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Secretary Davis Explains

We expressed the belief some days ago that the unemployment statistics announced by the Department of Labor were misleading. A statement issued by Secretary Davis this week confirms that opinion. The Department did not intend to convey the impression, he says, that there were 5,735,000 men who were out of work, but merely that "there are 5,735,000 fewer men, women and children on the payrolls than there were in March, 1920." This explanatory statement fully warrants Mr. Davis' assertion that "there is a difference with a distinction."

He goes on to express the opinion, in fact, that less than one-third of these unemployed persons are "the principal bread-winners of families." Secretary Davis properly directs attention to the fact that we have only recently passed through a period in which many who had not before worked for wages or salaries were induced to take employment. Many thousands of these have gradually returned to their former status.

The Secretary of Labor makes this comforting statement: "Comparatively few families have had their only bread-winners put out of a job." Fewer persons are unemployed now, incidentally, than were unemployed in 1914.

Mr. Davis has offered this explanatory statement without attempting to give an impression of entire serenity. He recognizes, apparently, as every informed person recognizes, the seriousness of the situation; and he will have the moral support of the people in his appeal for "something intelligent and effective" in the way of relief. It is not desirable, however, that the public shall be unduly alarmed by the dissemination of misleading statistics. A bad situation will not be relieved by exaggeration.

Secretary Davis takes the newspapers of the country to task for misstating the application of the figures issued by his department. The newspapers and the public should have known at once, of course, that when he said "unemployment" he did not mean "out of work."

The Visit of Venizelos
Former Premier Venizelos, of Greece, will soon start for the United States where, it is stated, he will spend six months and will deliver numerous lectures on the League of Nations—and, we imagine, on the political affairs of his own country.

M. Venizelos will be received in this country with the honor and respect due a distinguished statesman. His American tour will doubtless be watched with great interest by the King of Greece. There is a very large Greek element in this country, and the relationship between the Greeks at home and those living in the United States is such as to give the latter, collectively, a large influence in the politics of their native country. How they will welcome M. Venizelos, how they will respond to his lectures on the League and other subjects—these are considerations of much importance to Constantine.

The coming of the deposed premier will also revive general popular interest in the affairs of his country. If he should see fit to do so, he will have ample authority for informing the American public that the King of Greece is a big cheese who doesn't understand the first principles of statesmanship, whose only interest is in making his throne secure and whose popularity with the people of Greece is largely fictitious or manufactured. Of course, M. Venizelos may steer clear of home politics during his visit here. It will probably be well if he does. It is to be hoped that his addresses in behalf of the League of Nations will be respectfully received.

Off Again
Premier Lloyd George has cancelled arrangements for the Inverness conference on peace with Ireland. The situation apparently has reverted to a status practically identical with that existing when the negotiations were begun.

Mr. De Valera sent emissaries to the British premier with a letter in which it was stated that Ireland's delegates would enter the conference only as the representatives of an independent, sovereign state. Cancellation of arrangements for the conference is not surprising in view of that condition. Acceptance would necessarily, as Mr. Lloyd George points out in his reply, have amounted to an official recognition of Ireland's severance. The Irish leader knew, of course, that tacit recognition of Irish independence would be carried by an agreement to the condition he laid down, and it would appear that he was entertaining the hope of catching the British premier in a moment of abstraction.

Simply stated, the position which Mr. De Valera has assumed is that Ireland desires to accept the offer of a partnership with the dominions of the British commonwealth, but insists upon the privilege of going out for a moment in order to make a more dignified entry. The most casual analysis of the proposal makes it obvious that in accepting, Premier Lloyd George would simply have granted the original demands of the Irish leaders. The very conditions proposed would have made the conference unnecessary, as the issue it was being called to settle would have been eliminated on Ireland's own terms.

The discussion has thus been reduced to an absurdity. Mr. De Valera wants to get Ireland out on ball and does not even offer himself as surety.

The prospect that it will ever be possible to ascertain the truth about the Arbuckle party has diminished perceptibly since one of the guests testified that more than forty quarts of liquor were consumed by those who attended.

A Japanese statesman argues that one item of the Pacific settlement should be the internationalizing of the Panama Canal. He is getting just a little ahead of the game, it will seem to the average American.

There has been widespread concern over the illness of the sterling young Democratic leader, Franklin D. Roosevelt, who is suffering from an attack of infantile paralysis. Late reports are encouraging, however. Mr. Roosevelt is recovering, and will not be affected permanently in any way, says his physicians. The country looks to him for many years of useful public service.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
PLEAD FOR OLD TREES
Editor of The Star:
As a Wilmingtonian, absent in body but ever present in spirit and interest, and a daily reader of The Star, I wish to add to Mr. Meare Harris' courteous letter to the County Commissioners my plea for the preservation of the proposed widening of the Turnpike, of the causeway and the old cedars.

Just how this can be done, if in this age of high power locomotion the causeway is too narrow for safety, I do not know, and I am quite willing to leave it to the Commissioners who have already given new Hanover roads as good as any, and as attractive. But I do most earnestly hope that the causeway and the old trees will not be left exactly as they are, but may be preserved as much as possible against the ravages of time.

