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been brought about by cruel necessity, but once established it will always remain, for obvious reasons. And the best of these reasons is the coming industrial war, to be declared when the present war ends—the war between nations for world trade.

The strongest combination of nations will win this present war; the most efficient nation will win the war to follow it. At the close of the present war each one of the different nations will have its own peculiar industrial problem confronting it. In America this problem will be more acute than in England, or France or ruined Germany, and will call for a still higher degree of that exalted statesmanship so evident in the Congress now by its utter and complete absence.

Notes and Comments

We cannot expect a patriotic congress as long as senators and representatives cast their votes for political considerations, rather than for the good of the republic.

That is the main reason why the United States is being shamed by a lot of national legislators who strive to please the "folks back home," and thus ensure their return to Washington.

The country can go to the "demotion how-wows," as far as the militant suffragettes at Washington are concerned. Though the blood of the country's magnificence be poured out in torrents, the work of picketing the white house and insulting the president must go on.

Up to date it appears that St. Swithin has more than maintained his reputation.

Just what lies back of Theodore Roosevelt's continued onslaughts on organized labor is mystery, but now but sooner or later the lion Hunter will "give himself away."

Voice of the People
REGISTER NOW UNDER ABSENT VOTERS' LAW.

Editor The Citizen:

Please permit me through your paper to call the attention of your readers to the law enacted at the session of the general assembly which permits absent electors to vote.

Soldiers in the national guard all men who are called to service under the selective draft, at all other voters who are absent from their homes during places at the time of the next primary election to be held thereafter, should by all means seek to know that their names are entered on the voter registration lists. This is the only way to make certain of their votes being counted.

At the session of the general assembly of 1915, the law was passed

that the members of the national guard should be allowed to vote in the primaries.

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The Scissors Route

For the Hero's Breast.

(From the New York Sun.)

The question of an adequate badge of honor for American soldiers who distinguished themselves by exceptional courage was one which rose upon our entrance into the war. What would appeal to the Yankee fighter as the Victoria's Cross and the D. O. M. Medal appeal to the man in the British army, as the cross of the Legion of Honor and the War Cross shine for the French soldier and as the Iron Cross to the German?

Not but what the United States already had a decoration of the first magnitude for its brave. The Medal of Honor, as a signal mark for bravery, has been second to none in the world. Except for one instance where a whole regiment got it for serving in the service of their country, the medal has been exclusively almost grudgingly, reserved as a reward for the great acts of bravery, the acts beyond the mere duty. Obscure privates have won it where great generals sought it vainly.

Under the provisions of the bill introduced by Senator Warren, and passed by the Senate last week, the Medal of Honor retains its fine value. It is to be won by any officer or private who shall, in action involving actual conflict with an enemy, distinguish himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty.

While there is no change in the metal itself or in the way of winning it, the Warren bill gives to the president the power formerly enjoyed only by the congress of awarding the questionable provisions of the old law amending it so as to authorize the president to present, in the name of the congress, the medal. Thus it will be necessary for the president to sign the several bills without act of congress, if we read the Warren legislation aright, although the power of congress to do this as intended is not specifically withdrawn.

Under the Warren bill no soldier may win two Medals of Honor, but it is provided that he may receive one medal of the same or a higher class. The bill also provides that the medal may be awarded posthumously.

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