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## DO YOUR BIT.

Perhaps the sweetest bit of news that has been published in the last hundred years is that the disabled soldiers in the great war have had to organize a league and establish headquarters in Washington, in order to impress upon congress the fact that they should be cared for properly. How soon the great American public can forget. Two years ago the man who even suggested that the disabled soldiers might not be given everything needed for their comfort, medical treatment or happiness would have been mobbed in the average city, and the very least he would have escaped with would have been a stormy session with a council of defense or a fat contribution to the Red Cross.

What is the situation today? The national legislators who believe there should be adequate hospitals and hospital facilities, or other provision made for the disabled and crippled, are in the minority. Men who went to war and were injured in serving their country are suffering—some of them are dying—because a grateful government hasn't sufficient time or interest to care for them. These men, wounded in your behalf and ours, many of them miserably poor, without enough to eat and no money to pay for their own medical attendance, are forced to organize a society of their own, and from their meager funds contribute money to their own lobbyists to get simple justice for themselves.

It isn't as though this were a charity task for the government. The wounded and disabled men have already paid, out of their slim salaries as soldiers, for the care and treatment they have not received. Every man who served in the United States army took out war risk insurance. It wasn't compulsory, of course, but all of them did it, just as nine out of ten of them bought liberty bonds. Private insurance agencies wouldn't dawdle and delay for months and years before making a settlement, and if they did attempt it the courts would protect the policy holder. The government agencies for the relief of the wounded and disabled apparently want to do what is right, but the officials are almost inextricably bound in a mass of red tape that only congress can cut away.

It's time for some of the four-minute speakers, the members of the councils of defense and others who did their bit in the war through needed activities at home, to remember that for some of the boys who fought the war is not yet over. These men should get behind the American Legion and the national disabled soldiers' league and demand justice, immediate and complete. Every man who backed up the soldiers during the war should do it now, and do it just as promptly and as readily as he answered his country's call in the days when men were being murdered in the Meuse and the Argonne to protect them. Letters and telegrams do not help much, unfortunately, but they are the only way that his duty can be impressed upon a reluctant congress. If the cry goes up from the ordinary citizens that justice must be given those men who have been broken upon the altar of patriotism, it will not take long for congress to see the right. Do your bit—do it now—and put an end to America's shame.

## HOT AIR

(Stars and Stripes)

Congressman Good, of Iowa, the official tight-wad of the House and chairman of the appropriations Committee, has enjoyed a wordy argument this past week about how many beds are vacant in public health hospitals. The American Legion told him his estimate of 4,000 vacant beds, by reason of which he claimed no more hospitalization was needed, was slightly crazy. Director Cholmeley-Jones, of the war risk bureau, was more polite, but equally

## RANDOM SHOTS

Today's Best Story

The president of the Society of the Permanently and Voluntarily Unemployed had come to the end of his rope and was violating his code by seeking work.

"So you want a job," said the keeper of the golf links. "What can you do?" "Well," replied the applicant judiciously, "I was thinkin' I might go around and color up the gone-to-seed dandelions so they won't look like golf balls."

Stolen from B. L. T.: In the mountains of eastern Tennessee I lost my way. In time I came across a shack, with an old lady sitting on the doorstep smoking her pipe. I asked the direction of Tellico Plains, seven miles away. She said: "I can't tell ye, stranger. I ain't never traveled much. But if Joe was here he'd tell ye. Joe's traveled lots. He's got shoes."

Here's one the Able Secretary dug up. A woman is as old as she looks. A man isn't old till he stops looking.

The frankest man in the United States lives at Atchison. He recently married his third wife and a reporter was interviewing him at the station. "I believe I shall be very happy," said the candid man, "for my first two wives were not worth a damn."

Old story from the Nebraska City Press: A politician in a country district was being investigated by a committee. A member of the committee asked a farmer what he thought of the politician. "I think he is the biggest liar I ever knew," said the farmer. "They do say down our way that when he wants to feel his hogs he has to have some body else call 'em."

