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THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 27, 1916

BRILLIANTS

All unbelief is the belief of alic,-H. Bonar,

Angels are bright still, though the brightest fell,-

It is his whole life, not a few incidents of it, that proves

I see, but can not reach the height That lies forever in the light .- Longfellow.

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy cometh in the meraing.-Psalms xxx:5.

Hard unkindness mocks the tear it forced to flow.-Gray.

When valor preys on reason, it eats the sword it fights with.—Shakespeare.

UNITED ON A TARIFF COMMISSION

President Wilson and Representative Kitchin are united on the proposed Tariff Commission. If leadership in Washington counts for anything, this means that the present Congress will pass some sort of measure giving the country this new and much needed asset of our government. If a suitable measure is passed it will mean that the tariff ultimately will be taken out of politics. And instead of the voters reversing themselves every few years on their method of dealing with this great economic problem, the tariff will be put in the hands of experts who will keep the law up-todate and will see to it that schedules as nearly fair as can the United States is already bekind the proposition. For several months past "The Nation's Business," the organ of the Chamber, has been waging a campaign in favor of a Tariff Commission. In its January number, that publication answers the arguments made again-t the proposed commission and tells us that the sort of commission which the Chamber favors would have no voice whatever in determining national policy as to a tariff, but would merely ascertain facts pertaining to business, without which a really scientific tariff cannot be built up. The Chamber holds, and properly so, that "such facts are absolutely essential, regardless of the sort of tariff policy to which Congress may be committed, whether that policy be for a high or low tariff, or one for revenue only."

If the commission is established we think it should be clothed with as much power as possible, for otherwise it will be a failure. If it is to have no power to change schedules. to lower or raise them, as it deems best-if Congress must ratify everything the commision does then we would have the same troublesome tariff question before the people every two years. And in the future, as in the past, the tariff would be made the main issue on which the two great political parties would go before the country for support. The Republican party, of course, will not favor a commission with power to act on its own initiative. The G. O. P. leaders want to keep the tariff in polities, because they recognize that this is the only way they will be able to continue to get hir campaign contributions from the dishonest business interests of the country who hope to secure special privileges by elevating the Republicans to power,

We very much fear that the Chamber of Commerce of the United States is throwing sop to these G. O. P. leaders when it favors a Tariff Commission with few powers. The people have definitely and emphatically put their stamp of appro val upon a tariff for revenue only. Honest business men are bound to admit that this is the only sort of tariff which is fair to all the people. Then why not establish a permanent Teriff Commission and give it definite powers to act under this broad and wholesome policy and leave the making of tariff schedules with experts who know their business? The suly reason why this cannot be done-if, indeed, it turns out that it cannot-is to be found in the fact that the dishonest manufacturers of this country will not be satisfied with any sort of tariff policy under which there is no hope of their being granted special privileges at the expense of the rest of the people of the country.

DOUGHTON IS RIGHT

Representative Doughton of the Eighth District is a man with a big body and a big brain. But best of all, he has a head full of common sense. And by this we mean he has developed to a marked degree the ability to judge the common mind. Having fived all his life among the people, he knows the mind of the people. He knows what the people the great common people-are thinking about. He knows the likes and dislikes of the people of his district. And that comes pretty near saying that he knows about what the people of the entire country like and don't like. For un American is an American wherever you find him. His process of thinking is pretty much the same, whether he lives in Alleghany county, North Carolina, or in Pike county

Therefore, we make bold to my that Mr. Doughton is speaking for the great mass of the people of this country when he tells Mr. Kitchin, the leader of the majority in the House, that the people don't like this stamp tax business. And he is right when he insists that the Democratic admin istration should find some method less burdensome by which to raise the revenue necessary to meet the running expenses of the government during the war in Europe, which even the Republicans must admit has cut down the revenue derived from duties on imports to such an extent that some other means of raising funds must be found.

As Mr. Doughton points out, the stamp tax was all right s a temporary measure. It was the best that could be done under the conditions which the country suddenly found itself facing a year ago. But now, when we have had time to recover from the first shock of the European catastrophe which upset commerce and shook the industrial enterprises of the whole world to their very foundations, the government ought to be able to find a better method to raise reveone than by levying special stamp taxes on deeds, notes, telegraph and telephone messages and other things of such general and necessary use by rich and poor alike.

