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We seek many changes and remedies; the most important change, the most necessary remedy, would be a general conversion to God.—King of Sweden.

NO DICTATION

AMERICANS will bitterly resent the treatment President Wilson received at the hands of certain radicals in the northwest whom he was kind enough to meet for a discussion of their grievances during his trip on Sunday.

It is all very well, perhaps, to give every man opportunity to voice his complaints and to make pleas for what he may regard as necessary reforms of government, but when men presume to dictate to the President of the United States as to how and when he shall act with respect to any issue before him they must expect small consideration at the hands of the public.

President Wilson, with the full understanding and co-operation of Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor, has arranged for a conference of labor representatives in Washington at which all of the matters now in controversy will be thoroughly discussed.

This northwestern group is of the type that Ole Hanson put out of business in Seattle. They are the fellows who tried to overthrow the United States Government and substitute for it the horrors of Russia.

A LAWYER'S PLAN

THE American Bar Association says ratify the treaty first and amend it afterward. That sort of policy in private business is what makes work for lawyers.

NOTHING TOO GOOD

NOTHING is too good for the returned soldier, and the two-day home-coming celebration now being engineered by the Chamber of Commerce very properly is to be made an elaborate affair, in which all of the glory shall go to the men who served with the colors during the war with Germany.

MORE THAN ONE WAY

HEARTY endorsement by Frank A. Robbins, Jr., head of the great Bethlehem Steel Industries in Steelton, of the Telegraph's movement in favor of Daylight Saving and his hope that the whole nation will adopt the plan, draws attention to the suggestion of a Harrisburg man to the fact that there is more than one way of accomplishing the end.

For example, if an isolated community or industry desires to give its employees an extra hour of daylight during the summer months, all it has to do is to place the starting time an hour early. That is really all that Daylight Saving is doing under the provisions of the law. Industries starting at 8 o'clock could open at 7, those opening now at 7 could start at 6, as they are really doing now by sun time, although their clocks tell them it is an hour later.

Evening Chat

President Benjamin M. Nead, of the Dauphin County Historical Society, being absent from the world's marks at the opening of the winter series of meetings of the society the other evening when he said that there were few in any city and territory round about who realized what a prominent part Dauphin, Cumberland and Franklin counties had played in the discussion which framed the ratification of the Federal Constitution.

CAN'T BUY THE PEOPLE

THE Democratic campaign committee is undertaking to raise a fund of \$5,000,000. They will be unable to carry the election in 1920 even if they have ten times that amount.

A DAY TO CELEBRATE

SEPTEMBER 17, the anniversary of the adoption of the constitution of the United States in 1787, ought to be observed by every patriotic society, by every school and by every American organization in the country. That date is a red-letter day in the history of the Republic. Without the constitution the sacrifices and triumphs of the Revolution would have borne no fruit.

Every true American venerates the constitution, and as Prof. McElroy, of the National Society League, recently said, it is our only guarantee of law and order. Said he: Those who to-day are dreaming of eternal peace and eternal plenty in a world free of strife and the struggle for existence are simply dreaming. When the war came they must face us as our fathers faced, the sad and sobering facts of mortal life. Man's evil which can be cured by life will still depend upon the capacity to produce, the thrift to keep it, the brains to organize it. The lazy, the untrained and the incompetent will again take up their ancient place at the foot of the ladder, while those with energy, training and capacity will lead the world.

Do the guarantees of our constitution suffice to protect the citizen against the injustice of the danger of being exploited by men more cunning or more powerful than himself? They have not secured him full protection; with the rights of the citizens of any other government, in any age of history, we can say with confidence and with just pride: "Americans are the freest, the most powerful, the most respected of all people. The ills which they suffer are the ills which they themselves have caused; but our constitution offers a legal remedy for every wrong which can be cured by the power of human government."

Man has devised nothing better in the way of governmental doctrine than our constitution. Fundamentally it is sound. We may add to it from time to time, but we can neither take from it nor disregard any of its provisions without endangering the peace of mankind and the safety of the world. America is the hope of civilization, and without the constitution America would be merely a name—like Mexico, or Russia—and the whole earth would revert to lawlessness and savagery.

Every man who wore a uniform will have a place of honor. It is their show. They, and they only, are to be considered. We who, through age or circumstances, were left at home will play second fiddle. We would not have it otherwise. The committee in making this wise decision will have the full support of the public.