The "Pelicansaire," official organ of the American Legion of Louisiana, suggests that if the fellows who tried

emphatic. Mr. Good showed a too common congressional tendency to quote statistics which he either made up himself or got from an irresponsible source. His whole effort to defend his scheme of cutting down hospital appropriations for wounded Yanks would have been pitiful if it did not come in all seriousness from the most powerful committee chairman in the house of representatives.

While this windy battle was waging, the press was daily being told how Congress would "provide for the wounded heroes" through a resolution to "make available" several million dollars for the repair of hospitals. The fact that the millions referred to had long since been allotted to maintenance of men in hospitals already occupied did not feaze the bull-peddlers, nor prevent many reporters from disseminating this cheerful "news." But in point of fact the congress might just as well have made next year's crop of split peas "available" for last year's soup.

No wonder some of us get a bit suspicious of the oft-repeated assertion that this or that organization, group or party is ready to do "everything" for the disabled.

## THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME

(New York Life)

In the administration that is now closed enormous things were accomplished and a large proportion of them by public servants who got to work because the size of the job compelled them to, and without regard to whether they were politically of the party of the administration under which they enlisted or not. So it may happen again. The cabinet and the rest of the administrative organization that Mr. Harding starts with is really an experiment. If it gets along with the job, very well. If it halts on it, or falls down, or if without fault of its own the job gets too big for it, the rest of the resources of the country can be drawn upon again. Whatever there is in the country the government can have in accomplishing the discharge of its duties. Undoubtedly the duties will be heavy, and failure to discharge them very serious in its consequences. Moreover the time for a new administration to accomplish important things is at its start. If a president knows what he wants and has a program, the time to put it through is while the congress that starts with him is fresh and before he has distributed his favors. Congress is apt to be obliging to a new president, who is apt to be of the same party as its majority, and has substantial means of showing appreciation of support. Let us hope, therefore, that Mr. Harding knows what he wants, and is ready to start right in to get it. Great problems left by the war have been waiting for a president who should have the backing of congress. At least such a president has come and opportunity confronts him.

## BOLD AS WELL AS CUNNING

(Edgar Howard in Columbus Telegram)

Americans have the habit of emphasizing the cunning of the Japanese, but it seems the little fellows can be as bold as they are cunning. A Japanese newspaper, speaking of the enactment of Jap-exclusion laws by various American states, recently employed the following language: "The day will come when the real strength of the Japanese will make a CLEAN SWEEP of all such laws." But the brassiest boldness ever spoken by a Jap was said by George Shima, the Japanese "potato king." In giving his testimony to the congressional committee at a recent public hearing in San Francisco, this potato king brazenly said that inter-marriage between Japanese men and American women would "doubtless be a good thing for the future of the American people." "Illustrating the meaning of this statement he talked the potato language, saying, "When a local strain of potato seed runs out we restore it by introducing a stronger seed from outside sources." After hearing the talk of the Japanese potato king in California, is there in all Nebraska one white man who wants to throw down the bars to the Japs?

## PROFANITY

(Nebraska City Press)

A bill designated to prohibit the drivers of conveyances carrying children to school from swearing in the presence of the youngsters has been recommended for indefinite postponement by the committee. It is declared by these members that such a law is not necessary in view of other statutes now in existence and that it would be unwise to clutter up the books with laws which, in large measure, are but repetitions of existing regulations. This is as it should be. The statute books of Nebraska are already overburdened with laws, many of them forgotten and ignored. Prosecutions are lax in many cases because there are too many rules and regulations of little merit and because public opinion is not awake. It is already a misdemeanor to swear in Nebraska or elsewhere; those who transgress, whether they be drivers of school buses or not, may be adequately punished if complaints are properly filed.

