces of Arabia—Yemen, Neld, Syria, and upper and lower Mesopotamia. Their dream is a great federation of all Arab states from the Red Sea to the Persian Gulf—free from Turkish dominion and possibly under the protection of the United States.

The youngest independent state in Asia will be self-sponsoring. The prince of Hedjaz proudly, "Arabia has large quantities of copper, iron, mineral oils, and a little coal. With irrigation much of our desert land can be changed to fertile farming country."

Disowning the leadership of the Caliph of Constantinople, spiritual head of the Mohammedans, Prince Faisal from Arabia, the cradle of Islam, is turning toward a western civilization, a Christian country. "We have complete faith in the success of the Arab uprising so serious that it drew 100,000 Turkish soldiers into the field.

Not a single Turkish military success was at its height in the great war, Arabia bravely commenced hostilities. Her soldiers fought side by side with the British, and the British recognized her independence. In the last offensive they not only took forty thousand prisoners but by a rapid march cut off the Turkish line of retreat, enabling the

Not as the laureled legions who slew for regal Rome. March they who come from battle, keen for the joys of home; There are no captives with them, no Caesar at their head, With lions padding softly, to fill the victor's hands are guiltless, they've made no peoples slaves, They're white souled as the children they loved across the waves, No city least a city that they captains there; They passed, but there's no wailing of women on the air, Heed ye the babes of Flanders, they pray the saints in sadness our sons may come again! They used the might of heroes, but not the hate of Hunns, And Frenchmen loved their laughter as Vandals feared their guns, You've seen their smiling faces, you've met their eyes that seem Somehow to hide behind them the shadow of a dream; You've watched them swinging past you, crusaders that we hail as fearless knights and flawless who saved the Holy Grail, You'll laud them for their valor, but this your greater pride— In conquering a Caesar to Christ they crucified! —Edward S. Van Zile, in New York Times.

LABOR NOTES

In California there are 39,352 irrigated farms.

Wire Weavers' International has a membership of 330.

The French Confederation of Labor will send delegates to the next meeting of the American Federation of Labor.

Girls employed in the British munition works in some districts cultivate the waste ground around the hotels.

Support of organized labor is to be given to Canadian policemen and firemen in the maintenance of their claim to form unions.

Canadians are discussing the question of having aliens now in internment camps in Canada employed on the highways of Canada.

Santiago Ingelesius, a member of the A. F. of L., has returned from Mexico. He reports a good outlook for union of the labor element.

Thirty-six per cent. of the employees of the Government of Great Britain, outside the munition factories, at the beginning of the present year were women.

Skilled metal workers in Leipzig, Germany, get 32 cents an hour. A few pieceworkers earn as much as 47 1/2 cents an hour.

Not Only in Snagtown

We have lots of people living in Snagtown who when they are traveling ask if it is empty. It is not empty, it is occupied. —(Hot Springs) Arkansas Thomas Cat.

Forty-Second Division

National Guard of 28 States and District of Columbia. Divisional headquarters arranged at Harrisburg, Pa., November 1, 1917. Activities: Dombasle - Lunville - St. Clement - Baccarat - Baccarat, February 21-March 23, 1918 (under the French 8th Army and 7th Army Corps) Baccarat sector, March 18-June 21; Souain and Esperance sector July 5-17 (German offensive east of Reims, July 15-16); Trigny and Beauverdes, July 25-August 2 (front of 4th Army corps on Oureq); Annasville, Essey and Bois de Fannes (St. Mihiel salient) September 12-30; south of St. Georges-Landres-et-St. Georges Cote de Chailion (Argonne-Meuse offensive) October 5-10; (German offensive) October 13-31; Atruchre, Grandes Armoises and Maisonnelle, south of Sedan, (Argonne-Meuse offensive) November 5-10. Prisons captured: 1,203 enlisted men. Guns captured: 1,305 pieces of artillery, 495 machine guns. Total advance on front line: 55 kilometers.

Insignia: Parti-colored quadrant, suggesting the arc of a rainbow, after "Rainbow Division."

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Coming Avalanche of Autos

Suppose Henry Ford should succeed in his declared intention of producing a car for \$250 or \$300? Suppose the numbers of cars in Kansas City should jump to thirty or forty thousand? How would the city handle the traffic?

Yet something of this sort is easily within the range of possibility. F. P. Moskovic, of the Maroon Company, one of the leading motor engineers of the country, remarked in a recent interview that the one-cylinder car is the way of the probable developments in the near future.

At another juncture he saw a very tall man dancing with a very short lady. "Hullo," he rapped out, "there's a mile dancing with a milestone."

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The Wit of Douglas Jerrold

Douglas Jerrold's wit had a discernible malady of its own. Asked a party who it was that was dancing with Mrs. Jerrold, he replied laughingly: "A member of the Humane Society, I think."

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