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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 Violent language may be used in some cases, but without violent language, tabled. just as deep conviction seems to actuate the religious press, with this difference—that not one member of it, so far as we have observed, opposes the League in toto, summarizes the Literary Digest.

"Four-fifths of the opposition or indifference to the League of tual indigestion resulting from inor-Nations," asserts The Congregation- dinate concentration. alist, "is due we believe, to prejudice against, or distrust of, President Wilsen." It points to the fears of his period for reflection and mental recritics and opponents, "that he is going to secure some personal or polititrating all his energies" and and won-

provided they seek to appraise him fairly and honestly; but they have no ference to his domestic policies or his forming a candid and intelligent opin- amounts of new experience." ion of this proposed Society of Nations. Defective as it may be, reouiring, as it probably does, clarificathe twenty-six points block out a none of them are viable!. path of progress for the human race.

"Forget Mr. Wilson's personality composite product. The idea behind no ice; but he will feel the chill of England. The New Zealand delegates it was publicly championed by Mr. public displeasure at his present at-Taft long before Mr. Wilson pro- titude. claimed his adherence to the general plan. English, French, and Italian statesmen have had much to do with BOTH SIDES OF its basis and its phraseology. They are as keen for it today as is President Wilson himself.

"We cannot, therefore, understand the attitude of those who would be secretiv or openly happy if the League should fail, because of the effect of such failure upon the feelings and fortunes of Woodrow Wilson. He can stand defeat better than this great American nation. Having once taken a man's part in the world problems of our time, shall we now heed the counsels of those who would shattered?

President has had in helping to shape a project designed to avert wars and bind the nations together."

jective of the world's effort ought to That was inevitable." be the establishment of peace upon foundations which give the greatest promise of permanence. Any nation should be willing to purchase this

boon at a considerable price to itself. This is no time to limit one's thought to the self-interest of his very beautiful samples for the Comcountry. There are too many American graves in foreign soil for us ever to drop back to that prewar isolation. As Bishop Quayle said, 'It is a mil- in early and select yours. lien years since 1914,' yet some men in responsible station continue to write and speak as if the events of 1918 were not. They seem to forget that the Yankee soldiers died in the faith that they were thus bringing an end, not to one, but to all wars." The Chritian Work (New York) has feith that the League shall rise above

the clash of party turmoil: "While there are pessimists who that it is a Utopian idea and can ver be made practicable, and while

here are very grave difficulties in the way, and while nations may have to make distasteful sacrifices perhaps, still we must believe that the estab-Nations will surely be achieved and it will be the only possible ending to the victory which we have won. President Wilson is working as hard as any other man to bring about this hing, and every intelligent citizen cannot fail to see how important it s that he should have the wholehearted support of the nation behind

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

The bankers of the state introducad 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 . The time had not yet come against the League of Nations. when the people were willing to sanction such a step, and the bill was

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

"There is such a thing as intellec-

"Distinctly intellectual processes become impaired unless a reasonable cuperation is allowed.

"The physician has a special concal advantage if he carries through cern in the threatened abolition of the proposition on which he is consen- the institution of holidays. To him who watches the mode of life of his ders why "the worth of a proposal af- fellow citizens the beneficence of an fecting the destines of mankind be occasional holiday has not escaped pivoted upon the character or char- notice. The institution of suitable acteristics of any one man." It goes holiday periods is for the most part more than likely to make good. 'The "Americans have a right to think right use of a holiday is one of the what they please of their President, covreign secrets in the practice of the noble art of keeping alive.'

"A change of work may become a right to let their judgement with re- holiday in essence. The best holiday is not one spent in languid idleness, political methods prevent them from but one that contains the largest

The Germans declare the Peace Conference is sowing seeds of future on and amendment here and there, wars. Trust the Allies to see that

Senator Borah Stole No Turkeys, for the moment and study the docu- But He Paid For Them," reads a ment. As a matter of fact, it is a headline. Senator Borah today cuts

THE OUESTION

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 exhorbitant prices for cigarettes, candy and other commodities neccessary to the soldiers comfort.

