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The best price that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing—Theodore Roosevelt.

HE LIES

COLONEL GRIMSTEAD testifying before the commission investigating the irregularities of Lieutenant "Hardboiled" Smith on the charge of ill-treating military prisoners, lied out of the whole cloth yesterday when he said that thousands of American soldiers were deserting the battle line in France at the time the armistice was signed and that wholesale executions would have followed had not the war ended when it did.

Grimstead will not get far with such barefaced falsehoods. The men who were in France know he is a liar from first hand knowledge and Americans at home know from the fact that deserting comrades in time of stress is not an American characteristic.

How did the Grimsteads and the "Hardboiled" Smiths get into the army anyway? An outraged American public would like to know something of their personal records, who was responsible for their appointments, promotions and assignments.

FRUITAGE OF MOB LAW

THE suspicion that there may be some underground movement to foment trouble between the colored citizens of the country and their white brothers is somewhat justified by recent outbreaks in widely-separated sections.

It is hard to harmonize these appeals with recent stories of the treatment of returning black soldiers in Georgia. Two stories from Blakely and Cordele in Georgia illustrate this point.

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In his uniform. Later, while receiving congratulations from friends, a mob attacked him and he was lynched in the uniform to which his assailants seemed to seriously object.

The other story from Cordele states that Bud Williamson, a traveling representative of a picture company, was driven out of town by white people who objected to the selling of photographs showing Sergeant Johnson and Roberts, the famous heroes of the Fifteenth New York Regiment, engaged in hand-to-hand combat with Germans.

These may be extreme cases, but they are illuminating and illustrate the indefensible attitude of a certain class of the white population in the south and elsewhere.

Job law will never be sustained in this country and it is high time that the lynchings which have disgraced America are prevented by the strong arm of justice.

THAT ICE CREAM TAX

OF ALL the war taxes, real and so-called, the Federal tax on ice cream about to be repealed is perhaps the most unpopular, as it is certainly the most unjust.

Ice cream is a food and it is good for the human system under almost any circumstances, if made under proper conditions from healthful ingredients.

"Billy" Lynch has lived so long within a stone's throw of the Susquehanna River that he realizes the need of adequate bathing facilities. He has started something in City Council, which will make him one of the most popular officials in the city.

GREAT WORK AHEAD

AUDITOR GENERAL SNYDER'S announcement that the State will be ready in a month to advertise for bids for the erection of the Memorial Bridge, the new office building and other Capitol park improvements is good news.

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people would reach to defend them. That is a tradition of which any State might be proud. It is the kind of love of country that such celebrations as that at Halifax help keep alive.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Records of the State government show that sixty-one of the 175 bills dealing with educational matters presented to the Legislature of 1919 became laws.

The bills which became laws affect every one of the bar classes to which the 2,500 school districts of the Keystone State are divided.

The Pinchot conference appears to be still a subject of editorial comment in newspapers of the State.

And we, facing reality, stood hushed, at last knew life and saw things as they are. No more we lose ourselves in dreams when blow.

Human Conservation

[From the Philadelphia Bulletin.] The State Bureau of Rehabilitation, the authorization of which was included in the last group of bills receiving the signature of Governor Sproul, has possibilities which may make it one of the most important of the State's charities.

Why Pay All War Bills?

[From Los Angeles Times.] War taxes in time of peace are no more necessary than is war bread. It is for ourselves to decide how rapidly the war debt shall be paid.

Birdless Prairies of Northwest

[From the Calgary Herald.] Those of us who have lived in the East among the feathered songsters that make their summer homes among the leafy bowers of forest trees realize how few and far between are the bird notes in the West.

Power of Advertising

[From Newspaperdom.] The power of advertising is more thoroughly appreciated when we realize that over two million dollars were spent this year in giving publicity to "Wrigley" chewing gum.

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