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#### Labor and Food

pirates, congress continues to dawdle along, and a few conscienceless individuals in the legislative body are deliberately blocking the Lever bill absolute control of our food supplies crime. during the war. Among these worthies is Senator Reed, of Missouri, who, for reasons which he may one day be called upon to explain, is particularly active in opposition to the administration food bill. Senator Reed protests that the bill would give to the food director and his subordinates "powers which no king or po- the face of distressing illness, he was matters stand now, there is not much his daughter and sister have the symcome law by July 1, and should this knew them during their residence in be the case it will be too late after Asheville. that date to give to the nation that measure of relief so badly needed.

In striking contrast to the attitude of certain senators and congressmen, and with the attitude of the special interests that profit by high prices for food supplies, is the present stand of organized labor. We may take it for granted that members of the labor party are in a good position to know and realize the seriousness of the existing situation. Upon the laboring classes of the United States the burden of the high cost of living has with extraordinary severity. While the price of everything else has gone skywards, the wages of lahave remained at a standstill, until it can be said without exaggeration that the workman's dollar today will not buy as much as a half dollar would two or three years ago. Hence the present attitude of Samuel Gomtion of Labor, who declares that if anything is to come of the proposal for government control of food supplies, action must be taken at once. He calls upon organized labor throughout the country to stand firmly behind the president on this question, and he makes it plain that obstreperous senators and congressmen will be held strictly to account if the administration food bill falls of passage. Labor's fight against the food speculators is prompted not solely by the interests of the tollers of the nation, but by the interests of the American people generally, for it goes without saying that should the food conservation bill be passed the benefits of the new law will not be confined to the laboring classes; the entire nation will profit should organized labor succeed in winning the fight wherein it is now engaged.

This being the case, The Citizen is of the opinion that the public generally should bestir itself in behalf of pending food legislation. The brunt of the fight should not be left to one class of citizenship, if all are to share in the benefits of victory. Here in our own community a public meeting should record the fact that the rank and file stand squarely behind the president and his food measures.

#### Concerning Reprisals

The Citizen is surprised to note that some of its friends, in reading recent editorials in this paper which discussed reprisals by the allies for German barbarities, have jumped to the conclusion that The Citizen would Job." follow out the "eye for eye, and tooth for tooth" policy against Germany. Our friends assume that the definition of "reprisal" calls for the infliction of similar or severer injuries on the enemy within or without the region of war. That is to say, if Germany slaughters non-combatants, and murders women and children, the allies should do the same. Now The Citizen does not imply anything of the sort, nor does the average advoeate of reprisal believe in any such doctrine. We are well aware that certain codes of morality and civilization, and the ordinary dictates of humanity, forbid a policy of reprisal which has for its deliberate object the

killing and wounding of non-combatants, and the murder of women and children. In this respect we are re minded of a recent statement by Hall Published Every Morning Caine, the famous English novelist, who to one of the foremost advocates of the reprisal policy in England. In a recent issue of The London Chronicle, Mr. Chine mid: "In order to prevent German soldiers from attacking The Asheville Citizen, 6 days a week vent German soldiers from attacking The Sunday Citizen, Every Sunday Belgian women and bayoneting Belgian children, it does not follow that Belgian soldiers should attack German women and bayonet German children. The reprisals of a nation, whether on or off the battlefield, will be according to its civilization and humanity. The reprisals of the Germans Reports Complete for certain of our alleged acts is to drown our wounded soldiers. That s the measure of their humanity God forthd that the allies should stain their fame with either infamy."

When The Citizen talks about re prisals and the necessity therefor it has in mind only the thought that reprisal by the allies should be confined to the bombardment from the air of German fortifications, German munitions plants and German naval bases. We have always believed, and still believe that a large fleet of allied airplanes dropping bombs on the fortified sections of Berlin would put an end to the German practice of raiding the British coast and slaughtering women and children. We might also say that were the allied governments to give Germany final notice to the effect that the continuance While the American nation lies at of such outrages would call for sethe mercy of food gambiers and food vere reprisals, the Berlin authorities would experience a change of heart And, in conclusion, we will say that "reprisal" does not necessarily call for punishment in kind, although it exwhich would give the government presses a punishment that fits the

In the death of James E. Norton, formerly of Asheville, and later of New York, the newspaper world has lost one of its brightest minded members, and his friends a companion whose kind heart never failed in consideration of them. Courageous in tentate ever dared to exercise." As ever uncomplaining. Mrs. Norton, prospect that the food bill will be- pathy of those older residents who

> Voice of the People ANOTHER VIEW OF "DRAFT."