After reading the letter referred to Mrs. E. H. Norwood whose interest have the nation undertake to crawl in all good works is unflagging, back into a shell has been forever brought to our attention an editorial in the New York Tribune which pleads "Our own belief is that in the long that "to dismiss with a thoughtless, view of history the American nation uninformed word the efforts of an will be proud of the share which its organization which has earnestly tried to do its best is not fair play. Secretaries were mentioned in citations and were elected honorary members The Christian Advocate (New York) of outfits. Many were wounded, ome were killed. When you remem-"It is quite discreditable to assume ber that each military unit formed an attitude of hostility to the plan its opinion of the whole Y. M. C. A. that in the event of success some ad- from one of the Y. M. C. A. secrevantage will inure to the opposite taries you can realize how much party. As politics were largely sub- energy, tect and resourcefulness each ordinated to winning the war, so they of many hundred of secretaries should be sternly relegated to the should have had. Unfortunately rear at this time, when the one ob- many of them didn't measure up.

The Brevard Printer; has some mencement programs. The supply is limited and it will pay you to come

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"Seek and ye shall find' through the Diversified column

ishment of a workable League of 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. On this occasion she struck him with a skillet, inflicting à wound so painful and dungerous as to necessitate his having to be taken to the hospital for treatment. The neighbors, knowing the violent temper of the wife, and the cruel treatment she had inflicted upon her husband for such a long time, were so outraged they could endure it no longer, and procured a warrant for her arrest on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

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. The old darkey husband rose and

"Marse Jedge, I don't reckon nothmuch diffunce, but I would lak to say a word before you send the 'old 'oman ! I can't stand is her sympathy. to the penitenshy. She's always been a good mother to the chillun, all the neighbors will tell you that. She washes and scrubs and sews and mends for 'em, and keeps 'em clean and nice, an when they's sick she sits up with 'em at night. And, Marse Jedge, I jest want to ax you if you won't let her go by the house and see the chillun befo' you send her to the penitenshy. They's at home all alone right now, cryin' they po little hearts out and it would do 'em good, and the ole 'oman, too, if she could just go and kiss 'em good-by befo' she was

put in the penitenshy." By this time the judge and the spec tators were in tears and the judge said: "Gentlemen of the jury, I haven't passed sentence yet and if you kant a few minutes to further consider this case. I will be glad to grant it." The jury retired and in a few minutes returned with a verdict of "not guilty."

Sailor Values Charm.

The king and queen recently received at Windsor castle the Australian. New Zealand and South African press delegates now on a visit to Great Britain. His majesty spoke warmly of the gallantry of the Dominions troops, and exchanged recollections of his empire tour of 1901. When Mr. Pirani of New Zealand mentioned the name of Maggie Papakura, the Maori guide who conducted the king round the hot springs wonderland of Rotorua, the king recalled her at once, and was interested to learn that she is now in found that Princess Mary knew all about the pre-war Maori prophecy concerning the battle-cruiser New Zealand-that she would go into action within a given number of years and would be hit but escape serious damage if her captain wore a Maori tiki (greenstone charm). The first part of the prophecy came true, and so up to date has the second. The captain does not forget to wear his tiki.

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." The The sentry tried his best to pierce the darkness, gave it up, and finally

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

The colonel pretty warmly reaffirmed that he was Colonel -, and demanded immediate admission. The guard, unabashed, told him to step upso that he could see him. The colonel walked up to him in a rage, and you can imagine his consternation when the sentry took hold of the silver eagle on his shoulder, looked up at him with a grin on his face and said: "Oh, Lawsy! 'Tis de ole bird, ain't

"Flu" Marketing.

ft?"—The Bayonet.

Marie, who was three Thanksgiving, was out trying her new mask. Passing a grocery, she decided to buy some bananas. Mother, not having worn her "flu" protector, sent Marie in to make the purchase. Mother saw the grocer pulling off tons of bananas, it seemed. At length, when there was nothing left but the stalks, Marie handed the grocer her little pocketbook containing one solitary dime. "How many bananas did your little girl want?" asked the grocer as he came to the door. "Ten cents' worth," replied mother. "She told me she wanted a peck," said the grocer.

Cecil Rhodes' Dream Realized.