Dauphin sent General John A. Hanna, of revolutionary fame, and son in law of John Harris; Adam Orth, one of the early ironmasters of the county and ancestor of Dr. Orth; Jonathan Hoge, whose life is part of the county; John Reynolds, of Shippensburg, a noted man, and Robert Whitehill, one of the ablest men in the convention. John Boyd and William C. Sproul, for Northumberland and Richard Bard and John Allison for Franklin. John Black, H. Slagle, Thomas Campbell, John Todd, ancestor of the form attorney general; Berks had as a delegate Abraham Lincoln, great grand uncle of the martyr President; Timothy Pickens, first president...

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?

WHEN YOU WAKE UP FROM A FINE SLEEP 'NEATH AN OLD SLEEC WHICH YOU PROMPTLY SWALLOW AND ARE JERKED IN THE AIR ON THE END OF A LINE BUT JUST AS YOU ARE BEING TAKEN OFF THE HOOK YOU GIVE A MIGHTY FLOP AND FALL BACK INTO THE WATER OH-H-H-H BOY! AIN'T IT A GR-R-R-RAND AND GLOR-R-RIOUS FEELIN'?

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DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg is having more conventions now than ever before in its history? HISTORIC HARRISBURG—Harrisburg's first political convention is supposed to have met in a hotel on Market Square.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Peace in Balkans

To the Editor of the Telegraph: We are at the eve of the settlement of the Balkan problem by the Peace Conference at Paris. While it was solemnly declared by President Wilson and the Peace Conference that they were fighting for the liberation of the small and oppressed peoples, it is a pity that we do not hear from the Peace Conference about anything about Macedonia.

LABOR NOTES

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Politics in Pennsylvania

More people will probably vote to-day at the primary elections in Pennsylvania than have voted in any preliminary election in a so-called "off" year in a decade. The numerous contests throughout the State have been waged with an intensity seldom known and elements have entered into the struggles which have made results uncertain in some districts regarded as of the highest importance.

The Philadelphia contest, which Col. George Nox McCain says has been waged with more bitterness than any other contest in the State, is regarded by Philadelphia newspapers as one of great importance. It is for the first officers under the new constitution all the remarkable things cropped out in former years have turned up, making themselves apparent in an unprecedented registration.

Pittsburgh has a struggle for leadership without parallel and both the Allegheny and Delaware county battles have made the remarkable things in Washington and New York correspondents are telling of national interest in the Philadelphia contest and the registration of the Republican in the Delaware county primary.

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In Philadelphia the vast majority of the voters registered, and they number over 350,000, are Republican and in Pittsburgh a tremendous proportion of the voters registered are Republican. In Scranton the Republicans have gained in registration, while in various other cities the registration is a Democratic county, has registered 19,300 more or 2,500 more than ever known, the Republican registration being very large.

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January 8, 1915 — "Do you not think it is likely that the world will some day turn to America and say: 'You were right and we were wrong. You kept your heads and we lost ours.'"

January 30, 1916 — "It has been very difficult for us to hold off and look with cold judgment upon such tremendous matters. And yet we have held off."

February 1, 1916 — "America is called on to sit in a sort of moral judgment on the processes of the war."

May 17, 1916 — "There are two reasons why the chief wish of America is for peace. One is that they love peace and have nothing to do with the present quarrel."

April 1, 1917 — "It is a war against all nations. * * * The challenge is to all mankind."

April 2, 1917 — "Our object is to vindicate the principles of peace and justice in the life of the world against selfish and autocratic power."

April 2, 1917 — "We are glad, now that we see the facts with no veil of false pretense about them, to fight thus for the ultimate freedom of the world."

May 12, 1917 — "We go in because we believe that the very principles upon which the American Republic was founded are now at stake and must be vindicated."

the time of the glory of sharp fall weather; and again when the bleak days are shortest and winter grips the land. And I love the old houses, the nobodies in little houses, except in their "little houses" these poems will also appeal to others; for our life was essentially the same as all the old-fashioned forward realism that makes "The Child's Garden of Verse" immortal. She expresses in simple, pleasing verse the very soul of sweet and simple childhood.

George Woden's "Little Houses," just published by E. P. Dutton & Co., is a novel of unusual flavor. It is a tale of humble life in a small English manufacturing town during the Eighties and Nineties of the last century, but it inspires its realistic pictures of the daily life of its people with quiet humor, with the sense of their consequence and with keen interest in them and their surroundings.

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