Editor Citizen Having heard that the people of the south are to a certain degree opposed to the new army bill, and being an Asheville man, myself, I wish to say a few words in regard to the army. any or all of which you are at lib-

The opposition seems to be to the word "conscription" or "draft." see no reason to think that because a man is drawn by the draft system he is any less a patriot than the one who enlists on his own initiative.

Take my own case. I did not en Take my own case. I did not en-list for patriotic reasons alone. On the other hand, it may be that my reasons were just a little bit selfish. The glamor of the martial life ap-pealed to me. Unlike many others I have not been disappointed in my ex-pectations. Even had there been no war my occupation for life would have been the army. While I have not made a glorious success of it, I think have been as successful as the I have been as successful as the average man of my ability in civil life. I am now drawing \$50 per month with all necessary expenses and have good prospects of soon leaving the ranks and becoming a com-missioned officer at \$150 per month. Therefore, it is not for patriotism that I am in the army, although I know I possess a share of this goodly and necessary quality, for if I had not I would not have been a success as a

On the other hand, take the man who does not enlist, but who waits to be drafted. He has the thought at least of doing something for his country that he does not love, or in other words, giving up something for the common good. He feels that he is giving something more to his country than loyalty.

I expect it to be my lot to drill and get into shape scores and even hundreds of these young men who will be drawn in the first 500,000. Not for a minute would I consider the recruit who is learning to make his first "right face" any less a man, a patriot or an American because he has been summoned to attend this camp than the men who are assisting me to get him and his companions into Many of these have grown gray in the service.

The work may not appeal to the young men. Much of it will be post-tively distasteful to them. Yet it must be done.

When the new army is organized the country sees the wisdom of it and becomes accustomed to the new order of things, all thoughts of the word "draft" will disappear and we will stand united and trained for the defense, not alone of the United States but of the world.

A man is served with a notice to work on the roads; he is served with a notice to send his children to school that they may escape the vices of ignorance; he is summoned by the county to be a juror, or summoned by the sheriff to help arrest a criminal. Why, then, should not the country not summon men to defend its

itizens? The cry of the press and the pulpit should be "Awake, Arise, Get on The Job." WILLIAM P. JONES, Sergeant, Company G. 29th infantry. Culebra, C. Z.

# With the Wags

Change, Ruth is an alchemist I know, And so I'll have to drop her. For every time I'm out with her My silver turns to copper.
—Widow.

Joyful Job. (Manchester Guardian.) The lady bank Jerk had completed her first week, and a friend asked her how she liked her work. "Oh, it's beautiful!" said the girl.

# SAVOYARD'S VIEWS

WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Out of tune, certainly out of step, with the period, I am very much op-posed to woman suffrage, because it is impossible for the elective franis impossible for the elective franchise to help her, and it is calculated to do her much injury. A great man of the middle of the last century said that nobody was proclaiming the cant of "woman's rights" except some long-haired men who ought to have been born women and some some long-narred me women and some have been born who ought not to have been born at all. Man is to have been born at all. Man is the oak that makes the human famiiy stately; woman is the vine that makes the human family lovely. That is how God fixed it. Why seek to censor and inprove on na-

And I'll try to tell you a story that is authentic history and illustrates how feminine is the sex. In the reign of Charles II the last heir of the great name of Percy—'I saw young Harry with his beaver on was the report that set atingling all the bot blood of one of her line, who, ages before, was named Hotspur—in the reign of Charles II a young daughter of Northumberland was wedded in her childhood to young Lord Ogle, a brother of the duchess of Albemarle, whose consort was one of Albemarle, whose consort was one of the notorious "Cabal." The hus-band died at the age of eighteen, beband died at the age of eighteen, before the marriage was consummated.
She was endowed with immense estates, and her mother, being a rather
frivolous woman, left her to the care
of her grandmother, Lady Northumberland, and while yet little past
childhood, Lady Ogle secretly married Tom Thinn, spoken of by Macauley as "Tom-of-Ten-Thousand,"
the name possibly due to the amount
of his income. The young girl, now
a wife for the second time ere she
was sixteen, was a marvelous beauty was sixteen, was a marvelous beauty of the plump type with red hair and pouting lips, then the standard of female leveliness at the court of a frivolous king who could have been a great ruler had he not elected to be a greater trifler.

