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THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Party ambitions and party issues are plentifully charged in the lay press as explaining attitudes for or against the League of Nations.

Four-fifths of the opposition or indifference to the League of Nations, asserts The Congregationalist, "is due we believe, to prejudice against, or distrust of, President Wilson."

"Americans have a right to think what they please of their President, provided they seek to appraise him fairly and honestly; but they have no right to let their judgment with reference to his domestic policies or his political methods prevent them from forming a candid and intelligent opinion of this proposed Society of Nations."

Senator Borah Stole No Turkeys, But He Paid For Them, reads a headline. Senator Borah today cuts no ice; but he will feel the chill of public displeasure at his present attitude.

"We cannot, therefore, understand the attitude of those who would be secretly or openly happy if the League should fail, because of the effect of such failure upon the feelings and fortunes of Woodrow Wilson."

"Our own belief is that in the long view of history the American nation will be proud of the share which its President has had in helping to shape a project designed to avert wars and bind the nations together."

"It is quite discreditable to assume an attitude of hostility to the plan that in the event of success some advantage will inure to the opposite party."

"This is no time to limit one's thought to the self-interest of his country. There are too many American graves in foreign soil for us ever to drop back to that prewar isolation."

here are very grave difficulties in the way, and while nations may have to make distasteful sacrifices perhaps, still we must believe that the establishment of a workable League of Nations will surely be achieved and it will be the only possible ending to the victory which we have won.

The First "No Beer" button to make its appearance in North Carolina, so far as we can learn, was one seen in Raleigh recently. It was not worn by a workman or a bleary-eyed ne'er-do-well, but was in the lapel of the coat worn by the head of a corporation!

The bankers of the state introduced at the recent session of the General Assembly a bill to abolish the observance of Lee's birthday and the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration as legal holidays in North Carolina.

As bearing on the necessity for and the physical and intellectual value of holidays, and as showing their place in preventive medicine, the following from the American Medical Association is worth considering:

"There is such a thing as intellectual indigestion resulting from inordinate concentration. Distinctly intellectual processes become impaired unless a reasonable period for reflection and mental recuperation is allowed."

"The physician has a special concern in the threatened abolition of the institution of holidays. To him who watches the mode of life of his fellow citizens the beneficence of an occasional holiday has not escaped notice. The institution of suitable holiday periods is for the most part more than likely to make good."

"A change of work may become a holiday in essence. The best holiday is not one spent in languid idleness, but one that contains the largest amounts of new experience."

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BOTH SIDES OF THE QUESTION

One of the Transylvania soldiers in writing a very newsy letter to his home paper and speaking of the work of the various war relief organizations said that the Y. M. C. A. charged exorbitant prices for cigarettes, candy and other commodities necessary to the soldiers comfort.

After reading the letter referred to Mrs. E. H. Norwood whose interest in all good works is unflagging, brought to our attention an editorial in the New York Tribune which pleads that "to dismiss with a thoughtless, uninformed word the efforts of an organization which has earnestly tried to do its best is not fair play."

NOTICE TO TEACHERS

The Brevard Printer has some very beautiful samples for the Commencement programs. The supply is limited and it will pay you to come in early and select yours.

Let Us Print Your Sale Bills

"Seek and ye shall find" through the Diversified column

HAD GOOD POINTS

Hot-Tempered Woman Evidently Not Altogether Bad.

Surely No High-Priced Lawyer Could Have Surpassed Pathetic Plea of Husband Which Won Her Her Liberty.

There was a negro family living in Bowling Green, Ky. The wife had a notoriously ungovernable temper, usually taking it out on her husband, who was meek and lowly.

The husband sat through the trial, giving rapt attention to its every detail. The case was handed over to the jury and after very brief deliberation it brought in a verdict of guilty.

"Marse Jedge, I don't reckon nothing a ole nigger could say would make much diffence, but I would lak to say a word before you send the 'old 'oman to the penitenshy. She's always been a good mother to the chillun, all the neighbors will tell you that."

By this time the judge and the spectators were in tears and the judge said: "Gentlemen of the jury, I haven't passed sentence yet and if you want a few minutes to further consider this case, I will be glad to grant it."

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Passed by Sentry. A colonel of a colored regiment coming in about 10:30 was duly challenged by the sentry, and responded: "Colonel — officer of the camp."

"Look 'eah, man, yo-all ah de foth man what's done tried to make me think he's Cunnel — Go way wid dat stuff."

"Flu" Marketing. Marie, who was three Thanksgivings, was out trying her new mask. Passing a grocery, she decided to buy some bananas.