The early completion of a tunnel un der 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 milroad. The necessary links aling the Sarbary coast will be simple matters when the intervening waters here here spanned. England is taking o de Cibraltar tunnel in a way means the success of that gigan

TOO STRONG ON SYMPATHY

Elviro Parkins Had a Fault From Which Toe Many of Us Are Not Quite Free.

"Is she gone?" Aunt Harriet in-

quired breathlessly. Aunt Harriet's niece, Eileen, turned from the flowers she was arranging --flowers left by the departing guest. "She's just going down the path," she replied. "Shall I call her back? Do you want to see her again? Did she leave anything?"

"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."

Elleen's eyes began to dance Months of illness had not broken Aunt Harriet's spirit. She left the flowers and devoted herself to the window.

"Now!" she announced.

Aunt Harriet drew a long breath, "I wish," she declared, "that Elvira Parkins never had had a mother! There, I've said it, and I feel better!" "Aunt Harriet!" Elleen cried, with a laugh that broke bounds in spite

"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. Elvira Parkins is a good woman. She wouldn't hurt the feelings of a fly, and she'd run her ing a ole nigger could say would make feet off doing kind things for people. I could stand the kindness, but what

"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 was hard of hearing like me 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."

Aunt Harriet's mimicry was delightful. Eileen was enjoying herself greatly. "Do tell me some more of Elvira's conversation!" she pleaded. "I'm ready to vow never to be sympathetic again as long as I live."

Aunt Harriet sank back on her pillows, but her eyes were twinkling.

"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 ts exercise a little care in choosing the kind you use."-Youth's Companion.

Growing Sugar Cane Under Paper.

A new and very odd method of growing sugar cane is proving highly successful in the Hawaiian islands. When the cane is beginning to yard-wide strips are laid lengthwise over the rows of little plants and held in place with cane-field trash. The paper is strong enough to keep down and smother the starting weeds, but not to kill the stout and hardy young cane. In five or six weeks the weed seeds beneath the paper have all germinated and been smothered to death, but the cane shoots have either forced their way through or erected, themselves sufficiently to make little tentlike elevations. Laborers then pass along the rows and with long knives make slits in the sheets, permitting the shoots to come through. The liberated shoots at first are blanched white, but quickly turn green and lusty. Weeding thereafter is almost wholly needless, because there are very few weeds. There is an increase of ten tons (about 28 per cent) in the yield of cane per acre. Half the labor is saved and the production of actual sugar per acre is augmented by more than a ton. The paper used is made out of "bagasse." which is the residue of the cane after the sugary sap has been squeezed out of it.

"At Attention" Before God. Paying tribute to the services performed by the British Y. M. C. A., W. Gordon Spriggs, writing in Association Men, the organ of the American "Y," is reminded of the reply made by Field Marshal Sir George White to an inquiry addressed to him at the close of the three months' siege of Ladysmith; South Africa, in the Boer war. Sir George was asked to explain how he maintained his cheerfulness and upheld the spirit and morale of his weary troops amidst so much discomfort, depression and uncertainty. "Because," said the field marshal, "I stand at attention before God every morning so that I may receive my daily marching orders."

Here's Flapjack Frying Record. Here's the world's flapjack frying record: Eight thousand six hundred and forty in 20 hours, all fried on one hot cake plate, four feet square, at the rate of 36 every five minutes. The big flapjack fry started at 7:30 o'elock one morning up at the front and continued without intermission till 3:30 o'clock the next morning. Yanks just out of the trenches ate the hot cakes, swimming in rich sirup. The frying crew was made up of Salvation Army men, led by Ensign Fred Huderson.

Hostilities Are at an End.

Jane had broken her second doll that morning, and mother, very much provoked, was putting the careless baby through the third degree when from the depths of the apron in which the swency little face was buried came the words: "Hether, did you know the

Sarcasm That Berlin Nevispaper Probably Regrets.

Prophecy That American Soldiera 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 connined in the Berlin Lokal Anzelger, a ittle 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." The day the unfortunate prisoners arrived in Berlin he paper printed the following under the heading, "Good Morning, Boys:"

"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 or American smartness.

"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 dough nuts or jam, and to this extent they will be obliged to recede from their former standard of living.

"As Americans are accustomed to ravel 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 ther ave not seen.