## WASTED SYMPATHY

(Nebraska City Press)

It seems that a great deal of sympathy is wasted in this world. Just a day or two ago we read that the wife of a man who was recently electrocuted at Lincoln is to be remarried, after waiting almost three months. Frequently people join the Sob Squad and then decide never to do it again. We did the same thing on a never-to-be-forgotten occasion, "feeling sorry" for the widow of a man who came to an untimely end in a most atrocious manner and then had to reverse ourselves within incredibly short time and extend congratulations to a blushing bride. You never can tell.

to kidnap Bergdoll out of Germany are tried for anything, it ought to be on a charge of attempted petit larceny.

No, Phyllis, all editors do not make home brew. It was only a former editor of the Review who got caught in the Volstead web this week, not the present editor. We have enough troubles collecting water and light accounts, and listening to the woes of the wronged, to manufacture the stuff that causes men to see two telephone poles where there is only one.

We see that there are two other towns in the state where there are Radiant beauty parlors. What's in a name?

You remember the orator who got his metaphors all balled up and told of "planting our feet firmly on the rock while we float proudly into the harbor of Success." Here's one from a soap box orator that is even more so, if you understand what we mean: "And what do we do?" he cried. "We pursue the shadow, the bubble bursts, and leaves but ashes in our empty hands!"

We suggest to our thirsty friends that they exercise due caution and not purchase Wine of Cardui.

An Old One: What's the difference between a watermelon and a newspaper? The answer is that one is red inside and the other is read all over.

Some kind friend sends us weekly a copy of the Daily Nebraskan, the publication put out by the University of Nebraska students. Once we saw one of them that was interesting reading.

We've found the meanest man in the world—and on the golf links, of all places. This man refused a caddie a ride to town, when there was plenty of room in his car.

The average country editor may be

counted a success, says the American Press, if he can run his typewriter with one hand while using the other to correct proof, write ad copy, make out subscription receipts, keep the books, order paper stock, welcome visitors from Wild Cat township, take 3-line personals over the telephone, open the mail, pay the freight bill, ward off brick bats and flag destiny.

A tall, lanky fireman attended the blaze early this morning, clad only in his underwear and a raincoat. Unfortunately he suffered an accident, and his raincoat was ripped up the back. The streets were almost deserted and he remained at his post until the fire was extinguished. Only one lone waitress discovered the accident, and she vanished after one glimpse.

Carl Rockey says that at the next meeting he will move that the name of the department be changed from A. V. F. D. to the Alliance B. V. D.'s.

Cottonseed cake for sale. O'Bannon & Neuwanger. Phone 71.

A meeting of the committee of business women appointed at the last Thursday luncheon was held the evening of March 1st at the chamber of commerce rooms. The constitution and by-laws of the new organization of business women were drafted and will be adopted at the meeting of March 14th, to be held in the evening at the chamber of commerce. A social hour is planned after the business is disposed of.

Stock hogs wanted by the Nebraska Land Company. 103-1f

Labor that will not produce when it can may find that it cannot produce when it will.

Hard coal is falling; but nobody is being hurt by its descent.

## LEGISLATIVE NOTES

The senate refused to allow rural mail carries the privilege of driving their autos without paying the license fee.

After something of a scrap the house decided to make no change in the present laws governing county agents.

At the time this is written another attempt is being made to save the supreme court commission. It is being done by rewriting another bill.

According to a bill passed by the senate, Nebraska folks will no longer be sent to an insane asylum. They will go to state hospitals. Anyhow, that is to be the legal name of these institutions in the future.

County treasurers might as well make up their minds that they are going to have to worry along at their present salaries. All attempts to get favorable consideration of a bill providing for increases has failed so far.

Constitutional lawyers in the legislature are having a hard time agreeing as to whether or not that body has the power to change the salaries of state officers who are now in office. Some interpret the constitution one way, some another.

Sarpy county folks are wearing a path to the state house to express their opinions as to whether or not that county should be annexed to Douglas county. Some are for the bill, others are equally strenuous in saying that the bill must not pass.