Cecil Rhodes' Dream Realized. The early completion of a tunnel under the Straits of Gibraltar, which, in connection with the tunnel from Dover to Calais, will practically complete an all-rail connection between Cape Town and London, will more than realize the dream of Cecil Rhodes of a Cape-to-Cairo railroad.

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TOO STRONG ON SYMPATHY

Elvira Parkins Had a Fault From Which Too Many of Us Are Not Quite Free.

"Is she gone?" Aunt Harriet inquired breathlessly. Aunt Harriet's niece, Elleen, turned from the flowers she was arranging--flowers left by the departing guest.

"If you call her back, I'll disown you, even if you are my favorite niece," Aunt Harriet retorted. "Tell me the minute the gate clicks."

"I know, I suppose I ought to be ashamed, and maybe I shall be some day, but just this minute that seems to me the most-relieving thing I ever said in my life."

"If I so much as mention a twinge in my little finger, she will draw down her face and lower her voice and say, 'I know—you can't tell me anything about it. My mother suffered that way for years. I have discovered that Elvira's mother had an accident like mine and had a heart just like mine. Elvira saw me dodging a streak of sunlight for a minute, and she jumped for the shade and pulled it clear down and came back and patted my shoulder, murmuring, 'My mother had just such sensitive eyes. You must be very, very careful. Mother suffered so with hers the last of her life.'"

"I'm not saying that I'd advise you to go quite as far as that, Elleen," she retorted. "I'd only call your attention to the fact that there's sympathy and sympathy, and advise you to exercise a little care in choosing the kind you use."

Growing Sugar Cane Under Paper. A new and very odd method of growing sugar cane is proving highly successful in the Hawaiian islands.

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Sarcasm That Berlin Newspaper Probably Regrets.

Prophecy That American Soldiers Would Soon Cross the Rhine and Enter German Fortresses Has Been Very Literally Fulfilled.

The most biting irony that came out of Germany during the war was contained in the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger, a little more than a year ago. Several of our soldiers had been captured by the Germans. They were dragged all over the empire and exhibited to the enraged populace, just to show the Germans that the Americans were "not to be feared."

"Three cheers for the Americans! Clever chaps they are, it cannot be denied. Scarcely have they touched the soil of this putrefied Europe when already they are forcing their way into Germany. Before long they will cross the Rhine and also enter our fortresses. That is express train speed for American swiftness."

"It is our good fortune that we are equipped to entertain numerous guests and that we shall be able to provide quarters for these gentlemen. However, we cannot promise them doughnuts or jam, and to this extent they will be obliged to recede from their former standard of living."

"As Americans are accustomed to travel in luxury and comfort, we assume that these advance arrivals merely represent couriers for larger numbers to follow."

"We are sure the latter will come and be gathered in by us. At home they believe they possess the biggest and most colossal everything, but such establishments as we have here they have not seen."

"Look here, my boys, here is the big firm of Hindenburg & Co., with which you want to compete. Look at its accomplishments and consider whether it would not be better to haul down your sign and engage in some other line."

"Perhaps your boss, Wilson, will reconsider his newest line of business before we grab off more of his young people."

"Clever chaps they are, it cannot be denied. Yes, they were 'clever chaps.' So clever that today, a short year after the sarcasm was printed in the Berlin newspaper, they are actually crossing the Rhine and entering fortresses which seemed so secure when the flippant editor gibed the little handful of soldiers who had been overcome."

METHODIST LEADERS RETURN FROM FRANCE

Three prominent leaders of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, have just landed in America, after spending two months in Europe, where they went for the purpose of investigating actual conditions and determining upon a program for the expenditure of \$5,000,000, which sum will be allotted to European upbuilding by the Centenary Commission of the denomination.

The handsome young aviator is a Kansas City man. "Now, Mary," he wrote to his wife, "In case you don't feel toward me as you used to, the time to speak up, as you will serve by the enclosed." And he sent her the letter.

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FOR THE BENEFIT OF ILLITERATES

Bill Introduced in Senate and House in Their Behalf--The Church Organization Will Also Give Practical Aid.

WILL PROMOTE EDUCATION

The Significant Movement of the Times Is That of the Centenary of the Methodist Episcopal Church South--Will Spend Millions Among the Uneducated.

The fact that several thousand soldiers were unable to understand the orders given them from their superiors and that many, many thousands could not sign their own names to their questionnaires brought to light a condition so serious that two Southern Representatives at Washington are now introducing bills to promote the education of illiterates throughout the length and breadth of America.

The introduction of this important bill means a great deal to the South, which, because of its negroes and mountain whites, has long borne a reputation for illiteracy out of proportion to that of the rest of the country.

Other organizations besides that of the government are at work on the same problem--the establishment of schools in the heart of tenement districts and rural communities being a matter of first importance with all of them.

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