Just what other method would prove more successful and at the same time less burdensome and objectionable, we do not profess to know absolutely. But it strikes us that the method which should be adopted is one by which those who are making enormous profits as a direct result of the war would be required to bear the extra burden of direct taxation which is made necessary because of the war. The ammunition manufacturers, for instance, are much more able to pay a spec ial tax than are the rank and file of the people.

We hope Representative Kitchin, as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House, upon whom devolves the responsibility of framing the new revenue measure, will consider seriously the advice given him by the Eighth District's sensible Representative and find a way or make one by which the people will be relieved of the duty of purchasing government stamps for so many of the necessary things they use.

T. B. BAILEY

His friends were not prepared to hear of the death of T. B Bailey. It is still hard for them to believe that the news which came from Mocksville Tuesday is true. It is hard for us to realize that he is gone from among us.

Pneumonia is a fearful disease and does its work quickly In the case of Mr. Bailey it didn't tarry long. Even his be to all sections of the country will always be in operation. friends in Mocksville had scarcely learned he was ill, when We are confident that this method of dealing with the they were shocked by the information that he was dead. tariff will meet the approval of the honest manufac. Pneumonia is doing fearful work in the State this year. The warm days and the cold, the damp and the clear, coming so close together furnish the kind of weather in which it delights to thrive. In T. B. Bailey the disease found a lofty mark, and has robbed the State of one of its best men.

If T. B. Bailey had not been a learned lawyer, if he had not been a man in whom the people reposed the highest concharacter and splendid ability, if he had not been prominent in the public affairs of the State, if he had not been a beounl event at Mocksville and for thirty years has yielded a large sum every year for the support of the orphans of our State-this and this only would constitute a lasting monument to his memory.

THE SURGEON

My sense is weary of the smell of drugs, The moan of human pain: But let me turn away and dream the world, Is clean, and foul disease A figment of the brain!

Let my forget the folly and the sin-That bring men to my door; The fear of life, the cruel dread of death, The sickness of the soul That haunts men evermore!

Forget the cry of stricken motherhood That lingers in my ears: The futile efforts of my hand to save Beloved ones from death, And after that the tears!

crave to lock my office door and break The bottles on the stand And lose forever from its elinging hold Upon my garment's hem The eager, seeking hand,

And then go wandering in the fields of life, The joyous ones to see; Touch hands with swift, abounding health, That knows no note to sing Save that of victory.

But hark! Bring back the other cup, the drugs, The musty books, the knife; The weak and ailing ones are calling me. No rest, no holiday The battle is for life!

High priest of death and life, I stand to serve. The sacrament of pain; I nerve my arm and whet my blade and pray The unseen God: "Let not

The service be in vain!"

Francis McKinnon Morton, in Charleston News

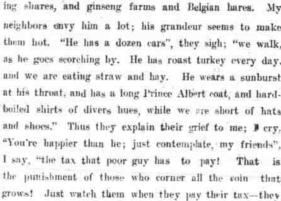
THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN



Rippling Rhymes

NO ENVY

Old Bingsmith has a goodly pile of all the coins that are in style. He owns some palaces and mills, the cattle on a thousand hills, and bonds and stocks and min-



dread it worse than stakes or racks, they writhe and shrink and swoon away, and yet you think the rich are gay!"

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Fun and Fancy

WALT MASON

Friend (to returned patriot)-I sup-pose that while the battle raged you could hear shot and shell whistling

Returned Patriot-Not from where was. You see, they had given me an entrenching tool, and you bet your hoots I used it!-Exchange.

Modern Jack Spratt and Wife "I'd rather play golf than eat."
"But what does your wife say to

"the she doesn't cure. She'd rainplay bridge than cook."-Deroit Free

If They Had Told The Truth

"How homely your wife grows." "My dear, what do you suppose my score was this morning. One hundred and forty-nine for 18 holes."
"I won't be home till late tonight,

darling. I'm going to paint the town quirer. red with a couple of old college chame.' Yes, sir, the hotel is pretty full, but I can give you what we consider the worst room in it for a little more than the same price you would pay for a good one if we weren't so crewd-

How It Is Done Dear Sir: Will you kindly publish directions for ticing a bow-tie?