At the time this is written indications are strong that the bill creating a child welfare department will be abandoned. Sentiment is so strong against the creation of any more state boards, especially when they carry large appropriations, that friends of the bill are said to have made up their minds that it is useless to expect its passage at this session.

If H. R. 120 becomes a law election boards will have more to do in the future than they have in the past. The present law permits the division of a precinct when it has more than 300 voters. The bill makes the limit 900 in cities of 2,500 to 50,000 and 450 in other precincts. With a double election board, as now provided, it is possible to handle a larger number of ballots than could be handled when the present law was passed.

The doctors were unable to agree on the course of study for the university school of medicine. A public hearing was held by a joint committee on medical societies.

Cedar county did a good job of picking when it selected Representatives Lynn and O'Gara for the legislature. Theodore Osterman, brother of our own Tom, is another live wire.

The house decided that it is not necessary to have teachers take the oath of allegiance before assuming their duties. The bill included all teachers from the chancellor of the university on down.

Appointive state officers and members of the board of control will get their salaries increased if the senate and governor agree with the house. The increases are not as large, however, as the original bills provided.

A senate committee finally decided to report favorably on a bill exempting building and loan stock from taxation. The committee has been unable to agree. The house judiciary committee has been working on the same bill. A representative of a farmers' organiza-

tion made a strong talk against the bill. He said farmers have to submit to some forms of double taxation right along, therefore it is all right for building and loan concerns to be in the same position. The point of his argument is that if the tax is taken off of the stock it will have to be put on something else. The argument for the bill is that it prevents a tax on thrift and will promote building.

The house also approved No. 14, which provides for the assessment of real estate this year, again next year and every two years thereafter. The object of this is to keep assessed valuation in harmony with the changing values of real estate.

House roll 273 makes it necessary for officers of insurance companies to show that they are qualified for that line of business before engaging in it. This is similar to the provision in the new banking bill. The bill also contains restrictions on promotion expenses for organizing companies.

Vigorous opposition was manifested towards house roll 394 which gives the state department of public welfare control and sanitary supervision over water, ice and sewer system in all towns and cities of the state except Omaha. The bill was finally ordered to third reading.

The introducers of the Gifford-Byrum movie bill have consented to changes which make it less drastic. No compromise was made on what are considered the most essential features. This bill applies to all classes of shows and entertainments as well as to the movies.

Other house bills passed are one by Snow allowing the mayor to hold the office of city manager, one by Jeary allowing cities of the second class to employ special engineers, one by Dy-sart making an accomplice in a crime equally guilty with the principal and one by Bowman authorizing university regents to sell or loan text books.

The general claims and deficiencies bill has been introduced in the house. It shows a deficiency of \$333,104.81. The board of control heads the list with a deficiency of \$258,000. Miscellaneous deficiencies amount to \$12,069.05; department deficiencies to \$20,462.76 and vocation training to \$42,573.00. The board of control item is, of necessity, always more or less of an estimate.

House roll 70, fixing salaries of county judges, was finally passed and sent to the senate. A lot of oratory and figuring was necessary before the bill could be agreed upon. Reductions were made all along the line from the amounts fixed in the original bill. The bill provides that if the fees of the office are not sufficient to pay the salary the judge shall do his own work and not practice law.

## NOTICE EXTRAORDINARY.

Owner of Hudson Six Touring car in garage at 704 Toluca. Please call and remove at once. 28-29

There is no explanation as to just how it happened, but Saturday morning employees at the Alliance hotel found a young muskrat between the screen and the door at the rear of the establishment. The animal has been given a suitable home in a box and the plan is to make a pet of him if he shows any friendliness at all. His diet has very largely consisted of raw potatoes during the first period of his incarceration, but as soon as he warms up to his new friends, they will try him out on fried fish and chicken sandwiches.

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