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## Every Day Is FLAG DAY



### SOJOURNING AT ST. PETER'S

Being unable to work is not so nice. One pines for a vacation, and that is fine; to be able to work and not having work to do is unfortunate, but when there is work to be done and a hospital takes you over for rehabilitation and the nurses, under your physicians' instructions, begin serving you a menu of pills, brown, yellow, white and black, with a few hyperdermics for desert—well, that's not so hot. And that's the fix the editor found himself in the past week, and needless to say he gave the physician and nurses every co-operation in drawing his stay at St. Peter's to a speedy conclusion, and that they co-operated in getting him out of the hospital as speedily as possible.

The ordeal is made a little easier though when your friends drop in to see you and fill your room with flowers. And was the lot of the editor the past week. And we thank each and every one for the friendship shown, for it was deeply appreciated.

At St. Peter's we received every attention and courtesy, the nurses being capable and kindly, the doctor though being hard-boiled and tough, when we complained of not making headway. On being told by the writer that he was not making the headway he should, passed us out something like this: "How in the do you expect me to give you back health in a week that you've been trying to destroy for 15 years?" Guess he was right about it all—except the number of years.

### THE LABOR PRESS

The labor press is a sentinel on guard for the cause of mankind. Every possible effort should be given in order that your publication may be strengthened for still greater work which lies ahead.

Your labor press renders an incalculable service to those who work. We cannot too strongly urge our fellow workers and friends to give loyal and tangible support. No greater avenue of education is available to the trade union movement than your labor press. The community which supports its Union paper reflects that co-operation through better, more effective local unions, councils and central bodies.

The American Federation of Labor will never surrender the principle of democratic control or yield to minority force and domination. It will ever cling to Democratic ideals and will most jealously guard and protect the principles of Democracy and Democratic procedure. It will never accept a dictator or submit to autocratic control. It is upon that sound and solid American basis it has taken its stand and there it will ever remain."—WILLIAM GREEN, President American Federation of Labor.

### "THE TEXTILE WORKER," A. F. OF L.

The Textile Worker, official organ of the United Textile Workers of America, A. F. of L., is before us, Vol. 1, No. 1, and is in five-column, four-page form for a starter. It is neat and well gotten up, with much boiled-down news of interest. It is edited by the Executive Council of the body, with two N. C. and one S. C. member on it.

### Quicksilver Mine Will Be Reopened

Leap in Price of Chemical  
Renews Activity.

SAN FRANCISCO.—With war demands having advanced the price of mercury from \$50 to \$172 a flask, the world-famous New Almaden quicksilver mines of Santa Clara county are to be worked over by a new \$500,000 corporation.

The New Almaden is the oldest quicksilver mine in the United States and has an important place in mining books and history.

During the period of 1846-1926, it is credited with having produced from \$85,000,000 to \$75,000,000 worth of quicksilver.

But from a mining community of 13,000 people in its heyday of the seventies it has dwindled to an almost uninhabited region, where a few people work sporadically at extracting quicksilver, and where tourists occasionally pass to have a glimpse at the spot that once figured so remarkably in the mining days of early California.

The entire property has been leased for a long period by Fritz Eugene Newbold, Philadelphia broker, from its owners, William and Mary Sexton, also of Philadelphia, and a corporation is being organized to work the lease.

It is believed the new mining operations will center about Mine Hill, in the middle of the area, and under which there are more than 100 tunnels and shafts dug during the past 90 years.

It is not expected that much new quicksilver finds will be discovered, but the rich cinnabar soil and rock will be worked over again by new and more modern processes to extract quicksilver that escaped the older processes; material that was even discarded in the old days, as well as free quicksilver that was lost years ago when it fell off the wagons and miners did not stop to pick it up. Much quicksilver also still is to be regained from the old dumps.

A flask of quicksilver contains 78 pounds, and while the present price of \$172 a flask is one of the highest ever reached in the history of mining, the new corporation is confident that even higher prices will prevail.

### War Pigeon Strays From Duty Only to Lay an Egg

LONDON.—War or no war, Jenny, a royal air force carrier pigeon, has been true to her sex.

And in being so Jenny has proved that the old adage "it is impossible to do two things properly at once" is entirely wrong.

For Jenny, while on duty with an R. A. F. pilot in a Lockheed Hudson bomber from a Scottish station flying far over the North sea, allowed her mind to stray momentarily from her work and laid an egg.

Jenny had accompanied the pilot on many a hazardous patrol flight, and the first indication the airman had of the "event" was the excited fluttering in the pigeon basket at his side.

He peered into the basket and smiled when he saw the cause of the commotion.

When the bomber returned to the airdrome the pilot brought his machine down as cautiously as if a wheel of his undercarriage had been shot away.

Jenny is one of the many homing pigeons loaned by British fanciers to the R. A. F. for the duration of the war. Some of the birds are worth over \$300 each.