ROGER COOT. Well, Roger you hold the tie in your left hand and your collar in the other. Slip your neck in the collar, and cross the left-hand end of the tle over the right with the left hand, steadying the right end with the other hand. Then drop both hands, eatching the left with the right and the other with the other. Leverse hands, and pick up the loose ends with the nearest hands. Pull this end through the loop with your unengaged hand, and squeeze. You will find the knot all tied and all you have to do is to untangle your hands.-Dirtmouth Jack-o'-Lantern.

The Same Method

Grs Miller, a traveling man, paused to watch a small colored youth who stood on one foot, inclined his woolly head far to one side, and pounded vigorously on his skull with the palm of his right hand.

"Hello, kid!" grinned the drummer, whose memory was carried back to his own boyhood days by the familiar ac-"What are you doing?" "Got watch in mah car," announced

"Ob oh!" laughed the drummer. know just how that is. I often have felt like that after being in swimming."

"Swimmin' nuffin'!" the youth exclaimed, disdainfully. "Ah been extin' watahmilyun.'- Exchange.

The Wrong House The agent stopped at the piazza of the cottage by the sea, where sat a

bronzed and rugged old man, says the Washington Star. "If you are troubled with moths, as bed. I warned he and doubt you are, I have just the proper magange today."

V STORY

Paragraphics

Panama Canal Ready by February Ready for what, another slide !-Albany Argus-

Mr. Ford's attention is directed is the fact that Colonel House has not vet felt obligated to desert Europe .-Philadelphia Record.

Colonel Roosevelt is shouting for war not because he wants war, but because President Wilson doesn't want it .-Charleston Courier.

A St. Louis man has undergone 131 operations. Some day the doctors are roing to find out what's the matter with him. - Detroit Free Press.

Mr. Rockefeller gave six boys a pen ny each and told them to save it. John D. seems to be the man who put the "con" in economy.-Philadelphia In-

Jane Addams admits that if she is to lead the choir the Progressive hymn will lave to be revised.-Pittsburgh Disputch

A Chicago prophet says the Alhes will win when 25,000,000 men have been killed, which figures, will take three years. Why not speed up the killing and end it sooner ?- Pittsburgh Dispatch.

In order to stop the spread of grip, an organization of Chicago girls has formed a resolution not to be kissed If all the Chicago girls look like the samples we've seen, it won't require much resolution.-Nashville Tennessean.

'Moths have never bothered me," said the old man-"How about the grasshopper peat! have something here which is guaran-

"I con't believe I've seen a grasshop-per in forty years. The fact is-"But surely you want to be prepared to fight the locusts. Now, this package contains-"I mave never had any trouble with

the locusts, and I never expect to," repied the old man. "Well, you've got me stumped," said the agent. "How do you manage to escape all these things?"

"Kasy enough. I'm captain of the brigantine Nellie M., sailing between here and Java."

Disobeying Orders The porter of a small hotel being attacked by illness while on duty, his kind employer sent him upstairs to bed and called a physician. When the doctor came down after having attended his patient, the proprietor accosted him, says the Boston Globe. "Well, ductor, how

did you find him?" he asked. "He's coming down with the grip," was the doctor's reply.

"If he does, I'll send him back to ted. I warned him not to lug any more

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Current Comment

The Railroads and Prosperity Springfield Republican .

The financial effect upon the railoads of the industrial transformation s seen in the final returns of gross and not earnings for November. The the largest ever known, reports the increase in gross was 27.58 per cent, distributing firm of Bliss, Fabian and and in net 73.52 per cent. The New Co of New York, and the representa-Yerk Financial Chronicle permits it- tive of M. C. D. Borden and Sons. self to indulge in decorous jubilation, Fall River mill owners, is quoted as after several years of gloomy reflections upon the depression industry. Think the transportation industry. Think of over \$66,000,000 in the gross and of over \$50,000,000 in the not, all in a single month, means! | Pacific coast are quite as optimistic." Think what an in improvement of over 73 per cent, in net earnings means es a revivifying agency in the world! Think how it has changed the carriers' prospect and completely affered the railroad outlook!" It is the belief It is the belief of the Financial Chronicle that "trade inprovement may now assume an ennuring character where before it seemed a mere figment of the brain."