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Soon the child-wife tired of "Tomof-Ten-Thousand," and fied the realm
putting herself under the protection
of Lady Temple, the wife of the British ambassador in Holland.

In that age there was a family of adventurous and brilliant scamps of the name of Koningsmark. One of the name of Koningsmark. One of the daughters was the mistress of Augustus the Strong king of Saxony, by whom she became the mother of the Field Marshal Maurice of Saxe, who subsequently added so much glory to the arms of France. A son of this disreputable family was assassinated by order of George I of England, while yet that monarch was only elector of Hanover, because of jealously of his queen, Sophia Doro-

Another scamp of a Koningsmark was in England and became infatuated with the beauty of the daughter of the house of Percy and very much in love with her immense fortune. in love with her immense fortune So when she fled to Holland he em-ployed some ruffians to murder "Tom-of - Ten - Thousand," which they promptly did, and were as promptly apprehended, accused, tried, convicted and executed, though the scoundrel who incited them to the crime, upon trial, was acquitted.

The lady cared nothing for Kon-ngsmark, though possibly she knew him. Certainly she had a horror of the murder. Subsequently she be-came the duchess of the duke of came the duchess of the duke of Somerset, who was an active partisan in all the vile and hellfired politics of Queen Anne's reign. The duchess was active in behalf of Mariborough, and dabbled in politics up to the elbow, perhaps to the armpits.

And here comes my argument against woman suffrage. I have characterized the politics of that period as "hell-fired"; it was worse than that. Dean Swift, the partisan of Holingbroke and the inveterate enemy of Marborough, wrote a poem shout as long as your fineer that he about as long as your finger that he styled "The Windsor prophecy"— and prohpecy it proved, in political result—in which he accused the duchness of Somerset of being privy to the murder of her second hus Tom-of-Ten-Thousand, and odious crime of having red hair. By and red hair, so lovely when Charles II was king, had become hideous when his niece, Anne, was queen. In his verse the ruffian poet had spoken of her as "Carrots."

And here we see the feminine which shows how little business a woman has to meddle in politics. The duch-ess passed by the charge of murder as trivial, negligible, altogether in-significant; but to the charge of being red-headed she made the most furious denial, and was emphatic even beyond the bounds of profane exple-tive, which she employed with vociferous and loquacious emphasis, though the slightest glance discovered

the "carrots" of her hair.

And that is about the way our women will meddle with politics when
they get a good whack at it. Washington, June 14.

#### TOBACCO SMOKE,

Tobacco smoke can soothe a man With cares of life oppressed, When after worries of the day He'll smoke at night and rest; Tis then somehow in clouds of smoke His troubles fade away, And glancing back he cannot see The hardships of the day; Then from a dark and unkind past The bitter mem'rles die, A blessed glimpse of happy days Shines where the dream paths lie.

and while a fellow puffs his pipe Or stogy, rich and brown, The folks he's loved but since has

Will come and gather 'round; And listening there in stilly dusk He hears his mother sing The old sweet songs of boyhood days That take away the sting; Good fellows who long since

gone Propose once more a drink To dreams that died long years ago-Those days he did not think.

In wreaths of smoke he sees again Bright eyes that shine, warm lips that

A man's heart to beguile: And while he smokes and smiling dreams. The mem'ry lives again

Of kisses stole one night in June, Forgetting later pain; The mad, sweet joys of other years, The loves of other days, Come back to brighten twilight dreams
And gladden somber ways.

Around the silent, lonesome hearth The little children play, The children that the Fates denied This man who dreams away: And in a low-backed rocking chair A sweet faced woman sews— A dear, dead dream of might-have-

That through the smoke wreaths grows; The gods have sent old Nicotine To men whose fond hopes die And through the clouds of fragrant

The happy dream paths lie. —Daisy M. Hendley.

#### The Scissors Route

The American Gunner (Louisville Courier-Journal.)
It is not to be expected that the
German submarine will fail to make
a score against American shipping. a score against American shipping, but the efficiency of American gun-ners may be counted upon as a fac-tor in the fight. The report from Washington that an American steamer engaged in a running fight with a submarine and that the duel ended when a well aimed shot struck the submarine squarely, sinking her, apparently, is a report altogether credible. It is the sort of climax Americans may reasonably expect in a sea light between American and German

A great deal of nonsense has been talked about German efficiency, as something unique in history. The Germans are methodical, well disciplined, carefully driven, well equipped, but they are not more efficient than Frenchman Englishmen or American Frenchmen, Englishmen or Ameri-