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 cour sign and engage in some other

"Perhaps your boss, Wilson, will reconsider his newest line of business before we grab off more of his young establishment of schools in both rural eople."

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

Yank Artillery Made Record.

The French take more pride in their artillery than in almost any other fea-C. W. Barron in the Wall Street Journal. In this war they made world records in effective gunnery. The American boys watched the French move 1314-inch guns into position in 45 minutes with horses and motors. Then the Frenchmen saw the American boys do it in 121/2 minutes, and they did not use either horses or motors.

Fifty American officers and men put the gun into place and they were the talk of the town at that French camp. Afterward the French called upon their officers for themselves and all their man power to do this work when the tractor was not about.

When the Germans met the American gunners they thought a new kind of rapid-fire three-inch gun had come into the war because it shot so much more rapidly.

How He Got Needed Umbrella. W. M. Hughes, the premier of Australia, once came by an umbrella through illicit means. He is fond of telling the tale against himself.

While he was walking home one pitch-black night a sudden storm broke and, seeking shelter from the rain, he hastened to the nearest doorway. After waiting there for a few minutes, he spied a small boy coming along with an enormous umbrella.

The premier, thinking the owner might offer to share, called out sharply: "Hi, there, young man! Where are you going with that umbrella?" The lad, startled at the sound which apparently emanated from nowhere, dropped the umbrella and fled up the street as hard as his legs would carry him. He vanished utterly, and Mr. Hughes' predicament was solved.

Some Fliers Are Anchored.

"I picked you out to write to because I can see by your eyes you're the lone some kid," gushed a letter addressed to the handsome young aviator whose likeness had just appeared in the Great Lakes Recruit.

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

Lived Long After Burial Ally John Boyle, who died at Jersey N. J., recently, was one of the men rescued alive in 1891 fro Jeansville mines of J. C. Hay Co., when 21 miners were en for 19 days by a rush of water four survivors ate a min drowned with their 17 comrade

Boyle was widely known as in the ...ehigli field, but lost for the coal regions after of darkness and moved

WAS TOO PREVIOUS 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 Spens 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 Southers Representatives at Washington and now introducing bills to promote the education of illiterates throughout the length and breadth of America. Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, has introduced a bill in the Senate "to promote the education of illiterates, of persons unable to understand and use the English language, and other resident persons of foreign birth," and the same measure has been introduced in the House by Hon. William B. Bankhead, of Alabama.

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 "Look here, my boys, here is the big reputation for illiteracy out of proportion to that of the rest of the country. Just what steps will be immediately taken as the result of the passage of the education of illiterates bill at Washington cannot be stated at this time, but, certainly, practical measures will be put into operation for the districts and cities. 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. One of the most significant movements of the times in this connection is that of the Centenary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, because that denomination will expend within the next five years over \$3,000,000 among the uneducated classes in the Southern and Western States. The church is to raise a fund of \$35,000,000 in an eight-day drive in April, the financial campaign being a part of the Centenary Celebration of the denomination. The money is being raised with a view to putting the work of the church on a business basis, the church considering its duty to the illiterates here in America to be among the matters of first importance which it should undertake. A survey has been made and the result of the campaign will be the apportionment of \$3,000.000 among the various illiterate population as follows: Mountain population, \$750,000; immigrant, \$900,000; negroes, \$500,000; Indians, \$150 000; cotton mill population, \$150.000; Christian literature for all of them, \$100.000.

With the definite step undertaken at Washington, with one denomination already completing its plans for furthering the work among them, and with other churches and organizations getting ready to join hands in their behalf, it is more than possible that the illiterates of the South are in a fair way to soon become educated citizens of the United States.

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 invest gating actual conditions and decide 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. three returning church leaders

Bishop James Atkins, Chairman of entenary Commission; Bishop Lambuth, who has been in Eur nearly a year in the interest s church; and Dr. W. W. Pinson, ral Secretary of the Mission

r. Pinson and Bishop Atkins reed to the headquarters of the denation at Nashville the latter part week, and Bishop Lambuth went to his home at Oakdale. Cali-

> the plans for the European e not been announced as yet. members of the commis hat they have mapped out actory program and that dollars of the Centenary expended in upbuilding churches in the devastate m, Italy and France.