The improved financial condition of tue railroads should indeed help to sustair. American industry after the stimulous of the war export. trade had ceased to be felt. For several years railroad orders for new comment have been small, and that was one reason prefects as well as new conjument pregrams-all of which may keep busy the great allied manufacturing industries. This, at least, is the hopeful view of and hours of work with the railroad again, and railroad managers by no means see light ahead so far as they could wish, in regard to the dual stat. and Federal regulation of their busiress; yet the turn for the better that has come is an immense relief to railroad financiers and every one must feet it to be one of the most wetcome developments of the general business it-

There is clearly no setback as yet in any direction of the business world. Actual manufacturing profits are enormons at this time. No matter what the stock market may think, the decla-Bethlehem steel means no depression in that line of industry. The speculation in the war order stocks was insanely overdone, as conservative observer believed in the height of the speculating craze; and there is nothing to be starmed about when a stock that was American securities bought at \$500 a slare on the basis of wild expectations yields only 30 per ent, on the par value and 6 per centon the purchase value. And so with tion's earnings are simply huge, being now estimated at about \$50,000,000 to non dividend, about to be announced many anticipate. Chairman Gary reurally be against a large distribution of profits. But the size of the distribution will not alter the fact that the for months to come.

Other industries, particularly in which New England is interested, continue in a most active | condition. The demand for cotton textile goods is saying: "Our mills are running to full capacity, and have been for some time. New England and the South are highly prosperous and, from what we hear from buyers, the middle West and the Silk mills, which at no time have been benchearies of the war, are also operatign at their utmost capacity. clearings are running in the country at large some 40 per cent above a year ago, and some 20 per cent, above two your ago. The New York hotels are crowded this winter with the leisure class, who, in peace times, spent their money in Europe; but among them is a large infusion of newcomers who have grows alarmingly affluent during the

past year. The broad, heavy strokes in this pleture are not in the least uncertain in their vivid coloring. When one comes to details, the color scheme changes for the depression in the iron and sized somewhat. The present erratic move-With heavy carnings, the ment of the stock market is obscure railronds may now raise new carital in its bearing, perhaps. Heavy profesmuch more easily and begin extension signal selling of war industrials continnes and while this is to perted as due to the nonfulfillment in dividends of the excessive anticipations registered in last year's orgy of specthe outlook. Fresh conflicts over wages lation, there are those who ask if this decline in market values forecasts war employes are unfortunately heading up developments that are still hidden from the sight of the general public. No answer to this inquiry can be given, of course, although the confused movement of prices may register the unersy feeling prevalent concerning the possible nevelopment of the war into a much embittered and ruthless war of reprisals, in which neutral rights would be less respected than ever. It is not to to overlooked that the beginning of sharp Congressional debates on delicate international questions adds to the market's perplexities.

In ordinary times, such extraoritnary earnings as the railroads now reration of a 30 per cent dividend on port would in themselves cause a stock market boom. In the present situation, that is out of the question it appears. The railroad shares in general just about hold their own. Counteracting the pullish effect of the increased earn ing in the heavy foreign liquidation in constantly going on. Two steamers last week are repeated to have brought to New York from England fully \$40,000,000 of American bonds and shares. Railroad se United States steel. The steel corpora- curities have been much more largely held abroad than our industrial secur ities; but the special report by the the last quarter. The size of the econ- United States steel corporation the past week disclosed most by the directors, may be lesse than foreign selling of steel shares. The forcien holders of common stock at the cently uttered forebodings concerning close of the year were only 639,031 the future, and his influence will not shares, compared with 1,193,064 on December 31, 1914, a decline of 41.6 per cent It is not improbable that the fact that the dividend in the common from and steel industry is rushing ahead stock was passed entirely in January at full capacity and promises to do so of last year may have operated as an added influence to the liquidation.

New Arrivals SPRING STYLES In KNOX and MALLORY Hats