They are used to carry messages back to airdromes if the plane's radio breaks down. Each bomber carries two birds for the purpose.

### Mexico Stirred By Spy Plots

Military, Diplomatic and  
Commercial Observers  
Watch Situation.

MEXICO CITY.—Indications of increased foreign espionage and propaganda in Mexico are apparent to observers, but there is no definite pattern to either activity yet.

Intensification of spy work is regarded as a natural consequence of the European war. Gossip, which goes hand-in-hand with espionage, has spread in extravagant fashion and is concerned with rumors of plots and counter plots to incite Mexican revolution.

There is persistent talk that trouble in Mexico would be linked with the European war. Conservative military, diplomatic and commercial observers are watching the situation closely on the theory that where there is so much smoke there may be a little fire.

An inspired revolt, according to various rumors, might have any of the following motives:

1. Screening of a move by Germany to gain a foothold in Latin America.
2. Diverting United States attention from Europe to forestall possible intervention on the side of the allies.
3. Giving the United States an excuse to intervene in Mexico and gain control of internal affairs.
4. Starting an "imperialistic" war in Latin America.

Fantastic as any of these maneuvers may appear, they are all being rumored as "possibilities."

**Espionage Facts Elusive.**

The word "espionage" instantly conjures up a melodramatic picture of powerful but phantom radio stations, of mysterious airplane flights by night, and secret arms caches in the jungles. Rumor says these activities do exist in Mexico, but nothing has been proved.

As soon as war started in Europe, foreign agents filtered into Mexico in increasing numbers. The country's proximity to the United States and the Panama canal make it a strategic base for operations.

### A. F. of L. Man Will Serve As Liasion Officer

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Joseph D. Keenan, secretary of the Chicago Federation of Labor, was appointed to serve as liaison officer between the National Defense Advisory Commission and American Federation of Labor unions active in the national defense program.

Mr. Keenan, long active and popular in the Chicago labor movement, will under take his new duties immediately. He expressed confidence in the patriotic co-operation of all American Federation of Labor organizations with the Government's efforts to build up an impregnable defense of the Western Hemisphere.

### Angler 'Ties Up Trout' Just to Catch Whitefish

GREAT FALLS, MONT.—W. A. Hill says the prize alibi during his years as deputy game warden is this one:

Coming upon a fisherman casting in a stream where trout angling was forbidden, but whitefish were legal catch, Hill noticed a number of live trout in the water tied with a string through their gills.

"Whose trout are these?" belittled the warden.

"They belong to the state of Montana," the angler replied.

"Why are they tied?" Hill demanded.

"Those danged trout were taking my bait so fast I couldn't catch any whitefish, so I just tied 'em up until I got through fishing," the intrepid fisherman explained.

### Novel Milk Marketing Works to Perfection

FREEPORT, MICH.—Mrs. Maud Rogers here has a novel method of selling milk to neighbors. She leaves her refrigerator and house door unlocked, and neighbors come and go as they please to get their milk, leaving the money in a box or paying later.

In nine years she has been selling milk this way, Mrs. Rogers says she has not lost the price of one bottle nor has milk been stolen.

### HEARD THIS ONE?

A passerby stopped to watch an old man weeding his garden.

Passerby: "Which weeds do you consider the easiest to kill?"

Gardener: "Widow's weeds. You only have to say 'wilt thou,' and they wilt."

### Heaviest Drinkers Between 20 and 30

Research Foundation Gives  
Result of Survey.

CHICAGO.—Excessive drinking, especially among persons between 20 and 30 years old, has increased greatly in the last three years, according to Charles R. Jones, executive vice president of the American Business Men's Research foundation.

"A survey reveals that in the younger age group two out of five men and one out of 12 women drink in such amounts as to constitute in many cases sub-standard risks for life insurance companies," Jones said.

Jones said the foundation was conducting an analysis of the experiences of insurance companies as concerns drinking habits.

"Drinking habits, we have found, are responsible for one of the most difficult situations ever to arise in the life insurance business," he said.

"Many directors and underwriters are advising us that they are forced either to decline outright or to accept only at special high rates, more applicants for life insurance for excessive drinking habits than for any other cause," Jones said.

One company reported that for each 1,000 applications rejected 24 indulged excessively in liquor.

"With high blood pressure and serious heart ailments, both frequently the results of drinking, they are responsible for more rejections than for all other causes combined," Jones said.

### National Defense May Bring End To Labor's Civil War

WASHINGTON, July 14.—Belief that the needs of national defense might bring an end to organized labor's five-year-old civil war was expressed at the White House yesterday after 16 officials of the C. I. O., the A. F. of L. and railway labor unions had pledged co-operation in the Defense program.

The promise of co-operation was given to President Roosevelt in a letter signed by the labor officials who make up the labor policy advisory committee of the National Defense commission. This committee was created recently for the announced purpose of preventing stoppages of work in vital defense industries and preserving labor standards.

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### LASTING VALUE

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