The entire military theory upon which Germany has set out to smash through to Paris was the sim-ple formula for victory which legend credits to an illiterate American of floer: "Git thar fust with the mostess

The campaign which began in Bel gium was an effort to overwhelm an unprepared enemy who could not bring into the field within two or three months sufficient numbers and sufficient equipment to resist the in-vasion. That the plan falled does not argue the singular efficiency of the Germans, especially when we consider the undoubted fact that they made an error in assuming the superiority of numbers on their side, or the su-periority of their guns. The Germans have maintained throughout their war the discipling which makes it possible for masses of German soldiers to be hurled against decimating fire, in solid formation, for a longer period, and under stress of more dis astrous losses than would be possible with less well disciplined men. The same dynamic force of perfect disci-pline is reflected in the ability of the civilian population to endure slender rationing while soldiers are better fed, but man for man and gun for gun the Germans have not proved themselves the superiors of their enthemselves the superiors of their en-emies. It is to be expected that whenever American naval gunners get an opportunity they will show that they are the equals, if not the su-periors, of other naval gunners, and that they will make the Germans pay dearly for having invited the en-counter.

Haig's New Blow. (Charleston News-Courier.) The new British blow is the more interesting because it was delivered w point well outside of the which the British offensive effort had previously been confined. The Tpres salient lies nearly fifty miles to the north of the main battiefields of the Arras drive. The Brit-ish army in France has never before this conducted a double offensive a two points so widely separated. That it is able to do so now is significant of its strength and of the high degree of organization which has been at-

The purpose of the new enterprise remains to be revealed. It may be designed merely to obliterate the deep salient just south of Ypres straighten out the line, in which cas it would be merely a local operation on a large scale. It appears just as likely that it is part of a general op-eration the ultimate object of which eration the utilimate object of which is the capture of Lille. A still more ambitious project would be the turn-ing of the so called Hindenburg line by a thrust clear through the Ypres sector to the north of the Hindenburg's line.

#### This Date in History

June 17. Cornerstone of Bunker Hill monument laid with great ceremonies at Boston, Lafayette being present. Sir William Crookes, famous

English scientist, inventor of Crookes tube, born. William King, first governor of Maine after the separation from Massachusetts, died, aged

eighty-four. Eben S. Draper, noted manufacturer, governor of Massa-chusetts, born; died April 9, 1914. Charles

Charles Frohman, famous American theatrical producer, born at Sandusky, O.; perished with sinking of Lusitania May 7, 1915. West Virgina university found-

ed at Morganton.

1872—International peace jubilee opened at Boston.

1892—Ulster convention at Belfast in opposition to home rule: 12,000

delegates present.

President Taft vetoed army bill

which would have retired General Leonard Wood. Several American consuls in

Mexico left their posts and re-turned to the United States: American troops again entered Mexico: the Carranza consul at Brownsville, Tex., issued an ultimatum to General James
Parker, U. S. A., that unless
the troops were withdrawn an
attack would be made upon
them by Carranza troops.

THE WAR:

1915—Austrians reached Lemberg
and stormed Grodek, one of
its principal defences.
Lieutenant Warneford, Cana-

dian aviator who destroyed the first Zeppelin in air fight, killed by fall in test fight.

Allies concluded their conference in Paris on economic and industrial procedure in regard to the central powers after the

Russians enter Radzioff after occupying Czernowitz, and fur ther north cross the Stokhod forming three deep salients into the Austrian lines at Dubno. Czernowitz and Horodenka.

#### Notable Birthdays

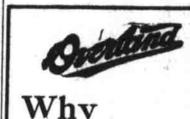
June 17 Prince Danilo Alexander of Montenegro, heir to the throne of the tiny kingdom, is 46 years old today. kingdom, is 46 years old today. Should Montenegro recover its inde-pendence on the ante-war basis, which is doubtful, Prince Danilo will succeed the present ruler, the aged King Nicholas. He is the third of the king's nine children, of whom anoth-er is the queen of Italy, who was Princess Helena of Montenegro before her marriage. The supreme power has been in the hands of the family since 1697, when Danilo Petrovio, its chief, liberated the country from the Turks. They assumed the title of king only in 1910, with Nicholas, and Danilo, if he reigns, will be the second king of Montenegro. All are now liv-ing in exile in France and Prince Danile is a member of the French Danilo is a member of the French general staff. It is rumored that if he ever rules, it will certainly not be as the patriarch of a shepherd people, as his father has done, as he had been supported by the state of the support of of the supp



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