A few weeks ago I went on a swift motor trip through Frederick County, which is the richest and one of the most beautiful and progressive counties of Maryland. Our way lay of course over the well known "Jug Bridge," so called because its builder, for some reason known only to himself or lost to posterity, erected an immense masonry jug on one of the piers at the entrance. Fantastic tales are told of the wonderful liquids that it has safely hidden away at different periods of its long life. "This bridge is anything but wide, and in both the structure itself and its approach there is a decided curve. But I am quite sure that nothing could be offered to induce the stewards of the county to either remove or remodel this old landmark. And it is so everywhere today. A community that possesses anything unique, individual or historical, anything favoring of another stage of existence and manner of living, is not only doing everything possible to preserve and keep it, but is counting it an asset in its commercial life and progress.

Our turnpike is a good road and an attractive one, and the most attractive part of it is surely the short avenue of quaint, dwarfed cedars which give a first glimpse of water, a first whiff of sea air, and eternal mysterious whispers of many things.

"For any tree
Will talk to me
And will to all people, if they will
but listen."
—E. W. R.
Washington, D. C., September 14, 1921.

MR. MINTIRE LAID TO REST

Funeral service was held yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock from the family residence, 819 Marek street, for John McKay McIntire, whose death occurred Thursday night at the home of his mother, Mrs. S. L. McIntire.

Rev. W. W. Morton, assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian church, conducted the funeral, assisted by Rev. J. J. Murphy.

Impressive services were held at the grave by St. John's lodge, No. 1, A. F. and A. M., and the sorrowing friends present bore touching testimony to the memory of a knightly and devoted Christian character.

The following served as pallbearers: Honorary, Dr. A. H. Harris, J. W. Yates, J. V. Grainger, Dr. James Sprunt, James M. Hall, Robert Fowler, L. E. Sasser and W. M. Cumming; active, R. C. Cantwell, Rev. J. S. Crowley, J. M. Harvey, H. Allen Huggins, L. O. Ellis and Isaac W. Solomon.

EXTRA SUBURBAN CAR.
Beginning this afternoon and until further notice an extra car is being placed on the suburban schedule for Saturdays only, leaving Front and Princess streets at 1:30 p. m. and returning leaving Lumina at 2:15 p. m.

ACADEMY

TODAY
Matinee and Night

"Bringing Up Father"

A real show with real people. Not a "make believe" movie cartoon.

The Academy is not controlled by a corporation, but by people who are trying to give something for admissions charged.

Special matinee at 3:30 this afternoon for children. They will be admitted to any part of the house for 28 cents. And the management will personally see that they are looked after and have a good time.

WE ARE NOT TRYING TO HOLD ANYONE UP!
See the Real Show at the Academy This Afternoon and Tonight

Afternoon Prices:
Lower Floor, 75c; Balcony, 50c. Children, 25c (war tax extra)
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Tickets Selling at Elvington's

Fall Opening Sale

Ends Tonight

If You Haven't Supplied Yourself with the Necessities for This Fall
Do So TODAY—Goods Are Advancing Every Day—The Savings Will be Large

Saturday 9 to 9:30 A. M., We Will Sell
36-Inch Standard Percal at 11½c a Yard
Light and dark shades, pretty shirt-bird and Butterfly design. No C. O. D.'s.

Saturday 2:30 to 3:30 P. M., We Will Sell
27-Inch Percal at 8½c Per Yard
Light and dark shades, extra fine quality for children's dresses, house dresses and bungalow aprons, for one hour, per yard, 8½c.

- Cretonnes and draperies, wonderful display, prices so reasonable, big line priced as low as, per yard **25c**
- Batiste, plain and figured, also the Blue-bird and Butterfly design. Week-end price **25c**
- Ladies' cotton hose, black and tan, a pair **10c**
- Ladies' silk hose, black and brown, a pair **50c**
- Ladies' three-seam silk hose, in black, a wonderful value, a pair **\$1.25**
- Crinkle bedspreads, size 72x90, Androscoggin make, each **\$1.50**
- Nainsook, nice soft quality, 10 yards for **\$1.50**
- 27-inch homespun, per yard **5c**

- 27-inch percale, per yard **10c**
- 36-inch percale, per yard **13c**
- 27-inch gingham, per yard **10c**
- 27-inch outing, per yard **15c**
- 36-inch curtain scrim, per yard **10c**
- 28-inch Yucon chevot, per yard **10c**
- 32-inch fine gingham, per yard **19c**
- 32-inch bed tickings, per yard **10c**
- 28-inch galatia, in pretty checks, per yard **29c**
- 32-inch imported Scotch gingham, per yard **48c**

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- Men's black socks, a pair **10c**
- Men's best quality garters, a pair **19c**
- Suit cases, 24-inch size, waterproof, no straps, special **\$1.25**
- Solid leather Boston bags, a most handy bag, all sizes at the special price of **\$2.50**

- Boys' two-pants suits in brown mixtures, pretty style and serviceable, sale price **\$9.95**
- Boys' blouses, E. & W. make, good full cut, good quality, extra fine cloth, each **75c**
- Men's overalls, heavy blue denim, a pair **98c**
- Men's unionalls, Durrbuilt quality; color, dark tan, per suit **\$2.50**
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