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The way to play the finest kind of politics is occasionally to forget to play politics.

Senator Harding loves to waltz, but he doesn't jazz. Well, if his administration goes to waltz time nobody will complain.

President-elect Harding's much-heralded series of conferences with "the best minds of the country" is to begin in Marion early this week.

There is allurements in United States marine recruiting posters; but if a young man really seeks adventure he can't beat a job on the local police force.

The league of Nations has declared war on typhus. As typhus is very largely a war product, the crusade will not prove wholly effective until the league has abolished war.

There is always the chance that by the time we have the largest navy in the world we won't need it; not because peace has thrown her mantle over us, but because war may have discovered newer and more dangerous implements.

Secretary Daniels has rescinded an order made in 1905 for simplified spelling in the navy. It is with pleasure that we record the latest of the secretary's great constructive measures. When he is "through" he wants to be "through" not "thru."

Brockton, Mass., supplies shoes for the world, but fifty of its children are unable to attend school because they are unshod. What's the matter with the town's Board of Trade? The price of fifty pairs of shoes would be cheap to kill a piece of publicity like that.

On Mr. Wilson's sincerity in the pursuit of his ideals not the shadow of a stain exists. There was earnestness in his fight for convictions, fortitude in his adherence to the cause as he beheld it. Neither partisan rancor nor genuine disbelief of the efficacy of the procedure adopted can alter this fact.

George Bernard Shaw is quoted saying that war between England and America is sure, as "the United States must inevitably gravitate into an alliance with Germany." Yes, indeed! That's as certain as that the moon is made of green cheese and that Mr. Shaw is a sensible man who always says exactly what he means.

Nor can it be denied that the President's leadership in the closing days of the war hastened the stacking of arms. American soldiers delivered some of the most convincing of the culminating blows, and of these soldiers Mr. Wilson was in the constitutional sense commander-in-chief. Symbolically and practically, his was a dominating role.

Some of the estimates on the probable number of immigrants who will land in the United States during the next few months lead one to the conclusion that some of the estimators believe that the world's entire shipping, including the coastwise trade vessels of every country in both hemispheres is going into the immigrant carrying business, with Uncle Sam's country their one and only destination.

If we didn't know that Uncle Sam wouldn't be guilty of such a thing, we should be tempted to think that the story of the former United States marine, now a resident of Wrentham, Mass., who has inherited an island in the Pacific ocean and considerable property, including a harem thereon, was a clever piece of press work designed to boost recruiting in a certain deservedly popular branch of the service.

A woman speaker in New York declared that women dressed in clothes men made in accordance with men's views of women's attire and that if their apparel is scant men are to blame. Nobody blames the lady for passing the buck—but there are a hundred men in this woman's town who are willing to raise their hands and solemnly swear, "I wasn't me, your honor. It must have been some other man!"

Just so the record may be made straight, so that we may get the rights of "may" and "may not," why do not the prohibition-enforcement agents of the country get together in convention and decide once and for all whether a mince pie or a plum pudding may have a kick without fracturing the law? No sooner have

we finished reading a dispatch from Houston, Tex., that hooch is barred from Christmas delicacies than we receive a declaration from Boston, Mass., that these staples may be seasoned with brandy from private stock; one section of the country permits hotelkeepers to seek the assistance of John Barleycorn in culinary endeavors; another threatens with arrest and imprisonment those who handle confections bearing the faintest evidences of a snifter.

PROF. GIVES NEWSPAPER QUIZ

Are You Informed, Can You Answer These Questions Calculated To Indicate Thoroughness Of Newspaper Reading?

A novel newspaper quiz to test whether students at the University of North Carolina were keeping up with the daily national and international news was given in the chapel at the University last week by Prof. C. A. Hibbard, of the English department—only no written answers were required and the students were allowed to keep their own batting averages.

"By all means read our home town newspaper," said Prof. Hibbard. "It is vital that you know about the new public fountain at home and that Sy Perkins has a new barn. But in addition, read some newspaper that will give you news of the State, of the nation, and of the world."

Prof. Hibbard then asked the questions which he said that students who had been reading newspapers in the past few days ought to know. The questions were as follows:

1. Why is Mrs. MacSwiney in America today?
2. What has aroused the recent interest in the Panama Canal tolls question?
3. What was Argentina's recent action at Geneva and of what significance was that action?
4. How did a monkey upset the government of Greece?
5. What do statistics show to have been the number of deaths from automobile accidents during the past year?
6. What question concerning the Southern voter is now being agitated?
7. Who is Knut Hansum and what

lamous prize has he recently won?
8. How does the interpretation placed on Article X at Geneva bear on our recent election?
9. What step has professional baseball recently taken to restore its self-respect?
10. Who is in the running for the South Atlantic football championship?

The Sanctity Of Contracts.

One of the most deplorable features of the aftermath of the great war is the very apparent lack of respect for contracts.

Every business man appreciates this in his dealings and it is notable in the relations between labor and capital.

We talk about "prosperity," but prosperity is of little account, compared to the fine sense of honor that used to prevail in the business world, and the sanctity of contracts, either verbal or written. In fact, there can be no permanent prosperity without an enduring respect for contracts; in other words the maintenance of good faith.

Behind every transaction in business or social life there must be respect for the plighted word, or the whole structure of business and civilization will crumble.

Let us get back to the good old ways of our fathers, whose word was as good as their bond, and whose word was kept as a matter of course, regardless of its temporary effect on their fortunes.

We all want prosperity, but honor is more important than prosperity, and indeed real prosperity is impossible without it.—Boston Post.

—Dr. G. W. Norman, of Pomona, has instituted suit in the Superior court of Guilford county against R. B. Boren, also of Pomona, for \$100,000 alleging illicit relations with his wife. The families connected with the case are the most prominent in the county. The wife of the defendant is a sister of the plaintiff.

THANKS FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS BUSINESS

Thanks to you, our Christmas business last year was enormous. True, we tried to offer you a big list of the nicest gifts and the results were satisfactory. Your trade is an indication. Let us again thank you for your Christmas business. We have appreciated that, but no less than we have appreciated your friendship. We name here a few of the articles we are offering this year. Parisian Ivory, Cameras, Fountain Pens, Stationery, Candy, Cigars, Pipes, Razors, Flashlights, Books, Perfumes, Toilet Cases, Leather Goods, Bill-Folds, Christmas Cards, Hot water bags, Manicure Sets, Brush Sets, Traveling Cases, Thermos Bottles, Ladies Hair Nets, Cigarettes, Christmas Booklets, Safety Razors, Razor Blades, Shaving Brushes, Nail Clips, Cigarette Cases, Hair Brushes, Combs, Razor Straps, Shaving Mugs, Box Paper, Boheme Sets, Lady Mary Sets, Mavis Manicure Sets, Melba Manicure Sets, Cutex Deluxe Sets, Manicure sets at all prices, Toilet sets at all prices, Military Sets at all prices, Serving Trays, Sewing Sets, Dinner Gongs, Traveling Sets, Card sets, Collar Bags, Mirrors, Shaving Mirrors, Nut Bowls, Infant Sets, Cutex Sets at all prices, Ivory Trays, Ivory Picture Frames, Parisian Ivory Combs, Jewelry Boxes, Pipe Sets, Kodak Albums, Bath Mats, Cloth Brushes, Nail Brushes, Bath Brushes, Tooth Brushes, Tally Cards, and every thing carried in a first class drug store. Make our drug store your drug store.

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—The high cost of fuel has led Japan to develop immense waterpower.
—The quince was a popular food among the ancient Greeks and Romans.
—The average rise and fall of the tide at Panama is only 2 feet.

—The use of electricity in Holland has more than doubled since 1913.
—The horn of the rhinoceros is composed of closely compacted hair.
—Scientists have figured out that the Tower of Babel was 275 feet high.

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